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# Gateacre Society Newsletter



Next Meeting

## Annual General Meeting

The 17th Annual General Meeting of  
The Gateacre Society  
will be held on  
Tuesday 22nd October 1991  
at 8pm  
at  
The Gateacre Institute  
Grange Lane

Diary Date: On Tuesday 19th November 1991 Mr Roy Boardman will be coming to talk to us about Speke Hall

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# "Think you know your Merseyside" Report on the September Meeting *By H.G.*

We had the return of Mr Fred Camenisch, a Blue Badge Mersey Guide on the 24th September, to give a talk on the buildings of Liverpool and Wirral, supported by many slides. He conducted it like a quiz and caught out a few of our more knowledgeable members, who were not sure of some of the buildings shown.

He started in Wirral showing Barclays Bank with its cherubs, telling us always when we are out "to look up". From here we went on to Lilac Cottage, Bidston with its tithe barn, Oxton Old Hall, built in the 1600's, Storeton Hall, the Lever Causeway, a "Norman" Church at Thornton Hough (the gift of Lord Leverhulme in 1906/7) and many more slides of unexpected buildings and places.

From Wirral we crossed to Liverpool with slides of the waterfront, showing the granite river wall with steps where in 1843 the only means of boarding

and leaving the ferry was to jump!

We were encouraged to visit the ground floor of the Royal Liver Building built in 1910 with stained glass windows donated by the Furness Line. The Titanic Memorial now dedicated to all engine room staff.

He then took us around Liverpool City Centre, showing us the oldest office building in Liverpool which is in Derby Square (Moat House), The Simpson Fountain, The Town Hall with Minerva's Statue on the dome, The Bank of England by C.R. Cockrell and many more.

Next was the Albert Dock with the Dutch Rhine Boat Cafe, the oldest letter-box (which collected mail for British emigrants), the Bridewell in Argyle Street.

There were many many fascinating pictures, and people should read the Society Newsletter for future events so as not to miss a show as good as this one.

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## **Advertising Board.**

We rang the Highways Department about this very large board on the pavement in Halewood Road - which has now been removed.

## **Wilson Memorial Fountain.**

We have been in touch with Mr Owen in the City Estates office about the grass choking the gutters. He has assured us that these will be cleaned out shortly.

### **Deliverers Required.**

Can anyone help with the delivery of the newsletters? We are desperately short of members to deliver a few Newsletters in the Lee Park, Rose Brow, and Gateacre Brow areas. If anyone feels that they can help the society in this way please contact Mrs Joan Gadd on 428 8884

### **Annual General Meeting.**

Members are reminded that **subscriptions** for the year 1991/1992 become due at the A.G.M. They may be paid at the meeting or sent to the membership secretary - Mrs Beryl Plent, 27 Grange Lane, Gateacre, Liverpool L 25.

**Prompt payments would be appreciated**

#### **Rates:**

Individual £2.	Family £3	Student £1
Pensioner £1	Corporate Membership £5.	

Note: All plus £2 for postage if living outside the hand delivery area.

### **Gateacre Tea Towels.**

These very attractive tea towels showing some of Gateacre's Listed Buildings will be on sale at the A.G.M. Price £2

### **The Smithy, Rose Brow.**

Our Secretary Harold Gadd recently came upon a 'new' old photograph of the Smithy with, we think, three Blundell blacksmiths standing in the doorway. We are having copies made and will see if the figures and date can be identified by Jim Blundell who lives in Grange Lane.

### **Committee.**

Have we an environmentally conscious member who could spare a little time to help us with what we feel an important job - looking after and improving the built environment in Gateacre?

If so would he/she contact the Secretaries for a nomination form to become a Committee Member.

## Some new planning applications

9 Halewood Road. To erect wrought iron railings and gate to the front.

How very satisfactory that now these three listed houses, No 5, 7, and 9 will be returned to their pre-war condition.

107 Woolton Hill Road. To erect 2 storey extension, double garage, swimming pool, front porch, and conservatory

We note that the application to enclose the yard to form a bottle store at the **Brown Cow** public house has been withdrawn.

The full list of planning applications can be seen on the society's noticeboard. If anyone has comments to make about any of these applications, they should be put in writing and sent to:-

The City Planning Officer.  
Wilberforce House,  
25 The Strand,  
Liverpool L2 7QA

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## The Green Belt.

On 16th September there was a site visit, by the Development Control Sub Committee of the City Council to determine an application for 2 houses to be built adjacent to Kelvin Cottage, Wheathill Road, which is in the Green Belt.

The Society was represented and we had an opportunity to put forward our strong views and objections to any violation of the Green Belt which was first implemented in 1983.

We are happy to report that the application was refused.

**Have You Bought Your Copy of The  
Woolton Mercury Yet ?**

**A few copies are still available at**

**Smithy Tuck Shop  
Gateacre**

**Grange Lane Stores  
Gateacre**

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A N N U A L   G E N E R A L   M E E T I N G

Notice is hereby given that the seventeenth (17th) Annual General Meeting of The Gateacre Society will be held on Tuesday the 22nd October 1991 at 8 p.m. in the GATEACRE INSTITUTE, Grange Lane, Gateacre.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the sixteenth A.G.M. held on 23 October 1990 (previously circulated) to be agreed & signed
3. Hon. Secs. Report
4. Hon. Treasurer's Report
5. Hon. Membership Secretary's Report
6. Local History Report
7. Chairman's Remarks
8. Election of Officers - a) Chairman, b) Vice Chairman  
c) Hon. Secretary, d) Hon. Treasurer
9. Election of Committee (all Officers and members of the Committee retire each year & are eligible for re-election)
10. Any other business.

NOTE - Nomination Forms are available from the Hon. Secs. now and at the meeting

S.M.L. 18.9.91.