

LIVERPOOL HERITAGE FORUM



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A networking organisation of community cultural societies in the Liverpool area.

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Forum meeting

The Forum held a meeting on 10 May when Laurence Westgaff, Ben Rees and Ian McKeane spoke of how the African, Welsh and Irish communities came to be in Liverpool and what they contributed to the city. Apart from confirming, yet again, what a mixture of people make up the city's population, an interesting point was that in all three cases, men and women from elsewhere came to the area long before the big immigrant surges of the nineteenth century. There were Africans in the Roman army in parts of England and Africans working as favoured servants in Liverpool from Elizabethan days onwards. There were Welsh traders and builders and Irish seaman and traders. The contribution of Welsh medical men in Liverpool was particularly noted. A meeting looking at some of Liverpool's other communities will be held later in the year.

Someone pointed out at the meeting that at a recent football match, the Liverpool crowd had a banner saying "We are not English, we are scouse". Are Liverpudlians (or Liverpoolians as they were sometimes called at one time) a race apart? We are certainly the most distinctive "people" in England - whether of English, Celtic, African or Asian origin, Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim or of other faith, rich or poor, red or blue (in football terms), Labour, LibDem or Tory.

The month gone by

■ Girls from the **Anglican Cathedral choir** and from Notre Dame School joined in a concert on 22 May at the Anglican Cathedral. Ken Dodd, complete with tickling stick ("are these things allowed in cathedrals?", he asked) made a "speech". An ecumenical evening of good music and fun!

■ **Liverpool Culture Company** has published the names of some 200 organisations to which it made grants. (Info: Kim Graham 0151 233 6839). To contact the Culture Company, write to Talk to Us, Liverpool Culture Company, PO Box 2008, Municipal Building, Dale Street, Liverpool L2 2DH. "You should expect a response within 10 days", they say.

We in the Forum would be interested also to know what you expect of 2007 and 2008.

Send your views by email to [Liverpool Heritage Forum](mailto:info@liverpoolheritageforum.org.uk)

■ Barclays moved out of the old **Martins HQ building in Water Street**. We hope a suitable use can be found for this art deco masterpiece (by Liverpool architect Herbert Rowse), whose basement was used to store Britain's gold reserve for a few weeks during World War II.

■ Carla Bean has been appointed to find cash to bring **HMS "Whimbrel"**, the only warship survivor of Britain's battle of the Atlantic, back here from Egypt.

■ A course of 6 weekly meetings on Liverpool sculpture began at the Continuing Education Department of **Liverpool University**. Other interesting courses available (Info: 0151 794 6900).

■ The Royal Liver Assurance Company is to merge with a London firm. It is to be hoped that this does not threaten the future of the **Liver Building**.

■ **Marriott Hotels** featured Liverpool on the cover of their “Nationwide guide to What’s on and Where to go”. Nice to have “arrived” as a tourist venue!

Places to show off to your visitors

■ **The National Trust** bills Speke Hall as Liverpool’s finest Tudor Manor House. How many more Tudor manor houses are there in the city? Well worth visiting anyway - and showing off to visitors. On the way to Speke, a visit to the newly reopened **Sudley House**, former home of the Holt shipping family, is rewarding. The Friends of National Museums Liverpool contributed £40,000 towards its refurbishment.

■ **West Derby court house**, near the church, is open every Sunday till October, thanks to the efforts of local heritage enthusiasts.

■ **The Anglican Cathedral** runs “**The great Space**” film and audio tour, a short film followed by a tour round 10 interactive “stations” around the building.

■ Both of the Cathedrals have extensive programmes of concerts. Info: for the Catholic Cathedral 0151 707 3525, For the Anglican Cathedral call 0151 709 6271.

■ The exhibition of **Liverpool’s ancient charters** continues in the Central Library till 30 June. (Info: 0151 233 5817).

■ The **Liverpool ventilating shaft** of the Birkenhead tunnel and the service tunnel beneath the traffic are on show. (0115 236 8602 - £3).

■ A good day out is the 6 hour **Mersey Ferries trip** to Manchester along the Ship Canal. Excellent guides are on board to point out many aspects of Britain’s industrial history.

■ For info about guided walks entitled “**Museum to Museum - trail of culture and commerce**”, call 0151 478 4499.

■ **Wirral Council** produces a list of events in its parks - such as a tour led by the Friends of Flaybrick cemetery on 8 July around the non-conformist section of the memorial gardens. Info: 0151 666 4870). Liverpool Park rangers have a news sheet ((Info: 0151 223 3007) .

■ Hop-on Hop-off open top buses serve 17 stops convenient for tourist attractions in Liverpool. (Info: 0151 524 2250).

■ Beatles fans can take a **FabFour taxi tour** (up to 5 people for 2 hours: £35). (Info: 0151 601 2111).

■ **Liverpool Culture Company** offers the two-hour “**Magical Mystery Tour**” of Beatles locations. This should not be confused with the “Magical History Tour” to be opened shortly at the Maritime Museum - the story of Liverpool.

