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☆ SEASON'S GREETINGS ☆  
☆ TO ALL OUR READERS ☆  
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**WELCOME TO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

At a very sparsely attended AGM at the Down's Infant School on Tuesday 18th November, the following people were voted onto the Committee: Jan Dirksen, Nicky Bingham and Jean Brennan. The vacancies were created by Amanda Evans, who has been unable to attend meetings, however did a heroic stint of newsletter editing for a while; Denise Elliott who has moved out of the area and will be sadly missed when it comes to planning another street party, and Pam Blackman, who continues to support the Society in many ways (see her article on Car Share scheme) and is an active member of the History Group. Thank you to them and a very warm welcome to our new members.

*Vivien Powell*

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**CALENDAR FREE WITH THIS ISSUE!**

We received a grant from the Scarman Trust to promote a sense of community in the Round Hill area and we decided that a calendar would be a good way of spending the money. Our budget only covered printing costs for a single colour and everything else has been given free of

charge. We have to thank Andrew Haig for giving us a great deal of his valuable time and expertise. I think you'll agree he's done a splendid job. We hope you like your calendar and find it useful as well as decorative. You might like to write in the deadline dates for the 'Reporter' so you can send in your articles,

letters, adverts, pictures, cartoons etc. The dates are : 14 February, 14 May, 14 August and 14 November. If you would like to buy copies of any of the contemporary photographs featured on the calendar, please contact the editor on 276386. Have a great year in 2004!

*Vivien Powell*

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**THE HARTINGTON PUB**

**"WORTH WALKING UP THE HILL FOR"**

**AT CHRISTMAS:**  
**Party Bookings Taken:** 1 – 3 courses from £8  
**Christmas Eve:** traditional festivities  
**Christmas Day:** 12 – 2.30pm (Short but sweet). Complimentary Bucks Fizz and Bar Snacks. "When it's gone, it's gone"  
**New Year's Eve Party** starts about 8pm  
**New Year's Day Chill Out Session** with relaxing sounds, sensitive staff and roasts on sale, 3.45 – 7pm.

**OPENING TIMES:**  
Monday to Saturday: Noon to 11pm  
Sunday: Noon to 10.30pm

**Extensions Christmas Eve and New Year**

**TO EAT:**  
**Tapas & Specials** 6 – 9.30pm  
**Monday Special – Curry & a pint for £5.**  
Lunch menu 12 – 2pm  
**Sunday Lunches** at £6, from 12 – 5pm  
Traditionally cooked and homemade.

**TO SEE:**  
**Christmas Art Exhibition**  
Affordable original works by local artists, starting from £15.  
Painting, mosaic, photography and textiles.



**41 WHIPPINGHAM ROAD, BETWEEN HARTINGTON ROAD & ELM GROVE**  
**01273 682874**

**WINTER SOLSTICE PROCESSION ROUTE CHANGES FOR 2003**

Our ever popular Winter Solstice event will take place on **18 DECEMBER**, which is a **THURSDAY**. (Apologies for wrong date printed in last Reporter – Ed.)  
All Round Hill musicians are very welcome – please come and join in. If you're interested and want a preview of the songs so you can practise (!!) please contact Vivien Powell on 276386.

We will have our very own Father Christmas with us and he will require the assistance of some little helpers to knock on doors and collect donations. Again please let us know if you can help. This year we have chosen to donate the proceeds from this event to Addaction.

Our area is quite large and it's not easy to cover all the streets without everyone getting exhausted – after all, it's supposed to be an enjoyable occasion, not a marathon walk. So this year, loath to leave anyone out, we're proceeding as follows:

- START AT 6PM** at the junction of Belton and Round Hill Roads. Down Belton Road, left into Prince's Crescent and left into Richmond Road, to
- 93 Prince's Crescent. Down the Cat Creep to
- 18 Round Hill Crescent. Along Round Hill Crescent to
- Junction Ashdown Road/ Round Hill Crescent. Up

Ashdown Road, left into Richmond Road to

- 60 Richmond Road. Along Mayo Road to
- 67 Prince's Road.
- Junction Prince's and Crescent Roads.
- Junction Crescent Road/ Prince's Crescent.
- FINISH at 77 Prince's Crescent** for mulled wine and mince pies.

