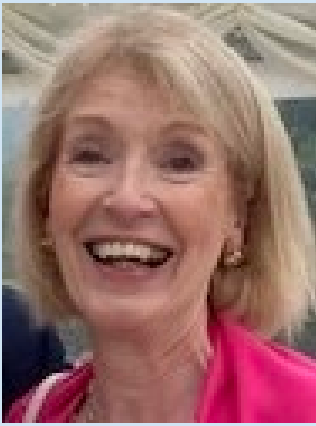




August – September 2026

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Brilliant Today**



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Greetings from the Chair

Chair's Address

Our AGM took place in June. Thank you to the u3as who nominated a delegate to vote on your behalf. We welcome four new members to our North West Regional Committee: Tony Dalton, Hilary Dalton, John Halstead and Christine Howarth.

Our committee supports our Council Representatives, David and Gill, who work tirelessly on your behalf.

I have enjoyed meeting many of you in person and on Zoom over the past year, and hope there will be more opportunities soon. In August, the Summer School takes place at MMU. If you visit Southport Flower Show, please say hello to Southport u3a, who are again building a show garden, and Meols (Southport) u3a, who are coordinating a Recruitment Stand with representatives from several regional u3as.

We are planning a 'Grand Day Out' in Southport on 30 September, with details to follow. Arts & Craft Showcases are also coming up at Mawdesley Villages on **19 September** and Aughton and Ormskirk on **24 October**.

Please send us dates and details of future u3a events so we can publicise them.

These events happen because members come forward to help. u3a is run by members for members, so please get in touch if you have an idea.

Christine Garrity

Deadline for articles for next edition 6th October 2026

Please note our next newsletter should be in November. We want to highlight the activities of as many of our u3as as possible.

It is always wonderful to see what all our hard working u3as have been up to and it inspires others to try new things. Please forward your articles of around 200 words and a picture to accompany to editor.nwu3a@gmail.com.

We really do look forward to seeing all the great things you are getting up to....

Paul King

North West Newsletter Editor

Regional Website

If you have not already, please do check out our Regional website <https://northwestregion.u3asite.uk/> It contains



information on events, training, information on the u3as in our Region as well as copies of this newsletter



Do we have your u3a's up to date contact details?

The North West Region exists to help and support your u3a – please have your u3a support us by ensuring each time your officers change we know the up-to-date details.

If you have not already in the past few months, please do send us your committee updates to Mark Bradley webmanager@nwru3a.org.uk

Together we can do more

News from the u3as

Lancaster & Morecambe

Lancaster & Morecambe u3a are getting new members nearly every day and one of the reasons seems to be because people are joining for specific groups.



Walking Football has been a particularly fertile ground and we held our first tournament in the spring on a beautifully sunny Friday afternoon. We positively encourage all members to join and are proud to field a mixed team of ladies and gentleman.

In other news the **Art 4 Fun Group** currently have an exhibition on display at Lancaster Library from the 27 July to 11 August – don't miss it if you are in the area.

Margaret Hemming

Bolton

Pop-Up Chinese and Korean Modern Literature

We held five sessions between January and March 2026 in the café area at our local Waterstones bookshop where we read and discussed examples of modern Chinese and Korean literature. We were always aware that translations can lose some of the subtlety of the original texts — and that none of us is fluent enough in Mandarin or Korean to read them unaided.

We also considered how censorship and propaganda shape which works are available. In China and North Korea, books critical of the government are banned, so such writing is often published abroad. Even so, the group enjoyed a varied selection, including Chinese love poetry, trash poetry, wistful “misty” poetry from South Korea, socialist realist stories from North Korea, vivid accounts of contemporary town life in China outside the major cities, and Korean folk tales with appeal for both adults and children.



We became familiar with poetic allusions to flowers and birds as expressions of longing for true love, and with frequent references back to classical times — perhaps a safer route than engaging directly with modern political difficulties.

Although Eastern literary traditions differ from Western ones, the human concerns they explore remain recognisably shared.



This pop-up group is probably unique to Bolton U3A and gave us the chance to try something different as an intellectual challenge. Lunch afterwards at the Bambu Chinese café on Deansgate was a bonus — especially the brush-stroke painting above the counter. No doubt Chinese surveillance systems will have noted our discussions and our positive enjoyment of other cultures.

