

THE WOOLTON SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER



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Society News

The newsletter

As reported in issues 341 & 342, the society's newsletter will be sent out in e-mail form after October 2017, when subscriptions are due. Members who wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter will have to opt in to the postal system, which will cost an **additional £8** per year. The committee has taken the decision to end the hand delivery system, which is very labour intensive, because of rising costs. For some time now, all new members have had only the e-mail option, & the 2017/18 membership forms will reflect the new system.

Please note that the AGM issue in September will be the last newsletter to be delivered under the current arrangement. If you wish to receive the newsletter by post, you will need to complete the postal option form and make the extra payment of £8 in addition to your subscription. The postal option form will be in issue 344 in the autumn and will also be available on the society's website at the same time. For those members who pay by standing order and wish to receive a paper copy, please ensure that you amend your SO from 1 October 2017.

N.B. The hand delivery system will cease after the AGM issue in September and the new postal option is an opt-in system.

Talk in May

Dr Tom Preston gave a very well received talk on May 17th, with the little known design engineer Fred Waldron as his subject. Fred Waldron worked for Pilkington's in St Helen's for many years, & also for the Ford motor company in Detroit, but his innovative genius is largely unknown. Thanks to Dr Preston for a fascinating talk, shining a light on a forgotten design pioneer.

Quiz Night

The meeting on June 21st took the form of an informal quiz night, with questions on food & drink, geography, literature, animals, Liverpool, & Woolton, as well as a picture round on famous buildings. This was a very enjoyable evening, with the winners, Paul Wilkie, Anne Wilkie, Marie Passey, & Donna Jackson, pictured on the cover, awarded a trophy as well as prizes. This may well be an annual event, now that we have a team of defending champions.

Dates for your diary

Beatles Festival, July 5th to 9th

The Woolton Society will be taking part in the Beatles anniversary festival, taking a stall in St Peter's church hall with our publications. Help will be needed for this, as the stall will need to be manned for up to four days. If any members could offer to help out, even if for only a few hours, please ring 428 2680. See page 8 of this issue for more details of the Beatles festival & anniversary, or visit the website www.beatlesatstpeters.co.uk

Thursday 13th July: Dr Andrew Zsigmond, The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 & my subsequent escape

Dr Andrew Zsigmond will be talking of his escape from Hungary in 1956, & his eventual arrival in England. Dr Zsigmond is a local resident & a member of the Woolton Society. He was also the founder of The Rodney Street Association.

This is another innovation for the Woolton Society: an afternoon talk in the Simon Peter Centre on Church Road. We realise that many members would appreciate a daytime talk, & also that some

experience mobility issues. The Simon Peter Centre has disabled access, & is available mid-afternoon, so we are trying out this change of time & venue as a service to our members.

This talk will begin at 2.30pm at the Simon Peter Centre, & refreshments will be provided.

Sunday 30th July: Guided walk: Ropewalks & Regeneration

Blue Badge guide Marie Passey will lead a two hour walk around the centre of the city, taking in Chinatown, the Ropewalks area, & a shelter for sedan chairs! The walk will be setting off from Liverpool One; we will meet by the steps to Chavasse Park near the entrance to the John Lewis store, Liverpool One, at 2pm on Sunday 30th July.

The walk is limited to 25, with many places already taken, so booking is essential, with a payment of £5 per person. Please contact Viv Hicks on 428 3268 to reserve a place, or see committee members, with payment, at any talk.

Wednesday 20th September: Bill Sergeant: Gallant daughters of England

Popular speaker Bill Sergeant, who last spoke to us in April 2016 on Noel Chavasse, double VC, will return with a new talk on the nurses of the Great War. Fuller details will be in issue 344.

Wednesday 18th October: Tom Murphy: The Liverpool Victorian Society.

Details of this talk will be in issue 344.

