

REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY

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GUIDED WALK

SUNDAY 7 JULY

Those who came to the AGM in March will remember the fascinating talk given by Robert Gregory on the history of our area.

There will be another opportunity to hear Mr Gregory speak, when he leads a guided walk. It will be held on Sunday 7 July starting at 3pm.

We will meet at the war memorial at the bottom of Regency Square. From there Mr Gregory will lead us round some of the interesting historical sights of the area.

The walk will finish with a cream tea at Trogs Restaurant on the seafront, ending at about 5-30pm.

There will be a charge of £3 per person to include the cost of the cream tea. Places will be limited. To reserve a place contact Roger Hinton, 38 Regency Square, Tel 21794.

LITTER!

The word "litter" now has a regular place on the Agenda of Society committee meetings. Each month we try to think of some new way of reducing the problem, but without any real success.

Here is a progress report on what we have done:

We have persuaded the Council to put extra bins in Regency Square. These are emptied once or twice a day so any domestic refuse that is left in them is soon cleared.

An extra bin was also put in Clarence Square but soon became an eyesore because it was not emptied every day. At the request of members living in the Square it has been removed.

We have discovered from the Council that the policy is to sweep our streets once a day in the week, but not at weekends. Some members have complained of seeing road sweepers walking through Russell Square at weekends but not picking up rubbish. To be fair to them, they will have been sweeping Churchill Square or the seafront, which are done at weekends. They pass through Russell Square on the way to the depot in Castle Street.

Road sweepers have instructions not to pick up bags of domestic refuse left in the street. These have to wait for the weekly bin collection.

So, we have not really managed to do much yet and there are still piles of rubbish being left in the streets.

Our next plan is to put pressure on shops that back onto Clarence Square. We think they should tidy up the rubbish which is often left outside their premises.

What else can be done? If you have any ideas please let us know - Phone Roger Hinton on 21794.

NO CAR SALEROOM ON PETROL STATION SITE

The Planning Committee has turned down a proposal by Nissan UK to open a saleroom on the site of the petrol station in Cannon Place.

The Society opposed the application in support of members living opposite.

BOURNEMOUTH

A DAY OUT IN

There will be a coach trip to Bournemouth on Sunday 1 September.

We will leave Regency Square at 9-30 am and return by 7-30 pm. We will stop on the way for coffee and expect to be in Bournemouth in time for lunch.

Tickets will be £4.50 for adults and £2.50 for children and senior citizens. Please book early using the form below.

To Harold Lawson, Treasurer, Regency Square Area Society, 7 Chartwell Court, Russell Sq.

Please send _____ adult tickets at £4.50

Please send _____ child tickets at £2.50

I enclose £_____ in payment.

Name _____

Address _____

Cash, or cheques payable to the Regency Square Area Society please.

SOCIETY SURVEY REVEALS MISLEADING PLANS

Stand on the seafront with your back to the West Pier. Look up into Regency Square. What will you see ?

You will see one of the finest examples of Regency Architecture in the country.

Look at the houses at the top of the Square. What do you see above them? Nothing except the slender spire of St Mary Magdalen Church in Upper North Street.

Now imagine the top of a modern office building running along above the roof line of the houses on the right hand side. That is what you will see if the plans at present submitted for Regency Mews are accepted.

The Society has written to the Planning Committee opposing very strongly any development which would be visible at the top of the Square. We are hopeful that the Committee will agree - after all this is supposed to be a conservation area; we can't change the colour of our houses or the shape of our windows, so how on earth could such a change of appearance be allowed ?

Perhaps the most striking thing about this whole situation is that according to the plans submitted, the building would not be visible above the large houses. This is because the plans take a view point on the middle green of Regency Square.

Once you step back onto the seafront of course the view is changed. We discovered this as the result of a survey carried out for the Society by Malcolm Dawes, an engineer from Brighton Polytechnic, who is also a member of the Brighton Society committee.

With help from Wally Hampson of our own committee and using equipment borrowed from the Polytechnic, he surveyed the whole area in relation to the plans.

Had it not been for this survey the application might have been approved without anyone realising that the building would be visible.

Just like freedom, the price of a decent environment is eternal vigilance.

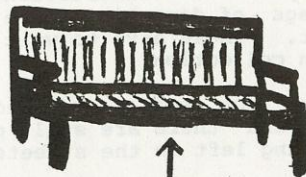
BENCH CLEANING

The Eddie Edwards memorial bench has now been delivered and will soon be in its place on Regency Square.

It is to be placed alongside the other Society bench at the top of the Square.

Society members will be meeting at 2-30pm on Saturday 22 June to clean and re-varnish the older bench. If we have enough helpers we may also clean up some of the other benches.

Please come along if you have an hour to spare. Many hands make light work !



"Artist's" impression of a bench
in need of cleaning!

IDEAS PLEASE

STREET SCENE IMPROVEMENTS

The Council spends money on trying to improve the appearance of Brighton's streets.

This means building brick planters for trees and shrubs, or laying down patches of grass.

How do they decide what to do ? Can we have a say ?

The Brighton Society has organised a meeting between the Planning Officer and representatives from local societies to answer these questions. Two members of our Society will be going to the meeting.

If you have any suggestions for street scene improvements in our area please let Roger Hinton know - tel 21794 -

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Most members have now renewed their subscription but a few are still outstanding. If there is a red cross in the box below then we have not yet had yours.

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