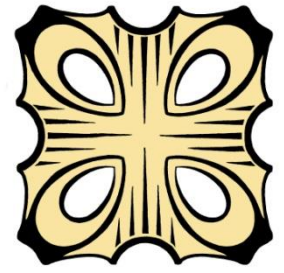


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NEWSLETTER

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the fiftieth Annual General Meeting of the Woolton Society will be held on Wednesday 15th November 2022 at 7.30pm at St Mary's parish hall on Church Road, Woolton Village, L25 8TF

Agenda

1. Notice convening the meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 49th AGM held on 16th November 2022
4. Chairman's remarks
5. Treasurer's report
6. Secretary's report
7. Environment secretary's report
8. Membership secretary's report
9. Election of officers
10. Election of the executive committee.
11. Any other business.

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Minutes of the 49th annual general meeting of the Woolton Society held at St Mary's Church Hall, Woolton on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Attendance:

Committee members: Jean Davies in the chair, Paul Wilkie (Vice Chairman/Hon. Secretary), Charles Davies (Hon. Treasurer), Jean Bates (membership secretary), Janet Hudson (environment secretary) Bob Collins, Viv Hicks, Alan Grant.

Members: Anne Brayford, Marie Passey, Janet Collins, Beryl Pinnington, Thelma Grant, Mike Cullen, Diane Graney, Shirley Makin, David Graney, Steve Cropper, Cath Cropper, Christine Vane, Allan Hicks, Brian Workman, Sandra McMillan, Ann McMillan, Maureen Smith, Paul Smith, Pamela Ball, Liz Shaw, John Shaw, Mike Chitty, Stephen Ralph, Pauline Roy, Val Farmer, Mike Farmer, Irene Keane, Ian Brown, Betty Welsh, Linda Parsons, Richard Lawrence, Alan Hutchinson, Sue Watterson, Chris Watterson, Anne Leahy, Michael Leahy, Gwen McGowan, John Miller, Jillian Miller, W. Hayes, Jen French, Linda Downs, Jean Earps, Barbara Ireland, Hugh Mantle, John Wood.

The chairman welcomed all present and referred them to the meeting documents published in advance in the Society's newsletter No 360, together with the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 distributed at the meeting.

1. Notice convening the meeting. This was read by the chairman.
2. Apologies for absence. Apologies were noted from Anne Wilkie, Rob & Jeanette Kirby, Helena Worthington, Carol & Andrew Zsigmond, Monica Lowe, Sheila & John Laverick, Hilary Reck-Gormley, Pamela & Carl Baker, Elsie Stephenson, Cliff Passey, Gillian Penketh, Betty & Brian Walsh, Roger Owen, Cheryl Moorhead, Sally Brewster, Barbara Doherty, Tom Doherty, Stephen Roberts, Wendy Flynn, Shaun Parnell, Rachel Parnell, Linda West, Colin West, Donna Jackson, Colette Morris, Barbara Mace, Liz Spencer, Andrew Spencer, Neil McKenzie, Judy Cohen, Johnny Cohen, Jane Jones, Alan Jones, Henry Stott, Elizabeth McBride, Doreen & Steve Squires, Diane & Alan White, Hugh Mantle, Maggie Fulton, Kate Hutchinson, Sandra Wright-Perkins, Mary & Harry Fullerton.
3. Minutes of the 48th annual general meeting held on 17th November 2021 and distributed in advance to all members were proposed as read by Jean Davies and accepted as a true record, on a show of hands.
4. Chairman's remarks.

The chairman commented on some of the areas the society had been involved in, including forthcoming activities to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the society. A site for the commemorative tree had been identified, but planting had been delayed by the weather. Thanks were expressed to all the officers & committee members of the society, all of whom have worked tirelessly to keep the society running efficiently over the years.

She invited other officers of the committee to give a report for their areas of responsibility.

