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We are recruiting!

If you are looking for an exciting new challenge with a great group of people then you may be interested in coming to work at PSVT. It's a perfect time to join our team as we emerge from the global pandemic and build a strong and sustainable future for the village.

In 2022 we will:

- ◆ Progress our plans to build new family housing in Port Sunlight.
- ◆ Continue to develop our ideas for a new visitor hub concept as part of our transformational site masterplan.
- ◆ Undertake essential repair work to our Grade I-listed War Memorial.
- ◆ Review and revise our five-year Strategic Plan and Financial Model.
- ◆ Work with partners to plan how we can improve the thermal performance of historic properties and play our part in combatting climate change.
- ◆ Work with local communities and stakeholders to consider how we interpret Port Sunlight's contested heritage in our Museum and the village's public realm.

There are many benefits to working for PSVT. They include a generous holiday allocation and Medicash scheme, a strong emphasis on organisational values and workforce health, wellbeing and engagement, and a beautiful working environment. But you'll also have the opportunity to make a real difference, and to work on some exciting and diverse projects.

Our vacancies are:

- ◆ Conservation & Maintenance Manager
- ◆ Marketing & Communications Manager
- ◆ Volunteer Coordinator
- ◆ Finance Assistant
- ◆ Visitor Services Assistants (casual)
- ◆ Gardener/Driver
- ◆ Tour Guides (casual)

For more information:

- ◆ Visit the Jobs page on the PSVT website portsunlightvillage.com/about-psvt/jobs-and-volunteering/
- ◆ Call 0151 644 4800 or admin@portsunlightvillage.com



Movers and shakers

Since December we have said 'goodbye' to these members of staff.

Each has gone on to exciting new opportunities and we wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for their contributions to PSVT.



Charlie Gray-Mansell



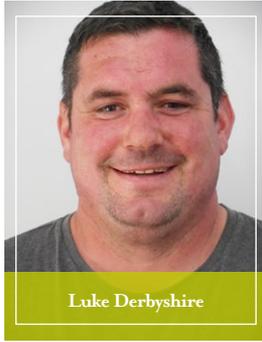
Amanda Moore



Claire Brereton



Alison Keeble



Luke Derbyshire



An update from Paul Harris, Chief Executive of Port Sunlight Village Trust

Spring is my favourite time of year in Port Sunlight, and it feels all the more special as national restrictions are lifted. We are taking a cautious approach to the removal of all measures, however, as we strive to continue to protect our workforce and customers. You can read all latest guidance on our website.

It's great to see the village in use again. February half-term holiday lifted all of our spirits and we are excited to deliver a great programme of events in 2022, including the return of the annual road race (see page 5). We've also got big plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with you (see page 5). Please get involved and support these events.

I must give a special mention to Mark from Espresso Eccellente. The team and I are very happy to see him back on the museum green again, as I know are you. We love his coffee, delicious cakes and the warm welcome he gives everyone. What an ambassador for our village!

You'll see we are recruiting to the PSVT team, filling some existing vacancies as well as creating some brand-new roles. I can't stress enough that this is a really exciting time to join PSVT, not just because we are emerging from the pandemic but also because of our inspiring vision for the village, which we want to realise with you.

We were all really shocked and saddened by the devastating fire at Thornton Manor in February. As soon as we heard the news we contacted the owners, Philip and Dianne, to lend our help and support. It was the fifth anniversary of the New Ferry gas explosion on 25th March and we have some insight into what Philip and Dianne must be going through. The manor is such an important part of Port Sunlight's heritage that the loss is unimaginable, personally and professionally.

I feel compelled too to mention the current war in Ukraine. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Ukrainian people, and we must do what we can to ease their suffering. The Disasters Emergency Committee will make good use of anything you are able to donate - www.dec.org.uk

*Paul Harris, Chief Executive,
Port Sunlight Village Trust*



Conservation update

Our Conservation and Maintenance Officer left PSVT for pastures new in December 2021 and we are actively looking to fill this post. This means that we are currently limited in the conservation advice we can give residents. However, Wirral Council provides a conservation advice service which can be accessed through their website - wirral.gov.uk - or by phoning 0151 606 2004.

