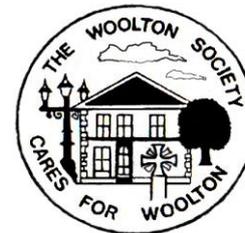


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## NEWSLETTER

*Woolton Society's new website:*

The screenshot shows the website for The Woolton Society. The header includes the society's logo on the left, the name 'The Woolton Society' in the center, and the tagline 'Serving the community for over 40 years' with an email address 'info@wooltonociety.org.uk'. A navigation menu below the header contains links for Home, Talks, Newsletters, Woolton Environment, Join the Society, Useful links, and Contact us. The main content area lists the society's aims and activities. On the right, there is a sidebar titled 'All talks are held at The Village Club' with a list of upcoming talks: 'Wed 20 March' by Mrs Teresa Smith on 'In Search of the Icelandic Sagas', 'Wed 15 May' by Dr Sally Sheard on 'Profit is a Dirty Word - Public Baths & Washhouses', and 'Wed 17 July' by Dr David Harrison on 'Murder in the Suburbs: the Wallace case of 1931'. The footer includes the charity number 506224 and a note that the site is hosted by BCJR Computers Ltd.

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# *Society news*

## **Diary Dates & next talks**

Dr David Harrison will be our guest speaker on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**, when he will have as his topic *The Wallace Murder Case of 1931*. This was a sensational trial held at Liverpool Crown Court, where insurance agent William Wallace stood accused of the brutal murder of his wife. His alibi was that he had been called away to an address in Menlove Gardens East, a road which the police found did not exist. Dr Harrison, a lecturer in local history, will take us through the trial & its controversial aftermath, & give a possible explanation to a murder which has baffled students of crime for decades.

After our Summer break, on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**, Woolton resident Janice Tullock will speak on *Journeys Through My Family Tree, & Where Yours Could Take You*. Mrs Tullock is an archivist & archive consultant who has worked with various organisations including The National Archives & The National Trust. She also continues to research her own family & uncover more skeletons.

All talks are held in the upstairs room of the Village Club, starting at 7.30pm. Details of our AGM in October, & the talk on 20<sup>th</sup> November will be in issue 328, as well as on our notice board & website.

## **Profit is a Dirty Word**

Our speaker in May was Dr Sally Sheard of Liverpool University, who spoke on the pioneering development of public baths & wash houses in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Liverpool. This was an engrossing topic, as where Liverpool led in the field of public health, other cities followed. Dr Sheard asked for her speakers fee to be donated to WaterAid, & together with donations after her talk we were able to send £64 to this charity. Dr Sheard also pioneered our new microphone & speaker system, which should improve the experience for those who have to stand at the back during the talks.

## **Woolton Society website**

Our website is now up & running, thanks to committee member Paul Wilkie, and can be found at [www.wooltonsociety.org.uk](http://www.wooltonsociety.org.uk) Here can be found the latest news & views, details of talks and campaigns, membership forms to download, & back issues of the Newsletter. You can also contact the society via the website.

## **Farmers Market**

The Society has applied for a stall at the Woolton Farmers market on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July** (8.30 am to 2 pm). Meet us there to renew or take out membership, find photographs of Old Woolton, buy our very popular History of Much Woolton, or perhaps gift membership for the 'person with everything' in your life.

## **Heritage Weekend: 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September**

English Heritage has organized a nation-wide weekend of events for some years now, opening up usually private homes & buildings to the public, but this is the first time that Woolton has taken part. Several of the local societies will be putting on events to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Woolton & Gateacre becoming part of the City of Liverpool in 1913. See page 3 for more details.

The Woolton Society hopes to recreate one of the architectural tours instituted by founder member Janet Gnosspelius, & also a Beatles walk, taking in some of the famous sites immortalised by the Fab Four. There will also be a picture quiz for children.

English Heritage will be putting out publicity for this weekend, so events will be open to all, & free. Booking will be essential to ensure a place on the walks, which we anticipate will be very popular. See our website, or ring 428 2680 for further details of the walks or booking.

# *Heritage Weekend Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September*

English Heritage has been running Heritage Weekend events for some years, & many places around the country will be open on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please note that the events in Woolton are for the Saturday only, unless specified otherwise.

**Grand Opening** by The High Sheriff of Merseyside Ian Meadows, 11 am at St Peter's Church. To be followed by singing from the Bishop Martin Primary School choir.

