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## “It’s a very dangerous thing.. .....listening.”



What do Father Arthur FitzGerald, Sarah Corbett, John Dumbell and Greta Gerwig (*pictured above, left to right*) have in common?

They all think listening is vital. Dangerous yes because we will learn things, have our mind opened, have fixed views maybe changed. Do we think we know best what someone else wants or needs? What about asking them and listening to them?! In **Everton**, history tells us of **nightmare stories where people weren't listened to**.

John Dumbell, Team leader and Senior Youth worker at the Shewsy, spoke at the West Everton Lunch club on Wednesday March 19th about the importance of listening to **young people**: “**one of the great things about youth work is that it gives young people someone who will listen to them: I love our circle time in the Shewsy Junior Club where the children share good news and are really listened to.**”

Sarah Corbett, born and growing up in Everton has written a book “How to be a **Craftivist: the art of gentle protest**” and one of her points is that we should not only listen to those most affected by an injustice but also to those making the decisions (which can be harder). She will be speaking twice at the Hay literary festival this summer about her book, she was recently highlighted by Amnesty International as a **campaigner for human rights on International Women’s Day**, and her TED talk “**Activism Needs Introverts**” has had 960,000 views so far.

Greta Gerwig at the 2018 Oscars announced with passion “**We need your stories**” and she was nominated for an Oscar as director of the film “**Lady Bird**” which shows a mother and a daughter needing desperately to listen to each other’s words and feelings.

At one of the Newsham and West Everton Lent meetings in March Father Arthur FitzGerald said “**It’s a very dangerous thing... listening. I would hear all these different languages and think “What is happening here?” Then I would listen to the people telling their stories and I would begin to understand as I got to know them.**”

So have a great Easter, and enjoy listening: it is dangerous and life enriching.

# Our beautiful Everton Park



The plaque at the top of Everton Park calls the view across Everton, Vauxhall, out to the Mersey, Wirral, North Wales “the greatest view in Liverpool” and when the snow came in early March the photographers were out again to take pictures like this one (thanks, Carol). It’s great to have our view instead of the Netherfield Brow flats that blocked the view for 20 years, and to have a beautiful park for all ages and characters.

The Land Trust are now no longer working with the City Council and the Friends of Everton Park but discussions will continue about appropriate housing round the edges of the Park. Together we can carry on developing the Park in a way that benefits everyone, local, city-wide and visitors from all corners of the world. This summer there will be plenty of events to maximise the opportunities the Park gives. The Friends of Everton Park website is [www.friendsofevertonpark.org](http://www.friendsofevertonpark.org), e mail [foep10@gmail.com](mailto:foep10@gmail.com) , twitter @FOEP10, and facebook [friendsofevertonpark](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofevertonpark).

## Our not so beautiful new apartment blocks

A recent feature for our area has been the number of blocks of flats being built or half built (*pictured right the abandoned block on Shaw Street*). The many local objections to the number of flats being built on Fox Street and Prince Edwin Street were put to the Council’s Planning Committee but were overridden. More blocks are planned for Fox St, St Anne St, Rose Place, Clegg St. Meanwhile local residents long for more family homes and housing for the elderly. Please listen!



“Step out of the history that is holding you back. Step into the new story you are willing to create.” (Oprah Winfrey)



# Another great birthday for In Harmony Liverpool

On Monday March 12th the Royal Philharmonic Hall on Hope Street welcomed a great audience to enjoy the 9th Birthday Concert of In Harmony Liverpool. It all started in 2009 and has now grown to work with over 860 children and families from Faith Primary School, the Beacon School, Everton Nursery and Family centre and young musicians continuing with



“In Harmony” at secondary schools throughout Liverpool. The concert included solo performances by the children (*see above*) and **by the children’s** orchestra joined by players from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic with artistic director Rod Skipp (*pictured left*) and Alex Dunn conducting. Pieces played included **John Ryan’s Polka**, **C Jam Blues** (D Ellington) and **the finale from Dvorak’s**

New World Symphony. Many congratulations to everyone involved, the Everton String Orchestra, the Everton Children’s Orchestra, guest percussionist Alasdair Malloy, musicians from the Philharmonic Orchestra and all in the In Harmony team. Here’s to the 10th year and the date of next year’s lunchtime concert is Monday March 11th 2019!

## **Help and Advice if you’re struggling to make ends meet**

Available in West Everton Community Council on Everton Brow, in Everton Children’s Centre, in local schools, and in local churches St Anthony’s, St Francis Xavier’s and St Peter’s, is a very helpful, small and very readable fold-out leaflet from the Council called “Help and Advice if you’re struggling to make ends meet”. It includes contacts (0800 456 1523) for emergency money for food and essentials, for furniture, white goods, benefits and debt advice, help with rent and Council tax, information on free school meals, training and work, fuel and energy bills, information on foodbanks, domestic abuse, rough sleeping. So no one is on their own: there is help around.

