

# Everton Telegraph

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## Perseverance the name of the game



Supporters, runners, walkers pictured above on the "We Love Millstead" day on a hot June afternoon

**Millstead support:** Perseverance is a vital quality for any runner, and so congratulations to all the runners, joggers, walkers who took part in the "Run for Millstead" on Thursday June 18th around the lower park. Millstead School was a most welcome new addition in 2014 to our West Everton Community, and the run, organised by West Everton Community Council (WECC) with support from Friends of Everton Park, the Shewsy Youth club, local schools and the whole community, was a great expression of "We love Millstead".

**WECC on wheels:** Late on Sunday April 19th WECC was the victim of an arson attack. But having served this community since 1965 there was no way WECC was going to stop providing its services and it became "WECC on wheels", using the Phil office in the Friary, SFX Church, the Shewsy, St Peter's, and now it has a portacabin on its Everton Brow site and hopes to be back in its building before Christmas. Perseverance through adversity.

**Great Homer Street regeneration:** the long wait for a supermarket as part of Project Jennifer (named after Bishop Tom Williams' niece when Tom was priest at St Anthony's on Scotland Road) has only another year to wait before Sainsbury's will open in 2016.

**Local organisations coping with cuts:** the Whitechapel on Langsdale Street, the Shewsy on Langrove Street, Roots Trust on Soho Street, WECC on Everton Brow, all are having to persevere in the face of the 58% cut to Liverpool City Council's budget.

**The Sky Pier facility at the top of Everton Park:** Perseverance needed here too as the funding to create this great facility with the best view in Liverpool has not yet been found. But Max Steinberg of Liverpool Vision, the City Council, Friends of Everton Park, the Land Trust and other partners will keep on trying to attract the investment needed.

**And what about Women's football and the England Women's team:** in 1921 a ban was put on women's football that lasted 50 years. In the 2015 Women's World Cup England lost so unluckily to Japan with Toni Duggan from Upper Bute Street hitting the bar with the score 1-1, but then came back to beat Germany for 3rd place. Perseverance!

# In Harmony celebrates 6 years

On Monday 6th July In Harmony Liverpool celebrated 6 years of music-making in Everton with a great concert in the Royal Philharmonic Hall on Hope Street (*pictured right and below*). The Everton Youth Philharmonic and the West Everton Children's Orchestra performed pieces from such as Holst and Dvorak, as well as John Williams' Star Wars theme and songs by Michael Jackson and Pharrell Williams arranged by In Harmony director Rod Skipp and Alex Dunn.

And from September this year In Harmony will be working with the Beacon Primary School on Heyworth Street, as well as continuing with Faith Primary School on Prince Edwin Street and with Everton Nursery School and Family Centre on Spencer Street. So 700 children and young people aged 0-17 with their



families will be part of the Liverpool In Harmony programme. "As a team of musicians it is a privilege to be an important part of these young musicians' lives", writes Rod Skipp, "and to see them grow and flourish. Thank you for your immeasurable support of In harmony Liverpool and we look forward to continuing to achieve great things together."

## Friends of Everton Park news

There is a great summer-long programme of events laid on by the Friends of Everton Park (see page 5 for some highlight events, including the Grow Wild project, the Kite festival, etc). To join the Friends of Everton Park (costs £1!) call in to the Faith plot, e mail foep10@yahoo.co.uk or visit the website [evertonpark.org](http://evertonpark.org) for details.

Paul Scragg from the Land Trust writes: "A big thank you to all those who completed the questionnaire about Everton Park. The results are helping the Land Trust know more about how people use and think about their park, what they like and what they would like to see improved. If you would like to know more do contact me on 07766 364 196 or e mail [paulscragg@thelandtrust.org.uk](mailto:paulscragg@thelandtrust.org.uk) and I can send you a summary of the results.

"A couple of short courses are planned for the autumn, places are free but limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. So if you would like to learn more about Habitat and Woodland Management or Environmental Education please get in touch (contact details for Paul Scragg above)."

