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## THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

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Next meeting -

IU AND ABOUT SERALS GREEN

EDDIE BARKER

on

### TUESDAY, 27th FEERUARY 1990, GATEACRE ILSTITUTE

at 8 cm.

Mr. Barker has lived in the area of
Broad Green and Childwall for thirty
years and taken a keen interest in
local history, his slides also include
views of Thingwall, Bowring Park and
Court Hey.

OUR OWN ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW - On 23rd January we had both the opportunity of hearing an expert on antiques and having our own items appraised.

Mr. W.D.L. Scobie, an antiquarian, antique dealer, auctioneer and current President of the China Trade Society brought along some of his treasures to show us and gave a most interesting description of each item, telling us the date it was likely to have been made. He then went on with some tips for collectors -

Collect things we enjoy looking at in our homes, it is not a good idea to buy items which we feel may become valuable in the future if we gain no pleasure from them in the meantime.

Do not buy "collectables" i.e. plates, figures etc brought out for that purpose as they will never increase in value. Do not buy damaged goods, unless we liked them in spite of this, as faults reduce their value. If we cannot afford to buy antiques all at once collect them slowly, never buy reproductions.

If we are thinking of starting a collection do read as many books on the subject as possible. He also suggested finding a friendly dealer who would guide us on what to buy and how much we should pay - but do buy something from him occasionally.

He finished his talk by going into a little more detail about pottery, and told us how copies of 'Ming' had been made many years ago and had their own value even though they were not original. Mr. Scobie said incense burners were worth collecting at present as well as pewter, good old brass, silver spoons and oriental embroidery.

The evening finished with members having their own items appraised and approximate values given, this was of great interest - but we did not have any overnight millionaires!

SUBSCRIPTIONS - Please will those members who have black spots on their labels send their dues to Mrs. Plent this week?

### SOME NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

90P/7 7 Grangeside

single storey exten, at front

90P/74 4 Redwing Lane

erect bedroom & bathroom exten. over garage and kitchen

90L/170 la Rose Brow

change rear of shop into coffee shop

90P/155 20 The Paddock erect s/s side utility room

We have heard that the Music Shop is applying to the Licensing Justices for an 'Off Licence' on Tuesday. 6th February. We are not happy about this so near to the traffic lights and very busy corner and hope to be represented at the hearing. (No planning application has been received yet.)

HON. SECS. REPORT 1988/89. - We are hoping to deliver this report, read out at the A.G.M. in October, with this Newsletter together with the Local History Report.

TREASURES OF LANCASHIRE -We wonder if any member picked up a copy of this new book at the A.G.M. and is conscious of not yet having paid for it? We had 6 copies for sale but have only been paid for 5.

TREE IN GRANGE LANE -We are still trying to save this Sycamore tree outside the Conservative Club, from being felled. If any of our members would like to help please write to Mr. K. Robinson, Director, The Mansion House, Calderstones Park, Liverpool 18.

NEWSLETTER -You will no doubt notice that this Newsletter looks different. It is being produced by our member the Rev. Daphne Roberts using her new technology. We hope you like it.

#### POLICY FOR CONSERVATION & LISTED BUILDINGS IN LIVERPOOL

A comprehensive policy to be used in deciding planning applications for Listed Buildings and in Conservation Areas has been approved by the City Council at their December meeting. This will be published shortly and, we hope, be available and useful for anyone wishing to make any alterations - from the City planning Office.

# DUKE STREET/BOLD STREET CONSERVATION AREA ACTION PLAN

We do hope members will have seen notices of an Exhibition to be held at 92 Bold Street from 6th - 16th February, from 12 noon to 6 pm. Tuesday - Saturday. This is an Action Plan designed to rehabilitate a most important and historic area of the City. The Exhibition is an exercise in public consultation, and we would like to feel that the Society had contributed towards its success.

BELLE VALE PARY - Does anyone know when this park was opened? We ask because there was a stone set in the wall on Belle Vale Road with the date 1629 carved on it (since defaced) we think put there in the 1960s. We are trying to find out what this date commemorates and the Park Rangers, Migel Sharpe and Jolin Twist have no information. We will have to go through newspapers, not an easy task on microfilm, and if we had a year of opening it would not be such a daunting task.

