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Sudley Area Residents' Association

Newsletter

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Local Derelict Pubs Undergo Major Facelift

As you may have seen, work has begun on the derelict pubs at Aigburth Vale. Both the **Traveller's Rest** and **Ye Old House At Home** are being refurbished as luxury residential accommodation.

Shortly after we highlighted their plight in our April issue, work began on developing these fine architectural examples. Renovations are proceeding well and work is anticipated to be completed by early 2005. SARA will keep you advised on their progress.

SARA Making A Difference !!!

If there are any issues regarding derelict properties or areas that are in need of improvement, this is the spot to highlight these issues, please let us now if there is anything that we could feature for the Christmas edition.

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Our special thanks to all local businesses included in the newsletter, Merseyside Police, Merseyside Fire Brigade and the NHS, without whose support this would not have been possible. Please help us by supporting them.

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Sudley Field Hut Update

Well, we must say a final farewell to the sports hut on Sudley field. Built in 1914 the hut served the community for almost 100 years, from a warden base during world war II, to a sports equipment storage area in 2003.

After a number of acts of vandalism and arson, the hut has had to be demolished for safety reasons. Unfortunately there is nothing to replace it and our children who play football in Sudley field have no where to store their equipment.

Did You Know?

When Bruce Grobbelaar first joined Liverpool football club, he first lived in Luggard Road.

If you have any interesting facts please let us know!

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Gardening Class

Members of the S.A.R.A. Gardening class enjoyed a day at Ness Gardens with their tutor Graham. With his knowledge of the 64 acre site we were soon able to identify different species and genus.

The Alpine, Rock gardens and Greenhouses were a joy to see. The gardens are undergoing many changes and a visit later in the year is a must.

We had a welcome rest in the Cafe' and enjoyed lovely home-made food.

We started the second half of the visit with a trip to the pond and Rose garden, then on to the azalea's and rhododendrons and, last but not least the Garden Centre, where we were able to buy some of the plants we

had seen. The weather, which had been kind to us, then changed and we just made it back to the mini-bus (before the heavens opened). We had a very enjoyable and informative day.

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Open sessions for all ages, male and female (except young babies). Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

Why not come along to a friendly atmosphere for a "Family Swim". **Contact Jean on 727 4912**

The Tuesday Tea Dance

The afternoon dance is coming along very nicely. Everyone says that they enjoy it and it is a very pleasant couple of hours with nice friendly people. We start at 1.30pm every Tuesday and we finish at 3.30pm costing £2.00 with a break for tea and biscuits (10p).

If you feel like joining us, you will be very welcome indeed!!!

Star Business!!!

In the next issue of the SARA newsletter, we will randomly select a business and run a feature on that business, informing you a little bit about their background and aspirations.

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SARA Helping To Reduce Accidents In Your Home

It will come as a surprise to many people that the most dangerous place they can be in is their own home.

Home accidents account for 40% of all fatal accidents; in fact there are 4,000 deaths each year in the UK. In addition 2.9 million people will need hospital attention and 140,000 will be admitted and about 1 million will go to their GPs for treatment.

So how do you think we can reduce accidents and not become a government statistic?

Well it is a fact that human error is a key factor a high percentage of accidents are preventable. They often occur at times of stress, when a routine is changed because of an unsafe practice.

Who is most at risk?

Essentially older people and children are most at risk. The number of accidents are increasing and so are the number of accidents involving them.

One in seven attending hospital are over 65. Over 1 million children visit hospital each year following an accident that is about 10% of all children. The data shows that those under 5 are most at risk.

How can we prevent an accident?

There are often some simple things that we can adopt that will have an impact on reducing the likelihood of an accident:

- Fix a Fireguard to all Fires
- Never leave clothes to dry over a fireguard or over a cooker
- Keep panhandles to the side and not to the front of the cooker
- If you smoke take care and do not smoke in bed
- Have all electrical blankets checked regularly
- Have you central heating and your gas fires checked annually
- Keep matches in a safe place away from children
- Fit a short flex to the kettle
- Always run the cold water into your bath and then warm up the water
- Never leave pans unattended

Poisoning

It is the under 5's that are at most risk. It is important that all household medicines and chemicals are in a safe place and away from children. Think of fitting child proof locks to all kitchen cupboards and keep medicines in childproof storage. Also ensure that unwanted medicines are safely disposed by taking them back to the chemist. Older people also may need help to ensure that they are taking the correct medicine.

