

Regency Square Area Society

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THANKS

To everyone who helped on November 5th, especially the anonymous member who donated the fireworks.

WOT NO FOOD ?

We had planned to provide soup, sausages and hot potatoes after the display. Because of the time needed to prepare the food we had to make a decision at about 5:30 pm whether or not to go ahead. At that time it was still raining as it had been for much of the day. So we decided to abandon the food.

Nevertheless two members prepared some sausage rolls and cakes which were very well received.

WOT NO FIRE ?

In previous years we have had a fire in a metal dustbin at the top of Regency Square.

Although this has made a nice focal point and provided some welcome warmth on a cold evening, we decided this year not to have it, for safety reasons.

In recent years we have become increasingly concerned about the number of youngsters who bring their own firework. Last year someone threw a banger into the fire, which is extremely dangerous. The sad news of a youngster dying as a result of a bonfire that got out of control suggests that our decision was probably the right one.

SAFETY FIRST

Safety must be top priority at a firework party. We were very pleased this year to have a qualified first aider on hand from the Regency Division of the St John Ambulance.

MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

There will be a pre Christmas social evening in the York Room at the Hotel Metropole. It will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 1 December.

The meeting will be mainly a social event but we also plan to have a discussion of local issues with our three local councillors, who have accepted an invitation to come.

So if there are any questions you would like to ask or issues you would like to raise with your councillors, this is your chance.

On the social side, food and drink will be provided and there will be a prize draw.

All members and their guests are welcome.

CABLE CREEPING CLOSER ?

Many parts of the area now have cable TV available but Regency Square is still waiting. We were promised that it would be installed by the end of this year, which is now rapidly approaching.

But things do seem to be happening because we have now been informed where the distribution boxes are to be located.

There will be one in Regency Square, in the bushes at the north east corner. Another will be in Queensbury Mews on the east wall of the French Church.

Neither of these locations are likely to cause offence from a conservation point of view, though it is surprising that only one box is needed in Regency Square given the number of households it will need to serve.

LOOK OUT FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Council has again offered to supply and erect a Christmas tree for us in Regency Square. The Society will provide the lights and pay for insurance and electricity.

Pre Christmas Social

7:30 pm
Thursday 1 December 1994

York Room
Hotel Metropole

Meet you local Councillors

CASTLE STREET SNOOKER CLUB: THE DEBATE GOES ON

In our last issue we condemned the Council's decision to grant planning permission for the snooker club to stay open until 2:30 am.

Local councillor, Nimrod Ping, who is chair of the Planning Committee, has responded and a copy of his letter is enclosed with this issue.

Councillor Ping suggests that the article in our newsletter misrepresented the situation. He is of course entitled to his views and we are pleased to publish them.

However, the Society stands by the opinions expressed in our previous issue.

WHERE WERE THE OBJECTORS ?

One of the points made by Councillor Ping raises an important issue.

He comments on the fact that no one who had expressed concerns had "turned up at the site" when the committee made its visit.

The Society chairman and another member both enquired at the planning office whether it was possible to attend the visit and make representations to the members. They were both told this would be "inappropriate" and that the committee were on a fact finding visit only.

We are very unhappy about the way this decision was made and are pursuing our concerns with the Council.

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PUBLIC MEETING: MEET THE POLICE

There will be a public meeting about policing and security in central Brighton at 7:30 pm on Thursday 17 November at St Mary Magdalen School in Spring Street.

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To Brian Smith, 45 Regency Square, Brighton.

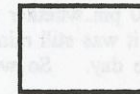
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