## **The Woolton Society**

The Society plans a walk taking in Woolton's architectural features, a Beatles walk, & a picture quiz for children.

## **Woolton Village Residents Association**

Woolton baths will be open (sadly, no water) with a display of photographs. The building will be open on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> as well as Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. See also page 5 of this issue.

## **Women's Institute**

Members will be providing refreshments at St Peter's Hall in the costume of 1913.

## **Woolton In Bloom**

Volunteers will be on hand to guide visitors around the floral displays.

## **St Peter's Church, St James' Church, St Mary's Church**

The three churches will be open, with floral displays.

There will be an exhibition of paintings by local artist Tony Moscardini in St Peter's Hall.

## **St Julie's High School**

A programme of events to include dancing, singing & an art display. The art display will be on view throughout the week at the school.

## **Bishop Martin Primary School**

The school choir will be singing in the church.

## **Friends of Reynolds Park**

Volunteers will be on hand to lead visitors around the trails, & give information on the park's history.

## **Ticket to Read**

The community library will be open in The Simon Peter Centre, with June the librarian providing readings.

## **Friends of Gateacre**

A Village Fair will be held on The Green.

## **The Gateacre Society**

St Stephen's & Gateacre Chapel will be open.

**A directory for the day is being produced, & will be available from August. This will provide a full & definitive guide to the day's programme, together with timings for all events.**

# Woolton News

## Woolton in Bloom

After winning the top award in the *Urban Community* section in 2012, Woolton is this year in both the North West in Bloom and Britain in Bloom competitions. The judging for NWIB is to be on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, and for BIB on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August**. The theme for this year is Edible Gardens: Fork to Fork. Volunteers will be seen about the village planting & weeding, & clean -up days will be held in the days running up to each judging. We urge all our members to keep Woolton tidy & litter-free, as points are lost for litter & general untidiness. We wish our colleagues in WIB success, & hope that yet another gold medal will be won.

The 2014 WIB official calendar is under production, & will be on sale from August.

## Friends of Reynolds Park

The new sundial has now been installed after a delay caused by the extended wintry weather, with the old dial mounted on a tree stump near to the walled garden entrance. The new dial bears the motto *Misspend No Time*.

Barclays Bank has provided funding for wild flower planting in the meadow, & also manpower in the form of a staff volunteering scheme.

FORP will be providing refreshments for The Network Theatre Company's production of *Romeo & Juliet* in the park on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July**. Times are 7pm & 2pm respectively.

The next meeting of FORP will be on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**, 7pm at Tesco's coffee shop.

## Ticket To Read

Woolton's community library is based at two venues in the village, with the following days & times:

The Simon Peter Centre, Church Rd:

Mondays 1.30 to 4.30, and Wednesdays 12.00 to 3.00

Linksvie Tower, Vale Road: Thursdays 1.00 to 3.00

The library was established with thousands of donated books, & offers a free book lending service. However, rent needs to be paid & so fund raising goes on in the form of charity nights at the Village Club, bag packs at Tesco & Asda, & appeals for donations. Ring 07511 194 133 for how to help by making a donation or by setting up a standing order.

There will be a Charity Night to raise funds at the Village Club on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30pm.

## Woolton Community Life

This is a new organisation, set up by doctors at Woolton Medical Centre who were concerned at the degree of isolation of some of their patients. Many local groups, including The Woolton Society, have become involved in compiling a directory of services & activities in the village. This directory will be freely available in many shops & surgeries in the next few weeks.

## The Women's Institute

The W.I. now has a waiting list for new members.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July**, with a talk & demonstration from Miss Raggy Doll textiles. There will be no meeting in August. **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September** will see a Tai Chi demonstration. Meetings are held in St Peter's Hall, beginning at 7pm.

## Woolton Village Residents Association

The WVRA will be holding a table sale on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** at St James' Church Hall, 10.00 to 12.30. All proceeds to general funds & towards the Woolton baths restoration.

The baths were opened by WVRA over the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June, with over 200 visitors on each day.

