THE PARKGATE AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER NO. 7

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER 1974 8 p.m.

AT THE PARKGATE HOTEL

FOLLOWED BY A TALK

"WHITHER PARKGATE"

BY MR. A.J. PLANT PLANNING OFFICER, ELLESMERE PORT

INTRODUCED BY MR. R.J. BERNIE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ELLESMERE PORT

Yet another year has passed and it is time once again for the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee have pleasure in inviting all members to attend on the above date and the Hon. 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 Honorpry Socretary Economy Breasurer

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

For business and personal reasons the "caretaker" Chairman and the Vice Chairman - Mrs. Hylda Wall Jones will not be seeking re-election although they are willing to continue service on the Executive Committee.

Since the production of the last Newsletter the achievements of the Society have not been of a spectacular nature although regular items regarding the activities of the Society have appeared in the local press. Nevertheless there are still various problems raised by residents and much "back-stage" work continues. Perhaps because of these somewhat mundane operations some members may have forgotten that their subscriptions for 1974 which were due in April of this year. We hope this does not mean you of course - but if the cap should fit - please remit the appropriate sume to Mr. P. Taylor at Earlecroft, Earle Drive.

Our Secretary has had protracted negotiations with the Civic Trust for the North West and as a result the Society is now registered with this Organisation. This will give us access to the Trust Services together with copies of the Civic Trust Newsletter and the Publication Contact. We will also have the advantage of hiring visual aids which could be of assistance to us for our various talks. The Civic Trust were incidentally impressed with our booklet "a Stroll through Parkgate".

Sub-Committee Reports

Conservation - Chairman Mr. H. Vollers 336 1359

You will have noticed that the directional sign for the Brooke Hey Development sited on the corner of The Looms to which some of our members had objected has been removed. The Society thought this action necessary in view of the previous troubles that we had experienced arising from the erection of the sign on a site almost opposite in Boathouse Lane. The Committee are carefully watching the work being carried out on the draining scheme to ensure, as far as possible, that there is no damage to the sea wall.

Dee Barrage - Chairman Mr. G. Edwards 336 4744

There is little to report in this respect, but the Chairman will maintain a watching brief on behalf of the Society.

Historical - Chairman Mr. G. Place 336 2891

We are pleased to report the sale of the "Stroll Through Parkgate" has been so successful that the Committee has ordered a further 3,000 copies. We have sold the original 2,000 print during the past 4 months since publication.

Litter - Chairman Mr. M.C. Morrison 336 4319

We are sure that you are not responsible for the litter on The Marsh but we urge members to point out to those they see in the act of depositing rubbish, that the Council Tip in Leighton Road is available free of charge. During the nationally held Litter Week, 7th-13th July the Committee approached Mr. McGarva Borough Engineer who agreed to our request that a member of his staff should walk along the foreshore adjacent to the sea wall and pick up the litter deposited. We are pleased to note that as a result of this the litter certainly appears to be considerably less menacing and we are indebted to Mr. McGarva for his co-operation.

Trees - Chairman Mr. F.W. French 336 3113

Cheshire County Council have agreed to replace any trees planted by the Society last year which have not rooted. Mr. French is busy noting the appropriate sites. If any members are aware of sites in the Society's area of interest which would benefit from the planting of trees the Chairman of the Tree Committee would be delighted to have this information. In addition of the announcement of the Annual General Meeting at the beginning of this Newsletter members are also asked to note the following as this will be the only advertisement that will appear, as even our hard working Committee need. a holiday!

19th NOVEMBER 1974

PARKGATE HOTEL 8 p.m.

MRS. J. RADCLIFFE (OF "BADGER" FAME) WILL GIVE AN ILLUSTRATED TALK.

The last talk organised by the Society and presented by Mrs. P. Bailey, wife of the custodian of Hilbre Island proved to both interesting and entertaining. The speaker was rewarded with a highly attentive and appreciative audience of nearly 70 of our members. To those of us who never really appreciated how much beauty and wild life was on our own doorstep were pleased that Mrs. Bailey was able - between tides - to "put us in the picture" with her first class colour slides.

In closing may we remind you once again of the A.G.M. and the informative talk by Mr. J. Plant which will be based on the document prepared by Cheshire County Council entitled "Your Move" giving three possible plans for the development of the County. The talk should be of utmost importance and interest to all residents of Parkgate who care for the future of the village.

Please diary now

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