

West Everton Xaviers win the George Mahon Cup



The West Everton Xaviers team pictured with the cup and with their supporters after the win

Our local football team West Everton Xaviers have won the George Mahon Cup after a fine 3-0 win over Old Xaverians. The Cup is one of the oldest trophies on Merseyside, and previous winners include Waterloo Dock, Aigburth People's Hall, Liverpool A and Everton A.

West Everton Xaviers defeated Aigburth PH 4-0 in the semi final at Breckside Park and then in the final at Walton Hall Park two second half goals from Matty Williams and one from Mason Nevitt took them through to a great win: "a tremendous game and a great advert for the league" said the Liverpool County FA.

Captain Robert Edwards received the trophy and reflected: "It was a great way to finish off what was at times a hard season: big thanks to our manager Michael Jago, our chairman Andrew McGregor, to all the squad, and to our supporters. We are a team made up of lads from Everton, Vauxhall, Anfield, we all pull together, and to win the George Mahon has been brilliant for us. Here's to next season!"

And who was George Mahon? He was the organist of St Domingo's Methodist Church from which Everton Football club came, and lived in 108, Field Street off Everton Brow, and was married in 1875 in the old St Peter's Church on Sackville Street. He became chairman of Everton in 1892 and was the person who helped the club move from Anfield to Goodison Park in that same year. He would surely have been delighted with a local Everton team winning his trophy!

Mark Hedley on 40+ years in Everton



Mark Hedley is pictured above with (from left to right) Ruth McCaughley of the Whitechapel centre, Maria Hoogendyk our Police Neighbourhood Inspector, Valerie Pasco, teacher at Notre Dame, and Dave Whalley, local police sergeant (and ex Everton FC apprentice!). Mark spoke of his 40+ years in Everton and remembered St Valentine's Day 1972 when he first offered free legal advice in the old Shewsy on Portland Place. "I realised that people often see the law as something to be protected from whereas it can be a friend to everyone and I have always sought to show that." 44 years later and Mark has retired as a High Court Judge and is now working on a book reflecting on his experiences in the law, and then after that he hopes to write a book about being a Christian in the world, and especially in situations where God is not acknowledged. Watch this space!

In Harmony music

From September last year the In Harmony project has been working with the children and staff of 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 722 children and young people are now involved each week by the In Harmony team led by Rod Skipp. New to the team this year are Rose Eade and Peter Mitchell, but leaving for new work in London is Mayo Yoshida who writes: "I have thoroughly enjoyed and loved being with all the children, families and staff. Thank you for a wonderful time together, filled with love and music."

Events in Everton Park

For the many Everton Park events or to join the Friends of Everton Park (costs £1!) call in to the Faith plot on Prince Edwin Street Tuesday or Wednesday mornings 10-12 or Friday afternoon 1-4pm, e mail foep10@yahoo.co.uk or visit the website everton-park.org for details. Don't miss the Wildflowers in all their glory in the park, and coming up in the autumn is the Joseph Lappin Blue Run on Sunday October 16th at 1pm in the top park under the colonnades, a great community run for all ages and abilities!

Housing updates and the dreaded flies

Everton Brow housing

The new 15 houses and 8 flats are going up (*pictured right*) on the site of the old Friary Infants building on Everton Brow which was from 1996-2011 West Everton Community Council's (WECC) community centre. The housing association Plus Dane have worked with WECC and

local residents to get the right mix of housing to meet local needs: a great example of listening to local people and providing the best design, size and style of housing.



Student flats on College Street North?

Pictured left is the block of flats that was started on the corner of College Street North and Shaw Street and has been left half-finished for the past few months. The future of the block is still uncertain as the wait for someone to take on the finishing of the block goes on and on...

There are also blocks of flats being built on Fox Street, agreed for Iliad Street, and now a similar application is in for the other side of Fox Street. Please can the wisdom of local people be listened to seriously, so

that we don't have any other half finished blocks across our community but rather housing provision that meets real needs and strengthens our community for the long term.

The dreaded flies

June and early July saw flies everywhere in West Everton as a criminal gang's dumping of waste in the old rag yard on Birkett Street (*pictured right*) caused thousands of flies to plague the area. WECC called a community meeting with Councillor Jane Corbett, with Annette James and Chris Lomas from the City Council attending: 80 people attended and the waste is now being cleared, at considerable cost to our City Council.





Summer

Pictures from the “Out of the Blue” festival in Everton Park

And many congratulations to the group who planned and set it all up: Adam Byrne, Paula Kearns, Adam Roberts, Tracy Ramsey, Cath Simmons, Dave Brereton, John Dumbell, and to all the musicians, performers, dance groups, stall holders and the many volunteers who made the July 2nd day in the top of Everton Park such a success despite the off-putting morning rain.



