

The Crofton Estate - What does the planned development mean for the Sudley Area and its Residents?

A second application has been submitted to Liverpool City Council to develop the Crofton site. A public meeting was held at St. Anne's Hall on Monday 1st March, to discuss the new proposal, chaired by Rev. Amey and with local Councillor D. Antrobus in attendance.

Although the new application is scaled down from the first one, the issues highlighted remain largely the same (increased traffic, loss of light, loss of privacy, safety of children from the infant school and nursery, the height of the block of flats, the trees with a conservation order and the effect on the main house itself) so again, many objections were raised. To date 450 letters have been signed. *Closing date for objections was 11th March.*

SARA received many letters and emails and as a result recently wrote to the City Council on behalf of the local residents regarding the proposals.

We will continue to update you on the progress of the development in future issues. Local residents do have the power to influence, if they work together.

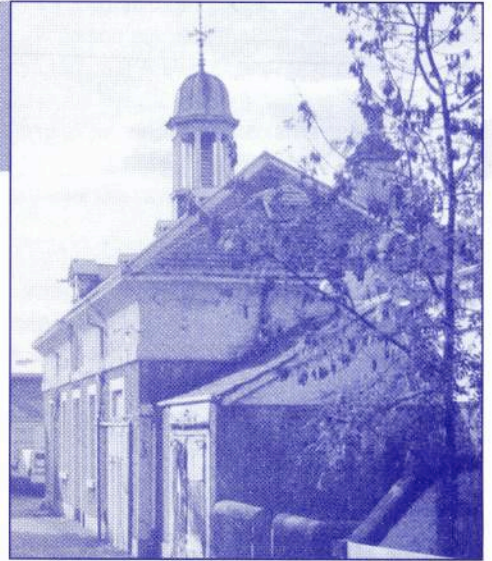


Table Sale at SARA Hall

Our next Table Sale will be held on Saturday 17th April 2004 at 10:30am. For variety, crafts and bits & Bobs, please come along. Admission only 20p.

All the family are welcome and refreshments are also available!

SARA Raise Money For Claire House Hospice

On 13th of February 2004 we held our free Valetine's party, similar to last year we were again entertained by the "Liverpool Harmony Singer's". The show was extremely professional and enjoyable, providing an evening full of light hearted fun. The tasty refreshments organized by Ken went down a treat.

Fund raising on the night and the kindness of the "Singer's" who waived their fee and donated £40 themselves, plus money raised at our table sale on March the 7th, means that we raised £350 for Claire House. *Well done and thanks to all who donated!!*

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.

Christmas Raffle Results

SARA would like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and bought raffle tickets.

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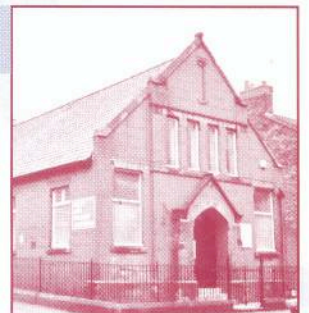
In addition, Tombola Prizes were donated by Jaxx Discount and Joan Airey Registered under the lotteries and amusements Act 1976 Reg. No. 4147

SARA Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at SARA Hall on **Friday 7th May 2004 at 7:30pm.** The evening will include a review of our achievements over the last 12 months and the election of officers. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. **If you want to find out what work SARA undertakes or you have an interest in issues concerning the Sudley Area then come along, we need your support.**

SARA Are Staying Put!!!

SARA are pleased to announce that they have signed a new 10 year lease on the SARA Hall.



Easter Greetings to all Sudley Residents

Alley Gates Update

The City Council advise that there are now only approximately 30 residents preventing the completion of the Alley Gate scheme in the Sudley Area.

Some residents have commented that they do feel a lot more secure since the installation of the Alley Gates. Merseyside Police say that anti social behaviour is still a problem in the area and that there is evidence that the Alley Gate systems reduce crime.

We have also been made aware that local children have set fire to a number of wheely bins that have been left in the roads and entries after emptying. Some bins have also been used to climb over the Alley Gates.

Please can you ensure that you retrieve your bins after emptying.

It has also been drawn to our attention that less problems occur with the bins when they are **NOT** left in the Entries.

If we co-operate with each other, help each other and be friendly towards each other, it can only make for a happier, safer and more attractive area to live in.

