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World Heritage: What's Next?

In April, we discovered Port Sunlight had sadly not been chosen to join the UK's Tentative List for World Heritage Site inscription, following a bid we submitted last year.

Movers and Shakers

We've recently welcomed a few new starters to the PSVT team. Join us in giving a warm welcome to:

- ♦ JUDITH BOND - Learning Assistant (Casual)
- ♦ SARA ROPER - Learning Assistant (Casual)
- ♦ JACK DOCKING - Learning Assistant (Casual)
- ♦ EMMANUEL SHORT - Business Support Officer

We'd like to give a fond farewell and good luck to:

- ♦ CHARLIE DEAN - Volunteer Coordinator
- ♦ ALEX WOODS - Visitor Services Assistant
- ♦ JAMES HAYES - Collections Officer

There has been a change to our Board of Trustees too. We recently said farewell to Peter Sandman, who has been contributing his expertise in strategy development, business case development and marketing since 2021. We'd like to thank Peter for the time he's given to supporting PSVT's work.



Peter Sandman

GETTING TO KNOW...

Emily McArdle

Emily has been on PSVT's Board since 2019. She is a longstanding resident of the village and a passionate advocate for the community.

Emily has worked within the NHS for over 30 years as a Speech and Language Therapist, as well as supporting organisations in health, education and social care as a consultant.



Emily McArdle

To help you get to know Emily, we asked her a few questions:

Why did you choose to be a Trustee?

I moved to Port Sunlight in 1988 for my first job and instantly fell in love with the place! I truly wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Getting involved and supporting my community is something that is really important to me and I'd been a volunteer for a number of years. When I saw the Trustee role advertised, I jumped at the chance and I was delighted to join the team.

What is your favourite part of the village?

This is a tricky question, is it cheating to say all of it? I love the green spaces, the beautiful monuments and buildings, the surprising details I spot on the houses like the drainpipes, unusual windows and chimneys. My favourite part I think is the community we have here, I am blessed with wonderful friends and neighbours who make this place so much more than the environment.

Tell us one surprising fact about yourself.

I'm related to the famous American architect Frank Lloyd-Wright – maybe that's why I love the architecture of Port Sunlight so much.

The bid followed many years of encouragement and desire by the local community and politicians to have Port Sunlight's importance recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It had support from our strategic partners Wirral Council, National Museums Liverpool and Unilever, and included significant research and consultation with village residents. You can view this here:

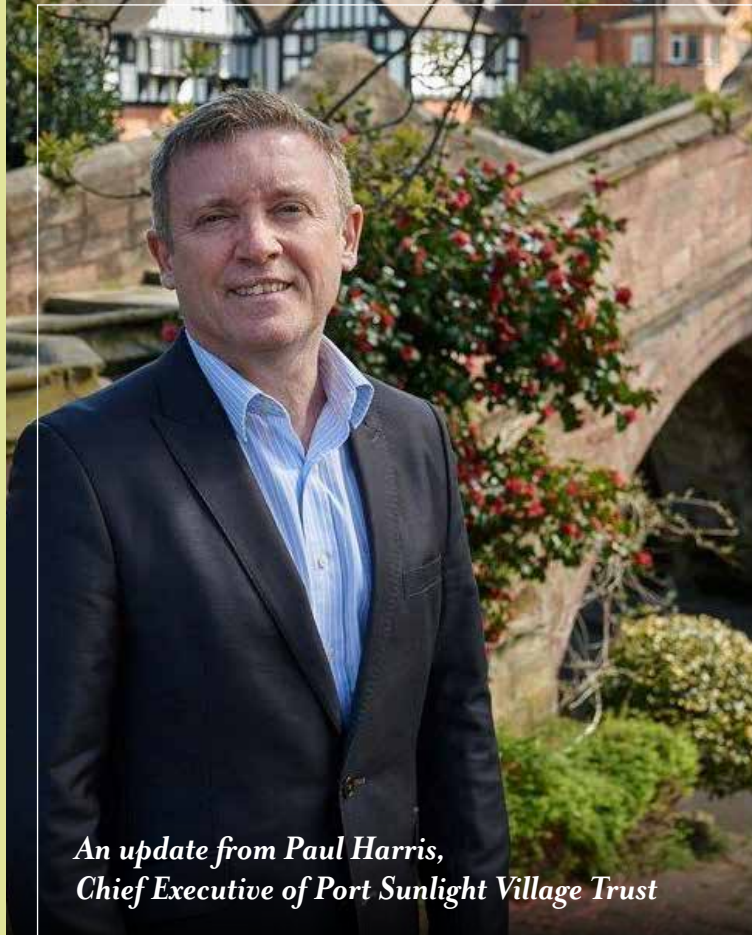
bit.ly/WHS-research

Despite not being selected, we will build on the research, partnership working and community engagement that went into the bid. We will also work with other global heritage sites to share learnings and promote each other. This can only strengthen our work to make Port Sunlight an inspiring and accessible place to live, work and visit for generations to come.

