



The Regency Society
of Brighton & Hove

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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This has been an unusually difficult year where much energy has been diverted into addressing issues that have not furthered the charitable aims of the Society. But the committee is determined to get the organisation back on track and at its most recent meetings has been firmly focused on that objective.

Throughout the year there has been a major tension between the commitment devoted to achieving the charitable objectives and the priority accorded to maintaining a programme of activities attractive to members. The balance to be struck has not yet been settled and this is a matter that demands the committee's attention after the AGM.

Without that clarity of purpose the committee has suffered from competing factions, with that competition resulting in conflict towards the end of 2009. This triggered the resignation of the chairman, Nigel Robinson, at the end of 2009 and was a catalyst for the special general meeting held in February 2010.

Since Nigel Robinson stood down, chairing the committee has been challenging and no less than three temporary chairmen have grappled with the task in the same number of months: John Wells-Thorpe for just one meeting, Roger Hinton for one meeting and the special general meeting, and Stephen Neiman until the AGM 2010.

The committee, having rejected the nomination of Hazel McKay as Honorary Secretary, elected to manage with the post vacant for the whole year and, as a consequence secretarial duties fell to the Chairman, Nigel Robinson, the Vice Chairman, Audrey Simpson, and the Honorary Treasurer, Stephen Neiman.

The committee is grateful to Stephen for his determination to make the Society function effectively since he assumed temporary chairmanship.

The committee was meeting bi-monthly in 2009, with sub-committees meeting more frequently, but has met fortnightly since Stephen Neiman assumed the chair and monthly meetings are planned after the AGM. The sub-committee structure proved to be difficult to operate and as a consequence was largely ineffective. The sub-committees have, therefore, been suspended and it is not intended to reconstitute these sub-committees for the time being, although working groups may be required for specific topics.

All the members of the committee except two have agreed to stand down at the AGM with some being prepared to offer themselves for re-election for one year.

CONSTITUTION

Quite unusually, the AGM agenda contains five motions affecting the constitution. These stem from the fact that the current constitution contains a number of ambiguities, which caused the chairman to take advice, albeit in a private capacity, from an appropriate solicitor.

He was advised that the current constitution is defective in many ways, and that defective constitutions are the primary cause of charity failures. As a consequence, it was recommended that the Society should act expeditiously to replace the defective constitution and, furthermore, that it would be prudent to replace it with one based on the Charity Commission's model constitution for charitable associations, which has been carefully developed and tested by a number of lawyers over a period of years.

The Motions 5, 6, 7, and 8 seek to put in place interim arrangements until a new constitution can be adopted and Motion 9 instructs that a new constitution must be brought before a specially convened general meeting before the end of the current calendar year.

Following the AGM a working group is to be formed to reconsider the constitution, so that a revised constitution may be submitted to a special general meeting towards the end of 2010.

PLANNING MATTERS

The Planning sub-committee, now suspended, was chaired by Roger Amerena, who also represented the Society on the Conservation Advisory Group until 10 February, when it was decided not to send a representative until such time as architectural and planning policies had been agreed by the Society's new committee.

The Planning sub-committee has discussed the following major items:

1. *The Local Development Framework for Brighton and Hove*, for which additional representations were submitted.
2. *Brighton Marina Explore Living* appeal, at which it was agreed to oppose the application. Thanks to Hazel McKay for drawing up the Society's submission and for appearing at the public inquiry, to Michael Ray and Nigel Robinson for assisting with the compilation of further evidence as to how the Society had formulated its policy in respect of the application, and to Carolyn Oxenbury for legal support. The additional evidence may not have been required had two committee members not appeared at the inquiry, albeit in a personal capacity, supporting the proposal.
3. *Amex's proposals for new offices on Carlton Hill*; concern was expressed about the scheme and its impact on the listed Mighell Street farmhouse.
4. *Proposed extension to the Old Market*; there was disagreement as to what should be the Society's opinion, so no comment was submitted to the City Council.

For the time being the committee will decide all comments on planning matters.

THE JAMES GRAY COLLECTION OF HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

Thanks to the many organisations and individuals who sponsored the digitisation of the volumes of historic photographs (see accompanying list of sponsors), enabling Duncan McNeill and Lavender Jones to carry out the work. Thanks also to Lavender Jones, Lianne Jarrett and Selma Montford for organising the transfer of the administration of the collection to Brighton Museum. The collection remains in the ownership of the Society, but the original volumes are now stored at the East Sussex Record Office under controlled conditions.

WEBSITE

Although Duncan McNeill resigned as Webmaster at the 2009 AGM, no replacement has yet been found and he has continued to oversee it. A new website has now been commissioned from Computer Box but this has yet to be completed and a Webmaster has yet to be appointed.

LECTURE SERIES

Thanks to Dr Sue Berry for organising the 2009–10 series of lectures, David Robson for his initial work on the programme for 2010–11, to Lianne Jarrett for continuing to arrange that programme, and to staff at the Old Market for organising the facilities for the lectures.

