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A Time to Sing....



The Out of the Blue festival (*above left*) was held in the China Street bowl of Everton Park on Saturday July 5th and the Shewsy Summer Fair (*above right*) took place on Saturday June 21st beside the Shewsy and the Nature Garden. Both days enjoyed glorious sunshine, a great turn out from the local community and beyond, and some fine music alongside stalls and activities for all ages. Celebrating the good is an important part of life, and special praise for all the singers and musicians: In Harmony, the Waltones, Mystery Machine, the Peacemakers, Samba Beat, Daisy Gill, Joe Symes and the Loving Kind, Joe Maddocks, Barry Sutton, all at Out of the Blue, and the Hayes, Zoe McCarthy, Harley Hale, Stars of 99, Daisy Gill again, at the Shewsy Summer Fair. "Smiling faces in a happy chilled atmosphere with great live music in the sunshine," as organiser Adam Byrne put it.

Also singing with great confidence and style were the children of Faith Primary School (*pictured right*) who gave 3 great performances of Joseph's Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat on Tuesday and Wednesday July 8th and 9th to rapturous receptions from very proud families, friends, teachers.

There is definitely a time to sing and to celebrate.



And a time to cry...

Our community is also going through tough times with the cuts to our Liverpool City Council services, Everton Park Sports Centre under threat (page 3), the bedroom tax affecting many residents, and also with too many early and unfair deaths in our community. This edition of the Everton Telegraph reflects both the good times and the difficult times and no doubt we'll continue to sing and cry together as resilient communities need to do....

Friends of Everton Park and of Nantes



“Bonjours, mes chers amis de Nantes” began Paul Edwards (*pictured left with fellow friends of Everton Park and visitors from Nantes*) and continued in Scouse with a great speech welcoming visitors from the French city of Nantes to Everton Park. “The city of Nantes has shown European cities how to become truly green and we want to learn from you how we can do the same in our

park. And we want you to show us how to make those amazing giant puppets!” Paul also mentioned links between Liverpool and Nantes: both have a history of religious rivalry and of the infamous slave trade, now thankfully behind us. Both cities have strong socialist traditions. Both cities have football goal-scoring achievements to be proud of: Nantes’ Philippe Goudet scored 39 goals in the 1965-66 season, still a national record, and Dixie Dean’s 60 goals in the 1929-30 season is still our national record. Both cities are bi-lingual: French and Breton, and English and Scouse! So a toast was drunk (*see above picture*) with the Nantes drink of Muscadet, and dishes of Scouse were enjoyed by all. “Salut, et vive Nantes, vive notre nouvelle amitie!” Sounds good!

The hoped for Sky Pier Visitor centre and cafe at the top of the Park is still awaiting the necessary funds for the go ahead. It has the full backing of the City Council and there should be news of the funding sources soon.

The Wheels park in the China Street bowl area for BMX, skateboards and scooters is on its way with funding from the sale of a previous skate park.

There are Pony rides in the top park (behind May Duncan’s pub) Sunday 27th July and August 31st 3-5 pm. The Nature Garden is open every Thursday morning 10-12noon, and will be open all week 26-29th August.

The Growers group meets Tuesdays at 10am and Fridays at 1 pm on the Faith plot community garden on Prince Edwin Street. All welcome.

The Heritage Trail with a guided walk can be booked by contacting Irene on 0151 476 6525 or 07548 719 271. Times vary through the month, from Wednesday 11 am (1st week), Tuesday at 7 pm (2nd week) or Thursday or Saturday at 2 pm (3/4th week).

The Friends of Everton Park is an open and voluntary organisation, and anyone is welcome to join. Details from tel 0151 282 7654 or e mail foep10@yahoo.co.uk .



Worried about benefit changes, the bedroom tax, the changes and cuts to legal aid?

All or any of those can cause stress and anxiety, and sometimes those dangerous feelings of powerlessness and despair.

