

THE ROYAL CRESCENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

It is with some trepidation that I write these Chairman's notes for the first time, as while I wish the transition from one chairmanship to another to be as seamless as possible, I am aware that I have a tough act to follow. I hope the issues that lie ahead will not be as long drawn out as the buses saga. But if they are, I believe that recall of the effort and persistence of previous chairman Michael Daw which enabled a successful conclusion will inspire your Committee and myself to rise to the challenge.

As I write the final stage of this campaign, namely the installation of a permanent barrier at the west end in the form of bollards, is being put in place. We are told that this will take as long as four weeks; perhaps the work is being stretched out in deference to the long lead-up to this climax!

In view of the help we received from Cllr David Hawkins throughout the long bus campaign, your Committee agreed that I should write expressing our thanks, and sympathy at the loss of his seat in the May election, while being careful not to express any political bias. He replied that he intended to remain active in the area, and invited us to contact him if he could assist in any way.

The benefits of the closure of the Crescent are also now being enjoyed by Brock Street and The Circus, and in spite of their former opposition, the Circus Area Residents' Association (CARA) is now beginning to recognise the improvement. CARA has informed us of their main aims and asked whether we wish to co-operate on any of them. Your Committee felt that there were several items on which our interests coincide, and we look forward to pursuing them together.

One such aim is to prevent a recurrence of the disturbance caused by the excessive noise from the Fringe Festival concerts in early June, a concern also shared by the Marlborough Lane/Buildings Residents' Association. The complaints made at the time had only a limited and temporary effect, and it is intended that the three associations should campaign for an end to all amplified music in the Park outside Festival Opening Night unless controlled by reasonable, enforced, noise level limits. I was impressed by the research that Peter Cray of the Marlborough Association had made into the history of events in the Park and their licensing and noise control regulations. A particular problem of the June concerts was that the pronounced bass levels made the noise especially pervasive, and that noise regulations do not address this specific point. At our forthcoming meeting with Clive Thomas of B&NES, this is something we shall be pressing for the Council to take into consideration when gauging the suitability of the Park for future concerts. Meanwhile if anyone has reason to complain of excessive noise (from any source) they should ring the Council on Bath 336275 (day or night).

In May we agreed with Mr Glenn Humphreys of the Parks section of B&NES on a specification and price for maintenance of the Lawn. This involves keeping the inner section at a height which has been so effective at deterring invasions by footballers, with a surround of closely mown grass, and includes litter collection and trimming and weeding of the edges. Clippings will be removed from the inner section, but the cost of clearing clippings from the outer section was prohibitive, as this would have tripled the cost. At the time of writing, the centre appears overdue for a cut, but we trust that this will be rectified in the near future.

Your Committee now includes Mrs Melanie Heath who represents the Hotel; this is a welcome addition, as it leads to better understanding between the Hotel and the Society of each other's aims, and enables both to co-operate in pursuing mutual interests. The Hotel will continue to be the natural venue for social events, as detailed later in this issue, and we look forward to a Festive Dinner in January with a higher profile than recent Dinners to mark the Millennium.

Stephen Little

THE ROYAL CRESCENT SOCIETY SUMMER OUTING ON SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST

As you may know, the Society for some years now has organised a Summer Outing for Members and their friends to a local house or garden.

This year is no exception and I am delighted to tell you that Downside Abbey and School have kindly agreed to take us on a guided tour of the Abbey and grounds, followed by a cream tea and the opportunity to attend vespers afterwards on Saturday, 28th August.

The plan is as follows:

- Depart Royal Crescent about 2.15pm.
- Arrive Downside about 2.45pm.
- Tour of the Abbey and grounds with Father Dunstan O'Keefe, Guestmaster, (who sounds really delightful!).
- Cream tea at 4.30pm.
- Vespers at 6.30pm (optional), with further opportunity to wander round the grounds after tea.

The cost of the outing is just £6.00 per head, although anything you may wish to put in the collection box in the Abbey would, I am sure, be gratefully received.

