

## Regency Square Area Society

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#### RESIDENTS PARKING

Residents with parking permits have been finding it increasingly difficult to park on residents' parking bays recently. There are particular problems on Saturdays, evenings and Bank Holidays.

One of the problems has been that people without permits have been able to park on bays without being booked. This is because the white lines marking out the bays were not clearly painted.

The Society has taken this up with the Council and as a result the white lines have now been made good and wardens are booking cars which do not have permits.

Our area comes within the parking Area B in which there are 221 residents' bays altogether. A survey revealed that 25% of these had indistinct markings. An added problem is that the Council has a policy of issuing more permits than there are bays. At present there are only bays for 80% of permit holders.

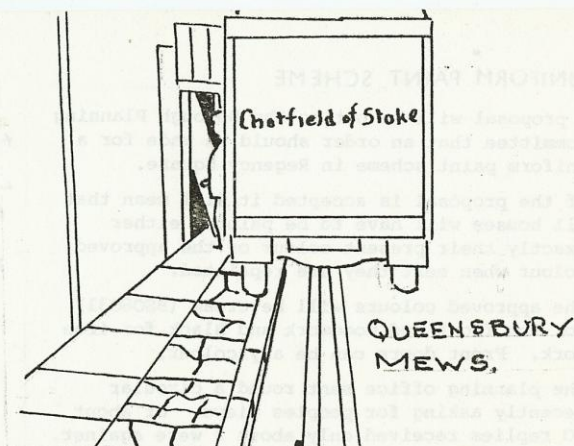
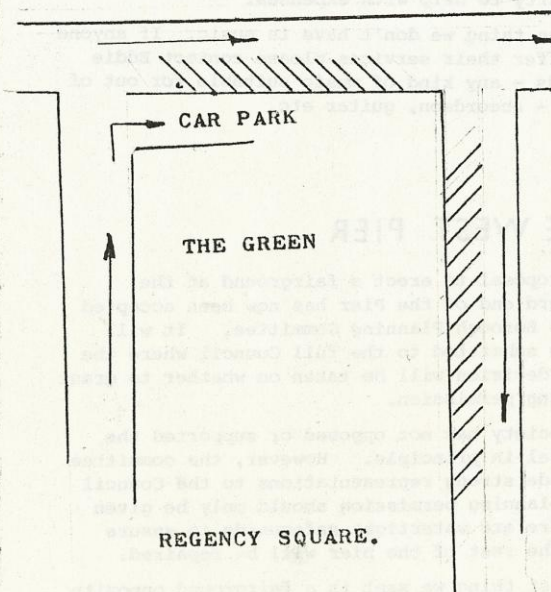
Is this fair? It could mean that a resident who has paid his fee cannot park just because all the bays are already filled by other permit holders. The Committee is looking into this arrangement.

The whole question of the unsatisfactory arrangements for residents' parking is to be considered by the Borough Highways committee shortly. We will continue to press for improved arrangements and keep you informed.

One possible solution to the problem would be to re-arrange parking places in Regency Square altogether and revert to the old arrangement as shown in the diagram.

This would increase the amount of space available. It would also make it possible for lockable bollards to be placed in front of residents' places and each permit holder given a key. That would ensure that places were not used by non-residents. It would also mean that residents could have exclusive use of the bays for 24 hours a day.

Please let the committee know your views. Contact Eddie Edwards at 38 Regency Square (tel 27935).



FROM A PHOTO OF LORRY No KRF224V  
OBSTRUCTING THE GARAGE OF No. 50  
BREAKING UP THE PAVEMENT,  
PARKING ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE,  
SUPERVISED BY A WARDEN.

#### EXHIBITION TRAFFIC

The area is still suffering serious congestion as a result of exhibition traffic coming to the Metropole Exhibition Halls.

The Committee is continuing to try to find ways to improve things. Clearly we cannot prevent the traffic coming unless we close down the Exhibition Halls. It is unlikely that could be done and in any case many members would no doubt oppose any attempt to do so because of the business they bring to the area.