Why do accidents happen?

There are a number of reasons why accidents at accidents can happen. Impaired health can result in dizziness or feeling unsteady and elderly people often suffer from failing eyesight. Children are often absorbed in their own immediate surroundings and not aware of their of their consequences of their actions. They are also naturally inquisitive which can lead them into dangerous environments.

What accidents happen? The Facts.

Slips, trips and falls are the most common source of accidents in the home. They account for about 36%. Falls on stairs 9%, 10% regarding slips and trips and 17% represent other kinds of falls.

For young children a higher figure of all accidents relate to falls. Some of these are from windows and balconies.

How can we prevent falls?

- Fit window restrictors to first floor windows.
- Never leave chairs below windows so that children can climb on to
- Keep floors free from clutter including toys
- Use a non-slip mat in the bath
- Never leave babies on high surfaces
- Keep clutter off the floor and make sure handrails are securely fixed
- To help older people, fix a handrail to either side of the stairs.
- Fix a safety gate at the top and bottom of the stairs if children are around
- Ensure that the stairs are well lit
- Ensure carpets are secured and in good repair

Fires and Burns the facts

Burns and scalds are high on the list for all age groups.

5 people over 60 die in a house fires each week.

34% of burns and scalds happen to the under 5s

A hot drink can scald a child as much as 15 minutes after it has been made

Kitchen equipment, hot cookers, kettles, irons etc cause the most serious injuries

Who can prevent Accidents?

Parents, grand parents, guardians, childminders and carers must accept responsibility who cannot look after themselves.

• Education of the young is important and children should be counselled both in school and at home regarding safety awareness

• Older people can be advised about good safety practices

• We can all look out for each other and help to change unsafe practices

• Ensure that all medicines are in a safe place away from children

TRIPS REVIEW

SARA Torquay Trip - April 5th - 9th 2004



The group left SARA hall promptly at 8.00am on the morning of the 5th of April. The journey was a pleasant and atmospheric one. Frank, our driver from 5-star travel, delivered us safely to the Hotel Richmond where we were welcomed by teas and biscuits, just what we needed at the end of a long journey!

The good evening meal was followed by a top quality entertainer who incidentally was so affected by the scouse visit and various others he invited the audience to go on stage and change places with him!

Tuesday brought about a trip to Brixham, a delightful place where fishermen still mend their nets on the quay side. On Wednesday we embarked on a trip to the Eden Project, a unique venture with something new and meaningful around every corner. On Wednesday evening some people took the opportunity to go to the theatre, which received excellent reviews. On Thursday we went to Trago Mills and the unusual marble centre.

To summarize - Hotel Richmond was a pleasant place to stay, good food and friendly service. A special thanks to our willing driver Frank, to Ken Divine and those who organized the trip. Ken was everywhere when needed and nothing was too much trouble for him. Thank you so much!!!

Ostend Super Break - October 18th - 22nd 2004

In conjunction with Five Star Group Travel SARA presents this five day coach and ferry trip to Ostend. Accommodation is for four nights half board in the heart of Ostend, with lifts to all floors and easy walking distance to town centre.

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Aigburth People's Hall



New Members Welcome

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Liverpool South Area - Aigburth and Grassendale Neighbourhood - July 2004

May I take this opportunity to inform you of some minor changes that have taken place recently with regards to our Neighbourhood of Aigburth and Grassendale. As you will probably know, the previous Inspector responsible for policing in the Neighbourhood was my colleague Ian Roche. Ian has now moved on to the Community Engagement Unit, based at Admiral Street Police Station, where he is now responsible for establishing ways to improve our consultation and communication processes with the many communities of Liverpool South Area.