Bill Oswald
Social Committee

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members,

Summer is here once again in the Crescent with a wonderful peace now that the buses are gone.

We welcome our new Chairman Stephen Little and a new Committee together with a newly formed Social Committee and as always we look forward to the Society's support during the coming year.

Please see "Dates for your Diary".

We congratulate Sir John Barraclough our Hon President for his splendid award and our Hon Vice President the Rt Hon The Earl of Stockton on being elected as an MEP.

Although the Newsletter is entirely non-political it has to be said that we welcome entries expressing personal views of all colour shades. We will certainly not be seen to censor any controversy submitted. We must all express our views.

This 40th Newsletter has much of interest. There are continuing sagas and recipes and a new series entitled "Our Friends in the North" which Mike Daw has researched and will be ongoing.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this Summer Newsletter. If you did not do so this time, please consider next time.

Caroline Carrier
5 Royal Crescent

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Summer Outing – Saturday August 28th 1999
Downside Abbey**



**Sunday October 31st 1999
Hallowe'en Drinks Party
Smart Black Casual Wear
with masks!!!!**



**Thursday January 6th 2000
Royal Crescent Society
Millennium Party**

THE COMMITTEE INTO THE MILLENNIUM

At the 1999 Annual General Meeting a number of changes took place on your Committee.

These changes will not significantly affect the overall stability of the Committee as some existing members and officers have adopted new roles. These were mainly brought about by the decision of Mr Michael Daw to stand down as Chairman after having worked tirelessly over many years at the helm. We welcome Mrs Melanie Heath from the Royal Crescent Hotel as a co-opted member.

The revised officers and committee members for 1999-2000 are as follows:-

Hon President	Sir John Barraclough KCB, CBE, DFC, AFC, FSRA
Hon Vice-Presidents	The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Stockton, MEP Mr Michael Daw
Chairman	Mr Stephen Little (310180)
Vice-Chairman	Mr Tim Forester (332086)
Treasurer	Miss Michelle Morgan (333071)
Secretary	Mr Ian Woodhouse (337380)
Editor	Mrs Caroline Carrier (484424)
Committee Members	Mrs M Kersley (424247) Mr W Oswald (421790) Mrs V Oswald (421790)
Co-opted Members	Sir Christopher Curwen, KCMG – Bath Preservation Trust Mrs Jenny Hardisty - Ha-Ha Committee Mrs Melanie Heath

The Royal Crescent Society Social Committee are:-

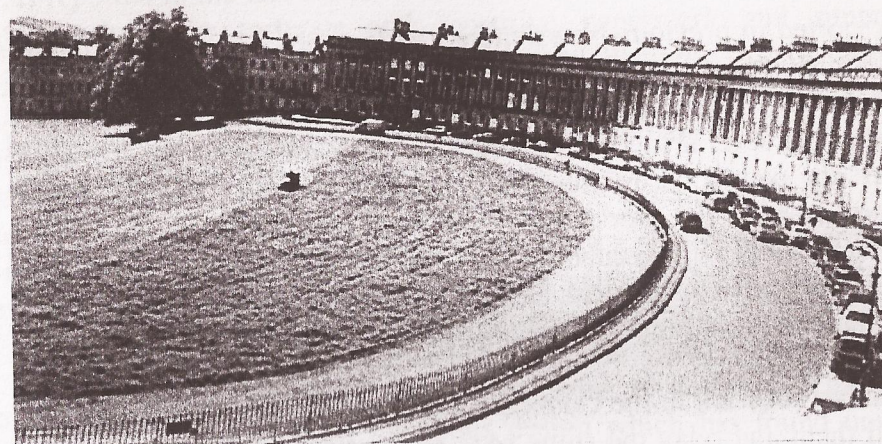
Mrs Mickie Kersley (424247)
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TREASURER'S NOTES

