

>>> Coming soon: Spring! CMPCA meeting 18 March! AGM 21 April! CMP Festival Launch 2 May! Brighton Festival . . .

First, as the Management Committee records in its report on p13, we would like to thank the countless volunteers who act as Street Reps, help set up our community meetings, write for CMPCAnews, help arrange our CMP Festival and social events and not least the many new candidates (see page 12) standing for the committee at the AGM: this all validates the positive role of the CMPCA at the centre of this thriving and vibrant community. Our sincere thanks to all who contribute.

We hope to welcome you to our **fourth AGM** (starts prompt at 7.30pm/

doors 7pm) on **Tuesday 21 April at Saint Michael's and All Angels**, Victoria Road which includes elections for Chair, Secretary, and Committee. Please bring proof of residence. This is followed by an illustrated talk on the Clifton, Montpelier and Powis area, by **Steve Myall**, local historian and author of *The Victorian Development of the Clifton, Montpelier and Powis Estates of Brighton* (on sale at special discount at £15!). Please bring CMPCAnews15 with you: the MC and Financial Reports, nominations for officers and committee are on pages 12-13.



Why don't the public services talk to each other?

'Who do you mean?' 'Southern Water to start with and the magnificently named Clancy Docwra; Cityclean, Parking, Gas and probably the rest.'
'What have they done?' 'Southern Water renews the water mains helped by Clancy Docwra who dig up the roads and move the bin.'
'What bin?' 'The communal bin.'
'And . . . ?' 'The bin can't be emptied!'
'Why?' 'Because there's a digger parked across the road. And then they move it again.'
'Oh good!' 'No it's not good.'
'Why?' 'Because it can't be emptied.'
'Not another digger?' 'No, parked cars.'
'So who needs to talk?' 'Clancy Docwra to Cityclean to Parking.'
'Is that all?' 'No.'
'What then?' 'Weekend road block.'
'Why?' 'Parked digger one side, parked cars the other.'
'Where does Gas come in?' 'It doesn't.'
'Why not?' 'Because of the cars.'
'Now I really don't understand.' 'Well the council arranges a grant to install central heating; Gas comes to dig up road to link in pipes. Can't because of parked cars.'
'So it's all down to parking?' 'Probably, but they ALL need to talk!'

CMP Festival Launch Party Saturday 2 May 12 noon St Nicholas Church Join us for a drink, a brochure and entertainment at the launch of our third community arts festival, (3-19 July) full of exciting surprises! Artists invited to submit drawings/paintings of area for CMP Festival Exhibition. To find out more and get involved, **t 07816 403099**, e cmpca.info@googlemail.com or see www.cmpca.co.uk



Who are we?

The Clifton Montpelier and Powis Community Alliance is a community association for the Montpelier and Clifton Hill Conservation Area. All residents can call themselves members and membership is free (for more information and streets included, see p15).

>>> Future meetings

Meetings held at St Mary Magdalen's Community Centre Upper North St at 8pm preceded by Police Surgery at 7.30pm. Confirm dates and topics at www.cmpca.co.uk

- **Wednesday 18 March** auditing our streets for safety, convenience and design appropriate to a Conservation Area
- **Tuesday 21 April** 4th AGM 7.30pm at S Michael's, Victoria Road, with illustrated

- talk on CMP area by Steve Myall
- **Saturday 2 May** 12 noon CMP Festival Launch at St Nicholas, Dyke Road
- **Wednesday 17 June** Mike Moon of Cityclean

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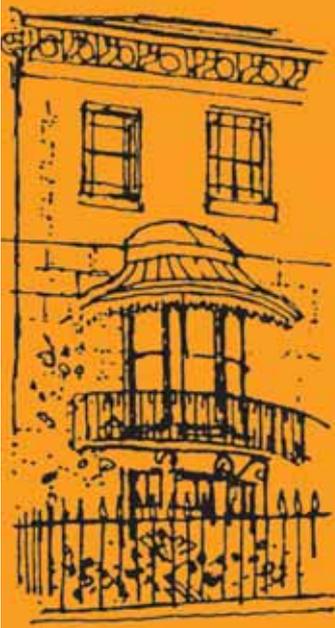
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Hello again from PCSO Bobbi King

My colleague PCSO Alena MAURTAUZOVA, who is also the new PCSO for Clifton, Montpelier, Powis, and myself went to St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School on Friday 23 January, and gave a Stranger Danger Safety talk to the children. It was well received, and all the children were very responsive. They asked good questions, were well behaved, and paid attention! I must commend them on their enthusiasm! Thanks to Mrs Halden Eady, Headteacher, Angela Shields, School Secretary, and Diane White, Admin Officer, for inviting us to do this talk. We enjoyed ourselves also! If anyone would like a talk on safety or security, just email regency.team@sussex.pnn.police.uk



>>>STOP PRESS: RAH site and bins

A local enquiry into Taylor Wimpey's appeal against the Council's rejection of their RAH planning applications will be held at 10am on 12 May at Brighton Town Hall. Meanwhile communal bins have been 'rolled out' across the area amid widespread concern about the new bin design and concerns about some locations – we believe there will be a location review in June. Our community meeting on 17 June with Cityclean's Operations Manager Mike Moon will also provide an opportunity for feedback.

