

A Season of Exploring

Liverpool City Region is wonderful and diverse - the history, the people, the passion. Why not explore and learn something new?



In The Night Garden Live!

July 17 - August 1
Sefton Park

Enter the Night Garden...

Upsy Daisy, Iggle Piggle, the Tombliboos and the Haahoos are all heading for Sefton Park this summer!

For the first time children and parents will be able to see the iconic In the Night Garden and its much loved characters up close in the visually stunning In The Night Garden Live!

The characters will be brought to life with full size costumes, enchanting music, magical puppets and spectacular panoramic projections, creating an immersive theatrical experience to make audiences feel they are

actually entering the magical world of In the Night Garden.

There are two shows - the Ninky Nonk Show and the Pinky Ponk Show, both created in an inflatable, purpose built touring theatre made up of two impressive, state of the art show domes which faithfully recreate the magical world of this hugely popular children's television show.

Performances at 9.30am, 11.15am, 2pm, 3.45pm & 5.30pm. Running time: approx. 60 minutes.

For more information and to book, call 0844 581 1250 or visit www.nightgardenlive.com



Queen Victoria

July 26

Liverpool Cruise Terminal

A leading lady of the seas will make her debut on the Mersey this season.

Queen Victoria will arrive at The City of Liverpool Cruise Terminal on Princes Parade at 9.30am.

Measuring 964.5 feet in length and 106 feet wide, Queen Victoria is the second largest Cunarder ever built. She joined the Cunard fleet in December 2007 and proudly upholds the line's famous heritage and traditions.

With an interior of sumptuous marbles, woods, plush

carpets, rich fabrics and soft furnishings, Queen Victoria exudes elegance.

She has a crew of 900, and on this visit is carrying some 2000 passengers who will enjoy a day and evening in Liverpool before setting sail again at 11.50pm.

Why not see Queen Victoria from a Mersey Ferry? Special hourly viewing cruises will be operating from Seacombe terminal, Wirral from 11am to 4pm.

For more information call 0151 233 1079.

Liverpool Irish Festival

October 15 - 31

Various venues across the city

This, the eighth Liverpool Irish Festival, promises to be the biggest and best ever. With seven events the Philharmonic Hall will feature some of the biggest names on the Irish music scene; both Christy Moore and Andy Irvine are doing two nights whilst 'The Irish Sea Sessions' brings together musicians from both sides of the water in a unique musical collaboration. Other musical highlights include Damien Dempsey and his band appearing alongside Amsterdam at the University, and 'Pete Quinn and the London Lasses' will perform at Sefton Park Palmhouse. The Festival will feature its traditional menu of heritage walks and talks, poetry and comedy, films and plays.

For more information visit
www.liverpoolirishfestival.com

Slavery Remembrance Day

August 23

Albert Dock, Liverpool

Free entry

Come together and remember ancestors of African and Caribbean heritage on Liverpool's historic Waterfront. Every year, on August 23, people from all over the world gather in the city to remember the victims of the transatlantic slave trade. This year Liverpool celebrates the resistance, rebellion and revolution that ended slavery with activities for all the family including music, dance, food, lectures and special exhibitions. A visit to the International Slavery Museum at the Albert Dock will take you on an amazing and moving journey - a strong reminder of Liverpool's role as a major port for the slave trade.

For more information call 0151 478 4543 or visit
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk

July

Open throughout 2010

Wallace & Gromit in Space Exhibition at Spaceport

Join the world's favourite inventor and his faithful pooch at the latest Spaceport exhibition. It's a grand day out for the whole family with some cracking interactive contraptions, a visit to Wallace's workshop and a selection of sets from the award winning films.
Spaceport
Victoria Place, Seacombe,
Wallasey, Wirral CH44 6QY
0151 330 1566
www.spaceport.org.uk

Permanent exhibition

FAB 4D

See the Fab Four as you've never seen them before! This amazing experience takes you on a groovy trip through the music of the Beatles. You'll meet all manner of characters as the magic of 4D brings the music of the greatest band of all time to life using 3D computer generated animation.
Beatles Story Pier Head
Georges Parade, Liverpool L3 1DP
0151 709 1963
www.beatlesstory.com

Permanent exhibition

U-boat Story

U-boat Story is a £5 million attraction telling the story of World War II German Submarine U-534. With original film archive and interactive displays, you will witness all the dramatic action.