- i) The hon treasurer Charles Davies presented the accounts for the year ending 31 August 2022 and commented on some items. The accounts were accepted on a show of hands.
- ii) The hon. secretary, Paul Wilkie reported that the executive committee met 7 times during the year, no additional members were co-opted, and there were no resignations. In the same period there have been 4 issues of the society's newsletter, ably edited by our chairman Jean Davies. Thanks are due to all involved in production and distribution of the newsletter. The society has continued to take a stall on Woolton market which

provides a valuable mechanism for communicating with members as well a medium for sales of society publications and merchandise to raise funds and spread knowledge of the area.

(iii) The environment secretary, Janet Hudson, gave the following report

I always begin this report with **Woolton Hall**, a grade 1 listed building, preventing the demolition of which was the reason why The Woolton Society came into existence fifty years ago. The Woolton Society has fared much better during those years than Woolton Hall, which sadly continues to deteriorate. Over these many years this society actions have involved writing and speaking to local councillors about our concerns, to Liverpool City Council officers, some of whom a couple of years ago visited the hall and met with the owners, contacting Historic England, Save Britain's Heritage and writing to the owners who have never replied. The hall has been vacant since about 2003. I spoke to the company selling the hall recently (Orme Associates) who are asking £4,000,000, no-one has shown any interest in purchasing it. There continues to be vandalism in the grounds and within the hall itself. On social media there are reports of various people claiming they have been inside the hall on many occasions and shown photographs to prove it. There are locked gates to the hall and grounds but what else are the owners doing about the trespassing and damage to their property? I have contacted the company whose sign on the metal gate advertises that it secures the site and the company is getting back to me as to whether they still have a contract with the owners for this work.

Knolle Park. A massive fire seriously damaged this grade 2 listed building on 8th Oct 2022. Huge flames and smoke could be seen billowing out of the windows of St Gabriel's Convent on Beaconsfield Road in Woolton. A number of fire crews tackled the blaze and police cordoned off nearby roads. Apparently, an investigation into the cause of the fire will be carried out in due course.

Knolle Park was built in 1828, the Grade II listed manor house later became St Gabriel's Convent and Knolle Park Children's Home. It now looks in a very sorry state, with no roof on it in many places, as seen in the photos which were taken by drones flying over the site after the fire had been extinguished. I have written to the Cllrs Brown and Kelly asking if there has been an investigation into the fire and the damage caused to this property. This has been followed up by Cllr K Brown and we are waiting for a response. Interestingly there was a planning application in April 2022 to erect a new dwelling house using the remnants of The Orangery within the grounds of this estate. Looking through the railings before the latest fire it did look as though the site was being tidied up. The site now appears to be owned by Anthony Kong Loe property group.

The high sandstone wall of this property on Church Road near the small roundabout at Beaconsfield Road is still breached and has barriers around it but nothing has been done to repair it now for a number of years. Letters have been written to the council starting in 2017 followed up in 2019, when people from the highways dept. visited the site, agreeing this situation was now critical from a public safety perspective and also from a heritage one. This wall is also now overgrown with ivy and brambles making pedestrians have to almost move into the road to get past. The Knolle Park site is now easily accessible through this breach in the wall and the sandstone blocks are themselves vulnerable as they are valuable and sandstone has removed in other parts of Woolton. Another email concerning this has been sent to the city council's building control and highways dev control.

Woolton Picture House remains closed despite receiving £24,000 by a GoFundMe Campaign and £37,809 from the Gov: from the Culture Recovery Fund for Independent Cinemas in England, which was distributed in 2020. This fund is administered by the British Film Institute (BFI) on behalf of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The fund's aim was to support "culturally-significant organisations" that were at risk of failure due to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Among the conditions of receipt of this funding was for the cinema to publicise that it was being supported by the scheme. The terms read "Successful applicants may be asked to publicise the decision in a proportionate manner. You will be required to make clear on your website and via social media that you are being supported during this period by The Culture Recovery Fund for Independent Cinemas in England." However, the only reference to the fund on the Woolton Picture House's Facebook page was a post on 3rd August 2020 which said that it was considering applying. Cllr Brown has raised questions as to why the cinema has not made known that it was in receipt of these funds and when is the

cinema reopening? He also told the Liverpool Echo that he believes his constituents deserve transparency about its plans, especially considering that it has taken money from a crowdfunded campaign.

