

## REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY NEWS LETTER N° 2.

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### YOUR COMMITTEE

In addition to the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer the Society has seven other committee members at present. Their names and addresses are given below. Any of them will be pleased to hear from members with views about the Society or the Area.

Mavis Hargreaves, (Housewife), Flat 8, 31 Regency Square. Tel 29227

Edith Jones, (Housewife), Flat 7, 31 Regency Square. Tel 203196

E.A. Mason, (Hotelier and resident), 52 Regency Square. Tel 29585

Roger Mallett, (Accountant), Middle Cottage, Queensbury Mews. Tel 23690

Len Penfold, (Licencee), Regency Tavern. Tel 25246

Linda O'Connor, (Housewife), Flat 2, 30 Regency Square.

Daniel Spear, (Hotelier), Hotel George IV, Regency Square. Tel 28819

### HELP WANTED

Would you like to help produce the Newsletter? The more people involved in producing it the better. Articles (short please), cartoons, drawings or anything you think might be of interest to members should be sent to Roger Hinton (38, Regency Square).

Any one with access to an electric typewriter or a photocopier or litho machine, who would like to take a turn in helping to produce the Newsletter will be particularly welcome.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU PARTY



The first event to be organised by the Society is a social evening which will be on Tuesday May 1st. It will be held at the Hotel George IV in Regency Square at 8.30 pm.

The idea is to provide an opportunity for members to meet each other in an informal way. There will be wine and a light buffet and a charge of 75p will be made to cover the cost (payable at the door).

Linda O'Connor is organising the buffet with other members of the committee: any members who would like to help would be most welcome - contact Linda at Flat 2, 30 Regency Square.

There are plans for a raffle during the evening to help raise funds for the Society. If you've got any small unwanted gifts that could be used as prizes contact the Treasurer (Roger Hinton, 38, Regency Square. tel. 21794).

If the evening is a success it could be the first of many and our Society would become a really friendly one.

So, don't forget the date - 8.30 on May the 1st. Bring a friend if you like - guests and new members will be welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## GROWING MEMBERSHIP

The Society has grown considerably as a result of the first Newsletter which was circulated to about 900 people living in the area.

We now have over 100 members. At present the majority are from Regency Square but other parts of the area are well represented, especially Sussex Heights, Russell Square, Clarence Square and Little Preston Street.

If you have any neighbours who are interested in the Society but have not joined yet why not show them your copy of the Newsletter as a reminder - or bring them along to the social evening on May 1st.



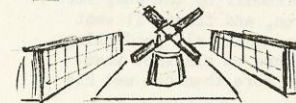
If you plan to come to the "Getting to Know You" evening on May 1st please use this form to let us know so we can plan the food.

TO Linda O'Connor, Flat 2, 30 Regency Square

I am planning to come to the social evening on May 1st at the Hotel George IV and will be bringing \_\_\_ guests.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



## A WINDMILL IN REGENCY SQUARE

Committee member E.A. Mason reflects on some aspects of the history of Regency Square

As far as is known the Prince Regent never honoured Regency Square with a visit, so it remains a bit of a mystery as to its name.

His brother, who became William IV otherwise known as Silly Billy, certainly sought some acquaintance with it, but then the story goes that he had lost his way and was in the wrong square.

The nearest touch of the high and mighty seems to have been when the Duchess of St. Albans settled in the square - she was thought to have been the richest woman in England - that must have attracted some rare characters.

Other squares have had their titled denizens galore but ours all seem to be of nudging shoulders and a confusion of association, such as the questions as to which house does the great Olivier live in, because a regency square is a conventional form of address. Now we have Regency this or that; with or without the Prince - Queens become King, a plethora of titles as mixed up as ever - pity the poor postman sorting them all out.

How did it all start? Well like all good fairy stories - Once upon a time, in a place called Belle Vue, stood a thriving windmill in an open field, a rural setting by the sea - and peace lay upon the land - but not for long, there was a war on..... the story continues **OVER**

TO  
LINDA O'CONNOR,  
FLAT 2  
30 REGENCY SQUARE

SEE OVER

A WINDMILL IN REGENCY SQUARE CONT'D

Belle Vue - In that lovely setting we say a fond farewell to that windmill by the sea, for recall there was a war on, and though it went on and on and off and on again, all good things come to an end at last, and we all know what happens when it stops. More than one met his Waterloo.