Useful numbers

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Advice sessions

1st Friday of the month, 5.30–7pm Brixthelm Church and Community Centre (North Rd)

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Or write to councillors c/o King's House, Grand Avenue, Hove BN3 2LS

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The unusually cold weather at the beginning of the year highlighted the need to check more regularly on elderly relatives or neighbours who live alone. If you have concerns these numbers may come in handy:

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Saint Nicholas Green Spaces

As we go to press, **SNGSA** holds its first AGM (10 March), circulates its first newsletter and is also following closely, hotel plans for the old ice rink.

The following quotes from Chair – and CMPCA **Church Street** Street Rep – **Shaun Kiddell's** Annual Report capture some of the year's achievements since its inaugural meeting in October 2007, and some of the tasks ahead: **'Bob Young**, our Vice Chair, heads up a **Fabric and Site Development Group** and has produced an excellent detailed audit of necessary restoration and refurbishment works required throughout the three open spaces. The Association appreciates the enormity and scale of repairs, restoration and refurbishment works required. However, significant works have taken place over the past year including the conversion of a vacant vault in the Rest Garden into a tool store for the gardening volunteers. Resurfacing of the top walkway with an appropriate surface, a new fence was installed around the play space and a new noticeboard went up at the entrance to the Rest Garden.'

'The **playground** is an important facility to the local community as it provides a place where families can meet, children can let off steam and adults can relax and connect with each other after school. Despite being the most central in Brighton it is really showing its age and in need of updating/refurbishment. Lobbying the Council to upgrade the facility and seeking funding remain a high priority for the group.'

'SNGSA has been fortunate enough to benefit from several groups of **volunteers**. The first are local people, who under the supervision of our own Gardening Group Leader **Jess Green**, have made a real difference to the horticulture in all three open spaces. Their successes include bulb planting, replanting of the border on the top walkway in the Rest Garden with roses,

lavender and other delights. As well as planting to assist young people's education around the children's playground, we also benefited from **business volunteers** who undertook a variety of tasks, some grim, some needing serious muscle! These included removing of the build up of debris behind the gravestones around the perimeter of the churchyard. The third group were from our **Heritage Working Group** who achieved fantastic work in transcribing over 3,000 monument inscriptions from the 1950s' records and made them freely available online. They also drew a site plan of the Rest garden showing the location of all monuments, as the originals could not be located, as well as putting together the Heritage Trail of monuments within the open spaces.'

HENRY BRUCE



Hotel plans for the old ice rink

As SNGSA's first newsletter says 'Plans to build a 5-6 storey hotel on the site of the old ice rink in Queen's Square to the south of the churchyard have raised serious local concerns. SNGSA strongly opposes the scheme, largely on the basis of its height and bulk, which would threaten the natural light over a large swathe of the graveyard.

Historic views from the churchyard to the sea would be permanently lost and plans to create a path and cycle way from Queen's Square to Church Street could radically alter the historic boundary walls and disturb burials. Mature elm trees, which are now incredibly rare in Britain, could also be put at risk'.

Michael Fisher, Wykeham Terrace CMPCA Street Rep and Secretary of the Wykeham Terrace Residents' Association, adds 'Our objections, in the main, are concerned with overdevelopment of this sensitive site which borders our conservation area and is surrounded by Grade II listed buildings, the Grade II* St Nicholas Church and the historic churchyard'.

SNGSA expects to be formally consulted at the planning permission stage. For more info visit www.sncgsa.org >>>**STOP PRESS 5 March: Councillors send plans back to cabinet.**

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Breathe **life** into your old **dustbin!**

Jo McCartney of Borough Street writes: 'In the last few weeks more of the Montpelier area has seen the much talked about and contested rollout of the communal bins and we have waved goodbye to the last weekly refuse collection. So what becomes of our old dustbins?

As a family, we now take small bags up to the communal bins each time we go out. So sitting forlornly empty in our back yard is the old dustbin. It is in far too good shape to throw away, and would probably take several hundred years to decompose in a landfill site somewhere. That just goes against my principles. So when deciding on which vegetables to grow this year I came across the idea of growing potatoes in it.

You would normally question the wisdom of growing potatoes in a small garden as they take up quite a lot of room, and they are after all quite cheap to buy in the supermarket. However, once you have tasted organic freshly harvested potatoes from your own garden you will understand. Also, fresh new potatoes are packed with vitamin C and so are very good for you. So growing them in a container such as a dustbin enables you to utilise space and enjoy your own harvest all in one. It even enables you to move them around if you want to change the layout of your space.



