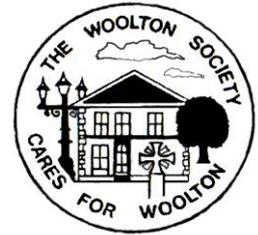


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NEWSLETTER



Edith McGlashan, Woolton Society chairman 2007-2014

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Edith McGlashan

10th May 1933- 10th May 2014

The Woolton Society is deeply saddened to report the death of our Chairman, Edith McGlashan, on Saturday 10th May, after a short illness. The funeral will take place at 12 noon on Monday 19th May at Bishop Eton on Woolton Road.

Members contactable by email were sent the above announcement, and the sad news of Edith's passing circulated to others, so that the society was well represented at the funeral. The following is a tribute to her long association with and work for the society.

The McGlashan name has been connected with The Woolton Society since its inception in October 1972 with Edith and her late husband John becoming members 1 and 2 . John was a member of the original executive committee and became our first vice chairman. Edith was a supportive and increasingly knowledgeable member from those very early days.

All organisations have their ups and downs, and many members will recall the low point we reached at the poorly attended AGM in 2003 when there was a majority vote to wind up the society. However, at the required special general meeting in January 2004 held to ratify that step, there was a change of mood and Edith was amongst several members who offered their services to form a new committee. During the following three to four years there was no effective leader in the role of chairman, but the society recovered from its near-death experience.

So it was that at the AGM in October 2007, having generously volunteered, Edith was duly elected as the Woolton Society chairman - never, in her strict ethical code (which brooked no acceptance of so-called political correctness) to be addressed as chairlady, chairperson, or worst of all chair. "I am a human being, not a chair", she would say!

In committee she held steady and respected control, intolerant of irrelevant diversions but ensuring that everyone had the opportunity to have their say. Under her tenure membership lists were at last put on an accurate computerised database and linked to membership fee income and newsletter distribution, taking a personal role in the latter activity. At open meetings such as talks and the annual general meeting Edith projected both a friendly welcome and efficient direction. At each AGM she modestly declined to give a chairman's report, requesting other officers to do so, at the same time giving them and other committee members all the credit for progress made.

There were several noteworthy events in which she represented the society. She was invited to unveil the new elephant's head installed at the Elephant pub after the El Cocodrillo debacle, and planted the new "Woolton Oak" on High Street, later leading the ceremony to unveil the adjacent memorial to Janet Gnosspeilus. More recently, and on what proved to be her last public appearance as chairman, Edith represented the Woolton Society at the unveiling of the Woolton Village Centenary Plaque in November last year, and a happy photograph of her at this event is on the front cover of this newsletter.

For most of her time in office I was the society's hon. secretary. It was a privilege to work closely with Edith and to see the society expand its membership and influence – both legacies of her leadership. Hers will be a hard act to follow and we must hope that someone of her stature and capability will take up the chairmanship at this year's AGM.

Henry Stott (Vice Chairman)

Society News

Our next talk: wildlife artist Anthony Smith

Our next speaker is to be Anthony Smith, wildlife painter, & artist in residence at Chester Zoo. This will be on **Wednesday 16th July**, at 7.30pm in the Village Club.

Mr Smith will be talking about his work at the zoo, & showing images of his wildlife paintings in oils & watercolours. This promises to be an evening which will appeal to both art & animal lovers.

Charles Rennie Mackintosh: talk of May 21st

We had an excellent speaker in Christina Clarke, who gave an inspiring & very well received talk on the Scottish artist, architect & designer, showing many beautiful images of his work. Sadly, this work was very much in the news the next day, following a fire at Glasgow School of Art. It is to be hoped that the damage is not extensive, & that the school will continue to flourish.

Outing on June 18th: An Evening Tour of Liverpool

Society members had a very enjoyable evening on the 18th, with glorious sunshine & a very informative guide in Ritchie the Ranger. We stopped first at the Fairy Glen in Sefton Park, & heard about the founding of some of Liverpool's famous open spaces. On then to the Ancient Chapel of Toxteth, which was opened especially for us. We heard of the founding of the chapel from the caretaker/historian, & also toured the cemetery which has the graves of many of Liverpool's most famous families, such as the Holts, the Durnings & the Rathbones. Lastly, via Riverside Drive, a stop at St George's Plateau, to hear about the many iconic buildings there.