Every Friday in WECC from 12 noon to 3 pm there are friendly Fridays. Everyone is very welcome. The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) are present with advice on benefits, bills, debt, etc. You can learn a new skill or share a new skill, or just come along for a chat, meet some new people and have some lunch.

Welcome, new Headteacher Paul Mackenzie

Paul Mackenzie (*pictured right*) has been appointed to take over from Sister Moira as Headteacher of Faith Primary School in September this year. Paul grew up in Kirkby, went to University in Liverpool and has been a teacher for 10 years, 7 of those at St Dominic's in Huyton. There he met his wife Liz, also a teacher, and they have 2 girls, aged 3, and a month and a half! "I am proud and passionate about our city", says Paul, "and am excited by the prospect of playing a role in building its future generations. My hope is that children will leave Faith Primary with not only a great



education but as good members of our community and determined to keep on learning."

Project Jennifer update

The regeneration of Great Homer Street, or Project Jennifer (named after Bishop Tom Williams' niece when Tom was priest at St Anthony's on Scotland Road), is still on track but nesting birds in buildings being demolished has slowed it down by a few weeks.

Work is due to begin on the building of the Sainsbury's store next summer 2015 and it should be ready to open in summer 2016.

Included in the scheme will be a new indoor market hall as promised and we are still hoping for a new Health Centre.

Everton Park Sports Centre

Liverpool City Council have explained that they do not have the money in their severely cut budget to fund the cost of the swimming pool at Everton Park Sports Centre and the whole future of the Sports centre is uncertain. It is hoped that a funding package may be found to help keep the Centre open and with several organisations now interested there should be more news in the late summer, early autumn. This is a much needed facility and makes a vital difference to people's health and wellbeing.

"Stop asking questions: it'll get you into trouble!"

That was what a young Doctor Michael Marmot was told early in his medical career when he started asking questions about how things were being done. He saw people coming into his surgery with problems: he would patch them up, give them medicines, send them home, and they would be back a few weeks later with the same problems. "They were coming with life problems" reflected Dr Marmot, and pondered the thought "Medicine is failed prevention".

So began a lifetime's evidence-based research on the life and society problems that cause ill health. Health should be about improving society, asking questions, and following the evidence. And the evidence is clear that more equal (in terms for example of incomes) societies have better health, more equal workplaces have better relations and less stress. "If your economic policy damages children, it is wrong" says (now) Professor Sir Michael Marmot. "Good early childhood education, good social cohesion are vital to health."

"Freedom for the pikes means death to the minnows."



Summer

Summer Wordsearch

E	H	B	P	D	V	Y	C	W	M
Y	A	T	M	O	R	O	O	I	K
X	V	D	F	D	G	A	F	M	X
W	S	T	V	Q	R	Z	W	A	V
K	W	J	E	E	V	P	F	G	B
C	I	L	A	R	N	K	Y	I	W
F	M	D	K	Z	A	T	T	N	F
H	J	O	N	G	M	H	U	E	L
Z	O	P	X	V	Y	N	S	R	G
C	A	S	P	L	A	Y	Z	U	E

Can you find these words?

- ADVENTURE
- PLAY
- READ
- IMAGINE
- DRAW
- COOK
- SHARE
- SWIM

Quiz Time

1. Who has scored in all 7 tournament matches at a World Cup, the only person to have done it?
2. What do Michael Eavis the founder of Glastonbury, Judi Dench the actress, Cyrus Clark the founder of Clarks shoes, and Joseph Rowntree, businessman and philanthropist, have in common?
3. Which play by William Shakespeare features Beatrice and Benedick, sounds like a lot of fuss about nowt, and was performed in Everton Park's Nature Garden this summer?
4. What is the drawing below by local artist, Henry McHale of Gregson Street, featuring?
(Answers foot of page 5)



SUMMER PLAYSCHEMES and EVENTS

WECC, Bute Street
Jodie Duffy 0151 282 0303
Monday 28th July to 31st August,
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9.30am to 4.30pm. Suitcase
Ensemble will work with the
children on the story of Spring
Heeled Jack ahead of the parade
on Sunday August 31st in the Park

Shewsy, Langrove Street
John Dumbell 0151 207 0725.
Monday 28th July to 21st August
Monday-Thursday 12-3pm
Arts and crafts, cooking, sports,
trips, games, Nature garden.

