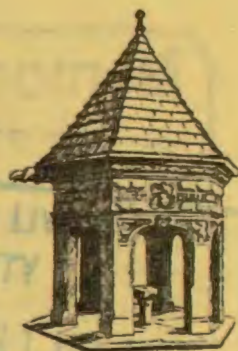


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Next Meeting

VISIT TO GRANGE LODGE

By Kind Permission of Mrs. Lewis's
Son and Daughter

Guides: John Dewsnap and Janet Gnosspelius

We are glad to announce a mini **Gateacre Walk**
for members for a summers evening.

Also that Mr. Dewsnap has found himself free to
accept Miss Gnosspelius urgent request for his
presence and help. We last visited Grange Lodge in
July 1977. Since that time much research has
revealed identities of owners and much else

**Tuesday 15th June 1993
at 7.30pm**

Grange Lodge, Gateacre.

(For further information ring the Hon. Sec or Miss Gnosspelius 428 4121)

Dates for your diary 6th July: Croxteth Hall by Mrs. Frankla Corris
7th September: Charities by Mrs. Sylvia Luckman.

Memorial Service For Sylvia Lewis

On 16th April the Minister, Sylvia's family and our Committee Members who had been involved in getting the news around, were so pleased that Gateacre Chapel was well filled for the Memorial Service - over 100 were present - and in their Sunday best!

For her family, Peter Gidman recalled his mother-in-law vividly and with affectionate understanding. Janet

Grosspellus spoke of the foundation of our Society in 1974 and the energy, skill, and vision with which she guided our affairs. Lionel Shepherd paid tribute to her contribution over the years to the village and the chapel.

Sylvia's two elder grand-daughters read a Prayer, and a Farewell; and her two younger grand-daughters played a violin duet winding up -

The girl with the flaxen hair.

Some Recent Planning Applications.

34 Sandfield Road Replacing existing front louvre windows (with sash windows)

St. Stephens School, Halewood Road. Erect 2 storey extension to rear of proposed 6 self contained flats.

(A member has drawn our attention to the point that this primary school has, for its last 30 years been called Gateacre C of E School.)

No:s 7 & 9 Halewood Road

Members may remember that towards the end of 1991 there were planning applications to reinstate the wrought iron railings and gates to the fronts of both these Listed Buildings in the Conservation Area. Now, we understand, the work is to be put in hand and rejoice that this should restore and improve their general appearance; and may motivate other owners with similar front railing problems to do likewise. (This variety of 'Listed Building Consent' planning application does not require a fee.)

LIVERPOOL SHOW Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Our Hon. Secretary Joan Gadd and Membership Sec. Beryl Plent attended the resurrected Show and set up a stall for the Society. They dealt with enquiries and sold

our famous Tea Towels and also various publications, bringing home a useful profit. We thank Joan and Beryl for their time and very considerable effort

LANDLIFE

On 4th May we had the pleasure of a talk with slides from Richard Scott of the charity Landlife of the Old Police Station, Lark Lane. We were glad to have the opportunity of hearing about an enterprise that basically aims to bring the countryside into towns and urban situations so that members of the community have the opportunity of watching nature on their own doorsteps.

We were given a brief history of **Landlife** which started in 1975 with four Liverpool graduates and grew at one stage to 120 people, but lack of funding has now dwindled the workforce to a hard-core of four. Their task was to create from pieces of derelict land, areas of colour, beauty and interest by the use of wild flowers.

We were shown slides taken by Richard in Texas where the planting of wild flowers on the sides of highways has been going on for nearly fifty years, and recently has been encouraged by the involvement of Ladybird Johnson, wife of the former President of the United States. Many interesting examples were shown of how long stretches of road

have been imaginatively transformed and are now tourist attractions!

Landlife has done considerable work on derelict sites in Knowsley which in June 1992 was christened "The Wildflower Borough" by a special motion in the House of Commons. In Huyton especially quite large unused sites are cultivated and sown with 'cornfield annuals' to produce swathes of colour, and also an educational resource much used by local schools. Richard gave us technical information on the types of wild flowers planted and the terrain most useful - crushed concrete is helpful! His organisation now harvests wildflower seeds as a commercial enterprise to supplement their living, and sells through Sainsbury's and Oxfam, and early signs are encouraging when charitable funding is under ever increasing scrutiny.

Those attending had the opportunity to buy wildflower seeds and postcards, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by us all.

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BEATING THE BOUNDS OF THE GREENWEDGE

On Rogation Sunday 16th May members Mike Chitty, Joan Gadd and the Kronenburgs joined the party to take part in walking the boundaries of the Calderstones/Woolton Greenwedge. We started at the site of the Calderstones, at the Little Woolton corner of the boundary and finished up in School Lane (barbecue)

This is an ancient technique for ensuring that no-one has encroached

on the boundaries of a place; now we are applying it to a new boundary that we consider important.

Environment Week 1993

22-30 May

On Gateacre Green Queen Victoria has had her own celebration; washing and waxing on Saturday morning the 22nd. A small band of helpers also tidied the green

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