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OUR HERO

Some of you may recognise our street cleaner John Lawrence. John has been cleaning our area for the last 17 years. He is a credit to his profession. He does his job with a pride and a smile for all those he meets. New resident of Regency Square, Julie White said, "When I first moved here I wasn't used to the city noises. It was about 7am and I heard a banging noise. I opened my window and looked down to see John sweeping my steps; we didn't get that service from where I came from."

Not only is John a conscientious worker, he is also a hero. You may have read recently that there was a man seriously mauled by a dog on the beach. John played a part in helping that man by going into the sea and rescuing him. The society is putting his name forward to the Argus for their Hero award. John was presented with two tickets for the Olympic Torch ceremony at the Sussex cricket ground by Jason Kitkat. Keep up the good work John!



PCSO HELPS MAKE PEDESTRIANS SAFE



There was concern amongst some members of the Society that the "cherry picker" being used outside No 50 Regency Square was forcing pedestrians to walk,

unprotected, into the roadway. After several calls by a RSAS committee member to Brighton and Hove City Council and to Sussex Police, CPSO Martina Shrimpton paid a visit to the site and spoke to the contractors. Lo and behold, the following day, there was safe passage around the machine. Once again, thank to John Lawrence who did a sterling job clearing away the myriad of flakes of paint which had been removed from the building and fluttered down in to the road.

BENCH IN RUSSELL SQUARE



The Committee are in negotiations with the city council regarding the placing of the bench for Russell Square in memory of long time resident Ken Kennar. The council feel the bench may encourage street drinkers and it would make mowing the grass difficult. The committee believe that the bench would not attract street drinkers and that thoughtful placing of the bench would still allow mowing to be easily done. Please let us know your feelings.

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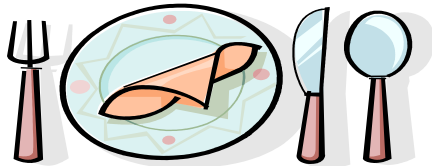
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20 MPH CONSULTATIONS

The consultation has started for the 20mph speed limit and will last until 10th August. The City Council has already distributed 10,000 leaflets and survey forms to randomly selected business and homes across the City. Additionally, there will be exhibitions held at Brighton and Hove Town Halls in July, the consultation will be accessible through the Council's website Consultation Portal (http://consult.brighton-hove.gov.uk/portal/bhcc/transport/20_mph/20_mph_1) and additional survey forms will be available from Hove Town Hall if required.

It should also be borne in mind that this is only the first stage of consultation and is in respect of the scheme in general; should the scheme progress, any changes to speed limits on specific roads would require a Traffic Regulation Order, which would have to be advertised and any objections properly considered.

DINNER AT CASALINGO



Come to dinner at Casalingo on Tuesday August 14th at 6pm. Angelo is offering two courses for £10. Ring Julie White on 01273 710906 if you would like to join us. Please let Julie know if you would like a member of the committee to accompany you to and from your home.

YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU



Gardeners still needed. There is a lot of work planned and we need a lot of volunteers to help with digging and planting. It really is fun and very rewarding. Come along on Saturdays at 11am to the top garden Regency Square where you will get a warm welcome. The committee has wonderful plans for the gardens in the squares, be a part of it.

DRAFT CITY PLAN

Brighton and Hove council have presented their plans for their vision for the future of the city. The committee have seen the plans; they have met with Jason Kitkat and will be sending in a report on behalf of the members of the society, setting out some views on the plan that will affect our area. Broadly the committee is in favour of the City Plan but would like to highlight that the plan could bring more people and more traffic which could negatively affect our area. We would want to be sure that new buildings proposed in our area will be designed by quality architects and that there is no further development on the seafront.

LICENSING APPLICATION

A licensing application is being sought for a late music and drinking bar in the George IV hotel in Regency Square. All objections or comments should be made to the planning officer at ehi.safety@brighton-hove.gov.uk quoting license number 1445/3/2012/02313/LAPREN include your full name and address.

PRESTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Exciting improvements are about to start at the south and north ends of Preston Street. The council have approved £45,000 to lay granite paving slabs at the entrances to Preston Street similar to those in New Road. The works takes place on 23rd July. The south end will close whilst the works, which will take about 2-3 weeks; are carried out. The south end will then be re-opened and the north end will then close for the same length of time. Obviously there will be some disruptions whilst Preston Street is closed. Stone Street and Castle Street will be able to use Preston Street as a two-way street whilst the north end is closed. The traffic lights at the south west corner of Regency Square will be finished in time so that exiting left or right from the square will be possible.

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