No place for the miller by the sea with all that lovely land to build on, and so we have him carted off; forty oxen to do the job, up the hill and far away.

The Prince Regent set the style and began tearing up his Brighton House to build his Fairy Palace. Nothing daunted and imitation being the sincerest form of flattery so they say, Room Town was on again and the miller's field must have looked like some film set for the wild west.

The builders ran up their frontages, architects unknown, but still built according to some concept if not to the grand scale of Kemp Town, with a certain pleasing sense of domestic proportion and admixture of a touch of the oriental to their interiors in deference to his Royal Highness, or perhaps there was a surplus to requirements in the palm leaf trade.

There must have been a surplus of domestic labour for the builders didn't waste any frills for rooms above the first floor, and the rooms above must have held an army of those demobbed from the recent war.

Plus la meme chose - Upstairs & Downstairs becomes the lot of everyone as the future unfolds.



HOW SHOULD  
THESE BE  
LEVIED?

## A FREE AREA

The Council has now provided the Society with a plan showing the proposed dog free area in Regency Square.

The proposal is to fence the centre green, using steel railings similar to those already in place. The Committee has discussed this idea in some detail. Some members wanted the top green to be fenced rather than the middle one. However, the majority view was that it would be fairest and most pleasant looking if it was the middle one.

Two members of the committee will be going to see the Director of Parks and Gardens to let him know our views.

## LITTER BINS

Residents of Regency Square have been pleased to see the re-appearance of litter bins around the Square. This was one of the issues raised at the inaugural meeting of the Society in February.

One of the reasons they were taken away in the first place was that they were being filled up with household rubbish. Let's hope that doesn't happen again!

~~£2~~ £1

Apologies to our senior citizen members. The subscription rates given in the last Newsletter did not mention the special rate: if you are a senior citizen the rate for ordinary membership is £1 a year. So for a married couple it's cheaper to have two individual memberships than the family membership at £2.50.

If you have paid the higher rate of £2 for ordinary membership or £2.50 for family membership let the Treasurer know and he will give you a refund or put the excess towards your subscription for next year. (The Treasurer is Roger Hinton, 38 Regency Square. Tel. 21794)

If you have recently received your rates demand from the Town Hall you will probably be interested in learning about changes which are soon to be made in the method of valuing property for ratable value.

The committee is hoping to organise a meeting in the near future and invite a speaker from the valuation office. More details in the next issue.

## THE METROPOLE HOTEL

The Metropole hotel and exhibition hall is one of the biggest properties in the Society's area. It is a pity therefore that they have decided not to support us by becoming a member.

Our Chairman wrote personally to the General Manager inviting him to join. In his reply he thanked us for the invitation but said that "pressure of business" prevented him from accepting.

Once the Society is well-established and successful perhaps we can persuade him to change his mind.

## OBSTRUCTION!

Talking of the Exhibition Halls, residents of St. Margarets Place, Sussex Heights and Queensberry Mews are very concerned about the traffic problems they cause.

Large lorries block the streets whenever an exhibition is being set up or taken down. Recently a doctor visiting someone in Sussex Heights was unable to get through in his car, and two residents of Queensbury Mews have been told by lorry drivers that the road was closed when they tried to get through to their garages.

The committee is investigating this problem and hopes to be able to get something done to improve things.

## THE LITTLE THEATRE

We're pleased to welcome the Brighton Little Theatre Company as a member of the Society. They are based in the Studio Theatre in Clarence Gardens.

They are an amateur group who put on 8 productions a year. The next one will run for seven nights from Sunday May 27; it will be Butley, a modern comedy by Simon Gray.

If you want to buy tickets (60p each) you need to be an associate member which costs £2 a year. For that you get details of all the productions and other activities.

To join contact Mrs. Woodjetts, 414 Portland Rd., Hove. Tel 415411