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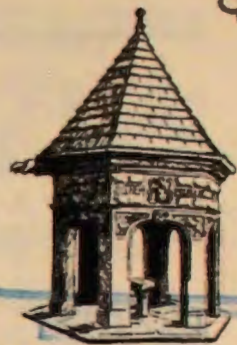
THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

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Next meeting -

LIVERPOOL TO-DAY & TOMORROW

by

M A R I E C R A W F O R D

Mrs. Crawford has been a Mersey Guide ever since they were invented in 1980 and has a great enthusiasm for Liverpool. She will tell us about her P.R. job - talking to V.I.Ps and telling them of current developments, those on stream for the future and encouraging them to invest in the area.

TUESDAY 18th JUNE 1991.

8 pm. GATEACRE INSTITUTE.

Visitors welcome

The following meeting will be held on 23rd July - Speaker to be announced later.

DOWSING or DIVINING -

On the 21st May Mr. Shepherd brought a variety of dowsing rods, a new cut hazel twig and a small pendulum. He started by telling us something of the history of dowsing which goes back to ancient Egypt, China and Russia and we saw a picture dated 1571 in which three men could be seen practising the art in search of metallic ores.

Most people have heard of divining for water but we were told that it is possible to find all kinds of minerals, oil - even under the sea - archaeological remains etc. For instance the U.S. Marines in 1966 were shown to locate Vietcong underground tunnels and booby traps by dowsing. He also told us about the use of a pendulum to find people or objects and about divining over a map.

Mr. Shepherd then took up his metal rods and located, under the room in which we were sitting, two underground streams of water and with his pendulum measured their depth; one being 12 metres deep and the other, opposite the door, 7 metres.

Mr. Shepherd's own particular speciality is finding 'harmful' underground streams beneath houses. According to him many cases of rheumatism, arthritis and other degenerative diseases appear to be caused by people lying or sitting for years over underground streams, and a great improvement in health can often be made by relocating the bed or chair.

By this time Mr. Shepherd's audience were out of their chairs and carrying dowsing rods up and down the room, some with instant success others more tentatively. We all now know how to make divining rods out of a couple of wire coathangers and barrels of Bic pens, and we wonder how many beds and chairs will be shifted in Gateacre in the weeks to come.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

24 Grangeside to erect 2-storey extension
Smithy Cottage, Cuckoo La. to demolish toilet block at rear
These toilets behind nos. 1 - 5 Rose Brow are no longer used but we understand that residents are anxious about the wall between the yard and Gateacre Grange.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK - On Saturday, May 11th our Secretaries Joan and Harold Gadd had a stall in Church Street where they displayed a board of the Society's photographs and sold books and tea towels. They raised over £70 for our funds and spread the word of Conservation in Gateacre. Well done.

BOLLARDS IN GRANGE LANE - there are now 4 bollards missing from outside the Gateacre Institute. The last one to be knocked down is being very kindly taken care of by West End Motors and we have been in touch with the City Engineer's Dept. who have said they will be replaced as soon as more supplies are available. Meanwhile we have asked for the pavement to be made safe.

VICE-CHAIRMAN - Sadly our Vice-Chairman, John Williams is leaving Gateacre and going to live in Canada. We are so sorry to lose a valued colleague and wish him well in his new home.

CHAPEL HALL - we have been asked to remind members and friends about the two meetings to be held in Gateacre Chapel to discuss the future of the Chapel Hall - the first will be held on the 14th June at 7 p.m. and the second, a coffee morning, from 10 a.m. on the following day June 15th. The Hall is a valuable resource for Gateacre which has not pulled its weight in the Community for many years, though it has provided a dining room for the school children. Now is the time for a reassessment of its potential usefulness to the village.

Please come, even if you think you have no ideas, because it is by everybody talking about the future that a happy outcome may be realised.

CLEGG'S FACTORY - members will remember that the weather vane on the roof of this listed building was removed due to damage by storm, we understand from Mr. Clegg that he is still waiting for repairs to be carried out by Mr. Blackmore, the blacksmith in Woolton.

CIVIC TRUST REGISTRATION - although we have been registered with the Civic Trust since 1974, we have only this year received a Certificate ! - see Notice Board.

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