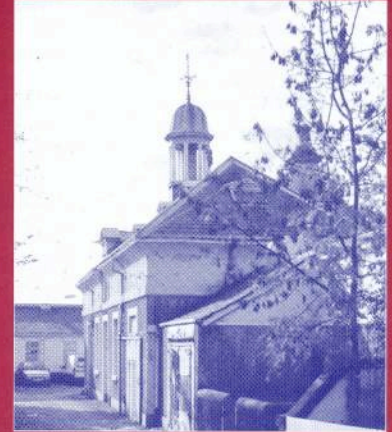




## Crofton Redevelopment

SARA have been approached by a company called Darby & Macy Developments Ltd who have entered into a sale agreement (subject to planning) in relation to the Crofton Site. The Committee put together a preliminary meeting with a representative of residents from the key areas concerned. The development proposal included the following: 1 new lodge to be built, refurbishment of Crofton House creating 13 apartments, refurbishment of outbuildings, stables etc..., building of 1 new 2 storey building forming 11 flats (including underground parking for 12 cars with an exit onto Dundonald Road) and the building of 3 new 2 storey mews houses. A number of objections were raised with Darby & Macy and at the time of going to print, Darby & Macy are considering their options regarding amending the proposal.

SARA will keep you updated of any further developments.



### SARA SUPPORTS YOUNG LOCAL ATHLETE

The SARA Committee was very impressed by the achievements of local teenager Sophie Singleton who is making a name for herself in the world of trampolining. Details of Sophie's achievements to date and her goals for the future are on the back page. Since she is too young at present to receive financial assistance from the Sports Council (unlike gymnastics, trampoliners peak at a later age and are therefore deemed not to need financial assistance until then) her family are finding the costs involved in supporting Sophie quite substantial. The SARA Committee were therefore pleased to be able to help with a donation of £200.

Sophie is seen here receiving the cheque from the Executive Secretary of SARA, Steven Kearney. If you feel you would like to support Sophie in any way financially, please contact her c/o SARA, Rundle Road, Liverpool L17 0AQ



Just a little reminder of what Christmas is all about.

The thought of Christmas will conjure up many different meanings for all of us. In the young, it means a time for presents, festivity and happiness. For many others it is a time of headache, stress and misery.

Christmas is not all about spending ridiculous amounts of money of gifts, food and drink. Yes, it is a time to celebrate, particularly for the Christian community. It is a celebration of Jesus' birth, remembering the Christian beliefs in humanity, generosity, forgiveness and tolerance. But alas I fear that the material is replacing the caring.

This Christmas spare a little time and think about what it is *really* all about. Remember your neighbours, check that the elderly are OK, look out for each other, be caring and thoughtful.

Remind yourself and your family that Christmas is a time for giving and sharing, not just materially, but with thought and deed.

*Have a lovely Christmas !!!*

**Merry Christmas  
& A Happy New Year**

### My Liverpool - Memories of Youth

I walked the streets of Liverpool  
I was no Maggie May!  
But an office junior  
About her busy day

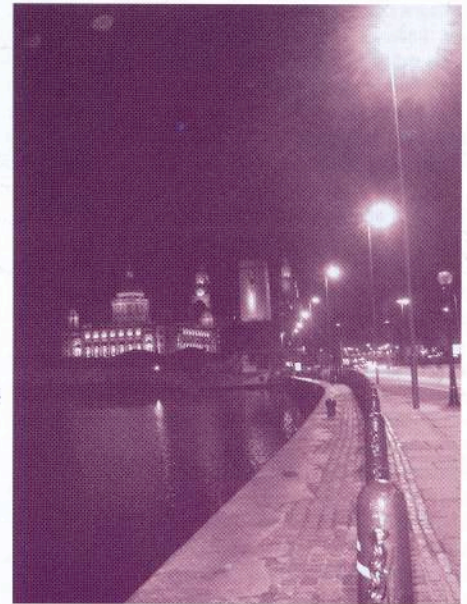
To Dale Street and Old Hall Street  
My letters to deliver  
Chapel Street and Castle Street  
Then down towards the river

Spring, summer, autumn, winter  
On my journey I would go  
The weather never bothered me  
Be it sun, hail, rain or snow

I'd dreamed about those special times  
When my working day was through  
Dancing in the Grafton  
In the arms of you

Now in my twilight years  
I recall with much devotion  
My happy youth in Liverpool  
And am filled with deep emotion

*Congratulations to our competition winner, Pat Simms. W.H. Smith vouchers will be on their way to you shortly.*



Firstly we would like to wish everyone in our community, a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

It's hard to believe that the SARA newsletter is now approaching its fourth year of production.

