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Dear Friends,

### Welcome to our 2nd Birthday Edition!

We are celebrating our 2nd birthday this month... I can tell you that it has come around so quickly!

We regularly receive lovely feedback from you by email, telephone and in person when we are out delivering!

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## WW1... REMEMBER!

Merseyside has been chosen as the centre for a variety of national events to commemorate the centenary of the start of WW1.

One of the first to take place will be **REMEMBER** at the Anglican Cathedral on Friday 28th March.

Associations linked to the King's Liverpool, Liverpool Scottish and the Pals Memorial Fund will be joined by the Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Band, Liverpool Welsh Choral and Manchester Camerata Orchestra. The special guest will be the Duke of Westminster.

The evening promises to be unique and reflective as the journey from hope to despair is reflected in narration, songs of the period, the moving *Dona Nobis Pacem* and the emotional Sunset-Remembrance ceremony.

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This is Louise Irvine and Colin Taylor from the British Legion - Colin presented the store with a thank you card after they came in and collected in store along with help from the local ATC cadets and Army Cadets. The total came to a massive **£2867** which was more than they have ever collected before in the store.



Cheque presentation to Northern Lights Childrens Charity through fundraising this was added to the money collected from bag packs - the total was **£2041.39**



St Winefrides School Choir came in to our foyer to sing and raise funds for the flood victims of the Philippines.

A big thank you goes to the NE Singers for entertaining the customers so beautifully on the run up to Xmas and all the groups who were in store to do bag packs just before Xmas - they were a great help.

# Why do I Need a Will?

It is believed that almost 29 million people in Britain have not made a will which equates to 58% of all UK adults. Nobody likes to think about his or her own mortality, but making a will is one of the most important things you will ever do. We spoke to David Watters, Probate Executive at Lees Solicitors at their Birkenhead office, he explains "by making a will, you are making things easier for the family left behind. The process of sorting out your estate can be an upsetting process especially if no will has been made. Your estate will be divided in accordance with the strict Intestacy Rules. Children and other relatives may also become entitled to a share, resulting in your husband or wife having to sell the family home to pay the other family members or the inheritance tax".

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- You get to decide what will happen to your possessions and assets
- You choose who sorts out your affairs (Executors), they can be family, friends or a professional such as your Solicitor
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This is a lovely walk passing 2 impressive mansions, 2 quiet villages and beautiful views of the Dee Estuary.

Parking at Royden Park, turn left into the driveway leading to "Hill Bark". Ignore the path leading off left to Thursaston Common, continuing forward towards the gates of the Hall for a further 30 yards.

Now turn left into the trees, following the broad path into a picnic area. Go straight across into the trees opposite and drop down into a wide grassland. Crossing this area you will have a lovely view of the mansion on your right.

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Amazingly, "Hill Bark" once stood near the top of Bidston Hill (known as Bidston Court then). In 1930, Sir Ernest Royden acquired the property and had the Hall carefully taken down - each beam and stone being carefully numbered - and re-erected where you see it today!

Walking diagonally left (towards the trees) you will arrive at a tumbledown sandstone wall, do not cross but keep it on your left until you reach a wooden bachelor gate.

Pass through, turn to the right and a short walk will bring you to Montgomery Hill. Go straight across the road and enter the broad sandy track opposite. This will take you through fields to the West Kirby-Heswall Road, where you turn right. Follow the road for a quarter of a mile, until you reach Grange Cross Lane, go straight across and follow the road uphill for 200 yards. Cross the road to a gap in the wall and flight of stone steps, this is the way into Stapledon Woods.

As you enter the woods, take the left fork of the path. Keep the old stone wall (what is left of it) on your left as you go forward. After about 10 minutes, you will arrive at steps which take you down to a path passing behind some houses. You very soon reach a wooden bachelor gate which brings you into Caldby Road. Here, your way is to the right following the windy road through Caldby Village.

Caldby, mentioned in the Domesday Book as Calders, was described in the early part of the 19th Century as being "one of the worst villages in Wirral, consisting of a few fishermen's huts and miserable hovels." Fortunately, R W Barton changed all this when he bought the village and either rebuilt or renovated every house! What a beautiful village it is today!

Following Caldby Road as it bears to the right at the church, look out for a stone memorial in front of the church. Now cross the road to enter a path facing the



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memorial. This path narrows to become a sandy track winding its way down to Croft Drive. Here you need to turn right, crossing Croft Drive West and carry on forward to reach the remains of a demolished railway bridge. Turn right here into Wirral Country Park. Follow the Wirral Way for 3/4 of a mile with the Dee on your left. Look ahead for a bridge and climb the steps on the right when you reach it, leading into York Avenue.