All stops are to the nearest lamp post, where we'll sing/ play 2 or 3 seasonal songs while Santa and his helpers go from door to door. It should all take about 2 hours. Song sheets will be provided. If you have a lantern, please bring it along. Look forward to seeing you there.

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.



## SLIM YOUR BIN 2003 – ROUND HILL ROAD

Six households took part in the Council's annual challenge to reduce household waste, but so far I've only got data from four of them, as shown in the table below.

The first week is a 'business as usual' week, where all waste is weighed to see what each home normally generates.

In the second week they not only maximise recycling, but are also urged to reduce waste by changing the way they shop. Together the four homes reduced their total waste from 58.5 kilograms to 48 kilograms, household 3 bought fruit and vegetables loose and gave up paper kitchen towels.

One of the homes normally uses Magpie Recycling's Greenbox kerbside collection, so they had no problems getting the waste to recycling points and they can recycle their plastic bottles. The other homes managed to store material for recycling but one careless household felt that carrying waste to recycling points was hard work. Another found the paper banks full



Janet Johnson and Oscar (sporting 'Recycle Your Waste' T-shirt) sort rubbish for recycling

when they got there.

Even though there were a few problems our households managed to recycle an average of almost three quarters of the reduced amount of

waste they generated. All participants said they would continue to reduce waste after the challenge, but one said it would be far easier with city-wide kerbside collection.

Round Hill Road has very small, mainly paved gardens and none of the households compost food preparation waste, but one is able to take compostable waste to his work, at Stanmer Organics.

Food waste causes smells in the summer and can be up to 20% of household waste. If there was an easy way to get rid of it many street litter problems would be removed. We have obtained Council funding for a Green Cone waste digester which has been installed in a Round Hill household. This is an above-ground cone connected to an underground basket that is designed to digest food waste (cooked and uncooked, including

meat) reducing its volume to a tiny fraction of the original. We will report on its success at the end of next summer.

*Rob Stephenson*

|                       | HOME 1<br>kg | HOME 2<br>kg | HOME 3<br>kg | HOME 4<br>kg | TOTALS<br>kg |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| week 1 binned waste   | 21.0         | 11.5         | 17.0         | 9.0          | 58.5         |
| week 2 binned waste   | 3.5          | 2.3          | 6.0          | 1.2          | 13.0         |
| week 2 recycled waste | 21.0         | 4.0          | 3.0          | 7.0          | 35.0         |
| week 2 total waste    | 24.5         | 6.3          | 9.0          | 8.2          | 48.0         |
| % recycled            | 86%          | 64%          | 33%          | 85%          | 73%          |

**Traditional Acupuncture**  
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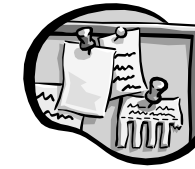
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## NOTICEBOARD



## REGISTER OF TRADESPEOPLE

The following tradespeople are recommended by local residents who have used their services:

### FOR SALE

**Computer** - PowerMac G3 266Mhz, 64Mb RAM, 3Gb hard disk, 24 x CD drive, floppy disk drive. 17 inch monitor, Umax scanner, 56k Modem, loads of software.  
Offers around £350. Phone Barry on 07803 160550.

### SERVICES

**Home repairs**, improvements and decorating. Lots of experience in skilled, careful work.

Phone Peter Meakins on 571519

### WINDOW CLEANERS

**Col Scarratt** Tel: 298060 (answerphone), Mobile: 07759 9699514, e-mail: col.scarratt@ntlworld.com  
**Bishop Window Cleaning** Tel: 07939 161904

### BUILDERS/DECORATORS

**Ian of Eastbrook Construction** Tel: 594903, Mobile: 07881 992944  
**Mik O'Shea**, 14 Wakefield Road, Tel: 698788  
**Preston Decorators** (Prince's Road), Tel: 07976 893087  
**Rob Stephenson**, 51 Upper Lewes Road, Tel: 673511

### PLUMBERS

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Please send your recommendations (or warnings!) to the editor at 66 Richmond Road, tel: 276386

## DOORSTEP SELLERS

Bogus Doorstep Callers and Rogue Traders often target members of the community who may be perceived as being elderly or vulnerable. However, anyone can fall victim to their techniques.