Consequently, I have now taken over from Ian as the Inspector responsible for policing in Aigburth and Grassendale Neighbourhood, a role which I am very pleased to accept. For my part, I have been undertaking the role of Response Inspector in Liverpool South Area for the past twelve months, having responsibility for servicing emergency and urgent incidents reported to the Police on a 24/7 basis. This was my first experience of policing the Liverpool South Area, with the remainder of my 22 years in the Police having been spent predominantly in the Liverpool North and Sefton Areas.

I regard my time spent as a Response Inspector as invaluable in giving me an insight into some of the problems experienced throughout the Liverpool South Area. I am now very much looking forward to establishing close links with the communities of our Neighbourhood, including those of the Sudley Area Residents Association, so that I can develop a better understanding of what issues are important to you. I believe that this kind of contact and relationship will develop a trust and mutual respect that will enable me and my officers to work together with the community to identify and resolve problems that are of concern to you.

In addition to engendering a working relationship with the community, we are also keen to embrace our local partners. To maximise such opportunities, we have revised our Neighbourhood boundaries, so that they are aligned with our local Neighbourhood Management Area of South Suburbs. Consequently, my staff team is now based at Allerton Police Station, where we share facilities with my neighbouring Neighbourhood Inspector, Dave Fox, who has responsibility for policing of Allerton and Childwall Neighbourhood.

We are also in the process of establishing a network of Community Advisory Groups throughout the Liverpool South Area. Each of the Police Neighbourhoods within Liverpool South Area will be establishing their own group, made up of local people who will meet with Neighbourhood Inspectors to identify and discuss local issues and concerns, with a view to working together to resolve the same. Dave Fox and myself are working closely with regards to the same.

In the meantime, if you want any further information on the developments that I have outlined, please contact me via E-Mail at Robert.Daly@Merseyside.Police.uk or by telephone on 0151-777-5141,

Regards

Inspector Bob Daly - Aigburth and Grassendale Neighbourhood

Mobile Library

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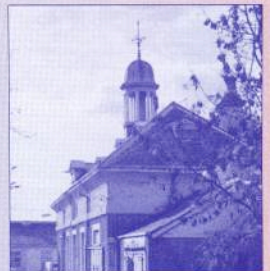
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Competition Time

The answer to last issues competition is of course The Crofton Estate. The winner is Louise Brown who will receive Two adult and Two child cinema tickets. Well Done!!!



Our next competition really is for the whole community. We are holding a photographic competition for Children and Adults. The theme:

"Where We Live". The Prizes will be music & DVD vouchers. All of the entries will then be displayed in the SARA hall at the Christmas fayre. Any format can be used, digital prints, 35mm photos, polaroids etc. just portray to us what it's like to enjoy life in the Sudley area.

Send your entries to: SARA Hall, Corner of Milner/Rundle Road, Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 0AQ **Good Luck everyone!!!!!!**

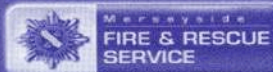
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Direct Payment won't affect how much money you receive. And you'll be able to get your money as regularly as you do now.

But it will offer you many more options of how to get your money.

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You may have already received an invitation letter with the forms you need to change over your pension or benefit payments.

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3rd of August 2004 from 9.30 am - 1.00pm

&

10th of August 2004 from 9.30am - 1.00pm

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Lin Hill on 0151-801 5652

Our History

The story of Otterspool (The Otter's Pool)

For centuries, the 'Otter's Pool' was a prized fishery, where all kinds of fish were caught, including an abundance of salmon which once ventured into the small inland creek.

Early settlers took advantage of the Otter's Pool's resources. The creek and the Mersey below may date from Roman times. Evidence of occupation was discovered last century during 1863 when a gardener employed by Oliver Holden at his house found a hoard of 12 brass Roman coins dating from the years 268-324 A.D. Coins have also been found dating to Saxon times.

During 1853, a section of Roman pavement was found and presumed to be part of a road. The initial section was uncovered five feet below the surface in Otterspool Park, and a second section similarly paved, was unearthed in Grassendale in 1855, 300 yards east of St. Mary's Church.

