

Regency Square Area Society

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*A Happy Christmas and New Year
To all who live and work in the area*



What a flight on the night

A huge thanks to Ian Hart and his team at BAi360 for donating an evening flight for members, family and friends of the Society. 150 local people ranging from babes in arms to more “mature” residents soared up to 138m to get a glorious view of the lighting of the Regency Square Christmas tree.



Singer Aimée Montague helped make the evening go with a swing. Committee member Julie White bopped to the music in her Father Christmas hat.

The banner says it all



Our supporters

The Regency Square Area Society – and that does include Clarence Square, Russell Square and Preston Street – also thank David Powell-Winstanley and his team at BAi360 for erecting the tree and “magically” turning on the lights from inside the i360 pod. Not forgetting Justin Salisbury and Lucy Brookes at the Artist Residence generously funded the whole cost of the tree.

Last but not least, thank you to Cllr Carol Theobald who honoured us with her company as representative of the Mayor of Brighton and Hove.

November Quiz - Answer

In which year did the Regency Square car park open?

Spring 1969

Date of the AGM - 31 March 2020

The Society AGM will be held on Tuesday 31 March 2020. More details next month. Do you have any requests for speakers? Let us know. Contacts below.

Gardening group

Thanks Gill Wales, with the support of the Society, a gardening group has been set up. This has not been easy for Gill. She has had to attend two full-day training courses on group leadership and first aid to ensure that her group works safely and within lines set by City Parks.

Gill, Debbie, Josie and Nikki, in their very first session planted 3kg of bulbs in Regency Square last week, moved overcrowded shrubs from one part of the square to near the Christmas tree and tidied up in Russell Square. A huge amount of work... and Gill has to write a report on the work for City Parks.

So, what's with the bald patch in Regency Square? Where did the healthy Hebe go? What will poor sparrow do now?



It would seem that the gardeners from City Parks grubbed up several viable bushes. No-one is quite sure why. A mystery that Gill is trying to clarify with City Parks.

If you wish to join the group (however informally) contact any of the officers listed in the last column.



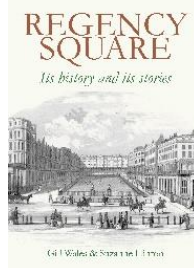
Shrinking violets in the garden

Who are these two modest people lurking near the tree? Without them, none of the Society's Christmas event would have happened. On the right is committee member Mary Hunter, and on the left, Society Treasurer, Nicola Floyd. An enormous vote of thanks to both of them. There is not enough space in the Newsletter to list all they did to get the event up and running.



December Quiz

How did the Regency Square Area Society raise its very first funds to set up in 1979?



Bicentenary Book

The Society has already sold 250 of the 500 printed copies and almost recouped the cost.

Copies make excellent Xmas presents at only £10.00. Contact Suzanne Hinton.

Planning

26-27 Clarence Square BH2019/00989 and 00991: On 11 October, the Society wrote to Liz Hobden, B+HCC Head of Planning. The Society is objecting to the fact that the City Council obliged the developers of this property to put gaps in the heritage railings in front of these two houses.

As yet the Society has received no comment from the Planning Department of the City Council.

Hotel Metropole: The Society is leading a small group of interested local residents which has already met with representatives of First Base, the company that is advising the owners of the whole Metropole site. There are no specific plans for the site as yet, but there will be further meetings in 2020 ... and who knows, in 2021.

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