So where do I start? Well, 'first earlies' are potatoes sown in March/April and ready for harvest in June/July. They generally suffer less Blight than later potatoes as they are harvested before the fungal spores take hold. Available in garden centres ('Swift' is a good all rounder) start 'chitting' now. Sound like double Dutch? Don't panic, 'chitting' just means put your potatoes upright in an egg box with the shoots (eyes) facing the light and keep them frost free for about six weeks so the shoots develop nicely before you plant them.

Now to prepare the old dustbin for some action. Drill 10 or 15 drainage holes in the bottom so that it does not become waterlogged. Fill the bottom of the bin with 5-10cm of crocks (old broken pots etc), and then add another 15cm of good potting compost. Put five of your beautifully 'chitted' potatoes on top with the shoots pointing upwards. Cover the



potatoes with more of the potting compost until they are just buried, and then water well. As the green foliage grows upwards add more compost. It does not matter if the leaves are covered as they will soon grow up through the compost again. If the compost is not very rich then add some fertilizer – for example chicken pellet fertilizer or well rotted manure to nourish the

potatoes. Adding comfrey liquid or a foliar feed with extracts of seaweed every couple of weeks will also help.

Watch out that the leaves of the potatoes receive enough sunlight and water. If the container is very deep then no sunlight will ever hit the foliage and the potatoes will not do well. In this case either fill the container with a lot of compost before putting in the potatoes therefore raising the height at which they are planted, or reduce the height of the container. Compost in a container can dry out fast so it is essential to keep an eye out. However, over-watered potatoes can have black or hollow centres, and irregularly watered potatoes end up knobbly.

So give it a go, get the kids to paint the old bin first and start chitting. You'll never want a supermarket potato ever again!



Last year eight local gardens opened under the Clifton Montpelier Powis garden trail and trebled the previous year's contribution to the The Sussex Beacon's Garden Gadabout event, to just under £3,000. This year more than 90 gardens will open across the city on Sundays 12 and 19 July. The CMP Festival is timed to coincide, and 'our' open gardens – plus tea and cakes – contribute hugely to the festival atmosphere. Garden owners speak both of the hard work involved in opening their gardens but also of the great reward from meeting friendly and appreciative visitors. We hope that more garden owners will join the CMP trail and help make it the finest garden trail in the City! Contact Bridgette Saunders at gadengadabout@sussexbeacon.org.uk to offer your garden for next July's event.

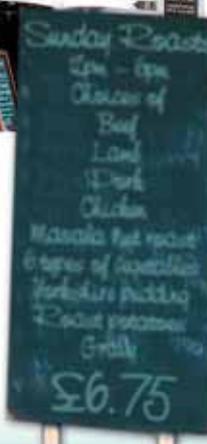
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Preventing falls and broken bones

Local resident and Service Manager of the Falls Prevention Service, **Naomi McVey**, writes

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Osteoporosis literally means 'porous bones' and is often called 'fragile bone disease'. People are often unaware that they have fragile bones until their first fracture. Broken wrists, hips and spinal bones are the most common fractures in people with osteoporosis and the condition is more widespread in older age, although younger people can sometimes be affected. There are many steps you can take to help build healthy bones. These include taking regular weight-bearing exercise, eating a balanced diet,

stopping smoking and drinking alcohol in moderation.

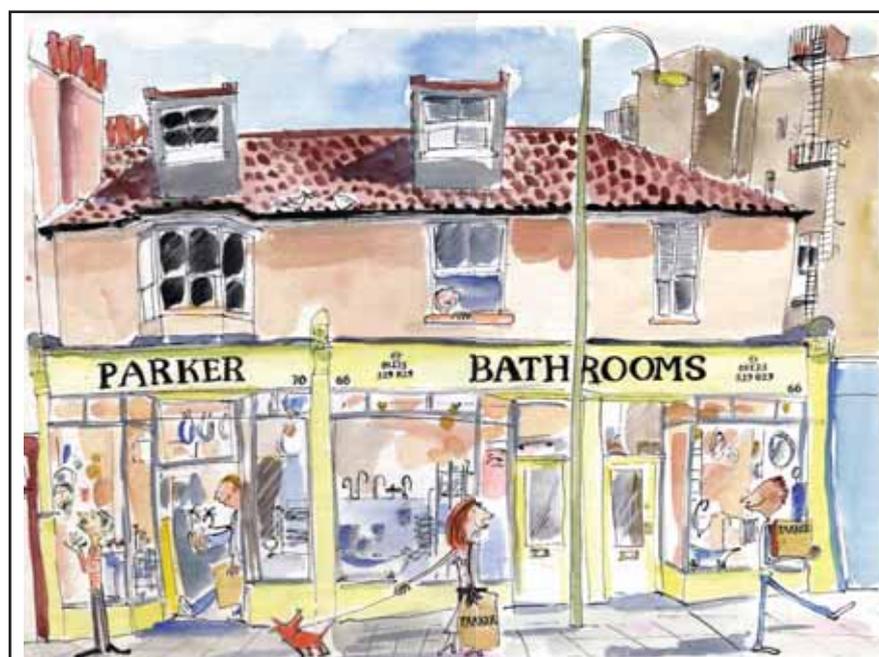
There are also a number of medications which can help – the Osteoporosis Specialist Nurse or your GP can advise on this in more detail.

