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NEWSLETTER



Preparations for the demolition of the existing Strawberry Field buildings. Report on page 4

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Society News

Philip Pink 1922 - 2017

We have been notified by the family of Philip Pink that he died aged 95 on November 29th. Mr Pink was a founder member of the Woolton Society, our second vice-chairman & our second chairman from 1975 to 1977. He lived locally & was an active member, attending our AGM in November & enjoying conversations with current committee members. He will be missed by his children, grandchildren & many friends.

Annual General Meeting

The 45th AGM was held on November 15th, with a social gathering following the reports & election of officers. The officers & committee are as follows:

Chairman: Jean Davies

Vice chairman & secretary: Paul Wilkie

Treasurer: Charles Davies

Membership secretary: Jean Bates

Environment secretary: Janet Hudson

Committee members: Bob Collins, John Hibbert, Viv Hicks, Janet Hollinshead, Donna Jackson, Bernard Krasner

Talk of October 18th

Tom Preston was our speaker in October, with a very well received talk on comedian Robb Wilton. Robb was born in north Liverpool but moved to Woolton aged ten, living with his parents in their pub on Quarry Street. Tom had a wealth of pictures & anecdotes to give us about this once nationally famous star of radio & music hall, now largely forgotten. Tom is currently working on the first ever biography of Robb Wilton. We shall notify members when this is published.

The newsletter

Issue 345 is the first newsletter delivered by e-mail or post, without the hand delivery system. There are a few members who have not supplied an e-mail address, nor have they opted for the postal service. These members have been contacted by the membership secretary & will not receive a newsletter until they have indicated their wishes.

Dates for your diary February to November

A laminated list of talks & events for all of 2018 was given out at the AGM, & will also be available at the farmers market stall & at future talks.

Thursday 15th February, 3pm at St Mary's hall. Richard MacDonald: Liverpool & the Battle of the Atlantic. This talk will illustrate the crucial role played by men & women based in the Western Approaches war rooms during the second world war. A visit to the war rooms is planned for July 2018, with a date to be confirmed.

Richard MacDonald is a Blue Badge Guide who last spoke to the WS in March 2017 when his topic was famous women of Liverpool.

Please note the time & venue change for this talk. After the success of the afternoon talk at the Simon Peter Centre in July, it has been decided to hold several of our events at this time. St Mary's has the advantage of an adjacent car park, with a bus stop close by, & easy access from Church Road. Refreshments will be provided before the talk.

Wednesday 21st March, 7.30pm at the Village Club. Pauline Hurst: Sir John Moores, the man who made two fortunes.

Wednesday 18th April, 7.30pm at the Village Club. Carole Codd: Anecdotes of a Liverpool Registrar

Wednesday 16th May, 7.30pm at the Village Club. Quiz Night.

Wednesday 20th June, 7.30pm at the Village Club. Poppy Learman: Galkoff's & the secret life of Pembroke Place.

July, date to be confirmed. A visit to Western Approaches war rooms in central Liverpool.

Wednesday 19th September, 7.30pm at the Village Club. Major Graham Longmore of the Salvation Army: The Strawberry Field Project

Thursday 18th October, 3pm at St Mary's hall. Dr Janet Hollinshead & Paul Wilkie: Woolton Convalescent Home.

Wednesday 21st November, 7.30pm at the Village Club. 46th Annual General Meeting.

Fuller details of all events will be in newsletters 346 & 347, on the noticeboard beside the former HSBC bank, on the website www.wooltonsociety.org.uk & e-mail reminders sent to members.

Proposed tour of St Julie's school

After a suggestion by a member at the AGM in November, the head of St Julie's school was contacted about a proposed tour of the new building which has caused so much comment in past months. Head teacher Tim Alderman was very positive about forging new links with the community, as he feared that relations between the school & local residents had been strained in recent years. The tour would take place after school hours, so a date in the spring after the clocks go forward would be in order. Up to twenty members could be accommodated, with a list being made at the talks in February & March.

Society merchandise

The society has two books & four pamphlets to its name now, with more in preparation.

The History of Much Woolton (£3) & Woolton Stone & Liverpool Cathedral (£5) are on sale at all talks, at Brown's newsagent & also at the Anglican cathedral shop.

The pamphlets are on Woolton Hall, Lord Woolton, Hillfoot Villa & a guide to Woolton, all priced at £1. Three more pamphlets, on the Beatles in Woolton, part two of the guide to Woolton, & Woolton Convalescent home are planned for later this year.

The tea towels (£4) with views of the village, & cotton aprons (£12) with a design of local landmarks drawn by local artist Sandra Hepworth were steady sellers at the farmers market stall in December.

Environment, Planning News & Applications

Public Enquiry, Glenacres/Byron Court footpath

Over the past months members have been urged to write protesting about the blocking of the footpath between Acrefield Road and Woolton Park through Bryon Court. There is now to be a Public Enquiry into the issue of a Public Right of Way. This is to be held at Woolton Golf Club from 27th March at 10 am, potentially for up to three days. Committee members of the Woolton and Gateacre Societies will be present on the day to represent the views of members. However all members are encouraged to attend the hearing, as the blocking of this path has caused considerable inconvenience to local residents.

