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A Chance to Meet the Director of the Brighton Festival

Gavin Henderson will be our guest at the Society's Annual General Meeting. He will speak after the meeting on "The Festival and Historic Brighton."

The meeting will be at 7-30 pm on Thursday 31 March in the York Room at the Metropole Hotel.

Make a note in your diary and bring your friends !

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Brighton in Bloom

Spring will soon be in the air, and with a bit of luck flowers will be in the streets.

"Brighton in Bloom" is a scheme to persuade local firms - and individuals - to pay for flower baskets on lampposts or pots on the pavement. For example the basic cost for a basket on a lamppost is £40.

The newly active traders association in Preston Street is hoping that their street will be full of flowers.

There is no reason why other streets or squares should not be involved. If you would like more information about the scheme contact Martin Harris at the Town Hall (tel 710000).

Preston Street Traders Look for Improvements

The traders association in Preston Street is becoming quite active.

They have put in a bid to the Council for money for improvements to take place in 1995.

They have also asked for a study of traffic arrangements in Preston Street, Castle Street, Stone Street and adjacent areas.

Angelo at

Casalingo's

in Preston Street i pleased to welcome members of the Regency Square Area Society and offers a 10% discount of normal prices.

Slip Away Slip A Day

At last the Council has seen sense ! The absurd slip a day system that has confised so many people about when their rubbish is supposed to be collected, is at last to be abandoned.

We do not yet know when the new arrangements will take effect. When it does there will one day for rubbish collection and it will be fixed month in and month out. It remains to be seen what arrangements will be made for public holidays.

Even better, the Council has recognised the difference between densely populated areas such as this, and the suburbs where people have more room to store rubbish: they considered the idea of two collections a week but rejected it. Instead they will have special teams whose job will be to deal with badly littered streets.

So perhaps in future if we phone the freephone number we might actually get a response !

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.

The Festival and Historic Brighton

a talk by Gavin Henderson,
Director of the Brighton Festival

following the AGM of the Regency Square Area Society
at 7-30 pm on Thursday 31 March 1994
in the York Room at the Metropole Hotel

Members and their guests welcome.

Cotoneaster Congestus etc ...

There should soon be some improvements in Regency Square. The Council's Parks department is planning to increase the area of planting and to build an extra path.

The plan gives a rough idea of what is going to happen - apologies for the rather poor quality - it is a photocopy of a photocopy of a photocopy ...

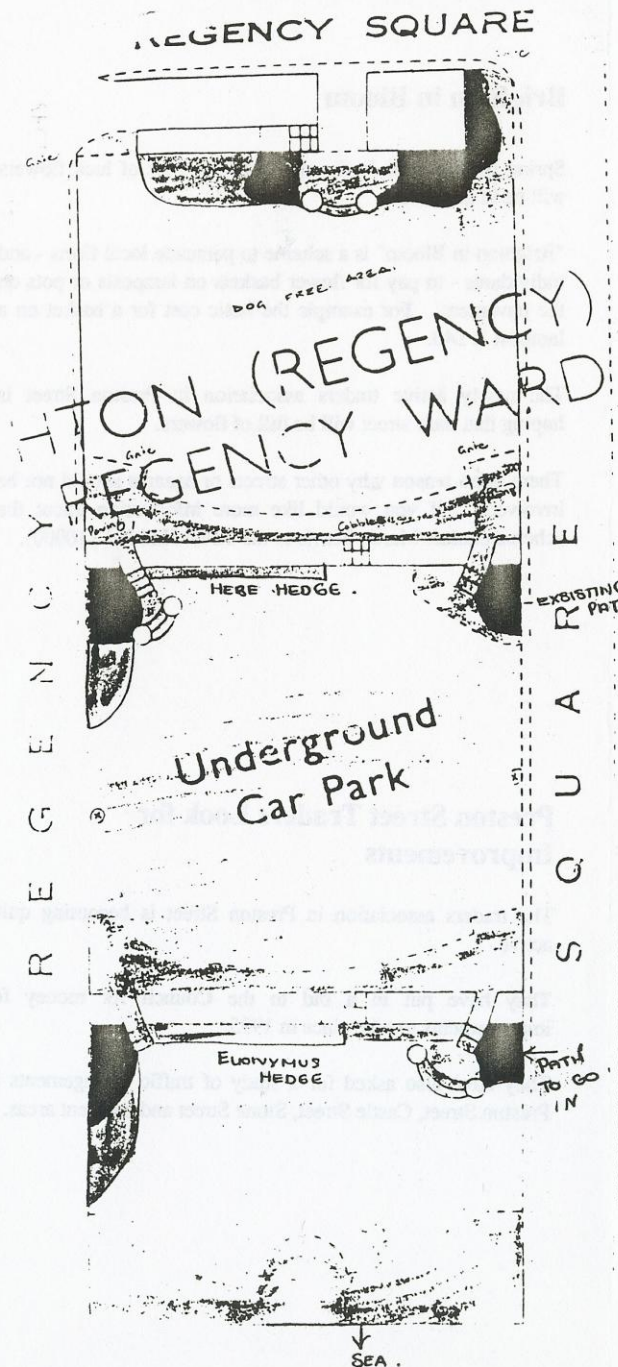
The area of planting at the top will be extended to the west; hedges will be located between the greens; extra areas of planting will be created down the west side and a proper path will be built on the east side where people take a short cut.

A water supply to allow for regular watering is also planned.

We have been given a list of the plants they propose to use. It is full of the most amazing Latin names such as

10 Yucca Flamentosa
35 Hebe Cupressoides
20 Semecio Laxifolius
and so on ...

If you would like to see the full list contact Roger Hinton (tel 321704).



Oops! Wrong Picture

In the last issue there was a short piece about Grahams Private Hotel, which used to be on the west side of Regency Square and was advertised in the 1925 Brighton Guide.

Next to it was a photograph on Abbots Hotel which used to occupy the site at the south east corner where the block of flats of the same name now stands.

This was of course a deliberate mistake designed to find out if anybody actually reads the newsletter. What it revealed was that not only do all Society members read it avidly from cover to cover, but they are also far too polite to point out any mistakes.

Anyway, this issue puts things right by including the picture of Grahams Hotel which appears to have been in numbers 11, 12 and 12a.



Graham's Private Hotel

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