Wednesday 15th November; Annual General Meeting

The 45th AGM of the Woolton Society will be held in the Village Club, with refreshments & an informal gathering afterwards. The Agenda will be published in issue 344

All Woolton Society talks are free, & open to non-members as well as members. The July talk will be at the Simon Peter Centre on Church Road, with a start of 2.30pm. The walk in July will set off from Chavasse Park steps, Liverpool One at 2pm on Sunday 30th July. A payment of £5 is required for the guided walk. The talks in September & October, as well as the AGM in November will be at the Village Club, beginning at 7.30pm.

Society Publications

A fourth pamphlet has been added to the list of WS publications, entitled *A walk through Woolton, taking in historic sites & places of interest to Beatles fans*. This takes the form of a guided walk through the village, starting at the Dolphin lamp, & taking in St Peter's hall & churchyard, the boundary stones, Strawberry Field, & the site of the quarry. It is written by WS chairman Jean Davies, with illustrations by treasurer Charles Davies.

Pamphlet one, *Who lived in Woolton Hall*, number two *Who was Lord Woolton?* & number three on *Hillfoot Villa/House* were all written by committee member Dr Janet Hollinshead who is currently researching pamphlet five, on Woolton Manor.

Future pamphlets will be on The Beatles in Woolton, & health and education in the village.

Pamphlets are available at all talks as well as the Woolton Society farmers' market stall & at the Beatles festival. See page 8 for details of this event. Also available are *A History of Much Woolton*, priced at £3, & *Woolton Stone & Liverpool Cathedral* which is on sale at £5. The books, but not the pamphlets, are available at Brown's newsagent on Woolton Street.

Tea towels with views of Woolton landmarks are also available, priced at £4. We are currently investigating a new line, cotton aprons, also featuring views of Woolton. These will be on sale by the end of the year, price to be advised. An ideal Christmas present for that *person with everything* in your life?

Environment, Planning News & Applications

Public Right of Way, Glenacres/Byron Court Update

On 20th June the city council submitted all the documentation to the Secretary of State for the Environment Food & Rural Affairs, who is responsible for determining disputed Public Right of Way claims. The Planning inspectorate will now have to decide whether to invite further written representations, or to arrange a local hearing/public enquiry. We understand that it is likely to be a further 27 to 35 weeks before the final verdict on the PRow claim is announced.

Resurfacing of Church Road

Residents of Church Road received a letter recently informing them that the policy of patching the individual craters in the road surface will end, & that the road will be entirely resurfaced during the current financial year. This is excellent news for residents, as the road has been deteriorating for years while nearby Quarry Street & Reservoir Road, which do not carry as much traffic, or a bus route, were resurfaced some time ago.

Recent planning applications of note April to June 2017

Please note, the development description is the one provided by the applicant/agent and is subject to change by a Planning Officer when the application is validated. You can check the progress of each application online using the Planning Explorer at:

<http://www.liverpool.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/>

City South		07-June-2017		
Application No:	17F/1676	Case Officer/Team:		
		Ward:	Woolton	
Proposal:				
To erect 3m high perimeter fence to rear				
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address	
Bishop Martin Church of England Primary School Church Road Liverpool L25 5JF	The Board of Governors Aspinwall	Bishop Martin CEPS Woolton Liverpool L25 5JF	Arcadis 3 Piccadilly Place Manchester M1 3BN	

City South

05-April-2017

Application No: 17F/1051

Case Officer/Team:

Ward: Woolton

Proposal:

To erect timber frame smoking shelter at rear

Location:	Applicant:		Agent (if any):	Agent Address
Derby Arms Allerton Road Liverpool L25 7RH	Mr Mike Fazal	Jubilee House Second Avenue Burton upon Trent DE14 2WF	IDA Ltd	Abney Hall Suite 9-10 Cheadle SK8 2PD

City South

20-April-2017

Application No: 17A/0624

Case Officer/Team:

Ward: Woolton

Proposal:

To erect 1 no. externally illuminated projecting sign, 2 no. externally illuminated fascia signs and 1 no. non-illuminated amenity board.