If there is support for Port Sunlight to submit another bid to join the UK's Tentative List in the future, the next opportunity to do this is likely a decade away.

Our belief in Port Sunlight's global value has not been diminished and we will continue to protect and promote the village, which played such an influential role in the development of healthy, beautiful communities for working class people around the world.

Alongside Port Sunlight's bid, another unrelated bid was also put forward by nearby Birkenhead Park to be added to the Tentative List, which was successful. It's a big moment for the Wirral, not only for the area's heritage to be recognised globally but also for our local communities who care so deeply about the special places on their doorstep.



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

Port Sunlight's Warm Welcome

Since January, our Warm Space initiative has been running at the Church Hall in partnership with Christ Church. Every Tuesday, we've welcomed dozens of friendly faces for tea, toast, chats, activities and community support.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, our Warm Space is now becoming Port Sunlight's Warm Welcome. Free, friendly and open to all, sessions will now be on the first Tuesday of every month.

The first Warm Welcome session will take place at the Church Hall on 6th June, 9am-12pm.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the sessions or have any questions, please email events@portsunlightvillage.com



One of our many Warm Space activities

Hello and welcome to the summer 2023 issue of the Port Sunlight Gazette. Every year, I'm reminded by how wonderful it is to see the village in full bloom and filled with people enjoying the sunny days. I can already smell the roses on The Diamond.

It's been a busy year already for us in Port Sunlight. While we were disappointed to receive the news that Port Sunlight was not selected to join the UK's new Tentative List for World Heritage Site inscription (see above for more on that), our work to protect the village's heritage has been forging ahead. In this issue, you can find out about our work to conserve the War Memorial and Boating Pond on page 6, as well as a reminder of what living in a conservation area means for your property (page 7). Also now that the weather is getting warmer, our Warm Space is becoming Port Sunlight's Warm Welcome – find out more about that on this page

Thank you to the hundreds of you who attended our Coronation Big Lunch in May. This summer sees another big event in the village: the return of the Port Sunlight Road Race, one of my favourite moments of the year. There is important information you need to know about the Road Race, including road closures, so go to pages 4 and 5 to make sure you're in the know. Other events to add to your calendar include the opening of an exciting new exhibition at Bridge Cottage featuring original costumes worn in *Peaky Blinders*, the hit TV show which was partially filmed in the village.

On Tuesday 6th June, the winners of the Maggie Sparks Sunlighter of the Year Awards will be announced. As always, the awards are a great opportunity to celebrate the people who give their time to make a positive difference to our community.

Finally, as part of our aim to better engage with residents, please look out for an important update from us coming through your letterbox very soon.

In the meantime, let's look forward to another sun-filled summer in Port Sunlight.

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

Runners, assemble!

The Road Race is back! Returning to the village's leafy streets on Sunday 11th June is one of the country's most picturesque running events. Runners will be invited to follow 5k and 10k routes or try the 15k 'dual race' challenge.

If you've not entered yet, but fancy the challenge, there's still time. The 5k, 10k and 15k races can be entered via the BTR website - btrliverpool.com/port-sunlight-event

Registration for the 1k Fun Run is on the day at BTR's tent on Museum Green. And if you are not running, please cheer on those who are – it really does make a difference and creates a great atmosphere. There will be food and drink concessions to keep both supporters and runners fuelled up.

Car parking and access requirements

As in previous years, road closures will be in effect from 7:30am to 2pm on race day. See the map and accompanying information on page 5 for details. We encourage all those attending the event to travel via public transport although there will be some car parks open around the edge of the village on the day.

If you are a village resident or business and have questions about road closures you'll be

pleased to hear that we are running drop-in sessions on Monday 5th June at 2-3pm and 6-7pm at the Church Hall on Bridge Street to help answer your queries. We are particularly anxious to hear from and assist residents with carers (or their neighbours if they cannot

attend the drop-in) who will need to gain access to homes on race day. If you cannot attend either session contact **Sarah Preston** on **0151 644 4800** or **s.preston.portsunlightvillage.com** who will be happy to answer your questions.



