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## **Mersey Branch**





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/Afternoon Tea



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## Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Out and About Diary and Newsletter.

As we enter the warmer months, we are going to get out and about a little bit more, but take a look at the photo gallery to see what we've been up to since last September.

Don't forget about all the benefits of being a Member. There are the online discounts, care and welfare, convalescence benefit, benevolence grants (for those in great need) legal aid, our very own dedicated Citizen's Advice and, for those on the Benefits package, £30 per year for dental claims and £30 every other year for optical claims. Terms & conditions apply to some of these benefits so feel free to contact me if you need any more information.

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Left to right: Angela Murray, Social Organiser, Margaret Hughes, Branch Secretary, Angela Jones, Care and Welfare Officer

This is your newsletter, so please feel free to send me anything for inclusion, be it a painting, photos of crafts, a recipe, a story or even a joke. If you are celebrating a milestone event, why not share it with everyone? I am always happy to sort out any wording if you don't feel confident about that.

Every week I send out the online events listings. If you have an email address and you don't receive this from me, just get in touch and I will add you to the list. Equally, if you wish to stop receiving it, just let me know and I will remove you from the list.

Have a great summer and we'll be back with the next edition of Out and About in September.

Kindest regards and warmest wishes.

Margaret Hughes, Branch Secretary

# A message from your Social Organiser

#### Hello Everyone,

I hope you enjoyed all of our trips, visits and events last year- we've got another bumper selection for you once again. All of our trips are suggested by you our lovely members so keep those ideas coming!!

As always we've tried to keep costs to a minimum and members always benefit from a reduced price. Also we try to offer a 'mix and match' of visits so we'll be travelling near and far!

New for this year we'll be launching our own 'Book Club ' at the iconic Central Library in Liverpool hosted by members Val & Jan , and our very own Walking Group hosted by another member Kath (am told gentle walks which often end up at a pub – what's not to like!!)

Great news!! As you know we've been looking out for a new venue and I'm delighted to share that we've now secured Waterloo Community Centre in Waterloo as the location for a new regular monthly 'Get Together'— close to the train station and local bus routes it's really accessible and we are looking forward to meeting lots of new faces when we launch in April — so don't forget to tell any friends or family you might have in that neck of the woods that a warm welcome awaits!

I hope you fancy some (or all) of our 2025 trips and look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Take Care

Angela Murray

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## **Booking and Cancellation**

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until your deposit has been received. Please note that if we have had to purchase a ticket for you in advance and you cannot make it we will not be able to refund you.

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# Regular Get Togethers

Join us at any one (or all!) of our regular 'Get Togethers' for a cuppa and catch up plus lots more in a warm and welcoming environment. Each month there will be a different theme and fun and games are guaranteed!

Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend along. Worried about going along for the first time? Just give Angela M or Margaret a call and we will know to look out for you, remember you are only a stranger the first time you walk through the door.

#### Childwall



10.30am



Members Free Guests £2 (first visit free)



**Fourth Monday** of the month

Childwall Abbey Hotel, Childwall Abbey Road, Liverpool L16 5EY. Bus Routes 79, 79a.

28 April

No meeting in May

23 June

28 July

No meeting in August 22 September

## Upton





Members Free Guests £2 (first visit free)



Third Wednesday of the month

Victory Hall, 61 Salacre Lane, Upton, Wirral CH49 0TN. Bus Routes 418, 437.

16 April 21 May 18 June 16 July

20 August 17 September

## Wallasey



10.30am

Members Free Guests £2 (first visit free)



First Friday of the month

Heart of Egremont, Guildford Street, Wallasey, Wirral CH44 0BP. Bus Routes 411, 413 to King Street.

4 April

6 June

1 August

2 May

4 July

5 September

## Waterloo

#### **New Event**





Members Free Guests £2 (first visit free)



First Friday of the month

Waterloo Community Centre, 26 Great Georges Road, Liverpool L22 1RD.

4 April

6 June

1 August

2 May

4 July

5 September

# **Regular Event**

## Book Club (New Event





Members Free



Love reading? Like chatting? Come and join us at our monthly book club. This is an excellent opportunity to maybe

spread your wings to look at authors you may not have thought about before. We can sometimes get stuck in a rut with the same authors so come and find out what others are recommending. Liverpool Central Library, William Brown Street, Ground Floor Games Room, Liverpool L3 8EW. Contact Angela on 07912 605677.

