



## NEWSLETTER 326 December 2018

### When the lights went on ...

One hundred and twenty Society members and their guests counted down to the magical moment when all the lights on the Regency Square Christmas Tree blazed into light.

It was a real family affair with “passengers” from under eight months to over 80 years old. We were entertained with a great singer. It was a wonderful community event.

Once again, thanks to BAi360 and Artist Residence Hotel whose huge contributions made it happen.



In addition to our thanks to our generous donors (see Newsletter 325) huge thanks must go to former committee member Julie White (who could not be with us on the night) for fundraising, and to Mary Hunter and Nicola Floyd for pulling together the whole event.



Mary Hunter (left) and Nicola Floyd

### When the lights went off ...



... it was Simon Hughes and his technical team from the BAi360 who discovered that thy power supply in the car park had been switched off.

So it was as much thanks as to Simon’s negotiating skills as to his technical know-how that the tree has been sparkling ever since those two dark days.

### New Year’s Day Breakfast

Join members and friends at the traditional New Year’s breakfast at the Regency Restaurant on 1<sup>st</sup> January at 10 am. Order a full breakfast or just a coffee.

And if 10am is too early for you, come along later on for coffee and a chat. We are usually there until midday. It’s a good way to catch up on the local gossip and to tell the Society committee what you think about the Society and what is going on in the area.

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### ... now read the book

To buy a copy of “Regency Square, its history and its stories” for yourself or as a Christmas gift, at only £10.00 per copy to members contact Suzanne Hinton (details in the box above).



1984 – Remember those wonderful striped awnings?  
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## Planning

**60/61 Western Road (former HMV) shop:** Work has halted on this conversion to an HMO as the three-year time limit for the permission had run out.

**Land at the rear of 122 Kings Road:** the Society has requested an enforcement notice as this property is being occupied before several of the conditions imposed on the developer have been met. This is contrary to the planning permission.

**28 Clarence Square:** A great deal of work is being carried out on Nos. 26-28 Clarence Square. This should result in a great improvement to the square when it is complete.



The Society is concerned about the removal of period railings and the construction of an ugly rubbish store in front of No.26. The Society has alerted the planning department to these changes and will continue to monitor the situation.

## Communal recycling bins

The City Council, rightly, is keen to increase the amount of recycling material collected in the City. Are you currently unhappy with the recycling arrangements in the area?

The committee would like to hear from you with ideas for changes that you think could improve recycling. Contact us via the addresses in the panel, overleaf, via the website on our Facebook page.



## Déjà vooooo

### Keep trade waste off the streets!

More and more businesses are using the public footways to store their trade waste. We have asked the Council to take action at locations in Clarence Square, Stone Street and Castle Street.



Just what is the Council's policy on storage of trade waste? If it doesn't have one, then it needs to develop one, and to consult before doing so.

Our view is that storage of trade waste is one of the costs of running a business; by blocking the pavements, businesses are transferring that cost to their neighbours, which is unacceptable.

Pavements are for people!

The article and photo above featured in Newsletter 233 – exactly 10½ years ago. What has changed?



Look at the photo on the left taken two weeks ago by a Society members in Castle Street and make up your own mind.

Much of the rubbish comes from commercial premises in Preston Street (including food).

Despite many e-mails from the Society to City Clean and, last year, a meeting with the head of the department this problem persists.

Help the Society to help you. Reinforce the Society's complaints by making your own when relevant. These links can be used to report problems:

- [report an overflowing communal bin](#)
- [report a missed refuse, recycling or garden waste collection](#)
- [check your collection day](#)
- [request a new waste container](#)
- [request a street clean](#)



*From the Society Committee.*

And don't forget



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