**WOOLTON BATHS 120th BIRTHDAY- 28th JUNE 2013-** Report from Sue Carmichael  
*The Anniversary of its formal opening by Holbrook Gaskell JP, local Victorian philanthropist,  
Widnes chemical industrialist.  
featuring a magnificent display of '120th Birthday Card' projects by our three primary schools.*

The Woolton Village Residents Association Company was recently (after 14 months legal negotiation) granted an initial one year lease, ceremonially being handed a giant symbolic key by Wendy Simon, Liverpool City Council Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism. We were only then able to plan for the two day '120th Birthday' opening of the pool hall and rear yard also thereby enabling public viewing of the exterior of the previously unseen two storey former stable block/sometime Much Woolton UDC Fire Station. This public event involved much essential Health and Safety preparation: risk assessments and method statements approved by the city council in advance; the erection of safety barriers at each end of the empty pool which is potentially a far greater safety risk than one full of water; Health and Safety trained volunteers to be on duty throughout each of the two days.

The 'Birthday' began early with photographing three giant gold 120 helium balloons outside the front door; as it was too windy to suspend them dramatically from the roof top; they were finally displayed inside together with 120th greetings cards from many organisations and individuals. These included: Dr Ian Gordon, co-author of 'Great Lengths' and Doctor to the GB Olympic team; Museum of Liverpool; Manchester Victoria Baths; Dr Antoinette McKane, Programme Leader for Liverpool Hope University's newly launched MA in Museum and Heritage Studies, (full or part time: [enquiry@hope.ac.uk](mailto:enquiry@hope.ac.uk)) who hopes some of her students will work with us and has already had an enquiry from a potential student living in Moscow! Woolton Baths tea towels, featuring Tony Moscardini's sketch and kindly sponsored by Whitegates also went on sale in aid of Baths restoration.

Having invited our three local primary schools to do a 'Woolton Baths 120th Birthday Card/ poem/ story' project , supplying each with a learning pack of photos and other historic information, we have been overwhelmed with the imaginative approaches, colour and variety of the results . It appears the children and teachers enjoyed engaging with this educational and creative theme; the huge display pinned up on the safety barriers certainly suggests this. We plan to display these with other historic material during our Heritage Open Days on 12th, 13th and 14th September and are also in discussion with the Museum of Liverpool about a future day or weekend event featuring the children's project in their Education suite.

'Opening the Baths' for viewing raises expectations, especially with children who are so excited about swimming there again. However it will be a long journey, with detailed structural and engineering investigations of the pool itself being a priority alongside progressing our Stage1/2 Heritage Lottery application and other match fundraising, further business plan development and attracting more professional volunteer assistance.

## ***Environment Secretary: an urgent plea for assistance***

***Our long-serving environment secretary Meryl Kelbrick wishes to step down & take a less active role in environmental matters. If any of our members would like to take over some of her duties, monitoring the planning aspects of the society, please contact any committee member. This is a vital role, so perhaps a group of like-minded individuals could form a planning sub-committee, & work together.***

# Planning News and Applications

## Reynolds Park Lodge & Bothy

As reported on our notice board & website, the site meeting concerning the park lodge on Church Rd & the Gardeners' Bothy has had a positive outcome. Following representations from The Woolton Society & FORP the surveyors agreed that plans to encroach on the park to increase the footprint of the properties for sale were both unnecessary & likely to provoke considerable opposition from many quarters. We understand that the proposed plans will be amended so that no part of the park or walled garden will be included in the proposed sale.

## Housing Sites Identified

Council officials have drawn up a list of more than 1,200 sites in Liverpool where new houses could be built, part of a plan whereby nearly 35,000 properties could be developed over the next 15 years. In Woolton some sites have already been developed, such as the Quarry Street/Rodick Street area. Many sites identified are for one or more units, but the larger proposed sites are:

Land at rear of Knolle Park Mews: 45 units; Palmerston School, Beaconsfield Road: 31 units; St Julie's, Woolton Street: 143 units.

Officials want people to have their say; to make comments write to Planning at the City Council or comment at <http://liverpool.gov.uk/council/strategies-plans-and-policies/environment-and-planning/plan-making-in-liverpool/evidence-monitoring-and-information/strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment/>

The following is a summary of planning applications received by the City council since our last newsletter. See

<http://northgate.liverpool.gov.uk/PlanningExplorer17/GeneralSearch.aspx>

Contact the Society at [environment@wooltonsociety.org.uk](mailto:environment@wooltonsociety.org.uk) re. planning matters.

