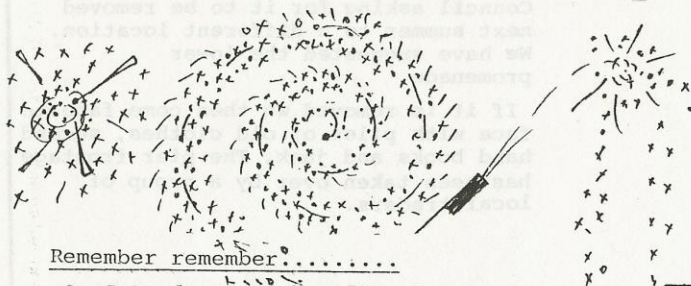


## REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY NEWS LETTER N° 30



Remember remember.....

On Saturday November 5th at 7pm there will be a firework display in Regency Square. Everyone is welcome and there will be hot soup and potatoes.

The display is being provided this year by the generous donation of the fireworks by a society member who wishes to remain anonymous. On behalf of everyone we say "thank you".

In previous years members have contributed to the firework display by giving boxes of small fireworks. We have come to the conclusion that these are not used to the best advantage as part of a big display and so tend to be wasted- so, please, no small fireworks.

But do come and enjoy the big ones. There will also be sparklers for the kids at the end.

If the weather is too bad on Saturday the display will be postponed until the next fine night.

### Regency Mews-Ice rink rejected

Thanks to strong local objection the planning committee has refused permission for an ice rink in the former Dutton Foreshaw premises in Regency Mews.

The planning department recieved 35 objections from local people. This society also made an objection and we were supported by the neighbouring Bedford and Norfolk Association.

So, once again, we have succeeded in preventing an undesirable development on this major site. Much more difficult is the job of finding a suitable use for it.

We believe that the best use would be as a residential development. There is a growing need for town centre accomodation. Our local councillors support this view but they do not think that the Council can be persuaded to put any money into the idea.

The Council says that the site is too expensive to justify development for housing. It would be interesting to have an independant expert give a view on the question.

### Battles in Castle Street

An Englishmans's home is his castle- except in Castle Street where the motor trade is taking over.

First there is the case of Davis and Stone who have opened a car showroom. They are using the showroom previously used by Dutton Foreshaw but, unlike the former tennants, they do not appear to have any access at the rear into the mews.

The result is that whenever they need to move a car from the back they have to bring half their stock out into Castle Street. They park all over the place, blocking entrances and generally getting in the way.

The traffic wardens have been trying to keep the situation under control but we are watching developments closely. Something will have to be done and surely the most obvious thing is to open the back of the showroom into the mews.

### Meanwhile further up the street....

Imagine that you had lived quietly for years in a pleasant little cottage down a quiet street. Then one day you wake up to find a motor cycle repair shop in your back yard.

This is just what has happened to one person in Castle Street who has the misfortune of living next to Castle Street Motorcycles.

Repairing motor cycles is a noisy business. Just the sort of business that the planning laws are designed to control, to keep it away from peoples homes.

Presumably that is why Castle Street Motors has opened without planning permission. The planning enforcement officer is looking into the situation and will probably ask them to apply- note "ask".

If they do apply, this Society will lead a campaign to persuade the Council to turn them down. If we win they can appeal. If they lose the appeal the Council must take legal action to get them to close down their business if they don't chose to do so voluntarily.

This would take months if not years. Meanwhile someones peaceful life has been disrupted by noise and fumes all the time.

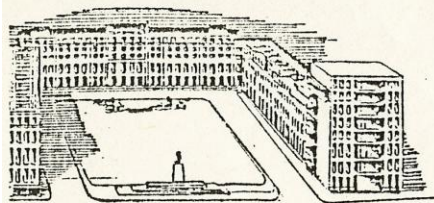
Like Preston Lodge in Little Preston Street (reported in previous news-letters), this case just goes to show what a toothless watchdog the planning laws are.

An unscrupulous business can open up in defiance of the planning regulations, create endless nuisance for its neighbours and what can the Council do? Nothing in the short term and not much in the longer term.

In Preston Lodge the residents finally won their case by means of a personal court action against the Metropole Casinos. But not everyone is in a position to do that.

It is about time the planning authority was given some real authority by means of tougher enforcement laws.





## REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY.

If you cannot come to the meeting but would like to join the Society then simply fill in the form below and send it together with the appropriate subscription to Roger Hinton, Treasurer, Regency Square Area Society, 33 Regency Square, Brighton.

Do you know -

Why the residents of Preston Lodge are no longer kept awake at night by a noisy ventilator plant ?

Why National Carparks Ltd failed in their attempt to open a new car park in Russell Square ?

Why there is a free firework display each November in Regency Square ?

Why 63 Regency Square is no longer being allowed to fall down ?

Why there is a "Royal Wedding" commemorative bench in Regency Square ?

If you are a member of the Regency Square Area Society you will have read the answers to all these questions in the Society's Newsletter.

And, what is more, you will know that in each case your Society played an important part in each of the above achievements.

If you are not a member can we invite you find out more about the Society by coming to our fifth anniversary meeting. It will be held in the

YORK ROOM  
HOTEL METROPOLE

at  
8 pm  
on

MONDAY 26 th MARCH

Refreshments will be served and there will be a slide show illustrating the Society's first five years.

To Roger Hinton, 33 Regency Square

Please receive my subscription to the Regency Square Area Society for the year ending 28 th February 1985.

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