The modern spelling of Otterspool appears to be consistent only from the mid 19th century. Medieval documents record it as Otipul, or Oterpol, otir being the Old English for Otter. The Pool that once lay there was undoubtedly a haven for the creatures, with its plentiful supply of food.

Two brooks fed the Pool, one of which, known as the 'Lower Brook' met the second brook where Sefton Park boating lake now lies. Today, it can be traced near the Grotto, where it enters Sefton Park. The second, the 'Upper brook', rose near Sandown in Wavertree and flowed past the Lidderdale Road (where the original Brook House Inn dating from 1754 stood), before entering Greenbank Park. There the brook was dammed to form the lake.

The quality of the fishing along the length of the river was well known and rights were keenly sought after. In 1264, Adam de Gerstan granted to the conversai monks of the grange at Woolton, permission to construct a fishery on his land anywhere between Garston Mill Dale and Otterspool.

In 1618 was born a man destined to become an outstanding Mathematician and astronomer, regarded by Sir Isaac Newton as being among the two or three greatest pioneers of English astronomy. His name was Jeremiah Horrox. He was first taught at the Ancient Chapel of Toxteth and after showing early signs of genius at 14 he was sent up as a sizar to Emmanuel College, Cambridge. He became convinced that a transit of Venus across the sun would take place in the afternoon of November 24th 1639. You may have recently witnessed a similar event on 8th June this year (If Jeremiah Horrox was alive today he would be a SARA resident!!). Horrox precisely calculated the time by means of a simple mechanism made by himself, and observed the disc of Venus crossing the sun. This was the beginning of a remarkable series of observations and calculations continued under the stresses of ill health and financial embarrassment. Sadly, his brilliance was all too fleeting within the world of science, for he died at Otterspool on the 3rd January 1641, at the age of only 23. His works were edited, and posthumously published in Latin in London in 1672, as the Opera Omnia. His treatise on Venus was never actually published, although it is preserved in Manuscript in the Library of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich. A memorial tablet in his name was placed in the Ancient Chapel of Toxteth, where he was buried. I wonder if there are any other geniuses who lived in our the area?

In February 1779 Liverpool Corporation purchased manorial rights covering Otterspool and during December of that year the snuff manufacturers, Messrs Tate, Alexander and Wilson, took out a lease enclosing a portion of the Strand at the mouth of the Otterspool. There they erected a Snuff Mill at a cost of £2,439, together with cottages for workmen. The Mill was probably worked by the water of the pool.

Maps of the early 19th century show the pools in a variety of sizes and forms. The low field opposite the old cafe building is the dry bed of the lower tidal creek. At the end of the upper pool, just before where the railway crosses, there was a large stone dam known as the 'Water-Lily Dam'. Over the dam ran a lane which led up to Otterspool Farm, which stood on land to the south of St. Anne's church.

The remains of this dam and conduit may still be seen on the right hand side of the high embankment. This conduit is thirty yards long, is cut through the solid rock, and at the entrance there still exists a portion of the old wooden sluice door. There was a one time a boating house by the dam and on the other side of it a stone landing place. The route of this lane can be traced from the gates facing Aigburth Road where immediately after entering the park, a path branches away to the higher ground on the right. The dam was cut through during the construction of the carriage drive and its position can be clearly determined at the point where the banks either side of the drive are at their steepest and most narrow. The conduit still remains, although the sluice door is long gone. It is quite safe to walk through the tunnel to the other side.

By 1812 a fine new house had been built within the creek of Otterspool. The new occupier was John Moss who had a flourishing business near Salthouse Dock.

In 1816, during the construction of the embankments and the new gut for his mill, John Moss entered into a quarrel with Blackburne over the alterations and Blackburne won a legal battle for the rights.

Moss was continuously looking to develop his business and in 1822, in company with other business associates, he commenced the struggle to obtain powers to build the Liverpool to Manchester Railway and was elected Chairman of the new undertaking - one that was to spur an avalanche of compulsory purchase Acts. (How ironic that only a few years after his death, a second route to Manchester, the Cheshire Lines Railway, should be constructed straight through Otterspool, only yards from his house, still occupied by his family). Prior to the opening of the Liverpool to Manchester Railway, it is believed that George Stephenson, engineer of the "Rocket", stayed at Moss' Otterspool House and constructed a trial model of the first passenger railway in the world on the dry bed of the Jordan.