1 April 6 May

3 June 1 July

5 August 2 September

### Kath's Walkie Talkies New Event







Join Kath on a walk around the area and get some fresh air. Feel fitter and come back smiling! Each month will feature a different starting point,

so keep in touch to find where to meet and when. Various locations, to be confirmed. Contact Angela on 07912 605677.

10 April

15 May

26 June

7 August

Please contact Angela on 07912 605677 or Margaret on 0151 639 2777 or mersey@oddfellows.co.uk

### **REFER A FRIEND**

# Share the love and make someone smile

To refer someone you know and make their day, either fill in the Refer a Friend form available from your Branch Secretary, or call Membership on 0800 028 1810, or visit our Members' Area at www.oddfellows.co.uk

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# **April 2025**



## **Annual Celebration Lunch**





-) 12 noon (£) Members £30, Guests £35



Join us as we celebrate our outgoing Chair, Bob Rowlands, term of office. He will be joined by some quests of honour from The Alzheimer's Society (charity of the year 2024) and one of our own Unity Directors. So get your glad rags on and come and enjoy a more formal three course lunch followed by fun, games and



entertainment from Sam Heller, who will be singing some nostalgic songs for us all. Make sure you let us know if you are coming in plenty of time so you can choose your food from the mouth-watering menu. A £10 nonrefundable deposit will be required to secure your place, with full payment required at least two weeks prior to the event, along with your menu choices. See Angela Murray (07912 605677) at one of our Get Togethers, or contact the office direct on 0151 639 2777 to ensure your place. The hotel is right by Lime Street Station at the Liverpool Empire exit. Book by Friday 11 April. The Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool L3 5QB.

# May



### **Coach Trip to Cadbury World**



TBC



Members £40





If you are a chocolate lover, or are just interested in history, this is the trip for you! We will be getting some hands on fun in the Have a Go Zone where you can hone your piping and chocolate tempering skills and explore all the zones. There is also a brand new Cadbury Chocolate Quest Ride and the 4D chocolate adventure cinema experience, complete with motion seats (might want to save the chocolate eating until after this one – Ed). Our trip includes a light afternoon tea and the heritage tour discovering the history of Bourneville Village, all included in the price – bargain! Pick-ups will be at Woolton, City Centre and Upton with times to be confirmed. Book by Friday 16 May. Cadbury World, 69 Linden Road, Birmingham B301|R. Contact Angela on 07912 605677.

# May



### **Cabaret Lunch**



12 noon



As per menu



As our normal Childwall get together falls on a Bank Holiday, we will be joining in with the Cabaret lunch at Childwall Abbey Hotel. Come and enjoy a spot of lunch with live entertainment thrown in. Booking is essential,



as tables are limited, so make sure you book early! Childwall Abbey Hotel, Childwall Abbey Road, Liverpool L16 5EY. Contact Angela on 07912 605677.



## **Chester Boat Trip**





-) 11.45am  $\left(\begin{array}{c}\mathbf{f}\end{array}\right)$  Members £18.50, Guests £22



We are joining with our Friends from Deeside to take a two hour scenic river cruise along the River Dee. Our journey will include a buffet lunch of sandwiches/wraps and tray bake cake, yummy! The boat leaves at 12 noon, so make sure you are there in plenty of time. Numbers are limited, so it will be



on a first come, first served basis and you will need to make your own way to the landing stage. There is a shuttle bus into the Centre of Chester from Chester Station and then it's a short walk from the drop off point at Vicar's Lane down to the landing stage. Nearest car parks are NCP Pepper Street, which is a five minute walk down a slight hill and Little Roodee Coach and car park, which is about an eight minute flat walk along the river. There is also park and ride at Chester Zoo, where you can hop on the bus to Vicar's Lane as well. Book by 25 July. Chester Boat, Souter's Lane, The Groves, Chester CH1 1SZ. Contact Angela on 07912 605677.

