

THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

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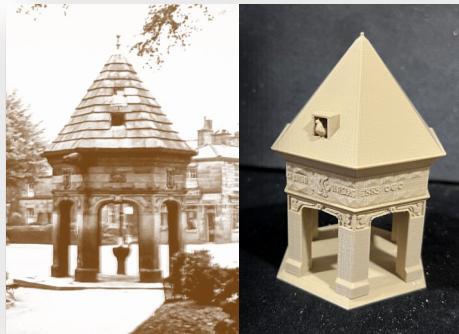
50th ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE

As part of our 50th anniversary, we will be selling two items designed and printed especially for this occasion.

The Wilson Memorial (7.5cm x 7.5cm x 11cm)

The Airoh Prefab (11cm x 6cm x 9cm)

Both items cost £7.50 each to purchase and are available via emailing thegateacresociety@gmail.com or ordering at our meetings. Proceeds will go towards a society projector and microphone.



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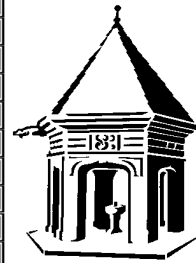
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A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION

Guarding the Past - Safeguarding the Future

NEWSLETTER - March 2024

Our next meeting:

WOOLTON TOWER(S)

A talk about the people and history of Woolton Tower(s), the first villa in the Victorian Woolton Park estate. Sunday 21st April 2024, 2:00pm in Gateacre Chapel, Gateacre Brow, Liverpool L25 3PB

Our next talk will take place on 21st April 2024 with Alan David Wilson who will be both talking about the inhabitants and history of Woolton Tower(s) in Woolton Park.

Quietly nestled in a cul-de-sac on Woolton Park, Woolton Tower has watched the world go by since the 1850s. Woolton Tower is one of the few Victorian Mansions found in the Woolton Park area that have survived to this day. Once surrounded by countryside, the mansion was the rural retreat for a number of high class citizens of Liverpool.

The talk will include photos both past and present, information on inhabitants of the house and lodge, including after its division in the 1950s, and historically important features, including links to its mysterious twin building in Ormskirk!

Alan's book on Woolton Tower will be available to download from our website after the talk, or we can produce printed ring bound copies for £10 on request.



THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK—TALK REVIEW



On the 4th February we were entranced with an afternoon of musical nostalgia by Roger Browne. Roger focused on the "Great American Songbook" of the early 20th century. He gave us a brief history of his musical career from the late 1940's onwards becoming inspired by the Blues scene of the American South and Tin Pan Alley of 1920's New York.

Roger featured and performed music by Jerome Kern, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Richard Rogers and Irving Berlin covering many of the classic films 1950's-1960's including Oklahoma, Sound of Music, Singing in the Rain.

Roger obviously enjoys his career/hobby and could have given us 2 hours instead of one. A really brilliant afternoon of magical entertainment.

GATEACRE MEMORY BANK

Would you like to be published on our website and in our newsletter? We are looking for eager members to write their memories down of living in Gateacre and Belle Vale.

As well as being published to our website, we will also be publishing memories in our newsletters as a historical record of our much loved area. Simply email thegateacresociety@gmail.com or pass your written memory to one of our committee members.



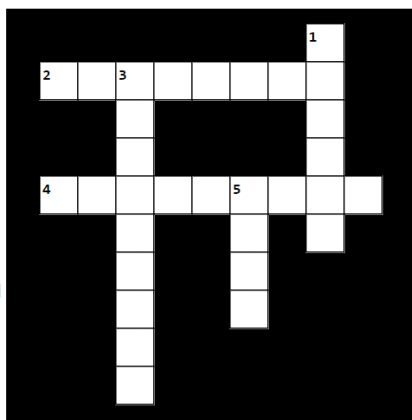
CROSSWORD

Across

- 2. The first name of a bust on the Village Green
- 4. A road off South Station Road

Down

- 1. A missing word from its original name! The Bear and _____ Staff
- 3. The church St Stephens used to be a chapel to.
- 5. A type of food manufactured in Belle Vale by Newford Foods



Last newsletter's answers:

- 1. Gateacre
- 2. Sandstone
- 3. Sandland
- 4. Black Bull
- 5. Gorsewood
- 6. Cuckoo

ALCOHOL LICENSE GRANTED

On 27th February at a hearing in the Town Hall, a decision was made on the future offering of the previous Happy Family Takeaway/proposed convenience store based at 185 Grange Lane. A number of concessions were made by the proposer prior to the license being granted which satisfied Liverpool Council that the offering proposed would lead to responsible trading. Mr. Mariyathas originally requested to sell alcohol from 6am to midnight however this was reduced to 11pm. Mr. Mariyathas' agent also made clear they would not be selling single cans.



Whilst we are apprehensive about the granting of the license and the need for an additional convenience store, investment into Gateacre Village to prevent empty shops is welcome in such financially difficult times, and we hope Mr. Mariyathas continues to want to work with residents and succeeds in creating a genuinely valuable offering to our village after the many years Happy Family Chinese Takeaway was in residence.

