



Regency Square Area Society

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 12th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 7-30 pm on Tuesday 26 March 1991 at the Metropole Hotel.

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of the previous meeting
- 2 Matters arising from the minutes
- 3 Committee report - the Chairman will present the report
- 4 Accounts - the Treasurer will present the accounts
- 5 Subscriptions for 1991/92 - the Committee recommends no change
- 6 Election of officers and Committee
- 7 Any Other Business

After the formal meeting, refreshments will be served and there will be a talk by Robert Gregory. The talk, which will be illustrated with slides, will be on "Un-noticed Corners of Old Brighton".

ACCOUNTS

The Regency Square Area Society
Accounts year ended 28th February 1991

RECEIPTS	£
Donations	10
Functions	66
Subscriptions	295
Interest on deposit	38
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	409
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PAYMENTS	
Functions	232
Printing, Stationary etc	190
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	422
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Deficit for the year	13
Balance brought forward 1/3/90	740
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Funds available 28/2/91	727
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Made up of:	
Bank account - with interest	639
Bank account - current	65
Cash	23
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	727
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Treasurer	

UN-NOTICED CORNERS OF BRIGHTON

We are very pleased to be able to welcome Robert Gregory to our AGM this year. He is Chairman of the influential Brighton Society and is extremely knowledgeable about the history of the town. Using slides from his impressive collection he will take us on a tour from the Station to Oriental Place and bring back some memories along the way.

MEMBERS WANTED

Our Society is able to influence councillors and local officials because they know that we represent a significant number of people in the area.

That's why it's so important for us to maintain and increase our membership. Many people move in and out of the area each year so we must work hard to keep up our numbers.

In the past we have used the electoral roll to send membership leaflets personally to everyone registered to vote. New rules arising from the introduction of the Poll Tax mean that we can no longer do this.

So we have to find other ways to tell people about the Society. One way is for you, the members to help.

So we are enclosing two copies of our membership leaflet with the newsletter. Please pass them on to friends or neighbours who may be interested in joining, particularly if they are new to the area.

GET NOTICED

Another thing we hope to do to publicise the society is to mount a notice board on the wall opposite the Regency Tavern.

We are preparing a drawing of the proposed notice board and the next stop will be to find out what it will cost. We will also need to get planning permission.

SOCIETY CONTACTS
CHAIRMAN Roger Hinton: tel 21794
SECRETARY Richard Pau: tel 26711
TREASURER Harold Lawson tel 28203

COMMITTEE REPORT

It has been another busy year for the Society and as always we have had some successes and some failures.

Amongst the successes are the following:

Following our complaints the Metropole Hotel ensured far better control of people leaving the beer festival that was held in August.

We persuaded the Council to provide signposts for the public toilets in the Regency square car-park.

We have successfully opposed yet another new office building in Castle Street.

Our suggestion that this area needs a community centre has been included in the Borough Plan; but don't hold your breath: all it says is that it is something which will be investigated.

The end of the year brought radical proposals for new traffic schemes in Western Rd. We have objected strongly to the proposal to pedestrianise Churchill Square: the problem is that it would mean that buses would come down past the end of Russell square and through Cannon Place instead of passing in front of Marks and Spencer. Let's hope that we can report this as a success next year.

Our failures have a familiar ring:

Rubbish collection is still a source of concern. We have been pressing the Council to deal with bags of rubbish dumped near litter bins. Improvements that do occur are often short lived. But we will not give up.

We have objected yet again to the Council's policy in the Borough Plan concerning houses in multiple occupation. Number 32 Regency Square is an example of the planning blight that results. We presented our objections at the public enquiry earlier this month. A number of other groups also objected to this aspect of the plan and we now await the Inspector's report which will indicate whether the Council's policy will be upheld.

On the lighter side we have held a number of Society events:

Members met together in Regency Square last May to give our benches their annual clean.

We held a social evening in the autumn with a quiz designed to find out who really knows Brighton.

The November firework part went with its usual bang and our Christmas tree helped to brighten the dark nights of December.

Finally, from the committee, a warm thank you to all members and friends who helped keep the Society busy throughout its twelfth year.

WATCH OUT THERE ARE THIEVES ABOUT

One of our members has been burgled twice recently, once in broad daylight. A neighbour interrupted the youths concerned and they ran off.

A car parked in Queensbury Mews had its wheels removed.

These are just two examples of crime in our area. The police believe that much local crime is carried out by local people. The worrying thing is that local criminals are more likely to know when and where to strike.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Memberships come up for renewal in February. Please continue to support your local society by renewing early. And if you have any new neighbours, why not get them to join too.

To Harold Lawson, 7 Chartwell Court, Russell Square, Brighton.

Please renew my membership of the Regency Square Area Society for the year 1990/91 in the category ticked below:

	£
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinary member	3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	3.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen	2.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	1.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate (non-resident)	2.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Business (non-resident)	5.50

Name

Address

ELECTIONS

The present committee and officers are all standing for re-election with the exception of Juno Appleton who was elected to the committee at the last AGM but had to stand down during the year because of other commitments.

Nominations are invited from other members wishing to stand for the committee or for the posts of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. Members may nominate themselves and nominations will be accepted at the meeting.