



**The Great Sutton book
has now been printed!**

‘Welcome to Great Sutton’

Price £18

2026 EPLFHS Members can buy their copies
at the next meeting
on **Tuesday 17th February.**

The book will initially only be available to buy
directly from the ‘Press Clippers’
who meet on
Wednesday mornings
at Ellesmere Port Library
10-12:30pm



2026 Membership subscriptions
are now due!

OUR SUBS PAY FOR THE MONTHLY SPEAKERS

and the rental of the Meeting Room

Annual subscription - **£16**

Please pay at the front desk at the next meeting.

We can accept credit cards, using our **SUMUP** machine or **accept Bank Transfers.**

We have been busy booking our 2026 Speakers for the Monthly Meetings.

The fees charged by these Speakers has increased dramatically over the past few years but we try to ensure that a varied and interesting programme is available within our budget.

Members subscriptions fund these meetings and it is important that subscriptions are paid promptly either by direct debit, cash or using the Sumup machine at the front desk.

Visitors are always welcome to attend any of our meetings @£5 per visit.

Our January Meeting - 'The Joy of Scousers and Scouse' by Ken Pye.



What a very entertaining evening was had by all!

Ken gave a very interesting talk about the origins of the people of Liverpool, their accents, food and sense of humour.

His clever imitations of the various Liverpool dialects included some memorable impersonations from the classic Radio Merseyside show 'Hold Your Plums' and various humorous BMD articles taken from the Liverpool Echo

newspaper.

Ken Pye is the author of a number of books, and produced the Discover Liverpool series of DVD documentaries. He is a regular contributor to magazines, journals, newspapers, television and radio.

See: <https://www.discover-liverpool.com/>

Ellesmere Port Local and Family History Society

Tues 17th March

AGM and 'Members Evening'

(We are resurrecting our '*Members Evening*' for this night and several of our Members have offered to give a '**15 minute talk**')



Our wonderful Society continues to exist solely due to the work of our small Committee who work hard to maintain the monthly newsletters, monthly meetings including visiting speakers, research and sales of our Society publications and to promote the Society by networking across the region to publicise the history of Ellesmere Port.

However, we would be grateful for a couple of NEW Committee Members who might bring new ideas to the table.

Come and join us on the Committee?

Do you have:

- Spare time to help with research?
- New ideas for our programme?
- Skills in IT, photography, networking?
- Running a website?

If you would be willing to join us, please get in touch with our Chairman

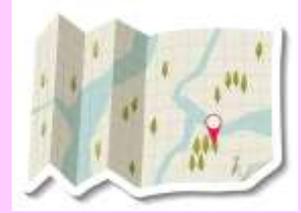
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Do you have any unwanted:

- History Books?
- Maps?
- History magazines?



About: **Ellesmere Port** **Wirral** **Chester**
Liverpool **Birkenhead**

We are always grateful for any donations that we can sell on our table at the Postcard and History Fairs.

please contact our Chairman, Alex Jenkins

eplfhs@hotmail.com

Or bring them to Ellesmere Port Library on Wednesday mornings.

Make a note in your **2026** Diary for:

The
Wirral History Fair
2026
On
Saturday
21st March 2026
at
Hulme Hall,
Port Sunlight



This very popular event is one of several that the EPLFHS attend, promoting the Society and selling books.



Our 2026 Programme of Meetings

Tues 17th Feb	<u>Defences of the Mersey</u> The commercial importance of Liverpool over the centuries has meant that the port has needed to be protected from possible attack – land based batteries, sea forts and other defences formed a defensive barrier yet, in the early years at least, who were the likely attackers? By David Hearn
<u>Sunday</u> 8th March	<u>Wirral Postcard Fair</u> Thornton Hough (10am – 3.30pm)
Tues 17th March	AGM Followed by several 15 minute talks by various members
<u>Saturday</u> 21st March	<u>Wirral History & Heritage Fair</u> Hulme Hall, Port Sunlight 10am – 4pm (ADMISSION FREE)
Tues 21st April	<u>Cammell Lairds</u> The history of the builder of the world's finest ships - now one of the few major shipyards remaining in Britain. By Derek Arnold
Tues 19th May	<u>'Harold's War And The 1st/16th Battalion'</u> <u>Kings Liverpool Regt In Belgium'</u> (From enlistment Aug 1914 thru Flanders Fields to the 2nd Battle of Ypres ... and a remarkable letter home)
<u>Sunday</u> 14th June	<u>Wirral Postcard Fair</u> Thornton Hough (10am – 3.30pm)
Tues 16th June	<u>'The Rise Fall and Rise of a Victorian Seaside Resort'</u> A history of New Brighton on The Wirral Peninsula.' by Barry P Humphreys
Tues 21st July	<u>ANNUAL MEMBERS VISIT</u> A Walking Tour of Eastham Church and Village
Tues 18th Aug	NO MEETING (Summer Break)
Tues 15th Sept	NOT YET BOOKED
<u>Sunday</u> 11th Oct	<u>Wirral Postcard Fair</u> Thornton Hough (10am – 3.30pm)
Tues 20th October	<u>'The Early Trackways And Roads'</u> A look at possible ancient travelling routes from 3500 years ago through Roman roads, drovers roads and bridge building through the centuries linking communities'. by Michael Anthony Blackburn
Tues 17th Nov	<u>Gallipoli</u> By Alan Robinson
Tues 15th Dec	CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR MEMBERS

