



Regency Square Area Society

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SUNDAY MARCH 26 TH. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The second ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the society will be held at 3 pm on Sunday 29 March 1981 at the Portland House Hotel, Regency Square.

The agenda will be

- 1 Minutes of the previous AGM
- 2 The Chairman will introduce the committee's report
- 3 The Treasurer will introduce the financial report
- 4 The meeting will fix the subscription rates for 1981/82 - the committee recommends no change.
- 5 The meeting will elect officers and a committee for 1981/82 - see below for details about nominations.
- 6 General discussion of possible Society activities in the coming year

Tea and coffee will be served after the meeting and the Treasurer will be available to receive members subscriptions for 1981/82.

Please try and come to the meeting and do bring any friends or neighbours who might be interested in joining the Society.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ending 28 February 1981

INCOME	
Membership subscriptions	169.00
Donations	25.60
Income from functions (gross)	216.25
	<u>£410.85</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Printing and Stationery	89.60
Room Hire	34.00
Refreshments	82.82
Donations	10.00
Coach Hire	80.75
Functions (Miscellaneous expenses)	67.14
Surplus of income over expenditure	46.54
	<u>£410.85</u>

Balance Sheet as at 28 February 1981

Balance brought forward	220.26
Surplus on 1981/82	46.54
Accumulated fund	266.80
Subscriptions received in advance	25.50
	<u>£292.30</u>
Cash at Bank	215.20
Cash in Hand	77.10
	<u>£292.30</u>

Auditor's Report

I have examined the financial records of the Regency Square Area Society for the year ending 28 February 1981 and am satisfied that these accounts represent a true and fair statement of the Society's affairs.

Signed W D O'Connor

STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMITTEE

We need to strengthen and broaden the committee in order to continue and build on the Society's successes. If you could give a couple of hours a month to discuss and plan improvements to the area or social activities please put your name forward to the Secretary. If you know someone else who would make a good committee member please try and persuade them to accept nomination.

The Society will elect its officers and committee for the coming year at the AGM on 29 March. If you would like to serve as an officer or committee member or would like to nominate someone else please return the form below to the Secretary by 28 March. The Secretary is Howard Ward, 43 Little Preston Street.

STRENGTHEN OUR SOCIETY

Please renew your subscription if you have not yet done so by sending the form below and a cheque or cash to Roger Hinton, Treasurer, Regency Square Area Society, 38 Regency Square, Brighton BN1 2FJ.

Some members have already renewed; if you want to check whether you have renewed or not telephone the Treasurer (Brighton 21794).

Please renew my membership of the Regency Square Area Society for the 12 months from 1 April 1981. I enclose my subscription at the rate indicated below:

	£
Ordinary member	2.00
Family member	2.50
Junior member (under 18)	0.50
Business member	5.00
Associate member (non-resident)	1.00

Name

Address

Cheques should be made payable to the Regency Square Area Society and crossed.

PLEASE ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS TO JOIN

I should like to be considered for election
OR

I nominate for election (delete as appropriate)
as (tick one)

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Committee member

Name

Address

If you are nominating someone else please give your own name.

You should not nominate someone without first consulting them.

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1980/81

The Society has been active throughout the year both in keeping under review matters of local concern and in organising social events. Some of our main activities are described below:

NATIONAL CARPARK CONGESTION

On Saturday mornings considerable traffic congestion occurred at the entrance to the underground car park in Regency Square. We prepared drawings outlining an improved layout and submitted these to the police, council and NCP. Our proposals have now been adopted and the congestion relieved.

RESIDENTS PARKING

Residents have faced many problems in trying to make use of residents' parking spaces. This has been due partly to the fact that there are only 80% of permit holders for which there are spaces available. Other problems have been illegal parkers and the fact that the spaces are only limited to residents during meter hours.

We have raised these problems with councillors and the police. We have now proposed a complete new layout for residents parking places that would give an extra 9 places, all in one place; we are also proposing that spaces should be reserved for residents for 24 hours a day. The proposed new layout would also give 11 new metered places thus producing income to help cover the cost.

PAVING STONES

The Council is reluctant to replace broken paving stones because of limited funds available. However, they have renewed a small section in Queensbury Mews and we are pressing for further repairs to be carried out. It has been suggested that tarmac might be used in place of paving stones to save cost: we will vigorously oppose this idea.

NEWSLETTERS

Seven newsletters have been published during the year and circulated to members. We would be very pleased to have contributions from members for future issues - local news, reminiscences etc.

PLANNING

We now have a permanent representative on the Council's Conservation Areas Advisory Committee. This committee advises the planning authority on all requests for planning permission in Brighton's conservation areas. Over the last twelve months we have thus been able to keep a watching brief over all proposals for our area.

The main issues dealt with by the committee have been the West Pier and the Exhibition Hall development. The committee also advised strongly against advertising on parking meters and the idea was dropped.

Through our Secretary, who sits on the committee we have a direct link with the planning authority.

DOG FREE AREA

The northern end of Regency Square was enclosed as a dog free area during the year. This resulted from a petition presented to the Council by a group of residents who later went on to form the Society. It has taken a long time for the Council to finish the job. We are now discussing with the Parks and Gardens department what can be done to improve the green by planting shrubs etc.

KEEPING THE SQUARES CLEAN

As a result of pressure from the Society extra dust bins have been placed throughout the squares and they are emptied more frequently. However, the problem still continues of residents filling them with household rubbish.

EXHIBITION HALLS

We have repeatedly protested about the congestion and noise created during the loading and unloading of the Metropole Exhibition Halls. A particular concern is the fact that when the narrow streets are congested emergency services would be seriously delayed in getting to a fire or accident.

At last there will be some improvement in St Margaret's Place with the building of the extension to the Halls. Lorries will load and unload inside the new building and steps are being taken to prevent lorries all arriving at the same time.

The Regency Square/Queensbury Mews entrance still gets very congested and we are pressing for improvements there as well.

WEST PIER

Outline planning permission has been granted for an amusement park to be built on the north end of the Pier and for the whole Pier to be repaired and developed. However the Company which obtained the permission is not proceeding because of financial problems.

Since the West Pier Society Limited has been unable to raise money to save the Pier it is likely that the Council will apply for permission to demolish it. This is likely to lead to a public enquiry. When the position is clearer the committee will consult members as to what action the Society should adopt.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

During the year we have organised a number of social activities. The children had a new year party at the Portland House Hotel and we have had social evenings at the George IV and the Granville Hotels. There was a coach trip to Butlins at Bognor in the summer and an excellent fireworks display on the green for November 5th. We would like to thank all those members who are not on the committee but have helped with running these events.

PAINTING - CREAM
WHITE FRAMES
BLACK IRON WORK