

Regency Square Area Society

NEWSLETTER 80
March 1992

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at 7-30 pm on Friday 3 April in the York Room at the Metropole Hotel.

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- 2 Committee Report for 1991/92
- 3 Treasurer's Report for 1991/92
- 4 Election of Officers and Committee
- 5 Subscriptions
- 6 Any Other Business

Refreshments will be provided.

Following the formal business there will be a talk by Ken Francis on the Royal Pavilion, illustrated with slides.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Western Road Traffic Scheme: the Society was consulted about the new traffic scheme which was introduced on a trial basis last year; our main concern was to oppose plans to close Western Road in front of Marks & Spencer and re-route buses down Cannon Place. This part of the scheme was dropped. We have made detailed comments on the scheme as it is now in operation (see Newsletter 79).

Rubbish: this is the problem that never goes away. We opposed plans for a communal rubbish skip and have been continuing to put pressure on the Council to clear the rubbish bags which are dumped in the street. We published a leaflet to tell residents when the official collection day is.

The West Pier: the collapse of the Merlin International plans for the pier seemed to move still further away the date on which anything significant is likely to happen. The new leaders of the Trust that owns the pier have ambitious plans for improving its public image. The Society remains an interested observer of this never ending saga.

The Battle for Castle Street: the battle is to protect the residents against the continual pressure from commercial activities. The Fitness Factory has finally been ordered to take down its advertising banners that flapped in the wind keeping people awake at night. The next skirmish is a repeat of one fought and won several years ago - to stop the snooker club extending its opening hours after midnight.

"Number 32": this house in Regency Square is a victim of the Council's refusal to allow houses in multiple occupation to be converted to self-contained flats. We have asked the Planning Officer to issue an enforcement notice requiring the owner to repair and decorate the front of the house.

Road Re-surfacing: the Society protested strongly at the way the re-surfacing of Clarence and Russell Squares was carried out. At the time of writing, work in Regency Square is still to be completed.

Car Alarms: the Society has pressed for legislation to ban car alarms that sound for long periods.

Railings to be Painted: the painting of railings in Russell Square and Clarence Square has been included in the Council's schedule of works at the Society's suggestion.

Road Name Signs: following our request, the missing signs in Regency Square have been replaced.

Social Events: at the AGM in March we had a talk by Robert Gregory and in the Autumn at our social evening, Nick Tyson talked about the architect Charles Busby who designed Brunswick Town. Thanks to the generosity of a member who donated the fireworks, we had a very pleasant party in Regency square on November 5th.

Christmas Tree: the tree that we put in Regency Square last Christmas cost over £300. In spite of appeals in the newsletter and hard work by the Treasurer, not enough donations were made by members to cover the full cost so the short fall of about £100 had to be met from Society reserves - hence the deficit shown in this year's accounts. The committee is proposing not to erect a tree next year.

Membership: after a slight drop the previous year, we have again achieved over 100 paid up members this year.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PLEASE !

Subscriptions are now due for re-renewal. Please send your subscription to the Treasurer using the form below:

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

I would like to re-new my membership of the Regency Square Area Society for the year 1992/93 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.

Regency Square Area Society
Accounts for the year ending 29 February 1992

RECEIPTS

Donations	149.00
Functions	17.70
Subscriptions	351.00
Interest Received	41.67
Christmas Tree	216.00

775.37

PAYMENTS

Functions	297.48
Printing etc	254.74
Christmas Tree	317.81

870.03

DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR 94.66
(Note: Christmas Tree deficit £101.81)

Balance at 1/3/91 726.79

Balance at 29/2/92 £ 632.13

Made up of :-

High Interest Account	480.11
Current Account	79.37

559.48

Cash 72.65

£ 632.13

Harold Lawson
Treasurer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominations are invited for Society officers and committee members. If you are interested and would like more details please phone Roger Hinton (21794) or Richard Pau (26711).

MORE MEMBERS WANTED

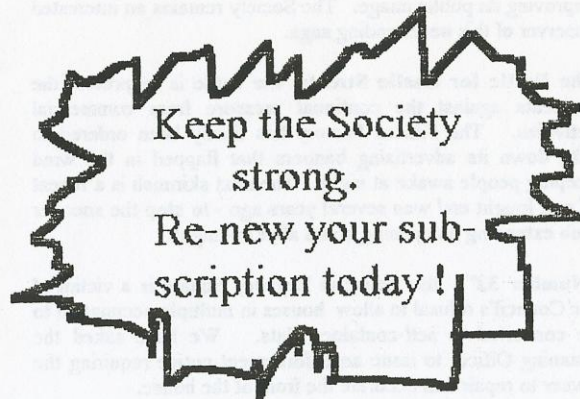
The more members we have, the stronger we are. Do you have any friends or neighbours who would be interested in joining? If so please give them the enclosed leaflet and bring them along to the AGM.

More copies of the membership leaflet can be obtained from Roger Hinton (tel 21794) or Harold Lawson (tel 28203).

KEEP ON PHONING

Don't forget to phone the Council if you find rubbish dumped in the street. The free number to call is

0800 525573.



Brighton Little Theatre, Clarence Gardens

next production:
THE AMERICAN DREAM
by Edward Albee
March 20-22

Details: phone Brighton 205000

THE ROYAL PAVILION
A talk with slides
by
Ken Francis

Friday 3 April 1992 at the
Metropole Hotel
following the Society AGM

OTHER BUSINESS

The AGM provides a good opportunity for members to tell the committee what they think the Society should be doing. Here are some questions on which the committee would like to hear your views during the "Any other business" section of the meeting:

Should there be a waste recycling centre in our area (ie glass disposal bins etc)? If so where?

Has the free-for-all parking during re-surfacing work in Regency Square given you any ideas for improved parking arrangements.

Should the Society pay for a Christmas Tree in Regency Square each year?

East Sussex County Council wants to take over responsibility for highways and transportation from Brighton Council. The Society has been asked for its views. What should we say?

Do you have any suggestions for social events or outings that the Society could organise?

These are only suggested topics for discussion, and your views on any other issue will of course be welcome.

SOCIETY CONTACTS

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