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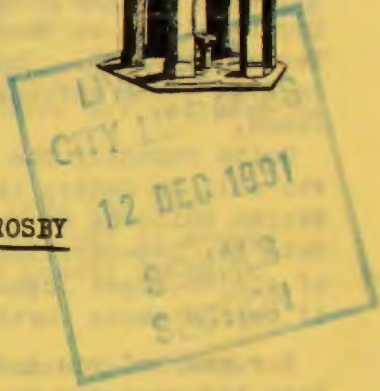
Next meeting -

A WALK AROUND LITTLE CROSBY

PAST AND PRESENT

by

ROBERT V. WRIGHT



Mr. Wright has lived in Little Crosby all his life, he has always had an interest in local history and has worked on the restoration of Crosby Hall

TUESDAY 23rd JULY 1991.

8 pm. GATEACRE INSTITUTE

Visitors welcome

NOTE: As usual there will be no Society meeting in August.

LIVERPOOL TODAY & TOMORROW - Mrs. Crawford, who came to talk to us on 18th June, was a pioneer Mersey Guide - together with our two members Mike Chitty, and Dr. Tom Hobday who sadly died two weeks ago. There are now 36 guides, all with their special interests, and hers - apart from local history - is the architecture of our city, both Georgian and Victorian.

She takes groups of business men around Merseyside - the guides area stretches as far as Southport, St. Helens and the Wirral - for the local initiative known as BOOM (Business Opportunities on Merseyside), one success being the Wavertree Technology Park. Investment here has been so great that the Park is being extended across to the other side of the railway lines.

Quite recently she was sent to Southend to reassure the people who will be coming here to live, and work in the Customs and Excise building at Queens Dock. We were told about the Duke St./ Bold St. regeneration scheme by Charterhouse Estates and its man of vision Roger Zogolovitch - their offices are at 92 Bold St., if anyone wants further information about this scheme.

How many of you know the Campanile Hotel near the Albert Dock? Here you just pay for a room - Continental style - this costs £31 a night for 2 adults and children. It has become so popular that a large extension is now being planned.

One in three of our tourist visitors is interested in the Beatles, especially those from Japan, and Mrs. Crawford told us about one Japanese gentleman, sitting in a cafe in Penny Lane and eating a hamburger shaped like a yellow submarine with a stick of celery for a periscope who said "Marie, this is the happiest day of my life".

She is looking forward to the tall ships coming next year when the Columbus celebrations take place, but her next assignment is to show 15 peers round the city to show them what has been achieved and she is hoping the rubbish has been cleared from the streets.

She reminded us that Liverpool has more Georgian buildings than Bath and more listed buildings than anywhere else except London. She is full of enthusiasm and optimism and reckons that if Glasgow can change its image then Liverpool can.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

34 Chartmount Way - Tree Work.

This tree work involves 2 trees alongside the wall on Gateacre Brow which are protected by Liverpool's first Tree Preservation Order No: 1. We have asked the Planning Office to ensure the work is necessary and to insist that any work is done by a qualified tree surgeon.

Brown Cow Public House to enclose yard to form bottle store  
& install new means of escape with new  
stair

This application concerns a listed building within the Gateacre Village Conservation Area but we have not yet been to see the plans, so cannot comment further.

GATEACRE sign - We are delighted to hear from the City Engineer's Office that the new sign, ordered over 12 months ago to replace the very tatty sign outside Knotty Cross in Halewood Road, will be erected this week.

CIVIC TRUST, MARKET RESEARCH - At 48 hours notice we were invited to Leasowe Castle Hotel to meet Market Researcher Donald Beverly at 7.30 on the 6th June. The meeting was for discussing our work, assessing the usefulness of the Civic Trust to us, how we help them and how we feel they could best benefit us in the future. Representatives from 6 local amenity societies were there - Merseyside Civic Society, the Oxton Society, the Woolton Society, the Wavertree Society and the Wallasey Society - we hope the Civic Trust found it a useful exercise. While at the Hotel, built in 1593 by the 5th earl of Derby as a stand from which he could view the horse races held on the sea shore, we were able to see the room panelled in oak from the Star Chamber. The races, known as the Wallasey Stakes, were run here until 1732 and then transferred first to Newmarket and then in 1780 to Epsom where they became known as The Derby.

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