Location:	Applicant:		Agent (if any):	Agent Address
Derby Arms Creamery Allerton Road Liverpool L25 7RH	Punch Taverns Ltd	Mr Fazal Jubilee House DE14 2WF	Chris Shanley Innovations Limited	Unit 14 Industrial Estate Kenlis Road Barnacre Preston PR3 1GD

City South

26-April-2017

Application No: 17H/1145

Case Officer/Team:

Ward: Woolton

Proposal:

To erect two single storey extensions to front. *Amended plans received*

Location:

Danesford
Terrace
65a Church Road
Liverpool
L25 6DA

Applicant:

Mrs Joanne
Morland

Danesford

65a Church Road
Liverpool
L25 6DA

Agent (if any):

KDP Architects

Agent Address

13 Seymour
Seymour Street
Liverpool
L3 5PE

City South

01-June-2017

Application No: 17F/1389

Case Officer/Team:

Ward: Woolton

Proposal:

To change use to D2 linked to existing gym at 17A Woolton Street

Location:

11B Woolton Street
Liverpool
L25 5NH

Applicant:

Fitness for All

17A Woolton Street
Liverpool
L25 5NH

Agent (if any):

Dave Scanlon

Agent Address

2 Varley Rd
Liverpool
L19 3PU

City South

05-June-2017

Application No: 17F/1647

Case Officer/Team:

Ward: Woolton

Proposal:

To vary conditions 3(ii), 13 & 14 attached to 15F/0359 (To erect 10 detached dwellings with associated driveways, gardens and boundary treatments following demolition of existing buildings)

Location:

Former Gateacre
Garden Centre
Acrefield Road
Liverpool
L25 5JW

Applicant:

Macbryde
Homes Ltd

Macbryde House
Unit 28 St Asaph Business
Park
Galscoed Road
St Asaph
LL17 0LJ

Agent (if any):

Macbryde
Homes Ltd

Agent Address

Macbryde House
Unit 28 St Asaph
Business Park
Galscoed Road
St Asaph
LL17 0LJ

Woolton News

Woolton in Bloom

The hanging baskets have now been put in place in the village, & summer planting is completed with a magnificent display depicting Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club band on the grass near the Derby Arms. The calendar for 2018 will be available soon, with a Beatles theme.

There will be a Yellow Book open gardens event on **Saturday 8th July**, with four gardens open to the public which have previously been open under the Woolton in Bloom scheme. The gardens are 71 Manor Road, 10 Acrefield Park, 16 Layton Close & the Marie Curie Centre, all open from 12 noon to 5pm with a combined admission of £4. All proceeds go to the Yellow Book charities, not to WIB.

The Woolton Open Gardens event will be held again in 2018. If anyone should be interested in opening their own garden please contact WIB at the farmers market stall.

WIB will be taking part in the Beatles anniversary celebrations from **July 5th to 9th** at St Peter's hall.

Ticket to Read

Friends of TTR enjoyed a summer fundraiser on 29th June, with songs & poems in St Peter's hall. All funds go to paying the rent for the library premises, set up & run by volunteers since the closure of Woolton Library in 2012.

TTR's opening hours are 1.30 to 4pm on Mondays & Wednesdays in the Simon Peter Centre on Church Road.

Womens Institute

There are now two WIs in Woolton, both very popular. The first to be established, *Women of Woolton* (WOW) meets on the first Tuesday of the month at The Quarry in the village centre. It has a varied programme of talks & walks, bowls & golf, line dancing & Tai Chi, & a very successful quiz team.

The newly formed *Woolton Wanderers* meet in the Simon Peter Centre on Church Road on the third Monday of the month. They are establishing a busy programme, with fuller details to follow in our next issue. Both groups are now full, & cannot accept new members, but visitors may attend one meeting for a small charge.

Friends of Reynolds Park

The Friends have recently bought fertiliser & canes for the dahlia displays in the walled garden, as there had not been the funds to supply them as well as the flowers. One hundred new stakes have been bought.

