



## NEWSLETTER 294 February 2015

**30 MARCH - AGM - 7.30pm**

Don't forget the Society's AGM on Monday 30th March in the Osborne Room of the Metropole Hotel. Apologies for the incorrect date given in the box in Newsletter 293.

At 7.30 there will be an illustrated talk by Jackie Marsh-Hobbs: "The British Seaside Holiday".

Jackie's talk will be followed by refreshments, a raffle. The main business of the AGM will start at about 9pm.

### KEEP AN ON THE i360

The i360 is coming up to a very exciting time in its development. To keep yourself informed, you can sign up to receive a newsletter, follow their blog or just remind yourself of how gigantic the undertaking is by clicking on: <http://www.brightoni360.co.uk/news.html>

Look out for all the fun of the landing of the "cans and flanges" later in the summer. The i360 promises grandstand views for all as the mighty pieces of structure are swung onto dry land.

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## WEST PIER TRUST

Many thanks to Rachel Clark, Chief Executive of the West Pier Trust for the following (very interesting) correction to the last Newsletter. Rachel points out that the WPT will not be seeking development interest in the West Pier until the i360 is operational as the success of the attraction is seen as crucial to genuine development interest.

Rachel has also kindly provided the Society with a 1970s photograph of an original kiosk 1866. It is this type of kiosk - far more ornate and beautiful than the one shown in Newsletter 293 - which will house the Trust's proposed heritage centre.



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## THEATRE VISIT - 24 MARCH

On Tuesday 24 March there will be a group visit to see Michael Frayne's comedy "Benefactors" in the Studio Theatre at the New Venture Theatre in Bedford Place.

For tickets, please send £8.00 per person to Trix Webber (details in box below). The Studio Theatre is on the ground floor.

Last date for booking: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

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### THE REGENCY TAVERN PRESENTS

Thursday March 5th: "Thai & Jazz Jam" serving Thai food 6-9pm followed by an in-house Jazz trio and the opportunity for singers/musicians to "jam" with them.

Sunday March 8th: "An evening with Judy Garland" by Laura Redmond at 6pm.

### GEOFF PYGALL

The Committee is very sad to report the death on New Year's Eve of Geoff Pygall. After his retirement from his post as Managing Director of Pickford's, Geoff lived for many years in Abbotts. He was always a staunch supporter of the Society. His family has added his name to the plaque on the bench which Geoff dedicated to his wife, Lillian, a few years ago.

## SQUARES, PLAIN; PRESTON STREET, PEARL?

Preston Street is lively and has some excellent restaurants. In December, the traders eschew banal Christmas symbols. They light the street with glowing red hot chilli peppers and shooting stars. They're great fun.

Preston Street is busy, bright and a bit brash. It attracts a range of people out to enjoy themselves. Perhaps those people are a little noisy, but they are all more or less in one place and have a common purpose.

The three squares in our area are subject to a pleasant, sober uniform painting scheme. The hotels and guest houses in the squares are where people come to sleep, whether they have been partying in West Street or trudging around the Pavilion or the museums all day.

The houses and flats in the squares are where people need to feel private and comfortable. They have chosen to live in a local square precisely because the squares are subdued and calm.

There are more and more commercial properties in the squares who are taking away the tranquil nature of those parts of the area. Many hotels are sporting garish floodlighting which negates the uniform painting scheme.

At least one bar has an unsightly banner strung across the full width of its Regency railing. Bars are allowing guests to congregate in the street - these guests are not necessarily rowdy, but a little street noise travels far and high on a quiet night.

What do you think about the "tart's boudoir" effect of pink, green and blue floodlighting on Regency buildings?

Have your say. Go to the Society's Contact page on the website (<http://regencybrighton.com/contact/>) or come along to the AGM on 30th March. Business members very welcome.



## NOISE?

If you are being troubled by persistent street noise or noise from rowdy neighbours, the Society has some suggestions:

- if the noise is probably one-off and unbearable, a noise patrol operates from 10pm to 3am on Friday and Saturday nights to monitor and respond to noise problems affecting a large number of people. Phone **(01273) 293541**;
- If the noise is persistent or repeated but not urgent, contact Environmental Health at [ehl.environmentalprotection@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:ehl.environmentalprotection@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or phone them on **01273 292229**;
- keep an **accurate diary** of persistent noise. Note date and time, giving a very brief description of the noise disturbance. Several years ago Society members found such diaries crucial when bringing court action against rowdy elements in the area.

## PLANNING

**Kings Road Arches** : BT has applied to install a telecommunications cabinet on the lower promenade. The Society has no comment to make on this application.

**6 Stone Street:** Prior approval has been given to turn these offices into three flats. No full planning permission application has yet been lodged, but the Society would welcome new homes in the area.

**A RAFFLE,  
AN ILLUSTRATED TALK,  
A DRINK AND SOME NIBBLES,  
AND  
AN AGM ALL ON ONE EVENING!**

**30 MARCH 2015 AT 7.30PM**

**122 Kings Road** : The Society can find no planning application since 2007 for work which is now being carried out in Queensbury Mews to the rear of 122 Kings Road. This permission to raise another storey on the building has lapsed and is no longer valid.

On the one hand, it would be nice to have more residents in Queensbury Mews to provide more homes and to make the area more vibrant.

On the other hand the Society will keep a close eye on the development to ensure that any building work is sympathetic to the nearby properties, some of which pre-date the building of Regency Square.



*Work in progress on 122 Kings Road*

**14 Castle Street:** Permission has been refused to add another storey to this building. The Society had objected to the change.