# Congratulations, Ann and Kevin, award winners



Many congratulations to Ann Roach (*pictured above left*) and Kevin Kirby (*pictured second from the right in the right hand picture*) on their richly deserved awards at the Liverpool Mutual Homes (LMH) annual awards evening on Friday June 19th. The awards go to people "who go the extra mile to improve life in their community": Ann has done that for many years in our community, with community campaigns, playschemes, supporting local families with courage and determination, and Kevin of Everton Development Trust won his award for his much appreciated work in helping organisations and people with the wonders of the computer, websites, technology, and all with humour and a light touch.

And the recognizable bearded face on the left is that of Ray Stubbs, Wallasey born BT Sports presenter, ex Radio Merseyside reporter and ex Tranmere Rovers Reserves left back.

Two awards in one evening for representatives from our Everton community. Many congratulations to them both.

## The Wheels Park

For many years local people have wanted more activities available in Everton Park and one such activity will soon be coming with the opening of the Wheels Park beside Prince Edwin Street by Liverpool Mayor Joe Anderson. The artist Koo Jeong A was brought in by Liverpool Biennial to work with designers from Wheelscape Skateparks and young people from North Liverpool to design the skatepark space. The Wheels Park will include a BMX Pump track and a skate park and a small beginners' skate park, all paid for from the Mayor's fund.

The launch will be on Monday October 5th at 6.30 pm, and funding is being sought for a worker who can do sessional work on the Wheels Park and who will link with the Shewsy.

## Housing update

Plus Dane have been working with local residents through the community Forum at West Everton Community Council (WECC) on Everton Brow, responding to local housing need. As a result Plus Dane have put in a planning application for 15 houses and 8 flats on the site of the old Friary Infants School building which then became WECC's community Centre in December 1996.

Funding has been found for this development and the decision by the Liverpool City Council's Planning Department will be taken over the summer. This is a great example of a Housing Association listening to local people and providing appropriate housing that will meet a need.



## Summer Wordsearch

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

**Can you find these words?**

FLOWERS  
 DONKEY RIDE  
 CRICKET  
 SUN  
 FESTIVAL  
 TENNIS  
 CAMPING

# Summer

## Quiz Time

1. How many copies does a book have to sell in order to be classed by the book trade as a best seller?
2. What do tennis player Garbine Muguruza, In Harmony Liverpool, Hugo Chavez and El Sistema have in common?
3. Who was born on September 14th 1983, her first album was called "Frank", died on July 23rd 2011 and was the subject of a documentary on her life in 2015?
4. Who played 95 times for Hull City, scoring 9 goals, and has managed Southport, Cambridge United and Luton Town?
5. Which artist has a major exhibition of his work at St George's Hall from July 4th to August 31st this year?

**FOR DETAILS OF SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES AND SPORTS SCHEMES**

Contact WECC  
 Jodie Duffy 0151 282 0303

Contact Shewsy, Langrove Street  
 John Dumbell 0151 207 0725.

Contact Everton Park Sports Centre  
 Details 0151 233 5433.

## Local History Corner

Recognise any of these faces?  
 (See foot of page opposite)



Quiz answers at the foot of page 5

**Why did the scarecrow win an award?**

*Because he was outstanding in his field!*

# Fun



## Summer and Autumn events in Everton Park

### Pictures from the Shewsy Summer Fair



**Sat July 18th 10 am to 7 pm:  
Grow Wild Wildflower  
extravaganza,  
Archaeological Dig and Out of  
the Blue Music festival.**

**Sat Aug 15th 2-5 pm:  
Kite Festival in the top park**

**Fri Sept 13th 6-9 pm:  
Faith Plot Harvest evening at  
the Faith plot on Prince Edwin  
Street.**

**Sun Oct 17th 1-2.30 pm:  
The Big Blue Run, 3 km route  
in the top park, and a 1 km  
route also in the top park.**

And for details of other events do  
contact the Friends of Everton  
Park or Paul Scragg (see page 2)

**Local History Corner**  
The picture is of a class in  
1964 at Roscommon Street  
School, with Norma Sum-  
merskill, Valerie Thompson,  
Phyllis Walton, Dot Fields,  
Lily Caples, Dorothy Barker,  
June McGuinness, June Aus-  
tin, Carol Collins, Shirley  
Breen, among others!