As usual we always welcome articles, photographs and general items such as events and notifications for publication, so if you have anything of interest to put forward, please don't hesitate!

Once again we would heartily like to thank everyone who helps put the SARA newsletter together and to everyone who helps distribute the newsletter to over 2,500 households in the Sudley area, without whom this would not be possible.

We always welcome news, events and activities that local groups, clubs etc. would like the public to know about. The SARA newsletter is the perfect way to get information into the community free of cost.

We would also like to thank all the small businesses who advertise in the newsletter as this is how we fund the printing of 3,000 copies three times a year.

If you are a budding journalist, photographer or graphic designer, we can also offer you work experience in putting the publication together, just contact us via email or by phone and I'm sure we could use your help.

As this is a multi cultural community, we would welcome information on events and activities that might be occurring within the community. Religious, cultural, music, art and sporting activities are all welcome to be featured within the newsletter, just let us know at:

newsdesk@sudley.org.uk or drop us a line to the SARA Hall, corner of Rundle Road, Aigburth

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and New Year, from the newsletter team!

Police Meeting - Anti Social Behaviour

S.A.R.A. hosted a meeting on Monday 23rd October to address the issue of Anti Social Behaviour in and around the Aigburth area. The meeting was attended by over 70 local residents. Representatives from Merseyside Police included Andy Cook (South Liverpool Area Commander), Shaun Bradbury (Allerton Neighbourhood Inspector) and Phil Cooper (Community Liaison C.S.O.). Cllr Dave Antrobus and Cllr Tina Gould were also in attendance.

Andy Cook and Shaun Bradbury opened the meeting explaining how their team was currently tackling the issue of anti social behaviour in the area and how they hoped local residents would help through regular meetings and providing details of any incidents occurring.

One of the biggest issues raised at the meeting was the lack of Alleygates in the area, especially following the passing of new gating order legislation. Dave Antrobus advised that gating orders have only recently come into force as part of the Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (England) Regulations 2006. Unfortunately, when funding was made available by Liverpool City Council in 2002, those roads with objections could not have Alleygates installed. Now that legislation is in place to install gates irrespective of objection, the funding is no longer available (because the Council cannot roll over funds indefinitely from year to year).

Dave Antrobus also advised that S.A.R.A. are currently hosting a bid for £14,150 from The Empowering Neighbourhoods Scheme (TENS) Community Chest. This funding, if received, will only cover the cost of Alleygates for the Alley between Kildonan Road & Lisburn Road. This area is the one that Councillors and S.A.R.A. have received the most complaints about.

During the course of the meeting, details of a number of specific incidents/hotspots were taken. Shaun Bradbury advised that these areas will be the main target of his team over the next 4 weeks.

If you have details of any anti-social behaviour issues the team can be contacted on the following numbers: 0151 777 5125 or 0151 777 5126 (an answerphone service should be in operation on these numbers if nobody is available to answer.) Alternatively, you can contact Phil Cooper by email on: Philip.L.Cooper@merseyside.pnn.police.uk

It is important that these details are not used in the event of an emergency, for these cases, dial 999.

Wheelie Bins

We as your local councillors have had a clear message given to us by residents that those who dispose of their rubbish in the correct manner are fed up with those that do not, and want the City Council to take action.

99% of rubbish collections are made on the correct day and yet residents leave wheelie bins out, often filling them the night before collection and then leaving them out again for another week. They are the target for anti

social behaviour, Councillor Dave Antrobus and Councillor Tina Gould and I have had numerous complaints over this matter. Again many have been set on fire or used to climb over walls.

The Council is beginning an initiative to monitor alleyways and is using the Environmental Protection Act to help solve the problem which can ultimately lead to a fine.

Our plea is please put your Wheelie Bins out on collection day, and then when emptied take them back in, don't leave rubbish bags outside or in alleyways.

Many Thanks, Councillor Ron Gould

SARA fully endorse this request especially after Wheelie Bins have been used by youths to gain access to the rear of SARA Hall causing considerable damage to property. We would like to reiterate that extra waste left at the side of wheelie bins will not be collected. For bulky items, Liverpool Direct in partnership with Bulky Bob's may be able to arrange a collection (restrictions apply). Call Liverpool Direct on 0151 233 3001 for details.