# July



## **Coach Trip to Buxton**









This trip will coincide with Buxton's Market Day which you will have time to explore. We will be visiting The Crescent Experience, which has 9 themed rooms exploring the history of Buxton going back over 10,000 years. Our own guide will tell us all the stories of this hidden history and take a virtual reality flight above the town during the Georgian heyday. We will also be visiting the pump room to see the sunken oval pool and will receive a souvenir glass bottle to 'take the water' from the Lion's Head Well or St Ann's Well to take home with you. The trip includes a brew and biscuits, but there will be free time once we arrive for lunch. Pickups will be from Woolton, City Centre and Upton with times to be confirmed. Book by Friday 27 June. Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust, The Crescent, Buxton SK17 6BH. Contact Angela on 07912 605677.

# August



## **Beatles City Explorer**



-) 11.45am (£







How often do we take our city for granted and never go exploring? Join us on an Oddfellows exclusive bus tour visiting the best Beatles locations in Liverpool. We will be meeting our bus at James Street Station at 12 noon and then off on our tour. We will be stopping at Strawberry Fields where you can have lunch in the café and look around the shop. We will be stopping at Strawberry Fields for about an hour so there will be time to have lunch in the café and look at the exhibition (price not included). You are very welcome to bring your own packed lunch to eat in the gardens, if you so wish. We will be visiting the childhood homes of Ringo Starr, John Lennon, Paul McCartney and Stuart Sutcliffe (the forgotten Beatle). We will be joined by our friends from St Helens and Warrington, so make sure you book early to secure your place. So why not 'Come Together' and spend 'A Day in the Life' with maybe a 'Taste of Honey' on our Fab Four Tour! (See what I did there? Ed). Don't forget your camera! Book by Friday 8 August. James Street Station, James Street, Liverpool L2 7NX. Contact Angela on 07912 605677.

# **August**



### **Cabaret Lunch**



12 noon





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## Richie the Ranger Walk - Port Sunlight







Join us as we launch our Friendship Month with an exclusive Oddfellows Richie the Ranger walk around Port Sunlight. We will be taking a gentle walk that discovers the beauty and character of this intriguing village. We explore the houses, features and heritage with the opportunity to visit the Lady Lever Gallery. Meet outside the train station at Port Sunlight. We always learn



something new with Richie who gives us fascinating insights into what is on our doorstep. Port Sunlight Railway Station, Greendale Road, Port Sunlight CH62 4XB, Contact Angela on 07912 605677.

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To see what's coming up visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

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# September













## **Afternoon Tea at Victory Hall**



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After last year's successful afternoon tea, we will be repeating this at Upton again. There will be games galore and entertainment by the wonderful Vox Community Choir. Everyone is welcome so why not bring a friend? There will be



sandwiches, cakes and scones with jam and cream, plus the usual brew (or two!). All profits will be donated to the Chairman's charity of the year, which is Zoe's Place. Book by Friday 5 September. Upton Victory Hall, 61 Salacre Lane, Upton, Wirral CH49 0TN. Contact Angela on 07912 605677.



#### Richie the Ranger Walk -**Swashbuckling Hero**



11am







We end Friendship Month with another fantastic walk with Richie the Ranger. This time we will discover the amazing

stories surrounding the beautiful Georgian streets, houses and we visit the award winning Falkner Square to learn of its origins and the amazing tale of how Captain Edward Falkner defeated a French invasion single handed. A step back in time to our Georgian past. Falkner Square Gardens, Grove Street, Liverpool L8 7NY. Contact Angela on 07912 605677.



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## Join the fun in Friendship Month

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun.

All welcome

**ODDFELLOWS** 1-30 SEPTEMBER





To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit www.friendshipmonth.com

## **Our Adventures**



Our regular get together at Upton Victory Hall starting Friendship Month off with a hearty hello!



Afternoon Tea with choir at Upton Victory Hall.

# Friendship Month Walks with Richie the Ranger

At the end of the Liverpool Friendship Walk with Richie the Ranger, outside the Walker Art Gallery. You think you know somewhere, until someone with way more knowledge points out things like marks in the paving where sails were made to measure!



