

SUDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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GOVERNESS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE SULTAN OF BRUNEI

Norma Walmsley will give us a fascinating insight into a world of privilege when she recalls her time as Governess.

Friday 8th April, 2011 at 7.30 pm. Tickets £2.50

Call SARA on 726-0805 (answerphone) or pay at the door.



SOME OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Garston Hospital is on course to re-open on 11th April 2011

The Japanese Garden: It was one of the star attractions at the original International Garden Festival in 1984. Now the finishing touches are being made to a new Japanese garden at the Otter-spool site ahead of its opening to the public in June.

The Museum of Liverpool: The museum will open to the public on Tuesday 19 July 2011 - exactly 100 years after its iconic neighbour the Royal Liver Building opened its doors.

Ruby Porter, MBE will be talking about her work supporting The Sreepur Village Orphanage and Women's Refuge on Friday 30th September at 7.30 pm in SARA Hall. Further details in the next Newsletter.



FAREWELL TO VALE HOME CARE

Vale Home Care closed its doors on 30th January and ended over 25 years of trading. We are sure we speak for many local residents in wishing Gladys a very long and happy retirement. As a mark of the esteem in which we held Gladys for her community spirit (which will be much missed) some members made a small presentation to her on behalf of the SARA Committee.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 10th June 2011 at SARA HALL

Prior to the AGM at 7.00 pm there will be a lecture by

Cheniston Roland on:

LIVERPOOL'S FIRST RADIO STATION 6LV 1924 -1930

The lecture will follow the history of the station until its demise in 1930. There will be photographs in the form of a small exhibition. A recording of the station's announcer will be heard coming through a 1925 wireless horn. You will also hear some music that listeners would have heard at the time.

After light refreshments the Annual General Meeting of Sudley Area Residents' Association will take place at approximately 8.15 pm.

Everyone is very welcome to attend both the **FREE** lecture and the AGM. However, for catering purposes, tickets will be available from committee members or by phoning the Hall on 726 0805.

SARA really does need new members on the Committee to ensure that it's work continues. In preparation for the AGM and the election of Trustees, anyone who would be willing to serve as a Trustee is encouraged to contact the Chairman or Secretary (726 -0805) as soon as possible to discuss this. Regrettably nominations on the day are not permitted.



RON DAVIES - Sadly, we report that one of our faithful supporters has passed away. Ron Davies was a regular of SARA activities, in particular our day trips and holidays. It was an indication of his popularity by the number of people who attended a very packed St Anne's Church on 11th March to pay their respects. Our deepest sympathies to Ron's family.

SARA'S FESTIVE EVENING

The weather was atrocious, bitterly cold with icy pavements and, just for good measure, a flurry of snow descended an hour before we



were due to start! No matter, those who braved the elements had a really good time listening and dancing to Mike Doody's music. A quiz kept teams of people amused and frustrated and there were murmurings of 'of course' when the answers were revealed. A raffle held on the evening raised £45 for KIND.

JOHN MOSS OF OTTERSPPOOL (1782-1858)

On January 21st, 45 people attended a very interesting talk given by Graham Trust on this little-known but very influential figure both in Liverpool's history and on the world stage.

John Moss lived in Otterspool House in Otterspool Park, which was demolished in 1931. He was the first Chairman of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway and a friend and supporter of George Stephenson – indeed, the latter reputedly built a model of his railway in the dry bed of the River Jordan in Otterspool Park. Another close friend and associate was John Gladstone, father of the future MP and Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone. His other railway interests were in the Grand Junction Railway from Newton-le-Willows to Birmingham and subsequent new lines linking England, Wales and Scotland. He also invested in railways abroad: the Paris and Rouen line in 1843 and the Dutch Rhenish railway in 1856.

Moss was one of the founders of St Anne's Church, Aigburth (where his mausoleum can be seen in the small churchyard) and of St Michael's in the Hamlet, the 'cast-iron' church. He was also a partner in an independent bank in Dale Street. He inherited from his uncle, sugar plantations in the West Indies together with a workforce of about 1000 slaves, and he was instrumental in first moving the newly emancipated slaves from the Bahamas to what was then British Guiana, in order to keep their community together; and was subsequently a leading light in the abolition of the slave trade.

He died at home in Otterspool House on 3rd October 1858 of 'exhaustion' (as noted on his death certificate) – not surprising given all his commitments!