Woodside Ferry Terminal
Birkenhead, Wirral CH41 6DU
www.u-boatstory.co.uk
0151 330 1000

Until December 2010

White Feather: the Spirit of Lennon

White Feather tells the personal story of the Lennon family, presented as an exclusive exhibition for the first time. It gives a unique insight into life with John, that only Julian, his son, and Cynthia, his first wife, can give. Julian and Cynthia recollect the experiences, emotions and memories of their lives with John, illustrating the story with personal interviews and family photos.

Beatles Story Pier Head
Georges Parade, Liverpool L3 1DP
www.beatlesstory.com
0151 709 1963

Until September 5

Plantastic!

A major science interactive exhibition exploring the secret world of plants. Revealing their inner workings, lifecycle, variety, complexity, functionality and beauty as well as their interdependence with insects and animals. The exhibition also explores environmental issues and the importance of plants to the survival of the planet.

World Museum Liverpool
William Brown Street, Liverpool L3 8EN
0151 478 4393,
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml

July 7, 21, August 4, 18 & September 1

Gallery talk and walk

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of World Museum join our visitor hosts in the Atrium for this talk and walk around the museum. (Suitable for ages 10+) 2pm
World Museum Liverpool
William Brown Street, Liverpool L3 8EN
0151 478 4393
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk

July 3

Family Day

Experience the sounds and colours of a typical Arabian bazaar during this afternoon of live music, dance, storytelling, workshops, stalls and food throughout the Bluecoat building and garden. 12.30pm - 5.30pm
the Bluecoat
School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BX
0151 702 5324
www.thebluecoat.org.uk

July 2 - 11

Liverpool Arabic Arts Festival

Liverpool Arabic Arts Festival, winner of the Arab British Centre's Culture and Society Award 2010, is a 10 day celebration of Arabic arts and culture. Events and exhibitions showcasing contemporary Arabic artists take place across Liverpool.
the Bluecoat
School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BX
www.thebluecoat.org.uk
www.arabicartsfestival.co.uk

July 24 & September 26

Life at the Lady Lever tour

Meet a Sunlight Soap factory worker in this fun roleplay performance and get her views on the Lady Lever Art Gallery and life as a factory worker.
Lady Lever Art Gallery
Port Sunlight Village, Wirral CH62 5EQ
0151 478 4136
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk

First Wednesday of every month

Dock Sessions

Enjoy special offers for the Dock Sessions: 2 for 1 admission, free food and drink tasters at selected dock attractions, restaurants, bars and shops. It's the perfect way to spend an evening at the Albert Dock.

Albert Dock
Liverpool L3 4AF
0151 708 7334
www.albertdock.com

August

August 8

Knowsley Flower Show

The North West's biggest free flower show with more than just prize winning blooms and vegetables to woo its visitors.
National Wildflower Centre
Court Hey Park, Roby Road,
Knowsley L16 3NA
0151 738 1913
www.nwc.org.uk

August

August 19 - 22

Southport Flower Show

Southport Flower Show is the largest independent flower, Show in the UK attracting 80,000 visitors and one of the most diverse in the country. The four day event features the very best in horticulture and garden design as well as gourmet foods, books and much more.
Victoria Park
Southport PR8 2BZ
01704 547147
www.southportflowershow.co.uk

Until September 2010

Manchester Ship Canal Cruises

Take in the history of Britain's grandest canal as you travel 35 miles enjoying spectacular scenery. This 6 hour cruise includes a live commentary telling the story of this magnificent waterway. The ferry departs from Seacombe and Liverpool Pier Head to Salford Quays Manchester.
Mersey Ferries
Victoria Place, Seacombe, Wirral CH44 6QY
0151 330 1444
www.merseyferries.co.uk

