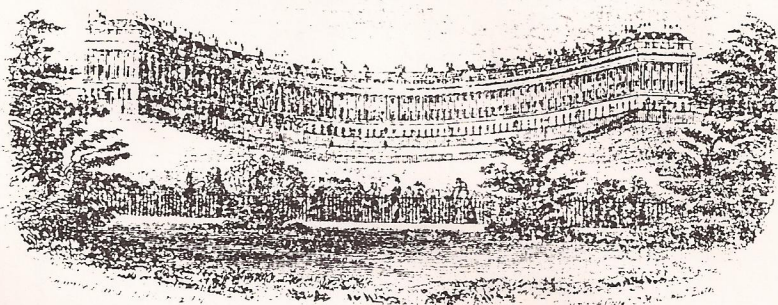


The Royal Crescent Society Newsletter

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THURSDAY 26 MARCH 1987

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BATH COUNTY CLUB

The formal Notice convening the Annual General Meeting of the Society has been issued and your Committee hopes that as many residents will come as possible.

Elections

Residents in the Crescent embrace a wide variety of ages, background, interests and experience. The rules about election of Committee members encourage the injection of new blood into the Committee. Please send in your proposals for Officers and Committee Members soon and help to keep the Committee both dynamic and really representative.

Constitution

The current Rules and Constitution of the Society are reprinted in this Newsletter for the convenience of members and prospective members, and for use as necessary at the AGM.

COACHES - BAN TO BEGIN

Avon and Bath City Councillors finally agreed on March 13th to proceed with the coach ban as framed. Late attempts by Bath to include other streets failed. Avon officers will aim to have the ban in place by May 18th 1987, in time for the Bank Holiday. The ban could be lifted immediately if the chaos forecast by Circus residents ensues. It is also subject to Secretary of State's approval.

BATH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

22 MAY - 7 JUNE 1987

Opening Night

The Bath Festival organisers will again be asking residents to light candles - provided free - in their windows on the opening night, Friday 22nd May. The spectacle this creates has become a feature of the Festival and is a unique use of our famous homes.

As usual there will also be madrigals in the Crescent - and the Circus - and traffic will be stopped for a few hours.

The opening evening will also include marching, jazz and youth bands, military music and dancing. The events are being organised by Major Albury Jackman, of the Lansdowne Grove Hotel and may include fireworks. The events will all be kept to Royal Victoria Park - not our Lawn - according to Festival events organiser Pamela Wordley.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning approval has been sought for the following properties since the last newsletter and your Committee has commented where shown:

13 Royal Crescent : alterations to Basement flat. No comment made.

27/8 Royal Crescent : (Rear) rebuild garages and provide new flats above : supported.

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BBC ACTIVITIES

Northanger Abbey

As announced in Newsletter No 6 the BBC film version of Northanger Abbey was shown on BBC 2 on February 15. Whilst the treatment of the novel was controversial the fleeting shots of the Crescent excited much interest.

Vanity Fair Filming Abandoned

Some residents will have seen a BBC letter "announcing" the filming of Thackeray's novel Vanity Fair in the Crescent shortly. This letter was sent by a different production group in the BBC from that which set up Northanger Abbey and this group made no advance contact with the Society. Some residents have complained direct to the BBC. At the same time your Chairman sought to bring the two BBC groups into contact.

However the group has reacted to the complaints and has now abandoned plans to film in the Crescent.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Your Committee has met five times since the last AGM and has addressed a range of topics as reflected in Newsletters, plus membership drives, and various minor matters.

Your Traffic Committee has met three times, with the results also published in Newsletters.

Besides these meetings, residents will understand that Officers and Committee members conduct more urgent business out of Committee.

Your Committee

Chairman:	Roy Titchen	10A
Secretary:	Monica Baly	19
Treasurer:	Brian Richards	4
Members:	Michael Daw	10
	Wendy Laughlin	29
	Dulcie Morrell	17
	Patricia Richards	4
	Fabrice Le Roux	9
	Annabel Trechmann	5

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THE LAWN

West Gate

The West Gate has been repaired and was in much use last summer by 'West End' residents.

Notices

During the filming in August, the BBC taped over the railing notices, so as to preserve the period atmosphere. Removing the tapes afterwards, also removed the lettering of the notices. These have now been repainted - at BBC expense - and extra notices, with the same wording as those on the Ha Ha wall have been placed at the extreme end of the Crescent.

