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## HISTORY CORNER

### GUIDED HISTORY WALK

On 16 July Rosemary, ably assisted by Chris, conducted another walk through the Round Hill area. We met at the New Vic pub as usual and mustered twenty-three people and one dog. Our number included several children who behaved beautifully.

A little way into Richmond Road, Chris told us about his own house and some others and then we proceeded into Mayo Road, where we talked outside the site of the laundry (the new flats at Mayo Court). Thence we proceeded up Prince's Road to the rear of Jen and Marigold's house, where many of the group had reminiscences to add to Rosemary's commentary.

We passed on to Ditchling Road and then into Hollingdean Lane, to the Jewish Cemetery and the abattoir. We retraced our steps up Hollingdean Lane and then into Belton Road to the site of the windmill and bakery. After that, we walked down Ditchling Road, looking at a few of the original villas and into the Sylvan Hall estate on the corner of Upper Lewes Road. Chris had personal information to impart about this estate.

We walked up Wakefield Road to Fern Villa, where Lucy had kindly said we

could explore the garden and magnificent view. Some of the party had not previously been aware of its existence, it is so secluded. We concluded with a climb down the Cat Creep and a stroll along Round Hill Crescent to No. 5 D'Aubigny Road, where we paused, and then finally to the site of the railway station and more information from Chris.

A very enjoyable time was had by all and we were extremely fortunate to find a window between thunderstorms. Thanks to both Rosemary and Chris.

Diana Truscott

## CAR SHARE, ANYONE?

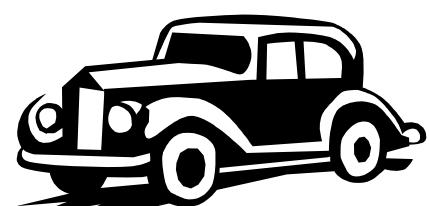
We're all increasingly aware of the problems caused by the quantity of cars on the road. Would anyone be interested in a car share scheme, similar to the one recently started in Hanover? It would need to be researched, grants applied for and administered. If anyone's keen to give it a go, please get in touch with the Editor on 276386 or pop a note through the door at 66 Richmond Road.

### Learn to make silver jewellery

Small classes, all tools provided.

**Jackie Jones  
Jeweller**

Phone 673511  
for full details.



The Reporter is published by the Round Hill Society to keep residents in the area in touch with local news, events and each other. Every effort is made to present a fair and balanced view, while aiming to accept any material from Round Hill residents. The opinions expressed in The Reporter are not necessarily those of the Round Hill Society.

## Schedule of Events

- **November** - no date as we go to press, but look out for a flier through your door with the date of the AGM. Hopefully it will be on Monday 17 November at Down's Infant School. If you'd like to join the Committee, please let Vivien know at least 4 weeks before the AGM. You're very welcome to phone for more information on becoming a committee member.
- **Thursday Dec 19 at 6pm** - Carols and Candles event. Get your lanterns, voices and musical instruments ready to join in this annual event, culminating in mulled wine and mince pies. More details in the next issue.
- **Committee meetings** are held every month. If anyone has anything they want discussed by the committee, please phone Vivien Powell on 276386.



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## ROAD CLOSURE TO BECOME PERMANENT

It's hard to believe that those bollards have been in place in Richmond Road for six months. Accordingly, when the Environment Committee met on 31 July 2003, the Council's Transport Department submitted a report recommending that the closure be made permanent.

The Council had received 18 letters from local residents (that is not a misprint - out of nearly 1,000 households, only 18 people bothered to express their views in writing!). Of those 18, 13 were in favour of the closure, 3 opposed it and 2 expressed no preference either way.

The Environment Committee

agreed that the road closure be made permanent and it was also agreed that additional issues should be investigated further:

1. Increased traffic in Wakefield Road/Prince's Crescent. It had been hoped that the sharp turn at the bottom of Wakefield Road would be a deterrent, but people are still using this route as a rat run.
2. Vehicles parking across the emergency vehicle access (ie in front of the bollards). Signs will be in place advising people that this area must be left clear for emergency vehicles. Offending vehicles will in future be towed away.

The works to complete the permanent closure should be carried out within the next 8 weeks, complete with a planter to make it more attractive.

Vivien Powell

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**And much more!**

We're planning to produce a 2004 Round Hill calendar. Look out for it FREE with your December issue of the Round Hill Reporter.

## EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to all the young people in Round Hill who took exams this summer - whether it be GCSEs, A' levels or degrees, it's a lot of hard work - and good luck with the next stage of your lives.

## ROUND HILL SURVEY



Thank you to the 30 people who sent in their questionnaires from the June issue of the Round Hill Reporter. We're currently in the process of analysing the data and will have all the results for you in the next issue. We will also make sure that the police are made aware of the results - very few people seem happy with the level of policing in the Round Hill area.



