



REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY NEWS LETTER, No 27

THE REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY'S FOURTH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
THE PORTLAND HOUSE HOTEL IN REGENCY SQUARE
AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY 27 MARCH 1983

The agenda will be:

- 1 Minutes of the previous meeting.
- 2 The Chairman will present the committee's report
- 3 The Treasurer will present the Financial report.
- 4 The meeting will fix subscription rates for 1983/4. The committee recommends no change.
- 5 The meeting will be asked to fix new subscription rates in advance for 1984/5: see the committee report.
- 6 The meeting will elect officers and committee members for 1983/4.
- 7 General discussion of possible Society activities in the coming year.

Tea will be served and the Treasurer will be available to receive subscriptions.

Please try and come-and bring a neighbour who might be interested in joining the Society.

REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY

Income and expenditure account for the year ending 28-2-83

INCOME	
Membership subscriptions	164.75
Donations	14.00
Income from functions (gross)	64.45
	<u>243.20</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Printing and stationary	50.36
Room hire	5.00
Refreshments	48.40
Donations	3.09
Functions (Misc.expenses)	91.52
Miscellaneous expenses	9.47
	<u>207.84</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure	35.36
Add surplus on purchase of bench	1.95
Transferred to Accumulated Funds	£ <u>37.31</u>

Balance sheet as at 28 February 1983

Balance brought forward	285.89
Added in 82/83	37.31
	£ <u>323.20</u>
Cash at bank	277.06
Cash in hand	46.14
	£ <u>323.20</u>

Auditors Report

I have examined the financial records of the Regency Square Area Society for the year ending 28 February 1983 and am satisfied that these accounts represent a true and fair statement of the Society's affairs.

Signed H.W. Hampson

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

It has been a busy year for the committee; we have been involved in a number of local campaigns:

Preston Lodge: Three Society members live in flats above the new casino at the bottom of Preston Street. When the casino opened their lives were disrupted by the noise of the air conditioning plant which had been located on the roof of the building. The noise went on into the early hours.

Our Chairman helped the residents of the flats prepare a case which they took to court. As a result the casino was ordered to stop the noise and the plant has now been removed from the roof and relocated in an outbuilding.

This is a major victory for individuals against big business and is undoubtedly one of the Society's main achievements this year.

63 Regency Square: We have been somewhat less successful in our attempts to persuade the owner of this property to improve its condition. We have been supported by the Council which has taken legal action against him but as yet there has been little improvement and the house is still in a disgraceful condition.

Churchill Centre Hotel: An application was made for this building to become a hostel for the mentally handicapped. After considerable debate we decided to oppose the application on the grounds that the premises were not really suitable. We were supported by Councillor Mrs. Nettleton and the Planning Committee rejected the proposal.

Supermarket Trolleys: At last Sainsbury's and Tesco's have taken action to resolve the number of trolleys left on the streets. So far their new scheme seems to be having an effect. Last year the Society took a series of photographs showing trolleys in the roadway and on the pavements. We sent them to Tim Sainsbury MP and asked him to use his influence to get something done. We also continued to put pressure on the store managements in Brighton.

Russell Square Garage: Another big success this year was the prevention of National Car Parks from opening a car park in the old Dutton Foreshaw premises in Russell Square. As soon as it became known that this was planned a protest campaign was started with the support of the Society and local councillors, both conservative and liberal. The result was that NCP dropped the plan and the premises are now to let. We must remain vigilant over future possible developments on the site.

Subway Flooding: The subway from the Regency Square carpark to the beach and the carpark exit road have both suffered from serious flooding. Following a request from the Society the subway drains have now been repaired. The exit road is still a problem which needs an urgent solution.

These are just some of the more important matters we have been involved in. We keep a regular eye on planning applications and are represented on the Conservation Area Advisory Committee.

Following the success of the Royal Wedding Day party in 1981 we have now bought a new wooden bench for the green. We also organised a Sunday morning "work-in" to clean up some of the other benches.

The Society's social outings have been less frequent than in previous years. This is mainly because we have lost one of our leading committee members, Lyn O'Connor. She has moved from the area and her energy and liveliness are sadly missed. The committee needs some new forces to fill the gap she has left. Any members who would be interested in planning and running social outings please contact the Chairman (tel 27935) or nominate yourself to the committee.

The usual firework party was held in November and we had a pleasant social evening at the George IV hotel in December.

Next year we are hoping to run a summer coach outing again and have some more socials. Any other suggestions will be welcome.

The Society starts its fifth year in a healthy financial position, having again made a small surplus of income over expenditure. We therefore propose to keep membership subscriptions at the same level. They have not increased since the Society was founded.

However if we are to have more activities next year we will find our funds dropping. We would therefore like to propose new membership rates to come into effect in March 1984 as follows:

Ordinary member	2.50
Family membership	3.00
Junior	1.00
Senior citizen	2.00
Associate member	2.00
Business member	5.00

The treasurer will answer any questions about the proposed rates at the AGM when members will be asked to approve them.

For 1983/4 we propose no change in rates. Please renew your membership now on the form below.

would you like to serve on the Society's committee? If so please send a nomination to the Secretary by 10 am on Sunday 27th March.

To Richard Pau, 40 Regency Square.

I would like to be considered for election
OR

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

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee member

Name.....

Address.....

If you are nominating someone else please
give your name

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Please do not nominate anyone without their
agreement.

To: Roger Hinton, 38 Regency Square.

Please receive my subscription to the
Regency Square Area Society for the year
ending 29-2-84.

Tick your category of membership

Ordinary member	2.00
Family (2 adults and any number of children)	2.50
Junior (8-18years)	0.50
Senior citizen	1.00
Associate member (i.e. not resident in the area)	1.00
Business (run by non- resident)	5.00

Name

Address.....

Cheques should be payable to the Regency
Square Area Society.