Now go forward into the old village of West Kirby, passing 2 Inns, the Moby Dick and the Ring O' Bells, following the road as it climbs towards Grange Beacon, a popular viewing beacon. To reach the Beacon, look right for some stone steps as you near the top of the road. Climb the steps and they take you to the column. There is a lovely view of West Kirby and Hillbre Island, then turn left along Column Road. When you reach the crossroads, turn right down Blackhorse Hill to reach The Hilltop with a great selection of bar food at reasonable costs to enjoy.

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**8th Feb - New Ferry Farmers Market** - New Ferry Community Hall.  
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**22nd - West Kirby Farmers Market** - St Andrews Church Hall.

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**3rd Feb - 7.30pm - The Bushell Hall, Birkenhead School - The Two Rivers Festival 2014**, a series of four concerts to take place at a venue renowned for its intimacy and excellent acoustic. Opening the series, is the celebrated British pianist John Lill CBE who gives a recital on Monday 3 February at 7.30pm to mark his seventieth birthday. He performs music by Beethoven, Schumann and Brahms.



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1. Many believe the X symbol became synonymous with the kiss in medieval times. People who couldn't write their names signed in front of a witness with an X. The X was then kissed to show their sincerity.
2. In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve."
3. Physicians of the 1800's commonly advised their patients to eat chocolate to calm their pining for lost love.
4. Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800's.
5. More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.
20. Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails!
21. The Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is necessary. When it was built in the 1940s, the state of Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.
22. During World War II, condoms were used to cover rifle barrels from being damaged by salt water as the soldiers swam to shore.
23. One barrel of petroleum holds 42 gallons.
24. In 1936, the first practical helicopter was invented. It was the German Focke-Wulf Fw 61..
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6. A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.
7. If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.
8. A shrimp's heart is in its head.
9. People say "Bless you" when you sneeze because when you sneeze, your heart stops for a millisecond.
10. Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
11. Money notes are not made from paper, they are made mostly from a special blend of cotton and linen. In 1932, when a shortage of cash occurred in Tenino, Washington, USA, notes were made out of wood for a brief period.
12. Sound travels 15 times faster through steel than through the air.
13. Guinea pigs and rabbits can't sweat.
14. A group of twelve or more cows is called a flink.
15. Cats often rub up against people and furniture to lay their scent and mark their territory. They do it this way, as opposed to the way dogs do it, because they have scent glands in their faces.
16. The 57 on Heinz ketchup bottle represents the varieties of pickle the company once had.
17. Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors.
18. Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!
19. The elephant is the only mammal that can't jump!
26. Dolphins sleep with one eye open!
27. A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death!
28. The male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body. The female initiates sex by ripping the male's head off.
29. A man named Charles Osborne had the hiccups for 69 years!
30. The placement of a donkey's eyes in its' heads enables it to see all four feet at all times!



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(5 this month and 5 in our March edition)

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#### 4 Effect on gut flora

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## Act now or risk facing a fine, local tax specialist urges parents.

Parents across Wirral and Cheshire are being urged to act now rather than face fines over Child Benefit payments.

Under new rules introduced last year, around 1.1 million families containing one adult earning more than £50,000 during the 2012/13 tax year, must repay part of their child benefit, while those earning more than £60,000 need to repay it completely. The payments are declared by the high earner registering for Self Assessment and completing a tax return.

Gary Jacks who runs TaxAssist Accountants in Chester, Ellesmere Port, Moreton and Queensferry said: "For many families this will be the first time they have ever had to file tax returns and it is vital they don't get caught out.

"They only have until 31st January to file their tax return electronically and it could take up to 10 days just to register for online access if this is their first time filing. Anyone missing the 31st January deadline will be hit with an automatic £100 fine, with further penalties reaching £1,600 for those who file more than a year late.

"The only other option is to opt out of receiving Child Benefit in which case you're not liable for the new tax Charge and won't need to file a tax return for this. However you must ensure your affairs are in order, otherwise you may risk losing your entitlement to state benefits later in life."

It is speculated that 461,000 families have already opted out of receiving Child Benefit but about 120,000 parents are still yet to take any action and risk being fined.

TaxAssist Accountants Chester, Ellesmere Port, Moreton and Queensferry is a local business, based in Chester, Ellesmere Port, Moreton and Queensferry providing tax and accountancy advice and services purely to small businesses.

## Local accountants expand into Moreton

Small business champion Gary Jacks is expanding into Moreton, opening a new high-profile TaxAssist Accountants on Hoylake Road in the town to provide tax and accountancy support for the local business community.

Gary set up TaxAssist Accountants in Ellesmere Port in 2006, before expanding into Chester in 2008 and Queensferry in 2011 and, in response to growing demand from existing small businesses and new businesses starting up in Moreton, he decided the time was right to open a fourth office.

