



Regency Square Area Society

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RUBBISH!



It was a relief when the streets of our area were returned to their usual clean state after the one day strike by Cityclean workers earlier this month.

Clarence Square looked as if it was being hit by a typhoon as the high winds lifted the left rubbish swirling it round the square. The recycling was left on the streets until the following weeks pickup.

This could be a taste of what is to come unless the local authority and Cityclean workers come to an agreement about the plans to cut wages by up to £4000 per year. There is a 90 day consultation period.

RECYCLING BINS

The RSAS committee is continuing talks with the Council about the proposed communal recycling bins to

replace the black box pick up. The Society is against more large bins in our conservation squares (as reported in April's newsletter, a copy of which can be seen on www.regencybrighton.com) and will be meeting with council representatives with counter proposals.

PLANNING UPDATE

The application has been withdrawn on 67 Preston Street and the committee will be entering an order for the developer to tidy up the site.

The application for a student residence in Castle Street/Stone Street has been withdrawn.

IMPROVING THEIR LOOKS

Walking around Regency Square you may have noticed the amount of scaffolding going up and down. The coming down heralds the revelation of a repaired and freshly painted listed Regency building. We have seen several houses and hotels being restored and it has a wonderful knock on effect the square as a whole is looking great.

RSAS GARDENING CLUB

The RSAS gardening club have also played a large part in the improving look of our area. The top garden has come alive with spring flowers. It is a pleasure to sit in it.

The portakabin has now been taken down from the SE corner of Regency Square after the repairs and refurbishment to the car park are now finished and the area of grass damaged is being leveled and sown with grass seed. The gardening club has volunteered to water and manage.

The middle garden has become the focus for the gardening club. They have made a start on the two borders to the top of the garden to each side. There are plans for the two benches there to be refurbished with donations. Keep up the good work and thank you.

THE ARTISTS RESIDENCE



One of the hotels being refurbished at the moment is the Artists Residence. This hotel has been like a phoenix rising from the ashes, inviting in, in its early days, the cameras for the television documentary "The Hotel Inspector". Things have certainly changed since then for the hotel with the pink door at 33 Regency Square. Justin Salisbury took over the hotel in 2008 with no experience whatsoever. It was a slightly run down building at the time and needed some attention. "The idea behind Artists Residence was born out of need," Justin said "I was looking for a cheap and cheerful way to cover up the holes in the walls. The first thing that popped into my head was why not do a call for artists to exhibit". With the help of Artists such as local talent Bonnie and Clyde and Ben Allen, and with Alex Polizzi's hotel expertise Justin has a hotel to be proud of. He has now bought the George IV next door which will be a different type of hotel their aim is to create a new range of rooms called House Rooms focusing mainly on relaxation and comfort.

The Artists Residence is a member of the RSAS and is offering a 15% discount to all members on rooms booked in 2013. Please quote REGENCYSQUARE15 when making a booking.

SOCIAL EVENTS



The Artists Residence Gallery presents an exhibition of new work by Brighton painter Sarah Shaw on now until July 17th. www.arthotelbrighton.co.uk Tel: 01273 324302

The New Venture Theatre have a Pinter double bill of two short plays *The Lover* and *Celebration*. We are booking for Wednesday 26th June 7.45. Tickets are £10 please ring Julie White by the 10th June if you would like to come on 01273 710906

The New Club (the new restaurant under Astra house on Kings Road) is offering Regency Square Area Society members 10% off all food and coffee. Please let your waiter/ess know you are a RSAS member.

APOLOGY

So sorry to the Regency Tavern who also kindly gave a meal for two for the AGM raffle. Many thanks for your continued support.

PEREGRINE UPDATE



There has been much activity on top of Sussex heights. Don't forget to log on to www.sussexhighlights.co.uk to watch the Peregrine family as life unfolds.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR



I'm Monsignor Jerome Lloyd OSJV administrator of the Brighton Oratory, I live in Regency Square and work closely with the Salvation Army in Brighton on an ecumenical project seeking to assist the homeless and less fortunate among us. As many of you know from observation and articles in "The Argus", there has been a significant increase in numbers of people sleeping on

the streets and noticeably in our conservation area. However, there is a general lack of coordination between statutory and voluntary sector agencies addressing the problem and an overall lack of consensus in what "should be done".

The majority of voluntary sector agencies address immediate concerns for those living on our streets, trying to provide food, shelter, clean clothing and washing facilities. The statutory agencies generally try to provide accommodation, assistance with drug/alcohol rehabilitation. Both are currently struggling with the huge demand on their services and both would like to find a way to alleviate the problems.

I am currently trying to find a way of bringing both sectors together into a forum in order to facilitate cooperation, coordination and the development of an overall policy that all concerned might work together to achieve for our city. Most of us would imagine this to mean finding ways of working together to enable people to get off the streets and into accommodation and regular work - not an easy feat in these difficult times.

However, it would help us greatly to know exactly the number of people who are living on the streets – the majority of reported figures being somewhat far off the mark from anecdotal experience and observation. So, this is an appeal for any residents who notice areas and numbers of people sleeping on our streets in the Regency Conservation area to contact me.
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To Trix Webber, RSAS Treasurer, 42 Regency Square, Brighton BN1 2FJ

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