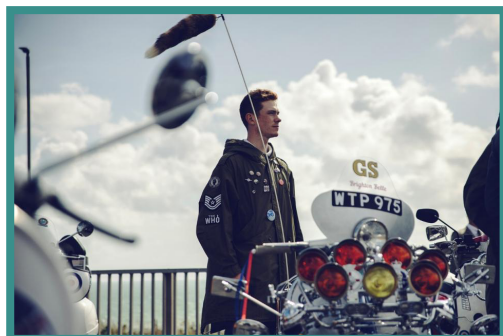




Regency Squares Community Newsletter

All happening in Brighton!!!

Big weekends moving us from August to September this year. As we feel the effects of our weather suddenly plummeting from heatwave to mid autumn temperatures.



The Mods 20th anniversary of coming to Brighton to have their pristine machines, slick two-tone suits and sharp dresses admired by each other and onlookers alike. Maderia Drive is awash with scooters. The



event expertly reflected at the Brighton Seafront Gallery photo exhibition (between i360 and upside down house). Photographs by David Clarke of Dammo Photography taken over the past 10 years of the Mod Weekender.

The weekend of 6/7 September Brighton is honoured to host the quarter final leg of the the Women's Rugby World Cup 2025. One of our members got chatting with the Irish team during their knock about on Sunday morning before they headed up to the AMEX. All very exciting even though the result was a devastating defeat from the amazing New Zealand All Ferns side. Some of the many fans were also staying nearby →



← In between these eventful weekends Brighton's 'Tidy Up' volunteers have been working on the restoration of the 'Banana' benches along Hove promenade. Some of our members got stuck in. Can you spot us?

RSC Gardening update

You may have noticed a major clearing of the north garden border. We have been clearing ivy and old man's beard, (wild clematis), and blackberry from strangling the remaining bushes. With plans to plant a wider variety of shrubs. This has been a major undertaking and follows the severe pruning of the Elaeagnus bushes by our Council gardener which revealed just now choked up they were.

We are hoping to meet with City Parks soon to discuss the future of Regency Square.



Sue Dawes

More Graffiti and more

The historic sign celebrating the eccentric history of Regency Square was vandalised on the last weekend of October 2025. There were no witnesses of the event, but steps were very quickly taken by the Brighton & Hove City Council to clean off the graffiti to restore the sign. The council do respond to incidents reported in their online portal to restore public spaces.



Incident reports for maintenance can be posted to the BHCC portal, [here](#)



The sign shares a colourful history and anecdotal records of Regency Square's past and present, vivifying Oscar Wilde's trolley accident from the Regency era. The sign has been a welcoming signature of the entryway at the top of the square, since its inauguration in 2014 with the Regency Square Society.



Regency Square Area Society

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The Mayor Reveals All

Many thanks to Mayor, Cllr Brian Fitch and the Mayoress for taking the time in their busy schedule to unveil the Regency Square Heritage Board.



l. to r. Committee members Julie White, Duncan Cameron, Suzanne Hinton, Nigel Rose, Nicola Floyd, Angelo Martinoli, Margaret Brisley, Trix Webber, (Paula Brooks unfortunately obscured behind the Mayor)
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The Mayor and Mayoress then joined many Society members in the Regency Tavern where the Tavern's caterers, "Cherubs", had supplied delicious canapés.

Recent developments are elevating the local area, and ideas are circulating on how the square's evolving landscape can build on this exciting energy. The previous proposals for the square from the Regency Square Society and the initial owners of the i360 resurfaced – raising questions for improving the landscape, alongside new partners. The possibility of a new sign that includes both the historic scene and shares that landscape proposal have accelerated into a real discussion point, as a result of the damage to the original sign.

New owners of the i360 bring seasonal celebrations, food culture, wine bar [Drift](#), including a new Sunday Roast experience and indoor-outdoor café-bar that celebrate local vendors Red Roaster and Real Patisserie and local businesses. Along the seafront, new shops, like Lola join the vibrant West Pier, as well as Salt Shed, adding a weekend brunch menu. Preston Street impresses with new openings of restaurants, nail art, and return of Goemon for Thursday to Saturday ramen. The opening of Guest House 124's boutique hotel,

Spa, and Pearly Cow restaurant welcome guests and locals to use the beautifully curated space of local artistry and thoughtful details, in food, interior, and daily experiences. And of course, IKEA, has revived Churchill Square mall.