We returned at 9.30 pm, still in sunshine, tired but considerably more knowledgeable than when we set out.

Dates for your diary.

Saturday 13th September: Heritage Open Day (see below for details)

Wednesday 17th September: a speaker from The Friends of St James' Cemetery will give a lecture on the ancient burial ground which is next to the Anglican Cathedral.

Wednesday 15th October: Dr Donna Jackson will speak on "I Believe in Yesterday: Modern Heritage & The Beatles"

Wednesday 19th November: Annual General Meeting

Fuller details of the talks will be in issue 332, our notice board & website.

Talks are held at Woolton Village Club, starting at 7.30pm, & are free to attend, members & non-members alike. We have the use of the large downstairs room, televised football games permitting, so check on arrival to save toiling upstairs.

The AGM will also be held at the Club, but is for Society members only.

Heritage Open Day: Saturday 13th September

The Society has registered to take part again in Heritage Open Day, & will be running an architectural highlights walk of the village, as well as Beatles trails. Booking is essential for the guided walk as numbers are limited to 15. The route & starting place will be advised on the website & notice board. Members can make enquiries on 428 2680. The Beatles trails will start from The Simon Peter Centre at 1pm, 2.30pm & 4pm, with no need to book. All walks are free, but will need some stamina so not suitable for those with mobility issues.

English Heritage has supplied us with copious amounts of bunting & balloons, so we will be highly visible on the day. Copies of our History of Woolton will also be on sale.

See also page 5 of this issue for more details of HOD events in Woolton

Woolton Society Electronic Mailing List

We now have an electronic mailing list so that our members can be notified speedily about events, such as activities regarding threats to our Conservation Area & green spaces. We have the contact details of those members who receive their newsletter via e-mail, but if you have a hand or postal delivery & are not sure if we have your e-mail address then please send it to us and we will add you to the electronic mailing list.

E-mail membership@wooltonociety.org.uk with the following details:

Single membership - include your name and email address.

Joint membership - include both your names and one or two email addresses.

Please note, these details will not be shared with any other database, nor is this a move to put everyone on an e-delivery of the newsletter. The paper copy will be available for the foreseeable future.

Future Events

The Society has several events planned for our members, including an outing in Spring or Summer 2015 to St James Cemetery, following the talk in September. As a contrast, there is a possible visit to the waste disposal facility in Gilmoor, to the North of the city. We have been offered this tour as the waste disposal authority is keen to show off their plant, but as it is likely to be of minority interest, it is thought that a date could be arranged with the WDA, with members making their own way to Gilmoor. Please ring 428 2680 to express interest.

From our Archives: Beating the Bounds

This extract is from issue 176 in June 1992, when the Chairman was Ted Clement-Evans. It reports an event from Environment Week in May, which was undertaken together with the Woolton Village Residents Association. This was "Beating the Bounds" which takes place traditionally on Rogation Sunday.

In Beating the Bounds by walking around the edges of Woolton Woods & Camp Hill on Rogation Sunday we were conscious of reviving a very old tradition. About forty people turned out on the day, & we had the feeling that we were starting a new tradition too, demonstrating how much we value our green open spaces & the beauty of our parks.

We were mixed in age from the under-tuos to the over-eighties, from all parts of Woolton & beyond, & we were pleased to welcome amongst us Councillor Pauline McKibben & her parents, & Dr Henry Gibson. After photographs we set off into hot sunshine, grateful for the shade of the trees. Some of the group carried twigs & sticks to beat on gates & corners of walls, following the old tradition. A dog which walked with us also carried a large stick for much of the way! For the family albums, one or two children's heads were bumped (very gently) against gateposts, the old idea being literally to "knock into their heads" the boundaries of the territory.

As well as the worthy aims of the occasion, we had a very happy afternoon, meeting neighbours & making new friends. It is to be expected in the Village that people can find that they know someone else's second cousin, but it is pleasing to discover that these connections can stretch as far as the Isle of Man.

