

END OF AN ERA



Roger Hinton, who has served on the RSAS committee since its inception in 1979, has retired.

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**THANK YOU ROGER FOR 33
YEARS**

An accountant by trade, Roger served as Treasurer and did two stints as Chair the second for the last 12 years. But for 33 years Roger wrote all 269 Newsletters! Reporting all the news and views affecting our area and encouraging a love of the architecture of which we are all custodians, he has been instrumental in fostering a sense of community and neighbourliness.

Roger campaigned vigorously on issues that directly affect us including rubbish collection, noise nuisance to appropriate planning and banning dogs from the top garden in Regency Square.

Roger is well known and respected in the Council and has often been quoted in the Argus. His newsletters are archives of the Squares' history.

It is difficult to adequately express the appreciation that is felt for such dedication and hard work; Roger's are big boots to fill, but we wish him well and hope to continue the wonderful work he started.

THE PAVILION COMES ALIVE

Alexandra Roache from the Royal Pavilion and Museums Foundation gave an illuminating talk on this iconic building, at the start of the AGM held at the Metropole Hotel.

Alex's passion and enthusiasm had us all enraptured and she laid to rest the myth regarding the tunnels rumoured to have been built between the Prince Regent and his ladies. Sadly the only tunnel is the one between the Pavilion and the Dome, originally the stables.

I360 AND WEST PIER

The West Pier Trust are hoping to secure the rest of the funding needed to start the construction of the i360. Confirmation should be in the next month and we will keep you posted.

In the meantime Mike Holland has withdrawn his bid for the building of a new pier but another investor is interested: stay tuned.

The Rock Shop is to be dismantled and stored securely to prevent further deterioration until the i360 is built at which time it will be resurrected. The committee will be pursuing the tidying up of the site which has been boarded up and trying to find out more about the state of the boardwalk.

REGENCY SQUARE IN BLOOM

The Gardening Club have done wonders with the top garden and are now well on with stage 1 of their garden improvements.

They are most keen to encourage gardeners from Clarence and Russell Squares to join and be involved in improvements to those gardens. Please call Trix Webber or just turn up on Saturdays at 11am where you will receive a warm welcome. This is a social club as well as requiring some hard graft. The club sometimes end up at the Regency Tavern for some well earned refreshment!

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BIT OF A NUISANCE



One of our members took this photograph after she had watched the gardening club working hard improving the gardens and was very upset that shortly after they had finished it was then littered with dog mess, beer cans and food wrappers.

The committee does not have any powers to do anything about this. Anti social behaviour can be reported to the police by phoning the non emergency phone line which is 101. For dog nuisance please ring the Animal Welfare team - 01273 292929.

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Elections

Committee members: elected are :-

Trix Webber (Treasurer)	(Regency Square)
Suzanne Hinton (Secretary)	(Regency Square)
Margaret Brisley	(Sussex Heights)
Duncan Cameron	(Regency Square)
Nigel Rose	(Regency Square)
Julie White	(Regency Square)

TURNING RIGHT ONTO KINGS ROAD

Work will start next month on the new traffic lights at the south west corner of Regency Square allowing traffic to turn right onto Kings Road. Details will be attached to lamp posts in Regency Square.

In the meantime work has already started on upgrading the car park

THE PORTRAIT OF DORIAN GRAY

We are planning a Theatre trip to Brightons Little Theatre on Wednesday 23rd May to see John Osborne's play 'The Portrait of Dorian Gray'. This is part of the Festival Fringe. Tickets are £8.50. If you would like to come, please let Trix Webber have the ticket money by May 4th.

AFTERNOON TEA AND A STROLL



We are arranging a gentle stroll followed by a lovely afternoon tea at Stanmer House on Sunday 24th June at 2pm. Contact Julie White if you would like to come so we can book afternoon tea. Julie is on 01273 710906. This is a great opportunity to see the refurbishments of Stanmer House.

PICNIC FOR THE JUBILEE



The committee would like to invite all members, friends and neighbours to bring a picnic and a rug and join us in celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on Tuesday 5th June at 12pm on Regency Square gardens. Details to follow but put this date in your diary.

OPEN HOUSE IN RUSSELL SQUARE

Ole Skauge, Robin Parfitt and Lawrence Latham will exhibit their works every weekend throughout May to coincide with Brighton Festival 2012, the largest arts festival in England.

15% of art sales will be donated to the Sussex Beacon, a care centre for people living with HIV and AIDS. **Time:** Saturdays and Sundays from 11.00am to 5.00pm throughout May 2012
Place: 25 Russell Square, Brighton, BN1 2EE
Teas, coffee and cake will be available in the garden.

Further Information: Ole Skauge 07500 686547

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