In Harmony Summer School at the
Friary. Details Laura Twemlow
tel 0151 210 2931

Everton Park Sports Centre
Details tel 0151 233 5433.

Thursday 14th August 12-3pm
Family Fun Day at St John
Chrysostom Church, Queens Rd.

Saturday August 16 Kite Festival
in the top Everton Park

Joseph (pictured below) forgives his brothers in Faith Primary School's brilliant production of Joseph's Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat in July.



Fun



Pictures from the Out of the Blue Festival



Carol (above) and Amanda and Sonia (right)



Pictures from the Shewsy Summer Fair



The Moorcroft family (above left), Zoe McCarthy singing (above), and Langrove neighbours and family (below left)



Quiz Time answers:
1. Jairzinho in the 1970 World Cup, a happier memory for Brazilians than this year's performance. 2. They are all Quakers, members of the Society of Friends. 3. Much Ado About Nothing 4. The drawing is of Molly Bushell's toffee shop on Evertton Brow.

Shewsy News

The Shewsy Summer fair took place on 21st June and it was great to see so many having a great time and catching up with friends. The Shewsy Summer fair epitomises the ethos of the club and many thanks to all those who contributed on the day, including Stuart Dennett with the food, Phyll and Irene on the cake stall, Billy and June Tudor, June Long and Carol on the teas, Suzanne and Lorraine Mangan on stalls and face painting, Everton in the Community and the Everton FC Heritage Society, Liverpool Youth Service, Damien Cummings for the stage, the Donkey providers, the musicians (see



front page) and Shewsy staff and helpers.

Summer Programme

We are all looking forward to the summer with an action packed programme for both junior and senior clubs. Due to funding received via MPAC we will once again be able to provide a healthy lunch every day throughout the 4 week programme for juniors and an evening meal for seniors. Our aim is to promote healthy eating and share culinary skills with our members. We may even have a future Jamie Oliver in our midst! The club has also received funding via LHT to take members camping and fishing, on a trip to Blackpool and a family day out to Llandudno. We have many members who will not be going on a family holiday this summer and these activities ensure that there



is an opportunity to get a short break away over the summer.

The club is always on the look-out for volunteers or those who can help in other ways. If you feel you would like to get involved in the Shewsy in any way please do come and pay us a visit – you will be pushing at an open door. Background checks will of course need to be carried out.

Shewsy on twitter

The Shewsy is on twitter at @TheShewsy and big thanks to **Michael Duffy** for tweeting for the club, and if you are a tweeter do follow us and pass on news and stories.

Francine McArdle on the Board

Francine McArdle, club member in the 1980s and 1990s, then a helper, and now a Primary School teacher, has joined the Shewsy Board of Management. She will be a great asset with her experience.

Marion Dummett

Our sympathies to the family of Marion (Marie) Dummett who worked at the Shewsy for 30 years, full of humour and a great cleaner, who died in June.

On behalf of the team at Shrewsbury House have a wonderful summer

Dave (Breo) Brereton

Churches' News

St Peter's 40th Birthday

St Peter's Church on Sunday June 22nd celebrated 40 years in the new building on Langrove Street (the old St Peter's building was bombed in May 1941). Some of the congregation that day are pictured right, and the service looked back over 40 full years, with stories of housing campaigns,



helping the Asylum seekers in the old Milburn/Brynford blocks on Conway Street (now View 146), the story of Faith Primary School, and always the vision of serving the Everton community and beyond and encouraging the full use of everyone's gifts for a better world built on God's principles for a fair society..

Ascension Day Churches Together

The curate at St Peter's and St John Chrysostom's Churches, Anne Lawlor, preached at the Newsham and West Everton Churches Together Ascension Day Service. The hope was expressed by many that one day we will be able to share Communion together as Anglican and Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ.