During the construction of Cheshire Lines' Otterspool Station, the higher carriage drive that led to the Lower Hunting Lodge, which also branched off to Moss' House.

John Moss gave land on Aigburth Road to the new Aigburth parish to build St. Anne's before he died and he was buried there in 1837. Thomas and Gilbert, his sons, continued the banking business while another son, John, entered the ministry. A fourth son, James, founded the Moss Line shipping company of Liverpool.

A small, quaint structure of stone, brick and timber reputed to be over three hundred years old stood on the shore perched on the verge of the sandstone cliffs at the bottom of Jericho Lane. There was also Jericho Cottage, known locally as the "Fisherman's Hut" or "Squatter's Hut". Approaching from the shore The cottage was home to generations of fishermen who maintained their occupation despite many attempts to dislodge them. In the second half of the 19th century several such attempts were made by the Cheshire Lines Committee who had purchased the adjoining land, and in 1898 the Corporation tried to levy rates on the occupant, Mr. Samuel Kennerley. Fortunately for Mr. Kennerley, a judicial decision was made in his favour, which ruled that in the eyes of the law he ranked as a squatter. At the turn of the century the day's of the fisherman were over. Kennerley complained; "Twenty years ago, there was plenty of fish to be got on the Mersey waters. At this spot, salmon, codlings, whiting, fluke sole and shrimps but now...the dirty water has driven them away. Garston Docks spoiled the fishery, and the Manchester Canal gave them the finishing touch." (It is pleasing to see that the tide is turning and many fish are returning to the Mersey).

After his death in 1927, the cottage was occupied by his son-in-law, who no longer protected by squatter's rights, was evicted in 1933. The Corporation offered him employment and accommodation to encourage his departure. The cottage was swiftly demolished and the last tangible reminder of the Mersey fisheries was swept away.

In 1909, an American, Mr. P.B. Clarke, leased almost an acre of land, lying immediately to the south of the site of the old pool, from the Cheshire Lines Railway Committee. There he began to construct a dock. Sidings were to be laid and it was to serve as a loading berth for coal barges, which would then be moored into the Mersey, to enable vessels to take on fuel at any level of the tide. The scheme went bankrupt after only the walls of the dock were constructed. The connections with the railway and river were yet to be made as a SARA residents we can be a little thankful for this imagine a docks at the bottom of Jericco lane.

During the 1920's, suggestions came from sections of the City Council that the dock should be made into a yachting basin, but this idea failed due to the problems posed by the silting up of the access into the Garston channel. In 1923, a firm of London promoters applied for permission to erect a large exhibition hall and a swimming pool. Moss's Otterspool House, meanwhile, had become the headquarters of a small zoo, which had been established within the Park. The days of the menagerie were numbered however, when Liverpool Corporation purchased 138 acres from the Cheshire Lines Committee in 1926, for £106,813. In 1931, the House, which had fallen into disrepair, was demolished and the only visible reminder today is the balustrade, which once fringed the broad terrace.

The Corporation were now moving with a purpose, although their plans could be traced back to 1919. In that year John A. Brodie, the City Engineer, began to devise a scheme to enclose 43 acres of foreshore from Dingle Point to Garston Docks by the construction of a River wall and the land to be reclaimed by the controlled dumping of clean household refuse. Brodie may have had a measure of personal interest in the scheme, living on the corner of Aigburth Hall Avenue opposite Riversdale Road. No doubt he had been inspired by the view of the foreshore from his house and the potential for recreational development in the area. In fact, no action was taken at that time, but in 1925 the Corporation was requested by the Mersey Tunnel Joint Committee to allow material excavated from the new Tunnel to be tipped on the Otterspool Foreshore.