Photo by Paul Francis Cooper

PARKING INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

	IF YOU USUALLY PARK HERE...	...PLEASE PARK HERE IF YOU ARE REMAINING IN PORT SUNLIGHT
A	Lady Lever Art Gallery and perimeter area in front of gallery and toward fountain.	NO PARKING AT ANY TIME
B	11-48 Greendale Road. 23-50 Queen Mary's Drive. 2-18 Windy Bank. 13-22 The Causeway. 1-9 Causeway Close.	Please use rear service roads in Block B. Greendale Road is accessible from The Causeway junction (Garden Centre side) toward Wood Street with through traffic to A41.
C	3-10 Greendale Road (inc 6a + 6k). 1-5 Windy Bank. 10-22 Queen Mary's Drive. 47-57 Primrose Hill. Duke of York Cottages on Greendale Road, Primrose Hill and Brook Street.	Please use Bebington Road or rear service roads in Blocks C, I + J.
D	1-13 Lancaster Close. 11-45 Primrose Hill. 1-59 Lower Road. 2-72 Central Road.	Please use rear service roads in Blocks D, E + J.
E	Osborne Court. Philip Leverhulme Lodge. Manor Lodge. 1-27 Central Road. 1-9 Primrose Hill. 18-26 Circular Drive. 2-34 Pool Bank.	Please use rear service roads in Blocks D, E or Car Park 1 (Osborne Court/Central Road) and Car Park 3 (Knox Close/Lodge Lane)
F	1-22 King Georges Drive. 5-12 The Causeway. 1-16 Church Drive. 19-27 Windy Bank.	Please use rear service roads in Block F or Car Park 1 (Osborne Court/Central Road) and Car Park 2 (Riverside/Bolton Road)
G	1-15 Jubilee Crescent.	Please use rear service road in Block G or Car Park 2 (Riverside/Bolton Road)
H	49-70 Greendale Road. 1-4 The Causeway. 1-21 Bolton Road.	Please use rear service road in Block H or Gladstone Theatre car park. Greendale Road is accessible from The Causeway junction (Garden Centre side) toward Wood Street with through traffic to A41.
I	3-10 Brook Street. 81-109 Bebington Road. Railway Inn. 30-56 Primrose Hill.	Please use rear service road in Blocks I + J or Bebington Road. Access available at all times.
J	2-16 Circular Drive. 2-8 Boundary Road. 2-30 Primrose Hill. 45-79 Bebington Road.	Please use rear service road + Block J or Bebington Road. Access available at all times.
K	8-16 Bolton Road. 71-88 Greendale Road. 1-23 Park Road. 8-14 Bridge Street.	Please use rear service road and car park in Block K or Gladstone Theatre car park. Greendale Road is accessible from The Causeway junction (Garden Centre side) toward Wood Street with through traffic to A41 from service road.
L	89-100 Greendale Road.	Greendale Road is accessible from The Causeway junction (Garden Centre side) toward Wood Street with through traffic to A41 from service road.
M	1-25 Wood Street. 19-22 Bridge Street. 2-22 Park Road	Please use service road in Block M. Greendale Road is accessible from The Causeway junction (Garden Centre side) toward Wood Street with through traffic to A41 from service road.
N	1-5 Bridge Street. 26-52 Park Road. 2-8 Poets Corner. 27-55 Wood Street.	Please use rear service road in Block N. Access at all times to A41 from service road.

PLEASE REMOVE YOUR VEHICLE FROM THE EVENT AREA PRIOR TO 7.30AM ON 11th JUNE.

Should you require access in and out of the village during the event, please park in areas outside of the course or use car parks 2 or 3 (labelled on the map).