Events are back!

Images: Half-term fun. Port Sunlight Village Trust Collection. Photographer: Dan Bentley

We have really missed hosting events in the village over the last couple of years, so it was brilliant to get 2022 off to a great start with some fun February half-term activities for children and parents. Over two days families took part in soap-making activities, visited the new SoapWorks exhibition, interacted with Eublio - our amazing bubble demonstrator - and chatted to a real scientist from Unilever. The event was a precursor to National Science Week in March.

Follow our Easter Trail

Our Easter Bunny is in a bit of a pickle! He laid a trail of carrots behind him so he can find his way home but he's forgotten where he left them! Can you help Bunny find his carrots?

On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April at 10am-3pm you can pop on your bunny ears and head out on a fun-filled adventure trail across the village. Children will search high and low for giant carrots and fun facts, can have their faces painted and also meet our costumed characters, including the very evasive 'Runaway Carrot' who is keen not to be Bunny's lunch! At the end of the trail, children will be able to collect a yummy chocolate treat as a reward.

To join the Easter Trail you will need a ticket.
Get yours from our ticketing hub before they sell out!
<https://tickets.portsunlightvillage.com/>

*We are creating new events all the time so visit the
What's On section of our website for the latest information.*



Back up and running!

It's hard to believe that it's been three years since the last Port Sunlight Road Race, but we are delighted to announce that it is back for 2022. Hundreds of feet will soon be pounding the tree-lined boulevards of Port Sunlight during what will be our ninth race, and we are very pleased to be working with BTR Liverpool once again. The programme will include 10k and 5k races as well as a 1k children's fun run, all following the routes that you know and no doubt love! The race is on Sunday 12th June, so you have time to dig out those running shoes and get some miles in before the big day.

Booking information can be found on the BTR website. We'll let you know about our measures to minimise the impact on residents in the next edition of the Gazette. btrliverpool.com/port-sunlight-event



Bins and bird boxes

You may have noticed that there are no recycling bins for visitors to our village – just regular receptacles. This is soon to change as PSVT has been successful in an application to the Museum Development North West Green Grants scheme. The grant, which supports museums' efforts against climate change, will allow us to buy and install three recycling bins. They will soon be sited outside the Museum, SoapWorks and the NatWest Bank on Greendale Road.

Also, this spring you may spot the Port Sunlight gardeners installing new nesting boxes in the trees in the Dell. These boxes will provide homes for our resident robins, blue tits and finches. This habitat creation, along with some new flowering shrubs and the sowing of wildflower seed, will not only help support our feathered friends but will also make the Dell a more beautiful and song-filled park in which to walk and picnic this summer.



Volunteer news

As a big 'thank you' for all of their hard work and support over the last year, PSVT volunteers were recently treated to afternoon tea at The Little Fox in Thornton Hough. Since 1st April 2021, our amazing volunteers have contributed nearly 3,500 hours to PSVT including stewarding in our Museum, delivering guided tours of the site, undertaking historical research, and tending the community allotment. They are a huge part of our organisation and the village and we couldn't do what we do without them.

In December 2021, several of our volunteers offered their time to nearby Thornton Manor to provide guided tours of the house to pre-booked guests. It's great to be able to share our volunteers with other local attractions and we are certain that their knowledge of the village will have been a big hit with the visitors to the manor.



Platinum Jubilee

As you know, 2022 sees the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and PSVT is keen to mark the occasion with a special celebratory event on Sunday 5th June. We invited members of our community to join the PSVT team for a brainstorming session and you didn't disappoint.

We had a great turn-out, met some new residents (and some older ones) and came up with some fab ideas including:

- An afternoon event across the Museum Green, Piazza (in front of the gallery) and the Diamond.
- Old-fashioned games and stalls.
- A live music stage featuring local talent and music for all ages and tastes, plus dancing!
- A giant picnic. Bring your own tables, chairs, food and your best china and silverware! We're also planning to have food concessions.