The cinema claimed to have plans to reopen this year, it made no reference to the government fund, only to the money raised by the crowdfunded campaign. The post stated the money raised had "helped to maintain the building and its continuing overheads whilst the cinema has been closed. This includes finance, certification, insurances, and general upkeep and maintenance to retain this historic building; all of which are areas which many businesses have struggled with during the pandemic". This was on the cinema's Facebook page on Dec: 2021. There have not been any further updates from that account. Attempts to send a message to it are met with an automated reply, and emails sent do not receive a reply either. Given the cultural recovery fund is a taxpayer fund, Cllr Brown thinks this now raises the need for further reassurance from the cinema that they intend to reopen soon. Further questions need to be answered in relation to the terms of the fund administered from the BFI; for example, why did the cinema not announce they were in receipt of the funds as was required from the BFI's own guidance? The latest update from the Woolton Picture House was on 28th Sep: 2022, which broke a long public silence and stated that the cinema's owner has revealed its plans for the future, including a long-awaited reopening and ambitions to transform the venue. The cinema, took to Facebook to share two proposed phases of reopening that would now be in 2023, "however, we will be reassessing the situation in December 2022 and if at that point the financial climate indicates more stability, will look to reopen in Spring 2023 and will update you about this accordingly in January 2023."

The statement added that, before reopening, work will be completed "to bring the building up to the required levels with a renewed focus on the building's energy specifications and performance", while the owners will commit to "making the relevant investment to improve sustainability of the building." This forms what the cinema is calling *Phase One* of its reopening, which it states will focus on preserving and protecting the building's heritage. *Phase Two* involves plans to turn the building on Mason St into "a cultural venue", with a second, smaller cinema screen, a stage and a function suite. The statement explains this will allow the picture house, which first opened its doors in 1927, to "have the ability to host a whole array of cultural events and celebrations as it moves forward" and will "ensure it is there for generations to come". However, this will require planning permission, for which the cinema will look to apply for in Spring 2023. The owners also added "We only actually collected a total of £25,625, as due to the ongoing challenges of Covid, having fully evaluated the situation, we were not able to reopen at that time and as such, the balance of the grant was not claimed by us. The cinema also used its latest statement to thank people who donated the GoFundMe appeal. It said: "We would like to reiterate our gratitude to the community for raising these funds, especially at such a time of uncertainty for all".

Work has now begun on the **Menlove car and garage site**; this is situated on the corner of Menlove Ave and Vale Road. This is to become 31 apartments for over 55's with only parking for 15 cars was proposed back in July 2020. This development was challenged by the Woolton Society and local councillors on the grounds of the scale of the visual effect on the entrance to the village and the possibility of more on street parking. This was raised with the highways dept: as there is already an overspill of parking onto Vale Road from Reynolds Court next door to this plot.

The land to west of Woolton Manor, a green wedge of privately owned land. east of Hillfoot Road was owned by Ruston Properties. It has changed hands and a new planning application was made this summer to build eighteen two storey detached houses with 4 or 5 bedrooms with associated hard and soft landscaping, the land to become a wildlife area, to erect a new shelter following the demolition of outbuildings, to repair the boundary walls and gates and create a new pedestrian access to Allerton Road.

