

Regency Square Area Society

NEWS LETTER No 8

OUR FIRST A.G.M. APRIL '80

The Society's first Annual General Meeting was held at the Portland House Hotel on 30 March. There was a lively discussion of the Society's future and a number of interesting new ideas were proposed. Details will appear in the Newsletters.

A new committee was elected with the following members:

Eddie Edwards (Chairman) 38 Regency Sq (Tel 27935)
Howard Ward (Secretary) 43 Little Preston Street (Tel 203126)
Roger Hinton (Treasurer) 38 Regency Square (Tel 21794)
Carol Clipsham 51 Regency Square
Phyllis Edwards 38 Regency Square
Jill and Teddy Mason 52 Regency Square
Lyn O'Connor 30 Regency Square
Daniel Spear Hotel George IV

The committee would like to co-opt extra members to represent other parts of the area such as Clarence Square or Sussex Heights. If you are interested please contact the Secretary (Tel 203126).

THE FUTURE OF THE BRIGHTON WORLD FAMOUS WEST PIER IS TO BE DECIDED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

The latest proposal is for an American style amusement park to be developed on the landward end immediately opposite Regency Square. The park, described as a Victorian Disneyland, would be dominated by a 150 ft high ferris wheel.

The scheme is the brainchild of Alan Hawes whose firm, Metrim Engineering, has already installed similar fairs elsewhere. Mr Hawes is prepared to put up the £6 million or so needed to restore the whole pier and build the fun fair.

An idea like this couldn't have come at a better time for the ailing West Pier campaign. The campaign has been torn by internal disputes for about eighteen months and the annual accounts of the company set up to buy the Pier, show it to be over £10,000 in the red.

Mr Hawes' first step will be to apply for planning permission to build his fun fair on the Pier. How will the Council react? Initial signs are that they are interested in the idea.

WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ?

But a key factor must be the views of the residents and traders in the area. Opinions vary. Supporters of the scheme welcome it as the only chance to save the Pier; they point out that it will be in keeping with Brighton's image as a lively seaside resort.

Others object, saying they would rather see the Pier go than have it spoilt by a huge structure higher than the buildings opposite. They are also worried about the noise from the crowds riding on the wheel and other amusements.

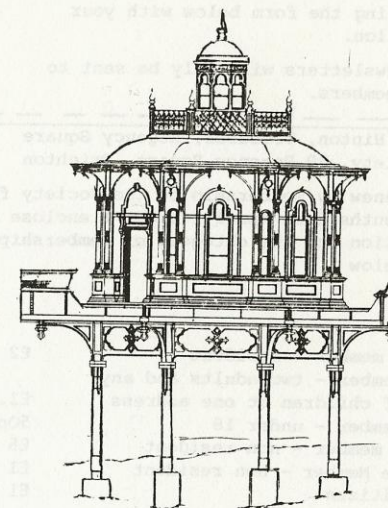
What view should the Society adopt? If there is a clear majority amongst local people either for or against the scheme then the Society can present our views to the Council.

A PUBLIC MEETING MAY 8TH AT THE WAGNER HALL 8 P.M.

Your committee has organised a public meeting to find out what people think. It will be held at 8pm on Thursday 8 May in the Wagner Hall in Regency Road.

Alan Hawes will be there to describe his scheme in more detail. Other speakers will Cllr John Smith and John Lloyd of the West Pier campaign.

Everyone is welcome. Come along to find out the facts and make your views known.



Kiosk

Main Deck: "Big Wheel",
Corkscrew Coaster,
Various high capacity
amusement devices.
Phase I

Sussex
Heights
290'

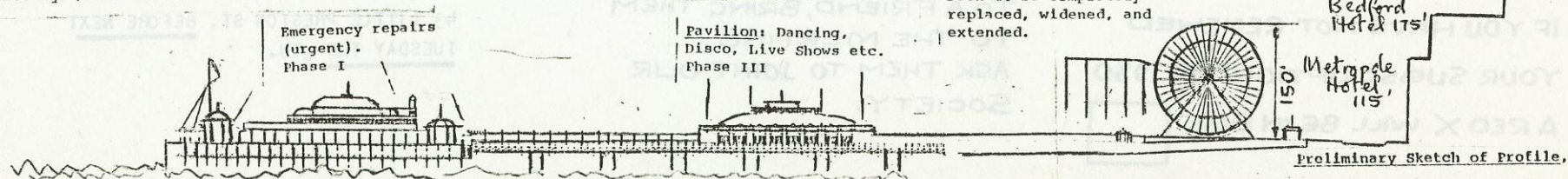
Bedford
Hotel 175'

Metropole
Hotel 115'

Deck to be completely
replaced, widened, and
extended.

