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# The Gateacre Society

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# LIVERPOOL STREETS from A to Z

*by*

Mike Chitty

A Blue Badge Mersey Guide

who will give a talk with slides which will be followed by questions

*on*

Tuesday 12 March 1996 at 8pm

Gateacre Institute, Grange Lane, Gateacre

New members & Visitors welcome (50p)

## **REPORT: BRIAN KING'S TALK ON LIVERPOOL'S HISTORIC WATERFRONT.**

**B**rian King, who is a Mersey Blue Badge Guide, gave a talk with slides on the 16th January, and despite a very cold night, a larger than usual number of people attended.

Brian gave us a history of the waterfront with maps showing original dock areas dating from 1650. The first dock was built in 1750 by Thomas Steers. This was a great success and afterwards came the Canning Salthouse, and this and other docks were built on reclaimed land. From the maps shown we were able to see the development of Liverpool as a busy port.

The Albert Dock was described in detail with a full historical background. The Albert Dock is the largest group of Grade 1 Listed Buildings in the country and the dock engineer, Jesse Hartley was in charge from 1824 to 1860. The Albert Dock itself was finished in 1846 and was the first fireproof commercial warehouse to be built in brick, iron and stone. Through different slides various aspects of the dock were shown, which would not normally be noticed during a visit to the area. Many of the different buildings on the site which had various functions in the running of the port, but which now have different uses, were identified and described. Interesting architectural features such as the stone columns, roman numerals indicating depth of water and stone steps set on edge, gave us an insight into the variety of features that make this group of buildings one of the most popular tourist venues in the country.

Brian then talked about some of the great liners that berthed in Liverpool, and described how the sinking of the Titanic was announced in Liverpool. As usual, after the talk, there was a question and answer session which further enlightened our knowledge of Liverpool and its port.



## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Due to the Christmas period, there has been only one application in the five weeks from the middle of December last year, and this did not require any further comment from the Society.

## **OUR VENUE: GATEACRE INSTITUTE, GRANGE LANE**

This building, which is located opposite the newsagents at the end of the parade of shops in Grange Lane is the venue for committee meetings and our talks. The Society's activities take place on the first floor where, kindly, the Institute allows us free use of their facilities. We thank them for this kind gesture.

Any committee member can be contacted for further details.

## **CHRISTMAS TREES - GRANGE LANE SHOPS**

The Society would like to offer thanks to Ted Hannah, Eclipse Electricals, for their time and assistance in putting up the trees last Christmas, and we received many pleasing comments, and hope that this will be a regular feature in years to come.

## **DIARY DATE**

On 23rd April there will be a talk by Lillian Hodgetts entitled "Well Dressing" in Derbyshire.

## The Gateacre Society

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