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Our next meeting:

Tuesday 19th January at 8 pm

Gateacre Chapel Hall, Sandfield Road

NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME

NON-MEMBERS
50p

A TALE OF TWO VILLAGES:



A study of contrasts

Diana Faber, who has been our Hon.Secretary for the past two years, will talk about her experience of two different villages: Gateacre Village in Liverpool, and a rural village in the Pas-de-Calais, France. "The environments have but one similarity, and how different this makes life!", comments Diana. Come along to her talk and hear more.

A CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENT: An account of our November meeting

On Tuesday 17th November we were delighted to welcome Dr Sharon Welsby and her colleague Julia Kemp, from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. A large audience of members and friends of the Society enjoyed a most interesting account of the history of the School since 1898, which highlighted the successes of its research in the field of tropical medicine.

Among these achievements were the work of Sir Ronald Ross: the Nobel Prizewinner who discovered the link between the mosquito and malaria. Scientists at the School also researched the causes of African River Blindness and elephantiasis, and work continues today on the treatment of sleeping sickness and meningitis.

'A century of success and achievement' indeed. A School of Tropical Medicine which is a world leader, and an asset of which Liverpool can be justly proud.

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A collection in aid of the School was made at the meeting, and we have received a letter of thanks to all those who contributed. The Society has also made a donation towards the school's Centenary Appeal, in lieu of the usual speakers' fee.

LAST ISSUE'S PICTURE QUIZ:

Who was the figure pictured on the front of the November Newsletter? Where can you see her? What was her connection with the School of Tropical Medicine? The answer is 'RESEARCH' personified, one of the sculptured figures around the base of the Sir Alfred Lewis Jones memorial at Liverpool's Pier Head. Apparently, in the days when this was a favoured meeting-point, people used to say to their friends "I'll see you under the microscope"!

Sir Alfred Lewis Jones was the founder of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. Born in Carmarthen in 1845, but having moved to Liverpool with his family three years later, he started work as a cabin boy with the African Steam Ship Company at the age of 14. Having been recommended for a job as a junior clerk with the ship's agents, Alfred worked his way up through the business, until by the 1880s he was head of the Elder Dempster Line, which specialised in trade with west Africa. In 1898 he pledged £350 per annum to launch the School: and in the 12 years prior to his death in 1909 he raised a total of £120,000 from the business community in support of the School's work.



CLEGG'S' COCK CROWS AGAIN?

In November, Messrs Cleggs were taken to the magistrates court by Liverpool City Council, having failed to comply with the listed building Enforcement Notice which had been served by the Council and confirmed by a DOE Inspector in 1994. This required the restoration of the weather-vane to the roof, as reported several times, over the years, in our Newsletter. The company stated that the work was about to start, and the proceedings were therefore adjourned until 21st January. Shortly afterwards, scaffolding was erected around the building. We understand that the main components of the old vane have been salvaged, and mounted on a new steel shaft by a Widnes firm of blacksmiths. All being well, the work will be completed in time to avoid the resumption of the court case.

PLANNING NEWS:

The following recent applications may be of interest to members:

- ◆ **Former Labour Club site, Childwall Valley Road** (98P/2763). To erect a community centre. The plans for this proposed new building, near the junction with Belle Vale Road, look very impressive. They include a library, cafe and laundrette, as well as meeting rooms.
- ◆ **Plot A, Hunts Cross Avenue** (98P/2814). To erect a detached house. The proposed design is similar to the two already built (on land formerly part of the grounds of Aymestry Court): too large, we feel, for the plot, bearing in mind the group of mature pine trees which will be very close to the new house.
- ◆ **28 Gateacre Brow** (98P/2848). To alter first-floor front window. This is the former Joan Molyneux shop. The existing window was installed some time ago without planning permission, and the Council resolved to take enforcement action. This proposal is to improve its appearance by thickening the mullions and transomes, and affixing a moulded 'feature' above the window.
- ◆ **10/10a Gateacre Brow** (98P/2899). To use former shop and flat as an office. We were very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Stephen the hairdresser last autumn. The property is currently for sale, and we understand that this application is by a prospective purchaser.
- ◆ **4 York Cottages** (98L/2996). To retain front door. The new door was, we understand, installed some eight years ago, but neither listed building consent nor planning permission was applied for at the time.