First Woman Bishop: Everton links?

Some in the media are keen to push Vivienne Faull as the possible first woman Bishop in the Church of England: Viv was at St Peter's and the Shewsy in the 1970s. And in a few years time what about Katrina Goldie (now Scott), whose grandfather was Bishop of Glasgow. And Samantha Nicholson? Both are now vicars and were at St Peter's and the Shewsy in the 90s....

So what is life all about?

There will be a free course "So what is life all about?" over 3 Wednesday evenings 7.30-9pm November 12th, 19th, 26th, in the WECC centre, Bute Street. There are many claims and theories on

this question! Which makes most sense? Henry Corbett is running the course with film clips, discussion, questions. All welcome of any belief or none: do contact Henry, tel 0151 207 1948 or e mail henry.corbett@btinternet.com if you'd like more details.

Amazing Grace: the facts

"Amazing Grace" is the title of a Christian hymn well-known across the world. It was written by John Newton who had been captain of a ship used for transporting people into slavery. John changed his ways when God spoke to him through His Holy Spirit during a storm at sea, opened his eyes and showed him the suffering he was causing. He then became a leading member of the Anti-slavery movement in England. He died on the day the Anti-slavery law was passed by Parliament. His song, Amazing Grace, became popular amongst slaves in America and was later sung by members of the Civil Rights movement against racial discrimination in that country. God's grace brought greater benefits into John Newton's life than mere financial gain ever could and its influence continues today. There's no denying facts like these.

*"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see."*

With best wishes Mike Sedgwick

Community News

Millstead Special School

Millstead Special School is all set to move into the new building on Prince Edwin Street in September. The school has had outstanding Ofsted reports on its previous site in Wavertree, and Headteacher Michelle Beard is looking forward to making links with the Everton community in the days ahead.

Up-cycling of old clothes

If anyone has any old clothes they do not want you can donate them to the up-cycling project at West Everton Community Council (WECC) on Bute Street. A group meets every Monday to up-cycle old clothes to make new and exciting outfits to raise money for the centre or to give to families who need them. Contact Ann or Paula on 282 0303 for any further information.

Heart of Everton's badge

The play "The Heart of Everton's Badge", written by Kenny O'Connell of Cresswell Street and first performed on the night of the lighting of the lock up on Everton Brow in February this year is going on tour in September, to venues in Kirkby, Runcorn, Southport, Ellesmere Port, St Helens before returning to the Capstone Theatre on Shaw Street for the final performance of the tour on Sunday September 28th. Tickets for the Capstone theatre evening are £8 and contact number is 0151 907 8360.

Friends of SFX

The Friends of St Francis Xavier's Church welcomes new members: they receive a newsletter 3 times a year and promote and celebrate the church's remarkable history and architecture and activities. To join contact Win Quinn or Judith Callaghan, either at the church or e mail friends.of.sfx@gmail.com.

Sports News

Table tennis star

Jack Hunter Spivey once of Adelaide Place and grandson of John and Georgina Forrest of Higham Square off Prince Edwin Street is now an outstanding wheelchair table tennis player, representing Great Britain as an 18 year old and hoping to be there in Rio in Brazil for the Paralympic Games of 2016. Watch this space..

West Everton Xaviers

After the hugely impressive title win of last year West Everton Xaviers finished in mid table in the Liverpool County FA Premier League of 2013-14. Player of the year was defender Colin Flood. Top goalscorer: Mason Nevitt.

Jazza Dickens for the title

Best wishes to Jazza Dickens of Holy Cross as he goes up against Gavin McDonnell for the British super bantamweight title on October 4th..



Shewsy Cricketers

The Shewsy open age cricket team is pictured above at Sefton Park cricket ground before another 20 over game in the Liverpool Business Houses League Division 2. No promotion this year, but plenty of enjoyment, and Tom Meskill was young player of the year.