The Woolton Society and local councillors objected to this development on the following grounds. That although this site is no longer in the Green Wedge it is at present a green space, which is one of the features people like about Woolton and it is within the Conservation Area of Woolton. The narrow road from both Woolton Manor, and vehicles from eighteen dwellings, so probably more like forty vehicles from such large and

expensive housing will have to pass by Gate Lodge onto Allerton Rd, the B5171. Woolton Manor is apparently being renovated and depending on its future usage this will also create many more vehicles passing along this narrow road. I have been told that this building which was previously a nursing home has over sixty bedrooms. According to an air quality report for Woolton using Imperial College London's assessment, the air quality at Gate Lodge is already 64 out of 100, so regarded as high air pollution and exceeds three WHO limits. This development will result in an increase in air pollution. Also, this site is in the Conservation Area of Woolton and we need as many green spaces as possible, not just for wildlife but for people to have better air quality. A planning decision concerning this site has not yet been made.

Next to this site is **Woolton Manor**, a grade 2 listed building, which is also up for sale for £6,000,000. Cllr Kelly has tried to get a few parties interested in purchasing this building. One of the owners of the Manor also has a stake in Woolton Hall. There has been no interest in purchasing this property.

The Gate Lodge is now also for sale.

There continues to be issues in Woolton in relation to parking, litter and at times antisocial behaviour.

iv) The membership secretary Jean Bates reported that the final number of paid-up members for 2021/22 (304) is up by 9 compared to the end of 2020/21 (295), noting that the new membership year start was moved from 1 October to 1st September.

Membership Numbers	30/09/2021	31/08/2022
Paid	295	304
Pending Standing Order	5	0
Not Paid	51	24
Complimentary	13	14
Total	364	342

Over the years more and more members have changed to receiving their newsletter by email. We now deliver 83% of newsletters by email.

Those who choose to receive theirs by post need to pay £8 to cover the cost of printing and postage.

Newsletter Delivery Method	No	%
Email	285	83%
Post	54	16%
Hand Delivery	1	0%
Not Known	2	1%
Total	342	100%

5. Election of new committee members.

There was one nomination for new committee members, Jenni French being proposed and seconded was duly elected.

6. Election of officers.

Chairman: The current chairman Jean Davies offered her resignation from the committee and was nominated for the position of chairman, and duly re- elected.

Paul Wilkie offered his resignation from the committee, but stated he was willing to continue as vice-chairman, and was nominated and duly re-elected to the post.

In the absence of nominations for the role of hon. secretary, Paul Wilkie volunteered to continue in this role, until a candidate could be found and was duly elected.

Hon. treasurer: Charles Davies offered his resignation from the committee, but stated he was willing to continue and was duly re-elected.

Membership secretary: The current incumbent, Jean Bates offered her resignation from the committee, but stated she was willing to continue and was duly re-elected.

Environment secretary: The current incumbent Janet Hudson offered her resignation from the committee, but stated she was willing to continue and was duly re-elected.

All the above were proposed, seconded and, there being no other nominations, were duly elected.

The resignations from the officers met the requirements of the constitution for resignations.

7. Any other business.

The chairman thanked SBA Accounting for the help they had provided to the society, St Mary's for the use of the hall, and everyone for their attendance and closed the formal part of the meeting at 8:25 pm, when the appropriate officers signed the society's accounts.

There was then an informal gathering with refreshments, including an anniversary cake made by local WI member Debbie Carr. The cake was decorated with the Woolton cross, the emblem of the society, & was much admired as well as delicious. Pictures of the social gathering are on our Instagram page @thewooltonociety

Members are asked to bring copies of the minutes if attending the AGM.

Society News

Talk of 21st June

Max Steinberg CBE gave a fascinating talk in June on the founding of Shakespeare North in Prescot. Max is chairman, & was able to give a full account of the difficulties in establishing & funding a new theatre in the midst of a pandemic. It is the society's intention to organise a guided tour to the theatre, which will probably be in early 2024.

Programme of talks for the remainder of 2023

All talks are held in St Mary's Hall, off Church Road. This has an adjacent car park, step free access to the hall, & is convenient for bus stops on Church Road & in the village.

Please note that talks start promptly at 7.30pm or at 3pm if an afternoon event.

