

REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY NEWS LETTER N°18 63 REGENCY SQUARE

With regret we return to the subject of the house at number 63 Regency Square. As reported in our previous issue over 40 owners of flats, houses and hotels in the Square have petitioned the Council and the Department of Health and Social Security about the condition of the house which is a disgrace to one of the town's finest conservation areas.

As a result of the petition the Council have informed the DHSS that they do not consider the premises suitable for housing the homeless. However the Council cannot force the DHSS to stop paying for people to have "bed and breakfast" there and the DHSS have given no indication that they will stop.

The Council are negotiating with the owner Mr Brian Hare about repairs to the exterior.

What is there to negotiate? It is a simple question of whether he is going to put his house into good order and when. If a positive answer is not received to these questions then the Council should serve a compulsory repairs notice.

They have also taken legal advice about their power to enter the building to determine what improvements are needed to make it suitable for the sort of multiple occupancy for which it is being used.

Meanwhile Mr Hare's planning application to build partitions across rooms has been approved by the Council Planning Committee. This was in spite of objections from local residents and from the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee.

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The purpose of the partitions will be to increase the number of people in residence at any one time

We have asked them to condemn the division of rooms thus cancelling out the planning permission.

The Society is arranging a meeting with Council Officers and elected Councillors to raise with them the need for further urgent action to avoid even worse deterioration and the risk of serious damage to neighbouring properties. The question will also be raised of a reduction in rates for adjacent properties to allow for reduced property value during the period of delapidation.

SOCIAL EVENING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH



Don't forget the next Social Evening. It will be at 8pm on Tuesday 29 September at the Portland House Hotel in Regency Square.

Anthony Dale of the Regency Society will give a talk called "Lesser Known Brighton", illustrated with slides.

Wine and a light buffet will be served. There will be music and a raffle.

Tickets can be obtained in advance from Lyn O'Connor at 30 Regency Square (Ground Floor). The price to include the wine and buffet is £1.

Please book in advance so we will know how much food to prepare.

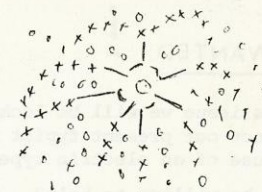
Members and guests welcome.

To Lyn O'Connor, 30 Regency Square (Ground floor)
Please send me tickets for the Social
on Tuesday 29 September. I enclose £

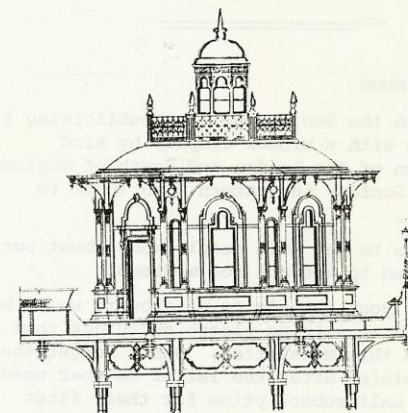
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Plans are in hand for this year's firework party in November. There will be a charcoal fire, soup and savouries and a fireworks display. The Society is providing the fireworks. If you would like to contribute and help make the display more spectacular please contact Lyn O'Connor (30 Regency Square) who will be able to tell you how best you can help.



THE WEST PIER

The West Pier Society Ltd, now known as the West Pier Trust Ltd, has recently suggested to the Council that a West Pier Consultative Committee should be set up. It has been proposed that our society should have a representative on the committee. This would give us a say in any possible future use of the Pier.

This is important since our area is likely to be affected more than any other by whatever happens to the Pier.

Our neighbouring Bedford and Norfolk Community Association has called a meeting of local societies to discuss the future of the Pier.

Our Society will be represented by Peter Spear and Roger Hinton who will report the outcome in the next Newsletter.

TYPIST WANTED !

After this issue we will be looking for a new typist since our present typist will no longer have the use of an electric typewriter.

Would you be willing to help? We really need someone with access to a modern electric machine with a carbon ribbon so that we can maintain our present standard of clearly printed newsletters.

Do you have such a machine at home or at work? The typing involved only requires an hour or so every few weeks.

If you can help please contact Roger Hinton at 38 Regency Sq (Tel 21794).

IN THE WINDOW

Next month the Society will be publicising its existence with a window display by kind permission of the London and South of England Building Society in Western Road (near to Waitrose).

The aim is to let more people know about our Society and to attract new members.

If any of your friends or neighbours would be interested in joining please encourage them Show them this Newsletter. Don't forget that anyone joining after the 1st of October need only pay half subscription for their first year.

The half year subscriptions are:

Member	1.00
Senior Citizen	0.50
Family	1.25
Junior	0.25
Business	2.50
Associate (non resident)	0.50

Subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer, Roger Hinton at 38 Regency Square.

