

THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

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The Gateacre Society

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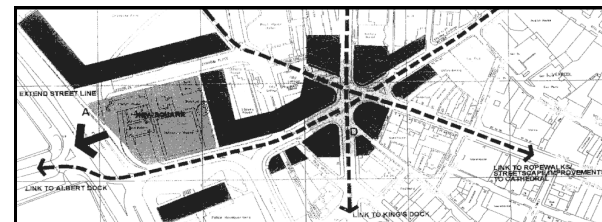
LIVERPOOL
VISION
THE CITY CENTRE REGENERATION COMPANY

You are invited to an illustrated talk by
GRAHAM MARSHALL, Planning Director of
Liverpool Vision, on Tuesday 16th January

LIVERPOOL VISION - which was formed by the City Council, English Partnerships, the North West Development Agency, the Government Office for the North West and private sector companies just over a year ago - aims to reinvigorate the city centre. Mr Marshall will describe, and answer questions about, the company's progress and future plans.

The meeting will take place in the
**GATEACRE CHAPEL HALL, SANDFIELD ROAD,
LIVERPOOL 25**, starting at 8 p.m.

All welcome: Gateacre Society members free of charge, others 50p.



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THE BLACK BULL

Planning permission and listed building consent for alterations to the Black Bull pub (see last Newsletter) were granted by the City Council's Planning Committee on 19th December. Beryl Plent attended the meeting and reiterated our concerns about the proposed extension. However, she was assured that the plans would have minimal impact on the building's character and the amenity of nearby residents. We had previously met with representatives of Bass Taverns, and shown them the unsatisfactory state of the cobbles in front of the pub. However, the company states that - according to the deeds handed over by Allied Domecq - the cobbled area does not belong to them! More recently, an application has been submitted to erect an 18-foot-high 'beacon' in place of the existing pub sign. This structure - the trademark of 'Ember Inns' which is the Bass branding selected for the Black Bull - consists of an open fireplace on top of a rectangular pillar. We shall be very surprised indeed if the Council grants permission for such a monstrous structure within our Conservation Area.

SANDFIELD ROAD

Planning permission for conversion of the old Electric Lighting Station into 7 flats (see July 2000 Newsletter) was granted by the Planning Committee after a site visit on 16th November. The plans had previously been modified to mitigate the loss of privacy to existing residents and to provide an extra parking space, and the permission is subject to numerous conditions including one designed to ensure that the new vehicular entrance will be left open as a turning head for use by other residents.

Keeping an eye on the VILLAGE GREEN

Recent discussion of ways of celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 reminds us that the Green on the corner of Grange Lane and Gateacre Brow was presented to the Township of Little Woolton by the brewer Andrew Barclay Walker, to commemorate Queen Victoria's 50 years on the throne in 1887. We have been speaking to the Council's Environmental Maintenance Department about the state of the Green, and have the following to report:

THE COBBLES. In view of Bass's claim that the cobbled forecourt does not form part of their property, it seems that its maintenance may be the responsibility of the Council. The application of weedkiller will be considered this spring. The Council's Conservation Officer has assured us that the cobbles are regarded as a vital part of Gateacre's character, and their removal would not be sanctioned.

THE SEATS. The last vestiges of the vandalised seats have now been removed by the Council. We are pressing for the installation of at least one replacement seat, possibly sponsored by local businesses and organisations (including a contribution from our own Society).

THE WOODEN STAKES. These were a temporary measure to discourage lorries from damaging the grass surface. Unfortunately they were not very successful, and Council officers believe that metal bollards would suffer the same fate. The possibility of high kerbstones or similar deterrents is now being considered.

THE WILSON MEMORIAL. We have asked for the grass-clogged gutters to be cleared, to avoid further damage to the stonework.



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, Belle Vale Road presents a HISTORY AFTERNOON

Wednesday
14th
February
2001
3.00 to 4.30
p.m.

There will be a video presentation (approximately 15 minutes long) and a display of some of St Stephen's Church's notable artefacts. This will be the last chance to see these historic documents before they go into archive storage at the Liverpool Record Office.

Refreshments will be available, and also copies of the video for anyone interested in either local history or church buildings.

For further details of this event please contact the Rector,
Rev. Phil Janvier, at the Parish Office on 487 9338.

GATEACRE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

OUR THANKS GO TO ALL THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY RENEWED FOR THE YEAR 2000/01. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION (WHICH WAS DUE AT THE A.G.M. IN OCTOBER) PLEASE HELP US BY SENDING IT TO THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FURTHER DETAILS ARE GIVEN ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN HELP US IN ANY