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Next meeting -

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 16th Annual General Meeting of The Gateacre Society
will be held on

TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 1990

at 8 p.m.

THE GATEACRE INSTITUTE, GRANGE LANE

After the business part of the meeting is completed our member, Miss Jane Carruthers, who was sponsored by the Society to go to Australia with 'Operation Raleigh' will tell us about her experiences.

SCULPTURE IN THE STREETS OF LIVERPOOL -

our talk on the 25th September was given by Stanley Ashworth - first an engineer and then a sculptor from Rochdale - who remarked that Liverpool was a young City unlike many in Europe so that our sculpture was not old. The earliest public work was that of Nelson on Exchange Flags, designed in 1805 by Mathew Cotes Wyatt (1777-1893) and executed by (Sir)Richard Westmacott and paid for by public subscription. It was a romantic vision of the hero of the time, but failed as a piece of sculpture in that it had a front and a back and yet was meant to be viewed from all angles.

We next saw George III on his horse in Monument Place by (Sir) Richard Westmacott (1775-1856), again following tradition by being in neo-classical robes; then Huskisson by John Gibson R.A. (1790-1866) who was torn between the battle of styles and gave him robes and Wellington boots - the Huskisson statue can be seen today in the Oratory near the Anglican Cathedral.

Outside St. George's Hall are more equestrian statues of Prince Albert and Queen Victoria by Thomas Thornycroft (1815-1885) who was married to Mary Francis, daughter of the sculptor John Francis and teacher of sculpture to Queen Victoria's children. We heard on tape, by courtesy of actors from the Everyman Theatre, a discussion by members of the City Council in 1854 as to where these statues should be placed; some wanted them to go between the columns of the Hall as in Greek and Roman times and as the architect Harvey Lonsdale Elmes had wished but they lost the vote. Mr. Ashworth then suggested that all the statues in St. John's Gardens should be placed between the columns so leaving the gardens for contemporary sculpture.

We then looked at George V and Queen Mary outside the tunnel entrance - somewhat wooden lifeless effigies, then at statues of 'great men' associated with Liverpool - Gladstone, William Rathbone, Major General Earle, Monsignor Nugent, many displaying Victorian sentimentality unpopular today. Mr. Ashworth's own favourite being Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield) by Charles Bell Birch A.R.A. We were advised to look at sculptures surrounding a main work, here an artist is likely to have had his head and produced better work e.g. Epstein's panels below 'Liverpool Resurgent' outside Lewis's. A most interesting evening only marred by a poor turnout of members. H.G.

GRANGE MANOR - We attended the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 20th September along with a group of members/residents living nearby. We were all allowed to put forward our objections to this Public Entertainments Licence and had Cllrs. McKibbin & Chinn to speak for us too. The decision, as we understand it, is that the licence was granted for public house hours only (11 pm during the week & 10.30 Sun.) and just for 6 months during which time noise, rowdiness and generally unwelcome behavior would be monitored by an Environment Officer.

SOME RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

90L/2106	12-14 Gateacre Brow	to alter existing porch
90P/2160	17 Halewood Road	erect 2-storey dwelling house
90P/2289	1 Gateacre Brow	to carry out internal alterations & erect s/s extension.
90P/2335	3 Quickswood Green	erect 2-storey extension
90P/2336	6 Hayles Close	erect 2-storey exten. for study & bedroom.
90P/2206	Elmsvale Bungalow 10 Belle Vale Rd.	to erect garage.

We have received a copy of the plans for the conversion of 1 Gateacre Brow to a Health Centre from the architect and hope to discuss them with him later this week.

We have written objecting to the garage proposed for Elmsvale Bungalow as it would result in a serious loss of light to Elmsvale House.

GATEACRE CHAPEL TRICENTENARY - We remind members of the Exhibition to be held in the Chapel from 8th - 13th October and of the Tricentenary Service to be held on Sun. 14th Oct. at 2.30 p.m. to which all are welcome but the Chairman would like to know numbers to arrange seating, so if you would like to attend this historic occasion please ring 428-3671 or 428-6986.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE A.G.M.

S.M.L. 2.10.90.

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