REGENCY REVIEW

Thanks to Lianne Jarrett for compiling and editing the newsletter.

SOCIAL OCCASIONS

Thanks to Yvonne Dale for allowing the Society to enjoy their summer party with 150 guests in her garden, and to Lianne Jarrett and Audrey Simpson for arranging the garden party. Thanks also to Audrey for organising the Christmas party and the Society dinner.

An overseas study tour to Berlin has been arranged for the forthcoming year by David Robson and Audrey Simpson.

The Social and Membership sub-committee will now be disbanded and for the time being the lecture series, Regency Review and social events will be decided by the committee, with small working groups organising individual projects.

THANKS

Thanks to Nigel Robinson, John Wells-Thorpe, Stephen Neiman and Roger Hinton for chairing the meetings of the committee, and in Roger Hinton's case, the special general meeting; to Roger Amerena, Lianne Jarrett and Roger Hinton for chairing the sub-committees and to Julia Maloney for her competent minute taking.

Lesley Clarke continues to offer invaluable support as Membership Secretary.

The committee would also like to record their thanks to Dr Michael Ray, who, as committee member, and later as Chairman, guided the Society; we were very fortunate to benefit from both his professional knowledge and his natural kindness.

THE FUTURE

It is intended to formulate a new constitution and use that as a springboard for reinvigorating the Society, so that, instead of looking at its unsatisfactory procedures and practice, the committee can concentrate on the real work of the Society.

The Regency Society was formed to monitor, comment on, and where necessary object to architectural and planning proposals in the City of Brighton and Hove.

Achieving that purpose will have to be accorded a greater priority in the year to come.



Membership

As at 31 December 2009, there were 262 ordinary members of the Society, 160 life members and 1 corporate member. Please notify any omissions or corrections to the membership secretary.

Members in good standing are listed below.

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Current subscriptions are:

Student membership:

£5.00 for under 18s or with valid student card.
Annual membership, single£ 15.00
Annual membership, joint£ 25.00
Life Membership, under age 60..... £500.00
Life Membership, over age 60.....£200.00
Joint Life Membership, under age 60.....£875.00
Joint Life Membership, one over age 60..£350.00
Annual Corporate Membership£100.00

Cheques should be made payable to
The Regency Society and sent to:

The Membership Secretary, The Regency Society,
4, Oak Lodge, 49, Palmeira Avenue,
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Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 2009

Fixed Assets (at cost)			<i>2008</i>	
Furniture on loan to the Royal Pavilion	1,715.00		1,715.00	
James Gray Photographic Collection	10,000.00	11,715.00	10,000.00	11,715.00
Current Assets				
Investments:				
CAF UK Equity Stock	19,589.84		15,218.30	
Gilt Edge Stock	21,045.00		64,049.20	
		40,634.84		79,267.50
Bank Accounts	39,985.66	39,985.66	3,189.24	3,189.24
Less Current Liabilities:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deposits Received for events in 2010	-455.00	-455.00		
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:	0.00	91,880.50		94,171.74
Long Term Liabilities:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Assets less Total Liabilities		91,880.50		94,171.74
Capital and Reserves				
Bank and Society Accounts				
Reserves	94,171.84		116,906.11	
Deficit incurred	-2,291.34	91,880.50	-22,734.27	94,171.84

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below. In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Keith J Shaw
Honorary Auditor
18th March 2010

Approved by Management Committee on March 22 2010
Stephen E. Neiman, *Honorary Treasurer*

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Income and Expenditure Account as at 31st December 2009

				2008
Income				
Subscriptions	3,523.50			2,922.50
Lecture Series and Christmas Function	1,334.00			295.00
Study Tour	0.00			9,734.00
Garden Party	1,682.00			965.00
James Gray Collection	7,100.00			6,150.00
Dividend Income	3,431.94			3,431.94
Revaluation of CAF Investments	4,371.54			
Interest Received	57.66	21,500.64		149.00
				23,647.44
 Less Direct Expenditure				
Study Tour	0.00			9,713.00
Lecture Fees, Exp and Venue Hire	3,850.96			3,412.91
Garden Party	1,578.73			900.00
Digitisation of the James Gray Collection	13,588.44	19,018.13		8,593.16
				22,619.07
 Grants and Donations				
Royal Pavilion	0.00			5,000.00
Kingscliffe Society	0.00	0.00		1,000.00
				6,000.00
 Administration Costs				
Subscriptions	165.00			190.00
Membership Secretary Honorarium	0.00			300.00
Minute Secretary's Expenses	519.25			287.00
Committee and AGM Meeting Costs	1,388.48			625.65
Internet Registration and Service Costs	356.50			69.23
Insurance	524.04			525.00
Printing and Postage	1,820.58			2,865.97
Bank Charges	0.00			0.00
Loss on Revaluation of Investments	0.00	4,773.85		12,899.79
				17,762.64
Total Expenses		23,791.98		46,381.71
 Excess of Expenditure over Income		 -2,291.34		 -22,734.27

Notes

1. Gift Aid Relief of £6,870 has not been claimed as yet.