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Supporting Local Enterprise

One of the most unfortunate consequences of inner city growth is undoubtedly the decline of local businesses as we know them. In the Sudley area alone we have seen the recent closure of at least two traditional pubs and the decline of many small retail shops, resulting in the deterioration of period buildings in which they operated.

With the expansion of trendy, fashionable wine bars on our high streets and city centre, the poor old pub hasn't stood a chance. This cannot just be a result of city renewal, there must also be a change in our attitudes towards our local services. Why is it that we are so fickle with our attitude towards supporting our local businesses? Not only do they provide an invaluable service, but they are also our neighbours. Still however, many of us prefer to drive ten, fifteen, twenty minutes away just to buy a paper and milk. Why?

We are tremendously influenced by fashions and trends, many of which are very short lived, and as a result the local services that we should cherish, suffer greatly. From the local fruit stall to the local pub, they are all struggling to compete with the multi million pound retail giants operating close by, but there seems to be no real excuse for not supporting local businesses, they are much closer to where we live, even within walking distance (walking being a function used less and

Local News

Many of you may be aware that it is now over two years since The Traveller's Rest and Ye Old House At Home have closed down. As can be seen in the photo, the present condition of these buildings is not good.

Since the closure of these local pubs both buildings have experienced incredible vandalism and arson. SARA have spoken to the City Council in an attempt to find out more information.

Apparently there have been two planning applications, one of which was approved with conditions some time ago, however no development has commenced leaving local residents and businesses with the continued prospect of having to put up with the eyesore and continued vandalism.


SARA will be working to ensure progress is made to improve the situation.



less mind you). What is more frustrating is the lack of concern from local residents. Do we really not care what happens locally? Don't we think that empty shops and burnt out pubs are a disgrace, in fact shameful?

There is great potential for the Aigburth Vale area, if high streets not so far away can thrive, surely we can too, but it must start at home. A concerted effort has to be made from residents to avail of the local services in our area. Like anything good, everyone must make an effort, you can't wait for someone else to make the first move, take the initiative and stop the retail decline of our beautiful area.

This ethos also applies to our recreational areas, don't let them tumble into decline, join together as one voice and tell our councillors that the deterioration of areas such as Otterspool park, cannot continue. What are we paying such high council tax for if our local amenities are unkempt and unsafe? Only our voices can sound the chant for change, only you and I can urge for improvement. We can't just hope that someone else will do it, we must take the initial steps ourselves, show everyone that we do care, that we are proud of where we live, we are capable of being European Capital of Culture, but we need to **show our concerns, show our support, use our voices, be heard!!**



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TRIPS REVIEW

TURKEY AND TINSEL SCARBOROUGH NOVEMBER 2003

Instead of driving North to Scotland for our Tinsel and Turkey holiday in 2003, we decided to travel to the East coast. Thus Monday 25 November found 48 local residents travelling to Scarborough by coach. We arrived at the appropriately named Hotel St. Nicholas in the early afternoon to begin our early Christmas Festivities.

The hotel proved to be comfortable and the food excellent. During the course of the week we visited some of the local places of interest including Kirbymoorside, Pickering, Whitby and York. York was particularly enjoyable with York Minster, its old streets including the famous Shambles, The National Railway Museum etc. and the very colourful and lively open air market.

Evenings were mostly spent in and around the hotel with a special celebration evening of dance and entertainment on our last night. Part of the entertainment being provided by one of our own members, much to the amusement of all.

Many thanks again Ken, for all your hard work in organising yet another enjoyable holiday. Our thanks also to Frank our coach driver for ferrying us around all week and seeing us safely back to Aigburth.

NEW TRIPS 2004

Our monthly coach trips have been very successful in previous years and in response to popular requests, we propose to continue them again this year.

Our suggested programme is as follows:

Chorley & Bygone Times	Tuesday 20th April (SOLD OUT)
Shrewsbury	Wednesday 19th May
Skipton	Thursday 16th June
Mold Market & Llandudno	Wednesday 15th July
Sandbach	Thursday 19th August

All dates, times and prices will be confirmed nearer the dates. Watch out for our Posters at the SARA hall and in the local shops etc. Reserve your seat with Ken on 0151-727 4683

Edinburgh Military Tattoo - August 13th - 15th 2004

In conjunction with Five Star Group Travel SARA presents this three day coach trip to Edinburgh. Accommodation is on a room only basis in the "Travel Inn" in the heart of the city centre.

