



# The Round Hill Reporter

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## Round Hill AGM

*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm Salvation Army, Park Crescent*

Please make a note in your diary and make an effort to attend our Annual General meeting this year where there will be a quick dash through the chair and treasurers reports and an election for the new committee before we have presentations from representatives of two big projects in our area.

### **The Lewes Road Environmental Improvements Scheme**

This Scheme has already made a range of streetscape changes to the Lewes Road near Round Hill, and is now exploring ways of affecting our choices in travelling. You may have had their reps on your doorstep already. There is a short piece in this issue by the Travel Planning Team which might inspire or annoy you – whichever it does, please attend and offer your thoughts.

### **Heritage Lottery 'Parks for People' funded Improvements on the Level**

The second project is also outlined in this issue – it's the programme of improvements on the Level – and a member of that team will be present to tell us about the timetable of works to be carried out, and offer us opportunities to get more involved in how the Level is used in the future.

### **New Committee members**

Whilst we don't aim to spend long on it, the election of the committee is important, and finding new people willing to spend a little time running the various aspects of the Round Hill Society is important in maintaining enthusiasm. If you feel you could offer fresh insights, or you'd like to build a better sense of community here then why not step up and offer. There may be no need for elections, as it's likely one or two people would like to step down. Please feel free to contact any of the committee and talk.

### **Community Clean-up**

Also elsewhere in this issue is a piece on a plan to run a community clean-up in October. If you want to know more, or offer your own ideas for making it better there will be time at the AGM to do so. The AGM should be over by 9.30pm, when the Harveys at the Mitre may call irresistably.

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# Level Improvements coming soon

Local community groups are being invited to be part of the future of The Level, now plans for the park's restoration are moving ahead.

A key part of the council's successful bid for £2.2m from the 'Parks for People' bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund is to work with the local community to provide a varied activities plan that provides something for everyone.

The council wants to work with local communities and individuals to offer an exciting range of activities covering interest areas such as history and heritage, wildlife and conservation, sports and games and arts and crafts.

Part of the activities plan is the opportunity to help explore The Level's rich cultural history. With its iconic triangular elm tree-framed open aspect, The Level has been a valued focal point for local people since it became Brighton's first general recreation ground in 1822.

Two free volunteer information sessions in September have been arranged so people can come and find out more about opportunities, and meet some existing volunteers. The volunteer information sessions are on Wednesday 12 September at 12-2pm, and Tuesday 25 September 6-8pm, both at the Phoenix Gallery, Lewes Road. Light refreshments will be provided. Places are limited, so booking is essential. Please email [parksprojects@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:parksprojects@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or call 01273 292929 to book.

The Level will close for construction in mid to late October, and will re-open for the summer 2013 season.

**Find out more:** <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/index.cfm?request=c1234854>. **Get involved:** [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/joinusonthelevel](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/joinusonthelevel). **History:** [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/thelevelhistory](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/thelevelhistory)



# Harveys Brewery Trip

*Book your place now*

The demand for tours around Harveys Brewery, complete with generous tasting opportunities, is very high. We arranged such a tour back in October 2008, and after a long wait have managed to book another for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 6.30pm.

Anyone wanting to join this trip should contact Rob Stephenson soonest, and be prepared to hand over the sum of £2.50 to secure your place.

After about 90 minutes of guided tour around the brewery we will be invited to sample the products

Unless you manage to get locked in, you should be back on the street by 8.45pm. Some people may decide to pop into the John Harvey Tavern for dinner, and a further opportunity to check out the beers in a retail context.



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# Ditchling Road Street Party

*Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>, noon to 6pm Shaftesbury Place*

Shaftesbury Place – the short road that links London Road Station to Ditchling Rise - will be cleared of cars and available for you to bring your own picnic, and picnic rug, to enjoy the company and music provided by local musicians.

The theme this year is Sustainable Energy, and there will be stalls on that theme present.

In addition the London Road Station gardeners will be present at the vegetable garden beside the south platform eastern entrance to guide visitors around the small but beautifully formed fruit and vegetable garden they have created.

## AND ANOTHER EVENT – ‘Streets are for Sharing’

In the streets around Hanover Community Centre – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, noon ‘til 6pm. Check it out, it might be something we could do in Round Hill.



