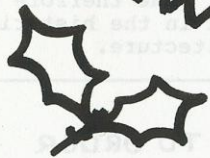
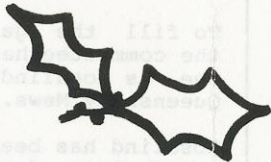


REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY
NEW YEAR



RACE TRACK TO BE CLOSED

Those who live within earshot of the carpark above Churchill Square will know that it is often used late at night as a race track.

The noise of engines, squealing tyres and horns is not particularly pleasant to those who prefer to sleep at night.

We have been in contact with British Telecom who own the car park. They tell us that there are plans to completely refurbish their offices above Churchill Square.

When this is done they will fix a gate at the top of the ramp into the car park. What they could not tell us is when it will be done.

CLEAN UP NEEDED IN CLARENCE SQUARE

The deteriorating appearance of Clarence Square continues to give cause for concern.

The main problem is rubbish left at the top of the square by shops in Western Road. We are in the process of trying to speak personally to the managers of the shops responsible.

The betting shop near Clarence Gardens has applied for permission to change the appearance of its facade. The present design has completely spoilt the appearance of a very attractive building.

We have asked the Planning Committee not to give permission for any changes unless they represent an attempt to put the building back to its original appearance.

BOOK NOW FOR A STARLIGHT EVENING

We have booked the Starlight Room at the Metropole Hotel for a dinner and dance on Thursday 6 February.

Tickets will cost £13.00 including meal and service but not wine.

To obtain tickets send the form below to Harold Lawson, 7 Chartwell Court, Russell Square.

To Harold Lawson, 7 Chartwell Court,
Russell Square, Brighton.

Please send me _____ ticket(s) for the evening in the Starlight Room on 6 February.

I enclose £ _____ (£13.00 per ticket).

Name _____

Address _____

Please make cheques payable to the
Regency Square Area Society

ONE LAW FOR THE

BIG

AND ANOTHER FOR THE SMALL

The time: 9.50 am on Saturday 30 November. A long articulated lorry is parked across three parking meter bays in Regency Square. Two private cars are parked behind it. All three vehicles are parked illegally.

A warden comes by. She puts tickets on the two cars. She speaks to the driver of the lorry who is unloading something for the Metropole exhibition hall. She does not give him a ticket.

About an hour later she comes back. The lorry is still unloading and she speaks to the driver again. He has now taken over a fourth meter space behind his lorry, which he is using to unload things onto a trolley. Still no ticket even though penalty flags are showing on the meters.

A local resident drives up in a van looking for a parking space. He asks the lorry driver to move the trolley. A "difference of opinion" ensues. The result is that the local resident backs his van into the space, pushing the trolley out of the way. It is now 11.30 am.

Another resident speaks to the warden to ask why the cars were given tickets after parking illegally for 50 minutes while the lorry has been there for two and a half hours with being booked.

The warden is almost at her wits end because she has seen that a second identical lorry is making its way up the far side of the square. It too will be wanting to unload goods for the exhibition centre.

What does all this mean ?

It means that if you have a big lorry and you are delivering to the big Metropole exhibition hall, the parking laws are applied to you very flexibly, if at all.

If you drive a small car or van and you live in the area or want to visit one of the small local businesses, the laws are applied more firmly.

The incident described above is but one of many. A few weeks before it happened, the Society committee raised this whole issue with PC Peter Smith our local community policeman.

He told us that the police policy is to apply the parking laws equally to everyone. He assured us that the Metropole does not have any special rights or privileges.

That may be the police "policy". The facts described above show that it is not what actually happens.

A NEW CARPARK

Plans have been submitted for a major new development near the Grand Hotel.

It will involve demolishing Grosvenor House, the building next to the Grand. This will be replaced with an eight storey building consisting of self-contained residential units.

In Russell Road, behind the hotel, there will be an office block and a car park with 180 spaces.

The Society has welcomed the extra car parking space, provided it is open to the public. There is a desperate need for more parking space at peak shopping times.

A FAREWELL

Wally Hampson has served on the Society Committee for several years and has represented the Society at the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee.

He is now moving away from the area and has therefore had to resign from the committee. We have thanked him for all the work he has done for the Society and wish him all the best for the future.

A WELCOME

To fill the gap left by his departure, the committee has co-opted a new member. She is Rosalind Boulden who lives in Queensbury Mews.

Rosalind has been an active supporter of the Society for many years. She has now agreed to take over as our representative on the Conservation area Advisory Committee.

This is an important job since it gives us an opportunity to join with other societies in influencing the planning and development of Brighton.

Rosalind is well qualified to do the job since she recently went on a course to become a local guide. She therefore has a particular interest in the historical aspects of local architecture.

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER
YOUR TICKET FOR THE
STARLIGHT ROOM**