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Sudley Infant School

Update of School Playground

We have received a quotation for the first stage of development of the playspace. We will be having 2 ball pens constructed at the top end of the playground and classes will take it in turn to use them. As everything, these are expensive but SIPPFA (Sudley Infants Parents and Friends Association) have agreed to find half the amount with the school. We will not be resurfacing the playground as it has been deemed unnecessary and too expensive by our playground consultant. All costs of this nature, under the Local Management of Schools, fall to the school to pay.

Friday May 21st - Spring Fair (Family Event)

Always a great event for the children and adults alike.

Friday July 16th - International Evening (Family Event)

Building on the success of previous years International Food Evenings, we hope to bring some new ideas to this event, so all input is welcome!

www.sudleyinfantschool.co.uk

Peter The Gigantic Dragon

by Emily Erickson

Owl's class, pupil at Sudley Infant School

Peter was a gigantic dragon and he had an awful cough. One day he went to the park. Then he coughed and coughed. He frightened all the children away except a little boy called Jack. Jack knew that he had an awful cough because he went there every day and met Peter. Jack and Peter were best friends because they knew each other very well.

So Jack asked his mother for some vick. His mother gave him some vick then Jack put it on the dragon. There was just one more cough. Then he was much, much, much better. Then he gave Jack a big hug as well.

Jack and the other People on the beach invited Peter to a party. Then he gave Jack an ENORMOUS balloon as a present.

Brilliant !! Thank You Emily

SARA working with Merseyside Police



Aigburth & Garston Neighbourhood Police - April 2004

My name is Ian Roche and I am the Inspector responsible for policing the Aigburth and Garston Neighbourhood.

It is now some five months since my initial article and a lot has been going on within the neighbourhood. We have recently won funding to purchase **two state of the art mountain bikes** which will be used by officers from Garston police station. In addition, my colleague in the St. Michaels neighbourhood has purchased **two all terrain quad bikes**. The idea is that with the summer months approaching people begin to use our parks and open spaces. This can bring with it a rise in crime particularly violence and robbery. The purchase of such equipment gives us the ability to proactively patrol more open space, raising our visibility and therefore increasing the deterrent to commit such crimes. We will also target those people who take it upon themselves to race around our open spaces on such machinery which is a danger to others using those facilities.

With the Easter and Summer holidays approaching our schools become targets for offences of burglary. We have noticed a big increase in attacks on our schools over recent months. Such premises become an attractive target for two reasons, **1.** they are unoccupied overnight and **2.** they contain valuable computer equipment. Numerous attacks have taken place during the early evening and I would ask residents who live close to such establishments to **dial 999** if they see any suspicious activity. For our part we will increase our activity around schools and we are in the process of marking all equipment within schools with **SMARTWATER technology**.

Anti social behaviour continues to be a problem. I have recently spoken to the council regarding those areas still to be alleygated. There are still a number of objectors preventing the gates from being erected. Experience shows us that alleygates reduce crime, reduce incidents of anti social behaviour and improve the quality of life for local residents. I am happy to discuss these issues with any person who may have reservations about the effectiveness of such schemes.

Finally, overall crime within the neighbourhood is showing a downward trend. I would like to thank everyone for their extra vigilance which seems to be paying off. However I would reiterate the crime prevention message. Think security, don't leave windows and doors open, don't leave valuables on display and look after your neighbours.

Mobile Library

The Sudley area is served once a fortnight by Liverpool City Council's mobile library. It is situated outside the SARA Hall at the corner of Milner and Rundle Road, on Tuesday afternoons, from 3.40pm - 4.30pm.

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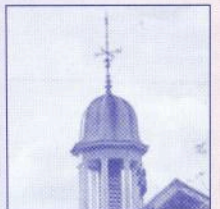
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Boundary Changes

Don't forget - we will be part of Mossley Hill Boundary in June 2004 !!!!

European Parliamentary Elections

These elections are held every five years in mid June. The next European Parliamentary Elections will be held in mid June 2004. The North West is represented by 10 MEP's (Member of European Parliament)

Cold Calling

It has been brought to our attention that organisations collecting clothing etc. claiming to represent charitable organisations, may not be completely above board.

All reputable charities will have a registered charity number. Please check if you are not sure.

The same may be said for any other types of cold calling, always check for individuals identification and if in any doubt, do not let them into your home, make any commitments or sign any documentation until you have received confirmation from the relevant bodies.