Altogether, we hope that this is "the start of something big", & that we can persuade other groups to beat the bounds of their parts of the Green Wedge & link up with us in future years.

We do not know if this ceremony was repeated in subsequent years, or if the traditional practice of knocking children's heads became frowned upon. Perhaps members could enlighten us on this point?

The newsletter went on to advertise the Society's bookstall at the Woolton Fete, an outing to Holmfirth & Howarth, both in June, & a talk on Arboriculture planned for September.

More extracts from our archives will follow in future issues.

Woolton News

St James Church

Society representatives attended the re-dedication of St James' Church on 11th April, which is now open again after an extensive refurbishment. In a simple but very moving ceremony conducted by Rev. Alan Crump the church was re-introduced to the community. The interior has been opened up to create a stunning space which enables light to pour in, illuminating the stained glass windows, with new glass doors giving a view into the church from outside.

Woolton in Bloom

WIB has been given the date of **Thursday 31st July** when the Royal Horticultural Society will arrive to judge Woolton in the Champion of Champions category. The crown on King's Drive is being replaced with a structure with a Great War theme, & volunteers will be out in force planting, pruning & cleaning up. Several clean up days are planned, & we urge all Society members to do their bit in keeping the village clean, tidy & litter free, as points are lost for weeds & untidiness. Please contact Kerry on 421 0222 to offer help, or ask at the WIB stall on Farmers Market days.

An Open Gardens event is being planned for **Sunday 27th July**, 12 noon to 5pm, with eleven local gardens open to view. Refreshments on the day will be provided by the W.I. at St Peter's on Church Road. A brochure will be printed with details of all gardens open, together with a map, & this will act as a passport. Priced at £5, it will be available on the gate at each garden, the WIB stall, Brown's, & at the Woolton Society's talk on 16th July.

The 2015 official WIB calendar is in production, again with a Woolton old & new theme, & will be available later in the year from Brown's on Woolton Street as well as the WIB stall.

WIB is mourning the recent loss of one of its most indefatigable fundraisers, Harold Silverman. Harold played the accordion in the village on sunny days, & at Christmas events outside Sainsbury's & Tesco, raising thousands of pounds for ex-servicemen's charities as well as WIB. His cheerful personality will be sadly missed.

Friends of Reynolds Park

The planting day with KPMG volunteers on 16th May resulted in many more varieties of wild flowers in the meadow. Pupils from Bishop Martin & St Julie's schools grew seeds, & helped with planting on the day.

FORP will be hosting Shakespeare's *As You Like It* in the Walled Garden on **Friday 25th & Saturday 26th July**. Tickets available on the gate.

FORP hopes to take part in the Heritage Open Day, so look out for notices nearer the date.

The next meeting of FORP will be on **Wednesday 9th July**, 7pm at Tesco's coffee shop.

Heritage Open Day in the Village: Saturday 13th September

Not as many events planned as last year, when the Centenary was celebrated, but there will be several things going on, as well as the Woolton Society's contribution.

The Woolton Village Residents Association will be opening the baths on **Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th**, between 10am & 3pm each day, but sadly without water in the pool.

FORP hopes to re-run the very popular Reynolds Park trail, with a printed guide to the park available at the Church Road gates.

St Peter's Church will be open until 4pm, as there is a wedding that afternoon.

Please look out for notices of events nearer to the date.

Ticket to Read

The FREE community library service is open at The Simon Peter Centre, Mondays & Wednesdays, 1.30 to 4.30, & also at Linksvie Community Centre on alternate Thursdays, 1.00 to 3.00.

The bag pack at Sainsbury's in May raised enough to pay the rent for the next few months, but fundraising continues, with an event planned for **Thursday 17th July**.

This will be A Midsummer Celebration in words & music, at St Peter's Church Hall, 8pm to 10.30pm. There will be fun readings to celebrate Summer, live music & a bar. Tickets are £6.50, which includes a buffet, available from TTR.

Women's Institute (Women of Woolton: WOW)

The W.I. has a new President, Janet Gray, & goes from strength to strength with a waiting list for membership. Meetings are held in St Peter's Hall on the second Monday of each month, & non-members may attend for a payment of £3. The next talk will be on **Monday 14th July**, when Donald Lodge will speak on the life & times of being a butler to the stars.

