

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Mini crime wave hits the Avenues

Police urge residents to be vigilant following a spate of break-ins in the Avenues, with York Avenue particularly badly hit. They suspect that burglars may be watching for people to leave their homes before breaking in. So watch out for passers by behaving suspiciously. Four unconnected young men from South Liverpool have been arrested so far and two charged. As well as houses, a Halkyn Avenue van has been stolen. Some large items such as wide screen TV's have been taken, so Police suspect they may have vehicles. Please contact PC Colin Graham* if you have any suspicion or further questions.

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Paul Clein

Paul Clein has been a councillor for Arundel ward, then Greenbank ward (both including the TANN area) since 1992. He has worked hard for our community and has been present at many TANN meetings and social occasions. He has often taken up our complaints and requests, and TANN is grateful to him for his support over the years. We are sure he will still contribute to Liverpool civic life in one form or another, and we wish him all the best. Thank you Paul from all of us.

THE NEXT TANN MEETING

MONDAY JULY 18TH
8 PM

AT ST AGNES CHURCH
HALL (ENTRANCE ON
BUCKINGHAM AVE)
ALL WELCOME

Saving Toxteth Park Cemetery

If you've lived in this area for any length of time you've probably had a wander around Toxteth Park Cemetery. Perhaps you think of it as just another graveyard with neglected monuments and an air of melancholy. Or maybe you appreciate it as a little oasis of calm from the noise of Smithdown Road. But did you know that Toxteth Park Cemetery was the first of its kind in Liverpool? Or that it's Grade II listed and is on the National Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest? Or that it contains no less than fourteen separate Grade II listed structures? I think Toxteth Park Cemetery is special. It is a wonderful combination of a well designed green space in the heart of the city and a glimpse into the social history of this area. First laid out in 1856 it was intended to be a wholly self-reliant place of rest with on-site glass houses growing flowers and an integrated memorial masons. All denominations were catered for as were all walks of life.

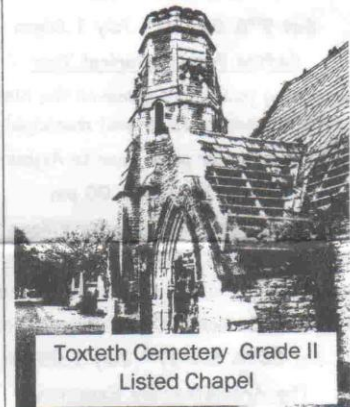
Even today you can contrast the ornate and expensive monuments of the rich with the unmarked pauper graves of those who had been unfortunate to find themselves in the nearby workhouse. Perhaps like me you've read some of the gravestones and wondered at the stories hinted at by the bare facts of life and death. Some monuments such as the one to fire fighters who died in the line of duty or the grave of the man who'd been in the charge of the Light Brigade, provide more details, but every one is a testament to our ancestors' heartbreak and grief. People are still being buried there and it's fascinating to compare the austere monuments of the past with more personal present day memorials.

Sadly though there are risks to the cemetery. Two of the listed structures - the memorial masons near Hartington Road and the Cemetery Chapel - are in a serious state of disrepair. Without urgent action these buildings will be lost to the city in the next few years. A combination of the elements, pigeons and vandals has left the chapel in desperate need of renovation. Without it we may only have a few years before a managed demolition is required. I am trying to do something to stop the loss of these structures. I would like to set up a 'Friends of Toxteth Cemetery' group to try to coordinate preservation efforts. If we are able to organise we might be able to do something positive to save the best of the site. We might be able to find an alternative use for the chapel or ensure that the history of the cemetery is better explained to visitors.

In any event it's up to us as local residents to show that we care about our area and its heritage.

If you are interested in being a 'Friend of Toxteth Cemetery' then please contact me at tim.beaumont@liverpool.gov.uk or on 07954 098890

Tim Beaumont
Resident of Bagot Street & City Councillor for Picton Ward"



Toxteth Cemetery Grade II Listed Chapel

More Police News

Two drugs warrants were executed last week, both in York Avenue.

A person has been arrested at one of the addresses as the individual was wanted on a warrant.

Please email any suspicious activities in the area to

Colin Graham (see left column)

Any news you want to share?
Are you organising an event in the area?

Posting events and news can be done using

newsletter@tann.org



Picnic at Quaker Burial Ground Sunday July 17th

An opportunity to see this little oasis of peace and calm

Bring and share.
Picnic & events
1:00 - 3:00

There will also be a Quaker meeting for worship at 3:00pm. All welcome!