■ Free copies of a “**What’s On?**” guide are available from 08 Place in Whitechapel (the tourist office).

- **A plaque for James William Carling**, the artist will be unveiled by Louise Ellman MP at Holy Cross School on 13 July at 2 pm.

Andrew Pearce

EVENTS

- **Walk & Talk around the Oratory, St James Gardens and in and around St James church Toxteth on Sunday 10th June**

Meet at 10:00AM at the Oratory (the small Greek temple next to the Anglican cathedral). There may be parking available at the cathedral main car park or at the free auxiliary cathedral car park, off Upper Parliament Street. The event should last about two hours, finishing at the new café in the Anglican cathedral. Robin Riley will be leading the event, but he asks for anyone who has addition knowledge of any items, that they share their information with the whole group. The event is free to members of Friends of Liverpool Monuments. The cost to join the Friends for a year is; £5 for waged, £1 for students, retired or unwaged. This is for insurance purposes.

The Oratory: <http://www.liverpoolmonuments.co.uk/sculpture/bird02.html>

St James Garden: <http://www.liverpoolmonuments.co.uk/churches/huskisson03.html>

Web site for St James church Toxteth: <http://www.stjamestoxteth.co.uk/>

- **The Long Way Home: Bernard Fallon's Liverpool Images** National Conservation Centre until **15 July 2007** www.nationalconservationcentre.org.uk/fallon
- **The Hope Street Association** is running a HOTFOOT concert day on Hope Street on Sunday 15 July.

Events for Old Christ Church Waterloo <http://oldchristchurch.tripod.com/>

- Phone: (0151) 924 5738 Mail: Friends of Old Christ Church, c/o 45 St Andrews Road, Great Crosby, Lancashire. L23 8UA. Or send us an e-mail! johnbramham@uwcub.net
- **15th to 17th June** – An 'Arts & Crafts Selling Exhibition' There will be a preview of the exhibition at a ticketed reception on the Friday evening and if you would like an invitation. The event will be open to the public, free of charge, on the Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 4pm. The exhibition will involve local art groups displaying their members works and there will also be stalls selling craft work.
- **Friday 29th June** - A 'Folk Concert' has been arranged (7.30pm for 8pm) on similar lines to last year. The tickets are provisionally priced at £6 which we consider very reasonable as it is inclusive of 'nibbles' at the tables. If you came last year you will know what a thoroughly good evening it was.
- **8th & 9th September** – This is the 'Heritage Weekend' when the church is open between 10am and 4pm, free of charge to visitors. As in past years, we will arrange for stalls to be manned by local interest groups, charities etc. and we trust there will be items for sale including craft work, collectibles, books and general gifts.
- **September – Crosby Rotary Club** are organising a 'Beer Festival' over a period of two or three days. Details have yet to be finalised so do watch out for further details on this. The event will be by pre-booked tickets only.

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- **You can win a pair of free tickets** to one of the performances of Wall Talks. To be in with a chance of winning e-mail your **name, address and daytime contact number** to info@walltalks.com putting **HERITAGE** in the subject line. A winner will be selected at random and contacted direct. Meanwhile if you want to purchase tickets call the box office on 0870 787 1866.
- **Liverpool Culture Company** has an update meeting on 21 June from 6.30 pm at Lifestyles Ellergreen (www.liverpool08.com/events)

- **Liverpool Culture Company** has an update meeting on 12 September from 6.30 pm at Lifestyles Picton (www.liverpool08.com/events)
- **Liverpool Culture Company** has an update meeting on 12 December from 6.30 pm at Lifestyles Austin Rawlinson (www.liverpool08.com/events)

Liverpool History Society

- **23 September 2007** Nathaniel Hawthorne at the Port of Liverpool Sunday afternoons in the Cornerstone Building, Hope at Everton, Shaw Street, Liverpool. L3 8QB Doors open at 1:30 Visitors welcome
- **21st October** Charles P Melly and his Drinking Fountains by Patrick Neil Sunday afternoons in the Cornerstone Building, Hope at Everton, Shaw Street, Liverpool. L3 8QB Doors open at 1:30 Visitors welcome
- **18th November 2007** Britain's First Lifeboat Station by Barbera Yorke Sunday afternoons in the Cornerstone Building, Hope at Everton, Shaw Street, Liverpool. L3 8QB Doors open at 1:30 Visitors welcome
- **16th December 2007** Poppies - The Discovery of a Liverpool Journal Sunday afternoons in the Cornerstone Building, Hope at Everton, Shaw Street, Liverpool. L3 8QB Doors open at 1:30 Visitors welcome

Wirral Postcard Collectors Club

- **June 7:** Dennis Rosser *A Mixed Bag*
- **Sunday 10 June: Wirral Postcard & Local History Fair** at Thornton Hough Village Hall 10.00 to 4.00pm – entrance £1.25 concessions £1.00
- **July 5:** Harry Watson *Humorous Side of Being a Policeman*
- **Aug 2:** Chairman's Choice - *Outing*
- **Sept 6:** Glynn Parry *Victorian Transport*
- **Oct 4:** Bob Currans *Wirral Coastline*
- **Sunday 21 Oct: Wirral Postcard & Local History Fair** at Thornton Hough Village Hall 10.00 to 4.00pm – entrance £1.25 concessions £1.00
- Nov 1: Colin Millington *Nature Naturally*
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- **21 June. Cunard Yanks**, Fifties pop-culture pioneers captured on film Tickets are on sale for the Cunard Yanks, a one-hour documentary paying homage to the ex-Merchant Seamen travelling on the world famous Cunard Liners, who brought clothes and music from New York to 1950s Liverpool. The film premieres at the Philharmonic Hall.

