



Regency Square Area Society

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## Images of Brighton

There will be a meeting of the Society on Friday 16 September in the Starlit Room at the top of the Metropole Hotel.

John Ford will give a talk called "Images of Brighton" in which he will describe the development of the town, and particularly this area, up to 1850. His talk will be illustrated with slides.

Members and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. We will meet at 7-30 pm and the talk will start at 8 pm.

## Watch your step!

As you walk through the twitten from Regency Square into Russell Square, watch out for the missing railings at the top of the basement steps.

We have asked the Council to take action because of the possible danger to pedestrians; they said that because the steps are within a short distance of a street light they cannot do anything.

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## Parking Problems

Big changes are planned for the residents parking scheme. Two parking bays will be removed from Russell Square and six from Clarence Square. They will be replaced by new spaces in Sillwood Road, Hampton Place and Bedford Square.

In addition, the number of residents with permits will increase because the waiting list is to be scrapped. It will be phased out over the next four years, though the Council will carry out parking surveys each year to review the effect.

This will make parking even more difficult for residents in our area. The Society was represented at the meeting of the Traffic Sub-committee where the decision was made. We made strong representations to the committee, arguing that the car parks in Cannon Place and Regency Square provided plenty of space for shoppers and visitors. Unfortunately our arguments were not accepted.

## No Ball Games

The top part of Regency Square is not a football pitch. But sometimes it is treated as if it was. Once there are a few people playing football it becomes impossible for anyone else to use the green because of the danger of being hit by the ball or colliding with a fast moving player.

There is a bye law preventing ball games on the green but the one notice to that effect has become illegible. We have asked the Parks Department to replace it and fix one or two others in suitable places.

We have also asked them to do some maintenance on the self-closing gates to help keep dogs off the green and to repair the steps at the top end, which are now quite dangerous.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS PLEASE

A few members have still not renewed their membership for the current year. If there is a cross in the box below, your subscription is outstanding. Please renew today!

To Harold Lawson, Treasurer, Regency Square Area Society, 7 Chartwell Court, Russell Sq, Brighton.

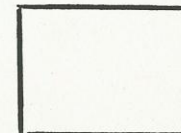
Please renew my membership of the Society for the year ending 28 February 1989 in the category of membership shown below.

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## Building Sites

People living in Queensbury Mews and the north east corner of Regency Square feel as if they are in a building site.

Five new town houses are being built in the mews. Builders materials are stacked in the street and the pavements has been ripped up. The houses are being built to a plan which has not yet received planning permission. Approval was given for town houses on the site but a new design has now been submitted.

The new design will make the buildings appear much larger from the street; the original plan showed the top floor set back a little but now the front elevation will be at the same level all the way up.

In Regency Square work is at last under way on the conversion of the George IV hotel; two of the houses will become flats with further flats in a large extension at the back. The third house will be kept as a hotel.

Two smaller houses, numbers 39 and 49 are also undergoing major building work; one is being restored after storm damage and the other is being converted to flats.

## No Money

The railings in Russell Square and Clarence Square could do with a coat of paint. The Council have decided not to paint them because of the shortage of money.

## Non Stop Music

A charity fund raising event was held on the restored section of the West Pier recently.

It included a pipe organ which played loudly from 10 am until 5 pm. A number of people in Regency Square complained about the disturbance. The organisers said that they were unable to switch the organ off because the person who knew how it worked would not be back until 5 pm.

Is this a taste of things to come if the Pier is restored? We are investigating the legal position regarding musical performances and will be discussing the problem with the West Pier Trust.



### IMAGES OF BRIGHTON

The development of Brighton up to 1850  
a talk illustrated with slides

by

John Ford

7-30 pm Friday 16 September 1988  
Starlit Room, Metropole Hotel

## Litter

In spite of the various publicity campaigns the litter problem does not show any immediate signs of improvement.

The Society has prepared a leaflet which we will be circulating to all properties in the area. It gives advice on what to do and what not to do about litter.

One of the aims of the leaflet is to encourage people to report any uncollected rubbish in the street by phoning the Council (509122).

The Council's solution to the litter problem seems to be an attempt to prosecute people who dump rubbish in the street. This is of necessity a long term strategy so the Society has started a long term survey of litter in our area: we will be checking the number of piles of rubbish in the streets about once a week for the next six months to find out if there is any sign of improvement.

The Council's plan will only work if they can find and prosecute the people who are dumping rubbish. If you are aware of rubbish being dumped regularly you can notify the Community Liaison Office (Tel 29801). They will investigate and see if action can be taken.