September

September 9 - 19

Heritage Open Days

A once a year opportunity to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide variety of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture alive for everyone. Venues include the Athenaeum, Victoria Gallery & Museum and many more.
Various venues across the city
www.visitliverpool.com

September 29 - October 3

St.Helens CAMRA Beer, Cider & Pie Festival

Real ale enthusiasts are in for a real treat with the return of the St.Helens CAMRA Beer, Cider & Pie Festival. In the unique setting of the historic Volunteer Hall, the festival will bring together a wide range of real ales, ciders and perries. So, if you don't know your Cherry Bomb from your Cheeky Pheasant then this is the perfect time to find out more.

Volunteer Hall
Volunteer Street, St.Helens WA10 1BD
Tel: 01744 755150
www.visitsthelens.com

October

October 1 - 31

Black History Month

Black History Month aims to promote as well as celebrate Black history, culture and heritage. Throughout the month a range of events will motivate the whole family to get involved and explore the many aspects of Black culture.

National Museums Liverpool (multiple venues)
0151 478 4499
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk

British Musical Fireworks Championships

October 1 - 3
Kings Gardens, Southport

The British Musical Fireworks Championships is back lighting up Southport over the three days. Watch in awe as seven competitors all battle it out with firework displays, set to music to get you dancing, and be crowned the champion of the competition.

Set in Kings Gardens from October 1-3, the annual championships are being held for the 12th time in the resort.

Thousands of people are expected to attend the spectacle which lights the skies of Southport over three consecutive evenings.

The 2010 line up includes Flashpoint Fireworks (who return to defend their 2009 crown), Pendragon Fireworks, Pyro 2000, Anytime Fireworks, Pyrotex Fireworx, Ashdown Fireworks and Fantastic Fireworks (2008 Champions).

For more information see
www.visitsouthport.com or
www.sefton.gov.uk

Southport Flower Show

August 19 - 22

Victoria Park

Relax in style this season as some of the country's most renowned garden designers work their magic in Victoria Park.

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With competitions, a glamorous Ladies Day, and the chance to name this year's new rose, there really is something for all the family.

For more information call 01704 547147 or visit www.southportflowershow.co.uk

■ = Weekend Event

July 30 - 31

Summer Classics Music in the Park

Set in the picturesque Victoria Park this is a picnic style concert for the whole family. Bring your chairs and your picnic baskets to enjoy two nights of different music, The Magic Soul and Motown and The Northern Chamber Orchestra Sinfonia.

Victoria Park
Rotten Row, Southport PR8 2BZ
01704 533333
www.visitsouthport.com/summerclassics

August 21

Wind In The Willows

This delightful musical adaptation, packed to the brim with comedy and music, follows Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger in their enchanting tale of life on the River Bank and in the Wild Wood.

Christ Church
Lord Street, Southport PR8 1AA
01704 540011
www.seftonarts.co.uk

August 28

Los Pacaminos featuring Paul Young

This highly respected Tex-Mex outfit led by Paul Young return with some of the best musicians in the business and a set list that will have you dancing in the aisles!

Crosby Civic Hall
Crosby Road North, Liverpool L22 0LQ
0151 928 1919
www.seftonarts.co.uk

September 18 - 19

Southport Air Show

The biggest air show in the North West returns to Southport skies... whether it is watching the jaw dropping Red Arrows, fast jets or array of vintage and military aircraft, the Southport Air Show is guaranteed to entertain.

Southport seafront
01704 533333
www.southportairshow.com

September 2

Ian Parker 'Up Close and Intimate' - The Acoustic Trio

Over the last 10 years, Ian Parker has established himself throughout Europe and even the US as one of the leading roots songwriters and performers of his generation. Featuring Steve Amadeo (bassist) and Chris Eaton (slide guitar).

Crosby Civic Hall
Crosby Road North, Liverpool L22 0LQ
0151 928 1919
www.seftonarts.co.uk

October 22 - 30

Southport Comedy Week

Laugh your socks off at the Southport Comedy Week... with the best from the North West and nationally famous faces, including Dara O'Briain, the Southport Comedy Week provides rib tickling laughter for a full nine days!