Balloon Fiesta

Mr T Maple, the Assistant Director (Leisure & Recreation) of Bath City Council has written to the Society to "thank all residents for their cooperation in this event" - which occurred last summer.

Barriers

Mr Maple also states that he has purchased some special barriers which will be used for future events so as to prevent the crowds in Victoria Park climbing up the Ha Ha onto our Lawn. These were not used for the Balloon Fiesta because early rain suggested they would not be needed; when the rain stopped it was too late to reverse the decision. Your Committee will watch that these plans are implemented on future occasions.

Ha Ha Wall

At your Committee's request Mr Maple is investigating repair of the Ha ha wall and ditch with the City Engineer.

GARDEN COMPETITION

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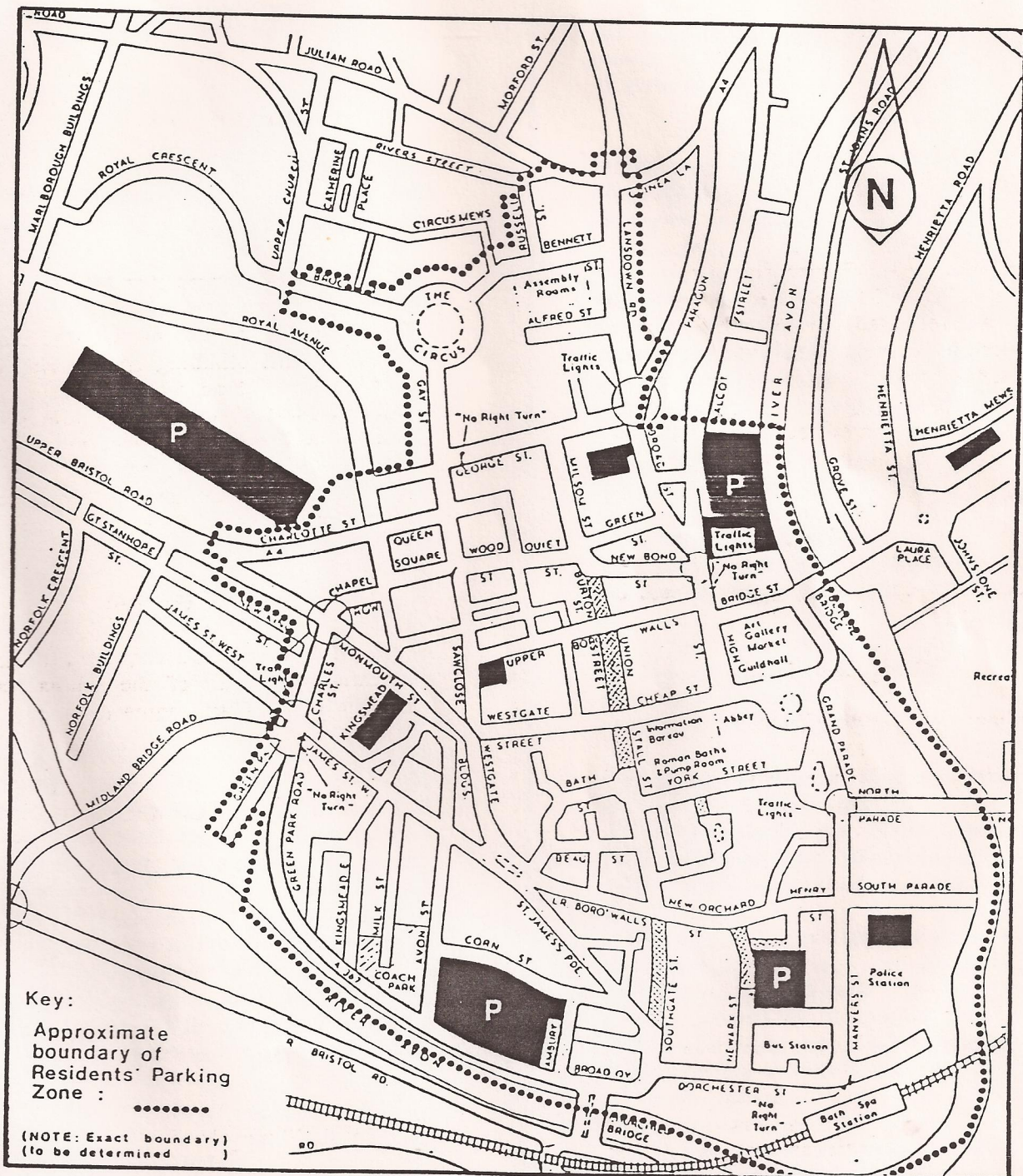
The Editor regrets that in Newsletter No 4, the winner of the 1985 Royal Crescent Basement Garden Competition was wrongly reported. The actual winner was No 19 - Mrs Dulcie Morrell - to whom many apologies. The separate city-wide winner was correctly reported as No 3, Mr Thornton. The 1986 Royal Crescent winner has been announced on the AGM notice, and is - No 3, Mr Thornton! Congratulations all round.