The W.I. in Woolton has several offshoots, with a book group, quiz nights, tai chi, craft & natter, & a walking group. The latest addition to the list is a crown green bowls group, which meets at the Village Club on Fridays at 2pm.

New businesses in the village

Coast coffee shop is now open at 5-7 Allerton Road, 345 6139, with owners Michele & Karen. A tempting range of cakes are available, as well as several coffees & leaf teas.

Opening times: Monday to Thursday 8.30 to 6pm; Friday & Saturday 8.30 to 8pm; Sunday 9.30 to 4pm.

All Your Animal Needs has opened in the former Landy's shop on Allerton Road, phone 421 0335. It was still setting up when we called, but has items for pets from hamsters to horses.

The owner has received several negative comments concerning his signage, & is currently consulting the Planning Department with the aim of bringing the signs into line with local guidelines.

We wish all new businesses well & hope that they will prosper, & enhance the village.

Planning News & Applications

Beaconsfield Road: St Julie's proposed move

Those attending a crowded meeting at Woolton High School on 12th June were anticipating a long battle with the planners over their scheme to re-locate St Julie's school from Speke Road to Beaconsfield Road. This would put the new school next door to SFX, & with concerns too about planning applications to develop Strawberry Field & the St Gabriel's site which are very close by. (see also issues 329 & 330)

To general amazement, Mayor Joe Anderson announced that the move was off, on safety grounds, the council having noticed that over two & a half thousand teenagers would be crossing the roads at the same time, with the twice daily traffic gridlock intensified. Before euphoria took over, he then announced that the new school would be on what he described as spare land on Woolton Hill, or what residents would describe as green space leading to Woolton Woods. This is land between the existing St Julie's school site and High Street, adjacent to the Youth Club. The proposal will mean that access to what remains of Woolton Woods will no longer be possible from this part of the village as Joe Anderson stated that he will then sell off the current St Julie's site and the Lower Lea site on Beaconsfield road to property developers.

The Woolton Society will be objecting to any proposal to build on a public park that is also part of a conservation area green space. You can help by writing to or emailing the people in the following list to make your feelings known. In the meantime the Woolton Society will update you with any news as we have it.

The Save Woolton Woods group has been set up, with representatives from The Woolton Society, WVRA, & many concerned local residents. Members will be kept informed of events, so please see also page 4 of this issue, & check that we have your e-mail address.

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Sister Margaret Walsh - Chair of Governors - St Julie's: bcain@stjulies.org.uk

Following is a summary of planning applications received by the City council since our last planning newsletter. See <http://northgate.liverpool.gov.uk/PlanningExplorer17/GeneralSearch.aspx>

Contact the Society at environment@wooltonociety.org.uk re. planning matters.

Applic'n Number	Site Address	Development Description	Status	Date Register'd	Decision
14F/1370	8 Woolton Street Liverpool L25 5JA	To remove condition 3 attached to 13F/0747	REGISTERED	18-06-2014	
14H/1371	Church House Church Road Liverpool L25 6DD	To erect single storey extension to the rear following demolition of previous with new entrance to the front and associated external works	REGISTERED	18-06-2014	
14H/1373	90 Allerton Road Liverpool L25 7RQ	To remove two load bearing walls, flank wall to kitchen and rear wall to lounge, carry out external alterations to existing outrigger, timber decking and stair	REGISTERED	18-06-2014	
14F/0842	Mendips 251 Menlove Avenue Liverpool L25	To vary conditions 1 & 3 attached to permission 06F/3607 so as to allow the premises to be open to the public between 1100 and 1700 hours Wednesday - Sunday all year round	REGISTERED	13-06-2014	
14H/1294	33 Monks Way Liverpool L25 5HP	To erect single storey extension to the rear.	REGISTERED	09-06-2014	
14F/1288	Woodcroft Beaconsfield Road Liverpool L25 6EJ	To convert stables outbuilding to a separate dwelling incorporating two storey extension to the front/side with 2 storey canopy to side, raised terrace for side, erect extension to outbuildings and create new vehicular access arrangement to Beaconsfield Road	REGISTERED	09-06-2014	
14F/1254	Strawberry Field Beaconsfield Road Liverpool L25 6EG	To erect new building incorporating training centre (D1) for young adults with learning disabilities a visitor centre, community cafe and ancillary gift shop (A3/A1) following demolition of buildings on site, reconfigure vehicle access, create bus lay by on Beaconsfield Road and layout associated car parking and landscaping	REGISTERED	04-06-2014	
14H/1232	14 Aldbourne Avenue Liverpool L25 6JE	To erect part single two storey extension to the rear and install roof lights in connection with loft conversion, patio and privacy screen to the rear	REGISTERED	02-06-2014	
14H/1221	59 Wallgate Road Liverpool L25 1PP	To erect two storey extension to the side and single storey extension to the rear	REGISTERED	02-06-2014	

