

THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

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Next Meeting

THINK YOU KNOW YOUR MERSEYSIDE

BY
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This will be a welcome return by Mr Camenisch who has spoken to us in the past. He tells us that he has many slides of Merseyside, including Liverpool and Wirral, and he proposes to show us a wide selection for our delectation and, perhaps, instruction. He feels that he may have pictures of places that we may not know.

TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 1991

8pm

GATEACRE INSTITUTE

Visitors Welcome

**DIARY DATE; The Society's 17th Annual General Meeting
will be held on TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 1991.**

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July Meeting. Notes by H.G.

We have all heard of Little Crosby but how many of us have visited the village immortalized in Nicholas Blundell's Diaries (1702-1728) which are obtainable from the City Library.

On 23rd July, Bob Wright, who was born and used to live there came and gave us a talk on "Little Crosby - Past and Present"

Almost all the land thereabouts is still owned by the Blundell family, having been bought back by Francis Blundell (1880 - 1936) from an entrepreneur in London who had acquired the land in a run down condition.

Francis got the estate on its feet again and was honoured by the people with a memorial.

He had 58 people working for him with the estate's own brick works and stone quarry.

The late 18th Century Crosby Hall still stands, but is about one third of its former size.

Mrs Wright took us through the village, and with the help of slides showed us the cottages, the

gamekeeper's cottage, the lions on the entrance gates to the lodge, etc.

On the way to Hightown is a cross on the wall showing the way to another in the woods.

On the path is a further stone cross used as a resting place for people who carried the dead from the village to Sefton Church.

We then went on to the Gardners Cottages (which are still there), a smithy built in 1713, the wheelwrights, undertakers, the priests house, and "Ned Howard's" Cottage

We saw the home farm for the hall which has now been converted for various educational purposes for town children. However it still has its open fronted stone masons lodges and a saw pit.

So that's it very briefly - well worth a visit we think.

I would point out that Mr Wright is a builder and has done much restoration on the hall, and on other historical buildings there

SOME RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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| 5 Halewood Road | To erect wrought iron gate and railings to front, enlarge existing opening to form window opening, install window and enlarge existing light well. |
| 7 Halewood Road. | To erect railings and gate to front. |

We welcome the return of the railings to these houses and hope that No: 9 will join in, but we rather question the feasibility of the basement window.

17 Halewood Road Treework.

This application must be carefully considered as we think the trees are covered by a tree preservation order.

Chapel Hall. Tenants are coming forward and it looks as though the hall will find its feet again as a village amenity. Starting on Monday 7th October, the University has arranged a beginners course of 20 lectures on the History of Liverpool.

These will be held in the **Gateacre Chapel** and interested members should enrol in advance or at the first meeting.

Fees for the course will be £30 with concessionary rates for the retired / unemployed etc. For further details ring 794 6900, (19 Abercromby Square)

Midland Bank (Former) We are delighted to see that work has at last started on the conversion of this building on Gateacre Brow into a health centre. We feel that it will be a good thing (both for the building and Gateacre) to have it back in use and for such an excellent purpose.

La Girelle (Oakfield Avenue) We are pleased to report that the application for a covered swimming pool in the garden of the top house of these three new houses on this site was refused on the 26th August. The City Planning Officer, in his report, considered that the proposed extension would be a dominant and overbearing feature which would have a detrimental effect on the residential amenity and visual amenity of neighbouring property.

Elm House, Childwall. We are also pleased that the application to demolish the listed stable block at this house was refused on the same date. The owner is to be reminded of his responsibility regarding the proper maintenance of these buildings, or he will be served with a Listed buildings Repairs Notice in the event of work not being undertaken.

Deilephila Elpenor. Lepidopterists among our members will be as excited as we were to know that a huge caterpillar of this Elephant Hawk Moth was found at 14 Hightor Road on 31st August.

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