The Liverpool Network Theatre Group, in association with The Wanderlust Theatre Company will be performing Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* in Reynolds Park. The dates are **Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th July**, both at 2pm. Tickets are priced at £9, or £8 concessions, & will be available on the gate.

On Reynolds Day **Saturday 9th September**, FORP will be providing plastic bags at each park entrance, in the hope that visitors will take one & use it to collect litter. There will also be an opportunity to buy five English wild daffodil bulbs for £1, to be planted in the wild flower meadow, & a further five for £1 to take home. This must be the bargain of the year! 9th September is also Heritage Open Day.

FORP meetings are held in the coffee shop at Tesco at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. The next meetings will be on **July 12th, September 9th & November 8th**.

Beatles Festival at St Peter's

St Peter's will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of when John Lennon met Paul McCartney at the Woolton Fete in July 1957. There is a full programme of events, with activities every day from **July**

5th to 9th. The hall will be open every day from 10am to 3pm, & 12.30 to 4pm on Sunday. Many local groups, including the Woolton Society, will be taking part. Bishop Martin School will be re-creating the fete of 1957 on their field on **Thursday 6th July**.

A play will be performed in a marquee on the Bishop Martin field on **Saturday 8th July**, entitled *Walls & Bridges*. This tells the story of a day in the life of John Lennon in the summer of 1974 when he was going through his lost weekend. Performances will be at 3pm & 7.30pm, tickets £12 in advance, or £15 on the door.

For full details of all events see the website www.beatlesatstpeters.co.uk

Coach trip to North Wales, Saturday 22nd July

The Wavertree Society has organised a visit to Holywell and Colwyn Bay, departing from Lake Road, Wavertree (near the Picton Clock) at 9 a.m. and picking-up at Gateacre Brow (Black Bull) at 9.15 a.m. They are inviting Woolton Society and Gateacre Society members and friends to take part. The day will include guided walks led by the Colwyn Bay Heritage Group, highlighting regeneration projects and also the 'hidden' role of the town during WW2. Tickets cost £15 per person and are available from Mike Chitty. Phone Mike on 428 7801 for further details.

Summer Fete at The Elephant

The Elephant will be hosting its annual Summer fete on **Saturday 22nd July** from 1pm. There will be live music, food & drink stalls, circus acts, a Woolton bake-off, story-telling, balloon races & much more.

The Woolton Wireless Wizard: an update

Issue 341 of the newsletter reported the story of radio pioneer Edgar Menzies who invented the police wireless system in the 1930s, & transmitted from his home in Linkstor Road. An update in issue 342 told of help offered by a former police officer who advised the family of Mr Menzies in approaching the relevant authorities about a blue plaque on the house.

We have been contacted recently by Dot Holden the daughter of Edgar Menzies, who reports that she has had very constructive conversations with the Assistant Chief Constable about recognition of her father's work, & a blue plaque may well be placed soon on 38 Linkstor Road. It will carry the police insignia &, she hopes, the words *The Woolton Wireless Wizard*.

The Woolton Society has been invited to the installation, when it takes place, & a full report will follow.

Woolton Community Life

If you have an hour or two to spare please think of becoming a volunteer befriender with Woolton Community Life. This would entail visiting the lonely & isolated in Woolton, Gateacre & Hunts Cross. Please contact WCL on 07490 572 344 for more information.

Heritage Open Day: Saturday 9th September

Many local societies will be taking part in Heritage Open Day, but at the time of going to press the programme of events had not been fully established.

The Women of Woolton WI will be having their very popular craft & produce fair in St Peter's hall, & providing home baked refreshments.

The Friends of Reynolds Park will be hosting a Reynolds Day, details of which are on page 7 of this issue.

The Woolton Society is still finalising plans, but a guided walk through the village is a possibility. Members will be informed nearer the date.

For details of all events throughout the country consult the website www.heritageopendays.org.uk which will give full details of every event registered with them.