Traffic issues

The Woolton Society and local Councillors are very aware of parking issues around the village. This is especially severe at school opening and closing times when inconsiderate parking can be a real hazard for pedestrians and other motorists. The Magical Mystery Tour bus, & other large vehicles as well as the 174 bus often have great difficulty in turning into Church Road as many cars park on the double yellow lines around the junction. It is planned that yellow lines will be painted in some of the side roads off Church Road in order combat intrusive & obstructive parking.

The website fixmystreet.com is where you can log parking incidents and other concerns such as potholes, street lighting and broken paving slabs. It claims to be a one-stop reporting service for councils and has been successful in getting some things sorted out.

Strawberry Field

Woolton Society committee members toured the former Salvation Army children's home on 15th January before demolition work began. Building will begin shortly on the Beaconsfield road site, with a centre planned for young adults with learning difficulties. A visitor centre with improved parking facilities is also planned.

Major Graham Longmore of the Salvation Army will be speaking to the Woolton Society about the Strawberry Field project on Wednesday 19th September.



Above: Julia Baird , John Lennon's half sister, tries out the demolition machine on 15th Jan

Resurfacing of Church Road

Church Road residents received word from local councillors before Christmas informing them that the road surface will be replaced by the end of the current financial year. Excellent news for residents, as this is planned to be a complete resurfacing, not just the filling in of potholes which has been the norm in recent years.

The Bothy, Reynolds Park

The former gardeners' store, known as The Bothy, has had its listed status altered to *Grade 2, under threat*. The council hopes to sell this building, although it is extremely dilapidated, with suggestions as to possible use including a visitor centre for the park, or a tea room.

Recent planning applications of note

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/>

Application No:	17F/1864	Case Officer/Team: City South	17-November-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal:	To continue to use ground floor premises as a hot food takeaway (use class A5), retain external extraction flue at rear and minor external alterations, and vary opening hours to 11:00-23:00 Monday to Saturday and 11:00-22:30 hours on Sundays (amended description)		
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
47 Allerton Road Road Liverpool L25 7RE	Mr Shafiqul Hoque	10 Swansea Close Liverpool L19 2HF	21 Hollytree Woolton Liverpool L25 5PA
Application No:	17H/2950	Case Officer/Team: City South	16-October-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal:	Retention of single storey extension to front and sides.		
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
Manor House 28 Acrefield Road Liverpool L25 5JP	Mr S Kenny	Manor House 28 Acrefield Road Liverpool L25 5JP	Cass Associates Studio 204 The Tea Factory 82 Wood Street Liverpool L1 4DQ
Application No:	17H/3237	Case Officer/Team: City South	13-November-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal:	To alter and extend single storey extension to side and to carry out internal and external alterations to building		
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
6 Ashton Square Liverpool L25 7TR	Lee Chaudhry	Wavertree Nursing Home Pighue Lane Wavertree Liverpool	Devaplan Ltd Unit 223 Queens Dock Centre Norfolk Street Liverpool L1 0BG
Application No:	17L/3238	Case Officer/Team: City South	13-November-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal:	To alter and extend single storey extension to side and to carry out internal and external alterations to building		
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
6 Ashton Square Liverpool L25 7TR	Lee Chaudhry	Wavertree Nursing Home Pighue Lane Wavertree Liverpool	Devaplan Ltd Unit 223 Queens Dock Centre Norfolk Street Liverpool L1 0BG

Application No:	17F/3277	Case Officer/Team: City South	16-November-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal: To erect 2no new dwellings following demolition of existing house, previously approved under 17F/1255			
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
Halkyn	Mr Richard Van	John McCall	John McCall
17 Mount Park	Den Bos	Architects	Architects
Liverpool			No1 Arts Village
L25 6JW			Henry Street
			Liverpool
			L1 5BS

Application No:	17F/3015	Case Officer/Team: City South	09-November-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal: To erect one new dwelling house			
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
15 Headbourne	Mr and Ms	Design and	8 The Point
Close	Kelleher and	Materials	Coach Road
Liverpool	Shepton		Shireoaks
L25 1PS			Workshop
			S81 8BW

Application No:	17LP/2946	Case Officer/Team: City South	18-October-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal: Application for lawful development certificate for proposed first floor extension to rear			
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
107 Woolton Hill	Michael and	107 Woolton Hill Road	Studio 204
Road	Sue Hein	Liverpool	The Tea Factory,
82			
Liverpool		L25 4RE	Wood Street
L25 4RE			Liverpool
			L1 4DQ
CLREF, Certificate of Lawfulness - Refused			United Kingdom

Application No:	17H/2902	Case Officer/Team: City South	11-October-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal: To erect two storey extension to side and rear, porch to front, convert habitable room to garage and carry out associated structural alterations including the creation of a balcony to rear.			
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
Treeside	Mr Paul Effiong	Pride Road	110 Great Stone
27 Acrefield Road		Liverpool	Road
Liverpool			Firwood
L25 5JN			Manchester
			M16 OHD
REF01, Refuse			