Various venues
01704 533333
www.visitsouthport.com

Wirral Food & Drink Festival

August 29 - 30

Claremont Farm, Clatterbridge, Wirral

Discover all that is seasonal and tasty at Wirral Food & Drink Festival. With more than 120 producers and stalls, laden with the finest foods and drinks from around the region, you can find old favourites and new culinary creations. Meet our local artists and makers at a host of craft stalls, where you can pick up some unique gifts and homewares.

There will be artisan beers from some of the North West's finest brewers and demonstrations from award winning regional chefs. Sample food from around the world at the International Food Court, and relax with live entertainment from folk and country bands, traditional Morris dancing and much more...

For more information call
0151 666 3188 or visit

www.wirralfoodanddrinkfestival.co.uk



Southport Air Show

September 18 - 19
Southport Seafront

The biggest air show in the North West returns to Southport skies... whether it is watching the jaw dropping Red Arrows, fast jets or the array of vintage and military aircraft, the Southport Air Show is guaranteed to entertain and send the aircraft enthusiasts just plane crazy.

A weekend of exhilarating, high-flying fun!
for information call 01704 533333 or visit
www.southportairshow.com

July 17 - September 30

Brimstage Hall Maize Maze

There are two mazes, one taking 1 - 1.5 hours to complete and a smaller one for little legs completed in about 20 minutes. It is a great Summer day out, with specialist access routes within the maze for buggies and wheelchairs.
Gregory's Farm
Brimstage Hall, Brimstage, Wirral CH63 6JA
www.gregorysfarm.co.uk

July 25

Port Sunlight Village Festival

Stalls, fun fair, a dog show and entertainment throughout the day in the lovely surroundings of Port Sunlight Village.
Port Sunlight Museum
Port Sunlight Village CH62 5DX
0151 644 6466
www.portsunlightvillage.com

July 25

Wirral Historic Vehicle Rally

A cavalcade of historic vehicles drive around the borough finishing at the Port Sunlight Festival
Port Sunlight Village
Wirral CH62 5DX
0151 666 3188
www.visitwirral.com

August 8

Illyria 'Pride and Prejudice'

The romantic story based on Jane Austen's novel about the five Bennet sisters set in Georgian England.
Ness Botanic Gardens
Ness, Neston CH64 4AY
0151 353 0123
www.nessgardens.org.uk

August 30

Hoylelake Royal National Lifeboat Institution Open Day

Featuring air displays, sideshows, stalls and a funfair on the promenade at Hoylelake
Hoylelake Promenade
CH47 3AL
0151 666 3188
www.visitwirral.com

September 11

Wallasey Motor Club Promenade Stages Rally

The rally takes place on closed roads at King's Parade Promenade in New Brighton. Racing starts at 8.15am and finishes at 6pm. This event is a must for all motor enthusiasts.
King's Parade Promenade
New Brighton CH45 3HL
www.wallaseymc.com

September 18 - 19

Birkenhead Park Festival of Transport

A celebration of historic vehicles including steam traction engines.
Birkenhead Park
CH41 4HY
0151 652 5197
www.birkenheadtransportfest.com

September 21

Verdi's Falstaff - Mid Wales Opera

Sung in English and accompanied by the Mid Wales Opera Chamber Orchestra. Shakespeare's endearing rogue Falstaff, is one of the greatest characters in English literature and makes a fitting subject for Verdi's final, and many believe, finest opera.
Floral Pavilion Theatre
Marine Promenade, New Brighton CH45 2JS
0151 666 0000
www.floralpavilion.com

October 22 - 31



Scareshow

Scareshow is Wirral's haunted festival and 2010 marks its 13th birthday, with something for small children to scare-seeking adults. Brave the Haunted Hay Ride, the Creepy Cottage, and battle evil clowns in Nightmare Circus. Rides throughout the day and evening.
Church Farm
Church Lane, Thurston CH61 0HW
0151 648 7838
www.churchfarm.org.uk