

PARKGATE AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

~~THURSDAY, 9th~~ ^{Tuesday 7th} OCTOBER, 1975 at 8 p.m.

AT THE PARKGATE HOTEL

followed by a Talk

"BIRDS OF THE DEE ESTUARY"

by local Naturalist

MR. E.J. ABRAHAM

The Executive Committee have pleasure in inviting all members to attend on the above date and the Ho. Secretary is available to receive nominations as laid down in paragraph 6 of the Constitution, which is in part reproduced below:

"Nominations for the election of Officers shall be made in writing at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be supported by proposer and seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. The election of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of further committee members. The Officers of the Society shall consist of:-

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer

all of which relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting..."

The Committee was pleased to see over 90 members and friends on the occasion of the talk by Mr. G. Place on 'The Origins of Parkgate' given on 17th April last. Those who attended agreed it was a fascinating subject and we all look forward to the next episode in the series, which we hope will take place in the Spring.

The Rotary Club of Neston organised an Art Competition and the Society sponsored a prize for the best entry relating to Parkgate. This was presented to the winner, Beverly Pollitt, at the Primary School by the Head Mistress, Miss Alred.

Mrs. Clarke has been keeping a close eye on the developments, or rather non-developments, of the pumping station site on the Parade. As usual, Ellesmere Port Council have been most helpful in keeping us informed and we understand that the delay is due to shortage of the control panel and the Brewery not having given permission for MANWEB to fit their metering panel in the store shed adjoining the Old Quay.

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We have been assured that the Contractor has been instructed to clean the Sea Wall, do as much reinstatement as possible and to keep the area tidy. The final reinstatement cannot, however, be done until the permanent pumps are commissioned.

We are sure you will have noticed that work on the Donkey Stand has been started and, at the time of writing, appears to be progressing in a satisfactory manner.

Dee Barrage

We regret to announce that Mr. G. Edwards has found it necessary to resign as Chairman, due to professional and personal reasons. Since the instigation of the Society in 1972, Mr. Edwards has been involved with this sub-committee and we should like to take this opportunity to thank him for his work.

Historical - Chairman Mr. G.W. Place 336-2891

You will be pleased to know that we have been awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Civic Trust for our booklet 'A Stroll through Parkgate', entered in their 'Guidebooks' competition for European Architectural Heritage Year. Mrs. H. Wall-Jones and the late Miss O. Wilcox spent a considerable time in the production of this booklet and we are grateful to them both. It is to be regretted that Miss Wilcox did not live to see the successful results of the project to which she gave so much time and energy. We have also thanked Major P. Moore, Director of Countryside and Recreation and his assistant, Miss Pyle, for their help and encouragement in the production.

Litter - Chairman Mr. C. Morrison 336-4319

Members must be all too aware of the ever increasing menace of litter, which was at its worst during the last Bank Holiday. Our Chairman contacted Ellesmere Port Borough Council officials who were, as usual, most helpful and agreed that employees should pay particular attention during peak holiday periods.

This is a growing national problem and if any local resident has an idea which may help, Mr. Morrison would welcome any constructive suggestions.

It is to be regretted that all the trees we planted in Earle Drive have been vandalised. Ellesmere Port have kindly agreed to replace these at some future date, when finances allow.

We ask your help in keeping an eye open for anyone harming trees planted in your area and suggest you contact the Police immediately.

Will members please note that Mrs. B. Moore has resigned as Membership Secretary. She is a found Committee Member of the Society, so we are pleased she has decided to remain on the Executive Committee and we thank her for all her past help.

We welcome Mrs. J. Quaile, 38 The Looms, in her stead and note that she is already busy chasing up those recalcitrant members who have forgotten to pay their subscriptions for 1975/6.

If you number amongst them, this is the last Newsletter you will receive and we do hate to lose an avid reader! So please, if this means you, do contact Mrs. Quaile as soon as possible.

You may have read in our local paper that the proposal to build 200 houses on land between Leighton Road and Wood Lane has been rejected by the Secretary of State for the Environment. Mrs. Wall-Jones and Mr. Vollers represented the Society at the Public Enquiry held in Neston on 11th February last and made known the feelings of the Society. We are relieved to note this land will not be immediately available for building but we must all remain aware of possible further development later. However, we feel a light congratulatory pat on the back would not go amiss.

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We must sadly point out a few hard facts to you, our members. This Society was brought into being in response to an urgent local plea for a united group to protect this charming, unique area of ours. However, since 1972 we have lost 68 members and gained only 3 new ones. We very much hope that those remaining faithful to the cause will rally round the flag and keep us informed of all local events. We do have a voice in local affairs but this would be greatly enhanced if only we had more members, and also more active members who would contact anyone on the Committee with suggestions which may help to alter the apathy we have encountered over the last few months. To those staunch, faithful members who are ever interested, we offer our thanks. The interest you show makes all our work worthwhile. Please remember, the more members we have, the more powerful our voice.

We look forward to seeing all old friends, together with some new, at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 9th October, at the Parkgate Hotel, followed by the talk 'Birds of the Dee Estuary'.

Tuesday 7th