Summer Wordsearch

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

Can you find these words?

PARK	WILDFLOWER
SWIM	PICNIC
CRICKET	GROWING
OLYMPICS	CYCLING

Quiz Time: who said....

1. “One of the biggest challenges is the harness system. My body weight has to be firmly attached to the treadmill...”
2. “Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none” and “If music be the food of love, play on.”
3. “I hated every minute of training, but I said “Don’t quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.” ”
4. “I’m an instant star: just add water and stir.”
5. “My passion is story. Harry gave me a job to do that I loved....”

Quiz answers at the foot of page 5

Fun



Pictures from the Shewsy Summer Fair



Rev Katrina back

Katrina Goldie, now Rev Katrina Scott, was back at St Peter's for the Birthday Service on June 19th with husband Nick and children Ruth and Freddie. Katrina is now Area Dean in Gloucestershire, is still supporting Glasgow Rangers, and spoke very warmly of her time at the Shewsy in Everton, learning how church and community can work well together.



Local History Corner

with many thanks to Ken Rogers

"The Rossy"

In 1892 a new Music Hall was opened on Roscommon Street: its capacity was about 600 with an admission at three old pence for the ground floor benches. A red upholstered balcony seat cost sixpence. In the early 1900s the name was changed to the King's Theatre of Varieties and from 1907 plays began to replace the music hall formula. Then in 1911 it became the Roscommon Picture Palace, later the Roscommon Cinema, known as the "Rossy". In 1941 the building suffered fire damage during an air raid and so was closed until 1947. The cinema survived into the 1950s until it closed on December 13th 1958. And the last film? (see answer left under quiz answers)



Quiz Quotes Time answers:
1. Tim Peake. 2. William Shakespeare.
3. Muhammad Ali 4. David Bowie. 5. J.K. Rowling
Local History question on the last film at the
Rossy: the Western film "White Heather", with a
supporting B film "Overnight Haul".

Shewsy News

Summer Fair

The Shewsy held its annual Summer Fair on June 18th (see pictures on page 5) and the weather was kind as the community gathered to celebrate, with cake stalls, tombola, refreshments, bric-a-brac inside and outside with live music, bouncy castle, donkey rides, bar and bar-b-q. Many thanks to the volunteers and everyone who came and contributed to the success of the day.

Still Aiming High

The club continues to attract young people and attendance is around 30+ in both Junior and Senior clubs. The team is fully committed to providing top class youth provision by seeking out new opportunities for young people: the Malawi expedition (see below) is a great example. Despite losing significant funding year after year the club still aims as high as ever. The picture below shows club



member Demi rock climbing during our annual, much enjoyed visit to Shrewsbury School over the June 11-12th weekend.

Malawi expedition

On July 13th 5 club members, Chelsea, Courtney, Ellie, Becca and Jess and staff member Julie Fitzpatrick travel out to Malawi with pupils and staff from Shewsy School to help the work of Medic Malawi, a charity that funds St Andrew's hospital in Mtunthama. The hospital has grown from an empty field, and now has



Jess, Ellie and Julie Fitz after some successful fund raising for their Malawi trip

outpatients' department, maternity, 60 in-patient beds and a children's ward.

"People arrive blinded by cataracts, and the young people will get the chance to witness patients' reactions once their sight has been restored: how amazing will that be!" writes Julie. "The young people have worked so hard raising expedition costs, spending many weekends bag packing, selling tickets, running a tuck shop. Many thanks to the Spirit of Shankly for donating essential items for the hospital and for a generous cash donation, to the Twelfth Man pub for the bucket shaking, and to local businesses like B&M and Asda."

Summer Programme

Our summer playscheme runs from July 25th for 5 weeks, 12noon to 3 pm for 5-11s, and Senior Club 6.30-9pm for 11-20s. If you wish to know more about the club we can be contacted on 0151 207 0725 and a member of the team will answer any questions.

Have a great summer and do call in to the club if you have any ideas on how we can improve our service.

Dave (Breo) Brereton

Churches' News

Best wishes to Father Graeme

Fr Graeme Dunne will be leaving St Sylvester's parish on September 1st after 13 years at the churches of St Anthony, Our Lady Immaculate and Our Lady's Eldon Street. "It's the longest I have ever lived anywhere", says Graeme: "the people have been fantastic, a pleasure to work with. I will be sad to leave but the Archbishop felt I needed a new and different challenge." And that challenge will be at St Gregory's, Weldbank, in Chorley.

The new priest at St Sylvester's parish will be Fr Gordon Abbs, who comes from a parish in Warrington and who used to live in Bootle.

