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Keep the hope
It matters, and it works.



After the winter comes the spring: the daffodils are out (*pictured above*) by the Everton Lock-up at the top of Everton Brow. Plant the bulbs, keep the hope, stay patient, wait, and slowly they grow and come up in all their colourful glory.

After the hours of practice comes the performance: children from Faith Primary School (*pictured above*) performed magnificently with children from the Beacon School in the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall in the 8th "In Harmony" concert on Monday March 20th. 250 children filled the stage, and they played pieces by Bizet and Offenbach as well as selections from Pirates of the Caribbean, the Grand old Duke of York, Break time Boogie among others to draw heartfelt applause from parents, relations, friends and supporters. Practise, put in the hard work, keep the hope, and out comes the winning performance. Lose hope, don't practise, no performance, no applause.

After many years of campaigning for the regeneration of Great Homer Street, the Sainsbury's store is due to open in May, other stores and facilities will follow. Project Jennifer (*pictured below and see page 3 for the explanation of the name*) was begun in 1998. Then in 2004 St Modwen was named as the developer of the scheme. Outline planning permission for the scheme was granted in 2009 and the supermarket



Sainsbury's came on board that same year. In 2010 Tesco dropped their appeal against the scheme and the compulsory purchase orders were able to go ahead. Keep the hope... for spring, for new skills learned as with the children of Faith and the Beacon, and for campaigns like the regeneration of Great

Homer Street, Project Jennifer, to improve our area and community and shops.

And the Easter message? A group in danger of losing hope as their Messiah is unjustly crucified. Then came Easter Day and Mary sees the risen Jesus, even doubting Thomas is convinced, and the Christian church is launched. Have a great Easter!

Housing update and Parking chaos?



The block of apartments (*pictured left*) on the corner of Shaw Street and College Street North still stands unfinished and ignored. It caused disruption to local residents for many months, and all seemingly so far for no purpose. Meanwhile other blocks of apartments are going up on Fox Street and Prince Edwin Street, right by valued local businesses and alongside Millstead and Faith Primary Schools. Local residents raised objections and

questions about the type of housing, the parking issue, but the blocks are still going up.

Parking is becoming an increasing concern across our community (*see William Henry Street pictured below*). West Everton Community Council (WECC) held a meeting on March 29th about car parking and the threat to stop running the 101 bus. A good



number of local residents attended and raised detailed concerns on both issues: access for emergency vehicles, the 101 bus having to re-route as it can't get through, the blocking of pavements and people's gates, wheelchairs and buggies not able to use pavements, the need for the 101 to access work, hospital, GP appointments, shops, family and needed for getting up and down steep hills. Meetings at WECC will continue and if you want to get involved do contact Ann on 0151 282 0303.

Welcome to our new Neighbourhood Inspector Graeme Rooney

Graeme Rooney (*pictured right with Ken Rogers*) spoke honestly, humbly and encouragingly at the West Everton Lunch Club at Shrewsbury House on Wednesday March 22nd. He shared about his own experiences, and his desire to serve our community with sensitive, effective policing that listens to the community and seeks to work with local people. Policing culture has changed for the better over his 25 years in the police: a difficulty now is the cutting of police resources.



“We are not simply to bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice. We are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in the face of Nazi persecution)

So why is it called Project Jennifer?



Work on the regeneration of Great Homer Street began back in 1998 when Bishop Tom Williams was parish priest of St Anthony's Church on Scotland Road and his niece Jennifer was a young girl. Now she is grown up and is seen above with her family cutting the ribbon to open Jennifer Avenue with local representatives and Councillors.

Friends of Everton Park news

John Hutchison writes: "Welcome back to the Spring and sunshine in Everton Park. The daffodils look superb, the crowds are back with picnics and games being played everywhere. New barrier railings are soon to be installed at the viewpoint.

The Nature Garden is in fine shape and the wildflowers are on a return journey with plenty growing well already and seed sowing with local schools and community planned for later in April. We are now without the fabulous Wildflower centre, a tragic loss to the Liverpool public, but we have saved the skills and commitment of its main man, Richard Scott who remains dedicated to Everton Park.

The hardy souls at Everton's community gardens, Faith plot on Prince Edwin street have kept up the pace, meeting twice a week through the winters' wind and rain. You can join in and learn the tricks of the growing trade any Tuesday 10-1 or Friday 1-4 and **pick up a bargain when you're there. Just turn up. The Sainsbury's site builders have** been good to the plot and bought and installed a new pond for the site.

The bikers from Peleton are busy building a second track for junior riders in the China street wheelspark and the skateboarders are back with their superb skills.

Here's just a flavour of the events planned for the summer:

Primary schools run - Thurs 25th April ; Liverpool Marathon - Sunday 28th May ; Faith plot barbecue and social - Friday 9th June; Great Get together weekend Saturday , Sunday 17th / 18th June.