We'll be releasing further information about the event in the coming weeks - keep an eye on our websites, social media channels and village noticeboards. And if you have any other ideas we'd love to hear them – contact Claire: c.bates@portsunlightvillage.com and 07592 035923.

In the meantime, we need volunteers to help make the day really special! If you fancy getting involved in what is sure to be a day to remember email volunteering@portsunlightvillage.com or call 0151 644 4800.

We are also looking for people who have skills, equipment and services that we might use for free, eg a stage, generators, design, print, musical talent. If that's you please contact Claire.



The Queen departing Port Sunlight after her visit in 1988.
© Port Sunlight Village Trust Collection.



Spring &
Summer

Activity Programme

If you fancy trying something different, would like to meet new people, or need help relaxing and recharging then why not take part in one of our great activity sessions? Booking is essential, so text or call on 07592 035923 to reserve your place. Entry is by donation.

Tai Chi/Chi Gung

Start the weekend feeling calm and relaxed in this special Chi Gung workshop. Suitable for beginners.

Friday 1st April at 10-11am in the Church Hall

Spring Hanging Baskets

Celebrate the joys of spring by creating beautiful seasonally-inspired hanging baskets - guaranteed to make you smile.

Saturday 23rd April at 10-11am at the Community Allotment

Succulent Brick Planters

Breathe new life into your outdoors with a brick planter display.

Wednesday 4th May at 6-7pm at the Community Allotment

Beginners' Line Dancing

No need for a partner at this dance and suitable for complete beginners.

**Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th May, 5.30-6.30pm
in the Church Hall**

Hello from The Sunlight Stitches

"The Stitches continue to meet regularly, and now that the Church Hall is available for us to use have been glad of the opportunity to meet indoors again. We have mostly been working on our own projects, though some of us have knitted baby goods for the local special care baby unit, and now we are looking forward to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the summer.

Keep your eyes open as you walk round the village and see what you can spot! As ever, our group continues to be a great source of moral support to its members and keeps our spirits up in difficult times."

If you are interested in joining the Stitches get in touch with Claire at c.bates@portsunlightvillage.com

Blowing their own trumpets (and other instruments)

After a quiet couple of years (relatively speaking), the Port Sunlight Lyceum Brass Band is looking forward to a busy programme of summer bookings.

The Band recently competed in the North West Area Regional Brass Band Contest, part of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain, at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool. While they were not placed, everyone involved gave a very creditable performance of the set test piece. Significantly, this was the first time since 2011 that the Band has been able to put up the necessary number and standard of players.

Great credit goes to all of the committed people involved, particularly Musical Director, Simon, for his skill and expertise in tutoring the group to a very high standard.

A word from our bowling brethren

“Hi Everyone, my name is Alan and last year I introduced you to Port Sunlight Village and Works Bowling Club – we play on the smaller of the two greens near Hulme Hall on Bolton Road. Our crown green bowling club was formed in 2009, although its origins date back to 1905, and is open to both men and women. We have several teams who play in various local leagues, including singles, pairs and vets (males over 55 years).

Despite a difficult 2021 due to COVID-19, the club thrived and we managed to play a full season of league and cup competitions. Many new members joined the club and this year’s recruitment is already looking strong. Our process for welcoming new members is becoming robust, with new members saying that they feel valued and well supported.

Our committee, together with PSVT, Port Sunlight Ladies Bowling Club, Bromborough Pool Bowling Club, Paddock Johnson, Lyceum Club, Hulme Hall and the Masons, has been able to fully fund the installation of a defibrillator in our club house. Hopefully, we will never need to use it, but it is reassuring to know it is there if needed. A big thank you to everyone involved in providing this piece of potentially life-saving equipment.

Thanks to the hard work of the PSVT gardeners our green is looking good for this time of year. We are really looking forward to the new season - playing matches against old adversaries and welcoming new friends.

So, if you are interested in giving it a go, or even just looking for some entertainment (word used lightly) then wander down to the green on most days during the summer and introduce yourself. Alternatively, why not give Kevin a call on 07840 562 392. He’s the member of our club responsible for looking after new members and introducing them to the joys of crown green bowling.”

