

THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Gateacre Society held on the 31st October 1989 at the Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane, Liverpool

PRESENT: Mr. G.A. McCann (Chairman)
Mr. Harold Gadd, Mrs. Joan Gadd (Hon. Secretaries)
Miss Janet Gnosspelius (Hon. Treasurer)

COMMITTEE: Mrs. S.M. Lewis, Mr. Michael Chitty, Miss Joan Borrowscale,
Mrs. Beryl Plent, Miss Irene Scott, Mrs. Joan Cohen,

MEMBERS: Joan & John Beckett, Margaret Bushell, Lilian Hodgetts, Eva Castle,
E.T. Denton, Jenny, Roy, and Jane Carruthers, H. Newell, E. Kay,
F. Melchen, Mrs. Merylin Lothian, Margaret Reid, Tony Levitt,

THE MEETING BEGAN at 8.0 p.m. with the Chairman extending a warm welcome to those members present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Mr. H. Haddleton, Rev. Daphne Roberts, Mr. John Williams (Vice Chairman).
2. MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on the 1st November 1988 had already been circulated to all members. They were approved as a true record.
3. THE HON. SECRETARY - Mrs. Joan Gadd presented the report on the Society's activities during the past year. The report would be distributed to all members. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Gadd for her report.
4. LOCAL HISTORY REPORT - presented by Harold Gadd.
The Local History Unit of Mrs. Lewis, Miss Gnosspelius, Miss Borrowscale have continued research into the history of Little Woolton.
Miss Gnosspelius has now translated the first 10 years of the 16th century Little Woolton Court Papers 1547-1587. We now have copies of all surviving Land Tax records 1781-1830.
Mrs. Lewis wrote about the history of 28a,b,c,d, Gateacre Brow. Mrs. Lewis and Miss Gnosspelius traced the history of the Grange Hotel, Holmfield Rd. Miss Gnosspelius, and Mrs. Lewis visited 'Brettargh Holt', a house near Kendal, the owners the Silesian Sisters were informed of the connection between their house, and Brettargh Holt in Little Woolton.
An Archaeological dig at Childwall was led by Ron. Cowell, Merseysides field archaeologist. Mrs. Lewis & Miss Gnosspelius took part.
We have continued to help students of all ages with their local history projects, and Miss Gnosspelius is at present preparing a set of maps of Gateacre from 1845. We have also been able to help a number of people with their family history, as far afield as San Francisco, and New Zealand.
5. HON. TREASURER Miss Gnosspelius circulated the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31st October, 1989, and gave a brief summary of its contents. Questions were invited. Mrs. Lothian requested £10 for expenses for one of our speakers. This was agreed. The Chairman thanked Miss Gnosspelius for her report.
6. THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Mrs. Plent read her report. We have 271 members of which :- 140 are family: 49 individual: 76 pensioners: We have 2 Corporate members: 7 honorary members: and 5 Life members. There were 11 new members this year. We hope to improve on this next year.
Mrs. Plent was thanked by the Chairman for her report.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS Mr. McCann thanked the Committee for all the work done throughout the year. He had been unable to attend all meetings but he was glad to see other parts of the city had caught up with us in endeavouring to protect our environment. He was pleased to hear the Childwall Society had been formed. They had approached Sylvia Lewis regarding our historical link. We have helped many people with their environment problems. Altogether it has been a very successful year. He viewed the coming year with hope and confidence, and hoped it would go from strength to strength. He brought to the attention of members a new publication 'Treasures of Lancashire' priced at £14.95. He hoped members would buy a copy. It would make a good Christmas present.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

One nomination had been received for each post, and there being no other nominations from the floor the following appointments were agreed.

Chairman - Mr. G.A. McCann
Vice-Chairman - Mr. J. Williams
Joint Hon. Secretaries - Mr. & Mrs. H & J. Gadd.
Hon. Treasurer - Miss J. Gnospelius.
Assistant Secretary (Environment) Mrs. S.M. Lewis
Membership Secretary - Mrs. B. Plent.

9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS - A letter of resignation had been received from The Rev. Daphne Roberts. The following members were returned en bloc with the addition of Mr. T. Levitt
Mr. M. Chitty, Miss J. Borrowscale, Mrs. J. Cohen, Mr. H. Haddleton,
Miss I. Scott, Mrs. D. Myles, Mrs. M. Lothian.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gadd informed members that the Midland Bank on Gateacre Brow was to close. He had written to their headquarters in London asking for details, he was informed that the bank would be transferred to Woolton.

A letter received from Miss Jane Carruthers, a member. She would be going to Australia with 'Operation Raleigh'. The cost of this would be £2200 She hoped we would be able to sponsor her. Mr. McCann said this would be discussed at the next Committee Meeting. She would be advised in due course.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. Members were invited to partake of some light refreshments.

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