Village map showing extent of Port Sunlight Road Race 2023



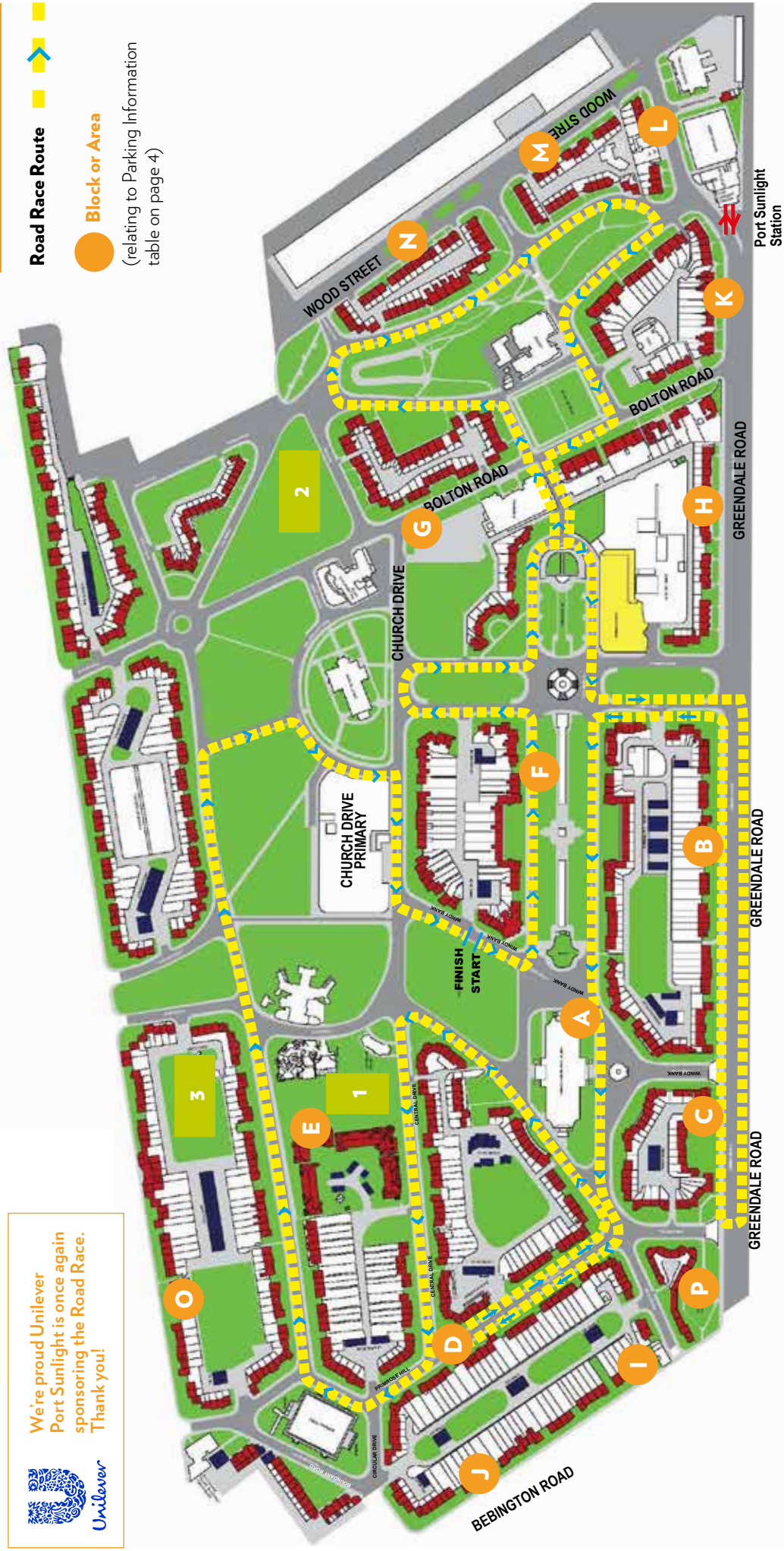
We're proud Unilever Port Sunlight is once again sponsoring the Road Race. Thank you!

Additional resident car parking

Road Race Route

Block or Area

(relating to Parking Information table on page 4)



RESIDENT INFORMATION

There will be an extensive traffic management plan in place on race day to ensure minimum disruption for residents and maximum safety for runners. Be advised that all runners have been directed to park outside of the village and we would request that all residents familiarise themselves with and adhere to the following arrangements within the village.

Significant road closures will be in effect across the village from 7.30am-2pm which have been authorised by Wirral Council and local services. There can be no movement of vehicles on the road race route (marked in yellow on the map) during these times, except in the case of an emergency.

PLEASE REMOVE YOUR VEHICLE FROM THE EVENT AREA PRIOR TO 7.30AM ON 11th JUNE.

Should you require access in and out of the village during the event, please park in areas outside of the course or use car parks 2 or 3 (labelled on the map).

If you do not wish to move your vehicle during the event, please use the table to identify suitable parking areas. Please note, you may still use rear service roads.

ALL ROADS AFFECTED WILL REOPEN AT APPROXIMATELY 2PM



The War Memorial's bronze figures

Conserving the War Memorial

SIGNIFICANT CONSERVATION WORK ON THE VILLAGE'S
WAR MEMORIAL IS HAPPENING THIS YEAR.

The work will take place in a series of phases, beginning with conservators carrying out maintenance work to clean and wax the bronze figures and features of the memorial.