The main issues are the fact that while the halls are being loaded and unloaded roads are blocked by heavy vehicles thus causing an obstruction to any emergency services - this is particularly serious in an area of high fire risk.- secondly there is the fact that exhibition vehicles seem to be able to park unmolested on double yellow lines and suspended meters while ordinary motorists are being booked. Is there one law for the big and another for the poor?

The Committee is collecting evidence on these matters - including photographs - and will be writing to the Chief Constable. We will keep you informed of developments in future newsletters.



## UNIFORM PAINT SCHEME

A proposal will be put to the Borough Planning Committee that an order should be made for a uniform paint scheme in Regency Square.

If the proposal is accepted it will mean that all houses will have to be painted either exactly their present colour or the approved colour when next they are repainted.

The approved colours will be cream (BS08C31) for the front and woodwork and Black for iron work. Front doors can be any colour.

The planning office sent round a circular recently asking for peoples views. Of about 20 replies received only about 3 were against the scheme.

## WELCOME TO A NEW SOCIETY

We welcome the formation of a new neighbouring society, the Bedford and Norfolk Community Association.

Members of our committee were invited to their last meeting. When common problems arise the two societies will meet to consider them and see if joint action can be taken.

The first such problem is that of rubbish which is dumped in Little Preston Street. This refuse seems to come mainly from the restaurants and often overflows into the street.

Another subject of mutual concern that is likely to generate debate in the future is the plan for the Seamark Tower.

Architects working for the owners of the Norfolk hotel have produced plans for a 38 storey tower to be built on waste land behind the hotel. The tower would contain hotel rooms, flats, a swimming pool and a public viewing gallery.

Described by its architect as a Regency terrace upwards it has received rather less flattering comments from many other local groups who feel it would be out of keeping with the other buildings in the area.

As yet no planning application has been made. It will be interesting to see how the planning authority reacts if an application is made since a tower of this height would clearly contravene the Structure Plan which limits new buildings in Brighton to 8 floors.

## ( REMEMBER REMEMBER



Don't forget the Society's firework party. It will be held on Regency Square on Wednesday 5 November starting at 7pm.

The fireworks will be bigger and better than last year. Soup and rolls will be served.

Everyone is welcome - members and non-members. So tell your friends.

Any contributions of fireworks will be welcome. Please give them to Eddie Edwards (38 Regency Square). A collection will be taken during the party to help with expenses.

The one thing we don't have is music. If anyone can offer their services please contact Eddie Edwards - any kind of music suitable for out of doors - accordeon, guitar etc.

## THE WEST PIER

The proposal to erect a fairground at the landward end of the Pier has now been accepted by the Borough Planning Committee. It will now be submitted to the full Council where the final decision will be taken on whether to grant planning permission.

The Society has not opposed or supported the proposal in principle. However, the committee has made strong representations to the Council that planning permission should only be given if there are watertight safeguards to ensure that the rest of the pier will be repaired.

The last thing we want is a fairground opposite Regency Square and no pier!

If you wish your views to be available to the Borough Council before they take the final decision you should write to R G Morgan Esq, Chief Executive, Brighton Borough Council, Town Hall, Brighton.

## BRIGHTON BYPASS

A plan has been published for a new Brighton and Hove bypass.

The road would run from Shoreham behind the two towns to meet the A27 Lewes Road near Falmer. Its aim is to take some of the traffic out of the town centre.

To build the road it would be necessary to demolish a number of houses and destroy part of Stanmer woods.

The full plans for the road will be on public exhibition at the Wagner Hall, Regency Road on 7 and 8 November.

The bypass will considerably effect the flow of traffic through Brighton specially along the front.

Let Howard Ward, 43 Little Preston Street, know you views.

## CAROL SERVICE

A carol service will be held in the French Protestant Church in Queensbury Mews (behind the Hotel Metropole) on Wednesday 10 December at 7pm.

This Church has been in existence in Brighton for over 400 years. It was founded by the Huguenots. It is one of three still functioning in England.

Please keep this date free and support this unique Brighton Church.

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Your committee will be considering at its next meeting what sort of social event to organise at Christmas. The meeting will be on Tuesday 4 November so if you have any suggestions please let the Secretary know before then - contact Howard Ward 43 Little Preston Street (tel 203126).