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Firework Party

7pm is the time
Regency Square is the place
Tuesday November 5th is the day

for

fireworks
sparklers for the youngsters
hot soup and
baked potatoes.

Everyone is welcome and there is no
charge

The fireworks have been donated by one of our members. They will be under the control of Society committee members - please do not bring your own fireworks.

If the weather is not good enough we will postpone the party until the following evening.

Help needed for a Christmas Tree

For several years we have put a Christmas tree in Regency Square. The cost of the tree and the lights has been met by two of the hotels in the Square and the Council has provided the labour to erect it free of charge.

The Society has only had to meet the cost of electricity and insurance (about £100).

It is a sign of the hard economic times that the hotels are not able to fund the tree this year and the Council now has to charge a fee for any work done.

So if we want a tree we have to find the money. Earlier this year we received a generous donation of £100 from a member. We have decided to add that to the £100 we would normally pay out of Society funds.

That leaves £150 to find. Can you help with a donation? If so, please send it, to our treasurer:

Harold Lawson
7 Chartwell Court
Russell Square
Brighton

All donations, whether large or small, will be gratefully received.

Brighton Little Theatre, Clarence Gardens

next production:
OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD
by Timberlake Wertenbaker
November 17 - 23

Details: phone Brighton 205000

ALL CHANGE IN WESTERN RD

From next Sunday (November 10) new traffic regulations will be in force in Western Road.

There will be considerable changes to traffic flows, particularly in Preston Street where only cycles will be allowed to enter from the top end.

The whole scheme looks pretty complicated on paper. It will be interesting to see if it works. One factor which will affect its success will be the willingness of the police to spend time enforcing it.

It is a six month experiment and there will be an opportunity for public comment before it is made permanent.

A leaflet is available from the Town Hall or the Library giving full details of the scheme.

BUSES STAY AWAY

When the Western Rd traffic scheme was first published for public comment there was a suggestion that the road in front of Marks and Spencer should be fully pedestrianised, with buses turning down Cannon Place.

The Society opposed this idea strongly because of its likely effect on Cannon Place and Russell Square.

The Council found that public response to this idea was divided but with the majority against. So they are not pursuing it at present.

AN ALARMING TALE

Car alarms are a real nuisance. It's bad enough when they go off in the day. At night they can mean no sleep for anyone unlucky enough to be within earshot.

At about 4 am on 25 September an alarm started at the top of Regency Square. It continued until 9 am.

A number of people phoned the police, who tried to find the owner, but without success.

The paintwork on the front of the car was damaged. It looked as if someone had poured paint stripper on it. It's not clear whether this is what started the alarm or if it was the action of a frustrated resident, unable to get back to sleep.

Why can't the police open cars to stop an alarm? They can tow a car away if it is illegally parked but if it causing a nuisance to hundreds of people who are trying to sleep, they are powerless.

We have written to the police to ask for their views. We are also planning to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment suggesting legislation which gives the police the authority, and the duty, to silence alarms on cars or buildings if they are causing a nuisance to residents.

The legislation should also require all new alarms to be designed to cut out after 5 or 10 minutes.

RUBBISH LINE: call the Council free to report rubbish in the street
0800 525573

At Last a Coat of Paint

The railings in Russell and Clarence Square look as if they have not been painted this century!

We asked our newest councillor, Nimrod Ping, if he could get something done. He has told us that they are now in the queue for painting, directly behind Pelham Square. So perhaps they will soon be ready to face the next century with a new coat of paint.

What about Regency Square ?

Councillor Ping has also raised the question of the railings in Regency Square.

They are made of galvanised metal and have never been painted. But since the railings on the houses are all black perhaps those round the Square should look the same.

What do you think ?

If you have a view, either for or against, please let our Chairman, Roger Hinton know (tel 21794).

THANKS

We had a very pleasant social evening last month, with about fifty members and guests attending.

Many thanks to the Metropole Hotel for the free use of the York Room and to the Brighton and Hove French Circle for the loan of their projector and screen.

Thanks also to those members who helped with the refreshments which were much appreciated by everyone.

SOCIETY CONTACTS

CHAIRMAN Roger Hinton: tel 21794
SECRETARY Richard Pau: tel 26711
TREASURER Harold Lawson tel 28203

We Made It !

We now have over 100 members, 103 at the last count.

Many of these are family memberships so they represent two or more people.

Many thanks to those members who have been working hard to recruit new members. Don't give up - we've printed another application form in this month's newsletter - and there are still more non-members than members!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To Harold Lawson, 14 Chartwell Court, Russell Square, Brighton.

I would like to apply for membership of the Regency Square Area Society for the year 1991/92 in the category ticked below:

	£
Ordinary member	3.00
Family	3.50
Senior Citizen	2.50
Junior	1.00
Associate (non-resident)	2.50
Business (non-resident)	5.50

Name _____

Address _____

Cheques payable to the Regency Square Area Society please.