Forthcoming Events by other Societies

<p>Wednesday 11th February and Wednesday 11th March 2026 At 2pm</p>	<p><u>Ellesmere Port and Chester Postcard Club</u></p> <p>In the Entrance Hall, Hope Farm Church, Ellesmere Port. If the inner door is locked, please ring the bell on your left marked "Circuit Office".</p> <p>£2 to include tea/coffee and biscuits - or £1.50 without refreshments.</p>	
<p>Sunday 15th February and 22nd March 2026 9.30am – 3pm</p>	<p><u>Antique and Vintage Fair</u></p> <p>at Hulme Hall, Port Sunlight</p>	
<p>Thursday 19th February 2026</p>	<p><u>Dodleston Local History Group</u></p> <p><i>‘The Kinmel Park Riots’</i> By Celia Drew</p> <p>At Dodleston Village Hall. Starts at 7:30pm prompt Admission – Members £3, Guests £5 (includes refreshments)</p>	
<p>Wednesday 25th February 2026</p>	<p><u>Christleton Local History Group</u></p> <p><i>‘A new look at The Gallipoli Campaign in 1915’</i> by Alan Robinson</p> <p>Visitors welcome - £5</p> <p>All meetings start at 7.30pm, in the Parish Hall</p>	
<p>Wednesday 25th February 2026</p>	<p><u>The Heswall Society</u></p> <p><i>‘The Women who made Murder Fun’</i> <i>(Agatha Christie, Margery Allingham, Ngaio Marsh & Josephine Tey)</i></p> <p>at Heswall Hall, 111 Telegraph Rd, Heswall, Wirral CH60 0AF Meeting starts at 8pm Visitors welcome</p> <p><u>https://www.theheswallsociety.org.uk/events.html</u></p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 26th February 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Family History Society of Cheshire (Chester Group)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>'A life on the ocean wave – The life of coastguard Henry Deane with tales of smuggling and lifesaving'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">by Carolyn Barnwell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting starts at 7:30pm at the Upton-by-Chester Pavilion, Wealdstone Lane, Chester CH2 1HD</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 28th February 2026 at 2pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chester Society for Landscape History</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>'RAF Sealand: A History'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">by Jennifer Watson, Church Warden of St Bartholomew's Church, Sealand</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1.45pm: AGM 2pm: Lecture (VISITORS WELCOME):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Columba's Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester Admission: Members free, Visitors £4, Student Visitors £2 https://www.chesterlandscapehistory.org.uk/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 2nd March 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Frodsham and District History Society</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>'The Liverpool Overhead Railway'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">by David Hearn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This meeting will be held in the Main Street Community Church, Frodsham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Members £2.00 Visitors £3.00. Please arrive from 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://frodshamhistory.org.uk/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 3rd March 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chester U3a</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>'You're Fired!</i> <i>Is artificial intelligence threatening our livelihoods?'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">by <u>Stuart</u> Cunningham (University of Chester)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stuart will demystify some of the jargon and buzz words around artificial intelligence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 pm - 4:00 pm At Picturehouse, Chester Market, Hunter Street, Chester</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 4th March 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lache and Westminster Park History Group</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">'1824 Chester' By Chris Fozzard</p> <p style="text-align: center;">at The Venue (Lache Community Centre) Hawthorn Road, Chester CH4 8HX</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting starts at 7.30pm</p> <p>All welcome, no need to book - £2 per person on the door. Refreshments will be available as usual for a small charge.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 6th March 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Merseyside Branch of the Western Front Association (WFA)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">'Life in the trenches' by Peter Hart</p> <p>At Trinity and Palm Grove United Reformed and Methodist Church, Alton Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH43 1UZ.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£2 for members and £4 for visitors which includes coffee or tea at the end of the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://wfa-merseyside.weebly.com/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 12th March 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Burton and Neston History Society</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">'Housing the workforce In Countryside & Town' by Elizabeth Davey</p> <p>at the Parkgate and Neston United Reformed Church, Moorside Lane, Parkgate CH64 4UZ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting starts at 8pm and last about an hour.</p> <p>Non-members welcome free of charge on the first occasion. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served afterwards.</p>

The 'Press Clippers' are still meeting every Wednesday!



*Do you need help with your Family History?
Are you interested in the History of Ellesmere Port?*

Bring along your **photographs, postcards, newspaper cuttings, Church Programmes etc** and help us with our research.

or

Just come along for a chat?

We meet every **Wednesday morning**
at **Ellesmere Port Library** from **10am -12.30pm.**

Come along and join us for a chat
and a cup of tea (and toast) from the Library Café!!