Falls prevention As we grow older a number of things can cause falls, including poor balance, eyesight problems and heart conditions. It is important to reduce the factors that could cause you to trip and fall in the home such as loose rugs or carpets, trailing wires, slippery floor surfaces and poor lighting. Have your eyesight and hearing checked regularly because poor eyesight can increase the risk of



falling and some forms of deafness can affect your balance. Other health problems such as Parkinson's disease, arthritis or stroke are common causes of falls and some medications prescribed for these conditions can increase your risk of falling by affecting your balance. Taking lots of different medication can also heighten side effects such as dizziness or drowsiness, so if you think your tablets are causing these problems let your GP know.

The Falls Prevention Service includes nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and therapy assistants who, together with the Osteoporosis Specialist Nurse, are based at Brighton General Hospital. If you are concerned about falling or are worried about osteoporosis please contact us on **01273 265574**. We also have an active **National Osteoporosis Society** support group here in Brighton that meets monthly at the Bighthelm Centre – contact Anthea Franks for more information on **01273 885321**; www.nos.org.uk and www.helptheaged.org.uk also have very useful information – or call the National Osteoporosis Society helpline on **0845 450 0230**.



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Ann Smith

In the past ten years there have been changes in use of buildings in the town centre, which have often been converted into living space from schools, factories, warehouses and hospitals. Older people remember, but many, even those living in the new apartments, are not always aware of what went before. One such is Temple Heights on the corner of Windlesham Road and Temple Gardens,

on the westernmost edge of our area.

It is the story of the Martindales, a widowed mother and two daughters, but mainly of the elder daughter, Dr Louisa

Martindale. The Martindales were a formidable trio, mother Louisa, daughters, Louisa and Hilda. The widowed Mrs Louisa Martindale moved from Lewes to Brighton in 1885 so that her daughters could attend the High School for Girls, founded by the Girls' Public Day School Company, and be educated on what were then considered by many to be lines 'fraught with considerable risks'.

Both girls did well: Hilda became the Senior Lady Inspector of Factories but it is the elder daughter, Louisa, who left her mark in Brighton. Louisa studied medicine and eventually set up practice as the first woman doctor in Brighton. There was a great demand for women and children to be seen by a woman doctor and so her mother, Mrs Martindale, set up a Dispensary for Women and Children in 1911. The all female staff, including Dr Louisa Martindale, were heavily overworked, with some 8000 patients from all over Sussex being seen annually. However they could not cover the more serious medical and surgical cases needing in-patient treatment which still had to be sent to the County Hospital.

As there seemed no chance of a medical woman being put on the staff there, the Louisa Martindales, mother and daughter, and others, took an adjoining house and opened a small 12 bed hospital

for medical and surgical cases with Dr Louisa, the senior surgeon. Mrs Martindale was a great fundraiser, very well connected and passionate about the needs and rights of women. More space was needed and in late 1918 the New Sussex Hospital Management Board was set up with premises at 4, 6 and 8 Ditching Road. Negotiations were under way for the purchase of Windlesham House, later called Sussex House, from the freeholder, Mrs Scott Malden, but even when all seemed secure, access was denied because of the presence in 1919 of a group of elderly men from the workhouse who were still in residence. They had been moved there when the workhouse in Elm Grove had been requisitioned for use as a military hospital for the period of the Great War 1914–1918. Their return to base was delayed after the Guardian refused to go back until all had been made good ie returned to its pre-war and sometimes old-fashioned state.

Eventually Windlesham House was free and the New Sussex Hospital (see above) moved in. There were 84 beds including 12 private wards for those 'patients unwilling to enter the free wards of public hospitals and unable to pay nursing home fees'.

In its heyday it had medical and surgical departments, eye, throat, ear departments, a dental clinic, pathological, X-ray, electro-therapeutic and massage departments. It was recognised by London



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University and was the first hospital in Sussex to realise the necessity of providing small single wards at 'four – five guineas' a week; it was under the care and protection of qualified medical women, among whom, Dr Louisa Martindale, who came down from her home in London to operate there twice a week. Often known locally as the women's hospital, the New Sussex was closed in 1980 and became a day centre for psychiatric patients.

