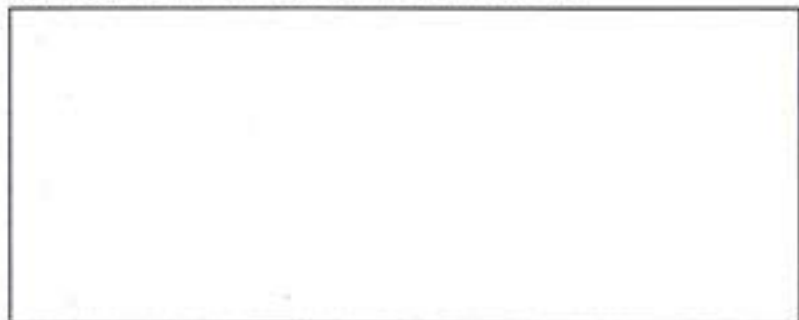


Essential Dates

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| Wednesday 4th October | Social evening at the New Vic. From 8.30pm |
| Wednesday 1st November | Social evening at the New Vic. From 8.30pm |
| Monday 13th November | AGM at Downs Juniors 7pm. Guest speakers include Phil Belden on "Round Hill gardens: a patchwork of nature reserves" and Chris Todd from Save our Downs. |
| Wednesday 6th December | Social evening at the New Vic. From 8.30pm |
| Thursday 21st December | Winter Solstice candle-lit processions with carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies. Procession starts at Ampsand at the bottom of Richmond |

Here is your **membership card**. You can cut it out, but its better to keep it on the newsletter where you won't lose it - unless you forget to put it on your fridge or noticeboard.

You may need to show this card at any RHS event - you will definitely need it to get a discount on your beer at the New Vic.



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Round Hill Rocked in July to the area's very own van Trapp family... Emma, Jenny and Ray Knight were just some of the performers entertaining people into the evening.

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Gathering Grants

Technology moves apace in the Round Hill Society. Those of you who are on line can watch out for a Round Hill Web site starting up soon (more in the next issue). This belated issue of the Round Hill Reporter is hot off the press from the Society's new photocopier.

Now I know these things are not really the stuff of editorials, but I think we can boast of our success with grants this year. Many of you may have noticed the street party was funded through successful grant appli-

cations. Our purchase of legal documents on Lewes Road for History Research was also possible thanks to grant aid. And now a spanking brand new photocopier.

Hopefully we will have even more success next year—I know many of you are clammering for a repeat of this summer's street party. If you can't wait at least there's a Carols and Candles Procession to look forward to at Christmas.

David Hodd

You want to speak to the Committee?

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Secretary	Vivien Powell	66 Richmond Road	276386
Vice-chair	Roy Knight	93 Princes Crescent	681965
Membership Secretary	VACANT		
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Traffic—the Continuing Story...

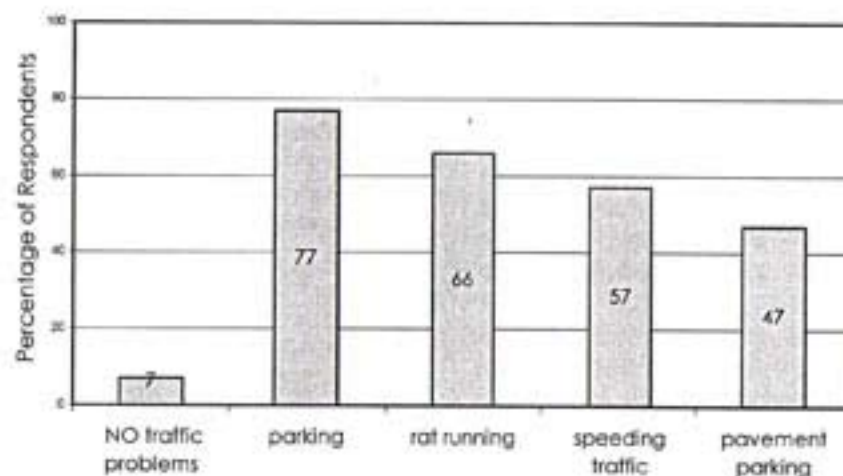
Now that our traffic survey has been completed, Vivien Powell reports on what happens next.