Portable scaffolding will be assembled and disassembled as needed to allow the conservators access, however this should not involve any road closures and you should be able to walk or drive around the memorial perimeter as usual. Access onto the memorial itself may be restricted at certain points during the work and we're sorry if this causes any disappointment.

We anticipate this first phase of work to take around four weeks to complete (depending on weather). Noise disruption should be

minimal and work will take place mainly on weekdays before 6pm, however some work may be carried out at weekends if necessary.

In the summer, a further programme of significant conservation work will take place on the stone structure of the War Memorial. This will involve partial road closures, but keep an eye on our website and social media for more updates.

Thank you for your patience while this essential maintenance work is completed. It is an important part of our long-term strategy to maintain and look after Port Sunlight's monuments, which includes progressing with our plans to repair the Boating Pond.



Port Sunlight's much-loved Boating Pond



Conservation Corner

MAKING ALTERATIONS TO YOUR LISTED HOUSE

When thinking about making any alterations to your property in Port Sunlight, it is important to remember the majority are Grade II listed and considered to be of national importance. All of Port Sunlight's listed buildings sit within a Conservation Area and national legislation exists to protect them from harmful changes. This includes:

- ◆ Town and Country Planning Act (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) 1990
- ◆ National Planning Policy Framework

Applying for Listed Building Consent

Further protection comes from Wirral Council, to whom you must apply for Listed Building Consent (LBC) to make any changes to the front of your property, which includes altering your doors, windows, roofs, chimneys and

gutters. It can even include changing signs and house numbers.

Any changes to the rear of your property can be applied for through a Local Listed Building Consent Order (LLBCO), following pre-agreed templates for rear windows, back doors and gates developed with PSVT. Go to www.wirral.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-permission for more information about this.

Painting your front door

Yes, the rumours are true. Living in Port Sunlight Conservation Area means your front door must be a specific colour. This is so that we can all protect the character of the village together.

For more information on the specific colour schemes for painting your house, please



contact PSVT and we can provide you with all the information you need.

What is Port Sunlight Village Trust's role?

People often ask about the role of PSVT in the care of the village. While it is Wirral Council's role to enforce Listed Building Consent regulations, PSVT is purely advisory and follows the same rules and regulations as anybody else who cares for listed buildings and Conservation Areas.

Caring for these buildings can often be challenging and PSVT is here to provide support for all residents on the maintenance, restoration and enhancement of your listed home. That is why we developed the Conservation Management Plan, which was adopted by Wirral Council.

Boating Pond Memories

Our plans to repair the Boating Pond are being progressed, which we will share with you over the coming months. We do know however that the works needed are complex and will cost hundreds of thousands of pounds, so we will be ramping up our fundraising activity. If you would like to donate to support this project or would like to get involved in fundraising, we'd love to hear from you.

While we prepare our plans, we also want to use this opportunity to gather your Boating Pond stories, thoughts and memories. Do you have a favourite memory of the Boating Pond? A particular story associated to it? What does it mean to you? Perhaps you even have a treasured photograph featuring the Boating Pond? Your contributions could be used on our social media, website and in on-site interpretation panels when the works begin.

Please email them to b.pilkington@portsunlightvillage.com

GET IN TOUCH

For any conservation or maintenance questions, please email conservation@portsunlightvillage.com or call 0151 644 4800.

SUNLIGHTER of the Year AWARDS nominees

We're excited to share the nominees for this year's Maggie Sparks Sunlighter of the Year Awards, celebrating individuals or groups who made a positive difference to Port Sunlight's community in 2022.

THE NOMINEES ARE

Helen Parkinson
(Sunlight Bees)

Samuel O'Grady

Kearry Humphries
(Enchanted Book Corner)

Barbara Birch

Clive Ransom

Dave Lay

Port Sunlight Icebreakers

Port Sunlight Residents' Group

The judges, including PSVT's honorary president Maggie Sparks, have been busy looking at the nomination forms and on 6th June, the winners will be announced at a special event for the nominees, as well as on PSVT's social media. Congratulations and good luck!

SUMMER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

As always, PSVT has a range of exciting activities in store for the whole community to take part in this summer. Keep an eye on the village noticeboards or go to portsunlightvillage.com/whats-on to see what's coming up.

Welcome to Christ Church

Visit the church and café



Visitors are welcome to step inside Christ Church on weekdays between 11am. and 4pm, until Friday 29th September. You can also enjoy tea, coffee, cake, light lunches and more at the church's café.