Wednesday 20th September at 7.30pm: Dave Joy: Liverpool cow keepers

The industrial revolution in the nineteenth century led to many agricultural workers leaving the land & heading to the cities. Some sought work locally, some emigrated to the new world, & some brought their livestock with them & founded dairies to provide fresh milk & cheese for the city dwellers. Dave Joy's forebears moved from Wharfedale to Liverpool, establishing dairies in Garston & Wavertree which were family run for several generations. Mr Joy is a well known local speaker, & this promises to be a highly entertaining evening.

Thursday 19th October at 3pm: Dr Janet Hollinshead: The nuns of Woolton

A community of Benedictine nuns arrived in Woolton in 1795, fleeing persecution in France. Their crime was to be British at a time when all foreigners were suspect after the revolution. After a period of imprisonment in France they arrived in Woolton, settling in Woolton Street.

The Woolton Society has recently been granted listed buildings consent to install a plaque on 45 – 47 Woolton Street. This is now under manufacture at Photocast in Speke & will be installed later in the year.

Dr Hollinshead wrote Woolton Society pamphlet number 7, *Woolton's First Community of Nuns*, which will be on sale at the talk.

Complimentary refreshments will be available before the talk, from about 2.40 pm.

Wednesday 15th November 50th Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm.

All members are invited to the AGM, where the business of the evening will be followed by an informal gathering with refreshments provided. The officers & committee will be elected for the following year, with new committee members being sought. Having a thriving & active committee is essential if the society is to continue into its next half century. If interested in joining please contact any committee member at talks, or at the market, or via the website: www.wooltonociety.org.uk

The AGM will be held in St Mary's Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Talks programme for 2024

The programme of talks for next year is being drawn up, with full details in issue 369, out in January 2024. As in 2023 there will be a mix of Wednesday evening & Thursday afternoon talks, with the quiz night being held in June.

New plaques and publication

The society was granted listed buildings consent in July, enabling us to commission a plaque for the former convent at what is now 45-47 Woolton Street. The nuns of Woolton will be the subject of a talk in October by Dr Janet Hollinshead who also wrote pamphlet number 7 on the same subject.

A plaque is also planned for The Coffee House pub on Woolton Street. Dated 1641 it is the oldest licenced premise in Liverpool. It was once listed, but lost this status after various alterations to the fabric of the building over the years. This is convenient for the society as without listed status only the permission of the owners is required to install a plaque. The Coffee House's current owners are very enthusiastic about the project, & the plaque will be installed after some work on the building is completed. Both plaques are under manufacture at Photocast in Speke, with images being featured in the next newsletter.

Pamphlet number 9, entitled *Woolton Hayes, a house, a hotel and trams*, will be available shortly. Written by Dr Hollinshead it covers the house & once extensive property of The Hayes, which was located on what is now Kings Drive. The pub in the title is now known as The Elephant Hotel.

Subscriptions

Subs became due on 1st September. They are very good value, starting from £4 per person, as the society has not increased its subscriptions for many years. We hope that all members will renew their subs promptly with all details on the forms on pages 11 & 12 of this issue. Members who are not already paying by standing order are urged to think about doing so now as the closure of local banking services makes the paying-in of cash & cheques a lengthy business.

Please note the delivery of a paper copy of the newsletter costs an additional £8 to all subs. Members are reminded that paper copies are available at talks & on the market stall at a price of £1.

Markets & merchandise

The society takes a stall whenever possible at the local market as it is an excellent source of information for members as well as a chance to meet committee members & browse the publications & merchandise. There are now two books & eight pamphlets published by the Woolton Society: the definitive *History of Much Woolton* (£3), & *Woolton Stone & Liverpool Cathedral* (£5), both available at Brown's.

The pamphlets are: 1. Who Lived at Woolton Hall? 2. Who was Lord Woolton? 3. Hillfoot Villa.

4. Woolton Walks 5. Woolton's Convalescent Home 6. Medical Matters 7. The Nuns of Woolton. 8.

A guide to Woolton Society plaques.

All pamphlets are priced at £1.