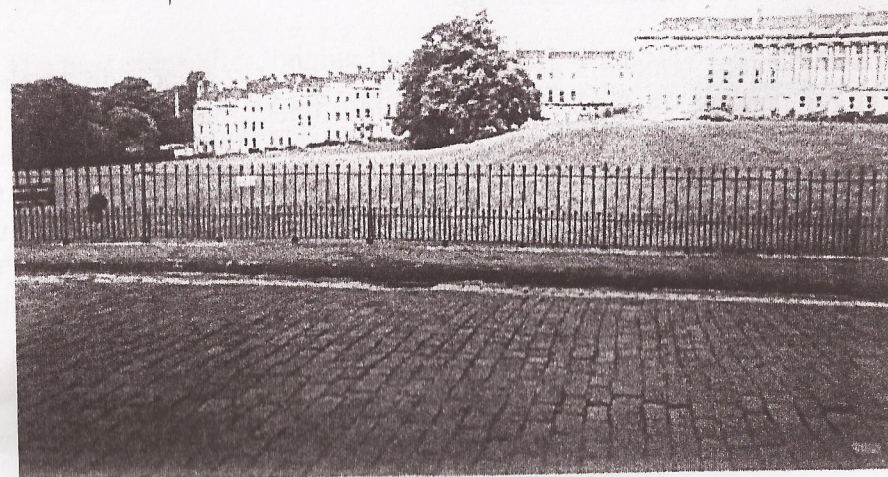
Numbers of Members and Lawn Fund contributors are currently below the final totals for last year, but it is hoped that the imminent round of reminders will eventually bring numbers up to at least match last year's figures. If you have overlooked your payment and are due to receive a reminder, please pre-empt its arrival with a cheque to the Treasurer at no. 22! And if you know of any departures or arrivals, please notify them to the same address, so that reminders are not wasted, and information on joining the Society can be given where appropriate.

The next few months the Society will be concentrating on raising funds for the restoration of the railings. As you will know from previous Newsletters, B&NES have agreed to help with 75% of the funding through the Heritage Lottery Fund. This leaves 25% to be found by the Society. Profits from Events will go towards this project. If anyone has any ideas that they would like to express regarding fund-raising, then I would be most interested to hear your views.

Michelle Morgan
22 Royal Crescent



A bus free Royal Crescent



The repaired railings after yet another crash

THE BARRIERS

As reported in previous Newsletters, the temporary barriers at the West end of the Crescent were to have been replaced by the end of March, with more elegant permanent arrangements. However, that date came and went, as did several successive forecasts. Apparently the foundry chosen to cast the new bollards (modelled on those near the Assembly Rooms) seemed to treat the work as new technology as difficult for them as nuclear fusion! Regrettably, they failed to employ simple order-scheduling and management techniques and the bollards did not arrive until the middle of June – a lead time of some four months!

But at last they are in the Council's civil contractors' hands and work to install them and relay the stone setts etc began, as finally promised, on the rainy morning of Tuesday June 29th, as we go to press.

The work is forecast to take four weeks and will include removal of redundant posts etc in the area, replacing the tarmac "triangle" near the park with setts and general tidying up.

Our AGM raised concerns about the use of the Crescent side of the barrier for parking, in the absence of yellow lines; this if it continues could cause difficulties for emergency vehicles coming through the permanent barrier using the unlockable central bollards. Council officers are considering this and the possibility of yellow lines, though these could conflict with their policy of minimal visual impact of the barrier. It might also need another Traffic Order. We understand there will be yellow lines on the Marlborough Buildings side.

ROYAL CRESCENT RAILINGS AND HA HA

As reported in the last Newsletter and at the AGM, work is now in hand to produce the tortuous and repetitive paperwork and supporting documentation for the Listed Building and Planning Applications for approval for these two projects. B&NES Council Officers are, as usual, being extremely helpful and it is hoped that the papers will be formally lodged with them very shortly.

One element of the railings project will make a significant improvement – the replacement of the central double gates. The present structure resembles not much more than a clumsy and ugly bodge. After a tendering process the Society has engaged Peter Carey, of the prestigious design company Donald Insall and Associates, to design new gates. He has come up with a most ingenious design which has found universal favour. In short the new gates will be virtually invisible; they will look like a normal stretch of railing, except for two extra back support stanchions identical to those already in place. The gates will pivot on and be secured by individual railings. We are grateful to, and admire, Peter Carey for his achievement.

