

Regency Square Area Society

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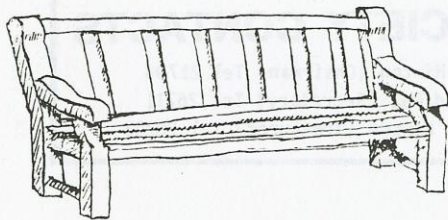
BENCH CLEAN UP

The two benches at the top of Regency Square belong to the Society. Each spring we clean and oil them.

This year's the cleaning will be done next Sunday (13 May), starting at 11 am. Many hands make light work, so if you can spare some time, please come and lend a hand. It is not hard work but you might like to bring some old gloves to protect your hands.

Cleaning materials and soft drinks will be provided.

If the weather is good, bring a picnic lunch to eat when the work is done.



33% OFF !

Are you looking for somewhere to park ?

If you have a resident's parking permit in this area then you may well be. The number of resident's places is about to be increased from 266 to 280. At the same time the number of permits will increase from 429 to 448.

A quick bit of arithmetic shows that there are at present 163 people without a space. That figure will go up to 168 once the changes are implemented, probably in July.

If you are feeling wealthy you might like to buy a season ticket in the Regency Square car park. It costs a mere £341.55 a quarter. If you live in the area bounded by the Hove border, Cannon Place, Upper North Street and the seafront you are entitled to a one third discount which brings the quarterly charge down to £227.70.

Anyone interested should contact Mr Mark Beecham, the local NCP manager on Brighton 29145.

WATER WANTED

Plants in Regency Square have a tough time, particularly in good weather. There is little depth of soil because of the car park underneath, so water quickly drains away.

We have discussed this problem with the Council and some of our members have volunteered to use their hoses to water beds in some parts of the square. We still need help in the south east corner and down the west side of the lower two greens.

If you live near those parts and could help with a hose or just by providing a tap to connect to, please contact Joyce Evans (tel 732116).

Act quickly, before the hose ban starts again !

AN INVITATION

100 years ago the passenger lift in Madeira Drive was first opened. To celebrate there will be an exhibition of old drawings and photographs at the Royal Crescent Hotel, Marine Parade.

We have some invitations for the private view on Thursday 24 May (6-8 pm) when the exhibition will be opened by the Mayor. Contact Roger Hinton (tel 21794) if you would like one.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 25 - 30 May (10 am to 5 pm daily), admission free.

SUBSCRIPTION PLEASE

Thanks to those members who have re-newed their subscription. If you have not re-newed for the year commencing 1 March 1990 please send your subscription with the form below to Harold Lawson, Treasurer, Regency Square Area Society, 7 Chartwell Court, Russell Square, Brighton.

Please re-new my membership of the Regency Square Area Society for the year commencing 1 March 1990.

Please tick your membership category:

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

Cheques payable to the Regency Square Area Society please.

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APRIL FOOL

Don't be fooled by the "Regency Voice" newsletter that might have come through your door at the beginning of April.

It looked very much like a genuine Labour Party leaflet, right down to a photo of their candidate in the local elections.

In fact it was a hoax. Amongst other things it said that Merlin had pulled out of the West Pier deal and a decision had now been taken to demolish the Pier. That is not true.

Mind you, there is no guarantee that it will not become true in the future. As yet the Pier is exactly where it has been for the past 15 or so years - in limbo.

A LOAD OF RUBBISH

Will the Council ever get it right? Three weeks before Easter the collection day for refuse was changed from Thursday to Friday with no notice and for no apparent reason.

In a letter to the Society the Director of Technical Services said that residents had not yet got used to the skip a day system for bank holidays. How can we get used to it? It was not applied last August. It was not applied at Christmas or New Year. Then we slipped a day for no reason!

The result was that yet again the area was littered with rubbish over Easter. Members of the Society committee were so exasperated that they decided to take things into their hands. On Easter Monday morning, all the rubbish in Regency, Russell and Clarence Squares was moved.

It was piled next to the litter bins at the top of Regency Square. And what a pile it was!

We had invited the local press to come and photograph it but they did not appear. Obviously our message has got through in some way though because shortly afterwards letters were distributed announcing that because of Easter the new collection day is Tuesday.

Presumably it will move to Wednesday after the May Day holiday and then back to its original Thursday after the late Spring Holiday.

If the Council continues to remind people what the arrangements are, perhaps we will see some improvement! It still won't solve the problem of people who put out their rubbish on the wrong days regardless of whether it is bank holiday or not.

The Council is promising to take enforcement action against them. Such promises have been made before, to very little effect.

The Society is planning to distribute a leaflet encouraging people not to litter the streets and giving information about collection arrangements.

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

Following the AGM in March, the Society committee is now as follows:

Chairman: Roger Hinton (Regency Square)
Secretary: Richard Pau (Regency Square)
Treasurer: Harold Lawson (Chartwell Court)

Committee: Juno Appleton (Sussex Heights)
Ros Boulden (Queensbury Mews)
Clive Buxton (Regency Square)
Kate Dessau (Kings Rd)
Joyce Evans (Regency Square)
Pat McCulloch (Queensbury Mews)
Pat Millson (Regency Square)
Jon Phipps (Kings Rd)
Stephen Wynn (Clarence Gardens)

TO TOW AWAY OR NOT TO TOW AWAY

Last year we complained to the police about their failure to tow away vehicles parked illegally on residents' spaces. They said at the time that it was their policy only to tow vehicles which were causing an obstruction.

Town centre enforcement policy is now being re-considered by the police. In the meantime, on an experimental basis they are targeting a particular area on each day.

Any vehicle illegally parked is liable to be penalised. Some illegally parked vehicles have already been towed away from residents' bays. We understand that this policy is likely to continue, though it may not receive top priority.

THANKS

After the AGM thanks are due

To the committee members who ran the buffet and everyone who contributed food.

To Martin Foster for sharing with us his amazing collection of slides and prints of the West Pier.

To the Brighton and Hove French Circle for the loan of a projector and screen.

To the Metropole Hotel for the use of the room.

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