

## REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY NEWS LETTER N° 29

### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN REGENCY MEWS?

Those who live near to Regency Mews are concerned about the future of the old Dutton Foreshaw garage.

We have successfully prevented NCP from turning it into a carpark. We have just heard that they have sold the site to a private developer who is likely to apply for permission to use it for industrial purposes.

In the meantime a separate planning application has been made to use the main garage building as an ice-skating rink, leaving a large portion of the site for industrial and other development.

The three Regency Ward Councillors have tabled a Motion to the Council with our conditional support to develop the site for Residential Mixed Housing. The Council are still investigation this proposition and we are urging them not to grant planning permission for a skating rink or industrial purposes until the housing proposition has been fully investigated.

### THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Howard Ward our Committee Member who has represented our Society on this committee fell and broke his hip and after the operation damaged his back. We wish him a speedy recovery. Until Howard is well again Mrs S Dean has agreed to attend the Advisory Committee, presenting our views and keeping us informed of all planning applications affecting our area.

### BUSES IN RUSSELL SQUARE?

After the NCP scare anything is possible. Well there aren't any buses in Russell Square yet but if the Council's latest ideas are put into practice there could be, at least at the Cannon Place end.

The Council wants to open up the top of Cannon Place from Western Road so that buses can turn down there and then go through the car park under Churchill Square. This will make it easier for them to turn round if their journey terminates in Churchill Square.

However it will make the bad traffic conditions in Cannon Place even worse. No definite plans have been published yet but the society is keeping the situation under close watch.

### FOOTBALL RULES-OH NO

I this sunny weather there is nothing nicer than to lie in the sun on Regency Square. But beware: if you close your eyes you may get a rude awakening from a football landing on your head.

The top green is nicely fenced off and free of dogs. As a result it is ideal for lying in the sun or letting toddlers toddle. But recently, in spite of NO FOOTBALL notices, there have been fast and furious games in progress.

It only takes a group of five or six young men playing a semi-serious game with a hard ball to make the green virtually unusable by everyone else. The Society has approached the Park Keeper about the problem and in the last couple of weeks it has not been too bad.

However we must ensure that the green is available for old and young alike. So if you can help by asking people to obey notices, please do.

### SOCIAL EVENINGS

In the past we have organized a number of Social evenings which were very much enjoyed by those who attended.

The only reason we have not had any Social evening lately is the lack of anywhere to hold them in or near our square. If you have any suggestions please contact Mrs Dean, Flat C, 7 Clarence Square.

### STRENGTHEN OUR SOCIETY.

You will have seen from the contents of this news letter the importance of having community and conservation societies protecting the local interests of residents and cooperating with each other on the wider issues effecting the town.

Your committee can only represent the residents of our area if it has their support. Please find an extra copy of our news letter enclosed and we would ask you to shew it to your neighbour, asking them to join our society.

### DON'T DELAY-RENEW TODAY

Some members have still to renew their membership for the current year. If your subscription is still due you will find a cross marked in the box on this newsletter.

Please renew your subscription if you want to continue as a member and go on receiving the newsletters. The Society is only effective because it has a large membership.

To pay your subscription just fill in the form below and send it to the treasurer with a cheque or cash.

To Roger Hinton, Regency Square Area Society, 38 Regency Square.