**Quiz Time answers:**  
1. 3,000 copies sold makes a  
book a bestseller 2. All are  
linked to Venezuela: Murgurza  
born there, El Sistema started  
there and led to In Harmony  
Liverpool, and Chavez was  
president 1999-2013. 3. Amy  
Winehouse 4. Gary Brabin, now  
manager of Tranmere Rovers.  
5. Frank Green,  
Liverpool artist.

# Shewsy News

## Summer Fair

The Shewsy Summer Fair took place on Saturday 20th June, starting in the drizzle and ending in glorious sunshine with the music playing, the conversation flowing, friendships renewed, and a great



*Carla and Patricia pictured left, regular helpers in the club on a Tuesday evening, with Tricia's sisters and niece at the Shewsy Summer Fair*

day had by all. Many thanks to all those who contributed on the day, too many to mention but it couldn't have happened without them all.

## SuperCyclingMan visit

On Wednesday May 13th Will Hodson, ex Shewsy School and now with the name "SuperCyclingMan", called in to the Shewsy near the start of his marathon April 2015 to January 2020 cycle across 7 continents to raise money for charity and to encourage people across the world to cycle more. Will is pictured right with his bike and with Senior Club members at the end of a club evening. Will can be followed on twitter under supercyclingman. Is he mad?! No, he came across as an engaging, concerned part-time Primary School teacher on a mission.

## Summer Programme

We are all looking forward to the summer with an action packed programme for both Junior and Senior clubs. Many thanks to Merseyside Play Action Council (MPAC) for providing some funding and 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.

## Volunteers

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. Background checks will of course need to be carried out. And congratulations to one such volunteer in the Shewsy, Harry Drew from Vauxhall, who has just got a First class honours degree in Pharmacology at Liverpool University and who goes to Swansea University in September to study medicine.

## Many thanks, Erica

Many thanks also to Erica Hedley who has been keeping our accounts and administration in order for the last 7 years and has just handed on that vital job to Carol Bennett, an ex helper in the club.



## Friends of the Shewsy

On Monday September 28th at 7.30pm there is an open meeting for the Friends of Shrewsbury House in the Shewsy: all are welcome, especially if you are an ex member or helper or have any link with the club or just want to support or know more. And the Shewsy is on twitter at @theShewsy and if you are a tweeter do follow us and pass on the news and stories.

Have a great summer

**Dave (Breo) Brereton**

# Churches' News

## Compassion fatigue?

Mark Hedley and Anne Lawlor addressed the difficult but relevant question of "Compassion fatigue" in St Peter's during June, helping sort some priorities on our ability to help with time, talents or gifts, and showing how the news media often shows the disaster but doesn't always show what happened afterwards when communities rallied round, when things became less desperate, when positive change began to happen. That brings energy not fatigue, and gives hope not despair.

## SFX's St Ignatius window restored

On Sunday September 20th at 10.15am there will be a service in St Francis Xavier's Church, Langsdale Street, to celebrate the return of the stained glass window of St Ignatius (1491-1556, the founder of the Jesuits). The service will be followed by refreshments and a related exhibition produced by children from Faith Primary School.

## St Peter's Birthday

Geoff and Cathy Huard (*pictured with Dot Barker on the right*) were back in St Peter's Church on Sunday June 21st for St Peter's Birthday service. Geoff and Cathy used to live on Shaw Street in the 1970s before they moved to Sydney, Australia, where Geoff later became Archdeacon. Geoff preached on St Peter who made mistakes but was still used greatly by God.