14H/1197	38 Hillside Drive Liverpool L25 5NS	To erect two storey extension to side and rear; with single storey extensions to the front and rear	REGISTERED	29-05- 2014	
14H/1132	Winster Woolton Park Liverpool L25 6DU	To erect pitched roof over existing dormer	FINAL DECISION	19-05- 2014	Refuse
14L/1060	The Elephant 1 Woolton Street Liverpool L25 5NH	To display new signage and paint building blue and white	REGISTERED	19-05- 2014	
14A/1088	The Elephant 1 Woolton Street Liverpool L25 5NH	To display 4 handwritten signs, 2 amenity boards, one entrance canopy and one projecting sign	REGISTERED	14-05- 2014	
14DIS/09 56	Land adjacent to Newstead Farm Quarry Street Liverpool L25 6DY	To discharge conditions 5, 6, & 7 attached to 13F/1792	FINAL DECISION	29-04- 2014	Conditions Discharged
14L/0937	The Elephant 1 Woolton Street Liverpool L25 5NH	To erect wall and railings to seating area fronting Woolton Street and erect bin store in adjacent car park to the side	WITHDRAWN	24-04- 2014	Withdrawn
14F/0936	The Elephant 1 Woolton Street Liverpool L25 5NH	To erect wall and railings to seating area fronting Woolton Street and erect bin store in adjacent car park to the side	REGISTERED	24-04- 2014	
14L/0902	The Gate Lodge Woolton Manor High Street Liverpool L25 7TB	To erect two storey extension, to east elevation and make internal and external alterations	REGISTERED	22-04- 2014	
14H/0883	The Gate Lodge Woolton Manor High Street Liverpool L25 7TB	To erect two storey extension to east elevation and make internal and external alterations	REGISTERED	22-04- 2014	
14L/0897	The Baby Elephant 1 Woolton Street Liverpool L25 5NH	To carry out internal and external alterations in connection with creation of outdoor dining/seating areas including canopy, awning and planters	REGISTERED	16-04- 2014	
14H/0878	23 Bower Road Liverpool L25 4RG	To alter and extend roof of dormer bungalow	FINAL DECISION	15-04- 2014	Approve with Conditions
14L/0836	The Elephant 1 Woolton Street Liverpool L25 5NH	To carry out internal alterations including new openings in walls new doors and partitions removal of raised seating area new bar and redecorating	FINAL DECISION	10-04- 2014	Approve with Conditions
14F/0835	The Baby Elephant 1 Woolton Street Liverpool L25 5NH	To carry out external alterations in connection with creation of outdoor dining/seating areas including canopy, awning and planters	REGISTERED	10-04- 2014	
14H/0832	Parkfield 18 Courtenay Road Liverpool L25 4RL	To erect extensions to front, side and rear including alterations to bay windows and erect front and rear dormer extension in connection with loft conversion	REGISTERED	10-04- 2014	
14H/0750	20 Acrefield Park Liverpool L25 6JX	To erect single storey extension to rear	FINAL DECISION	01-04- 2014	Approve with Conditions
14H/0718	4 Parkwood Road Liverpool L25 4RJ	To erect single storey extension to the side and rear and convert garage into an office	FINAL DECISION	28-03- 2014	Approve with Conditions