

## Next Meeting Tuesday 19th May 2026

Following our recent 2026 AGM, our elected officers are:

<b>Chairman</b> Alex Jenkins	<b>Treasurer</b> Janet Davies	<b>Secretary</b> Carol Gorman	<b>Membership Secretary</b> Sue Wynne
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Our Chairman Alex Jenkins would like to inform members that it has been realised that there were several omissions and he would like to invite those Members attending on Tuesday 21st May to declare if there are:

- a) Any other nominations for Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer (Accounts) and Treasurer (Books)?
- b) Any nominations for other Committee Members?

Our next  
Speaker at the  
May 2026  
Meeting is.....



### April Meeting:

Last month we heard about *'The Children of the Disappeared'* by Dominga Devitt.

The story of Liverpool's Lost Fathers: The Secret Deportation of Chinese Seafarers after the Second World War was very moving -

At least 8,000 Chinese seafarers were based in Liverpool at the height of the Second World War, mostly working as crew on merchant vessels ferrying vital supplies across the Atlantic. In December 1945 and throughout 1946, the police and immigration inspectorate in Liverpool, working with the shipping companies, began the process of forcibly rounding up these men, putting them on boats and sending them back to [China](#).

See: <https://historymatters.sites.sheffield.ac.uk/blog-archive/2023/liverpools-lost-fathers>



**2026 Members Outing  
on  
Tuesday 21st July**

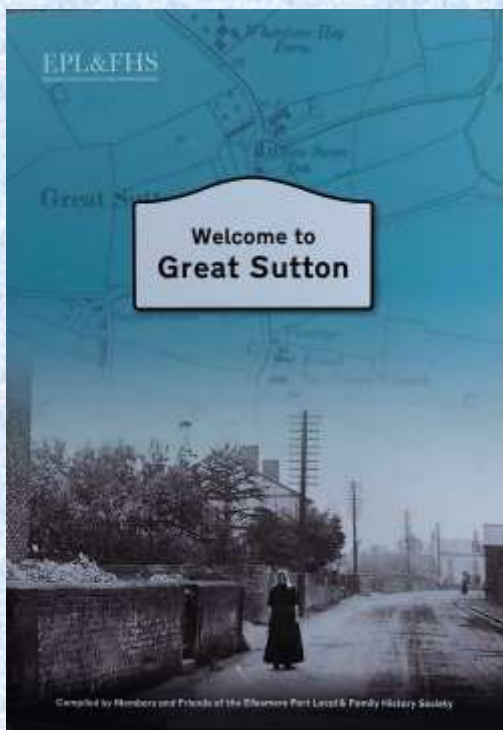
**'A Walking Tour of Eastham Village'  
by  
David Allan  
(Commencing at 6.30pm)**

We are pleased to announce that this year's outing is a walking tour of Eastham Village, including the Parish Church of St Mary where many 'Portites' were *'hatched, matched and despatched'*.

Read about the history of the church before our visit: <https://stmaryseastham.uk/history/>

- ❖ Places are limited to **15** for this event and we ask for a donation of **£5** per person.
- ❖ Contact Janet or Carol at Tuesday's meeting, if you wish to attend this event.





## 'Welcome to Great Sutton'

Price £18

Copies are available to buy at the next meeting on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**.

The book is also available to buy directly from:

- **T.E. Hughes, Great Sutton**  
and
- **the 'Press Clippers'**  
who meet on  
**Wednesday mornings**  
**at Ellesmere Port Library**  
**10-12:30pm**



From **23rd May to 7th June**

<https://www.chesterheritagefestival.co.uk/>

Feel the rhythm of the city as local musicians fill the square with melodies that bridge past and present. Marvel at our professional bubbleologist and be captivated by our Jester. Get active with a fitness workshop led by Amanda Wah, winner of BBC Gladiators 2025, or step into Roman Chester like never before with an immersive virtual reality experience.

Get creative with hands-on activities for all the family — design your own heritage-inspired tiles, craft your own Viking jewellery to take home, or add your contribution to a community mosaic. Learn more about the challenges facing the River Dee with the team from the Welsh Dee Trust, and join in with our history games.

Head inside Picturehouse for even more to see and do — with Lego building and craft workshops in the café alongside Talking Chester, a packed day of talks, films and Q&As featuring Sunday Times bestselling author Ben Kane, creative director Russell Kirk, the story of Brown's of Chester, Chester's Viking settlers and the man behind Sh\*t Chester.