# Music at St Bartholomews

## Brighton Early Music Festival 2012

Just four of the many musical events at this year's Early Music Festival take place at St Barts, just across the London Road in Ann Street.

One is FREE – Five brilliant young ensembles from around Europe perform a two hour set twice during the evening, at 8.30 and 10.30. But you can feel free to drop in at any time. It all happens on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October, just walk in and listen (maybe take a cushion).

When our Henry VIII met Francis I of France to sign a Peace Treaty in 1520 they may have been thinking peace, but their respective Chapel Royals were preparing a battle of music, led by exceptional composers. Hear it on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm, tickets £26, £18.50 and £12.

Over 20 musicians, nine key singers and 3 choirs combine with an aerial dance troupe and light show to celebrate the most expensive and spectacular Renaissance Medici wedding ever. There are two performances, each of 90 minutes, at 5pm and 9pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, prices as above.

Finally, multi-choir music for voices and instruments. Several choirs and groups of musicians placed around the nave, will surround listeners with a wash of glorious polychoral sound. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, £23, £18.50 and £12.

More details about the festival, the music and composers, and tickets at [www.bremf.org.uk](http://www.bremf.org.uk)



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**Friends of Saunders Park will be in the Community Garden from Noon until 4pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

The Community Garden is located on the high ground behind Shabitat, and contains raised beds with fruit and herbs, a pond and flower beds to encourage wildlife, a willow arbour and a community orchard, with information boards around the site. Friends of Saunders Park are inviting local residents to get involved with developing ideas for more activities.

Visitors will be able to help with preparation of ground for wildflower seeding and planting of spring bulbs, plus take home a pot with spinach and/or lettuce seeds to grow in a window during the autumn.

# Round Hill Community Clean-up

*Needs your help on Saturday and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October*

Overwhelmingly your feedback from our recent Brighton University sponsored survey said that badly put out refuse, dumping of rubbish on the streets, incorrectly used recycling boxes, dog mess, weeds and graffiti/tagging on our streets, spoil your enjoyment of living in Round Hill. So we are asking for your help to take some direct action to help people manage their waste better, and to clean up the streets!

Brighton & Hove's City Clean will help us with tools/equipment; painting over graffiti/tags; arranging to cut back shrubs that overhang pavements; removing rubbish from agreed points over the clean up week-end and will provide some staff to support us. But we really need lots of local volunteers to work in teams cleaning up different parts of Round Hill.

Everyone is welcome and we are particularly keen for children (with their parents) and young people to take part.

We also plan to **distribute leaflets** containing information about how to:

- use the black recycling boxes so that the recycling teams will be able to empty them
- manage household refuse to reduce the amount put out and lower the risk of seeing it spread along the streets by gulls and other wildlife
- how to get rid of larger unwanted items responsibly.

Distribution will be timed with the start of the new university terms, so people new to Round Hill and dog owners will be fully informed of their responsibilities.

Everyone who takes part in the clean-up will be invited to a **communal tea party** on each action day between 4.00 and 6.00pm to celebrate improving our community.

**How can you help?** The more people who give their time the bigger the improvement we can make, so:

- Volunteer some your time - we plan to work in small teams around Round Hill in 3 hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday (10.00 – 1.00 and 1.00 – 4.00pm on each day). Sign up for as many shifts as you can manage. See how to make contact below
- Tidy your own front garden/bin and recycling areas and help your neighbour too
- Let us know of any areas in Round Hill that particularly concern you, so we plan to include them (eg tagging, blocked gullies, abandoned cars, dumped rubbish etc)
- Help us distribute leaflets and information about refuse/recycling and dog mess

If you can help, please let us know by email ([amccabebrighton@gmail.com](mailto:amccabebrighton@gmail.com)), text/phone (07812601682 or 07801701551) or through the website ([www.roundhill.org.uk](http://www.roundhill.org.uk)).

Or simply write the names of the volunteers, and the shifts or deliveries they can do (see above), plus a contact telephone number, and drop it into one of these addresses: 8 D'Aubigny Road, 36b Princes Road or 51 Upper Lewes Road



Dumped TV table on the Cat Creep



# Lewes Road Travel Plans

## *Improving the road, changing our outlook*

Walking and cycling saves money for households and society – the NHS in Brighton and Hove spends £3 million each year on the effects of a lack of exercise. Lewes Road has an air pollution problem. 5% of residents in central Brighton are thinking of reducing the number of cars they own, over half of us have a bike but fewer than one-quarter used it in the last month. The City Council wants to support you to walk, cycle and go by public transport more and drive less. How can we help you in your local initiatives?