Anglican Cathedral

- **16 June:** Sir Paul McCartney's Liverpool Oratorio performed by Carl Davies and the Phil orchestra at the Cathedral. Tickets £15 from the Phil 0151 709 3789.
- **28 June – 1 July.** Flower Festival at the Anglican Cathedral. Admission by programme £6. Opening by Ken Dodd on 28 June at 12 noon.

250th Anniversary of the Sankey 1757-2007 Programme of Events

- **June 24th:** "Industrial Parklands" Newton Common, Bold, Bradley, Burtonwood Meet at St. Helens Junction Station at 1.15pm
- **July 15th :** "Widnes Waterfront" Spike Island, Pickerings Pasture, Hale Meet at the Spike Island Visitors Centre at 1.15pm
- **September 16th :** "The Newton Heritage Trail" Meet at Newton-le-Willows Station at 1.15pm (Please note this date has been changed)

- **Tuesday, June 14th** The World Canals Conference Tour of the Sankey
- <http://www.iwashop.com/ecommerce/products.asp?cat=160>
- **July 7th and 8th** The St. Helens Festival in Sherdley Park SCARS will stage an exhibition in the Heritage Network's marquee
- **September 14th - 16th** The Merseyside Heritage 2007 Event St. George's Hall, Liverpool SCARS will take part in conjunction with the St. Helens Heritage Network
- **September 17th** Public Lecture at St. Helens College to mark the 250th Anniversary of the opening of the Sankey, presented by the St. Helens Historical Society. The Lecture will be delivered by Joseph Boughey, Canal Historian and biographer of Charles Hadfield (1909 - 1996), the world's leading waterways historian. The meeting will be chaired by Sir John Johnson, SCARS' President, a local man, who was Chairman of the Countryside Commission, and is presently Chairman of the Chilterns Conservation Board.

Other Events are being organised, and there will also be associated events featuring other aspects of Transport in the area as part of "**Transport Heritage 2007**", St. Helens Borough's contribution to the Merseyside-wide "**Year of Heritage**", marking the 800th Anniversary of the granting of Liverpool's Charter by King John.

A series of special leaflets are being published to publicise all the Events taking place during the year, in conjunction with other heritage and transport societies and organisations in St. Helens and Merseyside. Entitled "Moving Histories", the first issue has been funded mainly by SCARS, and is widely available within St. Helens Borough. Copies may be obtained for a limited period only by sending an SAE (it's A4 sized) to the Society's Hon. Treasurer (for contact details

See also for further details <http://www.scars.org.uk/news/250.html>

- **The reunion of ex members of the Liverpool City Police "To celebrate the "City of Culture 2008"**

The reunion of ex members of the Liverpool City Police which ceased to exist 1967. Is to be held at the Police Club Fairfield on Friday 18 April 2008 from 1.0.p.m. All ex members and their wives, widows/widowers and the children of those who served are most especially welcome. All those who worked for the Liverpool City Police as civilians are cordially invited. Tony Hynes would appreciate any photo's taken relating to the City Police and will copy them and return, also any other memorabilia relating to that time. If you wish to attend please contact Tony Hynes (Ex 617'K ' 55'G, ' 52 'F' 52 'D': Tele: 01744 894 108 e-mail: ajhynesuk@btinternet.com

St Francis Xavier's Church in Everton

- is holding a Flower Festival in the church over the Heritage **Weekend 14th-16th September**. If anybody is interested in taking part then please contact Debbie Reynolds on 0151-298 1911 or d.reynolds@sfxchurchliverpool.com

The Save Our City Campaign Walk 30 June 2007 - 1:30 pm The Lighthouse, Oakfield Road,

The Inspector who presided over last summer's Pathfinder public enquiry had recommended against the objectors. This means the loss of 2000 homes in the Smithdown, Edge Hill and Anfield areas the largest number in the Anfield area.

Florence Gersten will conduct a tour of the doomed streets to anyone who is interested in seeing them. A walk on Saturday 30 June 2007 will be conducted by The Save Our city Campaign meeting at the Lighthouse, Oakfield Road, Anfield. At the junction of Oakfield Road and St Domingo Vale Bus number 26 stops in Oakfield Road and the number 14 in Breck Road. If you are interested in joining the walk please contact Florence Gersten 0151 734 1304