

2026 Programme of Meetings (updated 10/4/26)

All meetings are held at: **National Waterways Museum Ellesmere Port**
South Pier Rd, Ellesmere Port CH65 4FW

- Doors open at 7pm and Talks begin at 7:30pm prompt
- All Visitors welcome @£5
- Refreshments available

Tues 17th Feb	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Defences of the Mersey</u></p> <p>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</p>
Tues 17th March	<p style="text-align: center;">AGM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Followed by several 15 minute talks by various members</p>
Tues 21st April	<p style="text-align: center;">REARRANGED</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>THE CHILDREN OF THE 'DISAPPEARED'</u></p> <p>This is the story of what happened to many of Liverpool's Chinese merchant seamen after the second world war, the cruelty inflicted on their children and families by Dominga Devitt</p>
Tues 19th May	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>'Harold's War And The 1st/16th Battalion'</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kings Liverpool Regt In Belgium'</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(From enlistment Aug 1914 thru Flanders Fields to the 2nd Battle of Ypres ... and a remarkable letter home) by "The Armed Historian"</p>
Tues 16th June	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>'The Rise Fall and Rise of a Victorian Seaside Resort'</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A history of New Brighton on The Wirral Peninsula.' by Barry P Humphreys</p>
Tues 21st July	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ANNUAL MEMBERS VISIT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Walking Tour of Eastham Church and Village</p>
Tues 18th Aug	<p style="text-align: center;">NO MEETING (Summer Break)</p>
Tues 15th Sept	<p style="text-align: center;">REARRANGED</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cammell Lairds</u></p> <p>The history of the builder of the world's finest ships - now one of the few major shipyards remaining in Britain. by Derek Arnold</p>
Tues 20th October	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>'The Early Trackways And Roads'</u></p> <p>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</p>
Tues 17th Nov	<p style="text-align: center;">'A new look at The Gallipoli Campaign in 1915'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">By Alan Robinson</p>
Tues 15th Dec	<p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR MEMBERS</p>