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Next meeting -

CHEMICALS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

by

Dr. ALAN TULLEY

Dr. Tulley, qualified as a Research Chemist and worked in the Glaxo Laboratories for 6 years; but for the past 20 years he has been with Kodak working in the fields of research, information, safety and environmental affairs. His talk will be about what chemicals are and the contribution of the chemical industry and and chemicals to the environment.

TUESDAY, 30th APRIL 1991.

8pm. GATEACRE INSTITUTE

DIARY DATE: Again, because of the Spring Bank Holiday etc., we may have problems getting our Newsletter out on time, so would members make a note of our May meeting please -

Mr. L.M. SHEPHERD L.R.P.S. 'DOWSING or DIVINING' TUESDAY

21st MAY 1991

AERIAL ARCHAEOLOGY - On the 26th March Mr. Royden introduced his talk by explaining that aerial archaeology was a fairly new approach to the study of history, linked to the history of aviation and the development of photography.

In 1924 O.G.S. Crawford of Dorset. started taking pictures from the air. He had been in the R.F.C. during the first world war and it was then that he realised the potential of aerial views. Later he teamed up with J.K. St. Joseph and in 1945 the Cambridge University Unit was formed.

Where the soil has been deep-dug in the past for such things as ditches, building work, fish ponds, moats and quarries etc., crops today grow taller and are greener in colour than the surrounding area and the difference can be picked out in photographs taken at the right time of day and at the right time of year. This timing is of the greatest importance as a raking light will throw shadows revealing tell tale marks of what lies beneath the ground surface which can be seen in no other way.

We were then taken on a tour of England by slides to places where much has been learned through aerial pictures. We saw Avebury, Grassington near Bolton Abbey, Silchester where a Roman forum was excavated by Sir Mortimer Wheeler and Maiden Castle near Dorchester and Hod Hill, also in Dorset. where a Celtic Hill Fort had been reused by the Romans. During the 17th and 18th centuries much land was enclosed (for the benefit of the wealthy) replacing the open fields worked previously in strips, these strips can still be seen as ridge and furrow from the air. Lost villages, deserted often from the time of the Black Death, have now been found again - all, of course, backed up by documentary evidence.

After the tour we came nearer home and saw photographs from the air, taken by Mr. Royden, of Halewood and he pointed out roads which had been stopped up when their enclosures took place in 1803, Ditton Brook which had been straightened out by Lord Derby, the moated Lovells Hall, Yew Tree farm and the Old Hutte with its fish ponds and moat. A most interesting evening but sadly no photographs of Little Woolton, but Mr. Royden has promised some of Brettargh Holt and Lee Park in the future.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - (full list on the Notice Board)

Land at rear of Aymestrey Court - to build 3 detached houses with garages (granted).

23 Springmeadow Rd. to erect single storey and 2-storey extensions at side.

This, we feel, is too large and over bearing and we will be putting our objections to the C.P.O.

GRANGE MANOR - Application for a renewal of Public Entertainment Licence will be heard this month, we have asked that 'live music' should be confined to Celebrations.

103 GATEACRE PARK DRIVE - This chip shop is appealing to the Dept. of the Environment to be allowed to stay open after 10.30 at night and to open on Sundays. We have sent in our objections.

CENSUS 1991 - On Sunday April 21st we will be asked to fill in our Census forms. Judging how important we find our local censuses of 100 years ago, we hope that our members will answer all the questions fully and in a legible handwriting too ! Historians of the future will bless you for this.

TEA TOWELS - For members who want black and white tea towels, we have ordered another batch and these should reach us in about a week or so.

CONSERVATION GRANTS - We read in the Wavertree Society Newsletter that the Council's budget for Conservation work has not been reduced, contrary to recent press reports. If you live in a listed building or Conservation Area and need repair work to your house contact the Conservation Officer at the City Planning Office 225-5676 and ask for details.

CIVIC TRUST AWARDS - This year Liverpool buildings completed within the last 2 years will be eligible to enter for the prestigious Civic Trust Awards scheme, given to stimulate interest in the appearance of our cities and towns and to create awareness of environmental design in all its aspects - have members any suggestions for entries ?

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