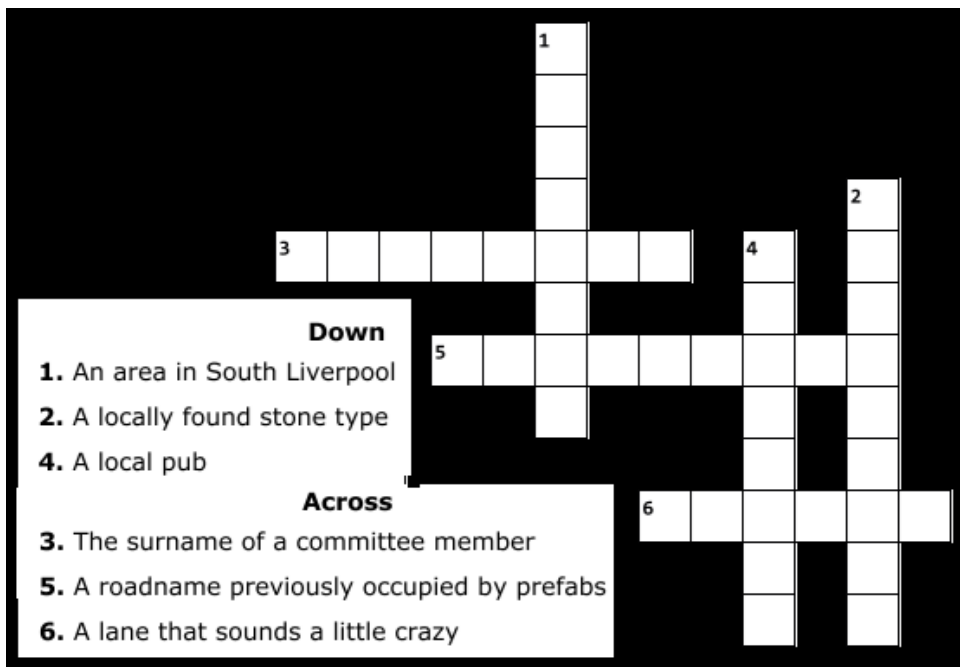


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THE GATEACRE SOCIETY IS 50 YEARS OLD!

This year our society celebrates it's 50th year. In our next newsletter we will hopefully be releasing further details of events being planned including our usual talks. In addition to our 50th anniversary, St Stephens Church will be celebrating its 150th year in Gateacre. St Stephen's Church was designed by Cornelius Sherlock under the direction of Andrew Barclay Walker of Gateacre Grange, who in turn was responsible for a great deal of the visual scene of Gateacre today, including donating the land for a village green which is home to the Queen Victoria bust and Wilson memorial.

See inside our newsletter for our 50th anniversary merchandise!

Our next meeting:

THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

A Musical talk by Roger Browne on Sunday 4th February, 2:00pm in Gateacre Chapel, Gateacre Brow, Liverpool L25 3PB

Our next talk will take place on 4th February 2024 with Roger Browne who will be both talking about and playing musical excerpts on the piano. The talk will focus on 'The Great American Songbook' and its political, musical, and cultural roots; Cotton Fields, Places of Worship, Low Down Dives, Minstrel Shows, Ragtime, Blues, Vaudeville, Operetta, Music Hall and Tin Pan Alley.

The talk will include the memorable music and lyrics of numerous American Great composers such as Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin and Richard Rodgers and will also include fascinating facts, anecdotes and music played/sung throughout the talk."



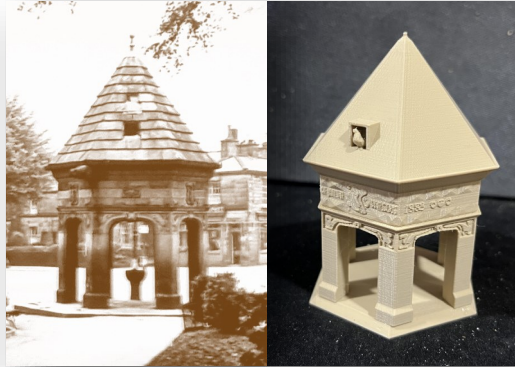
50th ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE

As part of our 50th anniversary, we will be selling two items designed and printed especially for this occasion.

The Wilson Memorial (7.5cm x 7.5cm x 11cm)

The memorial was erected in 1881 in honour of John Wilson who died after suffering a cold at the Tarbock races which complicated an old malarial attack he had suffered whilst travelling in Italy some years prior. He was particularly linked to the Vyrnwy Water scheme which brought pure water to Liverpool through his role as Chairman of the Water Committee, where others had not recommended the scheme but he discerned its advantages over its disadvantages.

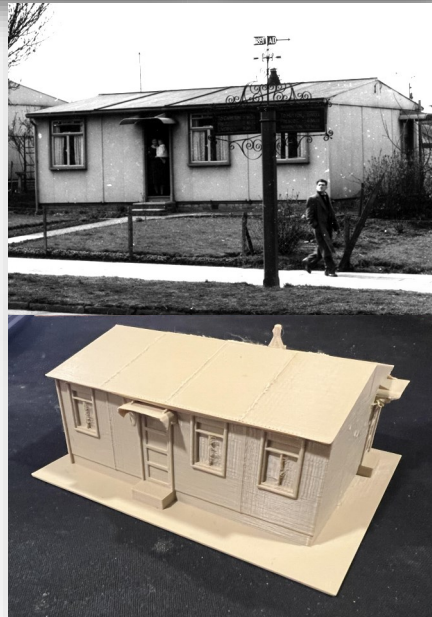
John Wilson was buried at Halewood Church, where 'never before seen here where such a multitude of people to pay their respects, special trains were run on the Cheshire Lines and from Central Station and Huskisson Dock station for the public and the large numbers of his working men. The men from the deceased works (350) lined the streets leading to the cemetery as the cortege passed.



The Airoh Prefab (11cm x 6cm x 9cm)

The prefabs were a common sight in Belle Vale after the war. The Second World War resulted in demolition, and a huge need for housing in cities like Liverpool. (It was estimated that 4 million new homes were needed in Great Britain in the late 1940s). Winston Churchill, and the Minister of Housing, started looking at the prefabs which were going up all over the world. On 25th March 1944 Winston Churchill announced the 1944 Temporary Housing Programme, a total of 200,000 prefabs (of 13 different types) were to be built all over Britain. In 1946 the job began.

In Liverpool, 3,500 prefabs were built on 40 different sites. The smallest was Larkhill (2), the largest was Belle Vale (1,159).



Both items cost £7.50 each to purchase and are available via emailing thegateacresociety@gmail.com or ordering at our meetings. Proceeds will go towards a society projector and microphone.

ST STEPHEN'S IS CELEBRATING!

The Great and the Good of Gateacre! St Stephen's is celebrating 150 years. Diana Goodier of Merseyside Archeological Society will lead a walk in All Saints Childwall graveyard where she will introduce you to the fascinating stories of all those Gateacre Greats who made it all happen! Friday 9th Feb at 11am Free! Book by email: gateacreteamministry@gmail.com or text 07542502545

ST. STEPHEN'S GATEACRE 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

SAT 10TH FEB - 10AM-4PM

HISTORY DAY

Explore the stunning
Grade II Listed church building,
and share your stories.

Lots of local history
to investigate!




SUN 11TH FEB - 6.30PM

CELEBRATION SERVICE

Join us in giving thanks to God
for 150 years, with Bishop John.
Everyone is welcome!

We'll have more events
for all the family throughout 2024.

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