Graham has written a biography of John Moss, following seven years' research sparked off by his purchase of a house in Alma Road in 2002 and the discovery with the deeds of a copy of Moss's will.



MY AIGBURTH

On Friday 11th March 2011, Mr Paul King treated his audience to a very entertaining and informative evening called "My Aigburth".

He reminisced about his childhood and memories of his father, who was head gardener with wages of a £1 a week, to Miss Marsh (I.M.Marsh), from the time his father dug out the swimming pool with a spade to going to Abersoch to Miss Marsh's holiday home there, when his father had to go before everyone else to get the

grounds and gardens in good order. Mr King and his mother and sister would then travel down to spend six weeks there with the other staff.

During the First World War all the horses were commandeered but the Liverpool Cricket Club horse, which used to pull the mower to cut the grounds, was taken home by a lady and kept in her house (must have been some house!)

Mr King also told us how the roads around Aigburth were named after Heroes and Battles (Dundonald, Wingate, Lyttelton, etc). Old photographs were viewed with interest and a good time was had by all.

BURY MARKET DAY TRIP

A full coach departed from SARA Hall for Bury Market under a dull, cloudy sky for our first dose of retail therapy of the year – a sure sign that spring can't be far away. The usual crop of bargains was found, coffees consumed and lunches eaten and a relatively traffic free journey was enjoyed both ways.

The on-board raffle raised £49 for KIND. (As she types this, your correspondent is munching her way through her prize mint chocolates!)

AN EVENING WITH THE HARMONY SINGERS

Friday 11th February was another enjoyable night of entertainment with the first performance of the Harmony Singer's new show for 2011. The programme was based on Hollywood with songs from many well known movies of the past and some a reminder of almost forgotten tunes. The show was relaxed with much light-hearted humour and was well received by the audience of more than 50 people, some of whom felt that the show was amongst the group's best. The raffle realised an amount of £60.50 which together with a donation of £40 from the Harmony Singers made a grand total of a little over £100 for this year's charity, KIND. The singers also donated some of the raffle prizes.



TRIVIA

Did you know that :

'ough' can be pronounced in nine different ways. The following sentence contains them all:

A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed.

The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable

SHOE BOXES FOR THE TROOPS

Our shoebox contributions have been much appreciated by the troops in Afghanistan, as you will see from the following extracts from 'thank you' letters received by SARA:

"I am currently working in a welfare cabin by our tents where we are lucky enough to have a TV and computer, all the welfare boxes people send in get put in there and the lads can help themselves, this is a good morale boost when we were all tired from being out of camp for days at a time and don't have to worry about toiletries etc. I don't think the lads have bought a tube of toothpaste since we've been out here. It is also a boost to know people back home are thinking about us."

"The cold weather is really starting to draw in now, so getting parcels from home really is something we all look forward to. I have about 15 other Scousers in my company out of 110 men, so Liverpool is fairly well represented. our heartfelt thanks to you all."

"We are now two months into our six month tour and all your contributions are making our time here a lot easier."

"The super noodles were really nice to have while I was watching the football (sorry I'm a Man U fan). I have been out here since September and my R&R is at the end of January and I can't wait. Thank you again."

"We do spend quite a lot of our time away from camp out and about and to get back and open welfare parcels always raises a smile and the guys are all very grateful."

"The contents have been shared out between a small group and everyone is grateful for the mix of toiletries, treats and useful bits and pieces. Above all, receiving gifts from people I have never met shows the solidarity of support from people back at home. I have never known such levels of support during my 21 years in the Army and it makes an incredible difference – especially to the younger soldiers. Each and every gift represents somebody who cares, wants to contribute but rarely seeks recognition for their effort. I have two months left to serve in Afghanistan so I will be away from my family during Christmas (again!). Knowing that people in the UK are thinking of us will give me, and others, strength."



Sudley House

The very popular exhibition Hitched, Wedding Clothes and Customs will come to an end on 2nd May, and from the beginning of July an exhibition of *Costumes in the Romantic Age* (Jane Austen meets Cranford) will begin. Sudley House is also hosting Free family workshops for children over 5yrs old on Sundays - check with Sudley House for dates and Activities.

WORD SEARCH - ROADS IN AIGBURTH

Brabant, Bundoran, Cherside, Cromer, Dundonald, Elmar, Elmswood, Hollywood, Honiton, Kildonan, Lucan, Lugard, Lynmouth, Lyttleton, Milner, Rimmington, Rosemont, Rundle, Victoria, Woodlands.

