

## THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

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# The Society's 25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

Tuesday 26th October 1999

at 8 p.m. in

Gateacre Chapel Hall, Sandfield Road,  
Liverpool 25.

Please show your support for the Society  
by attending this important meeting.

NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ARE ESPECIALLY  
WELCOME.

## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS, 11th-12th September

We are pleased to report that there was a constant flow of visitors throughout the weekend, when paintings by the South Liverpool Arts Group and old photographs from the Gateacre Society's collection were exhibited in the Chapel Hall. The artists were delighted with the response: their paintings sold well and their calendars sold out! Once again there was great interest in our archive photographs, and several requests for copies.

### Newforge Foods site Superstore plan

Our March Newsletter reported that Morrison Developments had applied for outline planning permission to build a 70,000 sq.ft foodstore accessed from Besford Road. We objected to the proposed layout, arguing that the proposed building should be reorientated so as to favour pedestrian/public transport access and that the car park should be integrated with the existing Belle Vale Shopping Centre facility.

We are pleased to say that the plans have now been amended - more or less as we had suggested - though planning permission has not yet been granted. The size of the proposed store has also been reduced slightly: to 60,000 sq.ft. We are still not happy about the proposed petrol filling station to the rear of the shops in Belle Vale Road, or about the loss of the existing landscaping opposite Belle Vale Primary School.

## OUR NEW CHRISTMAS CARD ...

a snow scene from a photograph by John Roberts, should be on sale at the A.G.M. To order by phone (from late October) contact 428 5379.

**The price, if purchased direct from us, is 40p each, or 6 for £2** (postage extra). We hope it will also be stocked by local newsagents, post offices and other outlets.



**ALSO AVAILABLE** are Gateacre Village Tea Towels at £2 each, and 'Discovering Historic Wavertree' (a new book by Mike Chitty) at £4.95.

## AN APPEAL TO MEMBERS

We look forward to meeting members old and new at our **A.G.M.** on **Tuesday 26th October**. The main purpose of the meeting is to receive reports on the year's activities, to approve the annual accounts and to elect a new Executive Committee to serve until October 2000. It also, however, gives members a chance to meet one another socially, and to let the Committee know what they think the Society should be doing over the coming year.

Unfortunately we have lost two Committee Members recently: our Hon. Secretary Diana Faber, who has moved away from the area, and our Vice Chairman Ray Kirkham, who (although still helping us 'behind the scenes') is no longer able to get to Committee meetings. **We feel sure that there are individuals within our membership** - maybe recent arrivals attracted to Gateacre by those qualities we are trying to preserve, or longstanding residents who have recently retired from employment - **who have the time and inclination to join the Committee.**

We don't want to exaggerate the commitment: just spending one evening a month attending our Committee meetings is the minimum we ask. But there are specific jobs to be done - like taking the minutes of meetings, receiving and reporting on correspondence, and producing this Newsletter! - which are currently being undertaken by Committee members with other responsibilities. **Please consider allowing your name to be put forward.** We really do need 'new blood' if the Society is to stay up and running. Please contact any existing Committee member for more information - or simply volunteer when the time comes at the A.G.M.!

**REMEMBER: The Annual General Meeting takes place on Thursday 26th October in the Chapel Hall, Sandfield Road, starting at 8 p.m.**

### Donation to the Marie Curie Centre

Our May speaker, Dr Layth Bunni, asked us to make a donation to a local charity in lieu of paying him a fee for the evening. As a result we have given £20 to Marie Curie Cancer Care, towards the upkeep of their centre in Woolton.