The results have already been fed to the council. Indeed the Society has been in consultation with officers from Brighton & Hove Council, along with Cllr Pete West. We wanted to find out whether we have any chance of traffic calming of any kind, and whether the Council was prepared to spend any money on our area, and if so, how soon. The Council is being quite positive and supportive, but funds are limited, so we need to find solutions to our traffic problems that are eco-

nomical and preferably simple.

There has been one very firm suggestion which is still under discussion, and you will soon be receiving a questionnaire to seek your opinions. Yes, OK, we've had a lot of questionnaires recently, but there's no point going ahead with anything until everyone in the area has had the opportunity to air their views. So look out for your questionnaire in the next few months and make sure you complete it. Hopefully there'll be more detailed news soon.

What do residents consider is a problem at Round Hill?



Traffic Survey Results

Here are the long awaited results of the door to door traffic survey prepared by David Hodd, Vivien Powell, Rob Stephenson and Ray Knight

The survey was not just sent out to Round Hill Society members, but to every household in the neighbourhood. The figures gave an indication of the breadth and variety of opinion on the subject of traffic on Round Hill.

It is clear that there are a considerable range of opinions within Round Hill—both over what is an issue and what solutions should be sought. The statistics quoted here are just a sample. They are generally ones which gave a clear indication of opinion.

Many statements and opinions were made by respondents, and these have been assembled and were included in the report passed on to the council. Unfortunately with so many views and good ideas, there is not room to print them all here.

One thing which is worth clearing up. The proposed one way system was put forward by one resident, and is not endorsed by the society's committee, although some members may have an opinion on it. Many of you had your own one way systems to put forward.

141 forms were returned. This represents 15% of households in Round Hill—a good response rate..

Only 10 people felt there was no traffic problem in Round Hill

The One way system 56% (80 respondents) feel its a good idea, whereas 30% (43) thought it was a bad idea.

Speed reduction measures received the following support:

Signed Speed Limits 68% (96)

Humps 50% (70)

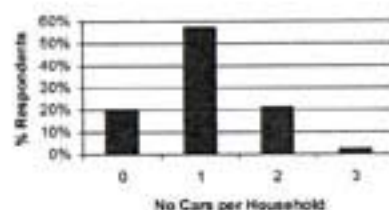
Width Restriction 25% (35)

more people thought width restriction was a bad idea—52% (73)

71% (100) thought Right Angled Parking was a good idea or worth considering, whereas 25% (36) thought it was a bad idea.

71% (100) said Voucher Parking was a bad idea. Only 16% (22) thought it was a good idea.

Car Ownership in Round Hill



Dancing in the Street

David Hodd remembers the success of the Summer Street Party, and Vivien Powell provides the pictures.

It seemed as though everyone from Round Hill came out for the street party in Mayo Road in July. Despite the moody weather a splendid time was had by all. So what was it all about—celebrating the millennium? Or Brighton and Hove as the place to be? Marking the start of the Round Hill Society? Well perhaps all those things and more. Whether you came for kids' entertainment, the live music, the history walk or the hot dogs, the day was about having fun on the streets with your neighbours.



Simon Fanshawe and Mayor Andy Durr declare the street party open

HUNDREDS of people braved the rain to enjoy a packed weekend of events in Sussex.

A street party in Brighton proved to be a huge hit despite chilly weather, with scores of people turning out.

Simon Fanshawe, chairman of The Place To Be campaign for city status for Brighton and Hove, opened the event in Mayo Road, which was also attended by Brighton Pavilion MP David Lepper and Brighton and Hove mayor Andy Durr.

Local bands, including Roadhouse and Collective, provided the music and children were entertained by Bodger and Badger.

Other attractions included a barbecue, face-painting, head and neck massage and a raffle.

The event on Saturday was organised by the Round Hill Society residents' association, started last November to foster community spirit in the conservation area.

The day was funded thanks to grants from the Place to Be and the council. But a lot of hard work was put into it by many of you.

Over the next few pages are some photographs Vivien Powell took of the day—there are plenty more if you can't see your family in the pictures. Copies of all the pictures are for sale—come along to the next social evening to look through the catalogue

The Argus covered our street party—the article later goes on to talk about the Kemp Town Carnival.

