

ACTIVITIES

Talks:

(may be subject to change)

Life on the Waterways: the story of the families who lived and worked on the waterways during their heyday

Talk and Walk: Engines and Boats: you will be required to walk around the site as part of this talk

The History of Ellesmere Port: the story of the Port from 1795 to present day by a local historian

The Wolverhampton Connection: how the face of Ellesmere Port changed from a canal town to an industrial town by the move of the iron works from Wolverhampton to Ellesmere Port

British Inland Waterways: the development and achievements of the IWA, covering early development of the canals and what Tom Rolt, Aickman, etc. did to restore the waterways after the war

Looking to the Future: with young people and volunteers. Much of the work in the Heritage Boatyard has been undertaken by young people learning basic boat-building skills

History of the Boat Museum: an insight into the Museum from its founding in the 1970s and the growth of its amazing collection of craft

European Waterways: features of the waterways of France, Netherlands and Belgium

Flora and Fauna on the Waterways: how Cheshire Wildlife Trust works to restore, recreate and preserve the landscape while protecting wildlife in all of its forms. It will also discuss many species of animals and vertebrae, as well as recommending what types of plants to stock gardens in order to attract various species of wildlife, etc.

Talk and Walk: Photography: you will be required to walk around the site as part of this talk. Bookable on the day. Subject to weather conditions.

Local Walk: explore the canal bank with its industrial history alongside the traditional narrow boats

Tours: Join one of the tours around the site to find out about the Museum, its history or its ghosts

Demonstrations (throughout the day)

Roses & Castles: the art of decoration used on the super-structure and fittings of waterway boats

Card-making: get a 'hands on' experience and surprise yourself by learning how to make your own

Crafts: various craft groups and members within the U3A will exhibit their crafts as they try to tempt you to join them or start a new interest. This will include crochet and lace making, quilting and patchwork bonnets and many more

Music

There will be lots of music to lift your spirits including plate bells from Flintshire U3A, sea shanties by Julia and Derek and probably a band

Other displays: The Power Hall with its engines and knowledgeable volunteers. The tenant Blacksmith will be at work. The Pump House will be 'In steam'. There will be films, exhibitions, computerised boat building and historic boats to view. Relive your past with the help of the characters in the period cottages

Getting around

The Museum is well established, with wheelchair access available to most areas. However, the ground is uneven in places and you should follow any guidance provided by the museum

Eat and drink

There are many picnic areas, and as we are expecting a beautiful day, you may bring your own picnic and chairs. Otherwise food and drink may be purchased from the cafeteria, bar and tea/coffee areas on site, or from the BBQ. You may even catch the ice-cream cycle on your route

Event Video

We will be making a video of the event, and would welcome any photos or video recordings that you believe reflect the day. Please look for more details on the day



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Waterways Event

Hosted by
Deeside and Wirral U3A
Network

Friday 25th May 2012
10:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

At the National Waterways
Museum, Ellesmere Port
(Previously known as The Boat Museum)

Planned events and timetable for the
day

Places are limited for some activities, so book early

This is an exclusive event
for U3A members and their guests.

Waterway to spend a day

A decorative banner with a ribbon-like border containing the text 'Waterway to spend a day'.

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES—May 25th

Plan your day

Entrance to the organised activities will be by pre-booked ticket only. Make the most of your time and prepare by studying the timetable alongside before completing your application form.

Please only select 1 activity within each time period.

A maximum of 4 activities per person

Attendance at some activities will be limited, so you will need to make your choices on the application form. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis as stated on the form. Spare places may be available on the day.

Brief descriptions of the activities are provided overleaf.

The Museum will also be providing a special programme of their activities, including:

(These do not need to be booked in advance)

- Boat trip – takes you through an industrial waterscape rich in stories and wildlife—additional charge by the Museum.
- The Power Hall - where volunteer workers are available to answer your questions.
- Period cottages and gardens and games - where porters and their families lived. With volunteers in period dress.
- The Archive where you can dip your toes into the world of canal research.
- Tour of some of the boats and restoration under way in the Heritage Boatyard.
- Watch the Blacksmith at work. Book a course for later in the year.
- Watch boat movements through the locks.
- The Old Pump House will be ‘in steam’ and will demonstrate the hydraulics.
- Learn about ‘Boats’ in the Island Warehouse, have a go at boat building and/or view the many exhibits.
- Sit back, watch a film on ‘Boats’

For more details of the National Waterways Museum, visit their website: www.nwm.org.uk

Parking

There is ample parking at the Museum for cars and coaches. If your U3A hires a coach please inform us beforehand.

TIME	TALKS Start times may be brought forward by 15 mins All talks will last approximately 40 mins			TOURs	OTHER TIMED ACTIVITIES	DEMO'S
10.00					Doors open	
10.30				Museum Tour with guide		Roses and Castles
11.00	Talk and Walk Engines and Boats	Life on the Waterways	The History of Ellesmere Port		Tour of canal side with Local Historian	
11.30				Museum tour with guide	Sea Shanties	
12.00						Roses and Castles
12.30	The Wolverhampton connection	British Inland Waterways	Museum's involvement in the young and volunteers			
13.00				Ghost tour of Museum	Sea Shanties	
13.30					Tour of canal side with Local Historian	Roses and Castles
14.00	The History of the Boat Museum	European Waterways	Flora and Fauna of the Waterways (Cheshire Wild Life Trust)	Ghost tour of Museum		
14.30					Sea Shanties	
15.00						
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MUSEUM will be closing at 16.00