



Regency Square Area Society

## NEWSLETTER 47

MARCH 1987

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the York room at the Hotel Metropole at 7.30 pm on Thursday 26 March 1987.

### AGENDA

- 1 To read the minutes of the previous AGM
- 2 To receive the Chairman's report on the year's activities
- 3 To receive and approve the Receipts and Payments Account for the year (see below)
- 4 To fix membership subscriptions for the next twelve months - the committee recommends no change
- 5 To elect a chairman, secretary, treasurer and committee members - see below for information about nominations
- 6 To deal with any other business

A light buffet with wine and soft drinks will be served after the meeting.

Peter Smith will give a talk illustrated with slides on the Brighton Little Theatre Company.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The high spot of the Society's year came when we welcomed the mayor to Regency Square to switch on the lights on our Christmas tree. Many thanks to the members whose generosity with time and money made the occasion such a success.

Other successes in our social calendar were the firework party in November, also made possible by the generosity of a member, and a pleasant dinner at Trogs Restaurant last month.

We organised a festival in Regency Square to celebrate the royal wedding and summer. The wedding went ahead but summer gave us a miss: the day was dull and rainy. Even so a good number of people came out to hear the bands and join in the fun which included a thorough soaking for your chairman from deadly accurate wet sponge throwers.

The West Pier is showing signs of activity now. It was interesting to meet Don Phillips of the West Pier Trust at a social evening and hear how things are progressing. We will keep in touch with him and report new developments as they arise.

It is at social events and meetings that the Society is most visible but our activities continue at other times.

We keep a careful eye on all planning applications in the area. In the past year we have been particularly concerned with the plans for the George IV Hotel in Regency Square. We have also been fighting to prevent the Snooker Club in Castle Street from staying open until 2 am.

Another fight is against litter and that is one we are still very far from winning. The Council invited us to present our views on litter at a seminar on how to improve the town. Our presentation was well received as a clear statement of the problem, but the litter has not gone away. We have not given up though.

The Society exists to help its members and we are always willing to take up issues on behalf of individuals if we can help.

Perhaps the most practical example this year was the action taken by three committee members on the evening before Christmas Eve. Residents around the top eastern corner of Regency Square have had endless trouble with the work being done at the old Portland House Hotel. The workmen there seem to show little or no concern for neighbours. On the evening in question they had gone home leaving a generator running and making a terrible noise that was bound to keep people awake. A hastily called meeting of committee members was unable to discover how to switch off the machine. We were contemplating dragging it down onto the beach to be rid of the noise when one member had a stroke of technical genius. He reached inside and squeezed the tube supplying fuel to the motor. Within seconds the supply was cut off and quiet was restored to the Square.

If only all our problems were as simple to solve!

*Roger Hinton*

**AGM  
26 March**

REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY  
 Receipts and Payments Account for the year  
 ending 28 February 1987

RECEIPTS	£
Functions	355.25
Subscriptions	227.50
Summer Festival Income	226.80
Donations received	52.00
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	861.55
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PAYMENTS	
Functions	414.50
Christmas Tree Base	125.00
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	539.50
AGM Costs	59.52
Printing, Stationary etc	111.91
Summer Festival	259.59
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	970.52
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Loss for year	108.97
Balance bt fwd 1.3.86 in hand	435.70
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Balance 28.2.87	326.73
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Made up	
Cash	36.97
Bank	289.76

The account shows a loss for the year. This is due to the cost of providing a base for the Christmas tree in Regency Square. Since the base will be available for use in future years the committee decided that it would be appropriate to draw on the Society's reserves to pay for it.

The committee is therefore not proposing any increase in the subscriptions for the coming year.

**SOCIETY CONTACTS**

Roger Hinton (Chairman) Tel 21794  
 Richard Pau (Secretary) Tel 26711  
 Harold Lawson (Treasurer) Tel 28203

## Elections

Each year at the AGM we elect the Society's three officers and a committee for the coming year. The present members are:

Chairman: Roger Hinton  
 Secretary: Richard Pau  
 Treasurer: Harold Lawson  
 Committee: Ros Boulden  
 Clive Buxton  
 Freddie Brasemere-Davis  
 Joyce Evans  
 John Henderson  
 Ken Kennard  
 Pat McCulloch  
 Trudy Tappin

All the existing officers and members are standing for re-election except Mrs Brasemere-Davis who is retiring.

Any member of the Society can be nominated or can nominate themselves for election to any post. If you wish to make a nomination please send details to the Secretary, Richard Pau, 40 Regency Square. Please do not nominate anyone without obtaining their prior agreement.

## A Thankyou

Freddie Brasemere-Davis has served on the Society Committee since March 1984. She has now decided to retire to make room for possible future members.

During her time on the committee she has worked very hard for the Society and her fellow committee members are all sad to see her go.

On behalf of the whole Society we say many thanks to her for her contribution to the success of the Society.

## Little Theatre

Hidden away in the heart of the Regency Square Area is Brighton Little Theatre. It is located in an old building at the end of Clarence Gardens.

The theatre company has been performing there, in what was previously an artist's studio, for almost fifty years. The doors are now closed because the building has been found to be in need of major repairs.

The company plan to rebuild it with additional facilities and they have launched an appeal for funds. The appeal co-ordinator is Peter Smith. After our AGM he will give an illustrated talk on the history of the theatre and plans for its future.

## SUBS Please

To renew your membership please fill in the form below and send it with your subscription to Harold Lawson, Flat 7, Chartwell Court, Russell Square, Brighton.

Please renew my membership for the year 1987/88 in the category of membership ticked below

	£
Ordinary member	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.

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