Pavilion: Dancing,
Disco, Live Shows etc.
Phase III

Emergency repairs
(urgent).
Phase I



Preliminary Sketch of Profile.

OOPS!

Appologies from the Treasurer for an error in the last Newsletter. The subscription for family members was shown as £3 when it should have been £2.50. Anyone who has paid £3 can have a refund by contacting the Treasurer. Alternatively the extra 50p will be put towards next year's subscription.

MEMBERSHIP 1980

There are still some members who have not renewed their subscription. If you are one there will be a red X in the box at the bottom of the page to remind you. Please renew today by returning the form below with your subscription.

Future Newsletters will only be sent to paid up members.

To Roger Hinton, Tresurer, Regency Square Area Society, 38 Regency Square, Brighton

Please renew my membership of the Society for the 12 months from April 1 1980. I enclose my subscription for the category of membership ticked below

Ordinary member - resident	£2
Family member - two adults and any number of children at one address	£2.50
Junior member - under 18	50p
Business member - non resident	£5
Associate Member - non resident	£1
Senior Citizen	£1

Name

Address

Please make cheques payable to the Regency Square Area Society.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1980
A RED X WILL BE IN BOX ☐

WORLD PREMIERE

The next production at Brighton Little Theatre will be the world premiere of a new play by award winning local writer, Sandra Freeman.

The play has the intriguing title How Sarah Compromised in 1910. It is being directed for the Little Theatre by the author.

The production opens on Sunday 18 May and runs through until Saturday 24 May.

Tickets can be obtained - price 60p - from Mrs Ellwood 50 Old Shoreham Road (Tel 550797).

Don't miss it!

INTERESTED IN ART ?

Two members, Jenny Hampson and Howard Ward are thinking of forming an art group. They would like to meet any other members who paint, draw or are involved in art.

There is no fixed plan for what the group should do yet: Jenny Hampson used to belong to a group before she moved to Brighton:

"We met once a week in a church hall for the entire day taking a picnic lunch. All kinds of media were used, oil, inkwash, pastel; in fact you did your own thing... We made a small subscription charge and this paid for the hall and heating and if there was any over we invited a tutor on a specialised subject. In the summer we painted out doors at chosen places of interest."

If you would be interested in joining a group for this or any other kind of activity associated with art you are invited to a preliminary discussion evening at 43 Little Preston Street at 8pm on Thursday 15 May.

Please come whatever your interest. Everyone will be welcome. If you can't make it but are interested contact Howard Ward (tel 203126).

SHOW THE ENCLOSED LEAFLET
TO A FRIEND, BRING THEM
TO THE MEETING,
ASK THEM TO JOIN OUR
SOCIETY.

HAVE YOU A HOBBY ?

Do you have a hobby or interest you would like to tell other members about?

It might be collecting bottles, growing cactus, making tapistry or building model railways. Whatever it is there are probably other members who would be interested to hear about it.

Perhaps you could invite those interested to visit you for an evening. Alternatively we might be able to arrange a meeting in a hotel or public hall for you to talk about your interest or give a demonstration.

If you would be interested contact Roger Hinton (Tel 21794) to make arrangements to put something in the Newsletter.

A
Social
Evening
Wine
&
Refreshments

A social evening will be held on MONDAY 2ND June at the Hotel George IV to welcome new members.

A small admission charge will be made and wine and a buffet supper provided.

Non members will be welcome. So make a note in your diary. Full details in the next Newsletter.

STOP PRESS

AS THIS LETTER GOES TO PRESS THE COUNCIL ARE ERECTING STANDS FOR THE ARTISTS PICTURE DISPLAY. IF YOU THINK THIS IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE SQUARE, SEND A LETTER TO OUR SECRETARY AT 43 LITTLE PRESTON ST. BEFORE NEXT TUESDAY THE 6TH.