Applic'n Number	Site Address	Development Description	Status	Date Register'd	Decision
<a href="#">13H/1614</a>	28 Reservoir Road Liverpool L25 6HR	To erect single storey extension to front first floor extension to front/side and carry out loft conversion	REGISTERED	28-06-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1518</a>	5 Lynton Green Liverpool L25 6JB	To erect infill extension at rear and new pitched roof over existing extensions at side and rear. To demolish chimney stack to rear side elevation. To erect porch at front and garage conversion	REGISTERED	28-06-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1593</a>	7 Elm House Mews Liverpool L25 3PH	To retain single storey extension to the rear	REGISTERED	27-06-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1592</a>	47 Hollytree Road Liverpool L25 5PB	To erect single storey extension to the rear	REGISTERED	27-06-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1527</a>	15 Halewood Road Liverpool L25 3PH	To erect single storey extension to the rear	REGISTERED	19-06-2013	
<a href="#">13NM/1509</a>	Site at the corner of Quarry Street and Rodick Street Liverpool L25 6EZ	Application for non material amendment to 11F/2662 - To erect 8 no. three storey dwellings with associated car parking.	REGISTERED	18-06-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1508</a>	1 Parkwood Road Liverpool L25 4RJ	To erect 2 storey extension to the side	REGISTERED	18-06-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1505</a>	22 Cuckoo Lane Liverpool L25 4UQ	To erect first floor extension to the side, single storey extension to the rear and carry out garage conversion	REGISTERED	18-06-2013	

<a href="#">13F/1494</a>	Elm House Childwall Abbey Road Liverpool L16 5EY	To use premises as a childminders.	REGISTERED	17-06-2013	
<a href="#">13PO/1490</a>	14 - 16 Quarry Street Liverpool L25 6HE	To change use from office (B1) to residential (C3 dwelling house)	FINAL DECISION	14-06-2013	Prior approval not required
<a href="#">13H/1427</a>	9 Quickwood Drive Liverpool L25 4TP	To erect single storey extension to side/rear following demolition of garage and conservatory.	REGISTERED	11-06-2013	
<a href="#">13NM/1374</a>	Palmerston School and Lower Lea Beaconsfield Road Liverpool L25 6EE	Application for non material amendment to 12F/2873 to amend wall finish to small sections above the cedar cladding	FINAL DECISION	03-06-2013	Approv'd
<a href="#">13H/1322</a>	1b Rodick Street Liverpool L25 7SL	To carry out garage conversion and create bin storage housing	REGISTERED	28-05-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1321</a>	1a Rodick Street Liverpool L25 7SL	To carry out garage conversion and create bin storage housing	REGISTERED	28-05-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1320</a>	1c Rodick Street Liverpool L25 7SL	To carry out garage conversion and create bin storage housing	REGISTERED	28-05-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1319</a>	1 Rodick Street Liverpool L25 7SL	To carry out garage conversion and create bin storage housing	REGISTERED	28-05-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1309</a>	32 Rockbourne Avenue Liverpool L25	To extend double garage to the side and front and convert part of garage and existing utility room into habitable room.	REGISTERED	28-05-2013	
<a href="#">13F/0649</a>	Meadow Court 59 Out Lane Liverpool I25 8TT	To erect single storey extension to lounge, bin store extensions to side, minor external alterations, extend parking area, erect gazebo within grounds, erect detached scooter store and new boundary treatments ** amended location of gazebo, revised bin store and boundary treatment design and more accurate drawings received**.	REGISTERED	28-05-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1281</a>	6 Glenville Close Liverpool L25 5NJ	To erect a single storey extension to the side.	REGISTERED	23-05-2013	
<a href="#">13F/1272</a>	Gateacre Park Shopping Centre Gateacre Park Drive Liverpool L25	To erect replacement shopping centre with mixed retail use and associated parking and service delivery area.	REGISTERED	22-05-2013	
<a href="#">13L/1170</a>	Yewfield Church Road Woolton Liverpool L25 6DD	To install flue and vents on roof of extension.	REGISTERED	09-05-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1169</a>	Yewfield Church Road Woolton Liverpool L25 6DD	To install flue and vents on roof of extension.	REGISTERED	09-05-2013	
<a href="#">13L/1154</a>	Tower House Tower Way Liverpool L25 6EB	To rebuild double garage and erect single storey link extension at rear. (Amended Description)	REGISTERED	08-05-2013	
<a href="#">13L/0921</a>	35a Woolton Street Liverpool L25 7TG	To demolish outbuilding, install window to rear and carry out internal alterations.	REGISTERED	08-05-2013	
<a href="#">13F/1118</a>	5A Woolton Street Liverpool L25 5NH	To erect single storey extension to the side and install new fire escape to first floor staff area.	FINAL DECISION	02-05-2013	Approve with Condit'ns
<a href="#">13H/0958</a>	Winster Woolton Park Liverpool L25 6DU	To erect porch to the front, single storey extension to the side and dormer extension at rear.	FINAL DECISION	30-04-2013	Approve with Condit'ns