Meanwhile, we wait for news of the next steps for the park with the Council and the **Land Trust still working hard to improve the Park's future. We are hopeful positive news** will emerge very soon.

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Everton Park will be held in the Shewsy club on the evening of Wednesday 26th April at 7.00 p.m. **All are welcome."**

Pour love into your children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces in their early years, and then in their later teens and early twenties you must let them be their own people, make their own decisions, go where they choose."

Quiz time

(some not easy on your own, but with others..)

1. What links Preston North End (1889), Ajax(1995), Arsenal (2004), and Juventus (2012)?
2. Which band were formed in 1986, took their name from a Wim Wenders film made in 1984, and have a new album "Jump on board" out on April 21st ?
3. What dog breed was named after a German tax collector?
4. This year is the 500th anniversary of what event that shook the western world on October 31st 1517?
5. Who was a welder, then a folk singer, then a comedian, actor and presenter, and said "Never trust a man who when left alone with a tea cosey doesn't try it on!"

Easter

EASTER WORDSEARCH

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EGG HUNT
FLOWERS
BONNET

BUNNY
DAFFODIL
CHICKS

Recognise these? (answer at foot of page 5)



Teasers

Jo can walk at 4 mph. How far can she go if she has 6 hours before she has to be home and she can run at 8 mph on the way back? (Answer below)

**What can you name in the picture below?
The tower blocks to the left that blocked the view for over 25 years, the 2 blocks to the right, the...** (Answer below)



Crossword clues (anagrams):

1. Royalist: could be on their own (8)
2. Resistant: gets things neater (9)
3. Patriotic pain: becomes something more helpful (13)

Crossword clues (not anagrams):

4. Shorten dog end (7)
5. On the point of crying at the petrol station (7,2)
6. Abcdefghijklm ? (4)

Recognise these: the picture is from a St Peter's Church day out in the mid 1970s, and includes in no particular order Paula Green, Mavis Bexon, Mark and Erica Hedley, George and Peggy Gibbs, Anne and Mike Sedgwick, Julian Charley, Lily Moss, Becca Hume, Bobby Harrington, Nellie Barker, Hilda Hugard, Edie Leah, Margaret Hilditch, and Shewsy hostel residents Giz Purkis, Steve Pownall, Chris Coffee and also Steve Wooke who once got Geoffrey Boycott out for 0 and is now a vicar in Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. (Many thanks to Claire Charley for the picture.)

The 2 tower blocks to the left are the Netherfield Brow blocks, the 2 to the right are Garibaldi and Mazzini, with Cavour Heights hidden behind them.

Jo needs to walk twice as long as she runs. So 4 hours walk, 2 hours run, and 4x4 or 2x8 means she goes 16 miles.

Crossword answers: 1. Solitary 2. Straightens 3. Participation 4. Curtain 5. Filling up 6. Atom (A to m) Answers to Quiz: 1. They all won their domestic leagues with an unbeaten league record throughout that season 2. The band Texas, named after the film Paris, Texas. 3. Doberman Pinscher 4. Martin Luther pinned 95 theses onto the door of the church in Wittenberg and the Reformation and the split in the church was on its way. 5. Billy Connolly

Shewsy News

It is great to see so many young people benefiting from the service provided by a dedicated staff team and supported by a committed Board of Management. Since its inception 114 years ago, people and the relationships they form have been fundamental in creating a safe, caring, understanding and educational environment that benefits the community. This ethos continues to inform and guide our approach towards providing a quality service to over 200 members that the



A Junior Club member with a 30 storey Jenga achievement

club is currently working with. Recent government policies have encouraged the marketization of many services previously funded by central government and youth provision has fallen down the agenda. As a result the club has become more dependent on donations and increasingly competitive funding applications being successful. The club is confident that funding can be secured by maintaining our values and principles so the much needed service it provides can continue, develop and respond effectively to the needs of the community.

Senior members recently spent a day taking part in activities with students at Shrewsbury School. The visit is an

integral part of the relationship with the school and was one of several that are planned or have already taken place this year. The Juniors are also visiting the school later this year and hopefully it will become a regular feature of club activities. The Seniors will be hosting partners from Dublin during the Easter and participating in an exchange residential at Colomendy. The exchange combines activities and workshops aimed at challenging young people mentally and physically. They have proved to be extremely successful in enabling young people to learn about themselves and build positive relationships with others.

There will be some changes in the staffing structure in the coming months as I will be stepping down in the Summer. It is not a decision taken lightly as it has been a privilege to be part of the Shewsy and I am thankful for the opportunity I was given and the support I have received. The Shewsy is an amazing organisation to be part of and I am grateful to have met the many people in the community dedicated to creating positive and meaningful opportunities for its residents.

