



The Wavertree Society

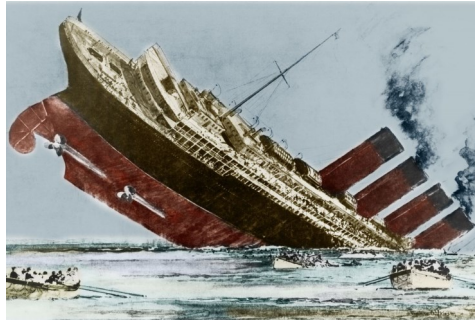
Caring for Wavertree - Past, Present and Future

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We are pleased to announce our next meeting **The Sinking of the Lusitania: Murder or Misfortune?**



Local journalist and historian, Peter Elson will bring us the true story of the sinking of this famous ship.

RMS Lusitania, the world's first superliner and Cunard Line's ocean greyhound with her sister ship Mauretania, were two of the most famous passenger ships in the world and the toast of their Liverpool home-port.

So why was only Lusitania allowed to continue in civilian service between Liverpool and New York during the First World War when Germany had declared a war zone around the British Isles and Ireland?

The meeting will be held on Sunday 21st January 2024.

at the Olive Mount Community Centre, Edgewell Drive, L15 8GG

Starting at 2pm, finishing at 4pm

Refreshments provided, admission is free to all, but donations appreciated

We take this opportunity to wish all our members a joyful and prosperous 2024. If you have any items that we should know about, please inform us via email. wavsoc2023@gmail.com

THE WAVERTREE SOCIETY aims to **IMPROVE** local amenities and to **PROTECT** the local environment and architectural heritage, especially within the Wavertree Village and Wavertree Garden Suburb Conservation Areas.

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STOP PRESS: GOOD NEWS

The Coffee House pub has now been refurbished and was open in time for Xmas. Darren the new manager aims to provide a full menu and events in the new year. The historic pub deserves to be brought back to full use. We wish them the best of luck.
USE IT OR LOSE IT!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE at

www.wavertreesociety.org for more pictures, information and web links relating to the topics featured in this and previous Newsletters.

Unfortunately at present we do not have access to updating our website in order to make changes, nor to our online PayPal account, hence payment by cheque only

Our 45th A.G.M. and changes to the constitution.

At the recent A.G.M. held in November we are delighted to report we had 25 members present and therefore the AGM went ahead.

Robert Zatz the Chair welcomed everyone and went through the proceedings. He stated that this was the first ever A.G.M. in 45 years without Mike Chitty, following his death in June.

The phenomenal amount of work Mike did for us was emphasised. Also the challenges we have in not being able to access Mike's computer for login and password links to our digital communications.

The chair thanked all the committee for their hard work to keep the society going in challenging times. Especially the two new members Laurence Sidorczuk and John Farmer. A resume of the year's activities were read out and Robert appealed for new members to join the committee as we are down to a bare minimum.

Colin Pyle our treasurer presented the accounts which are still healthy and even showed a small profit over the year. Colin's work was made even more difficult, as again Mike Chitty usually produced intricate auditing spreadsheets detailing every item. We are indebted to Colin for being able to present the accounts to the members present.

John Farmer outlined the changes to our constitution which we believe are required for the successful current running of the society. The main ones being deleting Woolton Road and Green Lane from our area of interest, cutting the number of members from 20 to 10 to make future A.G.Ms and E.G.Ms quorate, allowing 3 instead of 2 committee members to live outside our area and the executive will now require only 5 committee members present to make our committee meetings quorate. All the recommendations were passed by the members present. After the formal proceedings, there was a lively discussion on how best to honour Mike Chitty in the name of the society he loved so much.

Various ideas were put forward, from a naming of a street or thoroughfare, an App that would take visitors around our historic area with the important buildings described, naming of a building on the High Street after Mike? All these and more will be discussed by the committee and reported back to our members.

Trees around the Lock Up

The 5 trees surrounding the lock up are still causing problems to the building with roots and overhang and do need removing. Our previous tree application has now expired and we have to re-apply, we have been told that this should not be a problem as there will be no change to the application which was previously approved.

Once we get approval, we will scrutinise the quotes and process the essential work to commence.

These trees were planted over thirty years ago by the council, and indeed some of them are the wrong type, American Plain, and should never had been planted even as saplings initially.

We do not want to remove trees from our environment but removing the five trees will remove the danger to the Lock Up



WEBSITE NEWS

We are launching a new website in the near future, come and have a look at the progress, our existing website will still remain available. Please bear with us as much work will still have to be done!

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