The next steps after lodging the Applications for Approval will be to seek up-to-date tenders for the work, agree them with B&NES (with whom the Society will be undertaking the work in partnership) and programme the carrying out of the jobs. The Ha Ha will be undertaken as one continuous task and we have the funding for the Society's share of this cost. Major fundraising for the Society's share of the huge cost of the railings project will start soon – watch this space.

Michael Daw
10 Royal Crescent

AN AWARD FOR SIR JOHN BARRACLOUGH

Readers of The Times may have noticed that the President and Council of the Air League recently awarded the League's Special Gold Medal (only once previously awarded) to Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough for outstanding services to the causes of the Air League in support of British Aviation.

Sir John had the honour of receiving the gold Medal from The Patron, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh at the League's Annual Reception in St James's Palace on 11th May last. Sir John has served as Council Member, Vice-Chairman, and special adviser, to the League over more than thirty years and is a dedicated supporter of all aspects of British Aviation and the aerospace industry.

On the same occasion, another Somerset man, Mr Brian Jones received the League's Founder's Medal for his record-breaking feat of circumnavigating the world in a hot air balloon with M Bertrand Piccard, grandson of the famous Swiss balloon pioneer.

THE ROYAL CRESCENT HOTEL SUMMER 1999

The months are flying by following my appointment as General Manager to The Royal Crescent Hotel. On a personal note I am thrilled that my family - now comprising one long suffering wife, Helen, and FOUR children - Kathryn, Oliver and the twins Isabelle and Alice, are all blossoming in such beautiful surroundings.

I am pleased to announce the new appointments of Rachael Hill, our Sales Director and Simon Roberts, Food and Beverage Manager. Both these appointments will assist in formulating a strong management team as we head to the Millennium and the increased business which we will attract.

Adrian Glass, our kitchen porter, was awarded Employee of the Year for 1998 and has recently taken his prize of one week at the L'Auberge del Mar. This beautiful property is set in San Diego, California and the Executive Chef, Tom Atkins, has kindly agreed to fly over to England in order to bring along a taste of California to the Brasserie & Bar. From Tuesday 24 August to Sunday 29 August there will be a fine selection of Californian foods and wines on the menu and already this event is causing great excitement amongst our regular guests and Club members.

The Royal Crescent Club continues to develop and undoubtedly will be as popular as membership to The Cliveden Club. Members enjoy many privileges both here and at our two sister properties, Cliveden and the Cliveden Town House. The regular events which take place each month are proving a worthwhile and enjoyable addition to the life of the Club.

As the result of a great many requests, The Bath House will shortly offer a selection of one-day retreats where guests can enjoy both the hotel and The Bath House during one day. Without the need for overnight accommodation this will ensure that the Bath House is available to local residents who wish to enjoy a day of tranquillity and treatments within relaxing surroundings.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a most enjoyable summer and I look forward to meeting you both in the Hotel and around the City of Bath during the forthcoming months.

Laurence Beere
General Manager

BALLOON PASSENGERS ESCAPE DEATH BY INCHES AN EYE WITNESS REPORT

For the second time in 12 months an out of control balloon narrowly missed demolishing the rooftops, parked cars and railings of the Crescent.

Just a year ago parts of a Marlborough Buildings roof crashed into the street, having been hit by a too low balloon basket. News pictures flashed round the world were taken from the Crescent Lawn. It looked as though the Crescent had been hit, but it had escaped fairly well, as had the passengers.

This time on Friday evening, 30 April 1999, was greater and the "miss" much narrower. The balloon could be seen from the rear of the Crescent at about 7pm already very low. Residents rushed to the front to see the heavy basket, with many passengers almost graze the rooftops of No 18. Chimney tops quivered and windows rattled as the balloon rushed down towards the street. It only just missed parked cars and, had not all the hotel staff rushed out and pushed the basket upwards it would have snagged on the railings!