## A captivated audience listening to Richie's tales outside Woodside Ferry Terminal





Our very own Angela Murray, showing her excitement at winning Richie the Ranger's Quiz on the Wirral Walk. Unfortunately, the cruise was no longer available, so she had to make do with a bag of dolly mixtures, which she duly shared with everyone, how kind!

## **Museum of Liverpool**

Quite a few of us enjoyed a visit round the Museum of Liverpool at the Pier Head on Friday 18 October 2024.



With the iconic Superlambananas at the front of the museum.

## Bury Market Coach Trip on Friday 8 November 2024



All dressed up with somewhere to go – Bury Market here we come!

## **Artists Corner**

I'm really pleased to share some pictures with you from Keith Wike, a regular attender of the Art Unscrewed Sessions with Dulcie Rowe, which are held online via zoom on a monthly basis.



View from window (cat has escaped over the balcony - Ed!).



Cat in Window.



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## Christmas Lunch at The Hard Day's Night Hotel





## Christmas at Childwall and the Impossible Quiz – fortunately Margaret and Alex escaped with their lives (just!)





## Scene/Seen through a different lens



Original Photo of the Mersey Tunnel air intake building in Liverpool.

Gordon Charters is a keen photographer and below is an example of what can be done with clever photography, with an explanation by Gordon himself.

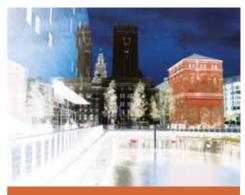
as black and the brick building as blue. The original negagraph shows the air intake as black with the red brick building closer to its original colour.

> The reverse negagraph (the negative image of the negagraph) shows the air intake as white and the red brick building as blue. These effects were achieved by experimenting with the filters on my last mobile phone.

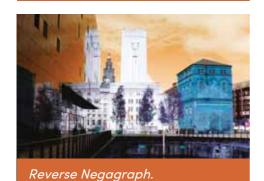
The original photograph shows the Mersey Tunnel air intake in Liverpool as white with the red brick building to the right of it. The negative image shows the air intake



This is the negative of the same photo.



Original negagraph.





## Summer Wordsearch

## Answer on page 23

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Sun Block

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# **Quiz Time – Around England**

## **Answers on page23**

- 1. Which is the only English county to border only one other?
- 2. Which Derbyshire town is famous for its Church with the twisted spire?
- **3.** How many counties share a border with Bedfordshire?
- **4.** Which is the largest island in the Bristol Channel?
- 5. Which is the oldest of the Cambridge University colleges that is still in existence?

- **6.** Which city is the administrative centre for Cumbria?
- 7. Which is the most visited zoo in the UK?
- **8.** Which part of Britain was known by the Romans as Vectis?
- **9.** Where in the UK is the longest pleasure pier in the World?
- 10. From which King did the Dorset town of Lyme Regis receive its Royal Charter?

#### **Interesting Facts by Robina White**

'Stewardesses' is the longest word typed with only the left hand and 'lollipop' is the longest word typed with your right hand.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters MT'.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!

## Can you help by volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without wonderful volunteers. We need help to make sure we can keep our events as fun as they can be for all our members. There's lots of ways you can pitch in to help us, from one-off help to regular support. You can commit an hour a month, or more if you've got the time!

Volunteering could include meeting and greeting newcomers to make sure they feel welcome, or arranging activities, like quizzes or presentations, which we can help you run and promote

If you can help by volunteering or want to find out more, contact Margaret by phone on 0151 639 2777 or email margaret.hughes@oddfellows.co.uk



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None of us know what is around the corner...

## **Local Care and Welfare Support**

We have a wonderful Care and Welfare Department who can help you out with convalescence or help at home after a stay in hospital, but if you are feeling lonely, don't forget that we have a local Care and Welfare Visitor, Angela, who is more than happy to phone you and have a chat. Just let Angela Jones know on **0151 425 2552** your phone number and she will sort it out for you.

# Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line Call 0800 0149 821\*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number) Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

\*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

# Care and Welfare Helpline Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number) Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care for care and welfare information EDCWA50223

# **Society News**



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## **Oddfellows Travel: Destination Mystery**

In November last year, 16 Oddfellows and three friends boarded a cruise ship with no idea of its destination.

With six mystery ports scheduled in 11 days, there was a lot to pack in, and there was plenty to keep them entertained on board: interesting talks, a murder mystery, craft sessions, quizzes and a drinks party.