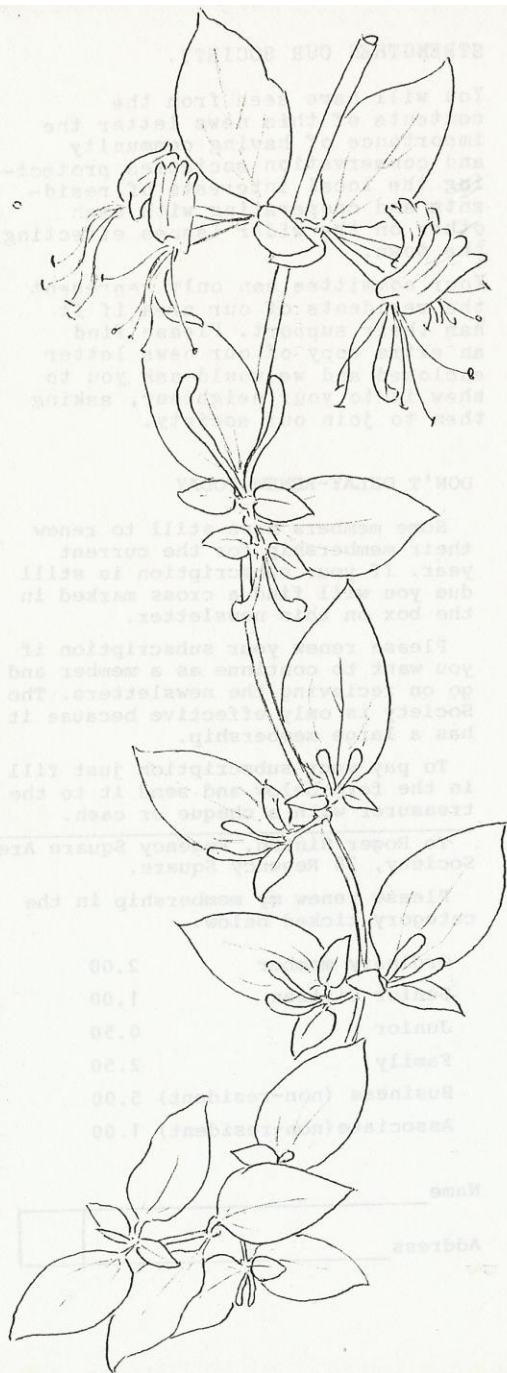
Please renew my membership in the category ticked below:

Ordinary member	2.00
Senior Citizen	1.00
Junior	0.50
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#### A BROADER VIEW OF BRIGHTON

Our Societies affiliation to the Brighton Society has resulted in gaining information about developments in Brighton outside our area but never the less concern all of us.

The Jubilee Site. We have already reported on the situation regarding this development and we are still waiting for the date of the public enquiry.

The Station site development. This is an area of approximately 64 acres. We have expressed the opinion that this area should be mainly used to house Brighton people, extension to the colleges and small workshops.

Two developers have submitted proposals. One for a supermarket complex with some housing and the other for office development with some housing. Both allow for extension to the educational buildings.

Both these schemes contravene the Council's own planning brief and we are supporting the Brighton Society objections to these proposals.

#### BLOCKING OUT THE SEA VIEW

The artists display boards erected by the Council were removed from outside the Norfolk Hotel because of protests and re-erected in front of the West Pier as a temporary experiment.

This is the second year that these boards have obstructed the sea view of many of the houses and hotels along the front and in Regency Square.

This year the boards have only been part filled and as they are an eyesore should be removed.

If the artists still want the display boards and they are considered a tourist attraction why not put them on the enlarged lower promenade.

If you agree that these boards should be moved we urge you to write and say so to : The Executive Officer at the Town Hall.

#### SUNNY SOUTHSEA

It was 10 am on a gloriously sunny Sunday morning when 40 or so members and friends climbed aboard the coach in Regency Square.

We drove to Arundel for coffee by the river and then on to Portsmouth. Some people visited the naval Shipyard for a trip round HMS Victory. The guide took great pleasure in recounting some of the more gruesome aspects of life at sea as it used to be; young Richard Penfold played the part of a powder monkey as if he had been doing it all his life.

The coach took the rest of the party down to the beach at Southsea. It was a perfect day for sitting by the sea, and in the case of Mrs Dear, who went for a boat trip, sitting on it.

We all found our way back to the coach, some via the fun fair; sticky with candy floss and popcorn we enjoyed a pleasant ride home to Brighton, where the news was that there had been sea mists most of the day.

Certainly it was a pleasant day out. Why can't we do it more often asked one member? The treasurers answer was that the outing cost the Society £45. Surely we can find a way of making the next one pay for itself - any suggestions?

#### FIREWORKS NIGHT

Ever since our society was formed your committee have organised a fire work display with refreshments each year on November the 5th.

If we organise a similar display this year we will have to subsidise it with about £70 out of society funds. The alternative is to have a much less spectacular display just from fireworks contributed by our members.

Please let us know your views, Telephone Eddy Edwards No 27935 or drop in a note to 38 Regency Square.