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THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

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Next meeting -

CONSERVATION AT HOME AND ABROAD

By

DR. T. D. YEOMANS

Dr. Yeomans will show slides and discuss his recent research into conservation of architectural heritage. In particular he will compare the law of the United States with that of England and Wales regarding the renovation and the permitted re-use of listed buildings such as the Albert Dock.

8 p.m. THE GATEACRE INSTITUTE, GATEACRE.

TUESDAY, 3rd OCTOBER 1989

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held on 31st October 1989

MARTIN MERE & AINSDALE NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

At the June meeting of your society we had a most interesting evening when Mr. Bob Maton showed two films. The first was taken during the severe winter of 1978-79 at Martin Mere by Mr. Maton, an authority on wildlife in the area and beyond - he has travelled all over the world to study and photograph birds in their natural habitat.

The photography was enthralling, as food was put out for the birds near to the main buildings, and due to the severe weather Mr. Maton was able to get close-up shots of many birds not usually seen feeding together such as Pink foot Geese, Whooper swans, duck from all over the world, Coote, Ruff, Bramblings and many more. During the film we had a commentary on the habits and life style of the birds seen.

The other film, also taken by Mr. Maton, was about the flora and animals to be seen at the Ainsdale Reserve, an area of marsh and dunes not so well known as Martin Mere but just as interesting. Here we saw Natterjack toads (an endangered species), frogs, sand lizards and a rare sighting of the red squirrel. There were owls and other birds too plus a large variety of marsh flowers, grasses and fungi - altogether a fascinating evening.

H.G.

The meeting on the 25th July was well attended, in spite of the evening being extremely hot. We were treated to a most entertaining, and best of all, a useful talk by Alan Heath on TREES, FLOWERS & SHRUBS as grown in our area.

Mr. Heath brought with him plants, soil samples and showed us leaves which had been attacked by various insects, diseases and weather conditions. He is the Hardy Stock Manager at the Whiston Nursery of E.H. Williams and he took us through the various types of soil - clay, peat etc. we might find in our gardens and explained the use of soil sample kits to determine whether our soil is alkaline or acid.

Various types of trees were discussed - how to propagate, how to chose when buying, how to plant and how to control pests by the use of sprays. To finish, Mr. Heath demonstrated planting up a container garden in a terra cotta pot and showing some slides of trees and the setting out of a herbaceous border. H.G.

U.P.V.C. WINDOWS -

You will recall that in our last News-letter we were wondering how we might get over the idea to people living in the Gateacre Village Conservation Area &/or in listed buildings that planning permission - which in this case is free - must be obtained before any work is done. This covers the replacement of windows, doors, garden walls, slates and pointing etc.

The City Planning Officer was so concerned at some recent unauthorised works that he has re-circulated all addresses in our Conservation Area with Advisory Leaflets and a letter making this clear to all residents. We hope that this letter will be kept handy to show to over-persuasive salesmen of double glazing etc. If you feel you really must have double glazing do go and talk to the Planning Office about how it can be done.

A.G.M. -

We hope to see many members on the 31st October and are looking eagerly for people who would like to serve a term on the Committee. Nomination forms are available from the Secretaries.

LA GIRELLE, OAKFIELD AVENUE -

Detailed drawings of the three proposed houses on this site are now in the Planning Office who would welcome any comments. They can be seen on the first floor counter at Wilberforce House, The Strand.

SOME NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

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| 89/P/2052 | 54 Gateacre Park Drive | to erect 1st floor bedroom exten. at side. |
| 89/P/2057 | 18 Eaglehurst Road | to erect conservatory at rear |
| 89/P/2094 | 10 Grangeside | to erect living room, porch & bedroom over garage |
| 89/P/2141 | 8 Greendale Road | to erect 1st floor exten. over existing double garage, conservatory/utility room at rear |

Any members having comments about any of these applications should put them in writing to the City Planning Officer as soon as possible.

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