Application No:	17H/3013	Case Officer/Team: City South	26-October-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal: To erect dormer extension to front			
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
19 Eaglehurst Road	Mr John Rogers		
Liverpool		35 Verdala Park	
L25 3QH		Liverpool	
		L18 3LB	

REF01, Refuse

Application No:	17F/3169	Case Officer/Team: City South	05-December-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal: To change use from retail (A1) to cafe (A3) with sensory room to basement.			
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
28a-28d Gateacre Brow Liverpool L25 3PB	Hug A Mug Liverpool	Emma Lahorgue 89 Wallgate Rd Liverpool L25 1PP	
Application No:	17F/3147	Case Officer/Team: City South	23-November-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal: To erect part two storey part three storey extension to rear following demolition of part single / part 2 storey outrigger in connection with creation of 5 self contained flats, install windows to side of existing gable and 2 rooflights to front.			
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
22 Woolton Street Liverpool L25 5JA	Mr Dave Lepert	22 Woolton Street Liverpool L25 5JA	GEO-NEO UK Architectural 7 Orchid Grove Riverside Gardens Liverpool L17 7EY
Application No:	17H/3466	Case Officer/Team: City South	18-December-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal: To erect two storey extension to side and rear and single storey extension to front, side and rear			
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
27 Hightor Road Liverpool L25 6DJ	Mr & Mrs Fiske	27 Hightor Road Liverpool L25 6DJ	
Application No:	17H/3535	Case Officer/Team: City South	11-December-2017
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal: To replace windows to front, side and rear, install secondary glazing to the front elevation, carry out repair/refurbishment works to roof, replace rainwater goods and fascia boards, replace door to rear replace timber fence to front and carry out landscaping works			
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
Heaton Lodge Street High Street Liverpool L25 7TD	Mr Alastair Bain	Commutation Plaza 1 Commutation Row Liverpool L3 8QF	Halsall Lloyd LLP Liverpool L1 5AG 98-100 Duke
Application No:	18F/0028	Case Officer/Team: City South	02-January-2018
		Ward: Woolton	
Proposal: To change use of dwelling to guest house, carry out external alterations including new windows and removal of front bay, and erect single storey extension to rear.			
Location:	Applicant:	Agent (if any):	Agent Address
120A Allerton Road Woolton Liverpool L25 7RH	Mr Neil Dolan	Suite G, Initiate Offices Deacon Park, Moorgate Rd Liverpool L33 7RX	TR Architectural Services LTD St Helens WA10 3PW United Kingdom

Woolton News

Woolton in Bloom

As WIB receives no funding from the city council & have to raise every penny by their own efforts, it is pleasing to report that the 2018 calendars have largely sold out. The calendars have a Beatles theme with many images taken at the festival at St Peter's in July. With mentions on both the WIB & St Peter's websites, the calendars have been sent all over the world, with eighty being despatched to Japan before Christmas. Any remaining calendars should be snapped up, as they will be collectors' items.

It has been suggested that a photographic competition could supply the images for the 2019 calendar. If any keen amateur photographers have suitable pictures, with a Woolton theme, please enquire at the farmers market stall. Further details will be published in the next issue of this newsletter.

WIB will be holding their very popular Open Gardens event on **Sunday 8th July**, centred on the Bishops Lodge in Woolton Park. In previous years up to a dozen private gardens have been open to public view, & it is hoped that a similar number will be open this year. If anyone would like to open their own garden, or volunteer as a steward, please contact Viv Hicks on 428 3268, or ask at the farmers market stall on the second Saturday of each month.

Spring planting will begin soon, with volunteers always needed, & not just for horticultural jobs. Vital tasks such as maintaining & painting the planters & litter picking are always necessary. Enquire at the farmers market stall for further details.

Ticket to Read

Woolton's community library, staffed entirely by volunteers, is open at the Simon Peter Centre on Church Road. Many new books have been bought recently, with a wide range of cassettes, a non-fiction section as well as large print titles

Opening hours are Mondays & Wednesdays, 1.30 to 4pm.

Friends of Reynolds Park

FORP has been awarded £2000 in the recent Tesco voting, & will be using the money towards renewing the children's play area in the near future.

There will be a fund raising coffee morning held on **Friday 9th February** from 10am to 12 noon at The Coach House, Woolton Park.

Eight hundred English wild daffodil bulbs were planted in the wildflower meadow in 2017, & it is hoped that a spectacular display will be seen this year or next. Early summer will see FORP working again with SFX school to increase the number of species in the wildflower meadow. A planting day is planned for **Friday 18th May**, with preparation days held on the mornings of **28th April and 5th & 12th May**.

Looking ahead, Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* will be performed in the Walled Garden on the afternoons of **Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July**. Times & prices will be confirmed nearer the date.

FORP meetings are held in the Woolton Tesco Coffee Shop on **March 14th, May 9th, September 12th and November 14th**; all Wednesdays at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

FORP can now be found online at:

www.friendsofreynoldspark.co.uk

www.twitter.com/reynoldsparkfrs

www.facebook.com/friendsofreynoldspark

www.instagram.com/reynoldsparkfrs