## TALKING RUBBISH

The next 2 pages are devoted entirely to the subject of refuse - what we all do with it, when it's collected and how to dispose of those awkward items.

Every Friday morning, some of our pavements are strewn with rubbish from bags torn asunder by seagulls and one has to tiptoe through this unhygienic mess. Why don't we all a) recycle whatever we can and b) use a dustbin for the non-recyclable rubbish?

**HELP IS AT HAND!** There are shops who will offer us a discount if we buy dustbins in quantity (more than 5). If you would like to take advantage of this generous offer, please get in touch with Rob Stephenson (673511). If we have enough interest, we will go ahead and buy the dustbins.

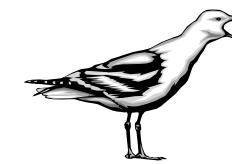
There was a question relating to rubbish in the questionnaire in the

last issue of the Reporter. Of the 30



people who responded, 14 people said they put their rubbish in a dustbin and only one of those was unhappy with the street cleaning. Of the 15 who said they only use bin bags, all but 4 were unhappy with the street cleaning. Is there a correlation here?

There seems to be some confusion over what days the rubbish is collected. To



find out, you can phone Cityclean on 274674 or e-mail them on [cityclean@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:cityclean@brighton-hove.gov.uk). You can also use the above contacts to report problems with your refuse collection. The Council asks that your refuse is available for collection from 7am on the day of collection only and that it is contained or securely wrapped to prevent the bags being split by scavenging animals or seagulls. If for some reason you can't compost your garden waste, you are allowed to include one bag of grass cuttings, light prunings (but NOT rubble) as part of the normal weekly household refuse collection.

Larger amounts of green garden waste should be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centres or you can arrange a bulky household waste collection. Cityclean will collect bulky items of rubbish such as this, and old furniture, fridges or cookers for a small charge. Phone the helpline on 274674.

## SLIM YOUR BIN UPDATE

Local resident Christian Drewett has been calling on all his neighbours in Round Hill Road to encourage them to participate in this waste minimisation exercise in October, and has only had one outright refusal.

Subsequently Chris delivered printed information about the Council's refuse challenge, and will be returning to identify participants, and to seek two or three who might like to test a compost bin or a Green Cone food digester (see next page). These Green Cones might be a great solution to smelly summer garbage bags that get put out early, and then get spread about by gulls - the chance to test a couple, for free, sounds worthwhile. If we report favourably, then the Council may add them to the water butts and composters it already offers to households at a discounted price.

The challenge is in two parts - a week of normal waste disposal, with refuse weighed (scales and spring balance courtesy of the Council) before it's put out for the binmen. Then a week of maximum recycling, composting and minimising when shopping, followed by another weighing to measure the difference. You can contact Chris at 23a Belton Road.

## BIG BINS TO COME TO ST PETER'S

You may have read in the local press that the Council has approved a scheme to replace doorstep collections with communal bins and that the scheme will come to parts of St Peter's. Each giant bin will cater for 25 households and they will be introduced early next year. At present there are no plans to introduce this scheme in the Round Hill area.



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## OBITUARY

### LINDSEY LEE

Lindsay Lee was a founder member of the Round Hill Historical Society and joined in its work enthusiastically, conducting a number of interviews and helping to prepare the tapes for publication in the projected book on the area. I got to know her quite well and we walked to the sea several times to visit the West Pier, a consuming passion of hers. Before she moved to Brighton, whilst still working in

London, if she was unable to sleep she would drive down to see the sun rise over the pier and then drive back to work, refreshed.

One thing I must mention is that Lindsey, who was never seen other than immaculately turned out, did most of her own building work, skilled carpentry and all her own plumbing. Also, how she loved the toad who lived in her back garden.

We knew she was ill, but not how seriously, and it was a great shock when

we heard of her death at the end of May. Four of us from the Society attended her funeral in June.

Lindsey, we loved knowing you and appreciated your many talents, especially your dry sense of humour, and you are missed.

*Diana Truscott*

(A donation of £20 was sent to the Breast Cancer Care fund on behalf of the Round Hill Society in Lindsey's memory - Ed.)

## NOTICEBOARD

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## DEADLINE FOR THE WINTER ISSUE

Please send your articles, pictures, adverts, poems, anecdotes etc, to the editor at the address on the back page by **FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER**. Thank you.