#### Port one

Dawn broke on day two, revealing Gijon in northern Spain as the first destination. Some set out on organised excursions while others explored independently.



#### Port two

An overnight hop delivered our travellers to their second secret Spanish stop – Ferrol.

Wendy, an Ipswich Oddfellows member and cruise host, said: "It was an interesting port, not well known to many regular passengers. There was a mix of interesting architecture and maritime history – the naval museum was a must."

#### Port three

The ship next docked in Porto, Portugal, where the group were greeted by a broad

esplanade and a sweeping sandy beach, and they discovered a thriving fish market.

#### **Port four**

Back in Spain, the fourth port was a warm, sunny Malaga. "It was amazing," said Wendy. "The cathedral was well worth a visit, also the Roman amphitheatre."

#### Port five

The Spanish odyssey and Roman themes continued at the penultimate stop in Cadiz.

"The sea defences were testament to the city's position close to the entrance of the Mediterranean," Wendy said.

#### Port six

Having worked out their next stop, Wendy said: "Lisbon wasn't quite such a mystery, but a delight nevertheless. The highlight was a lift ride to see magnificent views over Lisbon and the River Tejo."

## **Surprises and celebrations**

Before returning, the Oddfellows crew received a mystery gift bag containing souvenirs from Spain and Portugal, Fred. Olsen gifts and chocolates, and celebrated a member's birthday with cake provided by the chef and singing waiters.

See Oddfellows Travel's 2025 group holiday schedule, including a cruise to Iceland in July, by visiting www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

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# Trio receive university funding

Congratulations to the latest recipients of our First Degree Course Educational Awards: Lillie Buckley, Edward Smith and Torsten Ellis.

#### Easing the pressure

Each year, a selection of Oddfellows members heading to university for the first time are chosen to receive a non-repayable bursary of £900 per year for the duration of their studies.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: "I'm delighted that the Society can play a part in enhancing Lillie, Edward and Torsten's university experiences.

"Attempting to budget finances alongside studying is as tough as it's ever been but this funding from our Educational Awards will help to ease those stresses as they embark on this exciting stage in their lives."

Each year, our Fraternal Board chooses who will receive the funding, based on the applications received.

Grand Master (Chairman) of the Society, Barbara Needham, added: "I'm so proud that we are able to give the younger generation a bit of a financial boost, which will help them to take these all-important next steps on their way to making their mark on the world.

"I wish them every success over the next few years and beyond."

# **Lillie Buckley,**Nottingham Trent Branch member

Lillie started studying Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol in September 2024.



She says the funding will

allow her to purchase a new laptop for doing her university work on, as well as helping to cover travel costs for work placements which she'll complete as part of her studies.

She said: "When I found out I would be receiving the funding, I was extremely happy and honoured to have been chosen. I want to say a huge thank you to the Oddfellows, as this will help support me throughout my degree and I can't wait to see what the future holds.

"I am loving the course so far. We've learnt lots of interesting things. In the future I would like to be a small animal vet, however I am keeping an open mind as I love cows!"

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## **Edward Smith,**

Erewash Valley Branch member

Chemical Engineering student Edward began his course at the University of Manchester in September 2024.

He plans to follow his studies up with a chartership while working as a Process Engineer. A Process Engineer designs, optimises and manages the processes used to transform raw materials into finished products in manufacturing or chemical plants.

"I felt very proud, honoured and relieved to receive extra funding to help with my studies," he said. "I would encourage all eligible



students to have a go at applying for this award."

Edward says the money will go toward the purchasing of books and other learning materials.

# **Torsten Ellis,**Derby Derwent Valley Branch member

Torsten has been reading Theoretical Physics with Mathematics at Lancaster University since October 2024.



He says the funding will allow him to budget better when purchasing learning materials, such as textbooks, and taking part in extracurricular activities.

He added: "It felt great to learn I had been chosen for the funding. I was also somewhat relieved as it means I will have to worry less about my finances over the course of each year.

"My modules are split between the physics and maths departments, which is great because I'll get a rich understanding of both and I'm looking forward to next year when I can pick modules and advance my understanding of both fields."