As a start, and as part of the Lewes Road transport improvements from The Level to Falmer, Travel Advisors have been knocking on every door in the Round Hill area, offering information, such as fare discounts, cycle maps and the Healthwalks programme. Residents with a car or van are asked to reflect on their travel by completing a one week travel diary in return for a free gift from: eco-driver training – 50 minutes with a professional instructor that saves on average 15% on fuel, a pedometer or clock on a walking theme, a one week bus pass, a bike lock, lights or high-visibility wear, or cycle confidence training.

Over 200 travel diaries have been returned so far this summer, with lots of ideas. Some want to start cycling with their young children, others to make some of their trips to the countryside by bus, and yet others want to find like-minded locals to walk with. Community groups have started to develop local initiatives to help residents to consider their local environment and travel, and to make a change, for example Hanover's "Streets are for Sharing" day is on Sunday, 12-6pm, 16 September in and around the Community Centre on Southover Street, and Hollingdean Community Projects want to establish a pool of bikes for family outings, for those without them. The City Council's Personalised Travel Planning team is here to support your initiatives, do call us. We are Simon Hickmott and Steve Kelly at Hollingdean Community Centre, Thompson Road, Brighton BN1 7BH. Tel: 01273 290498

Bin screening and new seating on the Lewes Road



# Bus up to the Downs

*Saturdays and Sundays in September*

September may just bring some fine weather, and if it does there are just a few weekends left when the 79 bus goes up Ditchling Road and on to Ditchling Beacon via the Upper Lodges at Stanmer Park. The service runs past the Round Hill pub just about on the half hour from 10.30am to 5.30pm, and costs £5 return, or £6.50 for a super-saver which allows you to come back on a different bus.

An adult can take two children under 16 for free, and if you've got a national bus pass the journey is free.

Return buses leave the Beacon car park at 45 minutes past the hour, from 10.45am until 5.45pm, but there is no need to come back on the same bus if you plan a walk to Falmer or down into Stanmer Park you can catch the 25 from Falmer – there are lots of them, or the 78 from Stanmer Church at 33 minutes past the hour (from 10.33am to 5.33pm) back to Brighton bus garage.

You could simply take the 78 from opposite the bus depot direct to Stanmer and join one of the gentle 3 mile round walks which happen every Sunday. Walkers gather at the Stanmer Tea Rooms at 10.45, so the 10.17 will get you there in plenty of time, but confirm the walk is happening by calling 292564 or check on-line at [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/healthwalks).

Don't miss the Stanmer Rural Museum open most weekend afternoons.

There are some very easy and clearly marked routes linking Ditchling Beacon and Stanmer village which you can download as a pdf from the city website. Go to [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/countryside](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/countryside) and follow links to Ditchling Beacon to find the leaflet.

Alternatively phone 292929 and ask for a copy of the 'Downs on your Doorstep' leaflet and the 'Stanmer and Ditchling Beacon' leaflet to be posted to you.

## **Police non-emergency incident reporting**

When the wing mirror gets broken or the planter goes missing or you spot what might be drug dealing on the street report it on the non-emergency number 101 or report it by e-mail at [contact.centre@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:contact.centre@sussex.pnn.police.uk) so that the event is recorded and helps the police to build up data which can help identify patterns and hotspots. It really can help the police to do a better job.

## **Screen Test – Have you had yours?**

Bowel screening is used to check for early signs of bowel cancer by looking for hidden traces of blood in your stools. The NHS offers free bowel screening every 2 years to all men and women aged 60-69. The invitation to participate will arrive by post followed by a self test kit. Complete the kit as instructed and return in the envelope provided. Your results will be sent to you within 2 weeks. When bowel cancer is caught early treatment is simpler and more effective. Phone 0800 707 60 60 for more information.

Cervical screening saves over 4,500 lives per year. 900 women die of cervical cancer every year and many of these women have not had regular screening. Women aged 25-49 should be screened every three years and women aged 50-64 every five years. Most cases of cervical cancer can be prevented if caught early.

Contact Your Doctor's Surgery for appointments or phone CASH at Morley Street, Brighton O1273 242091. Learn more at [www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk](http://www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk)





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