Liverpool Harmony Singers'

This Lively group of ladies who enjoy singing and performing, whilst although small in number, bring enthusiasm and warmth to their performances. Their aim is for the audience to be involved and entertained.

They are much in demand for concerts and full costume shows which raise money for churches, village halls and charities alike. Part of their commitment is to sing in residential and nursing homes where they encourage the residents to join in and remember songs from past years. They recently helped to support the SARA Valentine's night.

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Our History

This section will take a look back at past times and hopefully rekindle your memories of the area.

Sudley House

In this edition we move to Sudley House. I'm sure that we all have memories of our younger years being taken around the Sudley Museum on a Sunday afternoon but do we know about the history of the house?

The history of Sudley House begins in the first decade of the 19th century. Nicholas Robinson, a rich corn merchant, bought the land for £4500. The exact date and the architect are unknown. Some exterior features suggest it may be the work of Thomas Harrison. He was working on a number of commissions in Liverpool between 1811 and 1815.

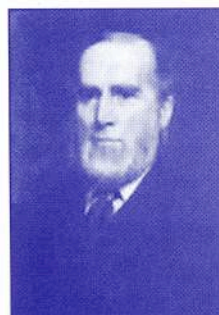
Nicholas Robinson was the first resident in Sudley House some time around 1823. The building was completed the following year. Robinson who was a prominent builder became Mayor of Liverpool in 1828-9 and lived in the house until his death in 1854. His two daughters continued to live there until their own deaths in 1883.



Nicholas Robinson

Sudley was then sold to George Holt. He made many alterations to the property and transferred the main entrance from the eastern to the northern front, creating a garden veranda on the eastern side. He extended the western end, which included building the tower which can be seen today.

George Holt came from a family of prominent local businessmen. His father, George Holt senior, was originally from Rochdale. He moved to Liverpool as a young man and made his fortune as a cotton broker. In 1820 he married Emma Durning, who came from a rich and long established Liverpool family. The couple were active in local politics and educational and philanthropic schemes. They also collected art on a small scale. Their diary records some of their purchases, most of them made from local artists.



George Holt



Emma Holt

Holt founded the Liverpool shipping line Lamport and was a pioneer of trade with Brazil and married Elizabeth Bright. Their only child Emma was born in 1862. The family originally lived in Edge Lane and then West Derby before settling at Sudley in 1884. Emma, who was 21 at the time, lived at Sudley for the remaining 60 years of her life. Emma was also a noted philanthropist. Like her father she was a strong supporter of Liverpool University. She never married, so with her death in 1944 George Holt's line came to an end. She bequeathed the house and the collection of paintings assembled by her father to the City of Liverpool.

George Holt began collecting seriously in middle age, around the late 1860s. His early buying concentrated on English landscapes and genre pieces, prints and Chinese porcelain. After moving to Sudley in 1884, Holt spent less time on his various businesses. This semi-retirement meant he could concentrate more on his art collection.

This period is marked by his purchase of Millais's 'Vanessa' for £1,575 in 1885. After this there is a sense of his studying collecting fashions, learning the market and discovering his own tastes. He added to his collection works by Turner and the Pre-Raphaelites. Towards the

end of his life he followed the fashion for late 18th century British portraits and landscapes. It was during these years that he added works by Romney and Gainsborough to the collection.

George Holt did not collect art just simply as a status symbol, as some merchant collectors may have done. He paid a great deal of attention to the presentation of his works, from framing to glazing. He often weeded out works with which he was no longer satisfied. He would part exchange these paintings with dealers for fresh acquisitions. He favoured works with over religious themes, or at least saintly overtones. Themes of work and honest country life are also well represented. Although some works may be a little sentimental, the luxurious, immoral or sensual are noticeably absent.

The scale of the pictures in Sudley is small. Essentially this was governed by the size of the rooms in which they would hang. However, Holts taste for works that reflected everyday life made him unlikely to collect large and dramatic history paintings anyway.

Many of the features added since the 1880s can still be seen. The fireplaces, lincrusta wallpapers and oak panelling are still in place. The carved marble fireplace in the dining room bears the Holt family crest. It may have been acquired on one of the family's trips to Italy.

There is a real sense of a collection in Sudley House that was assembled to delight, instruct and give pride to a comfortable and right-thinking household of its time.

Today Sudley House is one of the few Victorian homes that still has many of its original features intact. It is also the only surviving Victorian merchant art collection in Britain still hanging in its original location.

