



NEWSLETTER 290 July 2014

The Mayor Reveals All

Many thanks to Mayor, Cllr Brian Fitch and the Mayoress for taking the time in their busy schedule to unveil the Regency Square Heritage Board.



l. to r. Committee members Julie White, Duncan Cameron, Suzanne Hinton, Nigel Rose, Nicola Floyd, Angelo Martinoli, Margaret Brisley, Trix Webber, (Paula Brooks unfortunately obscured behind the Mayor)
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The Mayor and Mayoress then joined many Society members in the Regency Tavern where the Tavern's caterers, "Cherubs", had supplied delicious canapés.



Behind bar: l. to r. Mgr Jerome Lloyd OSJV, "Cherubs" Executive Chef, Rachel and Paul Smith, landlord of the Regency Tavern

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The Carrot and the Recycling Bin(s)

Like them or not, they are here. Communal recycling bins. The Society has worked hard to ensure a good balance between accessibility for all residents on the one hand, and minimising black blemishes on our heritage townscape on the other.

Please let your Committee know how you feel about the bins. Too many? Not enough? Wrongly sited?

The City Council is holding out a major carrot to local societies. The Council's website states:

"For every tonne of waste reduced or extra tonne of waste recycled, we will contribute £15 to a grant scheme which community groups and charities can bid for to improve your local area!"

You can rest assured that there are members of the Committee who will jump at the chance of filling in all the boring forms and undertaking any other tedious admin. to ensure that the Society benefits from this windfall. Can you do your bit by continuing to recycle?



Challenge of the Month

What do **you** think this sentence on the Council's website might mean for anyone living near a recycling bin?

"We'll be surprising residents who use our new communal recycling at the bins, in the streets and at your homes"

No Vroom in the Square?

Member Neil Rosborough has contributed this item. Let the Committee know what you think.

"On busy weekends up to 40 motor cycles - sometimes 3 deep - are parked at southern end of Regency Square.

The council seems sympathetic to the view that this is a blight but suggests that because the motor cycles have been here for so many years there is a need to find somewhere else for them to go before taking steps to prevent them returning.

So how do we make the area more hospitable for residents and our many visitors?

Without the motor cycles the area could be suitable for serving refreshments at tables with chairs, sunshades and deckchairs. Concessions and other new ways to add to its attraction could be investigated."



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Anti-social behaviour

Following numerous complaints from Committee members and others, the police seem to have reduced the annoyance to residents and hotel guests caused by a large pack of young men who were playing football in the top gardens of Regency Square, much to the detriment of the flora and (human) fauna in the garden.

This seems to be an on-going problem in other squares. The Society's Committee are in constant contact with the police, both by e-mail and at meetings.

It is probably not these young men who vanished, taking with them 9 of the new hedging plants donated by Casalingo Restaurant. The plants have been replaced by the Society and all the hedging is being watered on a regular basis by members of the Gardening Club

The members of the Gardening Club were a little concerned that they were picking up quite a lot of dog faeces on the hose-pipe. They have therefore invested in a poop-scoop. Both the gardeners and the responsible dog walkers of our area have undertaken the disagreeable task of "picking up" after those owners who have little concern for other uses of the area.

Barbeques burn grass. Despite ardent assurances given to one of our Committee members by a barbeque-er! Fortunately, grass is tough. The Gardening Club members rake over the damaged patch and it revives quite quickly.

Dates for your diary

29 July from 2.00-4.00 pm: a ground breaking event, literally. The first official sod will be turned on the i360 site. The event should be either historic or fun. Hopefully both.

4 August at 12.30 pm: Lunch at Ratatouille at 13 Preston Street. Nadia is offering a small discount. Choose à la carte or a menu.. Reserve your seat directly with the restaurant (01273 774629) stating that you would like a seat at the Regency Square Area Society table.

Planning

The City Council has served an enforcement order on 67 Preston Street. The list of detailed work which the Council wishes to be carried out by February 2015 is the longest list of any of the enforcement orders currently in force. This shows how disastrous the state of the building has become. Details of the order can be downloaded from: [Enforcement Register \(updated 26/06/2014\)](#)

The developers of 13 Stone Street/19 Castle Street have lodged and appeal against refusal to build a student residence in Stone Street. The Committee will object to the appeal on the ground of very poor design of the residence. It is a great pity that the excellent development of the old stables in Stone Street is inextricably linked to the plans for the student residence.

The City Council have refused permission for the new wood cladding on 80 Preston Street. The good news is that the owner seems amenable to removing the wood and improving the appearance of the restaurant.

Ride Down Memory Lane

Brighton and Hove Buses have introduced a seafront service from Brighton Station via to Palace Pier and on to the Kind Alfred Centre. Sadly this is only an hourly service and only in the summer ... but it is on a red 1965 Routemaster.



However, the advent of the i360 may well encourage the bus company to provide us with a more regular service along the seafront. Speaking of which ...

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The supporting columns of the West Pier have now vanished ... forever? Well, they may reappear as a decorative embellishment on the south garden of Regency Square.

The diggers and earth movers have arrived. A new access road is being laid across the beach starting some 100 yards to the west of the Bandstand. Unfortunately, The Society was unable to organise any noise monitoring before construction work began.

The following contact details might be helpful if you have specific problems: Jacqui Bandy on behalf of the contractors ☎ 07917 048912 or ✉ enquiries@brightoni360.co.uk
The City Council Environmental Health department (noise and dirt nuisance): ☎ (01273) 294266 or ✉ ehl.environmentalprotection@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Play up and play the game

For fans of Bridge etc: The Hotel Una is offering the use of six tables after 7pm (Monday-Thursday) in their delightful dining room for Bridge (or Scrabble, Monopoly etc). If you are a keen player and would like to take up this generous offer by forming a club, please contact Jana on 01273 820464.

Social Behaviour

Meet the Society's gardeners at 11.00am on any Friday morning. Even if you don't wish to garden, say hello, enjoy and admire what they do. Donate plants.

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