***“How does a pig feel when it wears a flower
For the whole trip
I won’t miss any chance
to pick a wild flower and wear it”***

**Fan Si, leader of the Trash Poetry collective,
Beijing**

Nick Tyldesley

Anniversary Celebrations

Mawdesley & Neighbouring Villages 20

One of the things people do to celebrate an anniversary, is to have a party and we certainly partied last Sunday, to celebrate our 20th anniversary.

But this was not just any old party, oh no! Over 140 members, including several founder members, came together to celebrate our 20th anniversary.

The event took place in a marquee at Mawdesley Cricket Ground. There was a wonderful Afternoon Tea & a magnificent cake made by Audrey. Anne provided the beautiful fresh flower table decorations; which were later raffled off. Marie and Wen put up an informative display, outlining the history of our u3a, along with some lovely photos.

We were entertained by the very talented and funny Cafe Society, but the entertainment didn't end there! We also enjoyed a performance by none other than our very own Lindsey & Marie, otherwise known as Pink Vintage. This, of course allowed us to 'strut our stuff' on the dance floor and join a conga, which at one point was heading off round the cricket pitch, with one lady thinking it was the queue for the toilets!

All in all, it was a huge success and a massive thank you to everyone who made it such a wonderful afternoon.

So now the big question is, what will we do next year when we are 21 and get the key to the door?

Christine Garrity



Behind every picture is a story to tell

Frodsham 30

Frodsham u3a Marks 30 Years of Community and Learning

Frodsham u3a celebrated its 30-year anniversary with a lively afternoon gathering at Frodsham Community Centre. Members came together to enjoy music, magic, conversation and a wonderful afternoon tea.

The Chair opened the event with reflections on how the group has grown since 1996, now offering 36 interest groups and welcoming members from across the area.

One of the talented members wrote a poem to mark the occasion and the afternoon also included thanks to the many people whose dedication keeps Frodsham u3a thriving. The atmosphere was warm, friendly and full of the spirit that has defined the organisation for three decades.

Frodsham U3a.....30 years Up (abridg)

By Terry Clarke

All of 30 years ago,
Take That were breaking up,
And Dolly the sheep was being cloned,
Nasa launched an unmanned mission to Mars,
As the City Ka was rolled out at Fords,
The Spice Girls released Wannabe,
While Charles and Diana were getting divorced,
Google'd started indexing the World Wide Web,
As the First "flip" mobile phones,
Were "virtually" ready to talk,
And in the town, associated with busy bees,
Frodsham's buzzing U3a was born,

And it's since been a veritable,
"Hive" of cerebral activity,
With its honeyed ambrosia,
Supplied via its groups and events,
To nurture both vintage bodies,
And minds, that over three decades,
Have waxed but never waned,



There is a wealth of Intriguing History
On tap, gleaned eclectically from
Family, industry and the church,
With a chance for books and novels
To be appraised and classical music absorbed,
And, for those seeking convivial exercise,
There's a host of local
Sandstone trails to be walked,
Within the company of ageless raconteurs,
Making hay in their extended Indian Summer,
Emboldened by friendship,
Still spreading the warmth,

But like an iceberg,
We've just scraped the surface,
With a special tilt of the hat
To all those modest facilitators,
Quietly making it happen,
From the compilers of the newsletters,
To those collecting the subscriptions,
Or making the arrangements,
For the Xmas extravaganza, So....
"Bless em all, bless em all, bless em all",
To a fanfare of the U3a's anthemic recorders,
Tuning up for an harmoniously bright future,



Gill Matthewson

Develop long term friendships

Salford 40

Milestone anniversary for Salford u3a

Nearly 100 members of Salford u3a gathered for a lunch to celebrate their 40th anniversary. It was an opportunity to reflect on four decades of shared activity, learning and fun and remember their first chair, the late Betty Sutcliffe.



"Betty's enthusiasm and commitment throughout was paramount to its success," said Carole Bowler, also a former Chair. "The senior citizens of Salford and the u3a have much to thank her for."