The pilot screamed for help and a score of burly youths ran up from the park to help the landing – just a few feet inside the railings. Mercifully no-one was hurt, though the passengers severely shaken and frightened by the experience of a very narrow escape, giggled hysterically. Had the basket tipped up at roof level they could all have been killed.

Despite this the pilot attempted several times to re-ascend, but soon gave up and, with the youths' help, the whole contraption was eased across the lawn and down onto the public park where the passengers were let out, counselled and cared for by balloon staff from the recovery vehicle. The balloon then was deflated and taken away. A narrow escape.

The balloon was operated by Bath Estates Agency and BIBS. No spokesman was available for comment.

Other balloons in the area coming from the upper Lansdown direction also seemed to suffer from severe down drafts. The Hotel's own balloon also had to make an emergency landing on the approach golf course, descending successfully over Cavendish Place, without accident.

Michael Daw
10 Royal Crescent

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor
The Local Council Elections

The sixth of May 1999, the date of the local council elections, dealt a sad blow to our great supporting Councillor David Hawkins. He lost his seat, and with it the expectation – richly deserved – of becoming Mayor of Bath this year.

Past Newsletters have made clear how, over many years, Councillor Hawkins has fought tirelessly and skillfully for our campaign to close the Crescent, building on the foundations so well laid by Avon Councillor Maureen Wheadon. It is clear that without Councillor Hawkins' continuous, unstinting and enthusiastic work the closure would not have happened when it did, or perhaps at all.

It would not be right or acceptable for the Society to endorse one political party above others and I do not seek to do so. Towards the end of the saga Councillor Hawkins and the Society had convinced both the other parties that closure was the right course of action. They both then followed through with enthusiasm. It was, I think expressing a purely personal view, unfortunate that one party on the eve of the election sought to claim all the credit for the achievement – but perhaps that's politics.

What is undeniable is that current and future residents and all who love this Crescent and support the fight of responsible conservation against crass and rapacious commercialism owe David Hawkins a great debt of gratitude for all he did on this cause. Bath as a whole owes him more for all his other work for the City: it is to their shame that they failed to turn out on the day and express that debt through the ballot box.

Yours sincerely

Michael Daw
10 Royal Crescent

SNIPPETS

Ice Cream Vans

Over the years a particular ice cream vendor van (Number B406 YYH) has persistently flouted the law by trading without a licence in the Crescent opposite No 1A. He also parks on a double yellow line.

If he is allowed to continue this activity, others will join in and the Crescent will deteriorate dramatically, litter will increase and the risk of accident, which the yellow lines are intended to reduce, will increase.

Accordingly your Committee and other Members frequently request the operator to move on, such requests are usually met with abuse and only reporting him to the police has any effect. The police are usually helpful, within their meagre resources.

Street traders require a Street Trading Licence for the specific area or site in order to trade legally. B&NES Council has never issued a licence for this site: were they to do so the Society would strenuously object and undoubtedly attract support.

All Residents can help by telling the operator that unless he moves away the police will be told. This usually works, but constant vigilance is necessary for the man is persistent. For such matters the police number is 444343.

Annual Dinner

At the AGM a member suggested that it should be policy that at least one Committee Member should sit at each table. Research of the Dinner archives shows that already happened at least at the 1999 event.

Our Councillors

Our Kingsmead Ward Councillors for the next four years will be Mr Gerry Curran, 32 Glebe Road, Bath BA2 1JB and Mr Andrew Furse, 17 St Catharine's Place, Bath BA2. Both are Liberal Democrats and have promised "four years of service for Kingsmead and real progress on the Council". Mr Curran was already our Councillor and Mr Furse replaces Councillor Hawkins.

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THE LATE MR RAC FORRESTER

Last issue's obituary for Mr Reggie Forrester only hinted at his many and distinguished lifetime achievements. These were fully recorded elsewhere. Our piece was intended to concentrate on his immense contribution to the life of the Royal Crescent.