Tai Chi/Chi Gung in The Dell

Venture outside and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of nature while being guided through a relaxing Tai Chi session.

Friday 6th May at 10-11am in the Dell

Paper Pots, Peas and Mangetout

Learn how to make your own paper pots from newspaper - perfect for growing peas - plus pick up top tips on how to grow your own greens.

Monday 9th May at 2-3pm at the Community Allotment

Living Salad Bowl

Create your own organic living salad bowl. The bowl will give you a supply of delicious fresh salad throughout the spring and summer.

Saturday 21st May at 11am-12 noon at the Community Allotment

Edible Flowers And Herbs

Explore the wonderful world of edible flowers in this interactive workshop. Try different samples and make your own herby butter to take home.

Friday 27th May at 11am-1.30pm in the Church Hall

Herb Planter

Use your senses to explore the colour, texture, taste and smell of the herbs in our planter workshop. Learn how different herbs can be used for both food and medicine.

Wednesday 8th June at 6pm at the Community Allotment

Summer Hanging Basket

Wow your neighbours with a fabulous summer-inspired hanging basket, bursting with seasonal colour!

Saturday 18th June at 10am at the Community Allotment

Living Salad Containers

Whether it’s old boots, a colander, plastic bottles or even a sink, bring along your container and we’ll help you plant it up into a living salad bowl.

Friday 24th June at 6pm at the Community Allotment

Six-Week Beginners’ Ukulele Course

Dust off that ukulele you’ve been meaning to master and join us for this six-week course. It’s for complete beginners aged 7 years and up, and participants must bring their own ukulele.

Starts Wednesday 28th June at 6pm in the Church Hall

The Ice Breakers

It’s been a great start to the year for The Ice Breakers, who continue to attract new members. This fun social group meets at 11am each Tuesday in the Bridge Inn. They also have meals out and coach trips. Their next trip in April is a real treat of a day out - Peckforton Hills, Manley Mere and then on to Mrs Harvey’s for afternoon tea. It’s a well-deserved reward for the group’s great recent fundraising efforts, raising £225 for Ellery Park School in Wallasey.

To join The Ice Breakers, or to find out more about this merry band, email Barbara at greatbarb@live.co.uk





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Calling Lady Lever fans!

Have you been inspired by the Lady Lever Art Gallery? Does it hold a special place in your heart?

If so, the gallery would love to hear from you. Staff need your help to build an archive of memories and images which will be used to celebrate the gallery's history during its centenary year and to create a lasting legacy of what the gallery has meant to visitors.

As well as featuring online it is hoped that material gathered will be included in the *Inspired by Lady Lever* exhibition due to open on 24th June 2022. The display will reveal more about the woman who was a constant support

and inspiration for her husband, Lord Leverhulme, and for whom he named the gallery. The beautiful court dress worn by Lady Lever when she was presented at Buckingham Palace in 1913 will be displayed for the first time, alongside a scrapbook wall of events from the gallery's 100-year history.

Further information at:

liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/whatson/lady-lever-art-gallery/exhibition/inspired-lady-lever

If you have memories or images to share mail the gallery at ladylever@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk

Hulme Hall Fairs

Hulme Hall's ever-popular fairs and markets are back for 2022. Here are some dates for your diary.

The Craft & Gift Fair opens at 10am and the other two fairs at 9:30am. There's a small charge for admission to all events.

More details at hulmehall.com



Month	Craft & Gift Fair	Antique & Collectors Fair	Flea Market
April	Monday 18th	Sunday 17th	Sunday 3rd
May	Monday 30th	Sunday 15th	Sunday 1st
June	-	-	Sunday 5th
July	-	Sunday 17th	Sunday 3rd
August	Monday 29th	Sunday 21st	Sunday 7th
September	Sunday 25th	Sunday 18th	Sunday 4th
October	Sunday 23rd	Sunday 16th	Sunday 2nd
November	Sunday 27th Grand Christmas Fair	-	Sunday 6th
December	-	-	Sunday 11th



Christ Church at Easter

The team at Christ Church extends a very warm welcome to everyone who is visiting the Church. Whether you're just having a look or are searching for a place to worship, they are delighted to see you. They also hope that you will join them to celebrate Easter.

