



REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY NEWS LETTER N° 21

ANUAL REPORT

The third Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 3 pm on Sunday 4 April 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 present the financial report
- 4 The meeting will fix the subscription rates for 1932/33 - the committee recommends no change
- 5 The meeting will elect officers and committee members for 1932/33 - see below for details about the elections
- 6 General discussion of possible Society activities in the coming year

After the formal business there will be a talk by Robert Gregory, Chairman of the Brighton Society, illustrated with slides:

SUNDAY APRIL 4TH THE REGENCY SQUARE AREA HISTORY OF A COMMUNITY

Tea will be served and the treasurer will be available to receive subscriptions for 32/33.

Please try and come - and do bring any friends or neighbours who might be interested.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Over the year your committee has continued to monitor developments in the area. Our major concern has been the seriously deteriorating condition of number 63 Regency Square. We have been in contact with the Council about this building which was in such a bad state that it was threatening the condition of neighbouring properties.

Some minor repair work has now been done but the house is still a disgrace. The Society must continue to press for action.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

There has been a more successful outcome to our campaign to end the traffic congestion at the entrance to the car park in Regency Square. At our suggestion the Brough Engineer agreed to try a scheme to block the way in from Preston Street so that all traffic had to go round the Square and enter from the South. This plan proved a success and has now been made permanent.

PARKING

Other matters on which we have been in touch with the Council are plans to improve parking facilities for residents, noise from the Metropole Exhibition Halls and the condition of the gates into the various dog free areas in our squares. On this last point we are pleased to report that rubber dampers have been fitted to the Regency Square gates to stop the noise of them shutting and the Council has promised to fit spring closers to those in Russell and Clarence Squares soon.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Socially the high spot of the year was certainly the royal wedding day party on Regency Square. Hundreds of people came to celebrate in the sun. There was music, entertainment, food, drink and games. Many people contributed both with gifts and time to make it the Society's biggest event to date. At the end of the day the budget for the party showed a surplus of about £150 so the committee has decided to use this to buy a new bench for the Square.

Other successful events have included two social evenings, one with live Olde Tyme entertainment, a coach outing to Eastbourne, a childrens New Year party and our usual firework party in November.

YOUR LINK WITH THE PLANNERS

Our Society is now well established as an important Community Group in the Town. Our Secretary, Howard Ward is a regular attendee at the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee which advises the Planning Authority on proposed developments in all the town's conservation areas. Through this contact we have a regular link with the planners.

TAKE THE MIKE

Eddie Edwards our Chairman was one of a group of representatives of Brighton community groups who appeared on the BBC TV programme 'Take the Mike': on the programme Brighton councillors faced searching questions about Council policy and how the rates are spent.

THE WEST PIER

The committee is much concerned about the future of the West Pier. Unfortunately there is not much progress to be reported at present. A representative attended a meeting of local groups recently to hear reports from both the West Pier Society and the West Pier Trust. The former have plans to start small scale repairs at the shore end of the pier soon; the Society must watch this development carefully. The trust on the other hand see the solution in a large scale scheme with commercial backing. They have persuaded the Council to study their ideas in detail.

PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT THE WEST PIER

On Thursday April 29 at 3pm there will be a public meeting at the Friends Meeting House in Ship Street. It is being organised by the Brighton West Pier Trust. Speakers from Bournemouth and Bangor will describe what they are doing to save their piers. There will be a collection.

WANTED

Regular readers of the Society's newsletters will have noticed a deterioration in the quality of the typeface. This is because we no longer have access to a good quality electric typewriter. Any member who can help in this respect - please let us know.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Regency Square Area Society
Income and Expenditure Account for the
year ending 23 February 1932

INCOME	£
Membership subscriptions	163.50
Donations	113.25
Income from functions (gross)	337.51
	<u>614.26</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Printing & Stationary	41.59
Room hire	20.00
Refreshments	103.42
Donations	13.60
Coach hire	35.50
Functions (misc. exoenses)	157.14
Subscription	4.00
Miscellaneous expenses	14.92
Provision for purchase of bench	150.00
	<u>595.17</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure	<u>19.09</u>
Balance Sheet as at 23 February 1932	
Balance brought forward	266.80
Surplus in 31/32	19.09
Accumulated fund	<u>235.39</u>
Subscription received in advance	.50
Provision for purchase of bench	150.00
	<u>436.39</u>
Cash at bank	403.14
Cash in hand	33.25
	<u>436.39</u>

Auditor's Report

I have examined the financial records of the Regency Square Area Society for the year ending 23 February 1932 and am satisfied that these accounts represent a true and fair statement of the Society's affairs.

Signed: W D O'Connor

AN INVITATION

Nominations are now open for next year's committee. Anyone who feels they can spare some time to help run the Society should contact the Secretary or send in the nomination form.

Howard Ward who has been Secretary for the last two years has decided he must now stand down. He is keen to continue as a committee member and to represent the Society on the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee. We are all very grateful to him for his work for the Society over the last two years.

The Committee is nominating Richard Fau to take over as Secretary. He is a research worker at the University of Sussex and lives with his family in Regency Square.

Peter Spear has also decided to step down from the committee after a year's valuable service during which he played a considerable part in the success of the royal wedding day party.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMITTEE

The Society Committee is always in need of new ideas and new people to help. If you could spare two or three hours a month to help run the Society or you know someone else who might then please make a nomination using the form provided. If you would like to find out more before doing so then contact one of the Society officers:

Chairman: Eddie Edwards, 33 Regency Square. tel 27935

Secretary: Howard Ward, 43 Little Preston St, tel 203126

Treasurer: Roger Hinton, 33 Regency Square. tel 21794

PRESENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Mrs Edwards, Mrs Dear, Miss Fyffe
Mr Mason, Mrs O'Connor, Mr P Spear.

To Howard Ward, 43 Little Preston Street

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 name _____

Please do not nominate anyone without their agreement. Nominations should reach the Secretary by 10 am on Sunday 4 April.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your subscription by sending cash or a cheque to the Treasurer, Roger Hinton, 33 Regency Square, Brighton BN1 2FJ

If you have any friends or neighbours who are not members please help to strengthen the Society by asking them to join or bringing them to the AGM.

To Roger Hinton, 33 Regency Square

Please renew my membership of the Regency Square Area Society for the 12 months starting on 1 April 1932. I enclose my subscription at the rate ticked below.

	£
Ordinary member	2.00
Senior Citizen	1.00
Junior (under 13)	0.50
Family	2.50
Business	5.00
Associate (non-resident)	1.00

Name Miss EB King

Address 31 Regency Square

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