
Brighton Society

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CORRECTION

THE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF AMENITY SOCIETIES will take place on **THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER** from **7.00 – 9.00 pm**

In the July newsletter I made a mistake in saying it was on Tuesday 9 September, so please note change of DAY.

The meeting will be held in the Hanover Room at Brighthelm, North Road, Brighton with Martin Randall, Brighton & Hove City Planner, and members of his staff.

We are inviting all amenity societies to submit just one question each, which must be of general interest, **by the end of August**, though a particular development can be used as an example, either in their own area or a scheme which is of importance to the whole city. By limiting societies to one question we hope to encourage more debate than has been possible with similar meetings we have organised in the past, with Peter Robottom, Alan McCarthy and English Heritage.

As the Brighton Society is organising this meeting we can make places available to a few of our members. If you are keen to come please get in touch with me at the above address, or preferably by email, **by the end of August.**

VISIT TO THE RECENTLY RESTORED REGENCY CHAPEL OF ST ANDREW'S IN WATERLOO STREET HOVE

MONDAY 4 OCTOBER. Meet outside the church at 7.00 pm.

Michael Robins, Custodian, will show us round the church, with music and candle light.



St Andrew's church Waterloo Street

THE BRIGHTON SOCIETY SUMMER WALK which took place on 26 July, started in Churchill Square, at Grenville Street (see the photograph overleaf).

The walk with Robert Gregory took us to Clarence, Russell, Regency and Bedford Squares, sometimes through twittens we never knew existed; ending up in Ivy Place and Waterloo Street .

Robert opened our eyes to so many things we had never previously noticed. It was a beautiful evening too, the city glowed in the evening sunlight, and the Birdcage Bandstand shone like a jewel.



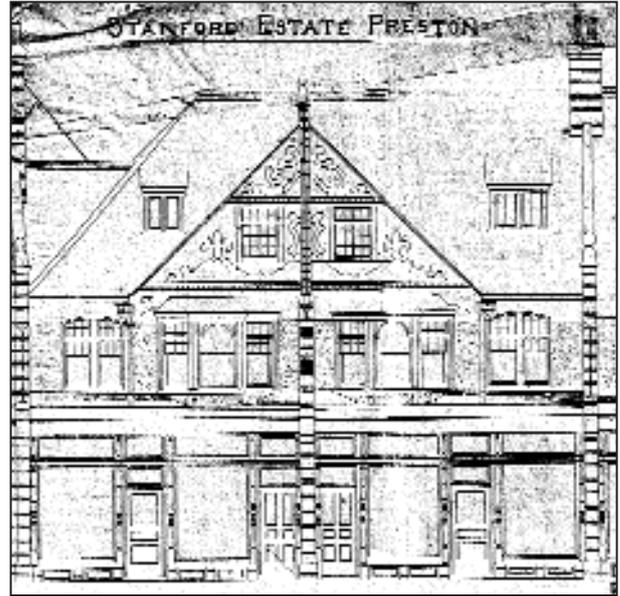
If you are curious to see what the area of Churchill Square looked like eg Grenville Street (above), before the first Churchill Square was built see '**Churchill Square Revisited: a lost Brighton Community**' by Andrew Walker, published by Brighton Books Publishing at £6.99 + £2 p+p, obtainable from the Secretary. Please make cheques payable to Brighton Books Publishing.

It is also available from:

City Books 23 Western Road (between Brunswick Square and Brunswick Street East Hove

Salmons Bookshop 86 Old London Road Patcham (on the corner of Ladies Mile Road)

Step Back in Time 125 Queens Road (near the Clock Tower) Brighton.



201-205 Preston Road designed by Charles Stanley Peach for his friends the Stanfords of Preston Manor. Note the pagets (plaster work) which is still in place today. The drawing is reproduced from:

'**Preston: Downland village to Brighton Suburb**' a book recently published by the Preston Village Millennium Group, £9.99.

Available from the same bookshops shown in the previous column as well as various branches of **Sussex Stationers**.

PLANNING & COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT

is coming into force in September 2004. and requires the preparation of a Local Development Framework in place of a Local Plan.

The new system will lead to **greater community involvement**, which should address issues earlier in the process.

Future inspector reports that consider objections to the Local Development Framework will be **binding on the local planning authority**.

The new legislation will move away from reactive planning to more positive planning involving partnership working, and working with neighbourhoods.

The Local Plan will be saved for 3 years giving the officers time to prepare the new documents.

Officers are hoping to commence community involvement in April 2005.

People would be consulted and encouraged to talk about the area where they lived, the sense of place and character and what makes it special.

Selma Montford : Hon Secretary