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THE YEAR OF THE DISABLED



A LOCAL CONTRIBUTION

Congratulations to 11 year old Katie Keehan and her friends who have raised £95 for Chailey Heritage school. The money was raised from a fete held on Regency Square last month.

It was a pleasant afternoon with jumble and bric a brac stalls, tea and homemade cakes, a raffle and a fancy dress competition for the children. The competition was won by Dracula disguised as Gary O'Connor. Craig Penfold and Alexandra Mason were the runners up.

The money was gratefully received by the Chailey Heritage school which helps handicapped children. It will be used to help pay for their holiday to Butlins.

Well done to all those who helped make it an enjoyable and successful event.

ARE YOU THERE ?

On the 10 th. of October enlargements of our July 27th. party will be displayed in the window of London and South of England Building Society, Weston Rd.

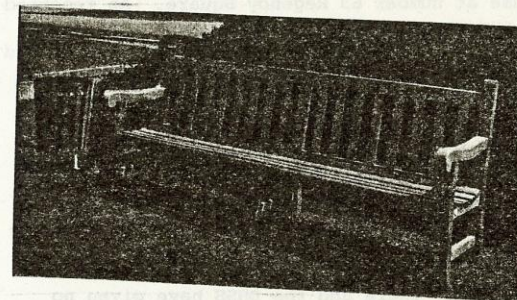
SHUT THE GATE - QUIETLY PLEASE

The dog free areas in our squares can only be kept really clean if the gates are kept shut. In Regency Square the gates close automatically on springs but in Clarence and Russell Squares they don't. We have raised this problem with the Park Department.

Unfortunately the gate posts would need to be replaced for springs to be fitted and there is not enough money available this year to pay for the work.

However, they have promised to include the work in the budget for next year.

Meanwhile those living near the gates in Regency Square will be pleased to hear that the Park Department have agreed to fit rubber buffers to stop the gates making a loud clang when they swing closed.



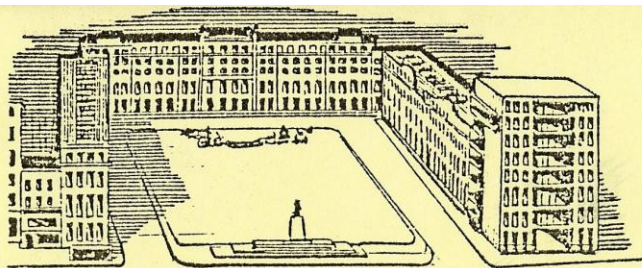
BENCHES ON THE GREENS

The Committee has now decided that the proceeds from the Royal Wedding day party should be used to buy a new bench for the Regency Square green. The bench will have a plaque on it saying that it has been placed there by the Society to commemorate the wedding.

The Society has also decided to adopt the other benches on Regency Square and Clarence Square. These belong to the Council who are doing nothing to preserve them. Mr Griffin of the Parks Department has said he would be pleased for the Society to look after them and has advised how we should treat the woodwork to preserve it.

So we plan to hold a sandpaper and varnish party on the greens one day during the autumn. Helpers will be needed so if you are willing to spare a few hours please contact Eddie Edwards (Tel 27935).

More details in the next issue.



Regency Square Area Society

The Regency Square Area Society was formed in 1979. Its aims are to look after the common interests of people living and working in the area and to encourage social activities.

We are particularly concerned to protect the environment in this, one of Brighton's most important conservation areas.

Over the past year we have been involved in many activities:

discussions with the Council to relieve congestion caused by the Regency Square carpark and to improve the residents parking arrangements;

we are represented on the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee which reviews all planning applications in conservation areas;

negotiations with the Parks and Gardens department regarding the dog free area in Regency Square;

representations to the police and the Council about the nuisance caused by traffic loading and unloading the Metropole exhibition halls;

THE WEST PIER.

keeping under review the plans for the West Pier and ensuring that local residents are well informed of developments;

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

organising social evenings, a coach outing and a firework party;

NEWS LETTERS.

publishing newsletters to keep members informed about what is happening in the area.

COME TO OUR A.G.M. MARCH 29TH. 3P.M. PORTLAND HOUSE HOTEL.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY SOCIETY

To join just send the form below and your subscription to the Treasurer. If you would like to come to our AGM you will be most welcome. It will be held at 3pm on Sunday 29 March 1981 at the Portland House Hotel in Regency Square.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To Roger Hinton, Treasurer, Regency Square Area Society, 38 Regency Square, Brighton BN1 2FJ

Please enrol me as a member of the Regency Square Area Society for the twelve months from April first 1981. I enclose my subscription for membership in the category indicated below. (Cheques should be made payable to the Regency Square Area Society.)

	£
Ordinary member	2.00
Family member (two adults and any number of children at one address)	2.50
Junior member (under 18)	0.50
Business member	5.00
Associate member (non-residents)	1.00
Senior Citizen	1.00

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