The society also has a tea towel, priced at £6, with images of Woolton & designed by WS member Jenny Brown. An apron with a design by local artist Sandra Hepworth is also priced at £6. Both would make ideal Christmas presents!

A new Woolton skyline is available, drawn by artist & illustrator Becka Griffin, priced at £10. A sample image will be on display at the market. Greetings cards with the Woolton skyline may be ordered from the artist.

Membership forms are available at the market stall, as well as on pages 11 & 12 of this issue of the newsletter.

The markets for later this year will be on **September 9th, October 14th, November 11th & December 9th**, from 8am to around 12.30pm.

Environment, planning news & applications

Recent planning applications of note

Please note that the development description is the one provided by the applicant & is subject to change by a planning officer when the application is validated.

The progress of each application can be checked online using the Planning Explorer at:

www.liverpool.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control

The Woolton Society has provided local planning applications as a service to members for many years. Until recently only those relevant to Woolton were sent, but that has now ceased & a Weekly List of all the applications for the entire city is forwarded to the society. Going through up to 27 pages of data is a formidable task for our environment secretary. The Woolton Society founder Janet Gnosspelius made a regular trek to the planning department to read through each application individually. That was in the 1970s. We are now in 2023 & it is apparently impossible to filter the list so that only those relevant to L25 will be sent. Is this progress?

Woolton Hall and Picture House

There have been no recent developments with either building. The hall is still empty, damp & deteriorating, & the British Film Institute has allegedly given up its quest to reclaim the £37,500 granted to the cinema owners in 2020. More news if we have anything to report.

Many recent applications are for single storey extensions or for tree work not in the conservation area.

23F/1931 31 Reservoir Road L25 6HR

To install a 3.05m digital audio broadcasting antenna to side elevation.

23H/1833 36 Camphill Road L25 7UG

To erect a part 2 storey/part single storey extension to the side with Juliet balcony, a single storey extension at rear, convert garage & install I rooflight to front elevation.

23H/1763 66 Hillfoot Road L25 0ND

To erect a 2 storey side extension, a single storey rear extension. New porched canopy to front elevation.

23DIS/2084 Ashfield, Church Road L25 6DD

To discharge condition 3(a) attached to planning reference 21H/1108

23TC/2004 Tesco supermarket, Allerton Road L25 7SF

To carry out tree works in a conservation area.

23LE/1582 40 Quarry Street L25 6HF

Application for Certificate of Existing Lawful Development to continue, to use the separate self-contained dwelling house at the rear of the property at 40 Quarry Street.

23NM/1575 50 Castle Street L25 7SW

Application for non-material amendment to 22H/0547 to convert existing garage into habitable accommodation, replace garage door with 2 windows so as to amend the size of 2 timber sliding sash windows to the front of the property at ground floor level.

23DIS/1517 2b Beaconsfield Road L25 6EE

To discharge condition 4 attached to application 19F/3218

Woolton News

Mike Chitty 1949 - 2023

The sudden & unexpected loss of Mike Chitty in June was a considerable blow for the Gateacre Society, as well as all his many friends. Mike was society secretary as well as newsletter editor & was instrumental in the running of the society. He was the driving force behind the successful campaign for the public right of way through Byron Court /Glenacres, which led to a public enquiry in 2018. Mike was a fount of local knowledge & unfailing helpful when called upon for information. He assisted in the founding of the Wavertree Society, & gave a fascinating talk to the Woolton Society in 2022 on the history of the Garden Suburb movement. Particular reference was given to Wavertree Garden Suburb where he had lived when first in Liverpool, before moving to Gateacre.

He will be very much missed.

Woolton in Bloom

The very popular calendar will be on sale soon, with the theme for 2024 being the pollinator friendly displays planted by WIB. It is priced at £5, including a card envelope if wanted. The calendar is available at the market stall on the second Saturday of each month, & also at Brown's newsagent on Woolton Street. The Woolton Society is a supporter of Woolton in Bloom, & sponsors a page in the calendar.

