

Regency Square Area Society

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SOCIAL EVENING

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1 ST.

RESIDENTS PARKING

As reported in the October Newsletter the Society has been investigating the problems associated with residents parking bays.

We have been in touch with the Council and the Police. As a result all the white lines marking out the bays are now clearly painted. Also the Police have promised to book any non-residents using the bays during the restricted hours.

Local councillors have been made aware of the problems caused by illegal parking in residents bays and the Evening Argus carried a feature on the whole issue.

The whole question of parking arrangements for residents is to be debated by the East Sussex County Council which is the responsible authority.

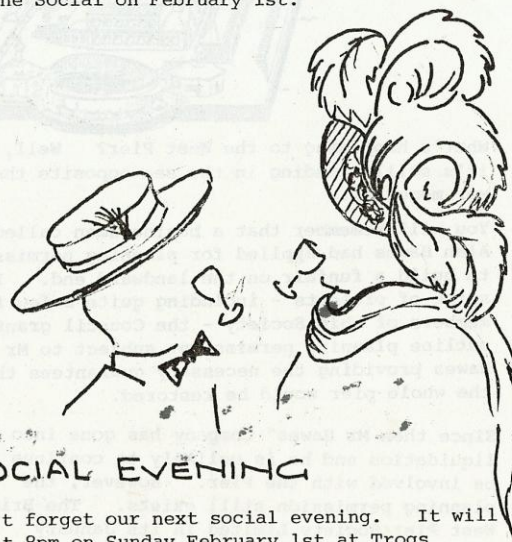
We will keep members informed of developments.

A GREAT PARTY

THANKS

Thanks to everyone who helped with the children's new year party, especially Lyn O'Connor who organised the food, presents etc and to Jenny Penfold who had the hectic job of running the games. The presents were handed out by Buzby, courtesy of the Post Office, and all the kids had a good time.

Thanks also to the Simpsons at the Granville Hotel for offering the use of their basement for the Social on February 1st.



SOCIAL EVENING

Don't forget our next social evening. It will be at 8pm on Sunday February 1st at Trogs restaurant in the basement of the Granville Hotel, 125 Kings Road.

Admission will be £1 per person payable at the door and will cover food and wine or beer. There will be music and singing, and a raffle in aid of Society funds (prizes needed - please look out any unwanted Xmas gifts and contact the Chairman Eddie Edwards at 38 Regency Square tel 27935).

So please come and bring your friends and neighbours. All members and their guests will be very welcome. And if you feel like dressing up please do - old tyme fancy dress optional.

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HONORARY AUDITOR NEEDED

We need someone to audit the Society's accounts at the end of February. Would you be willing to volunteer? Or do you know someone who could do it?

You don't need to be an accountant though some knowledge of bookkeeping might help. All that is involved is to look through the Treasurer's account book, receipts etc and satisfy yourself that everything is in order. You then sign a statement to that effect which is circulated to members with the Treasurer's annual report.

If you could help please contact the Treasurer Roger Hinton at 38 Regency Square (Tel 21794).

YOUR COMMITTEE

Would you like to help run the Society? The committee is now a small one and we are keen to see a larger one after the AGM. If you would like to be nominated or to nominate someone you know, please contact the Secretary Howard Ward at 43 Little Preston Street (Tel 203126).

Nominations are also invited for Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP

You can also re-new your membership now by completing the form below and sending it with your subscription to the Treasurer Roger Hinton at 38 Regency Square.

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Please renew my membership of the Regency Square Area Society for one year from 1st March 1981. I enclose my subscription for membership in the category ticked below:

Ordinary	£2.00
Family	£2.50
Senior Citizen	£1.00
Associate	£1.00
Business	£5.00

Name

Address

TRAFFIC SENSE

Success at last! After many months of complaining to the police and the Council it seems we have succeeded in changing the carpark entrance traffic layout.

Previously cars could enter either from the western side of the Square or from Preston Street. At busy times queues would tail back into Preston Street blocking it and stopping traffic from getting into the Square.

Now, as suggested by the Society, the entrance from Preston Street has been blocked off. Traffic from Preston Street has to go right round the Square to join the other queue. This is a fairer system for motorists who have only one queue to join. It also reduces the traffic chaos at the top of the Square.

Better late than never!

CAR PARK REPAIRS

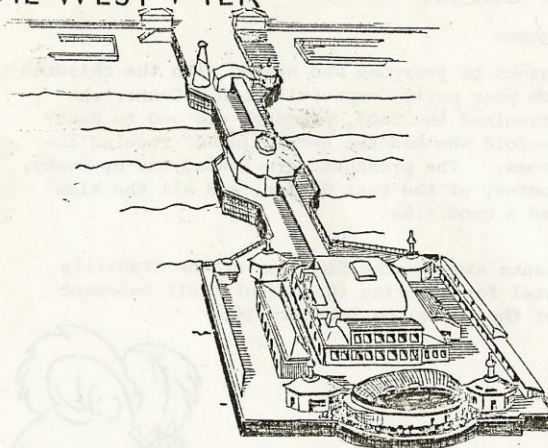
The underground car park in Regency Square needs £25,000 worth of repairs. The purpose of the work will be to repair damage caused by the expansion and contraction of the deck.

However, because of the economic climate it is unlikely that the work will start before 1982. When it does start it should take about three months but should not create much disruption: the car park will continue to operate normally except for the closure of a few parking bays and it will not be necessary to close the road.

To

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THE WEST PIER



What's happening to the West Pier? Well, it's still standing in the sea opposite the war memorial.

You will remember that a businessman called Alan Hawes had applied for planning permission to build a funfair on the landward end. In spite of protests - including quite a few from members of this Society - the Council granted outline planning permission, subject to Mr Hawes providing the necessary guarantees that the whole pier would be restored.

Since then Mr Hawes' Company has gone into liquidation and he is unlikely to continue to be involved with the Pier. However, the planning permission still exists. The Brighton West Pier Society Limited in its January newsletter is talking optimistically about other companies interested in taking on the scheme.

Meanwhile the Council has apparently not yet set the wheels in motion to demolish the Pier though they had said they would if a scheme for saving it was not well under way by the end of 1980.

The Pier is a listed building. If the Council did decide to demolish it there would be a public enquiry at which local people who want to see it saved would no doubt fight very strongly to persuade the Secretary or State to prevent demolition.

As soon as any new moves are made to either demolish or develop the Pier they will need to be debated by this Society to decide if we would want to support or oppose them. Your committee is keeping the situation under review.

REGENCY SQUARE COLOUR SCHEME

It's official. If you live in 2 - 46 or 51 - 66 Regency Square or in 131 Kings Road you are now the subject of an official "Direction" issued by Brighton Borough Council.

The direction is that if you want to paint the front of your house in any colours other than exactly those it is now you will need planning permission. And you will only get planning permission if you agree to use the standard colours approved by the Council which are:

All external walls, surfaces, pipework, gutters, downpipes etc and including all rendering and boundary walls and canopies and posts thereto, where already painted - colour BS 10 C 31 - finish gloss/smooth masonry paint.

All woodwork window frames sashes, glazing bars, door frames etc - colour BS 10 C 31 - finish gloss.

All architectural ironwork, gates, railings, balconies etc but excluding posts to canopies - black gloss.

front and basement doors - colour optional - finish gloss.

BS 10 C 31 is the British Standard number for a particular shade of cream.

Presumably if you live in 46a - 50 Regency Square the Council aren't interested in the colour of your home.