By 2002 the buildings had been sold, conversion into flats had begun and Temple Heights were born.

The portrait of Dr Louisa Martindale used to hang in the boardroom of the New Sussex Hospital, presiding over the interview of new appointments of medical staff; it is now locked away in Millview Hospital. Maybe it should be again on view?

To find out more, go to www.womenof-brighton.co.uk, read *Women's hospitals in Brighton & Hove 1899–1920* by Val Brown and, if you can find them, *A Woman Surgeon* by Louisa Martindale and *From One Generation to Another* by Hilda Martindale.



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Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 May 7.30pm
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Wednesday 27 May 7.30pm
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Saturday 30 May 7.30pm
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Tuesday 5 May 7.30pm
Yoko Ono (piano) **Paul Gregory** (guitar)
Robert Chavner (countertenor)

A heady mix of music for piano and guitar, voice and guitar, voice and piano plus solos. Boccherini, Schubert, Albeniz, Castelnuovo-Tedesco. Local internationally acclaimed musicians join forces. £8 (£6)

Sunday 10 May 2.30-5.30pm
Friends of St Nicholas Heritage Afternoon with Church artefacts on display

Friday 15 May 7.45pm
 Rachel Smith, flute £10 (£8)

Friday 22 May 7.30pm
Ellie Blackshaw Violin
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 Ellie and David present an atmospheric and expressive combination of two stringed instruments with an exciting and varied programme: includes works by Bach, Dowland, Falla, Vivaldi, Debussy and Barry Mills
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6	Lorna Kelly	Soprano
13	Stephen Carroll Turner	Piano
20	Nicole Ginart/Adam Leclercq	Flute/Piano
27	Michele Roszak/Lynda Spinney	Mezzo Soprano/Piano

Saturday 23 May 7.30pm
OPERA GALA
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March

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11	Nick Collins	Piano
18	Geoffrey Bentham/Jennifer Jones	Bass Baritone/Soprano
25	Audrey Edwards	Soprano

April

1	Stefan Holmstrom	Bass Baritone
8	STABAT MATER by Pergolesi	
15	Agnes Daniel	Violin
22	Jacque Currie	Soprano
29	Martin Angell	Cellist

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Holy Week and Easter



PALM SUNDAY 5 April 10.30am
Community Hall for Blessing and outdoor
Procession of Palms, Sung Mass
**Monday, Tuesday (with Seder) and
Wednesday 7.30pm** Mass
MAUNDY THURSDAY 9 April 8pm Sung Mass
GOOD FRIDAY 10 April
10.30am Stations of the Cross
3pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
and DEATH

EASTER EVE 11 April 8.30pm
VIGIL and FIRST MASS of EASTER
EASTER SUNDAY 12 April
8am Low Mass
10.30am PROCESSION and FESTIVAL MASS,
followed by a Parish Lunch
SATURDAY 25 APRIL Supper and Quiz Night to
mark S George's Day
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St Nicholas' news

Holy Week and Easter 5-12 April

Palm Sunday 10.30am

We process from St Paul's School, and
service is part of the Sung Eucharist

Monday 7.30pm

The Eucharist

Tuesday 7.30pm

The Eucharist followed
by Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 10.30am

The Eucharist
12.30pm STABAT MATER –
Pergolesi

Michele Roszak, soprano,
Robert Chavner, alto, Jonathan
Leigh, accompanist

This beautiful and deeply
moving setting of the
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the grief of Mary at the foot
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the eighteenth century. The opening
bars were described by Jean-Jacques
Rousseau as 'the most perfect and most
touching to come from the pen of any
musician'. The composer died in 1736
at the age of just 26. **This performance
is a highlight of Holy Week.**

7.30pm Passover Meal
shared with friends at
Brighthelm URC; an all
age, community-
building event. Tickets
from St Nicholas'
Church £4 children £1.

Maudy Thursday

8pm Eucharist of the
Lord's Supper and
Watch until Midnight.



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the Lord's Passion



Good Friday 10am

Short Family Service
followed by our joining
the Churches Together
in Central

Easter Day

5.30am Easter
Celebration

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Traders' news

Support in 2008 from our local traders and advertisers has once again been outstanding: not only by advertising in CMPCAnews, but also sponsorship of the second CMP Festival and, of course, the raffle at the Christmas Party (see right). We are hugely grateful to them. Reports from our traders are mixed: in the last few months we have said goodbye to **Flush, MamaOshun,** and **Video Paradiso**. But all is not gloom and doom and many entered 2009 not only determined to succeed, but some to expand. James White at **Massey** is upbeat and reports that 'the lettings market is booming'. **The Crescent's Ian Axell** says 'It's time to enjoy our lovely courtyard garden'. **Jo Weeks** from **Sixtyseven** in Clifton Road is delighted to report that her business is growing and her group of regular customers keeps expanding. **Blenio Bistro** celebrates its second successful year in May; proprietors **Paula** and **Peter Bruschi** wish to thank their fabulous customers, neighbours and local suppliers for all their support. 'Without you we wouldn't exist. Good luck to us all!' **Sam Metcalfe** of **Sevendials Restaurant** and **Sam's of Brighton** (now one year old) finds that business is holding up well so far this year and even has plans to open a third eatery in 2009. He finds support from