WIB recently received a very generous donation from the estate of Frank Seddon, a regular volunteer in work parties around the village, who died earlier this year. His donation will help WIB continue in its aim to keep the village blooming.

The work in the village is led by horticultural manager Kerry Peacock, with a band of volunteers. Sadly, much work undertaken now is repairing damage because of vandalism. It is very disheartening to find containers overturned & plants strewn over the road but the volunteers keep on with their work. Helpers are always needed for tasks such as weeding, planting, & maintenance of the containers. If interested please contact WIB via the market stall, or ask any of the current volunteers seen around the village. Work parties go out on Wednesday & Saturday mornings, from 10.00. Meet at the lock-up, opposite the car park in the dual carriageway on High Street.

The next Woolton Open Gardens event will be in 2024, with the date advertised in issue 369.

For more information & pictures go to the WIB site on www.wooltoninbloom.wix.comwooltoninbloom

Women of Woolton (WOW) Women's Institute

WOW will be holding a craft show on **Saturday 14th October** in St Mary's Hall off Church Road. There will be craft demonstrations plus displays of work by the very talented members. There will be refreshments on sale, with all cakes baked by local WI members. The show will be open from 11.00 to 4pm, with free entry.

Friends of Reynolds Park

The park is looking very fine in the Autumn sunshine, with the dahlias in the walled garden a feast for the eyes. The chief gardener, Peter Moss, is to be commended for his outstanding work, which is all the more remarkable as he has to spend much of his time at other parks in the city.

There will be a FORP committee meeting in Woolton's Tesco at 7pm on **Wednesday 13th September**. All those who care for the park are welcome to attend.

Reynolds Day will be held on **Saturday 23rd September**, with volunteers giving out information about the park, one of the city's hidden gems.

A television crew was at work in the park in August, filming an episode of Hollyoaks. This will be broadcast on **Wednesday 27th September**. The park will be beautiful, we know, despite the torrential rain on the day of filming.

The sundial is in the process of repair, & will be back in place, with a new pedestal, in six or seven weeks.

The Annual General Meeting of FORP will be on **Wednesday 8th November**, 7pm at Tesco's coffee shop.

Woolton Community Life

The befriending service established by local GP George Kuruvilla is urgently seeking new volunteers. WCL will be taking a stall at the market in September in order to advertise & give out information.

For more details visit the website on www.wooltoncommunitylife.org.uk

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Issue 369 of the newsletter will be out in January or February 2024, with issue 370 published in March or April.



THE WOOLTON SOCIETY
METHODS OF PAYMENT VIA YOUR BANK

Details for setting up a standing order directly with your bank or making a bank transfer payment (BACS):

Bank details: Barclays Bank, 164 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DH

Payee name: The Woolton Society

Sort code: 20-50-82

Account number: 50868930

Reference: Please enter your **Woolton Society membership number** as the reference with your bank. **This is very important to enable us to identify you from our bank statements.** Your membership number can be found in emails from the Woolton Society or in any letters you have received from the society. **New members can email the membership secretary at membership@wooltonociety.org.uk or ring 0151 428 1501 to obtain a membership number.**

Standing order payments should be set up for a payment annually on 1st September each year until further notice. New members joining after 1st September can pay by BACS for the initial payment then standing order.

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Gift Aid Declaration

The Woolton Society - Registered charity no. 506224

Please treat all gifts/subscriptions of money that I have made to the Woolton Society in the past 6 years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

Donor's details: Title First name Surname

Home address

.....**Postcode**

Date **Signature**

The Woolton Society will be able to reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give on or after 6 April 2017.

Please notify the Treasurer of The Woolton Society if you: want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay tax on your income, pensions or/and capital gains.

Please note that you must pay an amount of Income Tax (this can be tax on pensions, incomes or savings) and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the charity will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year

If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you should include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

*Please return the Gift Aid form to: The Membership Secretary, The Woolton Society,
11 Manor Way, Woolton, Liverpool L25 8QY or hand in at society meetings*