A young hopeful tries his skill on the hoop-la stall



Bodger (on the left) and Bodger providing some afternoon entertainment for the kids.....

...held almost everyone spellbound...



The best bonnet competition is an anxious moment for some...

...while others enjoy the attention..



....but the whole day got a bit tiring for some of us...



With the kids events over, but the road still car free it is safe for them to play in the street—just like in the good old days!

From Newsletters to Nappies

The RHS Annual General Meeting is to be held on Monday 13th November 2000. Yes, it's a whole year since the Society was inaugurated and we feel we've achieved a great deal in that time. Several of the Committee members have been nominated for re-election, but if you think you or someone you know can do a better job, then get nominating! There are also a couple of vacant posts. The Committee posts are listed in the box (right)

As the role of Secretary is quite time-consuming, we would like one of the Members without portfolio to take on the task of **Minutes Secretary**. Nominations have to be put in writing, and seconded, and sent to the Secretary TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE AGM. So please send them to

Vivien Powell, 66 Richmond Road, BN2 3RN, by the end of October. Look forward to seeing you at the AGM. More details in the next newsletter.

Chair (Rob Stephenson)

Vice-Chair (Ray Knight)

Treasurer (Marian Gerrett)

Secretary (Vivien Powell)

Membership Secretary (Vacant)

Member without portfolio (Newsletter Editor) (Vacant)

Member without portfolio (David Hodd)

Member without portfolio (Denise Elliott)

Member without portfolio (Vacant)

What a Load of Rubbish!

David Hodd reports the latest in the litter picking and saga

The Society has received further letters from council officers assuring us we live in a low density housing area (and so don't need litter removed very often), they have declined to come to any of our meetings, although we are invited to go to the council offices, which we are doing soon. We have been assured that our litter is being picked more often, in spite of the fact that the council steadfastly refuses to re-zone our area. Has anyone noticed any improvement? We don't think

so, and in any case this approach makes a mockery of the zoning system.

We finally got to see a map setting out the zones for the whole of Brighton. We think whoever drew up these zones was the same person who drew up Africa's national borders 150 years ago—the lines defy all logic. The council is at present in talks with SITA to re-negotiate the street cleansing/rubbish collection contract. Now would seem the best time to re-draw the zoning map.

From Newsletters to Nappies

Just when writing the newsletter was getting into full swing, the editor's partner, Libby has a bun in the oven. Inevitably, editing the newsletter loses its shine—so the Society needs a new newsletter editor (I am happy to do the next issue if no one else is offering—but if no amateur journalist pops up after that, it will be no more Reporter. This will be a pity, as I am looking forward to seeing our bairn in next year's street party report, or perhaps a picture of an immensely pregnant wife carrying a lantern and

processing along Richmond Road singing carols.

In case you are interested, being the editor is a pretty satisfying job for the society—not too much work, and plenty of credit. Having access to a computer would be helpful. I am happy to pass over all the relevant software stuff to my replacement. Give me a call if you think you may be interested. If you aren't interested, ask yourself this: who else is going to do it?

David Hodd

Letters Page

Dear Committee Members

We wanted to write to you to thank you all very much indeed for organising such a successful and enjoyable Street Party on Saturday.

There was a great atmosphere—many thanks,

Best Wishes

Amanda Saville and Martin Tolley

If you want to write a letter to the Reporter, write to David Hodd, 17 Round Hill Crescent, Brighton, or e-mail david.hodd@bigwig.net. We reserve the right to shorten letters in the interests of space when necessary.

The Round Hill Noticeboard

Found

At Street party: a small denim kids jacket. Phone 688009

Lost

at Street Party: A mesh sided trailer and barbecue stolen the night of the street party any details call 857712

Babysitter Available (15 years old)

Experienced with babies

Basic first aid £3/hour.

Tel: Vanessa 688009

To get messages put up on this noticeboard, contact David Hodd at 17 Round Hill Crescent, e-mail david.hodd@bigwig.net. If there is space we will endeavour to put it up. We reserve the right to refuse or edit notices.

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