Trading Standards are trying to raise the public's awareness of this problem by stressing that people should:

- Say No to doorstep sellers.
- Always ask for ID and check it before they let anyone in. Use a door chain if you have one until you have established the person's identity.
- Get a few quotes first; ask family or friends for recommendations.
- Never sign anything there and then.

Bogus Callers are unscrupulous and will use many guises.

Very often they can be quite intimidating or in contrast very charming. Rogue Traders may offer to do work at an agreed amount but then radically increase the price and demand payment. Stay safe and do not entertain anyone selling at your door.

Our aim is to make people aware that these callers are working in Brighton and Hove. If you have concerns about someone who has called selling at your door or someone with inadequate ID call the police or call Trading Standards on 01273 292522 or [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/tradingstandards](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/tradingstandards).

### Advertising rates:

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
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| Eighth page    | £16  |
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Phone 276386 to place an advert or notice

### Residents only:

Noticeboard (up to 30 words) £2

## DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING ISSUE

Please send your articles, letters, adverts, poems, anecdotes etc, to the editor at the address on the back page by **SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY**.  
Happy Valentine's Day!

**Exterior House Painting**  
 thinking of repainting?  
 ask me for a quote  
**See 77 Princes Crescent – recent job**  
**Rob Stephenson - 673511**

### ADVERTISE HERE FOR £10!

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- THERE ARE OVER 900 HOMES IN THE ROUND HILL AREA.
- THIS PUBLICATION IS DELIVERED TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.
- WITH AN ISSUE OUT EVERY QUARTER YOUR ADVERT IS SEEN FOR OVER THREE MONTHS.

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## BRIGHTON AND HOVE NEIGHBOURHOODS NETWORK CELEBRATING ITS SECOND BIRTHDAY

The Neighbourhoods Network is where active community groups from all across the city come together to make sure that their community has a say in the bigger issues.

Over the last year, 22 neighbourhoods in Brighton and Hove have been involved in networking to ensure their issues reach the policy makers. The Network provides the opportunity for communities to consider their common issues, needs and aims. It has elected representatives on Brighton & Hove's most important partnership body, the Local Strategic Partnership. The influence of your representatives has helped and informed decisions on spending in Brighton and Hove. Notably, their contribution was key in directing Neighbourhood Renewal money

straight into community and voluntary organisations to support the work they do with their communities. The representatives have also argued that more areas in the city should benefit and the number of neighbourhoods supported has now been increased from two to the current nine.



Neighbourhood Renewal Unit

Over the last year the Neighbourhoods Network has supported community newsletters and it is continuing to do so. The Network recognises the invaluable contribution that local newsletters make to the wellbeing of communities.

The Network has also organised a very successful Neighbourhoods Conference which drew together over 50 community representatives to network and share their main issues and problems. One key finding from this conference was the need for communities to have their own community development worker. The Network is taking this collective need to decision makers and funders.

If your organisation would like to get involved, call either Barry on 708660 or Linda on 573845 so we can give you more information. The Network's monthly meetings are informal and welcoming and often include training sessions or workshops.