## Chester Heritage Festival

**Launch Day!**

**Sat 23 May**

**11:00 – 16:00**

**Exchange Square, Chester CH1 2AR, UK**



**In Exchange Square and inside Picturehouse  
for a day full of FREE activities for all ages!**



## Did you know that:

❖ **May** is the 5th month of the year and has 31 days.

❖ **Season** (Northern Hemisphere): Spring

❖ **Symbols of May**

- **Birthstone:** Emerald
- **Flower:** Lily of the Valley
- **Zodiac signs:** Taurus and Gemini

❖ **History:**

The month of May was named for the Greek goddess Maia. She was the goddess of fertility.

The Romans had a similar goddess named Bona Dea. They held the festival for Bona Dea during the month of May.

The Romans called the month Maius. The name changed over the years. It was first called May in the 1400s near the end of the Middle Ages.

### Interesting Facts about May.

- It is the third and last month of the season of spring.
- The birthstone of May, the emerald, symbolizes success and love.
- May in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to November in the Southern Hemisphere.
- May was once considered a bad luck month to get married. There is a poem that says "*Marry in May and you'll rue the day*".
- In Old English May is called the "*month of three milkings*" referring to a time when the cows could be milked three times a day.
- The Indianapolis 500 car race is held each year during this month.
- The Kentucky Derby, the world's most famous horse race, is also held on the second Saturday of this month.
- The month of May is devoted to the Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church.
- The United Kingdom celebrates May as the National Smile Month.
- The last week of May is Library and Information Week.



## Forthcoming Events by other Societies

<p>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>The Family History Society of Cheshire (Chester Group)</u></a></p> <p><i>‘Cheshire women photographers during the infancy of Victorian studio photography’</i></p> <p>by Linda Clarke</p> <p><b>Meeting starts at 7:30pm</b> at the Upton-by-Chester Pavilion, Wealdstone Lane, Chester CH2 1HD <b>Visitors £3</b></p> <p><a href="https://fhsc.uk/groups/groups/chester-group">https://fhsc.uk/groups/groups/chester-group</a></p>
<p>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Chester Society for Landscape History</u></a></p> <p><i>‘Industrial Archaeology’</i> by Dr Michael Nevell, Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust; Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society</p> <p><b>2pm: Lecture</b> St Columba’s Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester</p> <p>Admission: Members free, <b>Visitors £4</b>, Student Visitors <b>£2</b> <a href="https://www.chesterlandscapehistory.org.uk/">https://www.chesterlandscapehistory.org.uk/</a></p>
<p>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Backford, Mollington &amp; District Local History Society</u></a></p> <p><i>“The Story of Wirral”</i></p> <p>Meeting starts at <b>7:30pm</b> at The Five Villages Hall, Station Road, Backford, CH1 6NT</p> <p><a href="https://backfordareahistory.org.uk/index.php/meetings-and-visits">https://backfordareahistory.org.uk/index.php/meetings-and-visits</a></p>
<p>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Wirral Postcard Club</u></a></p> <p>We meet <b>first Thursday of the month.</b></p> <p>At Thornton Hough Village Hall, Wirral</p> <p><b>Meeting opens at 2pm</b> with half an hour for buying, selling and socialising before the talk which begins at <b>2.30pm</b></p> 

<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><a href="#">Merseyside Branch of the Western Front Association (WFA)</a></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>'Room 40 Codes and Ciphers'</i> by David Carter</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;"><b>£2 for members and £4 for visitors which includes coffee or tea at the end of the meeting.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://wfa-merseyside.weebly.com/">https://wfa-merseyside.weebly.com/</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friends of Wirral Archives</b> <i>'Some graves of Bebington Cemetery.'</i></p> <p>Graves of those who served in the military and who died in aeronautical disasters. By Steve Morgan and Val Beecroft of the Friends of Bebington Cemetery.</p> <p>Wirral Archives present theses <b>FREE</b> local history workshops</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2pm in the Wirral Archives Search Room</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lower Ground Floor, Cheshire Lines Building Canning Street, Birkenhead Wirral CH41 1ND</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026 At 2pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><a href="#">Ellesmere Port and Chester</a></u> <u><a href="#">Postcard Club</a></u></p> <p><b>In the Entrance Hall, Hope Farm Church, Ellesmere Port.</b> If the inner door is locked, please ring the bell on your left marked "Circuit Office".</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>£2 to include tea/coffee and biscuits or £1.50 without refreshments.</b></p> <div data-bbox="1099 1252 1481 1500" data-label="Image"> </div>



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