

BRA against the superstore

Local residents continue to make the case against the superstore application on behalf of BRA, with a mandate to do so from the recent AGM. We are not alone - an online poll in the community website suggests that 92% of local people are opposed to the application.

In particular, local residents were concerned that the already very busy junction at Brighton Place/High St had been omitted from the Traffic Analysis. Following letters of objection from BRA and others, this is now being rectified.

To keep up to date with developments, visit the campaign website at: www.pcats.org.uk

Thanks to everyone who is helping to distribute leaflets etc. It's great to see the community in action - together we will win.



Winter Sun in Rosefield Park by Elaine Ferguson

www.portobello-edinburgh.org.uk



your community website

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Brightons Residents Association

Newsletter – Winter 2004

AGM

Our AGM in November was well attended. The chair's report took the form of a PowerPoint presentation. It turned out to be quite an eventful year and the slideshow reminded us of some of the problems we faced and the solutions we found as a community.

We also included some slides that have recently come to light, of both Rosefield and Brighton Parks from years gone by, some of which are reproduced in this newsletter.

John Maule, a former chair of BRA, gave us an interesting short talk on the 25 year history of the association.

Spring Clean Up

Our ever-popular annual clean up of Rosefield and Brighton parks will take place on **Saturday 24 April**. Meet at 10am outside the entrance to Rosefield Park from Rosefield Place. Litter pickers, gloves etc provided. Children welcome.

Social Events

Ideas anyone? Meeting soon to discuss.

Rosefield Parking Restrictions

Delay due to 'breakdown in communication'. Watch this space!



Rosefield Park by Mina from Brighton Nursery



Rose Nimmo

Rose lives in Rosefield Avenue with husband Tom, a former chair of BRA. She is both an accomplished artist and, more recently, a singer in both a blues band and a jazz trio. What makes Rose's story interesting is the fact that she is also a mum with grown up children, who chose to pursue her dreams at a time in her life when many are ready to settle down to Emmerdale and a nice cup of tea.

As an artist Rose has exhibited widely, notably in the RSA and the Modern Art Gallery. She also exhibits in Portobello library, giving local people the opportunity to view and purchase her work. Her style is difficult to pin down and she uses a variety of media.

As a singer you can judge for yourself. The Rosy Blue Band gigs regularly both locally and further afield. You have the opportunity of catching Rose singing with the jazz trio at the Bedford on 28 February. For more information and samples of their songs check the Rosy Blue website at www.rosyblue.co.uk.

Read the full length feature article on Rose in the Portobello community website at www.portobello-edinburgh.org.uk

Lovely, what is it?



This roughly hewn circular stone in the Rosefield playpark is partly hollowed to look like a large bowl or mortar. We have no idea what it is, where it came from, what it may have been used for or how old it is. If you have the answer to any of these questions please let us know!

Lovely, where is it?



This attractive statue once stood in what is now the playpark in Rosefield. It was removed by the Parks Dept in 1968 and placed in Saughton Winter Gardens along with another statue from the Promenade for 'safe keeping'. We want the 'Portobello marbles' back but their present whereabouts are unknown. We think there is a lesson to be learned here!

Brighton Park Sundial

"This sundial of square stone design with four vertical dials on a short pillar, supported by a stepped up stone base with stone thistle on top was originally sited at the west gateway of the Portobello Tower on the Promenade.

It was gifted to the city by a former owner of the Tower, a Councillor William Gray. At its original site it stood 10 feet high but it appears to have lost the two stones which formed the pillar between the base and the sundial during the move from Tower Street (Now Figgate Street).

The exact date of the gift and move is not known but the sundial first appears on the O.S. maps from 1912"

courtesy of Portobello Local History website

The sundial was 'adopted' a few years ago by a local resident on behalf of the Cockburn Association. We are currently making enquiries as to how it can be best preserved.



Rosefield Park – the golden years

Just look at that flower display! We don't know exactly when this photo was taken, but it was obviously in the days when we had a proper Parks department. Note also the castellated building in what is now the children's playpark. Other photographs show that the path used to run all the way round the park. Maybe we should reinstate it? What do you think of this idea?

e-news

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e-bra@blueyonder.co.uk



BRA 1995 vintage

This photograph, courtesy of John Maule, is of the summer barbeque in 1995. John has an album of these events covering 1993 – 1996.



Abercorn Bridge

Where the Figgate Burn emerges under Sir Harry Lauder Road and enters Rosefield Park is the original bridge. Identical plaques on either side of the bridge bear the (badly eroded) legend:

ABERCORN BRIDGE
ERECTED 1826 BY THE TRUSTEES
OF THE POST ROAD DISTRICT
SIR JOHN HOPE
OF CRAIGHALL BART.
CONVENER

We know that Sir John Hope of Craighall and Pinkie was a baronet and MP for the County of Mid-Lothian. He lived between 1780 and 1853.

Waste Paper Collection Dates

February 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Know your street rep

Your street rep is your first point of contact if you have a problem that BRA can assist with. In case you are not sure who that person is, here is a current list:

Brighton Place – Wendy Davies (8)
Brighton Place – Rona Cornwall (25 TF)
Brighton Place – Bernard Devoy (44)
East Brighton Cres – Peter Wraith (3)
Lee Crescent – John Maule (16)
Rosefield Avenue – Tom Nimmo (7)
Rosefield Avenue – Karen Downing (13)
Rosefield Street – Jessa Butler (4F2)
Rosefield Place – Elisabeth McCulloch (14)
Sandford Gardens – Linda Milne (7)
W.Brighton Cres – Stephen Hawkins (12)

Rosefield Neighbourhood Watch

Not quite up and running yet but should be soon. We are also looking at connecting up with other NW schemes in the area and will be participating in the Crime Prevention Panel.

Welcome

New neighbours are the lifeblood of our community. We are a friendly bunch – you'll like us!

...and yesterday we were also looking through the arched window