Among the guests at the lunch were the Ceremonial Mayor of Salford, Cllr Robin Garrido and the Mayoress Mrs Karen Garrido; and Doreen Bradshaw, Salford u3a's longest serving current member who joined in 1992.

Salford u3a now has more than 500 members. Its 12th and current Chair is John Halstead. He said: "The lunch was an opportunity for current members to look back on the past 40 years and pay tribute to our predecessors for establishing such a vibrant and thriving organisation."

Other activities planned to celebrate the 40th anniversary include a ceremonial tree planting and the unveiling of a commemorative quilt, made by members of the quilting group. The rock and pop group held an eighties themed celebration event.

Janice McGrath

Parbold, Newburgh & District

Open Day, May 2026: Excitement was building as our Open Day approached, with nearly all our groups preparing to take part.



On the morning of the event, banners were in place, including one on the main road, and the walls were filled with pictures, photographs, and paintings. It was a wonderful sight.

There was a real buzz in the room as people prepared their stalls, chatted, and shared friendly laughter. It was lovely to see so many groups coming together, while our pianist played beautifully for visitors throughout the day.



Would people come? When the doors opened at 1.30pm, visitors streamed in. Before long, the tea room was full and the main room was bustling. Soon, some visitors were ready to sign up as new members, while many others were keen to explore our activities.

What a wonderful afternoon at our u3a Open Day, with stunning paintings and photographs, delicious cakes, lovely home-grown plants, and so much more.

Julia Orry

You are never too old to try new things

Halton

Planning a Murder Mystery Doesn't Have To Be Murder!

In my defence, it seemed like a good idea at the time.

Soon after joining Halton u3a, I heard a suggestion at a monthly meeting: could we stage a murder mystery for Christmas?

"Does anyone have ideas for taking this forward?"

I explained that boxed games suit small groups, but a larger audience would need a scripted play.

The Secretary asked for suggestions. With misplaced confidence, I volunteered. I had once organised a small murder mystery night for friends, so I thought I knew what was involved. How hard could it be?

An hour later, panic set in — but I embraced the challenge. After exploring plots and settings, I chose the Wild West.



To reflect u3a's *"Learn, Laugh, Live"* motto, I based the story on the Californian gold rush, emerging towns and real events.

Research soon shaped the plot and characters.

With willing volunteers, I unleashed my "inner Agatha" and created characters such as Honey Moon, Charity Atome, One-eyed Jack, Peaches Galore and Sheriff Wellard.



The result was an 11-scene play for 12 characters, set in 1851 Hangtown, later Placerville, as residents prepared for the Christmas dance.

The cast embraced costumes and props, while I acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The performance played to 85 members, who enjoyed laughter, a Christmas buffet and the chance to guess "who did it" for a bottle of brandy.

Only 40–45% guessed correctly, so more than half fell for my red herrings.

The play was warmly received; one member said they would have paid to see it. It proved the value of trying something new — though I now plan to sit on my hands at future meetings!

Pol Clark

P.S. The play could be adapted for a spring, summer or autumn dance. Any local u3a group interested in staging it can contact me at: polclark@live.co.uk

Meols

Let's Go Enjoy a Wonderful Day at the Whit Friday Brass Band Contests

Members from six different u3as came together on Friday 29 May for a memorable coach trip to the famous Whit Friday Brass Band Contests in the Pennine villages of Saddleworth.

With glorious sunshine throughout the day, our group enjoyed one of the North West's most unique and colourful musical traditions. The beautiful Pennine villages were bustling with visitors, musicians and local residents, creating a wonderful atmosphere of community spirit and celebration.

After travelling through the stunning countryside, many members spent the afternoon and evening in the village of Delph, where brass bands from across the UK and beyond marched through the streets before performing their contest pieces. The combination of outstanding musicianship, village hospitality and perfect weather made for a truly unforgettable experience.

The Whit Friday Brass Band Contests have their origins in the Whit Walks of the nineteenth century, when church processions were accompanied by local brass bands.

Over time these evolved into friendly competitions, and today the contests are recognised as one of the world's most famous brass band events.

Hundreds of bands now travel between villages across Saddleworth and Tameside, performing for judges and enthusiastic crowds in a celebration of music, tradition and community.

