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Great hopes for 2015



Hope no 1: by the time the sun sets on 2015 we hope we will have our long awaited Sky Pier (*artist's impression pictured above*) at the top of the hill. For over 20 years the greatest view in Liverpool was blocked by the Netherfield Brow blocks: now the view is back, the building of flats and houses to block the view again has been resisted, and the promise is a cafe, an events area, toilet facilities, and more (ideas to Friends of Everton Park, see page 2). Or it might take a little bit longer..?

Hope no 2: another long awaited hope, the regeneration of Great Homer Street should make real progress in 2015. The idea for Project Jennifer began in 1998, named after the niece of the priest then of St Anthony's on Scotland Road, Father, now Bishop, Tom Williams. In 2004 St Modwen's was chosen as the developer, and in 2009 the supermarket Sainsburys signed up to support the scheme. By the end of next year there should be signs of new shops, the new Sainsburys (opening 2016), new houses, alongside the new Greatie market which moved to its new site in October this year. Included in this hope is also the hope for good jobs for local people on a living wage.

Hope no 3: there are the General Election and City Council local elections in May 2015, and may there be campaigns run not on petty personality or appearance issues but on vital policy and common good issues. And may many take the time and thought to **vote**. If you're not sure if you are registered do contact the City Council on 0151 233 3028 or register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Hope no 4: may **vital local services like Everton Park Sports Centre, Everton Children's Centre, the Whitechapel Centre, West Everton Community Council, Roots Trust, the Shewsy**, manage somehow to get the funding from wherever, whoever, that they need to keep going.

Hope no 5: **to complete a handful of hopes here's hoping the message of Christmas, a message of hope, peace, and joy will stay with us through the ups and downs of the next year.** May we, with hope, get involved in our community, our city, our world: if we do we will be the better for it and our community will be the better for it.

And for some sporting hopes for 2015 see the back page.

Safety in the Park, please



Diane Pownall, our new Police Neighbourhood Inspector, is pictured above with **Paul Scragg recently appointed the Land Trust's Everton Park project co-ordinator.** The Land Trust is a national land management charity. Both spoke at the recent West Everton Lunch Club on November 26th and a key issue was safety in Everton Park.

"Scrambler and quad bikes ridden illegally and irresponsibly are a nuisance and a danger to both riders and members of the public" says Diane: "If you see anyone using an off-road or scrambler bike anti-socially please contact the police on 101 or you can provide information anonymously on Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111." What none of us want is a terrible accident to a child, pensioner, anyone, caused by a scrambler or quad bike ridden recklessly around the park.

Very large fireworks have also caused concerns about safety. The only allowed dates for fireworks to be bought and sold legally over the next few months to Easter are from December 26th to December 31st to cover the New Year period.

Paul Scragg comments: "Local communities are full of enthusiasm and passion and the Friends of Everton Park are committed to creating a successful future for the site. Our work with the Friends aims to identify new ways of ensuring the park is improved, properly maintained and meets the needs of the local community."

So do join the Friends of Everton Park (contact tel 0151 282 7654 or e mail foep@yahoo.co.uk or visit the website www.evertonpark.org.uk). Membership is a bargain £1, and issues coming up in the future will include the wheels park in the China Street bowl, possible housing sites around the edge of the Park, the contents of the Sky Pier facility..

Wildflowers in Everton Park

Congratulations, with thanks to all who voted, to Landlife for winning the national Kew Grow Wild competition for Everton Park with a park area also in Hulme, Manchester to have a brilliant array of wildflowers planted in 2015. It will be a beautiful sight.

"Do one thing a day that scares you." (Eleanor Roosevelt)

Thank you, postman Frank



Frank Hayes is pictured above with Katrina Donaky and Ann Roach with a kind, generous gift from the community after a collection round the area. Frank has retired **after being our local postman from Everton Brow to Islington for the last 15 years.** "I wasn't expecting a gift, I just thought I better let one or two people know I was finishing. The round has never been a problem for me: I got on with the people and they made it easy for me as they were so nice. Do thank everyone for their kindness and for their gift." And all the best, Frank, for your time with your 2 grandchildren.

Friendly Fridays still on in WECC, Bute Street

If you or a friend or someone in your family is needing advice on any matters to do with welfare rights, financial matters, or just wanting to meet up and support others and share skills then Friendly Fridays is a great place to be. Every Friday from 12 to 2.30 pm at West Everton Community Council on Bute Street off Everton Brow a Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) worker is present to help with debt management, energy bills, benefit advice, the bedroom tax, any money matters. There is also lunch and a cuppa provided, a sharing of skills from cooking to sewing, good conversation and the opportunity to meet new people. These are difficult and worrying times for many in our community: help and advice is on offer.

A story on how to help
Once upon a time people wanted to help a village which didn't have a school, a medical centre, running water... They were debating what to raise money for first. Then one of them said, "Hang on, why don't we first ask the respected community leaders in the village what they think?" That was agreed, and the end of the story is that the village asked first for play facilities for the children, and then after working together on that they went on to work together on a school, a medical centre, running water and more....

