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THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

Reg. with the North West Civic Trust

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Next meeting -

This will be a film night when 2 films  
about local wildlife will be shown by  
Mr. Bob Maton.

SERIALS  
SECTION

MARTIN MERE 1978-1979

A film taken during this very severe winter  
when numerous species of birds - Bramblings,  
Coote, Ruff etc. could all be seen feeding  
within yards of each other.

AINSDALE NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Here we see Natterjack Toads, Common Toads,  
Lizards, a Fox and, so rare of recent years,  
the Red Squirrel.

TUESDAY, 13th JUNE 1989.

at 8 p.m.

THE GATEACRE INSTITUTE, GRANGE LALE

Please come early so as not to interrupt these films.

THE QUEEN'S PICTURES - We were very fortunate to have Anne MacPhee B.A. - a lecturer in Art and the History of Art at the University - for our speaker on April 25th. We have the only Royal Collection in the world, other countries have State Collections only while we have both.

Of course our Rulers had different tastes; for example Charles II was a collector of drawings in preference to paintings. George III patronised many, including Gainsborough, and he bought up most of the collection of Joseph Smith (1682-1770), Consul in Venice, comprising Vermeers, Canalettos and books too (Venice now has to borrow these from the Queen for exhibitions). King George had acquired Buckingham House in 1761 and so had plenty of space to display these treasures.

George IV fancied Dutch painters and also bought works by George Stubbs, born in Liverpool in 1724. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert added little - Albert would have done so and had better taste but the Queen held the purse strings. About £2,000 was set aside for paintings, mostly Landseers and Winterhalters, unfortunately no Turners, Constables nor the Pre-Raphaelites.

Unfortunately from that time little was acquired except for some water colours kept at Windsor. Our present Queen is a collector in a small way, but mainly paintings by Colonial artists.

We have not the space to report on all the interesting, and many beautiful, slides Miss MacPhee showed, but it was a great joy, as always, to hear an expert on her subject so full of enthusiasm.

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SOME NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS - (the full list can be seen on The Gateacre Society's Notice Board in the village).

- 89P/868 Linden Cottage, Halewood Rd. to erect s/s dining room extension
- 89P/928 8 Sandfield Road - to erect s/s bathroom extension at rear
- 89/P/1066 La Girelle, Oakfield Ave. to erect 3 detached dwellings

89/P/1217 St. Gabriel's Convent, to erect new staircase to  
Wood View, Knolle Park. replace fire escape

LA GIRELLE, OAKFIELD AVENUE -

We have been asked by the builders Jeftex Builders Ltd., for the Society's reaction to the possible demolition of this large house and the building of 3 "traditional cottage-style executive homes" on the site "creating a small tasteful development nestling amongst country style shrubbery and trees". We would very much like to have the opinion of our members to this proposal. Please ring Mrs. Lewis 428 - 3671.

GATEACRE HALL HOTEL -

Application No. 89P/567, mentioned in our last Newsletter, would greatly increase the drinking area at this hotel/public house. We are much concerned about 17th century features, still surviving, which show that a house of this period is still visible within the Georgian house built around it. We are hoping that some way may be found to save these in their original situation.

FRIENDS OF CHILDWALL'S WOODS AND FIELDS -

We welcome this new amenity society, registered with the Civic Trust, who will look after Childwall with its small Conservation Area and 6 listed buildings and we wish them every success. The Society was formed because of possible danger from developers to Childwall Woods & Playing Fields and already has over 300 enthusiastic members. A planning application to build a 48 space car park, alongside Childwall Abbey pub. had many members out to voice objections at a site meeting on 18th May. The applicants, Burtonwood Brewery, are to allow an archaeological assessment of this site, so near to Childwall Church, by Mr. Cowell, field archaeologist attached to the Museum, before work commences.

WOOLTON MANOR -

We congratulate the C.P.O. and The Woolton Society on winning their appeal not to have this site - now part of the Green Wedge - severed from the Manor and built upon.

EXHIBITION AT GATEACRE COMP. -

We have been invited to stage a small exhibition in the school on 1st July on the occasion of their Summer Fair. We look forward to seeing members, children and their friends.

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