

THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

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Please send the appropriate annual subscription to the Membership Secretary.

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NEWSLETTER - March 1999

Our next meeting:

NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME

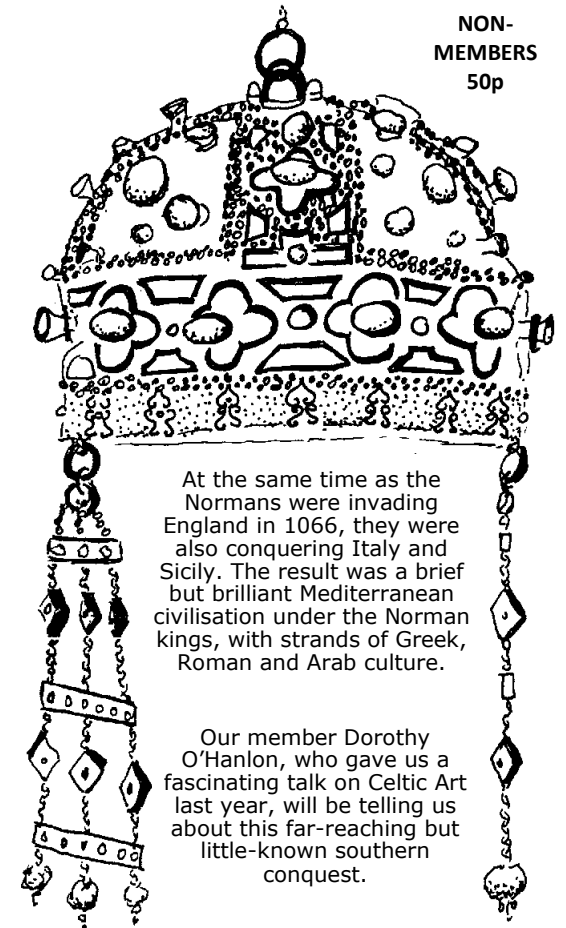
Monday
22nd March
at 8 pm

Gateacre Chapel Hall,
Sandfield Road

Gifted Pirates: the Norman Conquest of Sicily

by Dorothy O'Hanlon

NON-
MEMBERS
50p



At the same time as the Normans were invading England in 1066, they were also conquering Italy and Sicily. The result was a brief but brilliant Mediterranean civilisation under the Norman kings, with strands of Greek, Roman and Arab culture.

Our member Dorothy O'Hanlon, who gave us a fascinating talk on Celtic Art last year, will be telling us about this far-reaching but little-known southern conquest.

SITUATIONS STILL VACANT

LAST YEAR WE APPEALED TO MEMBERS FOR HELP IN RUNNING THE SOCIETY. THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS - WHO MAY, UP UNTIL NOW, HAVE HESITATED TO PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD. JOBS SUCH AS *EDITING THIS NEWSLETTER, TAKING THE MINUTES AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND REPORTING ON CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED*, ARE ALL CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY EXISTING OFFICERS WHO HAVE MANY OTHER COMMITMENTS. IF YOU HAVE THE TIME AND INCLINATION TO HELP YOUR SOCIETY - OR IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE ELSE WHO MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO ASSIST US - PLEASE CONTACT ANY OFFICER (SEE BACK

SUNDAY CITY WALKS

Some members may already be aware of the walks led by Blue Badge Merseyguides, which take place every Sunday, starting at 2 pm from the Welcome Centre on the top floor of Clayton Square Shopping Centre. Forthcoming themes include "Don't put your daughter on the stage" on March 21, "Titanic remembered" on April 18, and "Pleasant memories" (including a visit to the historic Pleasant Street Primary School) on April 25. Tickets - price £2.50 adults, £1.50 concessions - available from the guide.

U.D.P. LATEST

The Inspector who conducted the Public Inquiry into Liverpool's Unitary Development Plan issued his report on 5th February. It is a very bulky document, setting out the Inspector's views on all the various points made by objectors and others, including those submitted on behalf of the Gateacre Society. It seems that the Inspector agreed with some, but not all, of our 20 or so suggestions, and is recommending the Council to modify the Plan accordingly. The Inspector's Report has not yet been published or commented upon by the City Council, but is available for inspection at the Planning Department on the 2nd floor of Millennium House, Victoria Street.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

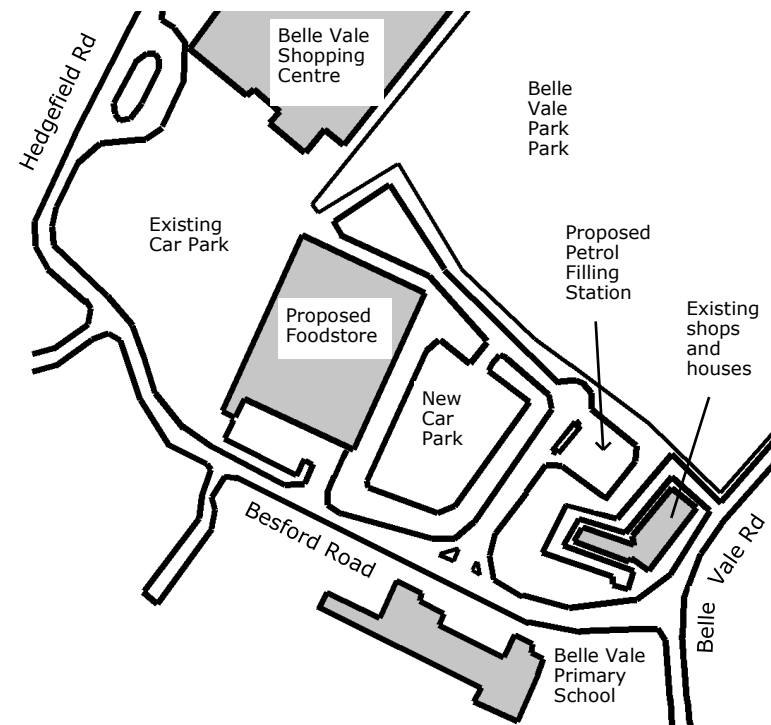
Please note that - as announced on the front cover - our **March** meeting will take place on a **MONDAY (22nd)** instead of our usual Tuesday evening.

On **Tuesday 11th MAY**, Dr Layth Bunni will be talking to us about the future of Liverpool city centre. Dr Bunni is the Director of the Liverpool City Partnership, responsible for a number of interesting (and occasionally controversial) initiatives designed to boost the city centre's prosperity. More details in the next Newsletter.

THE PICTURE ON THE FRONT COVER WAS SUPPLIED BY DOROTHY O'HANLON. IT DEPICTS THE CROWN OF THE 13TH CENTURY EMPRESS COSTANZA OF NAPLES AND SICILY.

A NEW SUPERSTORE FOR BELLE VALE?

Morrison Developments Ltd have applied for outline planning permission to build a 70,000 sq ft foodstore on the Newforge Foods factory site off Belle Vale Road. The new store would have its own 410-space car park, accessed from Besford Road immediately opposite Belle Vale Primary School. There would also be a petrol filling station, accessed the same way. Various new traffic lights and pedestrian crossings would be provided. We have submitted an objection to the planning application



(Ref.99P/0144), arguing that - if a new foodstore on this site can really be justified - the new building should be reorientated so as to provide a more direct pedestrian route between the School and the

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

The Society's Constitution states that any person more than three months in arrears with their subscription should be deleted from the membership list. Our membership year has always ended in October, hence the 'axe' should fall each January. **If your address label includes the date 31/10/98**, and you wish to continue as a member, please send the appropriate amount (see back page) to the Membership Secretary, or hand it to any other Committee member, as soon as possible.