Kelton Grange Update

Old Kelton has now been sold but we still do not know what will happen to it.

Kelton Grange Nursing Home has closed. It was boarded up on Tuesday, October 24, and was broken into that evening and the gardens and building were vandalised. Nugent Care has still not disclosed its plans for the future of the site. We will keep you informed of further developments.

S.A.R.A. Class Update

On Wednesday 16th August, S.A.R.A. held a coffee morning and recruitment session for adult education classes being held by the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) and Knowsley Community College. The classes on offer were varied and the event was very well attended.

September saw a very good level of registration for most of the classes with the watercolour painting class having to split into two because of exceptionally high attendance.

The WEA are currently providing classes in watercolour painting, digital photography, drawing and local history. Knowsley are providing the CLAIT computer course.

The initial enrolment for ECDL was disappointing and unfortunately, due to an increase in course fees from Knowsley, the class has been withdrawn from our timetable.

Scrabble

Are you interested in Scrabble? If so, give us a call on 726 0805 (Answerphone). If enough people are interested we shall look at the possibility of setting up a Scrabble club.

Advertising Feature

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Thank You For All Your Support Wishing You a Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year

Advice Centres: Tuesday: 6.30pm - 7.30pm St. Margaret's School, Aigburth Road (term time only)



## Coach Trips & Holidays

The monthly coach trips and the holiday to Ireland proved to be successful and happy events. The weather was not as kind on some of the trips as in previous years but failed to spoil the enjoyment.

Raffles held during the trips and the holiday realised approximately £350 for Zoe's Place. This healthy amount was due to the generosity of those on the trips and also to those who kindly donated some of the prizes.

Plans for next year are now being made and while some favourites will be repeated e.g. Bury Market and Llandudno, new venues are being explored. Perhaps a trip on the Liverpool Leeds Canal with lunch included or a visit to Trentham Gardens with its beautiful lake and woodlands. Any suggestions for future trips within reasonable travelling time would be helpful.

Arrangements for a five-day trip to Ostend, Belgium in mid March 2007 in conjunction with Five Star Travel are currently being considered. As soon as these are finalised, details will be advertised at the SARA Hall. If interested please contact a committee member or telephone 0151 726 0805 (answerphone) and leave your name and contact number.

## Tuesday Afternoon Tea Dance

The Tuesday afternoon dance is going with a swing. It has grown so much and is enjoyed by all. All the members are so friendly and go out of their way to make everyone feel welcome, so if you wish to join us, it is from 1.30 to 3.30 pm, costs £2. It doesn't matter if you don't want to dance, come for a chat or just to watch and listen to the music.

We are looking forward to our Christmas party on the 12th December.

## WEA Classes

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME - JANUARY 2007

#### Watercolour Painting

Mondays - 10.30 am - 1.00 pm OR 2.00 - 4.30 pm

#### Digital Photography

Tuesdays - 10.00 am - 12 noon

#### Drawing

Thursdays - 2.15 - 4.15 pm

#### Local History

Fridays - 2.00 - 4.00 pm

New term starts week beginning 15 January 2007

New members welcome

Further information contact Bernie Doyle on 243 5350

## Children's Dance Class

The Children's Dance class has been put on hold until the spring, details of the class will be published in our spring newsletter.

## Brand New Drama Club For SARA Hall!



Altru Drama have set up a new drama club which runs in SARA Hall on a Wednesday evening for children aged 7 - 11. The company, who have been established for 18 months and work in schools across the area, are offering children the opportunity to get involved in an hour and a half of drama games, improvisation, fun and performance each week.

Altru also run successful clubs in Huyton and Bootle, and the new session at SARA Hall is their latest venture. They are hoping to get a great group of children together for their Christmas performance which will be loads of fun.

The session is open to both boys and girls and costs £4. Session takes place Wednesdays at 4 - 5:30pm.

For more information about Altru Drama call 0151 702 9293 or check out their website - [www.altru.co.uk](http://www.altru.co.uk)



Pavilion Pre-School (Aigburth)

We have a small number of spaces available at present for pre-school children, in our Tuesday and Thursday afternoon sessions. If you are interested in a place, please do not hesitate to contact the school on

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Find out more about bring banks.

• **Green waste collection**

We can collect green waste from your home. We'll collect things like leaves, twigs, grass cutting and more.