The person who is ashamed of asking is ashamed of learning.

Christmas



All age



Wordsearch



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

Can you find these words?

MAGI
MARY
MANGER
STAR
INN

SHEPHERDS
JOSEPH
DONKEY
GIFTS
ANGELS

What do you call a snowman in
the summer?

A puddle



What 2 countries does the chef think of
when making a Christmas dinner?



Turkey and Greece

What are the missing words or numbers?

1. Tickets for the Kop: In 2010, a ticket cost £43. In 2000, it cost £24. In 1990, it cost £ - ?
2. All together now, all together now, in — — land....
3. The last words of the classic "The Count of Monte Cristo" by Alexandre Dumas: — and —
4. "I came to England in 1995. I'm used to the —. I've been — since 1995." (Roberto Martinez, on the touchline in November in a suit.)
5. "There comes a point when we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go— and find out why they are — in." (Desmond Tutu)



FUN



SOME PUZZLES and QUIZ questions
for all ages and all temperaments..

1. **Rearrange the letters of "Travel and Dance" to make** something that starts each year with the first day of December.
2. In the 2013 film Frozen what is the name of the sister of Princess Elsa who Elsa accidentally injures?
3. Use any combination of the numbers below, adding, multiplying, dividing, subtracting

2 3 7 7 50 10

to get to the number 795
(as in the TV Channel 4 game Countdown)

4. What song was sung by the German soldiers on Christmas Eve 1914 to begin the Christmas truce? (Answers below)



LOCAL HISTORY CORNER: Where is this picture taken?



Quiz answers: Missing words and numbers 1. £4. It has been a shocking increase in cost. 2. no man's. The Farm's song about the football games on Christmas Day 1914. 3. Wait, hope. 4. Cold, numb! 5. Upstream, falling. **Puzzles and Quiz:** 1. Advent Calendar 2. Anna 3. $2 \times (50 + 7) = 114$; $114 \times 7 = 798$; $798 - 3 = 795$. 4. Silent Night or Stille nacht in German. **Local History Corner:** It's looking up from Prince Edwin Street towards Netherfield Road, with the Netherfield Brow tower blocks blocking the view from the top of the hill in the 1960s and 70s.

Shewsy News

One of the privileges of being a youth worker is meeting some of the most powerful decision makers in the city – young people!

For decades 'youth culture' has altered the way older people dress, the music they listen to, the language they use and sometimes even the way they **dance. The youth don't** always see it like that. They can often feel disempowered and lacking of a voice. Wishing you were older seems like a good idea **when you're a teenager.**

Services dedicated to youth have existed for over 150 years. They have played an important and sometimes pivotal role in the spiritual, ethical and moral development of its members. The importance of having a place to gather with your peers (at any age) is paramount for communities to be able to communicate and live in harmony.

Shrewsbury House is a place of learning where informal education flourishes. The discussions and activities members participate in have purpose. Our aim is to guide young people into adult life with the confidence to achieve their aspirations and make a positive contribution to the community. The club does not seek to deposit information in its members. We aim to learn together as we face new challenges and perhaps opportunities in this climate of government imposed cuts to vital services.

The Everton Community is renowned for its sense of resilience and pride. Its ability to confront and find solutions to social issues is a model for what can be achieved when people come together in a unifying cause. The team

at The Shewsy are committed to doing our part in empowering its members to take ownership in shaping the future of this wonderful community.

The club has had some fantastic learning experiences in 2014 enabled by some significant contributions. There are too many to mention (fear of leaving



A bushtucker-type trial in Junior Club with helpers Julie Fitzgerald, Michael Duffy, John Dumbell, Dean Williamson doing the Ant and Dec with a brave lad.

somebody out) who have served the club by donating their time / finance or sometimes both and remain in the background. You know who you are and our thanks to you all for supporting The Shewsy and the work we do.

For the New Year Junior Club continues Monday to Thursday 3.30-5.30pm for Primary School age children, and Senior Club is 7-9.30pm for secondary school age and older with the usual mix of art and craft, games, trips, discussions, projects, with another Social Studies course coming from Shrewsbury School in January to follow 3 successful courses in the autumn.

Do give the club a ring 0151 207 0725 if you want more details.

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Dave "Breo" Brereton, Team leader

People who can't find time for recreation will sooner or later have to find time for illness.

Churches' News

Christmas services

Christmas services can be found on the Season's greetings card with this edition of the Everton Telegraph. Or contact St Anthony's 0151 207 0177, St Francis Xavier's 0151 298 1911, or St Peter's 0151 207 1948.

"So what is life all about?" course

Over 25 people attended one or more of Henry Corbett's 3 November Wednesday evenings in WECC on



"So what is life all about?", with film clips to illustrate vital questions about life.

