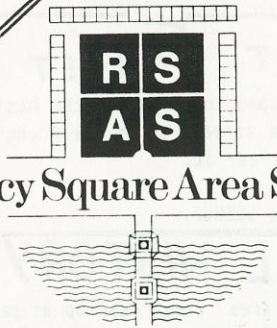


HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Regency Square Area Society

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THE WEST PIER

The first part of the restored Pier should be open to the public by April or May this year, according to Don Phillips of the West Pier Trust.

The amount to be opened will be the part which is at present missing.

The Trust have made a planning application to erect temporary buildings on this part of the Pier. They hope that these can then be let out to small businesses such as cafes and souvenir shops. There will also be room for some open air traders' stalls.

The aim of course is to start generating some income from the Pier to help with the huge amount of restoration work still to be done.

One of the next projects to be tackled will be the restoration of the Gatehouse. The aim is to enlarge it to provide space for a Trust shop, a small historical exhibition and a tourist information desk. The work could cost around £60,000.

HOTEL GEORGE IV

We reported in the last newsletter that an application has been made for conversion of two thirds of this hotel to flats. The third house would be retained as a hotel.

This application has not yet been considered because the developers have been asked to give more details of how they plan to restore the front of the property to its original appearance.

The Society has objected to the application because we are suspicious that the hotel part could stand empty. A close inspection of the plans suggest that the present developer is not really interested in running it as a hotel.

There is no lift. Three of the bedrooms do not have private facilities. There is no sign of any washing or toilet facilities for staff on either the ground floor or basement.

Unless there is a proper hotelier seriously interested in running this hotel, we believe it would be far better to develop all three houses as one block of flats.

DINNER AT TROGS

Join your neighbours for a meal at Trogs Restaurant in the Granville Hotel. It will be at 7-30 (for 8) pm on Tuesday 24 February.

The price for a three course meal with coffee is £14.25 including service and VAT. Wine will be extra.

To book a ticket, fill in the form and send it with your payment to Harold Lawson, Flat 7, Chartwell Court, Russell Square. To ensure prompt service on the night you are asked to indicate your choice of first and main course from the menu:

BOOK EARLY AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS !

STARTERS

Escargot Provencale- snails in garlic sauce
Cheese en Croute- cheeses in puff pastry
Vegetable and Fish Terrine
Coronation Chicken- with curried mayonnaise
Mushroom Pate
Trogs Soup

MAIN COURSES (all with three vegetables or salad)

Fillet Steak Glenfiddich
Monk Fish with Bacon, Prawn and Buerre Noisette
Devilled Lamb
Chicken Herb de Provence
Lemon Sole Thermidor
Magnet de Canard Cumberland

SELECTION OF SWEET OR CHEESE

COFFEE

To Harold Lawson, Flat 7, Chartwell Court,
Russell Square, Brighton

Please reserve me _____ places for the meal
at Trogs on 24 February at £14.25 each.

Menu selection (for each person):

STARTER

MAIN COURSE

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Cheques payable to Regency Square Area Society

THE LAW IS AN ASS

The snooker club in Castle Street applied for permission to extend its hours to 2 am most nights. Thanks to pressure from councillors and a petition organised by the Society, the application was refused.

What happened ? The club started opening until 2 am. Needless to say, local residents' sleep was disturbed.

When the Planning Officer was asked to do something he told us that it was quite legal for the club to open late, at least until the Council issued an enforcement notice.

Once an enforcement notice was issued the club could appeal. And they could carry on opening late while the appeal was heard. This might take 6 to 9 months.

No wonder the law is described as an ass.

The only way round this was for the Council to issue what is called a "Stop Notice". This would require the club to stop opening late immediately. Stop notices are rarely used because of certain legal complications.

The Society organised a second petition of residents, this time asking specifically for a stop notice. We are pleased to report that the Planning committee has now agreed.

Hopefully this will now mean peace and quiet for the residents of Castle Street, at least at night.

SOCIETY CONTACTS

Roger Hinton (Chairman) Tel 21794
Richard Pau (Secretary) Tel 26711
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THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Many thanks to everyone who helped put the Christmas tree in Regency Square.

The tree, the lights and the electricity were all given to the Society free of charge. We also had a lot of help from the Parks Department of the Council.

The Mayor came to switch on the lights and she joined members for a drink in the pub. The Brighton Silver Band and girls from the High School provided Christmas music. Some excellent food was also provided by members.

There is now a permanent hole in the ground at the top of the Square. The Society also has a set of lights. So we can look forward to Christmas trees in future years.

BRIGHTON 2000

The Council has published a new town plan for the next 15 years or so. Copies are available from the Planning Department (83 North Street).

But before you rush off to get one, be warned they cost £10 each. That's for the full document. Leaflets are also available giving summaries of different bits of the plan.

Public meetings are also being arranged. One for this area is at the Friends Centre in Ship Street at 7-45 pm on Wednesday 14 January.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Council to consult local people about the plans. Unfortunately they have given very little notice. By the time you read this it will probably already have happened.

One of our committee members will be at the meeting so we hope to have more information in the next newsletter.

DON'T FORGET !

If you see some rubbish which has been dumped in the street, phone the Council and ask them to clear it.

The number is 550567.

LOCAL HISTORY

How did our area first develop as part of the town ? The answers are given in a new leaflet published by the Lewis Cohen Urban Studies Centre.

It is called "Building on Brighton's West Laine c1779 - c1830." The information comes from a book called "Georgian Brighton" by Sue Farrant.

Both publications can be obtained from the Lewis Cohen Urban Studies Centre, 68 Grand Parade, Brighton. The leaflet is 10p plus a stamped envelope. The book is £1.50 plus 50p postage and packing.

ARE YOUR NEIGHBOURS MEMBERS ?

If not why not ask them to join. The membership fees are given below. New members joining now will be paid-up to March 1988.

Just send name, address and subscription to Harold Lawson, Flat 7, Chartwell Court, Russell Square, Brighton

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Ordinary member	2.50
Family	3.00
Senior Citizen	2.00
Junior (8 - 18 years)	0.50
Associate (non-resident)	2.00
Business (non-resident)	5.00

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