Services will be held at the following times:

PALM SUNDAY

10th April at 10.30am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

14th April at 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY

15th April at 10.30am

EASTER SUNDAY

17th April -

"Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son"

10.30am -

Celebrating Easter through word and song

3pm -

Easter Day Communion service

Merseyrail crowned Best Performing Regional Rail Operator

Our local service provider, Merseyrail, has been crowned the Best Performing Regional Rail Operator for the fourth year running at this year's Golden Whistle Awards. Merseyrail cemented its reputation as the most punctual rail operator in the country. Zoe Hands, Chief Operating Officer at Merseyrail, said:

"To win this award for a fourth consecutive year is not only testament to a fantastic team who deliver the best train service in Britain, it's also a real point of pride for our part of the country. We are relentlessly focused on keeping the Liverpool City Region number one as we realise fantastic public transport is an essential component of a vibrant and successful local economy and connected community."



CORNISH CREAM TEA

After a two year break the team at Christ Church is restarting its Bank Holiday Cream Teas. The deliciousness starts on Easter Monday 18th April at 1-4pm. Join them for freshly-made scones in the relaxed surroundings of Christ Church.



CHURCH OPENINGS

Christ Church is pleased to announce that it will once again be opening its doors and welcoming visitors, starting on Tuesday 19th April and running until at least the end of September.

Church Opening Stewards are a dedicated team. They provide a valuable service and a warm and friendly welcome, helping visitors and locals alike to experience and enjoy Christ Church. Visitors are welcome to explore the Church at their own pace and to ask the Stewards questions about the building, its founder and the denomination of the United Reformed Church. Stewards are approachable, fair-minded and do not consider any question too daft to ask!

If you feel you can spare a little time and enjoy meeting people, then please consider joining the fellowship of the stewarding team. For more information please speak to the Minister, Val Young or any of the Elders.

Drama in Port Sunlight

Return of our annual Drama Festival

The Leverhulme Drama Festival returns to The Gladstone Theatre! This annual celebration of the dramatic arts will showcase the best theatrical talent from the Wirral and surrounding areas. Running Monday 4th until Saturday 9th April, the festival will present several plays each evening, featuring returning favourites Keyhole Theatre Company, The Boaty Theatre Company, Brightlights Theatre Company, Valley Players, Carlton Players, Little Actors Theatre Club and more.

The festival will also pay tribute to the late Richard Woodward, resident adjudicator for the Leverhulme Drama Festival. A special award will be dedicated to Richard and awarded to the theatre company making the most outstanding overall performance at a special event on the Saturday evening.

Tangled tresses and monkeys' bums!

Looking for something fun to do with the children this Easter break? Why not join *Rapunzel* on Saturday 16th April as she escapes the tower and the evil Witch Gothel! This tangled tale features pop songs, magic and puppets, so don't have a bad hair day - book your tickets today!

And then on Sunday 24th April bring your little monkeys to meet Headmaster Mr Plop, Miss Jolly and Charlie the Monkey for a fun-filled visit to Jungle School as *The Monkey With No Bum* learns a very special lesson.

The Power Foundation For Young People presents...

Finding Lever - Sunlight of Congo

In 1911, after signing an agreement with the Belgium government, Lord Leverhulme established palm oil plantations in the Congo, but at what cost? A school trip to a museum opens a door between past and present - what has the past 100 years taught us? Find out in this pithy and humorous play. *Finding Lever* by Kai Jolley takes you on a journey from one man's humble beginnings in Northern England to the heat of the Congo and the creation of his empire. Wednesday 27th April at The Gladstone Theatre.