For more information and T&Cs, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards

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# **Unity Mutual: Seasonal scam spotting**



With tax season coming to a close, scammers start to move their attention to new opportunities.

As new financial scams emerge, people get targeted in different ways. Our financial services brand, Unity Mutual, has assessed what to watch out for in the coming months.

#### April to May: The tax refund scam

With key tax deadlines passing, fraudsters may take advantage of taxpayers hoping for a refund. You may receive emails, phone calls or text messages claiming you're due reimbursement.

Verify any tax-related communication through official government channels before responding to avoid being caught out.

# Summer scams: Holidays, events and ticket fraud

From June to August, scammers often aim to exploit the excitement of summer holiday planning by offering fake 'not to be missed' deals on accommodation and flights, often through unofficial websites.

Concert and sporting event fraud is also on the up, and attempts to sell fake tickets on social media platforms are becoming increasingly common. Avoid these traps by booking through reputable travel agencies and official events websites.

## August to September: Back to school scams

As students and their families prepare for a new school year, fraudsters like to create fake offers for school supplies, loans and student rental accommodation.

If an offer seems too good to be true, verify it with official sources before taking action.

#### Stay vigilant year-round

While some scams are season-specific, fraudsters are always on the lookout for their next victim.



Stay informed, be sceptical of unsolicited requests for money or personal information, and always verify who you're dealing with before taking action.

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To view Unity Mutual's range of family
friendly financial products\* visit
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For more information call 0161 214 4628.
\*Terms and conditions apply

## Summer Wordsearch Answer on page 16

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## **Answers to Around England Quiz on page 17**

- 1. Cornwall
- 5. Peterhouse
- 9. Southend-on-Sea

- 2. Chesterfield
- 6. Carlisle

10. Edward I

3. Four

7. Chester Zoo

4. Lundy

8. The Isle of Wight

## **Interesting Facts by Robina White**

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

# At a glance

April 2	2025		July						
Tues 1	Book Club	11am	Tues 1	Book Club	11am				
Fri 4	Wallasey Get Together	10.30am	Fri 4	Wallasey Get Together	10.30am				
Fri 4	Waterloo Get Together	2pm	Fri 4	Waterloo Get Together	2pm				
Thurs 10	Kath's Walkie Talkies	12 noon	Tues 15	Coach Trip to Buxton	n TBC				
Wed 16	Upton Get Together	1pm	Wed 16	Upton Get Together	1pm				
Sun 27	Annual Celebration Lunch	12 noon	Mon 28	Childwall Get Together	10.30am				
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May			Fri 1	Wallasey Get Together	10.30am				
Fri 2	Wallasey Get Together	10.30am	Fri 1	Waterloo Get Together	2pm				
Fri 2	Waterloo	2pm	Tues 5	Book Club	11am				
	Get Together		Thurs 7	Kath's Walkie Talkies	12 noon				
Tues 6	Book Club	11am	Wed 20	Upton Get Together	1pm				
Thurs 15	Kath's Walkie Talkies	12 noon	Fri 22	Beatles City Explorer	11.45am				
Fri 16	Coach Trip to Cadbury World	TBC	Tues 26	Cabaret Lunch	12 noon				
Wed 21	Upton Get Together	1pm	Sun 31	Richie the Ranger Walk – Port Sunlight	11am				
Tues 27	Cabaret Lunch	12 noon		waik Torrouningin					
			Septe	ember – Friendshi	p Month				
June			Tues 2	Book Club	11am				
Tues 3	Book Club	11am	Fri 5	Wallasey	10.30am				
Fri 6	Wallasey Get Together	10.30am		Get Together					
Fri 6	Waterloo	2pm	Fri 5	Waterloo Get Together	2pm				
Wed 18	Get Together Upton Get Together	1pm	Sat 13	Afternoon Tea at Victory Hall	3pm				
Fri 20	Chester Boat Trip	11.45am	Wed 17	Upton Get Together	1pm				
Mon 23	Childwall Get Together	10.30am	Mon 22	Childwall Get Together	10.30am				
Thurs 26	Kath's Walkie Talkies	12 noon	Sun 28	Richie the Ranger Walk – Swashbuckling Hero	11am				