Church Stewarding

Could you be a Church Opening Steward? You could provide a warm welcome and valuable service for all visitors - answering questions about the building, its founder and the United Reformed Church. If you can spare a little time and enjoy meeting people, consider joining the stewarding team. For more information contact the Minister, Val Young or any of the Elders.

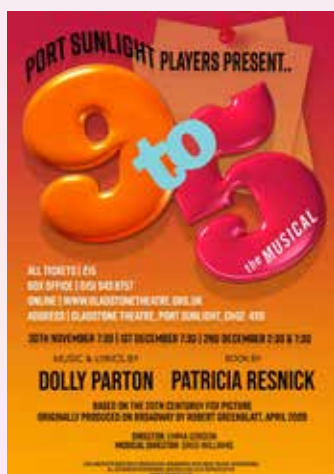
Bell Ringing

Have you ever fancied trying bell ringing? Why not join one of our groups? Hand Bell Ringers practise 7:15pm every Tuesday in the church - contact John Lindsay - while the Tower Bell Ringers practise on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the bell tower. Speak to Sue Frowe or George Phillips.

PORT SUNLIGHT PLAYERS

The Port Sunlight Players return to present their next production, 9 to 5 The Musical, coming to The Gladstone Theatre between Thursday 30th November - Saturday 2nd December.

9 to 5 The Musical, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie. Three unlikely friends take control of their office and learn there is nothing they can't do, even in a man's world.



Port Sunlight Crown Green Bowling Club

Port Sunlight Crown Green Bowling Club is located in the heart of the village and players are welcome to get involved. The club plays on the green alongside the Lyceum on Bolton Road. Though the club's origins date back to 1905, the current club has been running since 2009 and is open to both men and women. It has several teams who play in various local leagues including singles, pairs and vets (over 55 years of age).

If you're interested in joining, you can call or text Kevin on 07840 562392.

To book tickets, go to gladstonetheatre.org.uk or call 0151 643 8757



PORT SUNLIGHT LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Want to channel your inner Serena or Roger? Or just fancy picking up a racket and having a go? Then come and see what Port Sunlight Lawn Tennis Club has to offer, from adult and children coaching to league matches, social events and tournaments. Everyone is welcome to join. Adults, child, senior and family memberships are available.

For more information,
email info@portsunlighttennis.co.uk
or find us at Leverhulme Sports Field,
Warren Lane,
Bromborough,
Wirral, CH62 3QQ.



WHAT'S ON IN PORT SUNLIGHT THIS SUMMER

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GLADSTONE THEATRE

Top Secret: The Magic of Science – Saturday 17th June

Hold on to your seats this June as the Gladstone Theatre is transformed into a real-life science laboratory. Featuring magical science experiments, mystery, suspense and heaps of mess, TOP SECRET is fun for the whole family to enjoy.

Two Pianos – Saturday 24th June

Feel the energy and witness the sensational talents of Two Pianos as they battle it out to deliver the best rock 'n' roll piano experience audiences have seen.

With hits from Jerry Lee Lewis, Ray Charles, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, The Everly Brothers and more. You'll be dancing in the aisles in no time.

This is Merseybeat – Friday 30th June

It's 1962 and there's a whole lotta shakin' going on in a backstreet beat cellar in Liverpool – The Cavern Club... As 'Merseymania' rules the world, expect The Beatles, The Searchers, The Merseybeats, Cilla Black and many more. The sixties sound of Liverpool starts right here.

MJ The Legacy – Friday 15th September

The look, the voice, the moves and all the hits. Come and join us for an outstanding, electrifying show as we bring you the closest thing to seeing Michael Jackson live. We want to 'Rock With You' this September, 'Will You Be There'?

The Elton John Show – Saturday 27th September

Celebrating 50 years of Goodbye Yellow Brick Road. A Flamboyant mega-star with a never ending back catalogue of incredible songs from Rocket Man to Tiny Dancer, this show brings "Young Elton" back to the stage at his energetic best.

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

FLOWER FAIRIES AT LADY LEVER ART GALLERY

Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of illustrations from the *Flower Fairies* books by Cicely Mary Barker. To mark the centenary of Barker's first book, *Flower Fairies of the Spring*, this exhibition features around 45 exquisite and botanically-accurate original illustrations, with digital projections and costumes inspired by the fairies. Explore the inspirations behind Barker's paintings, as well as the flora and fauna featured in the work, through National Museum Liverpool's botanical collections.