<a href="#">13H/1067</a>	18 Druidville Road Liverpool L18 3EW	To erect two storey extension to the side	REGISTERED	26-04-2013	
<a href="#">13F/1051</a>	2 Gateacre Vale Road Liverpool L25 5NP	To install 3 dormer extensions to front.	FINAL DECISION	25-04-2013	Approve with Condit'ns
<a href="#">13H/1047</a>	Tower House Tower Way Liverpool L25 6EB	To rebuild double garage and erect single storey link extension at rear. (Amended Description)	REGISTERED	24-04-2013	
<a href="#">13H/1019</a>	64 Hunts Cross Avenue Liverpool L25 5NX	To erect two storey extension to the side, single storey extension at rear and porch/garage at front.	FINAL DECISION	23-04-2013	Approve with Condit'ns
<a href="#">13H/0970</a>	Heaton Lodge High Street Liverpool L25 7TD	To carry out refurbishment works, including new windows, new door, new/refurbished roof/rainwater goods, new/refurbished fascias and soffits.	FINAL DECISION	18-04-2013	Approve with Condit'ns
<a href="#">13H/0926</a>	19 Cresttor Road Liverpool L25 6DN	To erect single storey extension to front and side	FINAL DECISION	12-04-2013	Approve with Condit'ns
<a href="#">13F/0734</a>	Abbots Lea School Beaconsfield Road Liverpool L25 6EE	To vary condition 2 attached to 12F/2874 (to erect new classroom block comprising 6 classrooms with associated car parking and ancillary works following demolitions) so as to allow the removal of additional trees.	REGISTERED	10-04-2013	
<a href="#">13H/0725</a>	14 Cuckoo Lane Liverpool L25 4UQ	To erect two storey extension to side/rear and single storey extensions to front and rear.	FINAL DECISION	27-03-2013	Approve with Condit'ns
<a href="#">13L/0799</a>	10 Acrefield Road Liverpool L25 5JL	To install 2 windows to the front elevation and 2 to the rear, facilitated in part by the part bricking-up of the existing back door.	FINAL DECISION	27-03-2013	Approve with Condit'ns
<a href="#">13H/0773</a>	479 Woolton Road Liverpool L25 4SZ	To erect dormer to the rear in connection with loft conversion.	REGISTERED	25-03-2013	
<a href="#">13PT/0759</a>	Adopted Grassed Central Reservation on Menlove Avenue Liverpool L25 7UT	To replace existing 15 metre high telecommunications mast, antennas and equipment cabinet with 15 metre high telecommunications mast with associated cabin equipment.	FINAL DECISION	22-03-2013	Prior Approval Given
<a href="#">13H/0675</a>	1 Rockbourne Avenue Liverpool L25 4TG	To erect first floor extension in connection with creation of a 2 storey dwellinghouse.	FINAL DECISION	15-03-2013	Approve with Condit'ns
<a href="#">13F/0625</a>	The Falstaff 110 Gateacre Park Drive Liverpool L25 1PG	To erect 14 dwellinghouses following demolition of Public House.	REGISTERED	11-03-2013	
<a href="#">13F/0591</a>	1-10 Deneacres Allerton Road Liverpool L25 7RE	To carry out external alterations including new windows and doors in connection with refurbishment of apartment block.	FINAL DECISION	06-03-2013	Approve with Condit'ns
<a href="#">13H/0586</a>	42 Rockbourne Avenue Liverpool L25 4TL	To erect two storey extension to the side/front, incorporating balcony and single storey extension to the side/rear.	FINAL DECISION	06-03-2013	Approve with Condit'ns
<a href="#">13NM/0573</a>	Palmerston School and Lower Lea Beaconsfield Road Liverpool L25 6EE	Application for non-material amendment to 12F/2873 - To erect new classroom block, comprising four classrooms with associated car parking and ancillary works	FINAL DECISION	06-03-2013	Non Material Amendme nt Approved
<a href="#">13H/0546</a>	139 Gateacre Park Drive Liverpool L25 4UE	To erect single storey extension to the side and front and pitched roof over existing bay window at rear.	FINAL DECISION	04-03-2013	Approve with Condit'ns