



Regency Square Area Society

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AGM

The Society's 10th Annual General Meeting will be held in the Surrey Room (Suite 3) at the Metropole Hotel at 7-30 pm on Thursday 30 March 1989.

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of the Previous AGM
- 2 Matters arising from the minutes
- 3 Committee Report (see below)
- 4 Treasurer's Report (see below)
- 5 Election of Officers and Committee
- 6 Annual Subscriptions - the committee proposes no change to the level of subscriptions
- 7 Any other business

A light buffet with wine and soft drinks will be provided.

After the meeting there will be a talk by Roger Hinton, the Society's chairman; he will talk about the Society's first ten years and will show slides to illustrate the Society's work.

Treasurer's Report

REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 28 February 1989

	£
RECEIPTS	
Subscriptions	346
Functions	142
Sale of Cards	3

	491

PAYMENTS	
Functions	218
AGM Costs	54
Printing, Stationery etc	176

	448

Surplus for the year	43
Surplus brought forward	474

	517

Made up of	
Cash in Hand	49
Cash at Bank	468

	517

Harold Lawson
Treasurer

Your Committee

Roger Hinton (Chairman)
 Richard Pau (Secretary)
 Harold Lawson (Treasurer)
 Ros Boulden
 Clive Buxton
 Joyce Evans
 Pat McCullough
 Trudy Tappin

All are standing for re-election at the AGM. Nominations for the posts of officers and committee members are invited. Members may nominate themselves or another member, provided the nominee is willing to stand. There is no limit to the number of committee members.

If you want to nominate someone or have more information, contact the secretary, Richard Pau, 40, Regency Square (tel 26711) or the chairman, Roger Hinton, 39 Regency Square (tel 21794).

SUBS PLEASE !

Subscriptions are now due for 1989/90. Please send your subscription today or bring it to the Annual General Meeting.

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

Please renew my membership of the Society for the year ending 28 February 1990 in the category of membership shown below.

	£
Ordinary member	3.00
Family	3.50
Senior Citizen	2.50
Junior (8-18)	1.00
Associate (non-resident)	2.50
Business (non-resident)	5.50

Cheques payable to the Regency Square Area Society.

Name

Address

COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee's main objective during the year has continued to be the preservation and improvement of the local environment.

Litter

One of our main concerns has been the never ending fight against litter. We held a meeting with the three ward councillors who were as concerned as us about the situation.

The Society has been doing what it can. We have distributed a leaflet to all residents encouraging them to dispose of rubbish responsibly. We are conducting a survey of the number of bags of rubbish dumped in the area and we will publish the results in a few months time. If they show that there has been no improvement over the year we will once again meet with councillors to ask for some radical action.

We are continuing to put pressure on shops which back onto Clarence Square. Some are now dealing with their rubbish in a responsible way but others still leave it to blow all round the Square.

We have had minor successes on the environmental front, such as an extra litter bin in Clarence Square and new notices banning football in the fenced area of Regency Square.

Less successful was our attempt to get a second dog free area in Regency Square. Our petition was rejected by the Council. However, new bye laws requiring owners to clean up after their pets will soon be coming into force; the Society will sponsor a bin for dog's mess at an annual cost of £34.

We were very pleased that the Beach Hotel in Regency Square won a Brighton Council design award for its renovation. The Society proposed the building for the award.

We are sad to report the theft of the bench placed in Regency Square in memory of Eddie Edwards our founding chairman. A generous member has offered to meet the cost of replacing it and steps are in hand to obtain a new one. Our other bench meanwhile is now chained to the railings.

Two proposals have been put forward during the year which could have a major impact on our area.

Breeze into Brighton

One is the Council's new traffic scheme called "Breeze into Brighton". The scheme covers the whole of the town but of major concern to us is the impact on Preston Street. Buses from Hove would no longer be allowed along Western Road but would all turn down Preston Street. At busy times there could be anything up to one bus a minute.

We have carried out a detailed survey of the views of residents and business people in Preston Street. The vast majority are against the change. We are passing on their views to the Council and will do all we can to oppose this aspect of the plan.

West Pier

The other big question relates to the West Pier. There is no doubt that the long story of the derelict pier is at a crucial point. Plans have been put forward by an international development company called Merlin: they want to build a large building at the shore end of the pier which would house shops. At the far end they plan to replace the theatre with a much bigger building, which will still look like a replica of the original. It will house a museum or exhibition of some kind. The whole plan is to make the pier into a major tourist attraction.

The West Pier Trust which owns the Pier has welcomed the scheme. Merlin are now looking at it in more detail before applying for planning permission. Once a planning application has been made we will organise a public meeting to obtain local views about the scheme.

Social Activities

The Society is not only concerned with the environment. We also have a role in trying to encourage neighbours to meet and get to know each other.

Thanks to the generosity of one of our members, we are able to hold a firework party each November. This year's was a great success and attracted a large crowd.

We also had a very enjoyable social evening at the Metropole Hotel with a talk about local history.

With the support of generous members we were able to put a Christmas tree in Regency Square again this year.

Thanks !

Finally, can we say thank you to all the local people who help the Society in its work. It would be wrong to single out any individual for mention but it is important to remember that most of the Society's events and meetings are only made possible because members and local businesses provide help both in the form of money and facilities.

During the year two committee members resigned. They are Kate Dessau and Ken Kennar. We thank them for their work for the Society.

After ten years the Society is an important part of the local community. It has achieved much and is recognised by officialdom as genuinely representing the views of people in our area.

The work must go on !

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