Film clips used included the opening scenes from Gravity and from the Empire Strikes Back in the Star Wars series, and also scenes from Goodfellas, Martha Marcy May Marlene, Pasolini's Gospel according to St Matthew and the Christmas classic Oh what a Wonderful Life (a happy James Stewart pictured above in the part of the generous George Bailey).

Churches together in the New Year

On Sunday evening January 18th at 6.30pm there will be a Newsham and West Everton Churches together service in the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St John Chrysostom's Church on Queens Road. Then in Lent there will be Churches together Lent groups meeting around the churches: last year these were much enjoyed and provided much food for thought on our society, the way we treat people, the prejudices we sometimes carry, etc.

The Holy Communion Service

In a series of 4 sermons in October-November Mark Hedley, Anne Lawlor and Henry Corbett preached in St Peter's on the origins, history and significance of the Holy Communion service or Mass or Eucharist or Lord's Supper. The origins go back to the Jewish Passover meal, the history shows how Christians down the ages and across the world can have different views and ways of celebrating this special service, and the significance of the bread and the wine was summed up by Anne as "signs that speak of a forgiving God and a resurrected Lord, signs of bread and wine showing God's unending love for us". On that all Christians can agree!

Life-changing

In pictures and paintings of the birth of Jesus the focus is often on just the child himself and Mary, his mother. Joseph, his adoptive father, might seem to be simply a background figure.

But if we look more closely at Joseph we can see that he was not a forgotten man but, like Mary, had unexpectedly been asked by God to be part of an event that has had a life-changing effect on people throughout the world ever since. There are now many "Josephs" as well as "Marys" who are people who have answered God's call so that His purposes can be carried out more effectively through them at the present time. More are needed as expressed in this chorus from a well-known hymn:

"Here I am, Lord,

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night

I will go, Lord,

If you lead me

I will hold your people in my heart."

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year Mike Sedgwick

Faith is not closing our eyes to the facts of life but opening our eyes to the wonder of them.

Community News

Everton Park Fun Run

Congratulations to everyone who organised and took part and supported the Blue Run in memory of Joseph Lappin on Sunday October 19th in the top of Everton Park. Local schools, boxing clubs, residents, West Everton Community Council, Friends of Everton Park, the Shewsy, many others all contributed to a great Sunday lunch-time of exercise and fun in the park.

Whitechapel Christmas Opening

The Centre on Langsdale Street will be open as usual on Christmas Day **through to New Year's Day, offering** food, housing advice, fun activities as always. Any donations gratefully received and for more details do contact the centre on 0151 207 7617 or at www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk or call in for a clear programme of events.

Credit Union help

If in money difficulties you can join Partners Credit Union on Dale Street who will offer savings advice and loans **for Liverpool residents. Don't suffer** alone: there is help and advice around. Contact no 0151 258 1014.

Another In Harmony First

The first concert of the Everton Youth Philharmonic was performed at the Capstone Theatre on Shaw Street on Friday November 28th. This group was formerly the West Everton Super Strings and has expanded to include brass, percussion and woodwind instruments. Many congratulations.

Brian Labone trophy to Ken Rogers

Congratulations to Ken Rogers, born in Everton, Echo journalist, and author of the best-selling **"Lost Tribe of Everton and Scottie Road"** on being awarded the Brian Labone trophy for his **services to our city at Ronny Goodlass' Health through Sport charity dinner** on November 28th at the Devonshire.

WECC Bingo and Pensioners clubs

There is a Pensioners club in West Everton Community Council, Bute Street, Tuesdays from 10am-2pm, and the all age Bingo is on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm. For more details do ring WECC on 0151 282 0303.

Prince's Trust Team programme

Starting in January 2015 is a full time 12 week personal development programme to increase confidence, motivation and skills, run by Paul Kilham, **now working for the Prince's Trust. Do** contact Paul on 0151 794 3197

Congratulations, Dr Maria

Congratulations to ex Everton resident and ex Breckfield School pupil Maria Maguire on her post as Doctor and manager in cancer research at Clatterbridge Hospital.

Thanks, Trailblazers

Thanks to Hope St Ltd, Michael Duffy, Dean Williamson and Children in Need funding for a Friday evening programme in the Shewsy with 20 young people doing graffiti art, street dance...

SPORTING HOPES FOR 2015

For our local adult football team the West Everton Xaviers to win a cup this season to follow the County FA Premier League title triumph 2 years ago.

For the Stanfield Football Club junior teams to get to some more finals in their age groups and for the managers John Dumbell, Michael Duffy, Dean Williamson to continue to show the young people the best way to play the beautiful game.

For Kevin Satchell, once of Amelia Close and of Everton Red Triangle club to continue to win boxing titles.

For England's Women's Football team to play brilliantly at the 2015 World Cup in Canada with striker Toni Duggan once of Upper Bute Street.

For the Hillsborough families to see justice and truth winning the day.