Often described as "The Greatest Free Show on Earth", the event attracts thousands of visitors each year and remains a cherished part of Northern heritage. The strong sense of community was evident throughout the day, both in the warm welcome and enthusiasm of those taking part in the event and in the friendship and companionship shared between members of the six u3as travelling together.

Judging by the conversations on the journey home, many will be keen to return for another visit in the future.



Jackie Carter



u3a Mawdesley

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SATURDAY
19 SEPTEMBER

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Hurst Green, Mawdesley, L40 2QT



**FREE
ENTRY**

Artists,
Crafters,
Quilters,
Photography





u3a Aughton and Ormskirk

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Happy Birthday



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The event will include displays and demonstrations by our various Art & Craft groups: Painting, Textiles, Arty Crafty, Card Making and Digital Photography.

There will be live music all day from our Choir, Recorder, Guitar, Ukulele and Keyboard groups, plus refreshments. Aughton Village Hall, Winifred Lane, Aughton, L39 5DH

Creativity keeps the mind active

Congleton & District

Open Day Celebrations

We were delighted to welcome over 400 visitors on the 19th May to our Open Day.

Many of our groups were represented – in a variety of ways; in person, on a video loop, by photographs and through creative displays. A video loop playing on a large screen in the background allowed us to feature many groups who could not demonstrate their activities on the day.

It's so rewarding to know that u3a members and members of the public who came along enjoyed their experience.

We were thrilled to have people queuing at the JOIN HERE desk – thirty-five new members signed up on the day, and several more showed interest so we're hoping to hear from them in the weeks to come.

Our local community TV visited the Open Day and interviewed a number of members participating.

A few short video clips have been posted on Tik Tok and YouTube (Congleton Community TV channel) helping to spread the word about u3a.



Open and enthusiastic



Just some of the comments included

"Fantastic event. Well done. Robert, Mayor of Congleton. "

"A great chance to catch up with friends as well as seeing all the groups who were here – what a range!" Caroline.

Great buzz! Fantastic displays.

Very welcoming. Happy to sign up for new adventures! T and A.

It was an amazing experience to see various kinds and types of creative expressions.

Very informative and friendly 12 D and J



Sue Ward

Life is a merry-go-round - Southport Flower Show

Last August Southport u3a said, 'Never again'—yet here we are, preparing for another three weeks of sunshine and hard work at the Southport Flower Show. Yes, we're creating another u3a show garden—but this year it will be smaller.

The team is fully on board, the application accepted, and the design complete. Most key elements are in place through borrowing and recycling as we refine a prize-winning garden on a zero budget.

Norman Wallis at Adventure Coast is lending carousel horses, a baby dodgem, and a flying cart—soon to become a cheerful summer house. A circular water feature beneath a stone bridge will sit at the heart of colourful, structured planting, expertly brought together by our u3a retired designer, Phil Allison.



Build starts on 1st August, and the show runs from 20th–23rd August. Tickets are £32 on the gate but u3a members will get a 30% discount using online promo code u3a26. southportflowershow.co.uk

Southport u3a will also be supporting the show in many other ways, from managing the celebrity catering marquee and stewarding judges to singing on stage—helping make Southport's biggest event a great success. We hope see you there.

Chris Howorth

A Grand Day Out

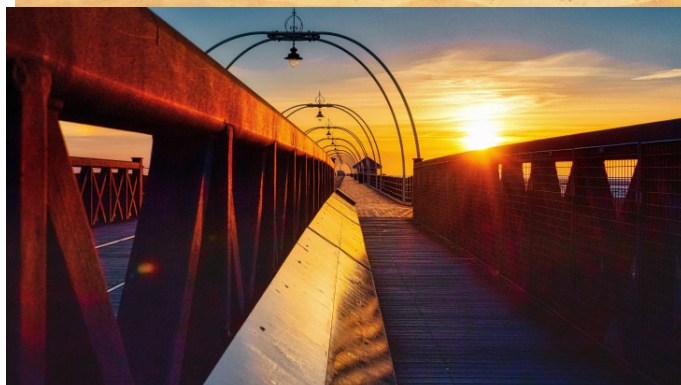
North West u3a invite you to join us for a Grand Day Out at [The Grand – The Grand](#), Lord Street, Southport PR9 0QG on Wednesday 30th September.