In 1928-29 schemes for the construction of a river wall and embankments were submitted to the City Council by Mr. T. Peirson Frank, Brodie's successor. Costs were estimated at £114,730 for the River Wall, £71,470 for the embankments, and £8,500 for extensions to sewer out-falls. On average, land two hundred yards wide was to be reclaimed along the length of the foreshore, without any alteration or restriction the tides or the forming of cross currents.

Tipping commenced in September 1929 and the construction of the River Wall began in July 1920. The Wall was completed in 1932. The work of filling the voids between the original bank of the River and the new wall and embankments was well under way, domestic refuse being used for this purpose. This new, although temporary, 'tip' proved an economical masterstroke, for the disposal of this waste matter dealt with the bulk of Liverpool's requirements up to July 1949. Approximately 2 million tons were disposed of and the saving in cost of incineration more than offset the original cost of the construction of the river wall and embankments and the even the layout of the promenade, paths, and open spaces. The Old Dock site was filled in to form a car park

The Riverside Promenade was opened to the public on 7th July 1950. Tipping continued towards the Dingle until the Garden Festival site was constructed in the early 1980's.

It is very sad that we find the Otterspool in the sorry state that we find it in today. It seems to be the park that the City Council forgot.

The area surely has huge potential and if the climate is not right now to manage and improve the area then you wonder if the time and finance will ever by there. Otterspool park should be an area with built in attractions that enhance the area and encourage visitors to enter the park. Growing up in the 1970s yes the dark old days of rescission at least we had a choice of cafÉ. Now for the large part the cafes are gone and the area has been left to go into free fall. Do we really want to end up with apartments the solution to all.

Let us know your views What should and could the park be used for. What attractions could there be We promise to start the debate and forward to the city council.

If you have any happy memories of the area please let us know.

Have Your Say!!

I was wondering if other streets still awaiting alley gates, due to certain residents objecting, have noticed an increase in the quantity of dog dirt in the entries. I now have to wear old shoes in order to traverse the short distance to put the bins out (31 turds in 10 meters!). I've written to the council and they have placed post stamp-sized messages warning that fines will be metered out to offenders (numbers of prosecutions this year?). So far the council have said that only anti-social behaviour will merit the alley gates being erected (is letting your dog excrete on someone else's 'doorstep' social!). To those dog owners, please carry a plastic bag (the instructions of use I'll gladly explain); to the Council another valid reason for alley gates!!! (Name supplied)

Do you have a view? Let us know what you think.

Do You Think Our Children Need Skate Boarding and Biking facilities in the area? Let us now what you think as parents or participants!!!

email: newsdesk@sudley.org.uk or 0151-726 0805

Your Letters

Dear SARA

Thank you for your help with letting people know about Pavilion Pre-School in the last publication of the SARA Newsletter. It has been greatly appreciated by ourselves as we have had a very good response all around,
Many Thanks
M.Irvine

Thank you for your appreciation, just a little way in which the newsletter can help!!

Dear SARA

May I begin by thanking you for your residents association work. I have a busy job and do not get as much time as I would like at home, so I appreciate receiving your newsletter.

I have recently moved into the Aigburth area and I share the concerns voiced in your newsletter about anti-social behaviour, graffiti and litter in the area. In the few weeks before I moved in, my large back kitchen window was smashed; not a great welcome to living in the area.

I am taken aback by the lack of alleygates. I have contacted the scheme and my local councillor Ron Gould, and have been told that because there are a small number of objections the scheme cannot go ahead. Whatever happened to local democracy? In other words, the needs of the majority who are in favour should prevail over the few people who object. The scheme organisers said to me that they feared a challenge in the courts. That is rubbish. If they can say that they have properly consulted people then they are protected. I cannot understand why anyone living in the Sudley area would want people who do not live there, walking through the alleys behind their houses. Some say that the prices of houses would be affected. This is also rubbish. The fact of the matter is that these houses were built with alleys behind them and that will never change. The problem needs to be grasped.

I wish to add my support to your campaign and hope that progress can be made soon.

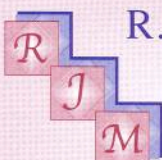
Thank you.

(Name supplied)

Thank you for your comments and your support, we will keep you updated on any future progress!!