*The Neighbourhoods Network is a sub group of the Brighton & Hove Community & Voluntary Sector Forum and is funded by the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit. It elects three representatives to sit on the Local Strategic Partnership (the 2020 Community Partnership). It is facilitated by the Trust for Developing Communities.*

### QUARTERLY CRIME STATISTICS DOWN

It is pleasing to note that, according to our local police statistics, crime in general in Round Hill is down compared with the same quarter last year (1 April to 31 August). However, burglaries and assault are higher, so we still need to be vigilant.

|                              | 2002 | 2003 |
|------------------------------|------|------|
| BURGLARY DWELLING            | 11   | 11   |
| BURGLARY OTHER THAN DWELLING | 0    | 2    |
| ROBBERY                      | 2    | 2    |
| STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE         | 7    | 4    |
| THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE     | 15   | 5    |
| ASSAULT                      | 2    | 5    |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE              | 16   | 12   |
| OTHER                        | 19   | 9    |
| TOTAL                        | 72   | 50   |

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHAKTI STORES!

Shakti Stores in Ditchling Road is 20 years old at the beginning of December. It's heartening to see a small local shop flourishing in these days of multinationals, huge supermarkets, shopping malls that look the same nationwide and small shops and sub post offices closing all over the place. The phrase 'Use it or Lose it' comes to mind, although that doesn't seem to apply to the Post Office! So happy birthday to the Shakti family and we wish you many more successful years in business.

## SHAKTI STORES

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**December 2003**

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## NOTES FROM A WILDLIFE GARDEN — JAN CURRY



I keep being asked, "what makes an award winning wildlife garden?" especially as this one looks, at first glance, like most other gardens do.

Well, firstly we have tried to make it look pretty and inviting for humans as well as creatures and why not, it is after all a garden, not a nature reserve. So not all the plants are native but many of those that are not, are rich in nectar, berries or prickles. We have not used chemicals or pesticides for years. In the distant past I use to chuck slug tablets round like confetti until I realised that the hedgehogs, birds and amphibians that ate dying slugs were also being slowly and painfully poisoned.

Compost heaps are a must. I still get a buzz digging out beautiful compost each Spring, the product of six months' garden and kitchen waste - it's magic!

The compost heap is also home for slow worms and toads, so I have to take care.

There are numerous ponds, some in full sun, some in part shade. They are home to frogs and newts, dragon and damselflies and strange underwater creatures I can't name and often wonder how they came to get there, particularly as this is a city garden surrounded by high walls.

Piles of mossy rocks and logs provide hiding places and homes for beetles and Red Mason bees. Hollow branches are used by over-wintering ladybirds and hoverflies; spiders weave intricate webs all over the place. Many moths and butterflies die as soon as it becomes cold but the few that hibernate can be found in corners of the shed.

Winter visitors are now joining the resident birds - there are lots of nest boxes in the garden, eight were

successfully occupied this year. It is easy to count fifteen different types of bird at any one time in the garden and we have also seen a jay, a woodpecker and a kestrel here this summer. There are numerous 'feeding stations'; some are well hidden in the shrubs so that smaller birds get a chance to feed away from the hustle bustle of the main bird table.

A squirrel has built its dray in the elm tree and a fox drops by regularly - I could do without both of them as the squirrel gobbles up the bird food and the fox takes my free range hens but I guess the point of a wildlife garden is that you can't pick and choose.

Winter now, and the whole garden will be allowed to die back naturally, covered by a blanket of leaves. It will soon be Spring!

## A CAR CLUB FOR THE ROUND HILL AREA ?

Yes, if enough people are interested we could have a similar scheme to the one recently launched in the Hanover area - and within months rather than the years it has taken to set up the Hanover Car Club.

Who might be interested?

If you do not use your car every day for work, or if you are currently a two - car household, or if you do not currently run a car but occasionally miss the convenience of being able to take off on a whim, then you could benefit from belonging to a local car club.

We wouldn't have to wait as long as the residents of Hanover did (about 3 years). Now the Brighton and Hove City Car Club has been launched, neighbourhood schemes could be started within 6 months of declared interest.

Round Hill area needs at least 30 people definitely interested in joining such a scheme for the council to consider supporting a neighbourhood club in our area.