A cracking good opportunity to catch up with u3a friends and find out about what's happening around the region.

Cost £21.00 per head to include lunch, tea and coffee and afternoon ice cream.

For further details and to book contact

chair@nwru3a.org.uk



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and growing



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- ✓ Enjoy a wide range of groups
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Join local events & trips
- ✓ Have fun and stay active!



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meols-southport.u3asite.uk

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oxton.u3a.co.uk

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ou3a.u3asite.uk

Parbold u3a



A close-knit u3a community with something for everyone.
parbold.u3asite.uk

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A friendly community offering learning, laughter and new experiences.
leylandu3a.org

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In the North West several u3as have joined together to support a recruitment campaign and promote all u3a has to offer...

Could your u3as and those around you do something similar? We know the power of publicity.

York National u3a Festival

Taking place at York University from 1st to 3 July over 1,000 members attended the three days of creativity, sport, learning, and connection.

The event officially started with an opening ceremony on Wednesday 1 July, where special guest Johnny Ball, cut a blue ribbon. Known for his career in which he championed a fun approach to learning, Johnny Ball was the perfect guest for u3a. He also filled the large lecture hall that day and treated members to a full and exciting talk on his life and involvement in television.



Speaking at the opening ceremony, Iain Cassidy the Third Age Trust CEO said "This event showcases the u3a spirit on a national level. People across the UK have come together to learn, to laugh and live. A huge thank you to the volunteers and the staff – without whom this event would literally not be happening."

Across three days, over 120 activities took place covering sport, music, art, history, and learning. There was a range of talks as well as interactive workshops, providing members with a variety of diverse ways to learn. Some of the more unusual activities members could sample included laughter yoga, a walking cricket tournament, and shinrin-yoku, more commonly known as forest bathing.

Always to open to learn new things



One of the events at the festival was a talk by Neil Stevenson on Egyptology. Neil is a member of the Upholland u3a and was previously Trustee for the North West Region

Everyday AI



The North West Region has recently held two very successful online Artificial Intelligence workshops that attracted the attendance of some 383 members.

The events were organised and presented by the North West Region AI team consisting of Peter, Pam, Gillian and Shara with the Regions Council Representative David Blanchflower Chairing and hosting each event.



Peter

Sarah

Gillian

Pam

It is intended to host further AI events later in 2026 with practical demonstrations of the use of AI.

Be proud of your publicity



I live in Keswick and I know that I am incredibly lucky to have a well-read weekly newspaper. The Keswick Reminder was first published in 1896 and is still going strong.

Sadly, so many communities have lost their local newspapers and those that have survived often employ 'copy and paste' functionaries rather than professionally trained journalists.

However, most communities have a range of other 'news' publications which can help to raise the profile of our wonderful organisation. Church, school, community, parish, local authority 'news' publications are there for us to use. And do not forget to produce a few hard copies of your own u3a newsletter to be placed in your local library and other public spaces. Be sure to remove any personal email addresses.

**This is not the time to
'hide our light under a bushel'.**

We have so many good news 'stories' to tell, which counter sensational negative news and help to demonstrate that older people are learning, laughing, and living and are not 'a burden on society'.

Maybe one of your members had a really enjoyable time at the 2026 u3a Festival at the University of York. Shout about it! Maybe one of your groups has had a significant anniversary or one of your members has reached a milestone age and is still active and involved. Share their stories! Maybe you have plans for 2026 u3a Week. Publicise them! Maybe your local MP, Mayor, dignitary, or personality visited one of your groups or spoke at one of your events. They will appreciate the publicity!



Good luck with your publicity initiatives to raise the profile of u3a.

Kelvin Rushworth

Publicity Contact, Skiddaw u3a

Shout and be proud of who we are!



U3a Nationaly are delighted to launch an exclusive holiday programme for u3a members.

These bespoke trips have been designed to create opportunities for members to come together from across the UK to learn, discover and explore.

Every getaway blends relaxed, well-organised travel with enriching and immersive experiences. Beyond traditional sightseeing, you can expect talks, workshops and shared adventures that build lasting friendships.

