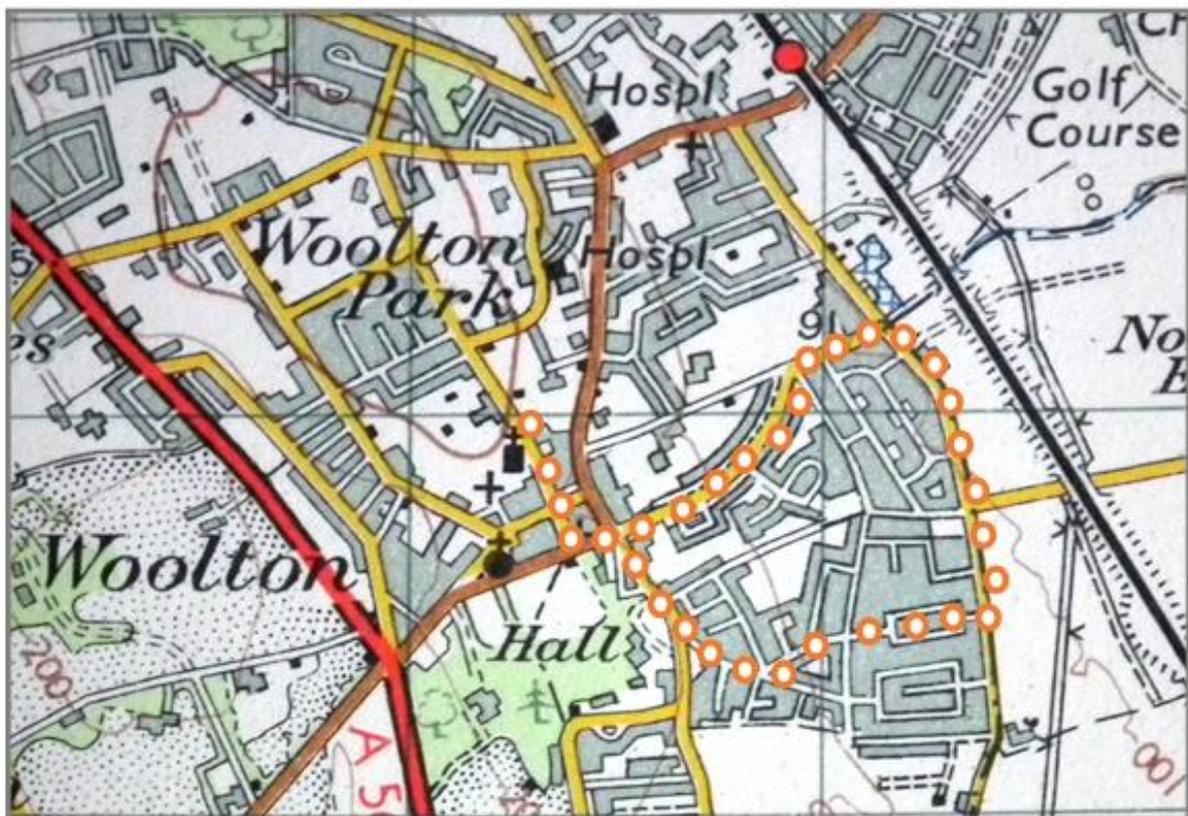


Walk in the Beatles Footsteps:

This guide will help you follow in the footsteps of John Lennon as a teenager. You'll be able to retrace the parade route taken by the Quarrymen on July 6 1957, the day that John Lennon first met Paul McCartney, and imagine the village as it was during John's childhood, with the use of photographic comparisons of the village as it is today and as it was in the late 1950s.

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○ Parade route 1957



These images show the Girl Guides leaving St Peter's Church Hall to take part in the Village Procession before the annual Church Fete.

This Hall would host the meeting of John and Paul on July 6 1957.



These images depict part of Kings Drive in 1957, and today. On July 6 1957, James Davis was in Kings Drive and took this photograph of his son, Rod, with the rest of the Quarrymen. Among the group of lads was a young John Lennon (3rd from right). Later in the day, Ivan Vaughan would introduce John to Paul McCartney at St Peter's Church Hall.

Church Road



These images show the wooden entrance into St Peter's Church, which has not changed since the bottom photograph was taken by James Davis in about 1960.

In this photograph, the parade is making its way down Church Road before heading out around Woolton.



These images show two views of Church Road: looking up towards St Peter's from the bottom of Church Road, and down the road from the Church on the day of the Garden Fete. When comparing the photographs, it is interesting how little the buildings have changed; the shop is now a solicitor's office, but keeps the original fronting. Most striking is the change in the level of traffic.



Woolton Village



This row of shops on Allerton Road has remained virtually unchanged since the late 1950s.

As well as forming part of the parade route in 1957, John would have walked this street countless times in his youth.



The Elephant sits in the middle of Woolton Village and has not changed since the 1950s. It still contains the elephant's head above the front windows, and there is still a bank next door.



The Lodes pond and shelter has changed to help the parking situation in Woolton Village. The pond, which first appeared on local maps in 1768, was drained in 1936. This part of the history of Woolton village is now hidden beneath a car park.



These photos show Woolton Cross, believed to be the oldest manmade object within the village. Erected in c.1350, it marks the northern boundary of Woolton village. The building behind the cross has also changed very little since John walked these streets as a teenager.





In these images, the bell tower of St Peter's Church, can clearly be seen. The tower, the highest point in Liverpool, has dominated the Woolton skyline since 1886, when the original domed roof, built in 1826, was demolished.

