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TREE MANAGEMENT IN LIVERPOOL

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Mr. Nance is the arboriculturalist in charge of Tree and Woodland Management for the City of Liverpool, an environmental maintenance service set up in 1989. He has accepted our invitation to talk to us, and says that tree work is a very emotive matter about which not everyone agrees - because they do not understand the problems. He says that he hopes his talk will go some way towards explaining what his criteria and objectives are. Slides

**Tuesday 22nd March 1994
at 8pm**

**Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane, Gateacre
Visitors Welcome - 25p**

**Diary Tuesday 19th April 1994. Speaker to be announced
Dates Tuesday 24th May 1994. Miss Helen Ford, Archivist at Huyton**

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PUBS IN GATEACRE

On 21st February at the Institute, our **Local History Unit** - Janet Gnosspelius and Joan Borrowscale - provided a discussion and dissemination of information regarding ale-houses in Gateacre (Little and Much Woolton) from 1700, and breweries crept into the story.

A fact-sheet was handed out, giving details of owners and occupiers of our two landmark pubs, the **Black Bull** and the **Bear and Staff**. Our speakers gave us an insight into the interesting and complex gathering of information that is required from local libraries, record offices and other sources, that eventually can be built up into an account for the benefit of present and future members of our Society.

Annual 'Recognizances' taken before a Court, or Magistrates provide information regarding occupation of ale-houses and we could trace the various families that became Innkeepers. Records of ownership come from elsewhere - the Bear and Staff was owner-occupied 1700-c.1865, the Black Bull tenanted from c.1805. The meeting developed into a discussion regarding social history and encompassed such matters as the relationship between funerals and public houses, and how far a man might be expected to walk for his evening pint. (By the way, in 1865 there were no recorded pubs in Allerton Township.) The process of beer making was discussed for Cleggs Factory was a Brewery and Malthouse until about 1920 - this brewery had started in Gateacre by 1832.

Various photographs of Gateacre Village from bygone days from the turn of the century onwards that showed what a pleasant, quiet village Gateacre was - in marked contrast to the busy traffic-ridden area it has become of late.

It was good to see an above average number of people attending this meeting, and such was the interest that it is the Local History Unit's intention to have another talk about other aspects of this topic - and Janet is thumbing over other files with Watchmaking and Education looking as if they might be worth pursuing in the same way.

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TRAFFIC IN GATEACRE We have had the 'pleasure' of the company of the Gas Board for longer than anticipated for renewal works to the gas mains in the centre of the village - causing even longer traffic jams. This increasingly difficult problem, highlighted by this and former works, has focused our minds on possible long-term solutions to this ever growing problem. Local members views on this and any other matter, would be greatly appreciated. Please write, of ring, our Hon. Sec. Joan Gadd, or Mike Chitty, 16, Chartmount Way, 428 7801.

BLACK BULL Mr. Chitty, our Environment Secretary, is continuing his efforts to resolve satisfactorily the reinstatement of the cobbles in front of the pub

despite a total lack of response even from the Managing Director of Tetley Walker. Mike has now written to the parent company, Allied-Lyons plc., in a "final attempt" to obtain a response.

OAKFIELD AVENUE Information from the Planning Department is that Wimpey were granted planning permission to build houses on the site at the Committee on 3rd December, confirmed by Council on 26th January.

However, the layout has been modified following inspection by the Council's Trees and Woodlands Manager for the further protection of trees along Grange Lane and Oakfield Avenue, and the Lime Trees in Cuckoo Lane.

The main area of trees fronting Oakfield Avenue is to be retained as public open space and Wimpeys have signed a legal agreement to set up an Estates Management Trust to undertake a ten-year rolling programme of tree management and maintenance of the private open spaces within the site.

In view of concerns expressed by ourselves and others, we very much welcome this response to the application submitted last autumn.

SOME RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

94P/230 Plot C. Hunts Cross Avenue, erect 4 bedroom dwelling
(Aymestrey Court site)

94P/231 22 Grangeside, lounge extension at front.

STOP PRESS: 'New Russell Street' - the Secretary of State for the Environment has decided to "call-in" the planning application for the proposed Russell Street/Berry Street link road, and to hold a Public Inquiry. This is, we think, very good news for the city centre. It means the case for the new road and for the demolition of Nos. 62 and 64 Mount Pleasant, will have to be argued in front of a Government appointed Inspector, and our feeling is that the scheme will ultimately be scrapped.

Our thanks go to all members who sent letters to the Secretary of State asking for a Public Inquiry. A particular thank-you is due to our M.P. Mr. Eddie Loyden, who has been very supportive indeed over this matter.

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UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS May we remind members again that Subscriptions for this year 1993/4 became due on 19th October last, at the A.G.M. and we do ask you to let Mrs. Plent have your money - please.
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