Keep your letters coming in!!!

email: newsdesk@sudley.org.uk or simply drop us a line to SARA Hall, Corner of Milner/Rundle Road, Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 0AQ



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South Liverpool NHS Primary Care Trust

Your Primary Care Treatment Centre

The Primary Care Treatment Centre is based in
Sir Alfred Jones Memorial Hospital, Church Road, Garston.

The Centre is a nurse led minor injuries unit, and you can attend anytime, without an appointment, from 9.00am - 9.00pm Monday to Friday, and 9.00am to 5.00pm weekends and bank holidays.

The unit offers services such as:

- Suturing
- Plastering
- Assessment and treatment of minor ailments
- Ear syringing (by appointment)
- Blood tests
- Health promotion and advice
- Limited x-ray facilities
- Established networks with local GPs, health visitors and district nurses

Ear syringing appointments are limited and are available 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm Monday to Friday only. Appointments must be made by contacting the Centre BEFORE YOUR VISIT. Please ring 0151 250 4003

Blood tests are taken Monday to Friday 9.00 am - 12.30 pm. No appointment is required but a referral from your GP is necessary before your visit.

Some minor injuries may require an x-ray. The x-ray department is open from 9.00 am - 12.30 pm and from 1.30 pm - 4.45pm.

Should you have any queries relating to the Primary Care Treatment Centre, please contact Anne Twist, Senior Nurse Practitioner on 0151 250 4046.

Iain's Barber Shop

282 Aigburth Road

Opening Hours

Mon: 8.00am - 6.00pm	Tues: 9.30am - 6.00pm
Wed: 8.00am - 6.00pm	Thurs: 8.00am - 6.00pm
Fri: 8.00am - 6.00pm	Sat: 8.00am - 4.00pm

No Appointment Necessary
Children Always Welcome

Pavilion Pre-school

50 Dundonald Road, Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 0AF
Telephone: 0151- 727 0063

Monday - Friday: 9.00am - 11.45am Tuesday + Thursday: 1.00pm - 3.30pm
Afternoon Sessions Now Available for 2 1/2 - 5 yrs old.

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SARA Hall Weekly Events

Monday

Hair, Beauty & Self Image *	9.30am - 11.30am
Nikki's Fitness Factory - Body Conditioning	7.00pm - 8.00pm
Nikki's Fitness Factory - Hi-Lo Aerobics	8.00pm - 9.00pm

Tuesday

Tea Dance	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Introduction to Spanish *	6.00pm - 8.00pm
Mobile Library (Fortnightly)	3.40pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday

Computers *	9.30am - 11.30am
Yoga	6.30pm - 8.00pm
Swimming @ IM Marsh Campus	7.00pm - 8.00pm

Thursday

Craft For All *	9.30am - 11.30am
Gardening *	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Liverpool Tai Chi Club	7.00pm - 8.30pm

Friday

Introduction to Computers *	9.30am - 11.30am
Art Class *	1.00pm - 3.00pm

* Indicates LINC Class

Linc classes are subject to change in September, please contact Jackie Croft on 477 5800 for a revised timetable

The SARA Hall is also available for hire for special occasions such as Birthday Party's, Christening's, First Holy Communion's etc. The Hall is an ideal size for disco's and games. For as little as £22 for 2 hours and £6 for each additional hour thereafter, contact 0151-726 0805 and leave your contact details and date / time required for your party and some one will get back to as soon as possible!!! Sorry no Bouncy Castle's!

If you are a local business and would like to advertise in the next edition of the newsletter or a sporting club who would like representation please contact SARA by email: newsdesk@sudley.org.uk or SARA Hall, Corner of Milner/Rundle Road, Aigburth, Liverpool L17 0AQ

Local Sport

August

International Asian Cricket Festival - 14 August 2004 -15 August 2004

Liverpool Cricket Club

Contact Frank Doherty: 0151 - 233 6336

A combined India / Pakistan team of former international test cricketers take on the 'might' of the rest of the world.