Welcome to Father Denis at SFX

Fr Denis Blackledge (*pictured above right*) is settling in to St Francis Xavier's parish after swapping his previous Bournemouth parish with Fr Adrian Howell. "It was tough leaving Bournemouth after almost a decade but I'm delighted to be here at SFX, learning a new local culture, meeting fascinating folk and picking up the lingo!" Denis was ordained in 1973 and like many Jesuit priests has served both in the UK and abroad, in Zimbabwe, South Africa, South America as well as Edinburgh, Blackpool, where Denis also worked for Radio Lancashire, and in Bournemouth.

Bargain Shrewsbury day out

On Saturday September 17th there is a bargain day out to Shrewsbury town and school, with free time in the town and then free swimming, free meal and activities up at Shrewsbury School, for any who would like to come, first come, first served. Just ring St Peter's on 0151 207 1948: a great day out for all ages, with the only cost being to cover the coach travel.

How can you believe that?!

There will be a free course "How can you believe that?" over 3 Wednesday evenings 7.30-9pm November 9th, 16th,



23rd, 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 e mail henry.corbett@btinternet.com if you'd like more details.

Healing the world and ourselves

*"Imagine all the people sharing all the world,
You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one;
I hope one day you'll join us and the world will live as one."*

Readers may remember these words from John Lennon's song "Imagine". But were they only wishful thinking? There are still many faults, barriers and divisions in the world which can cause social, political and religious conflicts. So were John's words wasted? The Bible says differently. It tells of a new heaven and a new earth that will come about in God's own way and own time. Meanwhile God offers to each of us a part to play in this. The faults around us can often reflect faults in ourselves also, so that as we break down and heal those faults, barriers, and divisions, so we heal ourselves as well as others. We can all choose to play a part in God's plan— including dreaming and singing about it! With best wishes

Mike Sedgwick

Community News

Whitechapel Centre to get the freedom of the City

Many congratulations to the Whitechapel Centre, Langsdale Street on a great award in October for the Centre. Chief Executive David Carter writes: "We are delighted to be receiving the Freedom of the City from the City Council in recognition of our work with homeless people. Our work began in 1975 and we continue to work with people who are sleeping rough, living in hostels or struggling to stay in their own accommodation. This includes many of the most vulnerable, isolated and lonely people in our community. We are committed to helping find and maintain a home and learn the skills essential for independent living. We are all delighted that all the hard work of our staff and volunteers, past and present, is being recognised in this way."

The award is a great tribute to the work of everyone involved at the Whitechapel Centre, including David's predecessor Maureen McCarthy.

Project Jennifer progress

Paul Batho, Projects director at St Modwen, writes: "Sainsbury's is on track to open in May 2017, along with a McDonald's restaurant, and the new District Centre with 60,000 square feet of shops. Highway improvements to Scotland Road and Great Homer Street should be completed by October." We are finally getting there!

Worried about benefit changes, debt, housing needs?

Friendly Fridays are continuing in WECC, back in its building on Everton Brow, from 12 noon to 3 pm with Ann Roach and with Jo Gawthorne from North Liverpool CAB giving advice on benefits, bills, debt, etc. Do call in for advice and support and to meet up with friends new and old. All very welcome.

Sports News

Combining football, music and drama Kenny O'Connell has written a play "Ball of Fire" which celebrates Alan Ball's life on and off the pitch. The play has been endorsed by Alan's family, is narrated by ex Everton player Ronny Goodlass, includes a song "Ball of Fire" written by Kenny O'Connell and Bobby Parry, and is directed by Margaret Connell. For details of performances do visit blueparktheatrecompany.co.uk

Congratulations to the Stanfield Under 8 team for winning their Cup Final. Managed by Michael Duffy, they came back from 2-0 down to level at 2-2 with goals from Jackson Abraham and Shea Dumbell, and then won through on penalties.

Big thanks to Toni Duggan for providing kits both for the Stanfield Under 8s and also for the West Everton Xaviers for the upcoming season, and best wishes to Toni as she goes for a Women's Super League Championship title with Manchester City Women and also for selection for the England squad with the Women's football Euros coming up in 2017.

Best wishes to local boxers Jazza Dickens, Ryan Farrag, Derry Matthews and Kevin Satchell in their careers. At the time of writing Jazza is preparing for a world title fight in Cardiff.

For the Paralympics in Rio, Brazil, this summer best wishes to table tennis star Jack Hunter-Spivey as he goes for a medal to show to his relations on Prince Edwin Street.

Finally and most important of all congratulations to the Hillsborough campaigners on their brilliant determination and perseverance to get the truth recognised in court, and our thoughts and prayers continue for the families of Peter Tootle and Paula Smith from our community who died so tragically that April 15th day in 1989.