Here are some facts:

- annual membership £50
- access to new, reliable cars without the hassle and expense of maintenance
- vehicles based within 5-10 mins walk
- a saving of up to £1500 p.a. on owning a car
- £2.30 per hour to hire a car
- no more problems parking your car since club cars have designated bays

- technology which makes booking easy and automated monthly billing for car usage

If you would be interested in joining a neighbourhood Car Club please email me at pab10@bton.ac.uk or you can write to me at 75 Princes Road.

Pam Blackman

## A NEW STREET FOR ROUND HILL

Although many people opposed it, house building at the back of Belton Road was inevitable on such a prime brown field site. Now the houses are finished and we have a new street — Belton Close. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new residents to this new addition to our neighbourhood and hope they will be very happy here.

## Learn to make silver jewellery

Small classes, all tools provided.

**Jackie Jones Jeweller**

Phone 673511 for full details.







## RICHMOND ROAD CLOSURE EMERGENCY ACCESS ISSUES

When a Richmond Road resident called an ambulance, it could not get through the road closure because someone had parked across it and also the crew did not have a key for the bollards. This situation has potentially fatal consequences and I contacted Peter Bloxham at the Traffic Department. He informed me that the emergency crews are offered keys to all such bollards in the city, but usually refuse them because they cannot guarantee that every vehicle will have a key to hand. If necessary, bolt

cutters would be used, and offending vehicles moved out of the way. However, this all takes precious time, so it is suggested that, if you have to call emergency services, when giving your address, you let them know which side of the closure you are situated.

I have asked the Traffic Department at least three times when the road closure will be completed, with signs warning people not to park across the bollards, but I have still to hear from them on this point.

*Vivien Powell*

### CREDIT UNION a savings & loans co-operative

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Working closely with the Citizens Advice Bureau they provide advice and support to members in dealing with their personal finances too. Well over 500 local residents are now benefiting from the scheme. Is it time you joined us?

For further information call the Credit Union on **626855** or call at the office at 4 Dorset Street, Brighton BN2 1WA. Email: enquiries@cbhcu.org

## TIPTOEING THROUGH THE DOG DOO. AN EVERYDAY STORY OF ROUND HILL FOLK

A few days ago I returned home to find large damp patches on the hall carpet. Barry, my husband, had realised too late that one of his shoes was covered in dog mess and had had to clean it up. Yesterday, I left the house to go swimming, then realised I'd forgotten something and had to run back through the house to collect it.

It wasn't until after my swim and I was lacing up my shoes that I noticed the foul-smelling brown stuff that had transferred itself - horror of horrors - onto the changing room bench. I returned home to find it had also transferred itself onto the hall, stairs and landing carpets, which we had professionally cleaned a couple of months ago. More precious time spent on our knees, cleaning up the mess.

You really do have to tiptoe

through the dog doo in the streets in our neighbourhood. I was looking back over old issues of the Round Hill Reporter the other day and this topic has been in almost every one, starting in February 2000 and it isn't getting any better.

I know several dog owners in this area who are extremely responsible, take their dogs out for long walks on the Downs and if their dogs ever make a mess in the street, they clear it up after them.



Phoarg! Not again!!

So this is a message to those few irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul our footpaths. It is antisocial, it causes potentially fatal illness, especially to children, it is frankly disgusting. It also happens to be illegal. It takes only seconds to scoop it up and put it in a plastic bag.

**YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE — PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!**

*Vivien Powell*

## ADVENTURE UNLIMITED'S NEW CLIMBING TOWER

Adventure Unlimited have acquired a 6m high mobile climbing tower, which they now have available to hire from £150 for a 2-hour session, and are currently fundraising to provide free sessions for community groups such as ours. Qualified instructors and safety equipment are provided.

Recommended minimum age 6 — no maximum!

4 people are able to climb at once.

You can phone Adventure Unlimited on 681058 or e-mail them on info@aultd.org.



## POSTBAG

Dear Editor

I wondered if the Round Hill Society may be able to suggest a tree planting scheme in the area. People could sponsor a tree to be planted in the pavement outside their house. I know a few other people in Round Hill Crescent who would be interested — it would have ecological benefits plus 'green' up our environment.