***Flower Fairies* is open 15th April until 5th November. Tickets are free, with a suggested donation. Visit liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/flowerfairies**

TAKE A TOUR OF LEVERHULME HOTEL

The Grade II listed building which is now the four-star Leverhulme Hotel boasts an original blend of classic art nouveau and art deco decoration, with 23 bedrooms and suites offering the finest hospitality. However, the hotel was originally the Port Sunlight Cottage Hospital, built by Lord Leverhulme for his workforce and their immediate dependents. It was opened by his wife, Elizabeth, on 1st November 1907.

The story of the Port Sunlight Cottage Hospital is a fascinating one, and the hotel is now offering you the chance to take a tour and discover it for yourself. Book a place on one of their monthly tours to explore the history of the building and the area, as well as enjoy a freshly prepared afternoon tea. Costs £65 per person.

Tour dates this summer include Tuesday 20th June, Wednesday 5th July and Tuesday 22nd August. To make your reservation call 0151 644 6655.

Dates for your summer diary

Go to portsunlightvillage.com/whats-on for more information

Peaky Blinders in Port Sunlight

24th June–10th September

Step inside Bridge Cottage to explore a special exhibition of six original costumes worn by Tom Hardy, Helen McCrory and more in the hit TV show, Peaky Blinders, which – as many will know – was partly filmed in Port Sunlight. The exhibition is a must-see for any fans of the show or Edwardian fashion, plus there will be a pop-up shop inside filled with Peaky Blinders-themed gifts, books and more. A programme of events will run alongside the exhibition too – keep an eye on PSVT's website and social media for more information.

The exhibition will be open Wednesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm. £5 each, under 12s go free.

Port Sunlight Road Race

Sunday 11th June

Runners from far and wide will soon take to one of the most picturesque running events in Britain. Follow the 5k, 10k or 15k routes through Port Sunlight's leafy streets, or maybe the special 1k Fun Run for budding athletes of all ages.

To enter, visit portsunlightvillage.com/whats-on

See pages 4 & 5 for the route and information about road closures.

Summer open-air theatre

Join Folksy Theatre for its annual summer visit to Port Sunlight and enjoy open-air performances in the colourful Dell. Book your tickets now at portsunlightvillage.com/whats-on

The Ugly Duckling

Sunday 13th August, 2pm

Will the ugly duckling find their place in the world and discover true happiness? Bring along your picnics, folding chairs, friends and family, to enjoy live music, puppetry and colourful characters.

The Merry Wives of Windsor

Wednesday 16th August, 7pm

Experience Shakespeare's comic tale of marriage, wealth, jealousy and lies, filled with live music and colourful characters.

Acoustic Afternoon

Saturday 5th August

Bring a picnic and enjoy acoustic performances in the relaxing surroundings of the Dell.

Family Fun Day

Saturday 26th August

Bring the whole family and come together for a fun day filled with children's entertainment, games and activities on the Museum Green.

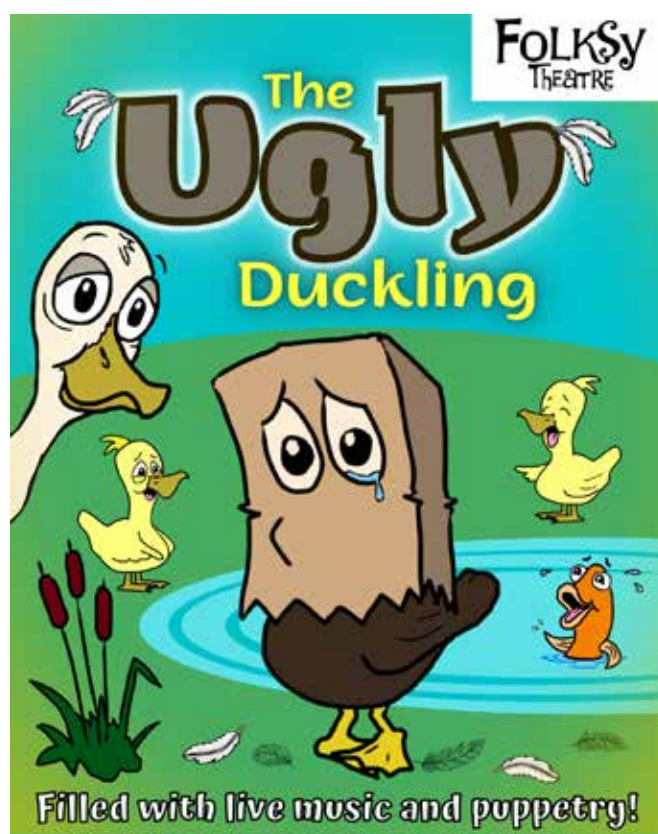
Heritage Open Days

Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Monday 11th September

Take part in our free Heritage Open Days events. Join a fascinating talk and tour of The Gladstone Theatre, explore Bridge Cottage and step back in time to wartime Port Sunlight inside the Church Hall to join in family activities and meet people in costume.