Now, in a most generous gesture his daughter, Mrs Charlotte Shafto, has asked that her Father's memory be permanently reflected here. Accordingly, she has donated the handsome sum of £500 to the Society and has graciously agreed that this may be put towards the Railings Restoration Fund. Residents and future generations may be duly grateful. A Memorial Service was held for Mr Forrester at his natal village church at Lea, near Malmesbury, on the 14th May. Michael Daw attended to represent the Society.

Meanwhile the winding up of the estate is attracting national and international attention. The contents of the house including wonderful hats, furniture and a fine Edwardian Dolls House were sold at Phillips on 14th June: prices exceeded all forecasts, boosted by transatlantic telephone bids. The house itself, a rare example of a Crescent property unaltered for nearly 50 years is currently with Cluttons; we hear the asking price is close to £1m.

Michael Daw
10 Royal Crescent

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 26TH 1999

After a real April shower of heavy rain the Crescent pavements turned dry again for us to walk to the AGM in the Sheridan Room in the Royal Crescent Hotel.

A good turn out of members gathered chatting away and just after 7.15pm Sir John Barraclough our President called order and we took our seats.

Sir John presided over the meeting owing to the retirement of the Chairman Michael Daw.

Business was discussed regarding the Railings and the Lawn and the election of the new Committee now to be led by Stephen Little our incoming Chairman. I'm sure that we wish Stephen Little and the new Committee great success.

Questions were asked and a few members felt strongly about the lawn not being cut! Indeed someone preferred the footballers to return.

I feel that this has been one of the great successes of the Committee, second only to the removal of the buses.

The pleasure of looking out on to this piece of grass with its neat cut walk around the edge is to us all an extension of our properties.

Footballers can of course play below the Ha Ha which indeed they do.

Sir John next with a delightful speech made the presentation to Michael Daw of a crystal claret jug and coaster and a case of good claret for his superb and loyal service to the Royal Crescent.



Former Chairman Michael Daw with presentation gifts on his retirement

The meeting was then closed and we retired to the drawing room for drinks and canapés which rounded off the evening with a friendly atmosphere.

John Carrier
5 Royal Crescent

TANGERINE MARMALADE

Yield: about 8lbs

3 lbs (1kg 350 gr) tangerines
1 grapefruit – about 1lb (450gr) 4¾ lbs (2 kg 138 gr)
1 lemon
½ oz (14.25 gr) tartaric acid
4 quarts (4,560 ml) water

Method

Wash the fruit. Cut the tangerines in quarters. Slip off the peel and cut into fine shreds. Weigh out 10 oz (285.5 gr) of the best shreds and tie loosely in a muslin bag. Chop or slice the grapefruit and lemon roughly. Put all the fruit and peel into a basin, add the acid and water. Soak overnight.

Next day. Simmer for 2 hours, but remove the bag of shreds after 45 minutes. Rinse this peel well with cold water in a colander. Strain the contents of the pan through a jelly bag. Return to pan, add peel shreds to extract and bring to boiling point. Add a nut of butter and the warm sugar. Boil rapidly until contents of the pan weigh 8 lbs (3 kg 600gr). Allow to cool until marmalade is thick enough to suspend the shreds of peel. Pour into warm jars, cover with wax circles and tie down when cold.

N.B. As I do not care to have a flat filled with steam, I use a pan with a lid, and reduce the initial amount of water to about 3-4 pts (1,710-2,280 ml).

Jacqueline Titchen
10a Royal Crescent

ROYAL CRESCENT FESTIVAL COCKTAIL

I have been asked to put my Crescent Festival cocktail in the Newsletter:-

Long glass
Large spoonful caster sugar
Good measure of Cinzano
Good measure of Gin
Dash of Angostura
Stir well
A slice each of lemon and orange
Ice cubes
Top up with lemonade

Enjoy!

John Carrier
5 Royal Crescent

HYPE, HUBRIS – OR HONESTY?

The elaborate trompe l'oeuil wall surrounding South Kensington (London)'s even more elaborate renovation of the famous Brompton's complex bears the following slogan which is even more appropriate to the Royal Crescent:

“Living history; not just a place to live,
but a way of life”.

