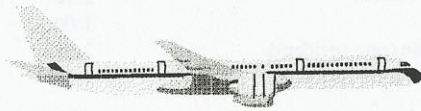


Regency Square Area Society

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Someone will be off to Tenerife



Tickets are now on sale for this year's prize draw. They cost £1 each and the list of prizes is irresistible. Top of the list is two weeks in Tenerife for two - flights and accommodation provided.

If you don't win 1st prize your luck could still run to

- ✦ a weekend with dinner for 2 at Dean's Place Hotel in Alfriston
- ✦ a night for 2 with breakfast at the Metropole
- ✦ 2 nights bed and breakfast mid week in a four poster bedroom at the Adelaide Hotel
- ✦ nights for 2 with breakfast at the Regency and Dove Hotels
- ✦ dinner for 2 at Sheekeys Restaurant in London
- ✦ a presentation hamper, lunch for 2 at Fudges, dinner for 2 at the Granville, 2 tickets for "Nutcracker" at the Royal Festival Hall, and many many more.

Tickets are on sale at
Burnetts in Preston St
West Pier News in Astra House.
Daisy Fresh Cleaners in Imperial Arcade
The Regency Tavern
The Hole in the Wall (Queensbury Mews)

The draw will be at the Beach Hotel in Regency Square on Thursday 28 November starting at 730 pm.

The prizes have been donated and all money from tickets will go to the Regency Square Improvement Fund. We need to raise as much as possible to ensure that a share of the government "single regeneration budget" comes to this area - see below.

If you can help sell tickets or are able to donate a prize please contact Traude Tappin (☎ 735167). Items for the hamper will be particularly welcome.

What do we want ?

Earlier in the year we circulated a questionnaire from the Council. Its purpose was to find out the opinions of local people about what improvements are needed in our squares.

The results have now been analysed. Here are some of the main conclusions:

- Most people favour a traditional approach to the re-design of Regency Square
- A significant number favour no recreational activities in Regency Square but a large number want an enclosed dog walking area
- Tennis is the other most favoured activity
- Most people want a formal design for Regency and Clarence Squares but like the informal approach in Russell Square
- Traffic calming is called for in Regency Square; there is generally enough parking but more of it should be reserved for residents
- The subway to the beach is viewed as a useful facility but it needs upgrading

- Uncontrolled dog walking is the biggest problem in Regency Square with ground maintenance the biggest issue in the other two squares
- Most people want the footpaths around Clarence Square to be re-surfaced

When do we want it ?

Now, of course. But we will have to wait a little while.

The plan is for designs to be prepared by March 1997 for Clarence and Russell Squares with work to be completed by the following March.

Designs for Regency Square will be ready by March 1998 and work completed the year after that.

Bedford Square is also part of the scheme and will follow a year later. So the whole scheme will be complete by March 2000.

All we need is money

Forget the £2 million that has been mentioned previously ! The sum now being quoted by the Council is £86,000. This will be the contribution from the "single regeneration budget" (i.e. central government funds) towards improvement work in the four squares over the next three years.



However, it will only be provided if other sources can be found as well. We had thought that we had to match the government money £ for £. The reality is that a total of £490,000 is needed for the four squares. So other sources have to put in over £400,000 to "match" the government's £86,000.

The Council will put in £16,000 and an application will be made to the National Lottery Fund for £268,000. That leaves £120,000 to be provided by local businesses and groups.

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Can it be done ?

The Council has formed a steering group. It includes representatives of local groups, including our society. It also includes some of the large businesses in the area such as the Metropole, NCP and BUPA.

The Society has already raised about £2,500 in its Regency Square improvement fund and the draw in November should raise more. This is an impressive start for a small society but clearly it is only a drop in the ocean of what is needed.

What is being done about rubbish?

We asked the Council this question following complaints from members about an increase in rubbish dumped on the pavement.

They assure us that they try to identify who has left the rubbish. If they are successful they send a warning letter.

Go karts get go ahead

Permission has been granted for the go kart track under the West Pier to operate for a further year. The permitted hours are 8am to 9pm.

Compass changes direction

the Compass pub in Clarence Gardens now has permission for a change of image. One condition imposed is that the exterior lighting should be limited to a level appropriate in a residential area.

Council officer have also negotiated a change of colour. the present dark blue will be changed to cream.

Cooler noise

Cooling equipment has been installed on the roof of the Metropole without planning permission. It is noisy and is disturbing residents of Sussex Heights.

A retrospective planning application has now been made. The Society has submitted a comment asking for the equipment to be enclosed so as to reduce the noise.

Bloomin' good show



Well done to everyone who has helped to make our area so attractive during the summer with flowers and shrubs. Everywhere you look there are balconies window sills and steps covered in flowers and greenery.

We moan a lot about the Council but it is nice to see that when they come up with a good idea like Brighton in Bloom, people follow their lead.

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If there is a cross in the box it means your subscription for the current year is outstanding. Please support the Society by keeping your subscription up to date.

Regency Square Improvement Fund Draw

Fabulous Prizes

Tickets from local newsagents & pubs
£1 each

Everyone welcome at the draw on
Thursday 28 November 1996 730pm at
the Beach Hotel in Regency Square

Membership Renewal Form

The subscription rates shown below are the minimum payable for membership. If you are able to give more, please do. You can give a donation for general Society funds or for the Regency Square Improvement Fund which is reserved specifically for environmental improvements.

To Gail Simons, 28 Regency Square, Brighton.

I would like to renew my membership of the Regency Square Area Society for the year 1996/97 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

Optional donation: £ _____ for
Society funds OR Regency Sq Improvement Fund
(delete one)

Name

Address

Cheques payable to the Regency Square Area Society please.

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