



NEWSLETTER 114 February 1996

Shhhh - Don't Say a Word !

The Society will be holding a silent auction at 7:30 pm on Thursday 29 February 1996 at the Regency Hotel in Regency Square.

Items for auction will be available for inspection, and if you wish to make a bid you simply write the amount on a card next to the item. If someone else makes a higher bid you can add another even higher one - and so on until a pre-set time when bidding closes.

The items for auction have all been donated and money raised will be go to the Regency Square Improvement Fund.

There is still room for more items. If you would like to donate something contact Traude Tappin (tel 735167) or Pat McCulloch (tel 773275). Anything at all that someone might want to bid for can be auctioned - new or second-hand.

Although the bidding will be silent, there will be plenty of opportunity to chat with your neighbours and enjoy a glass of wine while watching nervously to see if anyone is going to out bid you.

Annual General Meeting

The Society's seventeenth Annual General Meeting will be held in the York Room at the Metropole Hotel on the evening of Thursday 28 March 1996.

After the meeting Jackie Frisby, an Assistant Curator from Brighton Museum will give a talk about the Prince Regent and the Music Room at the Royal Pavilion, illustrated with slides.

Full information will be in the next Newsletter. So make a note in your diary !

Big Money

We have already reported that Brighton has been awarded an urban re-generation grant, £2 million of which is to be spent in the Regency Square Area.

How will decisions be made about what to spend it on ? Serious decision making will probably have to wait until after the new unitary authority comes into existence in April, and new Councillors are elected in May.

The Society is planning to organise a public meeting in late May or early June to give everyone in the area a chance to meet their new councillors and discuss how the money should be spent.

Safety in Numbers

The precise number is £130 which will be the annual cost of insurance for the Society. In previous years we have insured individual events such as the firework parties or the Christmas tree.

The Committee has now decided to take out an annual third part liability policy. The cost of this new policy is not a lot more than has been spent in previous years and it will provide cover at all the Society's activities.

Brighton in Bloom ?

Topps Hotel and the Society have jointly agreed to sponsor a lamppost with hanging flower baskets as part of "Brighton in Bloom".

We approached Brighton Council to find out how many lampposts were available in our area to be sponsored. The answer is none in Regency Square. The Council is approaching East Sussex County Council to see if one could be added to the list.

(Roll on the unitary authority !)

Meanwhile response to our invitation to other members to contribute to further sponsorship has been underwhelming in the extreme. No one replied.

Is it all a waste of time ? Come to the AGM and let us know what you think.

Don't Delay ... Re-new Today !

Subscriptions for 1996/7 are due now. Please support the Society by re-newing your membership promptly. The re-newal form is overleaf.

And if you have any new neighbours who would like to join please given them a copy or bring them to the AGM. For more copies of the newsletter phone Harold Lawson (tel 328203)

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So Far So Good

Work has started on demolition of the back part of Regency Square.

Residents of Chartwell Court, which overlooks the site were dreading the noise and dust. The verdict from one member who lives in the block is that so far the demolition contractors have been "very quiet".

However, they have not yet started to remove rubble from the site. Once the heavy lorries start to move in and out things might not be quite so peaceful.

Silent Auction

7:30 pm Thursday
29 February 1996

Regency Hotel,
Regency Square



All members and guests welcome

Regency Road Fights On

It's a funny old world.

While greens and environmentalists in Newbury battle to prevent the building of a new road, those in Brighton are fighting to stop the closure of an old one.

Three local environmental groups have made objections to the closure of Regency Road under Churchill Square: The groups are Bricycles (the Brighton and Hove Cycling Campaign), Friends of the Earth and the Green Party.

They oppose the closure because they believe that Regency Road, unattractive as it is, is an important route between the Old Town and the Regency Square area, especially for cyclists and pedestrians.

In fact it is part of what used to be a much longer and older pedestrian route which has already been severed in Preston Street by the closure some years ago of the two passageways through to Little Preston Street.

Many Society members have also expressed concern at the loss of the route through Regency Road, though at a meeting in December the majority of those present felt it was a price worth paying to improve Churchill Square.

To be fair, groups like Bricycles do not believe that their objection will prevent the road being closed. Their main objective is to win concessions for pedestrians and cyclists as part of the scheme.

They have already persuaded the developers to provide secure cycle parking in the new car park, and to modify the West Street entrance to the car park to make it more pedestrian friendly. They are now pressing for alterations at the Clock Tower to make life easier for cyclists wanting to get into Western Road.



To Brian Smith, 45 Regency Square,
Brighton.

Please enrol me as a member of the Regency Square Area Society for the year commencing March 1996, 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.

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