



REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY NEWS LETTER N^o 28

Annual General Meeting

A few faithful members turned up for the AGM in March but attendance was much poorer than in previous years.

The existing officers and committee were re-elected with the exception of Mr. Mason who decided to stand down. Mr. Mason has been a committee member since the Society started and was one of the group of local residents who founded it originally. We are very grateful to him for his support over the years and are pleased to report that he and his family are continuing as members of the Society.

To remind you who your committee members are:

Chairman Eddie Edwards, 38 Regency Sq.

Secretary Richard Pau, 40 Regency Sq.

Treasurer Roger Hinton, 38 Regency Sq.

Members Mrs S Dean, Flat C, 7
Clarence Sq.

Mrs A C Dear, Flat 4,
11 Clarence Sq.

Miss. B Fyfe, Flat 3
14 Clarence Sq.

Mr J Henderson, 20E
Sussex Heights

Mr H Ward, 43 Little Preston
St. (Society rep.
on the Conservation
Areas Committee)

Contact any member of the committee about local problems or developments, or if you want to suggest a Society activity.

REGENCY WARD COUNCILLORS ELECTED AT THE RECENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Poppy Nittleton, Christopher Giles, and Alfred Feld.

What will happen in Russell Square?

When National Car Parks tried to open the garage in Russell Square for parking local people were quick to object. The Society lead a successful campaign to prevent the car park from opening.

As a result NCP have now put the garage up for let. But who wants to run a garage there now? Dutton Foreshaw didn't and it is unlikely that anyone else will. So what happens to this large site right in the centre of our area?

One suggestion that has been made is that the site should be developed by Brighton Council as sheltered housing. The idea has been put to the Council by our local Regency ward councillors.

Their plan is that the whole site should be redeveloped, either by the Council, or possibly by a housing association. Purpose built accommodation would be provided for people, such as senior citizens, who no longer want to keep up houses of their own. Many such people live in fairly isolated areas and would welcome the chance to move into the centre of town.

It is certainly an imaginative scheme and would do much more to enhance the area than a car park. So far it is only a gleam in the eyes of a few councillors; there is a lot of work to be done before it becomes a firm proposal.

We will watch developments closely and keep you informed. In the meantime, let us know your views. Do you like the proposal? Have you any other suggestions? Send your ideas to the Society secretary, Richard Pau, 40 Regency Square.

A DAY OUT IN SOUTHSEA

This year's Society outing will be to Southsea and Portsmouth Harbour. We will be going by coach on Sunday 3rd July. The coach will leave Regency Square at 10 am. We will stop at Arundel for a cup of coffee and get to Southsea about lunchtime. We will be back in Brighton by 7 pm.

Southsea is a pleasant resort with lots to do and see. There are two piers (both open!) and a promenade with gardens.

Portsmouth harbour is nearby and the coach will stop there for those who wish to visit HMS Victory or the Mary Rose Exhibition.

Other things to see include Southsea Castle, the Natural Science Museum and Aquarium, and Old Portsmouth which is full of naval history.

If you would like to come please book your seat in advance. Tickets can be obtained from Mrs Dean, Flat C, 7 Clarence Square. The prices will be:

Member	2.50
Senior Citizen	1.50
Child under 16	1.50
Non-member	3.50

children three and under:

Please book early If we don't have enough tickets sold by 19th JUNE we will have to cancel the coach,

NEXT SUNDAY

Clean up the Benches on the green

Can you spare an hour or two to help clean up the wooden benches on Regency Square?

On Sunday 22nd May, starting at 11 am, we plan to rub down the benches and paint them with a coating of preservative. Please come and give a hand if you can. We did the same thing last year and everyone enjoyed themselves, especially the kids.

All materials will be provided by the Society. Meet on the top green any time from 11 am until lunchtime.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION ?

Quite a few members have still to pay their subscription, due on 31st March. If you are one of them, please send your cheque or cash to the treasurer, Roger Hinton, 38 Regency Square, together with the form below.

Name.....

Address.....

Please tick your membership category

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

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

JUBILEE STREET DEVELOPMENT

The Brighton Council have indicated that they are prepared to approve a Planning Application to develop the Swimming Bath Site to include an underground Car Park, 4 or 5 storey blocks of Offices along North Rd and Regent Street 14 Residential dwellings and a small skating Rink.

The Minister has called in this proposal and a public enquiry will be held.

It is proposed to ask for the opinions of, and call together amenity Societies to oppose the present Plan and put forward an alternative scheme. This will be on the agenda of our next committee meeting when it will be discussed. In the meantime if you would like to express your views they should be sent to the Society secretary.



Somewhere to meet

The Society has had a large number of successful social evenings in the past. We are finding it hard to arrange any more because the rooms we have used are not available at the moment.

Do you know of any rooms in the area which can be hired for an evening at a reasonable rate? If so please contact the Treasurer.

Chairman co-opted by Brighton Society

We are pleased to report that our Chairman, Eddie Edwards, has been co-opted as a member of the Brighton Society committee.

The Brighton Society is an influential group which has played an important role in preserving the character of our town. If you would like to support their work you can join by sending 3 to the Secretary, Mrs Selma Montford, 10 Clermont Rd., Brighton.

A LETTER FROM THE BRIGHTON SOCIETY

Brighton's recently appointed Borough Planning Officer Peter Robottom has agreed to talk to members of amenity societies and residents groups about his views of planning. He feels that as he has not been in Brighton for long he would like to talk about his views on planning generally referring to Brighton whenever he can.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity for you to ask questions bearing in mind, of course, that Peter Robottom is still finding his way around.

The meeting will take place on WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 1983 at 8.00 p.m. in THE ADELAIDE SUITE AT THE ROYAL PAVILION (By courtesy of the Director)

To EDDY EDWARDS, 38 REGENCY SQUARE
Please let me have tickets for
Peter Robottom's talk on 6th July at
the Royal Pavilion.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____