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THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

Registered with the Civic Trust for the North West.

Chairman: Tim Brakell, Linden Cottage, Halewood Road.
Treasurer: John Keggen, 23 Belle Vale Road.
Hon. Sec: Mrs. Sylvia Lewis, Grange Lodge, Grange Lane.
Ass. Sec: Henry Waterman, 7 Gateacre Rise.



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Next Meeting :-

ARCHITECTURE IN GATEACRE

A talk with slides

by

MISS JANET GNOSPELIUS

B. ARCH., A.R.I.B.A.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd. at 8.00 p.m.

Gateacre Chapel Hall, Sandfield Road, Gateacre.

Refreshments.

To keep the voice of the Gateacre Society Effective we need more members.

If you have not yet joined the Society we invite you to this Meeting.

If you are already a Member bring an interested neighbour with you.

Application Form for membership - see end of this Newsletter.

We have resolved to produce a quarterly Newsletter designed to keep you in touch with YOUR Society and its activities, so perhaps it is opportune to review events since the 2nd Annual General Meeting held on November 3rd 1976.

The first meeting after the AGM was a Social Evening on December 6th, at the Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane, when some 20 members met to welcome our new Chairman, Mr. Tim Brakell who has lived in Gateacre all his life.

The New Year started well with two meetings in January. On the first occasion we were invited by the Woolton Society to their film night at St. Peter's Old School, when we saw 'Liverpool's an Altered Town' - a Heritage Bureau production, introduced by Mr. Anthony Moscardini, Deputy City Planning Officer. After a break for tea we saw a film about Liverpool Trams by Alf Jacob of the Merseyside Tramway Preservation Society.

On 25th Jan. a meeting was held in Gateacre Chapel, when our treasurer the Rev. John Keggen told us something of the history of the building and its congregation. About one hundred people attended, including some of our friends from the Woolton Society. Our thanks must go to Mr and Mrs Shepherd for ensuring that we were so nice and warm.

Our latest venture was a Rummage Sale for the Society's funds, held in Gateacre Chapel Hall on Saturday 26th February. We benefited magnificently by more than £50. Our grateful thanks go to Mr and Mrs Sam Prince who organised the sale, to Gateacre Chapel Congregation for allowing us the use of the hall and to all the many helpers who stood behind the tables and sold everything from TVs to baby clothes.

The Village Green and Jubilee Celebrations.

We are pleased to report that, after months of waiting, the Recreation and Open Spaces Department is starting on the renovation of the Green - in the week commencing March 7th. They have managed to find an unemployed Pavior at last, and the setts, which were spotted by a member of the Woolton Society, are coming from the old Childrens Admission Unit in Acrefield Road. This means that the work will be completed in time for the Queen's Jubilee.

It is hoped to involve Gateacre C. of E. School in our celebrations, but arrangements will have to wait until the appointment of a new Head, as Mr. E. Lunt is to retire at Easter - we would like to wish him well in his retirement.

Our Chairman, Mr. Tim Brakell and Mrs. Lewis had a meeting with the Chairman of the Conservative Club - Mr. E. Woolley, and as a result a number of trees have been planted round the perimeter of the car park to act, eventually, as a screen. This will give an improved aspect to that corner of Grange Lane. It is also intended to plant Virginia Creeper against the building itself, this should look very nice in a few years time.

The Society has been in touch with Joshua Tetley & Son Ltd., and the City Planning Office regarding the relaying of the cobbles in the forecourt of The Black Bull. While both parties agree that this work is necessary, there