the local community vital. **Rob Gooch** at **Tutti Frutti** says 'Beat the credit crunch blues with our fresh breakfast and lunch menus, not forgetting our delicious Italian coffee – eat in or take away, the choice is yours'. **Laurence Sprey** of **Ashtons** promises 'We aim to provide the highest quality, most comprehensive service available to our customers, including late night opening until 10pm and prescription delivery, 7 days a week. During these tough times, we never sit on our laurels. We have a brand new service that we are now close to launching; more details to be announced shortly'. A big welcome to **Gemma** at **Aramas** (86 Dyke Road) specialising in furniture from the 1880s to the 1930s, antique luggage and a monogram and upholstery service plus gift range. **Tara** from **Parker Bathrooms** and **Firestores**, reports that following a difficult trading year 'We are expecting a good year ahead with the opening of our plumbing and DIY store at 64 Dyke Road and our new product range of woodburners with a live display of the Charnwood Cove 1'. At the **Montpelier Inn**, **Jeff** and **Laura** would like to thank their customers for their continued support and custom through these difficult times: "Please join us for our new Friday night quiz from 8pm".

Christmas Cabaret and Party at St Nick's

Our third Christmas Party at St Nicholas on 2 December, with an informal cabaret format, was probably our most successful yet with the raffle alone raising £390. Greg Moore was dashing MC and performer along with Anthony Hawgood, Marian Huang, Ambrose Page and, of course, ABBA-solutely Fabulous. Our generous local traders provided fabulous raffle prizes 'in kind' including a huge Waitrose hamper. Prizes were donated by: Agnews, Aramas, Auto Top, Bert's Homewares, City Books, Finishing Touch, First Feet, Lisa Dobinson, Parker Baths, Sevendials Restaurant, Sixtyseven, Streamline, The Crescent, The Hair Emporium, Tutti Frutti, Video Paradiso, and Waters. There were also several generous donations of books. Si Hedger-Cooper's expert organisation, Zita Latham's lovely food and Doug Rath behind the bar all helped us raise, for the third year running, an amazing £1000, £500 of which was donated to The Sussex Beacon and the remainder divided between St Nicholas' Boiler Fund and the CMPCA.

'Twas ever thus

Residents of Western Road complain about noise from Marlborough Street! A hundred years ago a bullock in the Marlborough Street slaughterhouse disturbed the neighbours with its noise. From **Brighton & Hove Herald** quoted by **Geoff Mead** in **Royal Pavilion, libraries and museums review** (Feb 2008)

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Statement of Financial Activities the Year Ended 31 December 2008

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	2007	2006
	£	£
Incoming resources:		
donations (meeting collections)	71	129
(NAG grant for NBs)	500	
Activities to generate funds:		
Advertising revenue for newsletter (incs prepayment for ads in future NLs)	6122	7047
revenue from soc events (Xmas concert/party)	1346	1168
revenue from CMPFestival 07		4924
revenue from CMPFestival 08	8053	
Investment income & interest:		0.00
Total Incoming Resources	16092	13268
Resources expended		
Newsletter (printing and production)	5032	5546
Community meetings (hall hire)	200	170
Social events (Xmas party/concert 07)		255
Social Events (Xmas concert/party 08)	322	
CMPFestival 07		3657
CMPFestival 08	7489	
noticeboards	420	
Management/administration/insurance	589	552
Grants		
Charitable Donations (from Xmas concert/party)	700	1000
Total resources expended	14752	11180
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	1340	2089
Total funds at 1 January	2834	751
Total funds at 31 December	4174	2834

Balance sheet at 31 December 2008

CURRENT ASSETS	2007	2006
	£	£
Cash at bank in hand	4586	4332
DEBTORS:		
Advertising revenue	1633	619
CMPFestival sponsors	200	200
	6419	4951
CREDITORS:		
Xmas party	-198	-40
printing CMPCA news	-1162	-1277
charitable donations (from Xmas party)	-700	-1000
CMP Festival 08	-185	
	4174	2834
NET ASSETS	4174	2834
Unrestricted funds		
General funds	4174	2834
Total funds	4174	2834

Here are the accounts for our third full year. They will be presented for approval at our AGM on Tuesday 21 April 2009, together with a report from our independent examiner. They show that, despite increasing competition for local advertising and the impact on local businesses of the deteriorating economy, this quarterly newsletter continues to cover its costs. The financial success of the summer festival is also apparent. We are very grateful to our advertisers and sponsors for their continued support. We were again able this year to make substantial donations to local charities. **Peter Freeman**

