

WITH BATED BREATH

To say that we await the outcome of the Public Inquiry into the proposed plans for the development of the Garden Festival Site with interest, is something of an understatement! The Secretary of State is obliged to produce a judgement by July this year, we hope it will be sooner.

No doubt the news will be splashed across the front pages of the local press, and it might even get a mention on North West TV News.

The opposition did not put up a coherent defence, for all their passion, and the Council and Langtree/MacLean answered all their points. So, we hope for a positive result.

In the latest mailing from the Green Party, Sarah Jennings is expressing concern over the possible overspill car parking, that could be a result of the development of the site. This was one of Andrea's points when she addressed the Public Inquiry. See Rag Pickings N°16 December '07, p2, Item 1.12.

Newsletter distribution

Each issue of this newsletter is posted through the letterboxes of all the 500+ houses in our area. This involves an awful lot of walking for our "Rep's", and also a lot of time. It takes one of our "Rep's" over four hours to cover his area.

The roads around Promenade Gardens are fairly well covered, we have a fair number of people delivering there, but the roads off Bempton Road are less well represented. If you live in one of these roads and could deliver the newsletter to the houses in your road, please contact the Hon Sec: Reg Cox 0151 727 2177, or email: regcox@mac.com Your help would be greatly appreciated.

This newsletter can also be delivered in pdf form by email. If you are on email you can receive the newsletter by Adobe Reader. If you do not have this, go to www.adobe.com/uk/products/acrobat for a FREE download. Very useful! If you wish to receive the newsletter by email, send an email to regcox@mac.com with the word Newsletter and you'll be added to the list.

Representatives

Again, the roads off Bempton Road are poorly represented in the Association's Council Meetings. The Council meets about three times a year to discuss matters concerning our area and problems that may arise. The meetings last about two hours, at the most and are friendly, social occasions. If you can spare the time to become one of our "Rep's", then please contact Reg Cox at the addresses above.

FLWRA

Riverside Residents Association is a member of the Federation of Liverpool Waterfront Residents Associations, which covers the housing from Waterloo Dock to Jericho Lane.

FLWRA is a proactive group, defending the residents of the waterfront against all possible problems. At a recent meeting, members discussed a proposed scheme for the Bruswick Dock. The architect Christophe Egret from Studio Egret West explained the scheme, which was very attractive, but members of the group pointed

out the problems with inadequate parking provision.

Afterwards Christophe Egret said that it was the very best consultation he had ever taken part in. He was most impressed by the maturity, knowledge and expertise of the group as well as by your ability to see the bigger picture. Christophe has gone away with a lot to think about.

Also, in early April Reg Cox attended FLWRA meetings with Whitbread, the owners of the Britannia pub and a member of Mersey Waterfront's "Pride in our Promenade" to discuss the development of the Prom and the Britannia.

The promenade is to be improved to the standard of the recent improvements at Otterspool, with a lot of work on repaving. (See p2.)

Local residents from FLWRA stated that the Britannia was not of sufficiently high standard for the locality and currently attracted the wrong clientele. A site with such a wonderful position should have a much better restaurant/hotel

Whitbread have plans to up grade the Britannia, which was built as a 7 year temporary building for the International Garden Festival in 1984. They are looking at the possibility of building a Premier Inn with a minimum of 40 bedrooms and a good restaurant.

Another meeting is planned for June, when Whitbread will present their proposals for comment. Future edition of this newsletter will report on any development.

CCO Membership.

Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology is an NHS Foundation Trust, which means that it has Members and Governors that are members of the public. It needs more such members, to comply with its regulatory body.

It involves nothing more complicated than filling in a form, but you could become more involved, if you wish.

There are three "Public Governors" for Liverpool, one of whom is our Hon. Sec., Reg Cox. If you have any queries about Clatterbridge, he's the man to contact.

Please help by contacting Reg Cox, tel: 727 2177, email regcox@mac.com or go to: www.ccotrust.nhs.uk

Burglars - Beware!

There have been a number of burglaries in our area, some of which have been caused by poor personal security; windows and doors left open.

Please take great care with your property. It is extremely upsetting to have your home broken into.

If you see anything suspicious, ring the Police at Admiral St. on tel: **0151 777 5356** or **999**, see Police News.

One of the items that the thieves are interested in, is large flat screen TV's. If you have one, that can be seen from the street, you are asking for trouble.

Keep your property safe!

Smashed Glass in Promenade Gardens

There have been several reports of glass smashing in Promenade Gardens, which appear to come from a property in Thorntree Close. On one occasion, a lady accompanied by two young children was nearly hit by the flying bottle.