Gary commented: "I was born and bred on the Wirral, so I am delighted to be opening an office here to support the small business community. Moreton has a thriving community of tradesmen and women, independent retailers and small manufacturers; I knew that there was a definite niche to be filled in the area and have had a very positive response from local businesses so far."

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# Port Sunlight – The Royal Visit 1914



*The Royal car leaving the Lever Brothers offices en route to Hulme Hall  
Leverhulme Family Archive.*

Both locally and nationally thoughts are turning to the summer and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the First World War. Port Sunlight played a hugely important part in the conflict, the story of which will be told in forthcoming issues, but before then we thought we would look at life in the village in the run up to the War, and another memorable event that set the seal on the first 25 years of the villages history.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1914, King George V & Queen Mary visited Port Sunlight to lay the foundation stone of the Lady Lever Art Gallery and see for themselves the famous works and village. Just days before the visit (and possibly in preparation for it), the last of the miniature gauge railway engines finished work on filling in the tidal creeks that had been a feature of the area for many years, and the village landscape was completed as we see it today.

The King was in the area to attend the Grand National at Aintree Racecourse, and was being hosted by the Earl of Derby of Knowsley Hall. The idea for the visit was first suggested when Sir William Lever and

Lady Lever dined with the King & Queen at Knowsley in July 1913 on the night that Lever's Rivington Bungalow was raised to the ground by a militant suffragette, two weeks before Lady Lever's death.

It became fitting that the King consented to lay the foundation stone of the building that was to be Lady Lever's Memorial (at this point still called 'The Hulme Art Gallery'). The Royal party were visiting both Cheshire and Lancashire, and arrived by train at Port Sunlight from Chester via Hooton. As Port Sunlight only had a workers holt prior to 1914, a new platform and canopy were erected for the occasion.

After touring the works, the Royal party made their way to Hulme Hall where the King laid the foundation stone of the new Gallery via a small remote control model while the real one simultaneously came to rest half a mile away! After an impromptu visit to a workman's cottage on Bolton Road, the King and Queen toured the village before leaving for Birkenhead and Wallasey, where the King also laid the foundation stone of Wallasey Town Hall.





*The cottage in Port Sunlight which was visited by their majesties King George V and Queen Mary in March 25th 1914.*

*Photographs supplied by kind permission of Port Sunlight Museum Collection.*

## Port Sunlight Museum



*A new photographic exhibition 'The Royal Visit' celebrating 100 years since the visit of King George V and Queen Mary to Port Sunlight can now be seen at the newly refurbished 'tea at Port Sunlight Museum', open daily 10am – 5pm, unless otherwise stated.*

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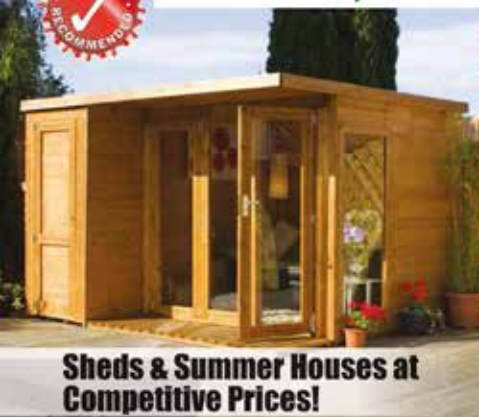
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With winter firmly set in, and the Christmas and New Year festivities over, it is tempting to feel a little gloomy - which is why February is a great time to book your next holiday. Then you can sit back and relax, knowing you have something to look forward to - a great way of lifting winter blues.

When it comes to timing, it is tempting to think last-minute deals will save money - and for those who don't mind where they go, or when, that can be true. But there's one thing to remember: the later you book, the less choice.

If you need flexibility about dates and destinations because of school holidays, or you like a specific type of accommodation and environment, book as early as possible. By thinking about next year's trip now, you'll have the pick of the crop in terms of destinations, travel and accommodation - whether it is your favourite cottage in a special part of France, or particular dates and timings. Those who know exactly what they want will appreciate this factor.

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Many tour operators offer early-bird discounts up to nine months in advance, and these can be as attractive as last minute deals - but give you all the choice you require. Also, because travel companies realise people do not want to fork out large sums of cash so soon after the expense of the Christmas holidays, they will guarantee any early bookings on a low deposit - often as little as £30 per head. Such sales help them to match

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Left: 1834. **Eastham** windmill was originally sited in Carlett Park but in 1834 it was taken down and moved to the Chester side of Eastham Village. One of the sails was blown off during a gale in the last century so the miller removed the opposite sail. This worked well until a storm in 1895 blew the remaining two sails down, and the miller used them to repair his other mill at **Willaston**. This photograph shows how the mill looked without any sails at the turn of the century. This mill was demolished in the 1930s. In 1932 a transport cafe was built on the site adjoining the mill by Cartwright Bros. This was later to become **The Little Chef** in the 1970s. Today it is better known as **Starbucks** on A41.



