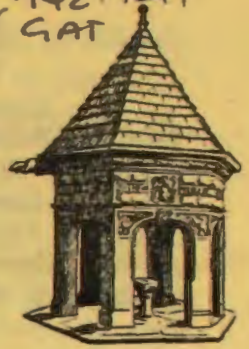


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LOCAL HISTORY WORKSHOP II Brewery & Malthouse

We would like to pursue the story of the brewery and malting of barley to see if we can relate this to 19th century pubs in Gateacre. Did they prosper or decline?

Janet Gnosspelius and Joan Borrowscale

Tuesday 19th April 1994
at 8pm

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

- Diary Sunday 8th May - Beat the Bounds of the Greenwedge
- Dates Saturday 21st May Environment Week working party
- Tuesday 24th May Miss Helen Ford. Archivist at Huyton
- Tuesday 21st June Speaker to be announced
- Tuesday 19th July Local History Workshop III

ENVIRONMENT WEEK 1994

Gateacre Green - Saturday 21 May at 11am

Queen Victoria's statue will be having its annual wash and brush-up. Will anyone who can, please volunteer to come and help. Lucky ones who can work on ladders may be promoted to waxing part of the Great Queen, but there are also humble jobs like picking up litter. Please let our Hon Sec Mrs Gadd - 428 8884 - know if you can come.

ALL ARE WELCOME

TREE MANAGEMENT IN LIVERPOOL

On 22nd March at the Institute our talk, with slides, was by **Giles Nance, Tree and Woodlands Manager** for the City. Mr. Nance is an arboriculturalist and gave a most interesting and scholarly talk.

The last survey of trees in Liverpool in 1974 took 8 men 12 years to complete. There are approximately 150,000 trees belonging to the city, a number which gives some idea of the magnitude of the task involved in maintaining the treed environment with all the different conflicts that arise. Over 10 years 25,000 trees have succumbed to Dutch Elm disease.

In the current year 15,000 trees have been planted but planting has had a success rate of about 40% owing to problems of bad planting, planting at the wrong time, lack of maintenance, vandalism and weeds. Established trees have to contend with environmental problems, if on roadsides with root systems restricted by roads and pavements, then too they have salt, fuel and lubricants as well as toxicants from weed control, winds from usual and unusual directions and having to stand alone. Various slides illustrated the problems and we were shown how young trees are supported - it usually takes up to 18 months for roots to take hold.

As we are aware, continual excavation of roads and pavements by the various utilities and recently by 'Cable' result in damage to root systems with disastrous effects. It was pleasing to hear that specifications have been drawn up for methods of excavation near trees, and that enforcement action can now be taken against contractors who fail to follow these rules.

We often see trees pruned, crown reduced or removed and Mr. Nance gave us various explanations - with slides - that helped us to appreciate why action has to be taken. He is often the mediator in areas of conflict e.g., where trees may block light from peoples houses, where trees are diseased or dangerous and increasingly where they are over mature. Mr. Nance and his department have to make many difficult decisions.

Throughout the talk the passion with which our speaker approaches his task was evident, as was his professionalism. A number of questions from the floor were ably dealt with, including the matter of consultation with local amenity societies, like ourselves, and the public, and this is an encouragement to us.

We also received advice on the choice of a tree suitable for planting on the green in memory of Sylvia Lewis.

HOUSE BUILDING SIGNS In the last 12 months there has been a proliferation of signs on lampposts etc. pointing to various housing sites around our area. We understand that permission is neither sought nor given for the erection of these, and we have asked the authority to remove them and are told that they can charge developers for this service.

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STILL UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS? This is the month when tardy members get tipped the dreaded **black spot**. ● Please pay Mrs. Plent now!!
Rates: Pensioners £1 Individuals £2 Family Membership £3 plus £2 postage for those who live outside our hand delivery area.

BLACK BULL. In response to our letters, the chairman of Allied Lyons has instructed the Regional Director of Tetleys to investigate the problem of the cobbles on the forecourt - both they and we are concerned about the danger which an uneven surface presents. The difference is that Tetleys feel the forecourt has been improved by the relaying of the cobbles, whereas we feel they would be better laid 'worn and flattish' side up, as they were originally.

'Streets Ahead' / the **CIVIC TRUST** Conference at Port Sunlight on 19th March was attended by Mike Chitty for our Society (Janet for Woolton and Florence for Wavertree) and about 150 delegates from Cocker mouth to Devon, Carmarthen to Bury St. Edmunds. Mike took a mini exhibition of **Gateacre** which aroused envious comment from the Staines Society who took away details for their own inspiration. For a one day event with a tightly packed programme it was a very useful conference. It is always stimulating to meet people from far away places and find they are struggling with problems very like our own.

SOME RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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| 94D/284 | Garage area and land in Marsham Road at rear of Churchfield Court | 2 semi-detached houses |
| 94L/375 | Beacon Hill, Beaconsfield Road | Steel replacement for timber emergency exit stair |
| 94T/424 | 23 Cherry Vale | Treework |
| 94P/429 | Land at Hunts Cross Avenue (bottom of Amestry Court) | (outline) erect 3 houses. (renewal of 91P/340) |
- (in the light of Mr.Nance's comments we are concerned about the group of conifers and the foundations of the most northerly house)

CALDERSTONES / WOOLTON GREENWEDGE - Beating the Bounds 8th May.

Rogation Sunday this year is 8th May so the 'baton' will be carried all round the Boundaries - as it was last year - to make sure there have been **no encroachments** and to remind everyone - especially the younger members of the community - just where the boundaries are. As today's representatives of the Old Township of Little Woolton, the Gateacre Society are invited to join the party to beat our length of the boundary from the main entrance of Calderstones Park (opposite Druids Cross Road) to the entrance to the Golf Links on Menlove Avenue. Meet at 2pm at the park entrance. (Further information from the Hon. Sec. or Janet Gnosspelius 4121)

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