AGM Tuesday 21 April 2009 7.30pm at Saint Michael's

Nominations for Honorary Officers

- Chair Tony Davenport (MC member excluded from November 2008)
Adam Jones (Current Chair)
- Vice-Chair John Riddington (current Vice-Chair, Street Rep and Webteam member)
- Treasurer Peter Freeman (current Treasurer and Street Rep)
- Secretary Corinne Attwood (current MC member)
Philippa Sankey (current Secretary and Newsteam member)

The positions of Vice-Chair and Treasurer are unopposed, elections required for positions of Chair and Secretary

Nominations for Management Committee members

Corinne Attwood (current MC member), Tony Bailey (Webteam member), Ali Brownlie Bojang (Street Rep), Judy Bow (current MC member, Street Rep, News and Webteam member), Richard Brown (Street Rep and SNGSA Committee member), Roz Charters (current MC member and Street Rep), Tony Davenport (MC member, excluded from November 2008), Jane Gray (current MC member and Street Rep), Aidan Lunn (current MC member and Street Rep), Pauline Messum (current MC member and Street Rep), Steve Pavey (Street Rep), Philippa Sankey (current Secretary and Newsteam member), Nick von Tunzelmann (current MC member and Street Rep), Duncan Wells.

Maximum of 10 committee members can be voted for (in addition to 4 elected officers) so elections required for MC members.

Exact list of those to vote for will depend on those voted in (earlier) as officers. For constitution and voting procedures etc see www.cmpca.co.uk

Management Committee's Report 2008/2009

Meetings and Issues

In the last 12 months we have held five community meetings (including the AGM) with invited speakers, the Christmas Concert and party and the second Clifton Montpelier Powis Festival (4–20 July).

Our third AGM in April 2008, was combined with the launch party for our second CMP Festival. Peter Guttridge, former literary director of the Brighton Festival, talked on the joys of running festivals, and the Brighton Youth Orchestra's Wind Quintet also entertained us. At our June meeting, Living with HIV/AIDS locally and internationally, Andrew Powell and Julie Hales described the work of The Sussex Beacon while Lynette Lowndes, programmes director of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, described its growth and impact since moving to Brighton in 2001. In September we looked at Changes in how our food is grown and sold, with Stephen Raisey (Manager, Brighton Waitrose), Caroline Townsend (Infinity Foods) and Adrian Halstead (Barcombe Farm). In November, the Council's Chief Conservation Officer, Roger Dowty, addressed, as he put it 'What you should and shouldn't do in a Conservation Area'. Our meeting with Cityclean, originally scheduled for January, had to be postponed to June. In March we are due to look at auditing our streets for safety, convenience and design appropriate to a Conservation Area.

Community meetings provide a forum for debate and a chance for discussion on issues of concern to the local community. As in previous years, parking, waste collection, the balance between commercial activity and residential life and the future of the former children's hospital site have been constant concerns. Our detailed survey in 2007/8 of residents' views in our part of parking zone Z and resulting discussions and site visits with Council officials, led by John Riddington, should eventually produce more than 20 extra overnight parking places when the changes are fully implemented – though unfortunately we have since lost some others to communal bins.

Despite the Council consultation showing that many streets in the CMPCA area voted against having communal bins, the bins were installed. The Committee is planning to invite residents to provide feedback on waste collection and recycling for a community meeting in June with Cityclean representatives.

We have helped residents to object to new licensing and planning applications by companies that threaten their peace and quiet. The rules favour commercial development but some limitations on hours and

conditions of use have been obtained.

Taylor Wimpey still pursue their development plans for the old Royal Alex site despite their own financial troubles, vocal opposition from conservation groups and two rejections by the Planning Committee. After strong pressure from CMPCA and others they held a well-attended public meeting in Saint Michael's Church last May and subsequently made major modifications to the designs at the northern end of the site, to the relief of residents in Homelees House and along Clifton Road. Discussion at our community meeting in November showed a range of strongly held views. Some members believed that wholesale demolition of the existing buildings betrays the concept of a conservation area, others that the need to replace the Montpelier GP's surgery and the absence of any commercially backed alternative including conversion make the third TW plan preferable to living indefinitely alongside empty and deteriorating buildings. John Riddington reflected these divisions in his detailed letter (available on our website) to the Planning Officer. The public inquiry takes place on 12 May.

Our local police team attend every Community Meeting to meet residents individually, explain crime trends and hear our concerns. They dealt effectively with squatters in the former hospital and worked with us to ensure the owners secured the site more effectively. We are grateful to PCSO Bobbi King and her colleagues for their help in our community.

