



Big Noise from the Met

It was a peaceful May afternoon in Queensbury Mews. Peaceful that is until the big noise from the Metropole.

No one was quite sure what it was. But there was no doubt it was a noise - and it was big! It rattled windows as far away as Chartwell Court.

Society members in Queensbury Mews called in the Environmental Health Officer while another member from Regency Square complained directly to the hotel management.

The result was that the noise disappeared never to be heard again.

It was in fact a sound system being tested in preparation for an evening entertainment for the Round Table Conference. The test was carried out at a level much higher than normal and it was done with the doors open!

In a letter to the Society, Metropole General manager Peter Bramich apologised to those who had been disturbed and gave an assurance that the exhibition hall doors would be firmly closed before any future sound tests.

What Sort of West Pier ?

At the Norfolk Hotel on Friday 15 June an important decision will be made about the future of the West Pier. It will be the AGM of the West Pier Trust (at 8 pm) and the members will be asked to vote on whether or not the Trust should lease the Pier to Merlin International.

Merlin is the company which is proposing to build a large shopping development on the shore end and an enlarged theatre at the far end.

If the Trust members vote in favour there are still two more major decisions to be made. Merlin must decide whether they really do want to go ahead, and the Council must consider a planning application.

A Nice Looking Dish

Is there such a thing as a good looking satellite dish? The general opinion seems to be that in a conservation area the answer is no.

Hove has issued a booklet advising property owners about where they can and can't put their dishes. Brighton Council is still thinking about the problem.

Why is it taking them so long to publish advice? Dishes are appearing all over the area including some in places which are extremely unsightly. The Council has already enforced the removal of one dish from a seafront property in this area. Let's hope the planners can publish some guidelines soon.

In the meantime their advice is, if you want to put up a satellite dish in a conservation area, apply for planning permission first, or at least consult the planning department (tel 29801)

We are sad to record the death of Arnold McCulloch. He was a long standing member of the Society and was the designer of our attractive letter heading, which appears at the top of the Newsletter. His wife Pat is a member of the committee and her fellow committee members extend their sympathy to her and her family at this sad time.

We Need Your Sub

Membership re-newals are not coming in as quickly as they were at this time last year.

Have you re-newed yet? Please re-new today! The Society is nothing without its members.

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

Please tick your membership category:

	£
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.

Name

Address

Poll Tax Threatens Society

It is fashionable to blame everything on the Poll Tax. The Society is not to be left out.

Each year we like to send a leaflet to everyone living in the area who is not already a member. The aim is to tell them about the Society and encourage them to join.

It is not easy to get to everyone because so many people live in flats and single rooms. We used to buy a copy of the register of electors so that we could address a copy to each person registered.

Since the Poll Tax was introduced the Council is no longer allowed to sell the register, or even to let people copy it.

So we need your help. Do you have any neighbours who would be interested in the Society? If so, please encourage them to join. We are sending you two copies of the newsletter this month so you can pass one on. If you need more copies please contact Harold Lawson (tel 28203).

We're Only Here for the Beer

Queensbury Mews will look particularly crowded during the week 7 - 11 August. That's when the Beer Festival comes back to town.

The Metropole has taken steps to prevent any trouble and the crowds in Queensbury Mews will be festival stewards; the festival organisers are contractually bound to have at least ten stewards patrolling the Mews and the entrances into Regency Square.

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A Smashing Skip

No one likes to have a skip outside their house. But imagine how you would feel if a skip was put outside your house and used for dumping glass.

That is what is happening in Castle Street. The skip is used by a local business to dump unwanted glass, much of which smashes as it is dumped and sends splinters onto the pavement.

The Society is investigating whether a safer alternative site can be found for the skip.

More Controls in Russell Square ?

The uniform painting scheme in Russell Square is now in force. It applies to numbers 28-31 and 36-45.

When these properties are next painted they must either be painted in exactly the same colours as now, or in the colours approved by the Council; these are

Walls mouldings & canopies	Cream
Columns and parapet	White
Gates and railings	Black
Doors	Optional

The houses on the north side of Russell Square are not included in this scheme at present. The Council has written to the occupants of those properties asking whether they would support a similar scheme.

What do you think of this idea? Let the Council know (see below) - and tell the Society if you have a view (tel Roger Hinton 21794).

For full details of British Standard paint colours and of finishes, or to express your views on extending the scheme, contact the Planning Department (tel Leigh Allary at the Planning Department - 29801 ext 2616).

CARS CARS CARS

What do you see when you look around you in the town centre? Cars!

We love them because they get us around so effortlessly. But we hate them because they chuck out dangerous fumes, they kill and injure people and they take up more and more space.

Cars are parked on pavements, on the lower promenade, on the new bit of the West Pier and on the grass in Regency Square. And what is particularly annoying is often this all happens when the car parks are half empty!

We are trying to persuade the West Pier Trust to take action to prevent parking on the Pier. We are suggesting that they introduce clamping, which is already in operation underneath the pier.

We have also raised with the Council the possibility of bollards on the edge of the lower parts of Regency Square to prevent parking on the grass.

What Day is it ?

At the moment it's Thursday and will be until the end of August.

Rubbish collection day that is.

The Society is distributing a leaflet to all homes in the area to encourage people to put out their rubbish on the right day. It is very difficult to make sure that everyone in a large property receives a copy. If you live in a house that is divided up into several rooms or flats, could you help us by distributing copies to your neighbours?

If so contact Harold Lawson (tel 28203).