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Local resident, Bernie O'Neill (far right) wants to say a big, big thank you to everyone who sponsored her on the journey back from Scotland (SARA Turkey and Tinsel) for the 2010 Santa Dash. £120 was donated to Kids for Cash Radio City.

NEW CLASS STARTING IN APRIL

LEARN TO PAINT with Steve Strobe

Artist-led with step by step painting demonstrations

10 weeks Tuesdays 10.00 am to 12 noon starting 26th April 2011.

Fee: £60.

Advance booking essential with Steve on 07900 380 372. The Class will not run unless there are a minimum of 12 students.

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IT'S PARTY TIME AT S.A.R.A. HALL

Hold your childrens parties at SARA from £25 for 2 hours and £6 for each additional hour thereafter

726 0805

sorry, no bouncy castles!

DAY TRIPS 2011 – CUT OUT AND KEEP

DATE	DESTINATION	COST	BOOKING DATE
TUESDAY 3 May	WINDERMERE (incl. Cruise on Lake)	£20	from 8 April
WEDNESDAY 8 June	MOLD MARKET AND BETWS-Y-COED	£11	from 18 May
THURSDAY 14 July	FRODSHAM MARKET AND CHESTER	£10.50	from 23 June
MONDAY 15 August	BAKEWELL AND MATLOCK	£12	from 25 July
TUESDAY 13 September	BARDEN MILL , BURNLEY (incl. Cruise) (with optional 2-course Lunch £23)	£16/£23	from 23 August
WEDNESDAY 12 October	LOWRY OUTLET MALL (Including Lunch, Film , Dancing and Shopping)	£18	from 21 September
FRIDAY 18 November	FLEETWOOD AND BOURNE POACHER, (Including 3– course Christmas lunch, entertainment, dancing, etc).	£28	from 28 October

Bookings may be made by telephone to 726 0805 (answerphone) on or after the date shown above. Please leave your name and telephone number and we will get back to you to confirm. (Please note the maximum number of seats per telephone call is 4)

Film Nights 2011

Fridays at 7 pm:-

May 27th; June 24th; July 22nd; August 26th; September 23rd; October 28th and November 25th, 2011.

All welcome - Free Admission

Table Sale Dates 2011

Saturdays at 10.30 am:-

April 16th; May 21st; June 18th; July 16th; August 20th; September 17th; October 15th and November 19th, 2011.

A table costs £7 payable at the time of booking. To book for any of the dates listed above call 0151 726 0805. If you are looking for a bargain pop in for a browse and perhaps have a coffee - admission only 20p.

S A R A H a l l W e e k l y E v e n t s

For weekly updates, please visit <http://www.sudley.org.uk/timetable.html>

Monday

09:15 - 10:00 /10.15 - 11.00 Jumping Jacks

(£3 per child/£5 family. Call Lucie - 487 5757)

13:45 - 15:45 Painting and Drawing for All (starts 04/04/11) ***

17:30 - 18:30 Karate (age 5+ Boys & Girls) **

18:30 - 19:30 Karate for Adults**

19.45 -21.00 Yoga Call Philippa - 727 3133

Tuesday

10.00 - 12.00 Learn to Paint (starts 26/04/11)***

13:30 - 15:30 Tea Dance

17:45 - 18:45 Pilates Call Sarah - 724 2060 for details

19:00 - 20:00 Pilates Call Sarah - 724 2060 for details

20:15 - 21:15 Pilates Call Sarah - 724 2060 for details

Wednesday

10:30 - 12:30 Music For Pleasure (starts 06/04/2011) ***

13:00 - 15:00 Craft/Card making

18:30 - 20:00 Yoga Call Philippa - 727 3133

Thursday

09:30 - 11:30 Craft

14.00 - 15.00 Sure Start Session*

17:30 - 18:30 Karate (age 5+ Boys & Girls)**

19:00 - 20:00 Pilates Call Sarah - 724 2060 for details

20:15 - 22:15 Wu Shu Kwan Call Steve - 07525 032511

Friday

09:30 - 10:30 Pilates Call Sarah - 724 2060 for details

11.00 - 12.30 Sure Start Session*

* For Sure Start sessions, contact Justine Merton on 233 5399

** For all Karate sessions, contact John O'Neill on 07590 309462

*** Further details 726 0805 (answerphone)

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