



**REGENCY SQUARE
AREA SOCIETY
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixth Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the York Room at the M etropole Hotel at 8 pm on Wednesday 27 March 1985.

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- 2 The Chairman will present the Committee's report on the year
- 3 The Treasurer will present the accounts
- 4 The meeting will fix subscription rates for 1985/6 - the committee is recommending no change in rates
- 5 The meeting will elect officers and committee members for 1985/6
- 6 Members will be invited to express their views on issues affecting the area and on the Society's activities

Wine and soft drinks will be served after the formal meeting with a light buffet.

Robert Gregory, local historian will give an illustrated talk on the history of the area around Regency Square.

The Treasurer will be available to receive subscriptions.

ACCOUNTS

REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 28 February 1985

RECEIPTS		£
Members' Subscriptions		223.25
Functions Income	183.39	
Dinner	260.70	
	-----	444.09

		667.34
PAYMENTS		
Functions - dinner	258.70	
- coach hire	104.50	
- misc.	98.90	
- refreshments	74.91	
	-----	537.01
Subscriptions & Donations		25.00
Printing, stationery etc		71.18
Misc.		3.00

		636.19

Surplus for the year		31.15
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Balance Sheet as at 28 February 1985

Accumulated fund as at 1.3.84	350.80
Surplus for the year	31.15

Accumulated fund as at 28.2.85	381.95
Eddy Edwards Memorial fund	103.50

	485.45
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Held as follows:	
Cash at bank - deposit	300.00
- current	175.85

	475.85
Cash in hand	9.60

	485.45
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the financial records of the Regency Square Area Society for the year ending 28 February 1985 and am satisfied that these accounts represent a true and fair statement of the Society's affairs.

Rosalind Boulden

ELECTIONS

The following officers and committee members have been nominated for 1985/86:

Chairman	Roger Hinton
Secretary	Richard Pau
Treasurer	Harold Lawson
Members	Mrs W Brasemere-Davis
	Mr W Hampson
	Mr J Henderson
	Mrs M Lewin
	Mrs T Tappin

Further nominations are invited for any of the above posts. Members are entitled to nominate themselves.

If you would like more information about the work of the committee before making a nomination telephone Roger Hinton on 21794 or Richard Pau on 26711.

RENEW TODAY

Send your subscription to Harold Lawson, 7 Chartwell Court, Cannon Place.

	£
Ordinary members	2.50
Family	3.00
Senior Citizen	2.00
Junior (8-18 years)	0.50
Associate (non-resident)	2.00
Business (non-resident)	5.00

Cheques payable to the Regency Square Area Society please.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Planning permission is being sought to demolish the petrol station in Cannon Place and use the site for used car sales. The Society is opposing the plan.

A leaflet called "Living in a Conservation Area" is being distributed to all properties in the area. If you would like a copy call Roger Hinton on 21794.

Work is to start soon on a swimming pool in the basement of the Metropole Hotel. The southern end of Queensbury Mews will be closed to traffic while work is in progress.

COMMITTEE REPORT

It has been a sad year for the Society because of the death of our founding chairman, Eddy Edwards. He died early in September after a short illness.

It was on 21st February 1979 that Eddy Edwards presided at a public meeting in the Portland House Hotel which marked the formation of the Society. He was Society Chairman until his death.

He was one of the Society's most active and committed members. The present strength of our Society is due as much to him as to anyone.

We have decided to place a memorial bench in Regency Square as a permanent reminder of his contribution to the local community. The committee is grateful to the many members who have made contributions towards the cost.

The committee has active during the year in expressing the views of local people on issues affecting this area.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW BUS ROUTES

We raised major objections to Brighton Council's plans to re-route buses down Cannon Place. This would have resulted in more traffic through Russell and Clarence Squares. It would also have made it very difficult for residents in Cannon Place and St Margaret's place to drive into the area during busy periods. This plan has now been shelved, partly because of local objections.

REGENCY MEWS

The Society has been involved in discussions with the Planning Officer about the re-development of the old garage site in Regency Mews. The new owners have outline planning permission for offices and flats. An application for detailed approval is expected soon and we hope to persuade the Council to impose restrictions concerning parking, noise and the visual impact of the new buildings.

SHANGRILA CLUB

Following serious noise problems and fights in the street, the Society persuaded the Police to try to close down the Shangrila club in Regency Square. A court action was brought against the licensee and Society members gave evidence. Although the license was not withdrawn, the club has now closed.

EXHIBITION TRAFFIC

One of the most difficult problems we face is the congestion and disturbance caused by the Metropole Exhibition Halls. Large vehicles block roads for hours. Streets are left littered with rubbish. We have complained repeatedly to the police but so far without any obvious result. The police assure us that they are taking action to improve the situation, for example by writing to exhibitors warning them that they will not be allowed to block roads. But the reality of the situation seems to be that exhibition traffic can break the parking laws with impunity and the Metropole security staff can prevent residents from parking where they are entitled to and even move legally parked cars. The Society must continue to press for the law to be enforced.

LITTER

Litter has become an increasing problem in recent months. There are now regular litter dumps in some places, where plastic bags full of refuse pile up and spill across pavements. It is the Council's job to keep the streets clean and we are pressing for action.

These are just a few of the more important issues which we have dealt with locally. We have also been involved in discussions about issues affecting the town as a whole.

AROUND THE TOWN

We supported the successful campaign to save Hampton Place Post Office.

We have asked the Secretary of State to hold a public inquiry into the plans for the site at Brighton Station. Developments there could have a major impact on the town centre both in terms of traffic and the future of shopping in Churchill Square and Western Road.

Committee members have attended meetings with the Planning Department to discuss the Borough Plan and to discuss the use of space above shops for housing. The Society will help with a survey of such premises which is to be carried out throughout the town.

We have continued to send representatives to the Brighton Society and the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee.

SOCIALS

It has been one of our best years for social activities. We started with a social evening in June followed by a coach trip to Hastings in September.

November 5th was again celebrated in traditional style thanks to a generous member who donated some fine fire works.

In January we had a childrens party in the beach cafe and a dinner and dance in the Starlight Room at the Metropole.

Many thanks to all those who helped organise these events and also to the Manager and staff of the Metropole and the proprietor of the beach cafe.

DON'T FORGET !

The Annual General Meeting with wine and a light buffet followed by a talk on THE HISTORY OF OUR AREA by Robert Gregory illustrated with slides

York Room, Metropole Hotel
8pm
Wednesday 27 March 1985