Community Links

Thanks to a grant from the Brunswick and Regency Neighbourhood Action Group we have commissioned four and erected three noticeboards around our area. From 4 - 20 July, we held our second and expanded Clifton Montpelier Powis Festival when over one thousand people attended more than 30 family, literary and music events at St Michael's and St Nicholas' churches, including for the first time, an impromptu Sculpture Garden made from re-cycled materials in St Nick's Rest Garden. Eight brave residents opened their gardens for The Beacon's Garden Gadabout in the Clifton Montpelier Powis Trail, trebling last year's contribution to £3,000. In December we held our third Christmas Concert and Party at St Nicholas' with local musicians – including ABBA-solutely Fabulous - entertaining over 100 of us. Local traders' raffle prizes helped us raise £1000, of which £500 was donated to The Beacon and the remainder divided between St Nicholas and the CMPCA. Many CMPCA members have continued to work in the

St Nicholas Church Green Spaces Association (SNCGSA) both serving on the committee and helping to restore the Rest Garden. SNCGSA has just held its first AGM and has made considerable progress in enhancing these three important green spaces for our area. We continue to benefit from the active support of Cllrs Jason Kitcat and Sven Rufus, and of Fr Robert Chavner of St Nicholas and Fr Robert Fayers of St Michael's and All Angels especially as our CMP Festival partners. We hold our community meetings at St Mary Magdalen's Community Centre.

Four issues of CMPCAnews have been produced by the Newsteam (Philippa Sankey, Judy Bow, Ann Smith and Teresa Dearlove (Design)) and distributed by our network of street representatives to every household in the area. A new website (www.cmPCA.co.uk) registered to CMPCA was established in September following a majority decision by the Committee to sever links with the previous privately-owned site. CMPCAnews and minutes of Community and Committee meetings are now available there. The website team comprises John Riddington, Judy Bow and Tony Bailey. We are hoping to make further improvements to the website this year.

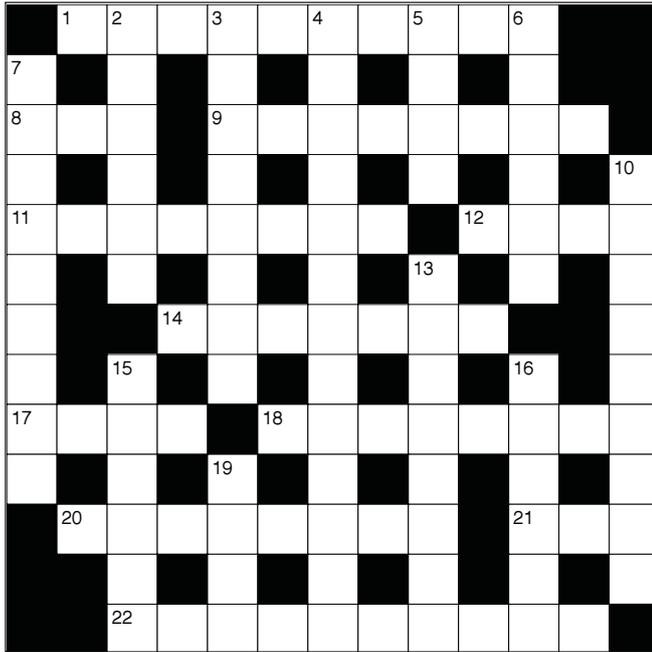
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The CMPCA can only operate thanks to the time and commitment not only of committee members but more importantly our forty or so street reps. It is they who distribute our newsletter, collect information for our surveys and generally help the flow of information. In addition, perhaps a further hundred local volunteers help set up our community meetings, write for CMPCAnews, help arrange our CMP Festival and run or take part in individual Festival and social events. Our activities are further supported by local businesses and the hundreds more who attend or take part in our activities: this all validates the positive role of the CMPCA at the centre of this thriving and vibrant community. Our sincere thanks to all who play these various roles.

Committee Membership and Procedure

The Committee (listed on page 15) met six times during 2008/9, Graham Towers resigned in May and Michael Hales stepped down for personal reasons in August. Tony Davenport was excluded by a majority vote in November until the 2009 AGM. Following the adoption in September of a policy on how to handle conflicts of interest, John Riddington has chaired all discussions on the former children's hospital site.

CMPCA Crossword 003



SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD 002



ACROSS

1. Resident of 7 down and namesake of Brighton district (6,4)
8. Female bird
9. Pulverising
11. As attended by the Mad Hatter? (3,5)
12. Vote against
14. Proclaim
17. Burden
18. Tree, film and paint colour
20. Public house on Upper North Street
21. Unwell
22. Giving vigour to

DOWN

2. Aircraft shed
3. St Mary _____, RC church
4. Brilliantly witty
5. Whirlpool
6. Gambler
7. Private home, now Brighton and Hove High School (3,6)
10. Hay Wain painter, Montpelier visitor
13. Corrugations in potato crisps
15. Suitcase
16. Local football club
19. Lazy

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