## Ascension Day Churches Together

Our Newsham and West Everton Churches Together Ascension Day Service was held in St Francis Xavier's Church on May 14th with Father Adrian Howell presiding and Henry Corbett preaching, with refreshments afterwards for the 40 or so who attended.

## A faith that makes sense?

There will be a free course "A faith that makes sense?" over 3 Wednesday evenings 7.30-9pm November 11th, 18th, 25th, in St Peter's Church,



Langrove Street, L5 3PE. Henry Corbett is running the course with film clips, input and discussion on questions around faith and science, history, the problem of suffering etc. All welcome of any belief or none: do contact Henry, tel 0151 207 1948, or [henry.corbett@btinternet.com](mailto:henry.corbett@btinternet.com) if you'd like more details.

## Flawed Characters

*A well-known actor has said that he prefers to play "flawed" characters in his acting roles as more people can identify with them than with conventional "heroes". Many of the people whose lives are portrayed in the Bible were also flawed characters. For example there was the disciple Peter who 3 times denied even knowing Jesus. There was Zack (Zacchaeus) who cheated people through his work and kept the proceeds for himself. There was Mary Magdalene who is thought to have been a woman who had lived on the "outside". There was also Thomas who would not believe the evidence of his closest friends and needed physical proof that Jesus had risen again after his death on the cross and was alive, even to this day..*

*All these people and countless more like them, right up to the present time, through faith in Jesus have been able to overcome the worst of their flaws and make amends and prove themselves useful to God. God can help us to do the same.*

*Mike Sedgwick*

"Life is learning to love and most of us have merely begun when we die. This is a reason why many of us long for and expect another life." (Cicely Saunders, pioneer of the English hospice movement.)

# Community News

## **Worried about the new benefit changes, debt, cuts to legal aid?**

Friendly Fridays are continuing in WECC's portacabin from 12 noon to 3 pm with Jo Gawthorne from North Liverpool Citizens Advice Bureau giving advice on benefits, bills, debt, etc. Do call in for advice and support and to meet up with friends new and old. Everyone is very welcome. You can learn a new skill or share a skill, or just come along for a chat, meet some new people and have some lunch.

## **Project Jennifer progress**

Paul Batho, Projects director at St Modwen, writes: "Project Jennifer continues to progress well following the recent groundbreaking event held at Notre Dame College.

Remediation work to prepare the site for Sainsbury's is well underway on the west side of Great Homer Street. Demolition is also scheduled to begin this summer on the final buildings to facilitate the new retail units on the eastern side of the scheme which will form the mainstay of the new district centre. We have also recycled oak timber beams recovered in earlier demolition works carried out on site to date and donated them to the Friends of Everton Park. The recycled beams will be used in ongoing work to create and regenerate the Park, and used in local school activities at the Nature Garden."

## **Roots Day Service**

The Roots Day Service has been based on Soho Street since 1979, originally catering for the homeless but from the mid 1980s focusing entirely on a mental health service. Cuts have sadly impacted on the service Roots and their dedicated staff team can now offer but they remain totally committed to providing person-centred care in a warm, friendly, safe, supported environment. May this vital, much appreciated work continue.

## **Sports News Campfield**

Many congratulations to the Campfield Sunday league football team on winning the National Football Association Sunday Cup at Ewood Park. There were 2 goals from Stephen Jones, skilful midfield play from Kevin McEllin, great goalkeeping from Ryan Jones, and Darren Jones of Langsdale Street picked up his third winners medal in this prestigious national competition.

## **Cricket finalists**

The Shewsy open age cricket team has reached a final with



outstanding contributions from batting and bowling all-rounders Andy Harnick (*pictured above*) and Tom Meskill.

## **Boxing champion**

Derry Mathews from our community is the interim World Boxing Association lightweight champion and could be the outright champion in the next 3 months. That's a tough sport...