

**NEWSLETTER 308**  
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**A BIG THANK YOU!**

... to Angelo Martinoli of the Casalingo Restaurant in Preston Street who generously donated to the Society the Christmas Tree which now stands in Regency Square. Thanks to Angelo and his family, our area has, so it is said, the only Christmas Tree visible from out at sea.

Thanks also also due to the Brighton band of the Salvation Army who accompanied our carols on 1<sup>st</sup> December and to His Grace, Archbishop Jerome Lloyd for leading the singing. Robert Webber and his staff at Sussex Building Services had the daunting task of "planting" the tree. Daunting because last year's stump was tenaciously still covering in the the "collar" needed this year to support its successor.



If you would like to support the work of the Salvation Army as they help those in need at Christmas, go to:  
<http://tinyurl.com/z4vdrtd>



*Mike and Julie White (left) sing along with friends and neighbours*

It was wonderful to see so many Society members, local residents (and perhaps visitors) at the lighting ceremony.

Many thanks to all at the Regency Tavern for their generous hospitality. The Tavern laid on sandwiches and nibbles for Society members and friends after the lighting ceremony. And those lovely twinkling Christmas trees decorating the facade are a delight for everyone.



**CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

The Society has been saddened by the anti-social attack on the Christmas tree. Within days of the huge effort which had been made to buy it, to erect it, to decorate it and to enjoy it to music, the lights were torn off and trampled. The tree itself also suffered some damage.

It would seem that it is the anti-social element which has dictated that we may not enjoy a beautiful Christmas tree this season.

The Committee and donors have not been daunted, however. New lights have been put on the tree for all to enjoy and to lighten the last few days until Christmas

**THE POLICE PRECEPT**

Sussex Police constantly tell the Society that their budget has been cut and that there are not enough PCSOs (let alone fully trained police officers) to deal with the anti-social behaviour in the city. Now is your chance to have your say to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC, Katy Bourne).

In a recent message from the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network (NHWN), Sussex Police reminded the Society that the Sussex Police Precept Consultation is not yet closed and that:

"... if you have not yet expressed your views may we invite you to let the PCC know your thoughts?"

This proposal is to increase the police element of council tax by around £5.00 per household to fund over 100 more police officers and specialist staff. The £5 is based on an average cost per household, p.a, based on a Council Tax Band D household, so depending on the household size and council tax band it could be more or less.

Do you support this proposal? Please click on the blue banner below and give us your views by 6th January 2017."

To make your views known, use this link to the Survey:  
<http://tinyurl.com/zh34xuv>



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## IT WAS OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD

A small group of young- at-heart members indulged themselves with a trip to the Little Theatre to see "The Wizard of Oz". The standard of the production was outstanding. Look out for details of our next trip to a theatre in the New Year and do join us.



## MEETING WITH CLLR TOM DRUITT

Cllr Drutt came along to the Committee's monthly meeting last Monday. He listened carefully to our concerns about anti-social behaviour, parking and the future of the tunnel under the promenade leading to the Regency Square car park. More details on all these aspects of the Society's work in January's newsletter.

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# HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

## TRIPPING DOWN MEMORY LANE

Don't worry if you don't remember this item from a 1986 Newsletter. To see the Society's full archive of newsletters dating back to 1979, here's the link - just click on a year and then scroll down the page to find the month. <http://regencybrighton.com/newsletters/> and in addition to our website, don't forget to keep up with Society news on our Facebook page.

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THE MAYOR TO SWITCH  
ON THE LIGHTS



The Society's very own Christmas Tree has just been erected in Regency Square.

The Mayor of Brighton will come at 7 pm on Tuesday 16 December to switch on the lights.

Please come along if you can. After the switch on, members of the society committee are planning to go to the Regency Tavern for a pre-Christmas drink. We will be very pleased to see you if you would like to join us.

In 1979, on the Society's first trip to the Little Theatre to see the farce "Happiest of the Three", tickets cost 60p. They now cost (a very reasonable) £10.00. A price rise of just over 1500% (yes, there are two noughts there).

Membership of the Society in the same year was £2.00. It is now a hefty £5.00. A staggering increase of ... 150%

So make your New Year resolution to persuade a neighbour to join the Society.

## NEW YEAR BREAKFAST

This year, there are no excuses for not coming along to the Society's communal breakfast. It will take place as usual at the Regency Restaurant on Kings Road on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

Let's just get that clear, it going to be at 10am on

Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>



Just come along at 10 am, settle down at the long table (specially reserved for the Society), order your breakfast and settle up at the main counter when you have eaten and talked and talked and eaten with members and friends. All welcome.

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