A dress worn by Helen McCrory's Aunt Polly in Peaky Blinders.
© Cosprop Costumeries



Local makers

The gift shops at Port Sunlight Museum and SoapWorks are now offering a range of products made by local crafters, creators and artists. Read on to discover who they are and visit the shops between Wednesday–Sunday to have a browse. Don't forget, if you're a Port Sunlight resident, you can get 10% off all products in our shop.

Pop into PSVT's Reception at 23 King George's Drive with your proof of address to get your residents' card, which also gives you free entry to Port Sunlight Museum, the Worker's Cottage and SoapWorks.



Step inside Port Sunlight Museum's shop

SUNLIGHT BEES

Sunlight Bees is an award-winning company, whose honey-based range of products are all made using honey from hives in Port Sunlight. Their beautiful products include honey, beeswax candles, first aid kits for bees, beeswax wraps, seed bombs, a range of balms for humans and animals (vegan balms are available) plus much more.



KATIE TYSON

A textile designer and illustrator who lives in the village, Katie's intricate, colourful artworks are created using ink and watercolour. Her whimsical and ethereal style is inspired by her surroundings, flora and fauna, fairytales and folklore. She has worked in many roles as a designer, having previously studied at the prestigious Central Saint Martins in London. Browse Katie's range of original greetings cards, prints and silk scarves all featuring her designs.

MARSDEN AND WHITTLE

Based in Little Sutton, Marsden and Whittle's fragrance studio brings luxury fragrance to your home at affordable prices. Enjoy soap, shampoo bars, liquid soap, hand lotion, candles, room sprays and reed diffusers in a variety of distinctive scents including fresh linen, pink fizz & pomelo and velvet peony & oud.



THE CHOCOLATE CELLAR

What started as a hobby, soon turned into an obsession for Bala. After everything in her kitchen kept getting covered in chocolate, she converted her cellar into a secret little chocolate factory. And so The Chocolate Cellar was born. Now, the New Ferry-based chocolate maker produces a range of handcrafted treats, from truffles and treat boxes to hot chocolates.

Fancy winning £1,000?

The Port Sunlight Lottery is a great way to have a flutter while directly supporting our village. For just £2 per week you could be entered into the weekly draw, with 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 PSVT. Anyone over the age of 16 can play so please tell friends and family. Good luck!

Further information from Sarah s.preston@portsunlightvillage.com



Port Sunlight's lost golf course

By James Hayes, Collections Officer

This summer, the world's oldest and one of its most prestigious golf tournaments, the British Open returns to the Wirral. Between 16th–23rd July, the 151st Championship will take place at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club's beautiful coastal links course at Hoylake. However, though it's largely forgotten now, Port Sunlight once had its very own golf course.

The Port Sunlight golf course was located on land now occupied by the Unilever Research & Development Port Sunlight Laboratory complex on Bromborough Road. Opened in August 1930 on part of what was then known as the Edgeworth Estate, the new sports amenity was open to both men and women.

The 8-hole course had been designed by Alexander 'Sandy' Herd, winner of the 1902 British Open which was held coincidentally at Hoylake. Herd was also the club professional at Moor Park Golf Club in Hertfordshire. The 1st Lord Leverhulme had purchased Moor Park in 1919 as an investment and it was opened as a golf club in 1923.

In June 1931, Port Sunlight Golf Club was formed and Mr W. Worrall became the first

Club Captain and Chairman. Two converted railway coaches served as the first club house, but in 1934 a large purpose-built wooden pavilion replaced these.

Already enlarged by the addition of a new ninth hole in 1932, the course was further extended towards the end of the 1940s through the acquisition of land on the other side of the railway line. This was financed through loans from members while material assistance was provided by the firm. Members also contributed many hours of voluntary labour to see the project through.

A further boost for the Club came in 1953 when a new club house was handed over as a gift from Lever Brothers. However, in the early 1970s a new road development proposal and Lever Brothers' need for new land for company purposes brought an end to the Port Sunlight Golf Course.

A new replacement course was built on Unilever land at Eastham and the Eastham Lodge Golf Club was formed.

After Port Sunlight Golf Club ceased to exist in 1974, its members transferred to Eastham.



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