

## Regency Square Area Society

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### Another Try in Castle Street

Following vigorous protests from local residents, and the Society, the application for permission to build a new block of flats in castle Street has been withdrawn.

But that's not the end of the story of course ! A new modified application has been submitted. It is an improvement in some respects. For example the windows at the back overlooking Clarence Gardens will now be at high level and have frosted glass.

However, the building will still be large and very close to Clarence Gardens.

We are currently consulting residents before submitting the Society's comments on the new application.

### FIREWORK PARTY

**Regeny Square**  
**7-30 pm**  
**Friday 5 November**  
**(or the next fine night if wet)**

**Everyone welcome !**

### Re-cycling NIMBYs

The Council recently circulated a questionnaire asking for our opinion about various things.

Apparently one of the conclusions they have drawn from the replies is that there is a lot of support for the idea of a re-cycling centre in the Regency Square area.

They have therefore written to people asking for their opinions.

Most people are in favour of re-cycling. The problem is that the area around the various containers for glass, plastic etc, tends to become an unsightly mess. So where could we put one in our area ?

This is a question that the Society considered some time ago when the Council first raised this possibility. The conclusion we came to then was that there was no suitable place that would be acceptable to everyone.

Since the Council has raised the question again, we should re-consider the question.

Can you think of a suitable location near Regency Square for a re-cycling centre ? If so please let us know.

### A New Association

Preston Street traders are planning to form themselves into an association. We are having discussions with them and look forward to useful links between our two societies.

### Chartwell Court is On Line

Residents of our second tallest building can now receive their television pictures via the new Nynex cable system.

At present they can only get the 4 terrestrial channels (BBC 1 & 2, ITV and Channel 4) but it does mean an end to variations in picture quality due to atmospheric conditions.

Yet another improvement to our lives brought about by modern technology ? Well not exactly: there used to be a company called Rediffusion which provided exactly the same service. Their cables ran over the tops of the houses in Regency Square and they paid a rental of a few pence a year to each house for the privilege.

Of course what Rediffusion couldn't offer was the additional satellite channels which are to become available in Chartwell Court soon.

### SOCIETY CONTACTS

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### More Members Needed !

We now have 80 paid up members. Last year we had 100 so there must be some people out there who have still not renewed. If there is a cross in the box below then you are one. Please re-new today.

If you have any new neighbours who would be interested in joining please pass the newsletter on to them.

To Brian Smith, 45 Regency Square, Brighton.

I would like to renew my membership of the Regency Square Area Society for the year 1993/94 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.

A cross in the box means your subscription is still due.



## Newsletters Galore

As we head towards our centenary edition sometime next year, a new newsletter has appeared on the local scene.

It is published by the Sussex Heights Residents' Association.

The latest issue quotes a couple of complimentary remarks about Brighton's tallest building: Richard Morrice of English Heritage (who spoke at our AGM last March) has apparently admired its "sleek grandeur" and local artist Caroline Bilson talks of it "leaping up loftily from its Regency setting".

The Regency Square Area Society also gets a mention in the latest issue where it is described as an upholder of "all matters of local good taste".

In order to live up to live up to this reputation, we really ought to publish our own assessment of the tower. So we have decided to run a competition:

### COMPETITION

We are looking for opinions about Sussex Heights: you can be complimentary or the opposite, or even carefully uncommitted.

Your opinion must be expressed in not more than 20 words.

The prize for the most perceptive and entertaining entry will be a visit to a flat on the 23th floor to see the view from the inside.

Entries should be sent to the Newsletter Editor, Roger Hinton at 39 Regency Square, whose decision about the winner will be final.

## Talking Rubbish (Yet Again)

Following our survey of rubbish left in the streets (reported in the last issue), we have had a further meeting with Mr Irwin who is the Council officer responsible for refuse collection.

He is hoping to introduce some improvements to the collection arrangements. The full details are not yet available and any improvements will not come into effect until the middle of next year when the current refuse contracts will be replaced with new ones.

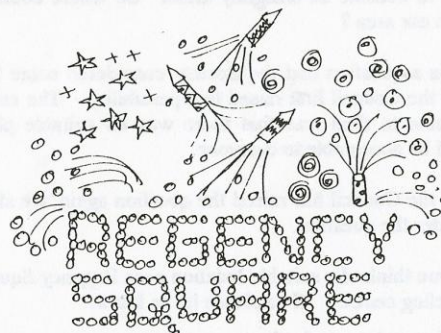
## See You on the Fifth

Don't forget our firework part which will be at 7-30 pm on Friday 5th November in Regency Square. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends and neighbours.

The display will start at 7-30 followed by refreshments and sparklers for the youngsters..

In the interests of safety, please don't bring any fireworks of your own.

We need volunteers to help with the food. If you can help please phone Pat McCulloch on 773275.



## "I Blame the Owners !"

Our local dog warden is Eric Ball - "Animal Welfare Officer" to give him his full title.

We recently complained to him about the number of dogs being allowed into the fenced dog free areas in our squares.

In his reply he tells us that there is only one person in the Council responsible for enforcing dog related bye laws, namely himself. So he has an almost impossible job since he can only take action if he can identify the owner of an offending animal.

This usually means he has to rely on local people for information.

We had also complained about the state of the "no dogs" notices on the fenced areas. The size of these is dictated by law so they cannot be made any larger. However, he assured us that if any of them are worn or damaged, they will be replaced.

Mr Ball can be contacted by direct line on 712687.

## Thanks

To Geof Mead for a fascinating talk on the history of Brighton Seafront at our social evening last month. It was truly a virtuoso performance: he had a completely random selection of slides on the subject - so he literally didn't know what was coming next - but he found something interesting and informative to say about everything that appeared on the screen.

Thanks also to the Metropole Hotel for the use of the room and the provision of sandwiches.

And to the Brighton & Hove French Circle for the loan of projection equipment.

## A Taller Milkmaid ?

One of the slides which Geof showed was of the Milkmaid Parlour, the cafe on the lower promenade near the boating pool which was built in 1947.

It has been largely closed for several years now, operating a kiosk service only occasionally. It is in fact a large building with a fully equipped kitchen, as some Society members discovered a few years ago when we used it for a children's party.

A plan has now been submitted to build a glass structure on top of it to provide an entrance from the upper promenade.

The Conservation Areas Advisory Group has objected to the proposal on conservation grounds.

It obviously makes commercial sense and may well be the only way to get the cafe running again. On the other hand it could set a precedent for more building on the south side of the prom.

What do you think ?

### 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.