

REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY NEWS LETTER N° 34

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EDDY EDWARDS

We are very sad to report the sudden death of our chairman, Eddy Edwards. He died on September 5th.

Eddy had been chairman of our society since it was formed in 1979.

Those who have served on the society committee will remember him for the relaxed but efficient way in which he ran our meetings.

He was one of the society's most energetic members. He spent long hours researching and organising campaigns to protect and improve the area. Many members have reason to be grateful for the work he did.

At social activities as well he was always to be found where there was work to be done.

The Society would not exist as it is today had it not been for him. We will miss him greatly.

Our sympathy goes to his wife and family at this sad time.

IN MEMORY

The committee is considering how best we can create a permanent tribute to his memory.

We will publish details in the next newsletter, but in the meantime if you have any suggestions for an appropriate memorial, please contact the secretary, Richard Pau.

NEW OFFICERS

Roger Hinton, the society's treasurer has been appointed as acting chairman. Harold Lawson will take over as acting treasurer.

They will hold office until the AGM next March when elections will be held



DOG OWNER PROSECUTED

Three cheers for our local park policeman.

A dog owner was regularly allowing his dog to foul the garden in Clarence Square. After several warnings he was prosecuted.

If only dog owners would train their dogs to use the gutter! Failing that they could follow the example of one socially conscious resident of Regency Square. He always carries tissues with him so that he can clean up after his dog if it does mess on the pavement.

Slowly does it.

No one can accuse the local council of undue haste. It was October 1982 that we first asked them to repair the stone steps which had been roped off in Regency Square.

Last month the work was finally done, but not without further prompting from the society.

REMEMBER REMEMBER !

FIREWORK NIGHT IS COMING

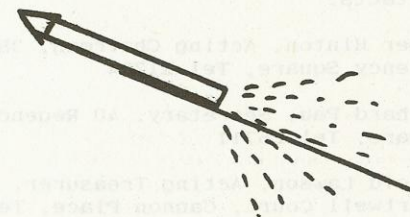
Our annual firework party will be held on Monday 5th November on Regency Square.

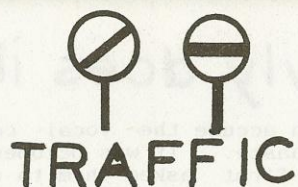
The display will start at 7pm. It will be followed with refreshments, music and sparklers for the kids.

Once again the display fireworks have been donated anonymously by a member.

If you would like to help by contributing food please contact Mrs Davis at 27B Cannon Place. But in the interests of safety, please do not bring any fireworks of your own.

*Everyone is welcome so please come, and tell your friends and neighbours.





CHURCHILL SQUARE TRAFFIC SCHEME

Residents of Clarence and Russell Square will have been pleased to read in the Argus that the County Council is not likely to go ahead with its proposed scheme to change the traffic flows.

This change of heart was due in part to the large number of protests from local people.

However, we suspect that we may not yet have heard the end of the scheme.

The Council is going ahead with tests of the load bearing capacity of several roads in the area. Bearing in mind the collapse of the pavement recently in Cannon Place, it is amazing they did not do this before drawing up plans to send buses along new routes.

The society is keeping the situation under careful watch and we will let you know of developments as they happen.

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Our councillors love us.

Adam Trimmingham's column in the Argus usually manages to be controversial.

Recently he criticised the County Council for giving in to pressure from local residents over the Churchill Square traffic scheme.

He thinks the scheme should go ahead because of the benefits it will bring to shoppers. Maybe it would help shoppers, but it is worth noting that not all the shops in Churchill Square support it.

The most interesting comment made by Adam Trimmingham was this: County Councillors were willing to bow to local opinion because Regency ward is marginal. Both the Labour Party and the Alliance have come close to unseating a Tory in recent elections.

So the Tory councillors are keen to keep what local support they have and win over more. And the other parties are also keen to make their presence felt, for example by drafting in councillors from other areas to help with local problems.

We are being wooed by all three parties. Nice, isn't it?

Shangrila

The Shangri-la club in Regency Square was granted a new entertainments license earlier this month.

Society members attended the committee meeting and opposed the license on the grounds of late night noise. The club licensee convinced the licensing committee that there had been much less noise lately and that he could keep things under control in the future.

Let's hope he is right.

CAR DOOR RUINED

The society secretary, Richard Pau, lives near the top of Queensbury Mews. He has been active in the Society's campaign to reduce the problems caused by heavy lorries coming to the Metropole Exhibition Halls.

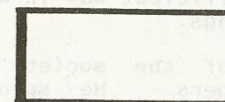
Last month he was given good reason to re-double his efforts. A large lorry from Belgium hit the drivers door of his car and ruined it.

The car was parked legally outside his house. The lorry driver was very apologetic and said that he had been given no warning before he arrived about how difficult it would be to get through the narrow streets.

MONEY MONEY

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IN MEMORY OF EDDY EDWARDS
FOUNDING CHAIRMAN OF THE REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY

A letter from the Society Committee to all members.

We have given much thought to the question of how best the Society can pay tribute to the memory of Eddy Edwards, our first chairman.

It was in February 1979 that Eddy chaired a meeting in the Portland Hotel which led to the foundation of our Society. He was elected chairman and remained in that office until his death last September.

A society like ours should never become entirely dependent on the energy of any one person. Eddy was just one of the many local people who have worked hard for the success of the Regency Square Area Society. He would not have wanted anyone to suggest otherwise.

Nevertheless, there is no doubt that his enthusiasm and support has been one of the main reasons why so many people have been willing to work for the Society. There is also no doubt that Eddy Edwards was himself one of the most energetic of those workers.

Two examples will illustrate the contribution he has made. Think back to 1981 and that marvellous party on the green in Regency Square to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Many different people played a part organising that day but it was Eddy who co-ordinated everyone's efforts and made sure that everything that needed to be done was done.

More recently there was the case of the residents in Preston Lodge who came home one day to find a ventilation plant on the roof of their block of flats. The noise from the plant went on into the early hours because it was providing air conditioning for the casino on the ground floor. The plant did not have planning permission but even so the residents' attempts to have it removed met with no success. At last they approached the Society for help. Eddy personally took on their case and helped them to bring a successful court action which resulted in the plant being re-located.

We believe that the Society should provide a memorial to Eddy Edwards in recognition of his contribution to the community. We have therefore decided to buy a bench similar to the one we bought after the Royal Wedding. It will be inscribed with the words at the head of this letter and will be located in Regency Square.

The cost will be met from the Society's reserve funds. However, some members of the Society may wish to be personally associated with this memorial by contributing towards its cost.

If you wish to make a contribution, of whatever size, please send it to the Acting Treasurer, Harold Lawson, 7 Chartwell Court, Cannon Place. He will send you a receipt. It is not our intention to publish the names of contributors.