The annual Shewsy Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 24th June and as always all are welcome. The day is a great opportunity to meet people, listen to live music and for the more adventurous ride a donkey! Former members Daisy Gill and Joe Maddocks have been teaching music in the club recently. Both are hugely talented and we look forward to hearing them play on the 24th. The event is free to attend and you are guaranteed a warm Shewsy welcome. The club operates 4 nights a week Monday to Thursday. Junior club (aged 5-11) 3:30-5:30 and Senior club (11-19) 7:00-9:30. If you wish to know more about the club or have any comments or suggestions please feel free to contact us on 0151 207 0725.

Dave "Breo" Brereton

"When a sector of society is left out of popular culture, it's cultural annihilation." (Geena Davis, actress)

Churches' News

Good Friday service together
At St Peter's on Good Friday April 14th at 11 am there is the St Anthony's, St Francis Xavier's and St Peter's Churches together Good Friday service with reflections on the meaning of that remarkable day in the world's history. All are welcome and the service will include film clips, a dramatic monologue, and an answer to the question "Why is it called Good Friday when it's about the totally unfair death of a good man?!"

Churches Joint Lent Evenings
The Newsham and West Everton Churches held 4 very insightful evenings in Lent round the different churches on the theme of what we can learn from other faiths, from Sikhism, from Islam and from Buddhism, and a one-off evening shared with Christ Church and Holy Trinity Anfield on Christianity and politics. The evening looking at Islam was the same day as the terrorist action in London: if people mixed more, listened more, respected more, the world would surely be a safer place.

Broken is coming soon to BBC 1
The series "Broken" written by Jimmy McGovern and starring Anna Friel and Sean Bean (*pictured below*) should



be on our television screens soon. There is a launch event in May in St Francis Xavier where some of the series was shot: the series should be a great watch.



Welcome to Father Richard Ebo
The new priest for St Sylvester's, covering St Anthony's, Our Lady Immaculate and Our Lady's Eldon Street, is Fr Richard Ebo (*pictured above*). Fr Richard grew up in Bootle, and after ordination has worked in Warrington. He is a Red, is not bitter(!), and is looking forward to meeting up with parishioners across the 3 parishes and to working together with all of good will in both Vauxhall and Everton.

Sunday evenings at St Peter's

Sunday evenings at 6.30pm at St Peter's is the time for some relaxed, informal services, and recent discussions and input has been on such diverse subjects as the life and thoughts of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Christian in Nazi Germany, a focus on the facts about asylum seekers, the life of Jessie Crosbie, and a service ahead of Mothering Sunday looking at female images of God in Scripture. So if you would like a topic discussed, by all means contact Henry on 0151 207 1948!

"The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to show them their own." (Benjamin Disraeli)

Community News

New Head for Faith Primary
Nadine Carroll is the new Head-teacher for Faith Primary School on Prince Edwin Street, following the stepping down in February of Paul Mackenzie; very best wishes to Paul in his next step, and to Nadine in her new role at Faith for the next 4 terms alongside the excellent work she will continue to do as Head-teacher also of Whitefield Primary School on Boundary Lane.

"Lost Tribe of Everton" play at the Capstone theatre in November

Anyone who revelled in personal memories inspired by the **"Lost Tribe of Everton and Scottie Road"** books penned by Ken Rogers will soon be able to visualise the story in an exciting new format. Ken and local producer Mike Howl are working on a stage play based on the **books, a people's insight into the eventful slum clearance programme that change our district forever from the 1960s onwards. Ken Rogers says: "I very much wanted to use an Everton venue and so we have settled on the Capstone Theatre within Hope University on Shaw**



A woman of China Street scrubbing her steps clean

Street with performances on November 2nd, 3rd, 4th. Classic district archive images and footage of residents talking about life in the old streets will be central to the multimedia format. For more details email kenrogersecho@gmail.com Ticket information will be available in the **next edition of the Everton Telly."**

Some of the activities at WECC
At WECC on Everton Brow there is a sewing group on Wednesdays 12-2.30pm, computer sessions Tues-Thurs 10-12noon, scouse and support on Friday 12-2pm, and Community Bingo for adults on a Friday evening at 7.30pm.

Langrove Story 30 years on
It was in 1987 that the Langrove Houses were saved in a campaign backed by Shelter's Roy Murphy and his boss Sheila McKechnie. In the campaign was a 3 year old Sarah Corbett who on March 23rd won the national Sheila McKechnie award for Economic Justice campaigning for her craftivist (activism through craft) campaign for the Living Wage at Marks and Spencer. Congratulations, Sarah, and best wishes for the next campaign.

Sports News



The West Everton Xavier's, pictured above with the George Mahon trophy which they won last summer, are no more. At the beginning of this season a combination of players moving on to higher clubs, injuries and family commitments meant the team had to finish its great run. Congratulations to all involved, winners of the County Prem as well as the George Mahon Cup.

Best wishes to Toni Duggan continuing her great career at Manchester City Women and hoping for selection for the England squad for the **UEFA Women's Euro 2017 championship** in the summer, and to young boxer Vaughn Gates who at the time of writing is in a national junior semi final bout.