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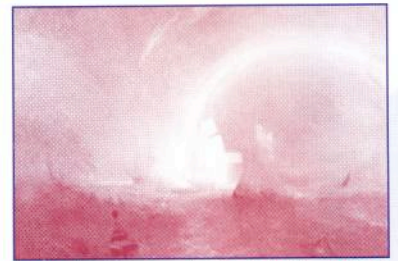
Access for people with disabilities

Due to the historic nature of this building, ramped access is available to the ground floor only. Unaccompanied wheelchair users are advised to phone in advance so that gallery attendants can facilitate access (+44 151 478 1001). There are no adapted toilet facilities.

Sudley tea room

The tea room serves tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and scones. Open weekends only.

A special thanks to the National Museums and Libraries for their kind permission to reproduce images and text from their archives.



Turner Painting on display at Sudley House

Update on Aigburth Zoo

We had a wonderful response from many of you who remember Aigburth Zoo which was located on Rosemont Road.

The most memorable event seems to have been the escaping of Mickey the Gorilla, which resulted in a police emergency and evacuation of Sudley Infant School.

Thank you for all your letters and emails, they were wonderful!!!!



Have Your Say!!

Hello, as a resident of North Sudley Road for about 14 years, there are two issues of concern I would like to raise;

1. Are there any plans a foot for car speed calming measures (road humps) on North Sudley Road, and if not how can this be achieved? Cars are constantly speeding along this road between Barkhill and Woodlands and it may only be a matter of time before a young child is killed.

2. It was sad to see the hut on Sudley field partly destroyed by vandals recently. Who is responsible for this hut - the council? - Aigburth Peoples Hall? - if it is not going to be renovated it needs to be flattened rather than become a sheltered meeting place for gangs.

The Hut on Sudley Field is the responsibility of Liverpool City Council.

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

What do you think of the state of our streets regarding Dog Dirt?

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Your Letters

Dear SARA

The article in the great new format SARA re Aigburth Zoo was extremely interesting. Many years ago an aunt of mine told me about a gorilla escaping from Aigburth Zoo. Apparently the poor animal escaped and was running around the area. Terrified people were ordered to stay in doors and teachers and their pupils at a nearby school (could it have been Sudley?) barricaded themselves in the building.

Eventually, the animal was cornered in a nearby entree and shot dead. He was taken to Liverpool Museum and later displayed as an exhibition item. However, he had another sorry ending as he was one of the casualties during the Second World War when Liverpool Museum was hit by a bomb and many artifacts destroyed. I was only a small child when my aunt told me this story and always felt pity for such a beautiful dignified animal to end up not only being shot and stuffed and put on display but being blown up as well.

Dear SARA

I was wondering what the opinion is of local residents concerning the problems caused by the I M Marsh Campus.

There are cars parked down Barkhill Road reducing this road to one car width. The cars are parked on the double yellow lines which means that there are no passing places. At the junction of North Sudley Road they park on the double yellow lines and also on the pavement blocking it. This means that people in wheelchair's and people pushing prams etc are forced to walk in the road.

About ten days ago I saw a fire engine try to turn into Barkhill Road, but as the road was effectively blocked they had to reverse and turn round, unable to come down the road. As they did not have any lights or sirens going I assume they were not on the way to and emergency. What would happen though if they had been? the consequences do not bear thinking about!

I have contacted the principal over this matter by e-mail but she does not seem willing to do anything to help over this matter.

Dear SARA

Thank you for the info regarding alley gates. In fact the number for Local Solutions referred me to the Safety team (2335446) who were able to tell me that Gladville / Elmswood will be gated in July 2004. I was astonished to read in Sara that some roads do not wish to be gated!! I have only heard very good reports of the scheme and long for the day when I no longer have to put up with dumped rubbish.

Congratulations on the excellence of Sara News.

Thank You so much for your comments - Keep them coming in!!!
email: newsdesk@sudley.org.uk or sudleynews@hotmail.com
or simply drop us a line to SARA Hall, Rundle Road.

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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

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 sudleynews@hotmail.com

Local Sport

Tennis

Liverpool International Tennis Tournament

Caulderstones Park - June 9th-13th 2004. Look out for some of Britain's up and coming stars plus international talents.

Cycling

Liverpool Century Road Club

So you have a roadworthy bike and would like someone to share you're rides, maybe the Liverpool Century Road Club is the answer. There is a small group of our members who go out each Sunday for about four hours including a cafe stop, is this what you are looking for?