• **Bulky Bob's (collection of bulky household items)**

If you have a large household item to dispose of, Bulky Bob's can collect it for free.

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Sat: 8.00am - 4.00pm

No Appointment Necessary  
Children Always Welcome

# Thirty Years Of Volunteering

It had been suggested that prior to SARA's 30th anniversary in 2007, a short history of SARA be prepared using committee minutes for information. Easier said than done! Committee minutes do exist for much of the period but, because there are significant gaps and the formal manner in which minutes are written, it is difficult to flesh these out into an interesting account. So, this piece is more about acknowledging those who have given their time and energy over the years for the benefit of the wider community.

That said, for those not around at the time (myself included) briefly this is how it all began. Back in 1977 a residents' association was formed by a group of concerned residents. There are no minutes available until 1981 but we do know that in the interim period the executive committee of around 17-20 people met in each other's homes, a constitution was drawn up, the group was named (Sudley Area Residents' Association) and charitable status was sought and gained.

In 1984 SARA took over the tenancy of what is now known as SARA Hall. This building had originally been a chapel and in the period immediately prior to SARA moving in had been a carpet warehouse.

The work needed to bring the property into good repair and into a suitable condition for use as a community hall, was considerable (not to say costly). The committee members of the day are to be congratulated for their diligence, tenacity and sheer commitment to the project which laid the foundations on which subsequent committee members have built.

Over the years campaigning activity has taken place covering a wide range of issues from opposing the opening of a sex shop in the area to concerns about the possible closure of the Ash Surgery; from street lighting to alley gates. Entertainment has been provided which has included informative talks, musical evenings, and a monthly film night. Day trips and holidays have featured since the early days and are eagerly awaited and usually over subscribed and the Newsletter is produced three times a year and seems to be well received. Other activities in the hall include adult education classes, a weekly tea dance and table sales are a regular feature. The Hall is also available for hire for parties at very

reasonable rates. All of these activities don't just happen – people i.e. volunteers make them happen.

I believe that SARA Hall is a focal point for the community and is a wonderful resource which should be supported by as many people as possible in the area. On a personal note I found that when I moved into the area just a little over 3 years ago – the move coinciding with my retirement from full time employment – it was good to have a place in the area where I could meet people. This is where the Newsletter came in – I read about the open day advertising the adult education classes – went along – was made welcome – joined a couple of classes and have never looked back. I now feel part of the area and so far as missing work is concerned have not had any withdrawal symptoms whatsoever!

I would therefore urge you all to support SARA in any way that you can – join a class, come along to the next table sale, tell us what you think about the Newsletter (only nice things please!) or come along to a committee meeting –they're open to all (the first Wednesday of the month at 8.10 pm).

**Don't just read this and think to yourself, well I suppose I should get involved – DO IT.**

## Word Play

### Berserk

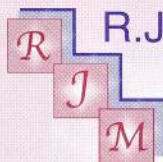
The word **berserk** was first used in English in the early 19th century, in reference to ancient Norse warriors.

These warriors, **berserkers**, fought with furious violence, literally "going berserk". The word derives from Old Norse, but its original meaning is uncertain: it may be from *bjorn* "bear" + *serkr* "coat", or possibly from *berr* "brave" (i.e. without armour)

### Energy Saving Tips

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## Our Days Out

### AUGUST – OSWESTRY AND SHREWSBURY

The trip to and from S.A.R.A. Hall went well. When we arrived at Oswestry Market Town for the Market, it unfortunately started to rain, but that didn't dampen our enthusiasm for shopping. The hanging baskets and gardens were particularly nice and colourful. We then went on to Shrewsbury where the inclement weather followed but, as most of the shops are undercover, we pressed on with our retail therapy. On the way home the heavens opened but by the time we got to Chester the weather had cleared. However, we were luckier than elsewhere - at Manchester Airport Terminal 1 was closed because of flooding!

### SEPTEMBER - MOLD MARKET AND LLANDUDNO

They said we would be battered by the remnants of hurricane Gordon and that all in all the day would be a washout. What is it with weather forecasters and hurricanes? It couldn't have been a better day – breezy certainly but sunny and warm as well. Forty-five joined the trip at SARA Hall and within the hour we were in the historic market town of Mold. A short stay there, but long enough to search out the bargains and have the all important cuppa, then we were on our way again en route to Llandudno. Our driver decided to take the scenic route over Moel Famau – this proved to be quite hairy at times as the bus hugged each side of the narrow road

but we made it -thankfully without meeting any oncoming traffic! Llandudno was quite busy and looked good in the sunshine. The new retail park there (just opposite the coach park) looks set to open in the autumn which along with other well-known retailers will include a Debenhams store.