THE OPENING OF THE BATH FESTIVAL MAY 21ST 1999

It had been a dull cool day but the evening began in the Crescent with the various processions which were a delightful sight, especially the children's procession.

The grass below the Ha ha was filled with food tents and music and many people arrived, some with their picnics.

The Mayor was seen to arrive and lights were on in the houses. Many sounds of jollity were to be heard.

When darkness arrived there was much excitement at the start of the firework display which was truly wonderful and filled us with childish delight.

Caroline Carrier
5 Royal Crescent

I would like to say thank you so much for the cards and presents I received from friends in the Royal Crescent during the time that I was in the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. It was greatly appreciated and I am pleased to say that I am now feeling much better.

John Carrier
5 Royal Crescent

OUR FRIENDS IN THE NORTH A SERIAL IN 2/3 PARTS

It is generally accepted that the Royal Crescent was a significant step in the development of domestic architecture. It was part of the trend of presenting groups of individually modest terrace houses as a composite, thus resembling a mansion. This was achieved in various ways, sometimes with an emphasised central element (Camden Crescent, Queen Square, St James's Square) and sometimes, as here, as a symmetrical uniform rhythmic single edifice with only a minimal central emphasis. Many visitors, (even some tour guides!) mistake our 30 houses as one great palace. Exactly the illusion Wood intended and which his customers, the newly emergent 'middle' class, sought.

But the Crescent, and the Circus, were the forerunners and trend-setters as much for their shapes as for their palatial ambitions. Their forms were quickly imitated, not just 7 times in Bath, but as far afield as Buxton and even Birmingham. We reprint here in facsimile the prospectus for one such venture in that city. You may spot some interesting echoes of 20th century Bath life tucked away in the 18th century text. For what happened next you will have to wait for the next issue.

Michael Daw
10 Royal Crescent

PROPOSALS,
WITH THE
PLAN & SPECIFICATION,
FOR
BUILDING
THE
CRESCENT,
IN
BIRMINGHAM.

By C. NORTON, BUILDER.

Birmingham,
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MDCCLXV.

HAVING been solicited by several gentlemen, who are desirous of inhabiting houses in the CRESCENT, to bring forward and complete the plan which was some time ago intended to be carried into execution, I am now induced to lay it before them, being convinced they will think, from the elevated situation of the land, and the extent of its prospects, that the CRESCENT will be an ornament to the town of Birmingham. It is intended to have a street laid open on the back part of the houses, which will afford an opportunity of having coach houses, stables, and other offices erected, but no shopping or manufactory of any kind will be permitted, and from which street all domestic articles will be conveyed to the separate premises. As no other but coaches, or such like carriages, will be suffered to pass in the front of the houses, and as all the land in front will be private property, it is proposed to erect iron gates at each end thereof, to secure the same, and prevent all nuisances and incroachments. It may be suggested by some, that the plan of the houses I am proposing

proposing renders them too small for the residence of genteel families; but as two houses may be laid into one at the time of building them (or at any future period) it will obviate that objection; therefore those gentlemen who have two shares, will always have it in their power to accommodate themselves or their tenants at any time. It hath often been observed, that houses of this scale have not paid the proprietors more than two or three per cent. but as I purpose to *give* my time and profits in this business, to content myself with the ground rent alone, which enables me to build the houses for so small a sum (notwithstanding the great advance on labour and all kinds of building materials) the proprietor may be certain of gaining nearly seven and a quarter per cent. as may be seen by the statement; and as there are ten houses already erected, and in the hands of respectable tenants, they will, in some measure, prove the truth of the statement hereunto annexed, and it may be expected, when the whole is completed, the respectability of the neighbourhood will increase the value of each one's premises.

THE land on which the CRESCENT is intended to be built, is demised by the Governors of the School of
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King Edward the Sixth, for the term of one hundred and twenty years, commencing at Lady-Day 1790.