If it is competition you are looking for, we can help there also. We are not a new Cycling Club we have been around for a long time, since 1916 in fact!!!

More details from GEOFF: 0151 - 727 1429.

Liverpool - Chester - Liverpool Bike Ride

Join up to 2,000 other cyclist of all abilities on the biggest bike ride in Merseyside. July 4th 2004. 0151-707 2566 - www.healthstart.co.uk

Athletics

Liverpool Women's 10Km Run

It's not too late to enter this world famous event. What a perfect way for a group of ladies to get fit for the summer. Call Liverpool direct on 233 3000 for an application form and get running!!! May 16th Sefton Park

Mossley Hill Athletic Club

Mossley Hill Athletic Club athletics section is inviting local residents to get involved in its activities. The club has a running group and also competes in a track & field league, as well as organising a 5 mile road race in Sefton Park. The running group caters for all abilities, including beginners, and meets at the clubhouse on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7pm. New runners are always welcome to turn up and join in.

The club's track & field team covers the full range of events including throws, jumps, hurdles and sprints, and needs more competitors. Since the league has recently become a joint men's and women's league, the club would particularly like to hear from women wishing to take part in track & field athletics. Coaching is available.

For more info on any of the above, either visit the section's website: www.slac.btinternet.co.uk - ring the club on 724 4377 or come along on a Monday or Wednesday just before 7pm.

- Sat 1st May, T & F match, Preston
- Sat 5th June, T & F match, Wigan
- Sun 4th July, T & F match, venue to be arranged
- Wed 21st July, Sefton Park 5 mile road race
- Sat 31st July, T & F match, Warrington
- T & F = Track & Field

For further details email: john.crilley@btinternet.com

Entertainment & Events

The Palm House Sefton Park

Sunday 4 April-Plant Sale 1:00 - 4:00pm, Refreshments on sale

Sunday 18 April-Africa Oye in House 7:45pm Ba Cissoko mixing roots with electric string dances on the balafon Superb innovative African Music. Tickets £8. Box Office 0151 709 4988.

Friday 23 April-Liverpool College Lunchtime concert 1:15 - 1:45pm
Liverpool College Corps of Drums - Free

Friday 30 April-Liverpool College Concert 1:15 - 1:45pm
Jazz Concert - Free admission

Wednesday 5 May-Africa Oye in House 7:45pm The Twinkle Brothers as rock steady as their legend; this is reggae with no glitter, just pure starlights. Tickets £8. Box Office 0151 709 4988.

Age Concern

Lunch Club at Aigburth Methodist Church, Dundonald Road, Every Friday at 12.15pm

Aigburth People's Hall

Saturday 10th April - Music with "Hi-Tide", Duo

Saturday 17th April - "Carol Lezal"

Saturday 24th April - "Scarlet's Web", Male/Female Duo

Mersey River Festival

June 18th-21st - Tall Ships, Canal Boats, Shanty Music etc.

Summer Pops

July 8th for whole month - Music at King's Dock Arena
0170 746 0000 - www.summerpops.com

Merseyside International Street Festival

July 17th-August 1st - Various venues, Music, drama, dance, street parades etc.
0151-709 3334 for more details.

Matthew Street Music Festival

August 28th-30th - Music from all over the world, celebrating the music of The Beatles and much more. 0151-233 1363 for more details.

Church Services in the Sudley area over Easter

St.Thomas More

Wednesday 7th April	9.00am	Mass
Maundy Thursday 8th April	10.30am	Children's Liturgy
	7.30pm	Mass of the Lords Supper
Good Friday 9th April	12.30pm	Hunger Lunch at Aigburth Methodist
	3.00pm	Service
Saturday 10th April	8.30pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday 11th April	9.00am and 10.30am	Services

St.Anne's

Wednesday 7th April	10.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 8th April	7.45pm	Holy Communion
Good Friday 9th April	10.30am	Family Service
	12.30pm	Hunger Lunch at Methodist
	2.00pm	An hour at the cross
	7.30pm	Requiem, music by SFX
		Boy's Choir
Easter Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Family Communion

Aigburth Methodist Church

Good Friday 9th April	11.00am	Service
	12.30pm	Hunger Lunch
with speaker from CAFOD. All proceeds split between CAFOD and Christian Aid. ALL WELCOME!!		
Easter Sunday 11th April	8.00am	Communion
	10.30am	Family Service
	6.30pm	Evening Service