The City of Liverpool Grand Prix Table Tennis Championships

27 August 2004 - 29 August 2004

Greenbank Academy

Contact Richard Johnson: 0151 - 233 6355

The country's top players travel to Liverpool for the first major table tennis tournament of the season.

September

Medicash Liverpool Corporate Cup Run

12 September 2004 - 11:00am

Liverpool City Centre

Contact Liverpool Direct: 0151 - 233 3007

Sponsored by Medicash and Reebok UK, this run is part of the NHS North West Corporate Series. Runners of all abilities are welcome to participate in this team event with the emphasis placed on fun and enjoyment.

October

Reebok Liverpool Cross Country Challenge

October 2004 (date to be confirmed)

Sefton Park

Contact Liverpool Direct: 0151 - 233 3007

Liverpool will once again host the first event of the prestigious national Reebok Cross Challenge Series. Leading cross country runners from a variety of age groups will battle it out in the picturesque surroundings of Sefton Park. Athletes hope to gain points to become the overall series winner.

Run Liverpool

City of Liverpool 10k / International Half Marathon

10 October 2004

Contact Liverpool Direct: 0151 - 233 3007

Two of the most popular road races in Liverpool combine for the second year running.

Can You Run a Football Team?

SARA would like to try and organize a new football team. We will sponsor your football kit, write about your progress and help as much as we can. You will need to be over 18 and have help at hand to train the team.

Can you put something back into our neighbourhood?

Lets give our children something to look forward to. u/8's - u/12's

Contact us at newsdesk@sudley.org.uk or phone: 726 0805

Entertainment & Events

August

Music from the Chinese community - admission free

Wednesday 18th August

Liverpool Central Library Picton Reading Room

Lunch time music recital 1.00 - 1.45

Matthew Street Festival

28 - 30 August

Starting out as a tribute to the Beatles, the Matthew Street Festival has reached its 11th birthday. August bank holiday weekend will see the City buzzing with excitement as over 500,000 people spill out onto the streets of Liverpool making this the UK's largest annual free city centre outdoor music event.

Aigburth People's Hall

Live acts every Saturday night

September

Heritage Open Days

Liverpool Central Library

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September

The Palm House

Sunday 5 September Jazz Day (Details TBC)

Sunday 12 September Connie Lush and Blues Shouter Doors open 7.30pm (concert 8.30pm)

Tickets £12.00 from Unity Box Office 0151 709 4988 and online at www.ticketline.co.uk

November

City of Liverpool Fireworks Displays

5 November 2004 - 8.00pm

Kings Dock, Sefton Park, Walton Hall Park

Contact Liverpool Direct: 0151 233 3007

A specially adapted display for children will also feature at Sefton Park at the earlier time of 6.30pm.

Christmas Light Switch-on

21 November - St. George's Plateau.

Churches Together in Aigburth

Churches Together in Aigburth, or CTA, is an ecumenical group made up of the following churches: St. Anne's, St. Thomas More, Aigburth Methodist, Christ Church, Hamlet Baptist, St. Michael's in the Hamlet, St. Charles and Toxteth with Sefton Par United Reformed Church.

We meet once every other month, currently at St. Thomas More's at 7.30pm, and jointly carry out the Christian Aid week house - to - house collections. All churches would like to thank the local residents for an outstanding collection in May 2004 of £6,596.40.

We hold annual events such as a pulpit exchange between the churches, a Hunger lunch every Good Friday with a speaker from either Christian Aid or CAFOD, a service of Hope, Lenten House Groups, and a series of wholeness and Healing services. Member also attend events throughout

the year to celebrate "Faith in one city". A Good Friday evening vigil was held this year at St Charles' church and the delightful sounds of the SFX Boys Choir were heard in St Anne's Church recently. A Maundy Thursday meal and service was held at the URC Church. Members from all the different churches attended these events. Two of our members were invited to attend the Royal Maundy Service at Liverpool Cathedral.

Anyone can attend a Churches together in Aigburth forum meeting! The more people we have from the different churches, the more we can learn about each other and our faiths and work together in the community. Our next meeting will be held on 23rd September at St Thomas More church at 7.30pm.