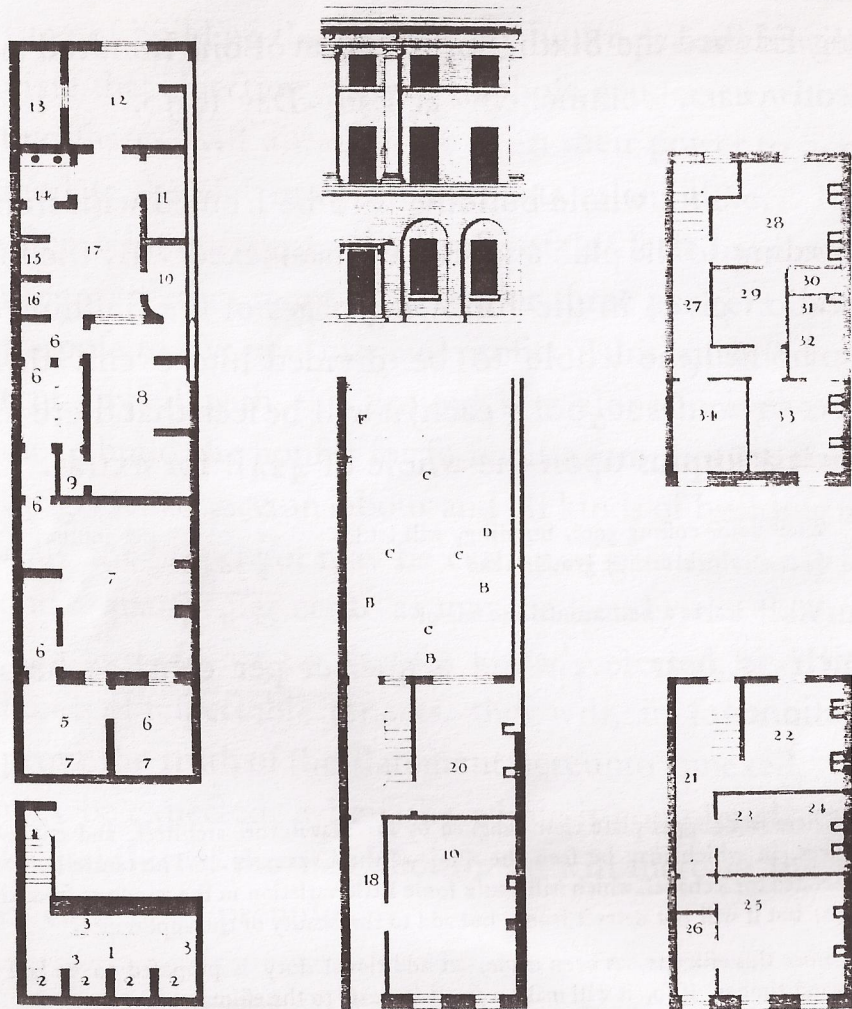
THE whole building is to be fronted with stone, according to the plan and elevation annexed*. By the specification given in the following pages of the finishing of one house (the whole to be divided into twenty-three shares or houses at 500l.† each) it will be seen that there will be left a surplus upon the whole of 424l. for extras.

	L.	S.	D.	
Each house costing 500l. building, will let for	42	0	0	per annum,
Out of which deduct ground rent	—	—	5 18 8	
Which leaves a neat annual income of	—	—	36 1 4	

which is near seven and a quarter per cent. as before mentioned.

* There is a copper-plate view designed by Mr. Rawstone, architect, and engraved by Jukes, in which may be seen the whole of the CRESCENT. The centre building is intended for a chapel, which will cause some little variation in the windows from that design, but it will not detract from, but add to the beauty of the appearance.

† Since this estimate has been made, an additional duty is proposed to be laid on deals and timber, if so, it will make a small increase to the estimate.



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Published by J. B. Mason, Birmingham, for his Magazine Inventory.

We are indebted to Richard Barnitt for his researches and to Patrick Baird, Head Officer of Birmingham Central Library's Local Studies and History Services for his co-operation.

We welcome new residents to the Crescent:-

Mr and Mrs E Jowett -	No. 19
Mr and Mrs I Reid -	No. 30