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## IT'S HAPPENING – CELEBRATE THE REGENERATION OF BRIGHTON & HOVE

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2003 the Brighton & Hove Regeneration Partnership is hosting a **free** event at the Brighton Corn Exchange. The event is open to the public between 12.30 and 4.30 and will include a public exhibition of many of the most exciting regeneration projects that have been happening in the city since 1995. There will be opportunities to talk to many of the city's key decision-makers and find out more about the past, present and future regeneration of the city. Exhibitors include: Brighton Dome and Museum; Preston

Barracks Masterplan; Phoenix Art Gallery; Coalition 4 Youth and a wide range of other exhibitors. Not only will there be opportunities to find out more about the work of these projects and organisations, but there will also be the chance to find out how you can get involved in projects designed to improve life in your city and your community.

The event will also mark the launch of the Brighton & Hove Regeneration Partnership's Interim Report entitled "It's Happening". This report highlights

some of the key achievements of projects funded through the Brighton & Hove SRB Programme which has been running from 1995 and ends in 2006. The report also outlines some of the key challenges for the Partnership in the future.

There will be a café running throughout the day and everyone is welcome. For more information contact Ivan Clarke in the City Council's SRB Team on 01273 291110 or email ivan.clarke@brighton-hove.gov.uk

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WANT TO SEE YOUR ART WORK IN PRINT?

If anyone has any good paintings, drawings or photos of the Round Hill Area - people, buildings, trees, whatever - that they would like to be considered for inclusion in our calendar for 2004, please get them to the Editor at 66 Richmond Road before Monday 15 September 2003. Thank you



## MAGPIE RECYCLING CO-OPERATIVE

You may have seen some press coverage on Magpie recently which suggests that they are both unreliable and failing Health & Safety standards as a business. As they are just round the corner, and many people in Round Hill use their kerbside collection, it seemed reasonable to hear what they have to say. I spoke to Rob Jones-Mantle who gave me his views.

Their core business is kerbside collection and recycling of around 10 different materials, which is typically 60% of household waste, and costs about £1 a week. In addition they have an 'opt in' scheme which provides plastic sacks for the same range of materials. This is particularly useful if you take your bottles, cans and paper to a 'bring' site. The 'opt in' sack can be used for plastic bottles and green waste and tetra packs (those cardboard boxes for fruit juice and other liquids). When the sack is full you call Magpie and they will collect it, for just £1 a sack. They have 5000 kerbside customers and 500 'opt in' customers, though they are losing kerbside customers where the Council's own kerbside scheme is being developed. The 'opt in' and Green Box schemes may grow in those areas because it is unlikely that the Council scheme will try to cover the wide range of materials offered by Magpie. Magpie believe in maximising recycling, leading ultimately to creating local businesses processing the wastes into useful products, whilst the Council will probably aim to meet the Government target of 30% recovery, with the rest going to a major incinerator near Newhaven.

The press coverage said that Magpie left bring sites with overflowing bins, but the picture in the Argus was of a site managed by another organisation. The accusation of unreliability might fairly be levelled at the vehicles provided for Magpie to operate the collections, but not to the staff, says Rob. In addition, Magpie

received a letter from the Council saying their operations met European Health and Safety requirements on the very day that the local paper reported the Council as saying Magpie's Health and Safety standards were inadequate. If you'd like to give Magpie a try, contact them at the number given in the advert in this article. Perhaps we should be seeking an open market in refuse, like we have in gas and telephones. Then we could decide who should handle our wastes, and pay for the amount we generate, rather than paying the Council (through our Council Tax) even if we chose to use Magpie.

Ultimately paying a fixed amount for waste management, no matter how much you generate, or recycle, or compost, seems a flawed method. Surely paying per bag would be a better way to get people into waste minimisation.

Rob Stephenson.

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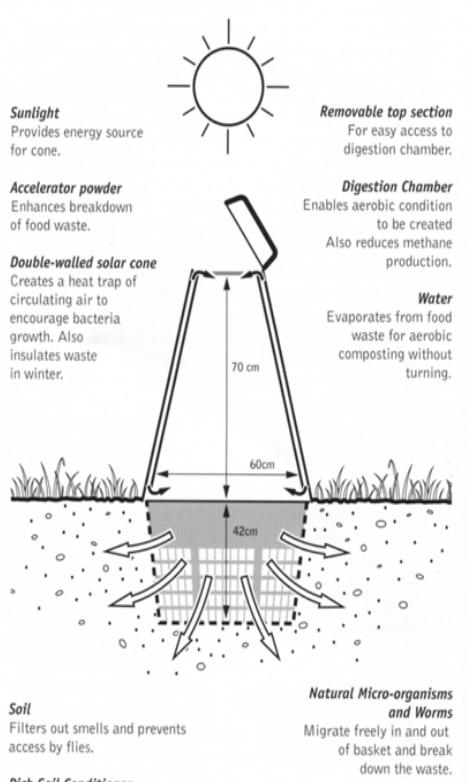
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