



**NEWSLETTER 154**  
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## **Time to get Ratty with the Council!**

The streets of Brighton are permanently littered with bags of rubbish. Seagulls and animals attack them and leave rotting food strewn across the pavements.

For year we have been pressing the Council to improve the situation, but with no success. Members raised the problem at the AGM, saying they wanted the committee to do something about it.

We contacted the Council on 4 April asking for a meeting with a senior officer. We have had no response apart from a formal acknowledgement.

So it is time for direct action.

On Sunday 14 May, led by a member dressed as a rodent, we will collect the rubbish bags on our streets and dump them on the steps of Brighton Town Hall.

## **Join Us!**

We have arranged a truck and will meet at the north end of Regency Square at 9am. We will dump the rubbish at the Town Hal at 11am and are planning for press coverage.

Please join us, either to lend a hand, or to give moral support. (If you are going to help move rubbish, bring some strong gloves to protect your hands.)

Apologies for the short notice. Please come if you can. We must show the Council that we are serious about this problem.

## **Rubbish**

Contact number for refuse and street cleaning problems: call SITA



**274674**

## **Rat Run**

Residents of Abbots and neighbouring properties are becoming increasingly concerned about the condition of number 128 Kings Road.

This building occupies a prime site on the sea front but has been virtually derelict for several years. The conditions at the back of the building are quite disgusting.

In recent weeks rats have been seen on the site.

We are asking the Council asking what they can do to force the owner to improve the condition of the property. Action is needed now. This building has been a problem for too long.

## **More White Lines**

We reported recently on the problems caused by traffic queues in Cannon Place. Residents in the Russell and Clarence Square areas have great

difficulty getting home by car because car park queues block the northbound side of Cannon Place.

We took this up with the Council. Traffic technician, Elaine Dignan has told us that to create a right turning lane into the car park it would be necessary to have a loading ban in Cannon Place.

The possibility of a traffic order to create a loading ban has been considered but rejected because of the need "to allow loading to service the adjacent buildings".

Instead, the Council plans to "re-position the centre line and mark some arrows on the road to encourage drivers to position their vehicles in such a way that a free flow of traffic is maintained." This will be done "as soon as possible".

## **They're Still There ...**

...the advertising banners in Castle Street that is.

Retrospective planning permission has been refused twice: once by local planners and then on appeal to the Secretary of State.

In spite of all this the banners have still not been taken down. We are trying to find out why.

## **AGM on the Move**

The Society's AGM was moved at the last minute from the top of the Metropole Hotel to the basement. Apologies if you got lost.

In spite of this we had a very successful meeting. There was a lively discussion of issues which members want the Society to pursue, such as rubbish collection and parking.

## Post Cards of the Past

We ended the AGM evening with a marvellous slide show presented by Trevor Crick. He showed slides of about 50 post cards of the area, some dating from the last century.

There were many which reminded us of what a marvellous building was lost when the Bedford Hotel burnt down. There were also pictures of the interior of the Metropole and of an elaborate garden that used to be on its roof.

Many thanks to Trevor for sharing his collection of post cards with us.

## Your New Committee

The following people were elected at the AGM to run the Society for the next year:

Chairman	Roger Hinton	Regency Square
Secretary	Andrew Walker	Chartwell Court
Treasurer	Paul Stanford	Regency Square
Members	Ros Boulden	Queensbury Mews
	Clive Buxton	Dean Street
	Diana Dunn	Clarence Gardens
	Elizabeth Ray	Regency Square
	Traude Tappin	Abbotts

## Thanks ...

...to the Metropole Hotel for providing a room for the AGM

...to the hotel staff who responded so quickly to a request for extra chairs

...to those who provided prizes for the raffle, which raised over £40 for Society funds.

**Late night noise? Call the noise patrol.**  
**10pm-3am Friday and Saturday**  
**☎ 0831 698907**



## Talking about Parking

Residents in Brunswick and Palmeira Squares now have parking bays reserved for their use from 9am to 8pm, *seven days a week*.

Can we have the same? Maybe. The Council is looking at new parking arrangements for our area. There will be a public consultation next month. We should all get a leaflet with a questionnaire.

Seven day residents' bays are being seriously considered, though only until 7pm rather than 8. Other ideas include:

- vouchers that residents could buy to allow their visitors to use resident bays;
- pay and display to make it easier for people who don't know the town to pay for a space;
- loading bays outside hotels, possibly resulting in some loss of parking spaces;
- "decriminalised parking enforcement":- wardens work for the Council instead of the police.

We've been asking for improvements to parking for ages but it does look as if something is now going to happen.

Society committee member, Diana Dunn represents the Society on a forum set up by the Council to discuss these ideas.

If you have any views on local parking, Diana would be pleased to hear from you (tel 725898) - but no, she can't do anything about your parking ticket!

## Dome no go

Only two members expressed interest in a coach trip to the Millennium Dome so we have cancelled it.

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## Have you renewed your membership?

If there is a cross in the box below, your annual subscription is overdue. Please help the Society by sending your subscription today.

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