While any proposal depends not only on partnership and funds, but also the City Council, it begins with interest and imagination.

Join us in imagining the next steps for the landscape ...

Daniella Rabino



And now, somehow, it is November!!

We're very excited to share the news the new owners of the **i360** are embracing our **Christmas Tree Light Up** celebrations and are offering us far more than we could possibly have hoped.

Most of you will have already seen our 'Save The Date' email for **7th December**. Sarah Willingham, Ben Bevan and the i360 team have also offered us a **free post flight** glass of Mulled Wine or Prosecco at Drift **PLUS 20% off** food for the evening.

Regency Supper Club* have already booked a table. Hope you'll join us.



There will be live music plus stunning visuals by local photographer Michael Steven Harris. Michael has recently been awarded People's Choice Award for his photo 'Milky Way over the West Pier' in the British Photography Awards 2025, an outstanding achievement. Michael is offering 20% OFF 'Milky Way over the West Pier' in any size print/canvas of this photo for the whole of November! Just use code **THANKYOU20** on the website www.michaelstevenharris.com. Michael will also be selling his 2026 calendars at the Light Up event.

Shop local - Support our Arches

With the lovely sunny days we have had recently we have been meeting the owners and employees working in the arches either side of the i360. How lucky we are to have such a fantastic collection of independent outlets right on our doorstep. And of course, you can guess the one thing each and everyone of them said with open arms?

'Look at my view!'

This inspired us to compile a visual list of our arches along with links to their websites as we appreciate not all of you make it down to the seafront on a regular basis. They are all now members of RSC - Yippee.



A mini promotion to support these businesses will follow in a separate email, to have as an easy reference guide. It must be tough though the winter months. In fact, Artist Anon have temporarily moved to a shop in Churchill Square for this Christmas up until the New Year. Will the owner and artist, Mars, decide to give up his seafront views?

Fran Coates



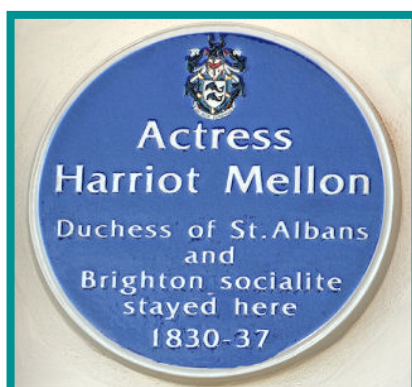
Bon Appétit!



The Regency Squares Area is awash with places to eat out. But where to go? We are introducing a ***Regency Supper Club** (RSC - get it? ;)) in the New Year. We choose a restaurant on our patch, let everyone know, meet up for a meal and make new friends. Where shall we go first? Somewhere you've not been before? Somewhere we all need to try at least once? Let us know. rsc@regencybrighton.com

Did you know?

And finally, a bit of a treasure hunt for you. Who was Actress Harriot Mellon and where did she live? Some of you may be historians and know all about her, if not, see if you can find her plaque. She has a quite a history. All will be revealed in our next newsletter. Let us know if you have an answer ...





Join our WhatsApp Group?

For speedy sharing of local good/bad/fun news e.g. graffiti, illegally park motor homes, coming for a drink? We need another quiz member etc.



Regency Squares
Community RSC
WhatsApp group

Scan or upload this QR code using the
WhatsApp camera to join this group



Join our Gardening Group?

Sue will regularly be gardening in Regency Square on most **Tuesday mornings from 11am - 1pm and Saturday social gardening/litter pick 10am-12pm - bring your coffee.**

We do need more help in the garden and would be happy to run more sessions. If you are interested please let us know so we can arrange days of the week/time of day might suit you better. Email us RSC@regencybrighton.com

Your Input Matters!

What would you like to see happening within your local community? If you have ideas, questions, or feedback, please let us know. Together, we can make our squares, surrounding streets and community spaces thrive. Thanks for your support.

Email us RSC@regencybrighton.com

RSC Committee consists of:

Fran Coates - Regency Square

Sue Dawes - King's Road

Ani Watson - Clarence Square

Nigel Massey - Clarence Square

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