Regards

Mandy Murray  
45 Round Hill Crescent

*Anyone interested in this idea, please contact the editor on 276386.*

Dear Sir

May I take this opportunity to thank you and the other contributors for an excellent newsletter.

As you are no doubt aware, the Church of England is conducting a Strategic Review of churches in Brighton and Hove. The cull will include St. Peter's unless people act. St. Peter's forms part of our everyday landscape, is a landmark to thousands



of people visiting Brighton and is an extremely beautiful building. In short, the cost of maintenance/repairs needed to keep the structure in a satisfactory condition is

not sustainable by people attending the Sunday services. Whether or not readers subscribe to religion or not, it is important to see churches as serving our community and not just a place of worship. The building is in a fantastic location and can facilitate many local activities/functions (day nurseries, keep fit classes etc.) which can help make it economically viable. Anyone interested can contact Fr. Michael or one of the church wardens.

Warm regards

Jonathan Barrowman  
32 Richmond Road

Dear Editor

The extraordinary amount of traffic trying to get through our streets on Saturday 29th November was a reminder of how the traffic used to be before the Richmond Road closure. Thank goodness for the bollards!

*Name and address supplied*

## ROUND HILL HISTORY GROUP 2003

At the Round Hill Society AGM on 18th November, an update was given of the work and progress of the History Group throughout 2003. It has been a year of varying fortunes, starting on a high with all of the interviews transcribed and typed up, and from which the chapters for the book were initiated. The subjects of the outline chapters were agreed with Brighton Books, the proposed publishers and by March, all but two of the chapters were ready in draft form for editing. It certainly looked as if our target publication date of October 2003 would be met. Whilst there were some aspects of research still to be undertaken (indeed it is a task that never really stops as new information comes to hand), it was felt that we had more than enough recollections and facts of Round Hill of the past to produce a meaningful and interesting booklet.

Regrettably, from March onwards the progress slows and then stops altogether due to several misfortunes. Firstly, Brighton Books were due to publish a history on Preston Village in April, but work on this was delayed and the knock-on effect was the potential to delay our book, since publishing resource was limited. Secondly, the group was dealt a blow by the sudden death of Lindsey Lee, a founding member of the group and one who had done several interviews and much transcription work. Finally, another member of our group, Jacqueline Pollard, who co-directs Brighton Books and is therefore our key link with the publishers, was taken seriously ill in the early summer. The result was that meetings were temporarily suspended and most work other than minor research was put on hold. Thankfully, Jacqueline is slowly recovering and it is hoped that meetings will restart in

Dear Round Hill Reporter and Society I wonder if you have noticed that the Council have recently started to replace the wonderful cast iron street lights in the Round Hill Area. The one immediately outside our house was replaced four weeks ago by a galvanised copy that is a very poor imitation. It is a good metre higher than the original and is now directly against our bedroom window facing the street.

I have e-mailed them to complain, as I would have expected some consultation in this conservation area as to the type of replacement they would be using. I have yet to receive a reply and am now writing to the director for the Council department responsible for street lighting and local councillors, seeking a response and to ascertain what their policy is on replacement and consultation.

Was the Round Hill Society aware of or consulted on the policy? This is a conservation area and the lamp posts must be an integrated part of the area's features.

Best Wishes

Robin Morley & Jane Short  
112 Richmond Road

*The Round Hill Society was not aware of this issue and is now following it up — Ed*

January 2004. Preliminary discussions with Jacqueline seem to indicate that a target date for publication of October 2004 should be feasible, provided no further misfortunes occur.

The whole group has been disappointed by the delay, but remains optimistic that we will eventually see the history of our area in print.

*Chris Tullett*

### WANTED

As part of a course I am doing, I need a volunteer willing to be interviewed by me about their life history. I hope to focus my oral history project on the 1980s, so I am looking for someone who would be interested in recalling that period of their life. Ideally, I would also like at least some local memories, so preferably someone who was living in this area during that period.

If you are interested, please contact me before the new year.

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