We have teamed up with The UK Holiday Group, a highly respected name in travel with over 40 years' expertise in creating exceptional excursions.

The first trip in the itinerary is 'The Agatha Christie Story' – four days exploring the Devon coastline that inspired world-famous mysteries. Departing on 14 September, you'll spend four nights in a beautiful coastal hotel, with breakfast and dinner provided.

Later in the year, we have trips to Shakespeare's hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon, and a festive confectionary tour of York.

justforgroups.com/u3a-getaways

For further information

Travel broadens the mind



Upholland - special article

Special article as 92 year old Joyce gives memories of her grandfather and Appley Bridge, Wigan.

Treasured Memories of Dr Jim

Dr Jim was my granddad, James Barton, born on 2 January 1875 and died on 9 March 1929, five years before I was born. The son of Thomas and Margaret Barton, he lived at Orrell Gardens, Orrell, and married Alice Bond on 26 May 1897. He worked for over 30 years at Thomas Witter & Co., the Appley Bridge linoleum factory, where he was known as an expert workman. A trained Master Joiner, I still have his indenture.



He was Superintendent of St John Ambulance, giving first aid to villagers who came to his house—hence the nickname Dr Jim. He also led the ambulance department at Thomas Witter & Co., and local doctors praised his practical work and instruction.

In 1911, with Mr Butler's help, he built two semi-detached houses opposite the canal: 30 and 32 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge. His was "Dale Cottage" and Mr Butler's "Woodland View". Highly respected, he received a vellum of thanks from the Duke of Connaught, Queen Victoria's son. He was always smartly dressed and carried a "swaddle stick".

My only souvenir of him is a framed photograph of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal in a wooden frame he made; he was a keen photographer.



He and Alice had two children: Frank, my dad, born on 2 September 1902, and Jessie, born in 1898. Jessie died in 1925, a year after marrying Frank Newman, and is buried at Wigan Cemetery, where I remember going as a child to lay flowers.

A newspaper report said Appley Bridge was one of England's busiest villages during the Second World War. Workers travelled by double-decker bus from Wigan to Thomas Witter's, then a munitions factory.

My dad was a manager there, and munitions were shipped from Appley Bridge goods station across England. I later worked in Witter's offices, the third generation of my family to do so.

Appley Bridge had many industries, including British Glues and Chemicals, where animal bones were piled in the yard, and Appley Bridge Brick and Tile Company, where tramps slept in the kilns for warmth.

As the first house on Mill Lane, ours often received morning knocks for a brew and bread. We later learned they used a secret signal, so feeding one often meant feeding several.

At that time the village had 38 shops; now there are only seven. There was a fish and chip shop, several grocers, a bank, a cobbler, a printer, and at least four pubs.

My mother ordered groceries from Latimer's in Wigan: the rep came on Tuesday and deliveries on Friday. Later, Lennon's supermarket opened on the site of Wigan Hippodrome, a real novelty then.

I also remember H.M. The Queen opening "The Way We Were" exhibition in 1986, a popular local history display.

Appley Bridge was known for legends too: Skull House, where a skull reputedly belonging to a Catholic priest must not be removed, and Dangerous Corner, named after a funeral cart struck a stone and jolted the supposed corpse awake.

My childhood memories include the Mission Church, also our weekday school, and the two-day Walking Days. On Saturday we crossed to Hodge's Farm for a picnic and games; on Sunday we processed through the village behind the clergy and brass band, holding the banner ribbons before an open-air service. After confirmation, wearing white dresses and walking under the banner was a special privilege. The village looked its best, with flags out and hedges trimmed.

In February 1929, on a foggy evening, the Vicar of Upholland, Rev. Ivo Keown-Boyd, came to collect my granddad to speak to Boy Scouts. While reversing, his car broke through a fence and plunged down a steep bank into the canal. Fortunately, the water was shallow, and both men escaped with only a soaking.

The family always linked the incident to his death a month later from bronchopneumonia at Wigan Infirmary. His funeral at Upholland Parish Church, attended by the whole St John Ambulance Brigade, was the largest seen there.



This is the story of Dr Jim, the granddad I never knew but have always been proud to call my own.

Joyce Holmes



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