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## NEWSLETTER - August 1998

### Our next meeting:

Tuesday 18th August at 8 pm

Gateacre Chapel Hall  
Sandfield Road

**CELTIC ART**  
including the  
Book of Kells

A talk with slides by  
Dorothy O'Hanlon

NEW  
MEMBERS  
WELCOME

NON-MEMBERS 50p

## CHARLES RENNIE MACKINTOSH

### Our June meeting

On Tuesday 30th June we were given a delightful talk by Christina Clarke on the Glasgow architect and designer C.R.Mackintosh (1868-1928). The talk was illustrated with many beautiful slides, showing us examples of his architecture, interiors, furniture and drawings.

In the story of his life and achievement, Christina told us of his love of nature and his skill in observing the great buildings of Glasgow at the time of his boyhood and youth. She also reminded us of the influences on Mackintosh - in particular of Whistler, Aubrey Beardsley and Japanese art - all of which he fused into what became known as the Glasgow Style. One of his most famous works was the Glasgow School of Art. We were shown his famous interiors, both white and dark, with their qualities of space and light. Mackintosh gained fame abroad, and he was feted in Vienna. However, he ended his life in relative poverty as he received few commissions in England. But, a century later, Mackintosh's work has been reappraised and his fame established.

Christina's knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, Mackintosh and his work were much appreciated. We were surprised and pleased to see the objects which she had brought along, including an original Mackintosh high-backed chair and a banner, together with illustrated books. We should like to extend our warmest thanks to Christina for providing us with such a memorable evening.

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## WALLS, FENCES AND WINDOWS

Among recent planning applications were two retrospective proposals: application 98P/1587 to retain a fence at 3 Cuckoo Close (the new wooden fence which rises above the sloping sandstone wall facing Woolton Road) and application 98L/1785 to retain the new UPVC windows at 4 Rose Brow (which is a Listed Building). Based on past experience, we doubt whether either application will be approved. Not everyone, it seems, is aware of the need to obtain planning permission from the City Council before erecting a wall or fence over 1 metre in height (if it adjoins a highway) or before altering windows, doors, roofing materials, etc. (if the building is Listed or in a Conservation Area). Of course, permission will not necessarily be refused - but if it is, there is the added expense of 'undoing' the offending work.

*Come and see  
our exhibition:*



## "IMAGES OF GATEACRE"

A glimpse of village life, past and present, revealed in a selection of photographs from the Gateacre Society's collection.

On **Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September**, 2 pm to 5 pm, at **Gateacre Chapel Hall, Sandfield Road**. Admission free.

This exhibition is part of the Civic Trust's national Heritage Open Days weekend: for a copy of the Directory, containing details of 1,500 events around the country, phone 0891 800603 (calls cost 50p per minute).

From 11 till 5 on the Saturday and 2 till 5 on the Sunday, our friends at **Gateacre Chapel** are offering tours of the Chapel and its grounds: including the newly-opened yard to the rear which contains many interesting 18th and 19th century graves.

*These events are **OPEN TO ALL**, free of charge. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to come along, and to 'join up' while they're at the exhibition!*

At 3 and 4 pm on the Sunday only, Mike Chitty will be leading **guided walks** round the village, starting from the Chapel

Hall.

## SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL AND SHOP

The Government's new Transport White Paper stresses the importance of encouraging people to walk rather than use cars, and of enabling people to walk in safety and comfort rather than at risk from accidents and air pollution. We have been making these same points to the City Council for a number of years now: in our responses to the draft Unitary Development Plan (UDP) and various planning applications, and in complaints about the state of local pavements and footpaths. Recently we have renewed our efforts to get the footpath linking Sandfield Road-Glenville Close resurfaced, and the pavements in Acrefield Road cleared of obstructions.

### NEWS IN BRIEF:

The plan to **fell two trees** at No.1 Gateacre Rise has been amended; they will now be pruned instead.

The City Council has told us that the **UDP Inspector's Report** is expected to be published in February/March next year.

The family of **bollards** at the end of Sandfield Road is growing, with the arrival of two Liver Birded city cousins to guard the Chapel wall.

We are pressing Merseytravel for the display of **bus timetables** at local stops, and better information about 'what goes where'.