For further information and to find out about Quakers contact edenthomas@btinternet.com or enquire at Liverpool Quaker Meeting House 22 School Lane L1 3BT 015 1 709 6957 www.liverpoolquakers.org.uk

Richie the Ranger

Guided Walks & Events

Local resident Ritchie organises fascinating walks around Liverpool's historic parks, green spaces and old districts all the year round. This is the July programme.

Wed 6th July 1.00 pm

Tales from Toxteth Cemetery

All are welcome for this tour of this Victorian Cemetery. Learn the tales of its famous and infamous interns. Meet outside Toxteth Cem. Gates on Smithdown Road

Sat 9th & Sun 10th July 1.00pm

Sefton Park Historical Tour

A fascinating journey to discover the historical aspects of Liverpool's largest municipal park. Meet at the Lake car park, near to Aigburth Vale

Wed 13th July 1.00 pm

Wonders of West Derby Village

Discover West Derby's Viking heritage, its ancient castle and the village's beautiful features.

Meet outside St Mary's C of E Church, Town Row

Sat 16th & Sun 17th July 1.00 pm

The Aromatherapy Experience

A gentle walk, discover trees and plants that are used in the ancient art of aromatherapy.

Meet at the Mansion House, Calderstones Park

Wed 20th July 1.00 pm

Woodlands & Wildflowers

Discover delightful woodlands and enchanting wildflowers as we venture through the ancient Black Woods and Childwall Woods.

Meet outside Black Woods on corner of Aldbourne Rd/ Woolton Rd.

Sat 23rd & Sun 24th July 1.00 pm

Nooks and Crannies of Gateacre Village

A two hour tour as we discover the history of this beautiful village. Meet outside St Stephen C of E Church, Belle vale Rd. L25 2 PQ

Wed 27th July 1.00 pm

St James's Cemetery

An opportunity to further discover this intriguing Victorian Cemetery.

Discover its amazing history and learn of its famous interns and also unfurl tales of mystery surrounding this ancient burial place. Meet outside the main entrance of the Anglican Cathedral.

Sat 30th & Sun 31st July 1.00 pm

Legends of the Flower Fairies

All are welcome, for this delightful walk that discovers the good, bad and even the ugly side, of our fairy folk. Meet outside the Otterspool Inn pub, Otterspool Drive.

All tours: £2.00 per person

Email: richietheranger@gmail.com

Or ring 07850 239 411

Sefton Park Bandstand alive with music

Thanks to the effort of local residents the beautifully renovated band stand is again resounding with merry notes.



Six concerts have been organised all taking place at 2pm on a Sunday.

In June, the Penny Lane Jazz band was enjoyed by dozens of park-goers sitting in the sunshine in family and friends' groups, and hundred of others walking by fleetingly stepping in rhythm.

The coming attractions are:



July 10: Halcyon Days & the Terpsichorean syncopators- Glen Miller

July 17: Mossley Hill Church Gospel

July 31: Hope Street Band—Jazz greats

August 14: Mersey Harmony Barbershop.

Let's hope that the sun shines on those concerts as it did so sympathetically in June.

LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL DOG WELFARE ROADSHOW 2011

Sunday 17th July Sefton Park, L17.

Get your dog "chipped" and other activities, jointly with RSPCA, and Dog trust.

A Volunteer is needed to distribute the newsletter on Ullet Rd.

If you can spare no more than 45 minutes every other month, please contact Brenda on: 733 1912.

Thanks.

First TANN resident elected to the City Council

We are pleased to report that one of our local residents was elected to Liverpool City Council to represent our ward in the local elections in May. **Laura Robertson-Collins** who has lived in Lancaster Avenue for over 20 years was elected as a Labour Councillor for Greenbank Ward.

Laura is sitting on the Council's 'Neighbourhoods Select Committee', as she is particularly interested in the delivery of neighbourhood services. Laura is also an Assistant Cabinet Member in the Skills and Employment portfolio, where she has responsibility for workforce development in the city.

Laura says: "I am enormously proud to represent my own community, and hope I can do justice to the high level of trust that has been placed in me. I have been working already with the universities on the 'Leave Liverpool Tidy' campaign which aims to ensure students recycle their unwanted clothes and household goods when they move house in the summer".

Laura can be contacted on laura_robertson-collins@liverpool.gov.uk or via the Labour Group Office on 0151 225 2366



Laura took part in the Big Clean Up, organised by Council, community organisations, and housing associations to clean up the Lodge Lane area. Arundel and Brompton Avenues and Hartington Rd were also included and several TANN residents joined in with gloves bags and all. The sun was out and so were music coffee and lunch for the "workers" provided by local cafés.

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