Book your tickets for all of
these events via The Gladstone
Theatre Box Office on
0151 643 8757 or
gladstonetheatre.org.uk

GLADSTONE THEATRE PORT SUNLIGHT VILLAGE *Leverhulme* DRAMA FESTIVAL



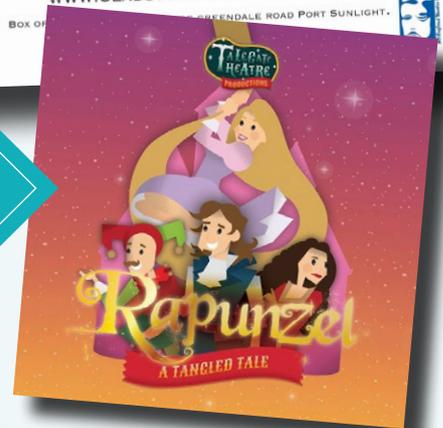
4TH - 9TH APRIL 2022

DOORS OPEN: MON-FRI 6:45PM FOR 7:30PM

SATURDAY 1:45PM FOR 2:30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM

WWW.GLADSTONETHEATRE.ORG.UK



Daring or foolhardy? Seen through the eyes of the world today it's hard to say. Join us on a magical journey across time where the past meets the present...

FINDING LEVER SUNLIGHT OF CONGO

Wednesday 27th April 2022 - 7.30pm

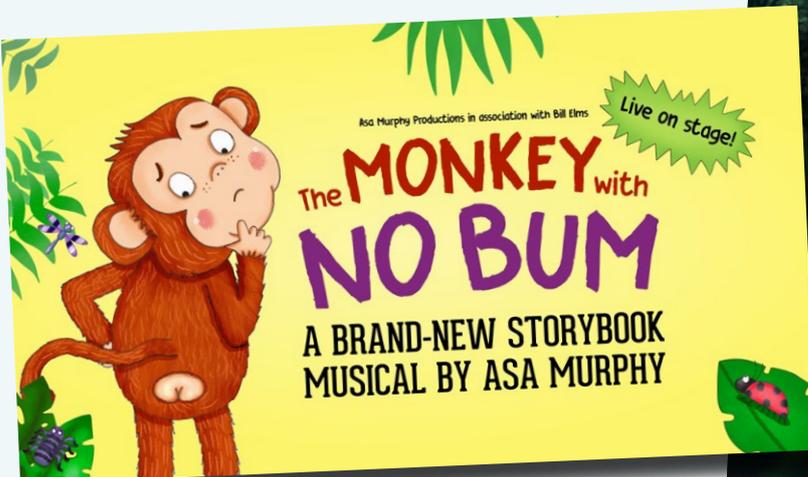
The Gladstone Theatre, Wirral, CH62 4XB

Tickets £12.00 - £10.00 concessions

www.gladstonetheatre.org.uk/ Box Office: 0151 643 8757

Written by: Kai Jolley Director: Christopher Lee Power
Production Manager: Pauline Power. Producer Rupert Hull

With the support of:



One hundred years of treading the boards

This year the Port Sunlight Players are celebrating a major landmark - their centenary - with a specially-created show.

The group's first performances actually took place in 1921, but COVID-19 intervened last year and the centenary celebrations had to be postponed. However, they will be no less special for the delay. Written and directed by Julia Whitehead, the Centenary Show will feature favourite numbers from past shows and will be performed at the Players' home, The Gladstone Theatre, on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March at 7.30pm.

The group was originally called the Port Sunlight Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society. Their first production was intended to be *Iolanthe* but the problem of whether fairies wore stockings or had bare legs could not be resolved. Instead, Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta, *Yeomen of the Guard*, was selected as their first production.

Encouraged by the success of that first venture, the Society made ambitious plans for their second season and embarked on two operas and a comedy. For their second production another Gilbert and Sullivan work, *The Pirates of Penzance*, was selected, entertaining crowds at Gladstone Hall for three nights in October 1921.

February 1922 saw the Society's first play, *Dr Wake's Patient*. With its four settings and 17 characters it was a challenge for the team but was performed with aplomb, and village audiences were delighted by its tale of a romance between a farmer's son and a peer's daughter. The second season concluded with performances of *Trial by Jury* and *HMS Pinafore*.

Port Sunlight Amateur and Dramatic Society went from strength to strength and for the rest of the 1920s delivered a play and two operas each season. Gilbert and Sullivan's works continued to be popular and *The Mikado*, *Iolanthe* and *The Yeomen of the Guard* (again) were performed. The change to the Players' current name came in 1928.