The issue has been reported to Neighbourhood Services. If you witness any further instances of glass smashing, please report it to Andrew Parsons, Neighbourhood Services tel: 0151 233 3018, Log N° 39184.

Reported Cancellation of 48a Bus Route

Arriva state that there are plans to "terminate" the 48a route at the Bus Station, at some date in the future and that news of that closure and any replacement will be given out in plenty of time for comment. Call Arriva customer comments team on 0844 800 44 11

Further Improvements to the Promenade

The City Council will be asked for approval to accept grant funding to carry out a second phase of environmental improvement works along the promenade from Otterspool to the Dingle Esplanade, which is the public area around the Britannia Pub. The current estimated value of the works is circa £1m. The proposals have been initiated by the Mersey Waterfront Regional Park and are the second project to emerge from the "Pride in Our Promenades" programme.

Decision By: Executive Board on the recommendation of Councillors Berni Turner, Executive Member for the Environment and Keith Turner Executive Member for Resources

Decision Due: April 2008

Extract from: www.liverpool.gov.uk

Plants Wanted



As our gardens Spring into life we often find small, new plants that we don't remember putting there. If you find some and don't want them, please put them in a pot or a bag, then deliver them to the side of N°5 Thistledown Close.

Residents will plant them as covering for

the United Utilities fence in Promenade Gardens. Thank you.

Scandinavian Church

The Scandinavian Church in Park Lane is threatened with closure, being sold off and probably converted into yet more flats, sorry luxury apartments.

The church was established in 1884 and is Sweden's (and Scandinavia's) oldest overseas mission church in continuous operation. It was built on land provided by the Corporation of Liverpool and has a thriving congregation. It also made a profit last year of £24,000.

Make your protest to: S. Royden, Chairman, R.G. Metcalf, Chairman Church Council, Liverpool international

Nordic Community 138 Park Lane, Liverpool, L1 8HG
Phone 0151 709 7763 Email: Liverpool@svenskakyrkan.se
Website: <http://skut.svenskakyrkan.se/liverpool>

Police News

There have been a number of complaints about "Off Road" motorcycles disturbing the peace, from residents near the Garden Festival Site. The Police intend to deploy Officers on quad bikes, whenever possible, to deter the bikers.

Speed Indicating Devices have been used to good effect in several places in the area. These are the bright flashing signs that show you your speed, or maybe a "smiley".

Section 30 Dispersal Orders are in place in our area. These prevent groups of two, or more, gathering in the area, which consists of: St Michaels Rd. including Priory Wood, Buckland Street including the footpath to the MerseyRail Station, Dingle Vale, Dingle Lane, Ullet Road, Linnet Lane, Lark Lane and the area within this.

Incidents of youths drinking and causing a disturbance, have been reduced.

Your local **POLICE STATION** is Admiral Street Police Station which is situated on Admiral Street just off High Park Street.

Dedicated Ward Officer **Paul Rylands & Shaun Brady** tel: 0151 777 5356, PCSO'S: Bob Moreton, Gaenor Kennedy, Kal Mahmood and Julie Worthington

Emergency ring 999. Non-Emergency 0151 709 6010
Ward Office 0151 777 5356

999 Emergency – You should always call this number if you have an emergency that you need Police help with

An emergency is defined nationally as:

Danger to life

Use of, or immediate threat of use of, violence.

Serious injury to a person and/or

Serious damage to property

If you wish to contact Merseyside Police regarding any other non emergency issue please ring 0151 709 6010

Police Surgery Wednesdays between 5:00pm – 7pm.
held in Sefton Park Library, Aigburth Road L17.

www.merseyside.police.uk

Get involved in community decisions

Liverpool City Council want to encourage residents to get involved in the decisions which the Council makes about their communities. One of the ways you can do this is to come along to your local Neighbourhood Area Committee Meetings. These are held for each of the 10 committee areas spread across the five Neighbourhood Management Areas.

Meetings are held at various intervals throughout the year. At these meetings, you will be able to come along as a member of the public to listen to and take part in debates about issues affecting you and the area in which you live. Your local councillors attend these meetings, so you will have a chance to see them in action and - if necessary - question why and how decisions are taken. Raise issues.....speak to your local councillors

During the public question and answer session, you can also raise issues which are not on the agenda of the meeting - which the panel will try to answer for you. If not, they can arrange for an answer to be found and sent to you following the meeting.

Neighbourhood Area Committee meetings are one of the key ways for you to get involved in your local community and how the Council deliver their services to you.

The Three Parks Neighbourhood Committee scheduled for 23rd April 2008 has been cancelled. The date and venue of the next meeting will be displayed on the City Council website: www.liverpool.gov.uk or you can contact

Jayne McCoy 0151 225 2436 Email: <jayne.mccoy@liverpool.gov.uk> for further information.

