



## NEWSLETTER 296 APRIL 2015

### AN ENJOYABLE EVENING AT THE METROPOLE

Many thanks to the Metropole Hotel for once again allowing the Society to use the Osborne Room for the AGM in March. We were very well looked after by the busy staff who were most helpful.

The evening started with an excellent talk by Jackie Marsh-Hobbs. Jackie showed us "observations towers" past and present from afar apart as Redcar in Yorkshire to the Isle of Wight and talked about the development of seaside holidays.

At the business meeting of the AGM which followed, the "new" committee was elected. The members are:

Chair: Trix Webber (Regency Square)  
Treasurer: Nicola Floyd (Queensbury Mews)  
Secretary: Suzanne Hinton (Regency Square)  
Margaret Brisley (Sussex Heights)  
Paula Brookes (Stone Street)  
Duncan Cameron (Regency Sq)  
Jerome Lloyd (Regency Tavern)  
Angelo Martinoli (Preston Street)  
Nigel Rose (Regency Square)  
Julie White (Regency Square)

Duncan Cameron has since resigned

*Warwick Tower, Isle of Man 1900*



The raffle during the evening raised an impressive £70.00. Not surprising when the following prizes had been donated by generous members:

2 night stay in the Artist Residence hotel in Cornwall  
1 night stay in the Hotel Una  
1 night stay in the Hotel Pelirocco

Meal for two in the China Garden  
£30 voucher for the Regency Restaurant  
A meal and a bottle of wine at the Regency Tavern thanks to Cherubs Kitchen  
Sunday lunch and a bottle of wine for 2 people at the Royal Sovereign.  
A warm thanks to all the donors.

### ROUNABOUT TENT



Welcome to the Roundabout Tent on Regency Square. This is the first time the square has been a venue for Brighton Fringe Festival events. Here's what you can enjoy in this intimate 168-seater pop-up theatre:

"The Initiate" 3 - 22 May  
"Our Teacher's a Troll" 2 - 16 May  
"Lungs" 2 - 22 May  
"Every Brilliant Thing" 19 - 24 May

For more details: <http://tinyurl.com/143m28z>

### BUT WILL THE GRASS STILL BE GREEN?

Several local people have expressed a concern that the grass of the garden under the Roundabout Tent will die during the 5 or 6-week stay of the tent. The Society is in close touch with the Parks and Gardens Departments of the City Council on this subject. If the grass does not grow again, the Society will take urgent steps to ensure that it is replaced at the expense of the organisers of the event.

The Society has sent a Freedom of Information enquiry to the City Council asking them to reveal the fee paid to the Council by the Roundabout Tent and how much of that fee has been ear-marked for repairs to the gardens if required.

Let's hope that more people will see that Regency Square is a place to be enjoyed and for enjoyment. It is much more than just a convenient car park.

### LICENCED PREMISES

Concern has been expressed lately about the number of "pubs" opening in Regency Square. According to the 2003 Licensing Act, bars in hotels do not have a different status from that of public houses. They may serve alcohol to any member of the public. Hotels may also apply to open their bars for extended hours into the early hours of the morning.

The bars in Regency Square hotels are, at present, well run. It is unlikely that any hotel would risk its reputation as a hotel by allowing its guests to be kept awake at night by noisy drinkers. However, the Society will be monitoring the way bars are run in the whole of the area to ensure that the aims of the Act are complied with. The aims are:

- to prevent crime and disorder
- to ensure public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm.



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## REGENERATION OF REGENCY SQUARE

As reported in the March newsletter, the Gardening Subcommittee of the Society is very busy with plans for the regeneration of the Regency Square gardens. This work will be funded by the 1% (annually) of ticket sales which will devolve to the City Council for improvements around the i360 site.

To read a article about the gardens and to find out more about the plans produced by Dairnuid Gavin, see the "News" page of the Society's website:

[www.regencybrighton.com](http://www.regencybrighton.com)

No changes will be made to the gardens until there has been thorough consultation with local people. If you would like to comment on any of the three proposed plans, please do contact any of the three officers listed above or leave a message on the website.

## CAMEO TEAS

Come and meet your neighbours and make new friends. Cherub's Kitchen at the Regency Tavern invite you to tea, cakes and entertainment on Friday 29 May (and on every last Friday of the month) at 3.00pm. Price £5.00. No booking needed.

Please contact any member of the Society (details in box below) if you would like help in getting from your home to the Regency Tavern.

## i360

You've seen the crane. You might have heard some noise. The i360 is on its way. This means some extra working hours on the site. The i360 developers are keen to make sure this work disrupts the locality as little as possible. There are two numbers and an e-mail address you can contact if you need to report concerns, contact: 07804 633 080 (normal working hours); 07765 406 921 (out of hours only) or [enquiries@brightoni360.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@brightoni360.co.uk)

However, to get information from the "horse's mouth" you can buy tickets for a "Talk and Tour" by i360 architect David Marks. Two tours will take place on Thursday May 21, the first at 9.00 am and the second at 10.30am. Tickets, including coffee at Alfresco during the talk, cost £10.00. Details from the Fringe Festival Office or from: <http://tinyurl.com/owyuq8l>

## PLANNING

**18 Stone Street:** BH2015/00938 - Permission is being sought to dramatically change the facade of this building.

**27 Castle Street:** BH2014/02989 - An application has been made to convert store-rooms into a rehearsal and recording studio.

If you have any views on these two developments, please contact the Committee (details in box above) by 10 May.

**17 Stone Street:** Permission to erect a 3-storey block of flats on a small car- parking area has been refused.

**19A Castle Street:** Permission to erect a student hostel has been granted by the Planning Inspectorate (ie. one Inspector) following an appeal by the developers. The Society will ensure that the undertaking to restore the fly-stables at 13a-14 Stone Street is honoured.

**6 Stone Street:** Developers have been granted "prior approval" to convert the existing "offices" into 3 self-contained flats. Additional private homes are welcomed by the Society. The alterations were all internal - but the plus side is that the building now also looks in much better condition on the outside.



6 Stone Street looking spruce

**6a Stone Street / 13A Castle Street:** Permission has been granted to convert this premises into 3 self-contained flats.

**26 Russell Square:** Permission to build a small house at the rear of these premises (to replace a garage) has been refused.

**39 Clarence Square:** Work is going ahead, with full permission, to convert the premises into 3 spacious self-contained flats.

**122 Kings Road / Queensbury Mews:** The Society is still seeking information about the legal status of the work which is being carried out at this property.



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