Above and far right: C1905. Looking down **Ferry Road, Eastham** with **Lock Road** on the right where the shed advertises a "covered bicycle stand". The pony and trap probably belonged to the photographer, **F. Walker** of **Little Sutton**, whose wife was sitting in the trap. The tea rooms, pictured above in **Ferry Road**, are here called **Greenwoods**, ready for any visitors to the **Ferry** from **Liverpool** and **Seacombe**.



Right: The sign above the door reads 'RV 1733' and probably refers to Richard Vernon. In 1822 records show that it was named 'The White Horse' but by 1850 it had changed to 'The Nag's Head' in **Willaston**. In the 1930s the building was structurally altered. See below photograph. Wm. Delamere was the victualler as well as the shopkeeper. George Barnes was the licensee in this 1910 photograph.



Left: Taken in the early 1930s. The Nag's Head has undergone major alterations from the inn pictured above. The house plate was repositioned to the centre, all the front windows have been altered and the brickwork pebbledashed. The building to the right which was once owned by the bailiff had been demolished, the road widened and Cannell Court Flats built on the site.

Right: Looking along Chester Road, **Little Sutton** where there is now a set of traffic lights, turning right into Ledsham Road. Walkers Lane is on the left of the photo by the light coloured car. This was named after the local chemist and photographer whose shop was situated at the corner C1932.



Above: Stanley Lane in **Eastham** at the turn of the century. Eastham village school is seen behind the four boys on the right. The other boys are sitting on a sandstone outcrop in front of Laurel Cottage. St. Mary's Church is situated to the right behind the sandstone wall.

Below: The original village Inn stood opposite the Hooton Arms in **Eastham**. Pictured here in 1906 the Hooton Arms was once the school masters house and the school was the adjacent old barn with thatched roof and mud floor.



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"Lees Solicitors was founded in 1889 and has always had a strong foothold in the Wirral as does West Kirby FC so we

are pleased that we can come together and support such a strong, well established community team" commented Joanna Kingston-Davies, CEO at Lees Solicitors.

Roy Williamson, Vice Chair of West Kirby FC said "it means so much to the club and players to have a brand new kit, it all helps to build team morale and of course keep us up there in the West Cheshire League. The teams train hard and give it their all so it's brilliant that Lees Solicitors can provide them with new kits to play in".

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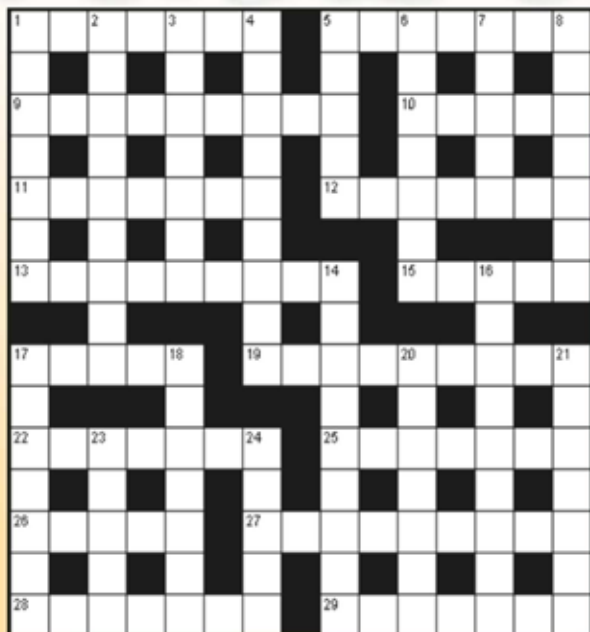
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## Down

1. Speediest (7)
2. Eradicate (9)
3. Hanging platform (7)
4. Hence (9)
5. Gambits (5)
6. Martyrs (7)
7. Tropical vine (5)
8. Profane (7)
14. Inordinate (9)
16. Artificial moon (9)
17. Custodian (7)
18. Grow worse (7)
20. Oblivious (7)
21. Withdraw (7)
23. Malfunctions (5)
24. Scrimp (5)

## Crossword Across

1. Cargo (7)
5. Spin (7)
9. Quietude (9)
10. Seat (5)
11. A part of a broadcast serial (7)
12. What Popeye ate (7)
13. Switch (9)
15. Impudent (5)
17. Place (5)
19. Meet (9)
22. Outcomes (7)
25. Red (7)
26. Excuse (5)
27. Pseudo (9)
28. After dinner treat (7)
29. Any simple chemical (7)

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	3							
			7			5	6	
5			4					
4						6		
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