

NEWSLETTER 173 April 2002

Jubilee Time

Plans are now well advanced for our party in Regency Square on Monday 3 June. It will start at 2pm and go on until about 6pm.

Music will be provided by the Dieppe town band; there will be Morris dancing, a magician and a Punch and Judy Show. Amusements will include skittles, hoopla, roll-a-coin and an opportunity to pelt the Society's chairman with wet sponges!

The Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton and Hove will be joining us at about 3:15pm.

Teas, coffees, soft drinks, sandwiches, cakes, and a licensed bar will be available throughout the afternoon.

The party will involve a lot of work. If you can offer some help, please fill in the form over-leaf and return it (by 12 May if possible) to Roger Hinton, 39 Regency Square, Brighton BN1 2FJ

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Members Support SOS

At the AGM last month Society members gave overwhelming support to the Save our Seafront campaign's attempt to prevent large buildings being developed either side of the West Pier. They also approved the Society committee's plans to use part of the Regency Square Improvement Fund to help pay for the campaign.

Peace at Last

Residents of Queensbury Mews breathed a sigh of relief when a ventilating system on the Metropole Hotel was switched off. They had complained repeatedly about noise from the system. Finally the Council listened and issued an order requiring the hotel to cease the nuisance.

Regeneration Degeneration

The new planting in the top area of Regency Square is looking very sad. The planting is part of the regeneration scheme for the Square, which also includes the new pathways and steps.

There has been little or no rain for several weeks. The scheme originally included regular watering of the new plants for a year to allow them to get established. This doesn't seem to have happened.

However, Council officers say that the original planting was not carried out in accordance with their specification. So it will be done again, including the initial preparatory work, previously overlooked. No payments will be made to the contractor until Council officers are satisfied.

We are also hoping that the Christmas tree hole removed from the green during regeneration work will be reinstated.

The Church on the Hill

A group of Society members enjoyed a fascinating visit to St Nicholas Church recently.

We were made warmly welcome by our hosts who were keen to tell about the building's history and the recent renovation work.

The inside of the church looks much brighter and welcoming than it used to. The old pews have been removed and replaced with seats. These can be moved around so the church can be used for various kinds of events. This reflects an attempt to reestablish the church at the heart of the local community.

There are many fascinating things to see in the church and the graveyard around it. One of the most interesting is a set of African woodcarvings representing the Stations of the Cross. These were a gift from the President of Nigeria to the late Dame Flora Robson who was a regular worshipper at St Nicholas.

Many thanks to the church members who made us so welcome, and to Ros Boulden for arranging the visit.

Your New Committee

Following the AGM last month your committee is now made up as follows:

Chair: Secretary: Treasurer: Members:	Roger Hinton John Gavin Andrew Walker Ron Bakere Ros Boulden Clive Buxton Diana Dunn Tony Lowery Sue Paskins Traude Tappin	Regency Square Queensbury Mews Chartwell Court Sussex Heights Abbotts Dean Street Clarence Gardens Metropole Court Marlborough Street Abbotts
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We need your help with the Golden Jubilee Party on Monday 3 June

Plans are now well advanced for our Golden Jubilee party. But we will need lots of help. The main jobs are described here. If you can help, please tick the ones you would be able to do. The more you tick the better, to give us some flexibility - we won't ask you to do everything!

The Band from Dieppe

Thirty musicians will be coming from Dieppe. Could you help make them welcome:

Hosts: provide a bed or two for the night of Sunday 2 June with a simple breakfast on Monday. Most musicians will be singles with one or two married couples.



Transport: collect band members by car at Newhaven and take them to their host's home on Sunday afternoon and/or take them back to Newhaven at about 7pm on the Monday. How many seats can you offer?

Lunch: help prepare and/or serve a buffet lunch for the band in the French church in Queensbury Mews before they play on the Monday.

Setting up and Clearing up

On the Monday morning from 10 am we will need to pitch a tent, move tables and chairs from the Metropole, put up bunting and notices, etc.... and at 6pm we'll have to do it all in reverse!

First Aid

We'll need one or two people ready between 2pm and 6pm to deal with any accidents. Do you know some first aid? Do you have a mobile phone to call an ambulance if necessary? Hopefully this job won't be a busy one.

Catering

A bar is being provided on the green by the Havanah Club but the Society will be selling teas, coffees, soft drinks and snacks.

Preparing Snacks: can you prepare some sandwiches, cakes, or anything else you think might be popular? If so please tick the box and we'll contact you to discuss what you could make.

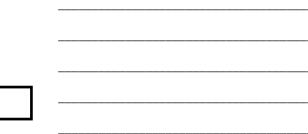
Serving: we will need a rota of people during the afternoon to serve in the catering tent and keep the tea and coffee flowing.

Amusements

There will be some funfair stalls (with prizes) to help cover costs: roll-a-penny, hoopla and skittles. The Society chairman will also be given a good soaking with wet sponges for half an hour. We will need a rota of people to run these stalls and collect the money.

What have we forgotten?

Can you think of anything else that might need doing or that you would like to offer to do?



Funds

The party will involve a lot of expenses. Can you help with a contribution to costs? If so, please enclose cash or a cheque payable to "The Regency Square Area Society"



Give us your details!

Please fill in your details below and return the form to Roger Hinton, 39 Regency Square, Brighton, BN1 2FJ if possible by **May 12th**

Name

Address

Telephone number

Email

Don't delay! Tick some boxes today! And send in your form by the 12th of May!

If you want more information or would like to discuss any aspect of the arrangements for the party please call Roger or Suzanne Hinton on 321794

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To Roger Hinton. Acting Treasurer, Regency Square Area Society, 39 Regency Square, Brighton BN1 2FJ

I would like to renew my membership of the Regency Square Area Society for the year 2002/2003 in the category ticked below:

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Ordinary member	4.00
Family	4.50
Senior Citizen	3.50
Junior	2.00
Associate (non-resident)	3.50
Business (non-resident)	6.50
Basic subscription	
Optional donation	
Total enclosed	

Name

Address

Payment by cash or cheque payable to Regency Square Area Society please. Members' details are stored on computer for administrative purposes only.

A cross in the box means your subscription is due!

