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Chairman: Tony McCann, O.L.A. School, Hedgefield Road. 487-9301. Hon. Sec's: Joan & Harold Gadd, 59 Hunts Cross Ave. 428-8884.

Next Meeting -

COMMUNITY ARCHITECTURE & THE ELDONIAN VILLAGE

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TONY MCGANN

Members will have heard of Community Architecture, much encouraged by Prince Charles, but do you know how it works? This is a rare opportunity to hear the inside story from the horse's mouth - Tony McGann, Chairman of the Eldonian Housing Co-op in Liverpool's Vauxhall district, will tell us how and why it became necessary in 1984.

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His talk will be illustrated with slides showing the area in which they lived before it all started, bring us up to date with what has happened so far and show us architect's plans of how the scheme will look when it is complete and ready for families to move in.

TUESDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER 1988 at 8 p.m.

THE GATEACRE INSTITUTE, GRANGE LANE, GATEACRE

Come and bring a friend, all visitors welcome 25p.

DIARY DATE: A.G.M. will be held 1st November 1988 at 8 p.m.

RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS about which we have made representations -

88L/1247 The Lodge, 14 Druids Cross Rd. to take down existing sandstone chimney stack and rebuild at a lower height.

This is a listed building designed by Harvey Lonsdale Elmes as the lodge to Druids Cross. We wrote to the Planning Office saying that unless there were reasons of which we were unaware we felt this chimney should be reinstated as designed. The Merseyside Civic Society and Heritage Bureau were also consulted and were of the same opinion.

88L/1582 12 & 14 Gateacre Brow - Replacement of window frames and construction of new conservatory.

We were delighted to be invited by the new owners to visit and view their architect Peter Richardson's plans for this scheme which we feel will result in a great improvement as the present replacement windows are far too big.

NEW ROAD IN GATEACRE - the City Engineer has asked for our comments on the naming of the road in the new Barratt housing estate off Besford Road. "Herdman Way" has been suggested by the developers, which would commemorate W.G. Herdman the painter of so many scenes of old Liverpool, but we shall be consulting the field names shown on the Tithe Map to see if there is a more appropriate local name which might be used.

GATEACRE NURSERY, HALEWOOD RD. - Following an application by the developers Todd & Benn to build a 3-storey block of flats for the elderly on this site we attended a site meeting of City Councillors (Development & Control Sub-Committee of the Legal, Land & Transportation Committee) there last Wednesday morning 31st August. We said we thought the building was badly designed, too large and intrusive and had an inadequate area of amenity space. In the afternoon we were pleased to learn that the scheme, in its present form, had been refused because of the Council's policy to allow new blocks of flats of 2-stories only.

GRANCE MANOR - An application to renew the Public Entertainments Licence was heard by the Licensing Sub-Committee on the 19th August. We asked that this should be limited to public house hours only but it was granted until midnight. We do realise that Mr. Downey is trying to see that the neighbours are not disturbed but, of course, he cannot control customers' behaviour once they have left his grounds. Please let us know if you are inconvenienced by late night noise from people who have visited these premises.

GATEACRE SIGN - We note that the sign on the corner of Gateacre Park Drive and Woolton Road is no longer there. We hope that the City Engineer has taken it in for refurbishment but would be greatful for any information.

OLD GATEACRE - It is still possible to find historic photographs not in our collection. Recently we came across a post card, posted in 1910, showing Church Cottages in Belle Vale Road with a gate across the lane leading to the farm past numbers 5 - 12 (the farm remained until the building of Lee Park estate).

Looking through a copy of the Liverpool Echo of 17th June 1938, on microfilm in the City Library, Miss Borrowscale found a photograph of the building of the new Bridge Inn while the old Inn still stood alongside. We now have a xerox copy of this but unfortunately the actual newspaper is too fragile to photograph (newspapers before 1916 were made of better paper and do not suffer from this problem, we have been told). We rang Higson's Brewery hoping that they might have a copy of this photograph but they hadn't. At least we were able to confirm that the architect of the new pub was H. Hinchcliffe Davies, whose family lived in Orient Drive.

November, 8 p.m. at Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane. We have vacancies on the Committee and would welcome new blood with new ideas - maybe some of our new members would like to take a turn in helping to run their Society? Think about it and let us know at the meeting. Subscriptions for 1988/89 will be due on that date, Rates: Individual £2. Family £3. Pensioner £1. Corporate £5. All plus £1 towards postage if living outside the hand delivery area. To: Keith Close, Membership Secretary, 51 Grangeside, Gateacre.

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