Riverside Residents Association (RRA)

RRA is run by volunteers, people just like yourself, who wish to improve the community in which we live. We aim to have a "representative" in each road who will attend the Representatives Meetings, which are held about four times a year and pass on information to their neighbours. There is also an Annual Open Meeting, when all members, and sometimes others, are welcome. This newsletter is published three times a year and it is hoped to set up a website soon.

The annual subscription is £3.00.

If you have any information concerning the area, which stretches from Jericho Lane to the Jaguar Showroom on the river side of the MerseyRail line, please contact your nearest rep. Or one of the elected officers.

Chairwoman:-

Andrea Spyropoulos,
8 The Bulrushes, Liverpool L17 7EX.
tel: 07739 436 038

Deputy Chairman:-

Peter Gerhard, 14 Floral Wood,

Hon. Secretary:-

Reg Cox, 14 Penhale Close, Liverpool
L17 5BT. tel: 0151 727 2177
email: regcox@mac.com

Hon. Treasurer

Kevin Crone, 60 Promenade Gardens.
L17 7EU.

List of Representatives:-

The Bulrushes,
8, Andrea Spyropoulos,
4, Julie Bonner.

Camellia Court,
26, John Thompson.

Cottonwood,
34, Linda Kattou,
14, Bob Muirhead.

Floral Wood,
14, Peter Gerhard.

Gardenia Grove,
E & W Cohen, 45 Floral Wood.

Kerris Close,
10, Robert Hughes.

Moel Famau View,
7, Peter Scott.

Orchid Grove,
4, Rosemary Kay.

Penhale Close,
14, Reg Cox.

Promenade Gardens,
60, Kevin Crone.

Thistledown Close,
5, Ken Moore
7, Sandra MacMillan.

New Representatives wanted

There are several "roads" within the RRA area that do not have a "Rep".

Rep's attend committee meetings about four times a year and disseminate information to the residents of their area and collect subscriptions.

If you live in the RRA area, are interested in your community and would like to take part in the Riverside Resident Association's activities, please contact the **Hon. Sec. Reg Cox**, tel: 727 2177, email: <regcox@mac.com> or any of the other Rep's.

The contact details of your political representatives are as follows:

M.P. Louise Ellman, Labour Party (Riverside),

Freepost, WW2909A, Liverpool L3 4ZZ.
Telephone: 0151 236 2969

Louise Ellman MP, House of Commons,
LONDON NW1 1AA.

Councillors: St Michaels Ward.

Councillor Elaine Allen, Lib Dem.

2 Rosemont Road, Liverpool, L17 6BZ
elaine.allen@liverpool.gov.uk

Councillor Peter Allen, 2 Rosemont
Road, Liverpool, L17 6BZ. tel: 0151 225
2354

peter.r.allen@liverpool.gov.uk

Councillor John Coyne, Green Party,
86 Belgrave Road, Liverpool, L17 7AH
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Liverpool City Council website:
liverpool.gov.uk

Dear Residents,

Sorry, but it's that time again, the begging bowl is out. Time to dig deep into your pockets, raid the children's piggy banks or increase your overdraft facility – subscriptions are now due.

We are seeking a nominal donation of £3.00 from each household for the period April '08 to end of March '09. As you are aware subscriptions are used generally for printing costs and expenses plus room hire for committee meeting and annual general meetings. We have also this year refunded small amounts of expenses to committee members who daily, on your behalf, attended the consultation process and debates

regarding Pleasure Island development proposals.

Of the many representations made on your behalf over such issues as street lighting, refuse collections, community policing etc. etc. there is no discrimination between those of you who have paid subscriptions and those who have not, likewise can be said of the distribution of our newsletters. If you believe that your residents association has been of benefit to the community as a whole, please complete the tear off slip at the bottom of this page and pass it on to your local representative. Please pay your share of the costs, don't leave it to your neighbours.

Kevin Crone. Hon. Treasurer.

Membership Application / Renewal

I, the undersigned, wish to become a member, or renew my membership of "Riverside Residents Association" and enclose my annual subscription of £3.00 for the current year. (RAG's financial year starts and ends on 1st April). If paying by cheque, please make it payable to "Riverside Residents Association".

Name

Address

Post Code

Signed

Date

Home telephone N°

email

Please complete in block letters and return to the Hon. Treasurer, Kevin Crone, 60 Promenade Gardens, Liverpool L17 7EU. complete with your cheque made payable to Riverside Residents Association, or to your nearest rep. (See names and addresses above.)