### OCTOBER – THE TRAFFORD CENTRE

Our expedition to the Trafford Centre started with the now customary downpour.

We arrived just as the Centre was opening and were able to shop before it got too crowded. A pit stop for morning coffee was followed by more shopping before lunch and after, then home with plenty of bags taking the scenic route through Runcorn because the M62 was closed!

The on-board raffle on each trip raised much needed funds for Zoe's Place. Thanks are again due to Barbara and Eileen for their excellent organisation of these trips.

### Recipe – Christmas Cake that can be Low Fat or Nut Free or Gluten free

For an 8 in round tin or 7 in square tin greased and lined with greaseproof paper

- 1lb (450g) Currants
- 6oz (175g) Sultanas
- 6oz (175g) Raisins
- 2oz (50g) glacé cherries, rinsed dried & chopped
- 3 Tablespoons Brandy
- 8oz (225g) Plain flour (or rice flour - gluten free)
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon mixed spice
- 8oz (225g) light marg.
- 8oz (225g) soft brown sugar
- 4 eggs Size 1 (use just the egg whites if you wish to keep cholesterol levels to a minimum and add 1 tblsp of orange juice)
- 2oz of chopped Almonds (omit for a nut free cake)
- The grated zest of one lemon and one orange

Start the night before baking. Weigh out the dried fruit, place in a mixing bowl and pour in the brandy. Place a teatowel over the bowl and soak overnight.

When ready the next day, pre heat the oven to gas mark 2, 140°C. Sift the flour and spices into a mixing bowl. In a separate bowl whisk the marg and sugar together until pale and fluffy, add your eggs to the creamed mixture, if using the whole egg, beat together in a bowl before adding. Make sure to add the eggs slowly to avoid curdling. Fold in the flour gently, fold in the fruit, nuts and zests.

Transfer the cake mixture to your prepared tin and spread out evenly with your spoon. Cover the top of the cake tin with tin foil. Bake on a low shelf for 4 1/2 - 4 3/4 hours or until a cake skewer comes out dry when tested through the middle of the cake. Do not be tempted to look before at least 4 hours of cooking has elapsed (the centre could sink!)

Cool the cake for 30 mins or so in the tin then remove to a wire rack. When completely cooled wrap in greaseproof paper and then in tinfoil. Store in a cool dry place until ready to ice, or eat it as it is.

"Delicious"



## Events During the Christmas Break

**Christmas Carol Service**  
**Croxtheth Hall & Country Park**  
17/12/2006

www.croxtheth.co.uk  
Echoes of traditional carol singing upstairs in the Old Dining Room of the Hall. Organised by the friends of Croxtheth Hall and Country Park.

**Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra - Carol Concerts, Winter Wonderland**

Philharmonic Hall  
22/12/2006  
www.liverpoolphil.com  
A programme of Christmas music for the family including:  
Anderson's Sleigh Ride, Adam's O Holy Night, Tchaikovsky's Finale from Act I of The Nutcracker, Berlin's White Christmas and other seasonal favourites.  
Tickets cost £13, £17, £20, £24 and £29. Show starts at 7.30pm.

**Santa's Farm Grotto**

Croxtheth Hall & Country Park  
25/11/2006 - 24/12/2006  
www.croxtheth.co.uk  
Open to the public at weekends from Saturday 25th November until Sunday 11th December, then every day until Christmas Eve. 10am - 3.30pm  
£6.00 per child, including a present and photo. £1.50 per adult.

**New Year's Eve Fireworks Display**

Liverpool Town Hall  
31/12/2006  
www.liverpool08.com  
New Year's Eve fireworks will highlight Liverpool's historic Town Hall as an opener for Liverpool's 800th birthday year.  
Festivities start at 5pm.

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## SARA WORKING WITH MERSEYSIDE POLICE

**Can I take this early opportunity to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a Merry New Year.**

Christmas is always a busy time of year for the police and while crime in the area remains low I would like to offer some crime prevention advice to prevent the festivities being ruined.

- Do not leave Christmas presents unattended in the car while shopping.
- Keep your purse or wallet in an inside pocket and not on display.
- If you are lucky to receive a new bike or mobile phone for Christmas record all the serial numbers and keep them safe, if it were to be stolen the numbers will help the police recover the items.