Members of the Port Sunlight Players rehearsing for the first pantomime, *Cinderella*, in 1931. Reproduced with kind permission of Unilever plc and group companies



Peter Pan from 1978

In 1931 the Players performed their first pantomime, *Cinderella*, beginning a Christmas tradition which endures today. The pantomime was co-written by the 2nd Viscount Leverhulme who had a long-standing interest in amateur dramatics. *Dick Whittington* followed in 1932. The Second World War interrupted the pantomime tradition at the Gladstone but it was resumed in the 1946-47 season.

The Players were not completely dormant in the war years. They linked with other local societies to present joint shows and were in at the beginning of the annual Unilever Drama Festival (now the Leverhulme Drama Festival). Port Sunlight's first big post-war production at Gladstone Hall was *Aladdin* in February 1947. The demand for tickets was huge and two extra nights were scheduled.

After the war the Port Sunlight Players were reorganised into operatic, dramatic and concert party sections, with a central committee overseeing their respective sub-committees. Both the Dramatic Section and Concert Party were soon active, staging performances for charities and in hospitals and sanatoria in Bebington and further afield.

In 1984 the Port Sunlight Players, along with the Bebington Dramatic Society and the Friends of Gladstone Theatre, formed the Gladstone Theatre Trust, its purpose being to maintain and run the theatre for entertainment of all kinds. The Trust also took over the running of the theatre from Unilever and its name was changed to The Gladstone Theatre that we know today.

Both the Port Sunlight Players and The Gladstone Theatre have weathered many challenges over the years but have survived to delight, entertain and nurture generations of local audiences and professional, amateur and community groups. Here's to many more live shows in the weeks, months and years ahead.



Spring has sprung!

Liam English from PSVT's landscaping team applauds past gardening efforts, appreciates current floral displays and plans for the arboreal future.

"When spring finally arrives after a stormy winter, the colours of the Polyanthus and Tulips scattered around our village are always a very welcome sight. They are a testament to the hard preparatory work done by our gardeners over the winter and mark the beginning of more hard work that will lead us into a warm and bright summer (hopefully!)

If you take a walk at this time of year you will see the gardeners preparing the Bowling Greens for the upcoming season, planting flowering shrubs and wildflowers in the Dell, planting new Roses in the Diamond, cutting and edging all of the village lawns, and tending and weeding our floral displays so that they reach their peak around Easter.

The team will also be taking delivery of more than 2,000 shrubs that, over the course of the coming months, will be planted around the village to lift those areas that are a little tired and in need of some extra life and colour.

It's an exciting time of year, and I hope that as you enjoy your walks around the village you take a moment to appreciate the hard work and dedication that the gardeners put in during the colder months to make it all possible.

As I'm sure you will have seen, not only did we suffer some storm damage but we have also had to remove a significant number of the Poplar trees around the village. All of these trees were planted around the same time and as they have aged have succumbed to the decline and weakness that is common in this species. It was recommended that rather than attempting to nurse them in a way that could pose a hazard, we take the opportunity to remove and replant with a more diverse selection of trees that can provide us and local wildlife with more interest all year round. Whilst losing trees is always sad, it is an inevitable part of any landscape, and is a time for us to make new and exciting plans for the next 100 years."



The Port Sunlight Lottery

Fancy winning £1,000? For £2 just per week you could be entered into the weekly draw, giving you a chance to win one of 30 cash prizes, plus entry into the annual grand draw with a prize of £10,000.

You can play up to six lines per week. Sign up here giantcashbonanza.online/portsunlight/ or complete a Lottery leaflet which can be found in the Port Sunlight Museum or SoapWorks.

The Port Sunlight Lottery is administered by Giant Cash Bonanza. All money raised will, after the deduction of prize money and reasonable administration expenses, be donated solely for the benefit of Port Sunlight Village Trust. Anyone over the age of 16 can play so please tell friends and family. Good luck!

Further information from Sarah
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Have you got a story for a forthcoming issue of the Port Sunlight Gazette?

Contact the PSVT office by
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