



## Regency Square Area Society

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### REMEMBER REMEMBER !

A one-sided newsletter this month, the main purpose of which is to remind everyone about November 5th.

We will be holding a firework part on Regency Square. The fireworks will start at 7 pm, followed by sparklers for the youngsters and soup, hot potatoes etc for everyone.

Everyone is welcome so bring your friends and neighbours - but please, don't bring any fireworks.

Let's hope for a fine night. If the weather is bad, we will postpone the party until the next fine night.

### THANK YOU . . .

to everyone who helped with the social evening last month, especially those who provided the food and to the Metropole Hotel which let us use the room.

### CONGRATULATIONS . . .

to Harold Lawson and his team who won the Brightonians' quiz with a dazzling display of local knowledge. And well done also to the other two teams led by Ros Boulden and Pete Squires.

### ASK A SILLY QUESTION

The Council is starting to think again about the traffic problem in the Town Centre.

In the September issue of their newspaper, "Brighton Line" they included a questionnaire designed to find out what people think about Western Rd.

It included questions like "Do you agree that through traffic, with the exception of buses and cycles, should be removed from Western Rd ?"

At first sight it seems very reasonable to find out what the people of Brighton think. But the problem is, the questions makes a very complex issue seem very simple. Yes, many people would like Western Rd to be free of traffic. But where will it go instead? Until you know in full what is being proposed you can't really give a sensible answer to the question.

The Breeze into Brighton scheme included major changes for Western Rd. It was widely opposed by many local groups. One thing that can be said for it was that it did make clear where the re-directed traffic would go. And of course, as soon as that was made clear, the question of whether the scheme was a good idea became a very complicated and controversial one.

The Council assures us that the questionnaire was just designed to "seek public views before any draft proposals were prepared." They also say that there will be an exhibition and full consultation on any proposals, probably this winter.

We say that the views expressed in response to the questionnaire must be viewed with great scepticism because the questions posed did not make clear the real issues.



### FIREWORK PARTY

7pm  
Monday 5 November

Regency Square

Firework display, sparklers,  
refreshments.

Everyone welcome

If wet, postponed to the first fine night

### CARS ON REGENCY SQUARE

There was quite a long discussion at the social evening about the question of how to stop cars parking on Regency Square.

Some members thought it was not a serious enough problem to justify putting bollards around the green. But most thought that something should be done to keep vehicles off.

Most people thought that concrete bollards would be unattractive. One alternative suggestion was that a fence could be put round the greens, similar to that around the upper green. Dogs would still be allowed onto the lower two greens but the fence would keep cars off.

The committee will be considering at its next meeting what further action to take in the light of the various views expressed.

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