I don't intend to frighten people with this advice, Mossley Hill and the Sudley area remains a very safe to live. I have met with a number of you to discuss the problems of young people congregating in the area and we will address those concerns. My staff and I remain committed to working with your local councillors to reduce crime and disorder. Please continue to call the Police at Allerton if you have anything you wish to discuss on **777-5125** or **in an emergency on 999**.

Best Wishes

Shaun Bradbury

Inspector Allerton

Neighbourhood Police

## Merseyside Police Summer Arts & Crafts Classes

Over the Summer Holidays, Merseyside Police ran a number of youth orientated classes at both St Margaret's School and SARA Hall. One of our young residents told SARA what they liked about the Art class;  
*"My name is Melanie and every Friday afternoon in the school holidays I went to SARA Hall and did Arts & Crafts with the Merseyside Police. We made lots of different things and on the last afternoon we had a tea party and were given a rucksack filled with art things. I hope it's on again next summer."*



## Police Surgeries at SARA Hall

The Merseyside Police surgeries held at SARA Hall are changing from January 2007. Starting January 19th and every third Friday thereafter, representatives from Merseyside Police will be available between 4 and 5pm.

If you would like to talk to your local neighbourhood officers about the issues concerning you, then feel free to call in. No Appointment is necessary.

## Criminal Damage to Property

Recently there has been a number of incidents in the community where criminal damage has occurred to private property in the area.

Some allotments were vandalised and some incidents of graffiti on private dwellings occurred.

Merseyside police are investigating these incidents, but reiterate that if vandalism occurs, please report it. If an incident is not reported it cannot be recorded. If there are no statistics for vandalism in the area it looks as though there isn't a problem and therefore no action taken.



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# Your Letters



Dear Newsletter Team,

I was very relieved to see recently road crossings being installed on Dundonald Road. School mornings are becoming increasingly stressful with wild driving and parking by rushing parents.

I have three children whom I walk to school each morning and what is so frustrating is that even though every parent knows about the traffic problems and every parent has been asked by the schools to park away from the schools, these requests are being ignored by a small number of driving parents. Parents keep parking in front of one crossing point in particular near Donalds Way and on double yellow lines. I'm so frightened that a child will get knocked over.

This letter is simply a plea from one parent who walks children to school, to all parents who drive to school. Please slow down, please obey the rules of the road, no parking in front of crossing points or on zig zag or double yellow lines and please, please, please respect all of our little children's lives.

Name supplied.

SARA says:

*It is very good that the crossings have finally been put in, but the community also needs its residents to help out too by being considerate and careful.*

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Dear Editor,

You may be interested in this photocopy of my Uncle's departure to Canada on Canadian Pacific "Montcalm" on 25 March 1927.

Harry Smith, of Brabant Road is the hatless gentleman in the middle of the back row, being sent off by his family and friends.

The boy with the cap is his younger brother, Wilfred (extreme right, lower row - now deceased). Wilfred lived with his wife and son with GP Forwood-Heyn (founder of 1st Allerton Scouts, Aigburth Vale 1909) at 3 Aigburth Vale before they moved to the Horseshoe Nurseries, Chester High Road, Wirral in the late 1940's.

Harry married Sara in Canada, had a home in Penticton, British Columbia and had one son Ted.

D Lewis.

*If you have an issue to discuss with us, contact us by email: [newsdesk@sudley.org.uk](mailto:newsdesk@sudley.org.uk) or phone 726 0805*



## Did You Know?

It was in 1888 that work began on the famous Liverpool Overhead Railway. It opened in 1893 and was the first railway that "ran in the sky" in the northwest. It was also the first elevated electric railway in the world where automatic electric signalling was first used in 1893.

The first railway escalator in the UK was introduced at Seaforth Sands Station, ten years earlier than the capital's first escalator.

The railways height above the road was 16 feet at its maximum and it descended at one point to road level. It was designed by Sir Douglas Fox and J.H. Greathead. It closed in 1956 because of intensive corrosive action on the metal trackbed due to the action of acid, and would have taken approx. £2 million to refurbish safely, considered too much in 1956.

