

Regency Square Area Society

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FIREWORK NIGHT IS HERE AGAIN

Don't forget November the fifth. Turn off the telly, collect your friends and join the crowd in Regency Square.

Fireworks begin at 7-30 pm, followed by sparklers for the youngsters and food and drink for all.

If the weather is too bad on November 5th the party will be postponed until the first fine night after then.

The display fireworks are generously donated by a member and are supervised by committee members. In the interests of safety, please don't bring any of your own fireworks.

The food and drink is prepared and served by volunteers. If you would be able to help either with preparation or serving please contact Ros Boulden (tel 23690). All offers of help will be gratefully received.

But most important of all - be there ! It's a free show and everyone is welcome.



ANYONE FOR A 5 COURSE CHRISTMAS DINNER ?

The Kingscliffe Society have organised a Christmass Dinner at the catering college in Pelham Street. It is at 7-30 on 2 December.

They have invited members of our society to join them. A similar invitation has also been made to Clifton Hill and Kemp Town Societies.

The meal is 5 courses with a glass of sherry on arrival - all for £14.50 per person. A vegetarian menu is available.

If you would like to go, please book early by telephoning Mrs Sheridan on Brighton 684040.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

. . . to Joyce Evans (as was). Joyce, a long standing member of the committee, recently got married and is now Mrs Baker.

Unfortunately this means she has moved away from the Regency Square area and has therefore had to resign from the committee.

We offer our very best wishes to her and her husband, and our thanks for everything she has done for the Society in the past.

THANKS . . .

. . . to everyone who helped with the food and drink at the Social Evening - and also to the Hotel Metropole for the use of the York Room.

SOCIETY CONTACTS

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

Brighton Little Theatre, Clarence Gardens

next production:
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead
by
Tom Stoppard
22 - 28 November

Details: phone Brighton 205000

HEADING FOR 100

We have now received 94 subscriptions for the current year. We only need six more to make the hundred. In fact this represent quite a few more actual members since many subscriptions come from families.

Do you have any neighbours who would be interested in joining ? If so please pass your newsletter on to them.

To Harold Lawson, 14 Chartwell Court, Russell Square, Brighton.

I would like to join the Regency Square Area Society for the year 1992/93 in the category ticked below:

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

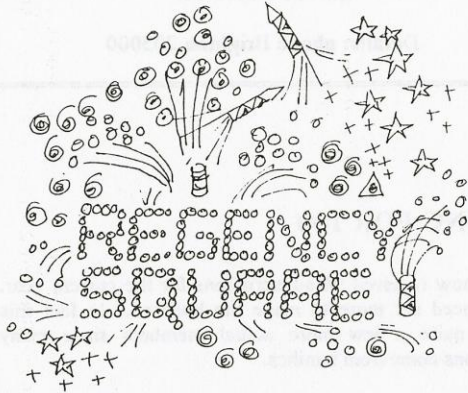
Name

Address

Cheques payable to the Regency Square Area Society please.

FIREWORK PARTY

7-30 pm
Thursday November 5th 1992



Everyone is welcome !

OVERHEARD . . .

. . . in a barber's shop in Preston Street: on the day after the end of the Conservative Conference:

Customer: "Did you have any famous Tory heads of hair to cut last week ?"

Hairdresser: "No - just policemen."

FAME AT LAST

Society committee member Clive Buxton and his wife, who run the Adelaide Hotel in Regency Square, appeared on TV during the Conference. They and a number of other local hotel owners were invited to meet MP, Sir Derek Spencer, in Regency Square.

The told him about the problems faced by small businesses in the present economic climate and tried to persuade him that the Government needed to do something to help.

A PIER WITH A FUTURE

At the social evening we were pleased to welcome Bryan Spielman, chairman of the West Pier Trust, who told us about his hopes and plans for the pier.

He hopes to raise enough money to restore it without the need to build large commercial buildings of the kind proposed by Merlin.

However, he does want to see a weather proof glass tunnel down the centre so that people will be able to get to the pavilion at the far end even in the winter. He even has hopes of extending the tunnel directly into the Regency Square car park.

More immediately there are plans to remove the rock shop in order to repair the structure on which it stands. It will then be replaced.

The West Pier Trust hopes to improve its income by building more kiosks like the one in the centre of the restored deck, and letting them out to traders. Bryan did give an assurance that his vision was of a pier which was much quieter and more refined than the Palace Pier.

Of course plans are one thing and finding the money to implement them is another. Nevertheless, it is clear that Bryan Spielman is a man of great optimism and of great energy so maybe under his guidance the West Pier does have a future.

"UPGRADED PLANTINGS"

If you have seen the Council's consultation leaflet about the new plans for Brighton seafront, you may have noticed some strange looking blobs around Regency Square.

They are obviously intended to represent trees or bushes of some kind. The larger version of the plans, which were displayed at the Town Hall, made clear that they were in fact "upgraded plantings" which is presumably local authorityese for trees or bushes.

But just what sort of trees and bushes are planned ? We are trying to find out, and also to see whether the person who drew the blobs is aware that virtually nothing bigger than grass will grow satisfactorily in the thin covering of earth that sits on the carpark roof.

KEEP ON PHONING

Don't forget to phone the Council if you find rubbish dumped in the street. The free number to call is

0800 525573.

WHO DECIDES WHERE PARKING SPACES GO ?

There has been a big increase in on street parking spaces in this area recently. In some cases the new spaces have been created at the suggestion of local people.

Spaces were created at the top of Regency Square, in the link road between Russell and Clarence squares, and in Castle Street.

Regardless of whether these particular spaces are desirable or not, who makes the decision to put them there, and what right do other people have to be consulted first ?

If I decide it would be a good idea to remove a yellow line outside your house and put in more voucher spaces, I can contact the Council and suggest it to them.

What happens then ? Do they have to consult you and your neighbours ? Or, if they like my idea, can they just go ahead with it ?

We are trying to get answers to these questions and will report them in a future issue.