PARKING IN BATH

Your Committee expects to have extra information about the controversial parking scheme being proposed for Bath at the AGM. Meanwhile the map reproduced here shows, within the dotted line, the residents Parking Zone in which residents will have the opportunity of buying an annual ticket to park - but without the guarantee of a space. The price of this ticket was originally proposed at £250, now seems to be £200, but has yet to be agreed. Non-ticket parking in the very centre of the Zone would be 40p per hour, maximum stay 1 hour, 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday, and for the rest of the Zone, 20p per hour.

As the map shows the Crescent is just outside the Zone. We could thus be affected by Zone residents not wishing to pay the £200 and therefore using the Crescent. In theory they would then - like us - be subject to existing parking restrictions and penalties.

There is much room for debate and the Society needs to express your view. Please come to the AGM and help form one.



Rule 1: The Society shall be called the Royal Crescent Society.

Rule 2: The objects of the Society shall be to preserve and enhance the amenities of the Royal Crescent and its surroundings and to promote the interests of members of the Society.

Rule 3: The Society shall consist of ordinary members not less than 18 years old who shall be:

- (a) either owners of any part or parts of the property comprising No 1 to 30 Royal Crescent, Bath or
- (b) occupiers of not less than six months continuous residence of any part or parts of Nos 1-30 Royal Crescent.

Rule 4: The annual subscription for ordinary members shall be £3. Subscriptions shall be due on the first day of January in any year.

Rule 5: Members whose current subscriptions shall not have been paid before the 30th day of June in any year shall cease to be members.

Rule 6: Any alteration to the rules shall be proposed by the Committee, but no such alteration shall take effect until the same has been proposed and confirmed at the Annual General Meeting or a special general meeting convened for the purpose.

Rule 7: The Committee shall have power to make bylaws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Society provided the same are not inconsistent with these rules, and such bylaws shall be binding on all members.

Rule 8: A general meeting of the Society shall be held in every year not later than the 30th April to transact the following business:-

- (a) to receive and, if approved, to adopt a statement of the Society's accounts to the end of the preceding year;
- (b) to consider and, if approved, sanction any duly proposed alteration to the rules;
- (c) to appoint the officers and other members of the committee; the officers of the Society may hold office, subject to re-election, for a period of five years after which they may not stand for re-election until after the next Annual Meeting. Nominees for officers and Committee members must be members of the Society and may only be proposed and seconded by members of the Society.

- (d) to appoint an auditor or auditors;
- (e) to deal with any special matter which the committee desire to bring before the members and to receive suggestions from members for consideration by the committee.

Notice convening the general meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 21 days before the meeting, and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

Rule 9: A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the committee and shall be convened within 21 days from the receipt of a requisition in writing signed by not less than 15 members specifying the object of the meeting for any of the following purposes:-

- (a) to consider and, if approved, sanction any duly proposed alteration of the rules;
- (b) to deal with any special matter which the committee may desire to place before the members, including the expulsion of a member;
- (c) to receive the resignation of the committee or to remove any member or members from their office and to fill any vacancy or vacancies caused;
- (d) to deal with any special matter which the members requiring the meeting may desire to place before the Society;

Notice conveying a Special General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than seven days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

Rule 10: At committee meetings and at general meetings a chairman shall be elected to preside, and he shall have a casting or additional vote in the event of an equality of votes. At committee meetings three shall form a quorum. At general meetings fifteen shall form a quorum.

Rule 11: The Committee of the Society, other than the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, shall be limited to six, two of such members to stand down annually and not to be eligible for re-election for a further year. In the first instance the retiring members shall be to those with the longest service; hereafter retirement shall be in rotation. Casual vacancies arising in the course of the year shall be filled by the Committee, subject of confirmation of the following Annual Meeting.