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## A Rising Star

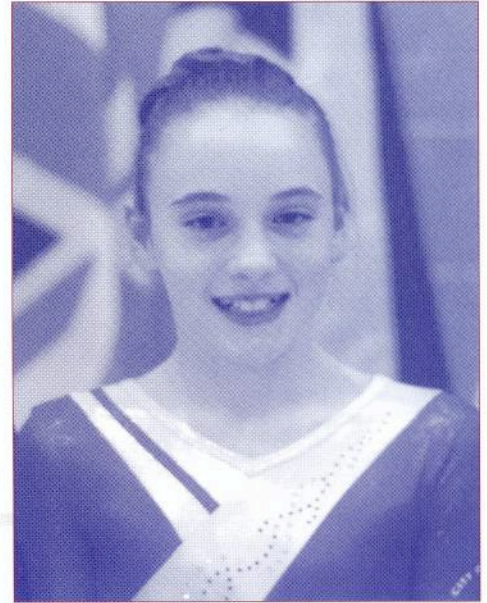
Sophie Singleton is a Sudley resident who is making a big impression on the British and European trampolining scene. Thirteen years old, Sophie is a pupil at Calderstones' School. She first started trampolining classes at IM Marsh three years ago.

Sophie now trains with Jay Scouler at the Park Road Sports Centre which is a national centre of excellence for gymnastics. Jay is Great Britain's youngest and most pioneering coach.

Sophie has to train over twenty hours a week but her hard work and determination are paying off. She heads the ranking in her age group (under 15 girls) in Britain and has just returned from two successful competitions abroad. In September Sophie represented the North West of England in Portugal winning a bronze medal in the individual event and silver in the synchronised competition. In early October she competed for Great Britain (GB) in Germany in the legendary youth match. This is a team competition with a 50-year history. She was the youngest member of the GB squad and helped GB win gold.

In late October she again competed for Great Britain, this time on home ground in Kent against Sweden and Portugal. GB again won and each member of the team received a gold medal. Sophie took third place on an individual level.

Sophie's main aims are to qualify for the world age group championships in Vancouver, Canada next year and in 2012 for the Olympic Games in London.



## Sudley FC

Sudley FC is at present playing their first competitive season at 11 a side in the South Liverpool Business Leaders League. We have made a reasonable start and are at present in 8th position in the league, with results so far being; 4 wins, 4 loses and 2 draws.

Sudley FC has received a certificate of thanks from Kit Aid signed by ex England player, Graham Taylor, for the kits we donated to charity.

Sudley FC would also like to say well done to Michael Welch, our speedy striker/winger who has represented The City of Liverpool Sports Hall Athletics Squad at the City of Manchester Stadium Sports City in November. Michael excelled at the meeting contributing to the Boys Team finishing 4th overall in a strong field of competitors.

Sudley FC would like to thank The Football Foundation sponsored by Barclays Premiership for our new away kits and we would also like to thank everyone connected to the Club for their continued support. Thanks!

If you are a local team and would like to be featured in our next issue just contact the newsletter team: [newsdesk@sudley.org.uk](mailto:newsdesk@sudley.org.uk)

## SARA Hall Timetable

|                  |                   |  |
|------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 10.30am - 1.00pm  | Watercolour painting (starts 15/01/07)*          |
|                  | 2.00pm - 4.00pm   | Watercolour Painting (starts 15/01/07)*          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 10.00am - 12 noon | Digital Photography (starts 16/01/07)*           |
|                  | 1.30pm - 3.30 pm  | Tea Dance - £2 per class                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 1:00pm - 3:00pm   | Craft/Card Making £1/class                       |
|                  | 4:00pm - 5:30pm   | Children's Drama (Age 7-11) £4/class             |
|                  | 6:30pm - 8:00pm   | Yoga £4/class                                    |
|                  | 7:00pm - 8:00pm   | Swimming @ JMU IM Marsh                          |
|                  | 8:15pm - 9:15pm   | Committee Meeting (First Wed of Month)           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9:30am - 11.30am  | Craft £1/class                                   |
|                  | 2.15pm - 4.15pm   | Drawing (starts 18/01/07)*                       |
|                  | 7:00pm - 9:00pm   | Tai Chi £4/class                                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9:00am - 11:00am  | Computers (CLAIT) £1/class†                      |
|                  | 1.30pm - 3.30pm   | Local History Class (starts 19/01/07)*           |
|                  | 4:00pm - 5:00pm   | Police Surgery (Every 3 Weeks) Starting 19/01/07 |

\* WEA Classes. Fees apply.

† tuition/exam fee from Knowsley Community College may apply in addition to £1 levied by SARA.

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**726 0805**

**sorry, no bouncy castles!**

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