*“It’s not the absence of fear, it’s overcoming it. Sometimes you’ve got to blast through and have faith.” (Emma Watson)*

## Cryptic Crossword clues

1. Can I be friendly? (7)
2. Photographer of crocodiles? (7)
3. Meadow in pleasant location (3)
4. Partial men rearranged to be elected representatives (10)
5. Lovely dark horse (5,6)

(Answers at foot of page 5)

What goes up but never comes down? (Answer is not "an umbrella up a chimney"!)  
 Your age (thanks Billy T for that good old, very true one)

What is going on here, and where is it? (Answer on page 8)

# Easter

## EASTER WORDSEARCH

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

CROSS  
 EMPTY TOMB  
 THOMAS

PILATE  
 JUDAS  
 HOPE





# Teasers

Gardener's tip: How can you avoid biting insects?

Keep your mouth shut!

A boy drew the word "snow" in the snow with the toe of his boot. A girl came along and added a single letter to make another valid word. The letter was not the letter s to make "snows". So what was the letter the girl added and what was the word she made?

(It's tricky: think laterally or upside down.....)

answer at the foot of this page)

## Local History Corner

Where was this street with its corner shop, and what was "Zebo" that the gable wall is advertising?!

(Answer below, with thanks to Ken Rogers)



**The word in the snow**  
The girl looks at the word upside down and sees "mous" and adds an e to make "mouse".

- Cryptic Crossword clues
1. Amiable.... Am I able...
  2. Snapper
  3. Lea.... In pl-e-a-sant
  4. Parliament (anagram)
  5. Black beauty

**Ken's answer:** Scarlet St off Mansfield St that linked St Anne's St with Soho St. Zebo was a black lead cleaner, used on the old cooking ranges. It also polished up silver though there wasn't much of that in the Everton of the 1930s!

# Shewsy News

## Junior club

Junior club is going very well with between 25-40 children each night from 7 different schools, although our main intake is children who come on the walking bus from Faith Primary and we have recently purchased 40 Hi visibility vests for those children to wear. A coach load of junior members will be going on a day visit to Shrewsbury School in March and everyone is very excited about this: it is the first time junior club members will have visited the school.

## Senior club

Senior club has over 100 registered members and is averaging 40+ young people per night. We are still attracting young people from all over the city in addition to our core of local members. As a team we have decided to reintroduce project night on a Monday with specific learning projects for members.

## The Inbetweenagers club.

The Inbetweenagers club for School Years 6,7,8 is flourishing: every week we are getting new members and are now averaging 35 young people per session.

## Volunteers

For volunteers we now have Sarah Joyce, currently studying at Hope University in Everton and she has settled in to junior club really well, and Charley Hughes has just joined us with a sports coaching background. All volunteers and staff are DBS checked.

## Building, facilities and amenities.

The club décor continues to Improve. This has had a positive impact on members: massive thanks to Dave Hall and the probation team for their continued efforts. Work has been delivered for the improvement of our IT and AV systems. This included 6 new tablets for the members to use for projects and assist with homework. All of this has been grant funded.

## Future plans

I attended the European Network of Youth centres conference in Finland in

February to confirm our membership to the European Network of Youth Clubs. Making links with various different youth organisations from across Europe and learning how they work were major highlights for me. I am really excited



*3 Junior Club members with their christingles at our annual Christingle service in St Peter's in February*

about the prospect of participating in more exchanges and have already been approached by a group in Austria and Slovakia about such possibilities. We continue to build on our relationship with **"Talk about Youth" project in Dublin and Saltney youth council in Wales.** We have also entered a team into the national FA **People's Cup 5 x side football competition** and the annual Shewsy Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 23rd June and, as always, all are welcome.

Much sympathy from us all at the Shewsy to the families and friends of 3 people with strong Shewsy links who have died recently, Joe Walsh, Eddie Cartwright and Margaret Brennan.

Finally a big thanks to the dedicated staff team and especially Sharon Dolby who took on extra responsibility recently and did a great job. 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.

John Dumbell, Team leader

*"We love to learn and we learn to love." (A good motto for a school, youth club, community, church, family?)*

# Churches' News

Good Friday service together  
**At St Peter's on Good Friday March 30th at 11 am there is the St Anthony's, St Francis Xavier's and St Peter's Churches together Good Friday service.** The service will tell the story that led up to that first Good Friday, beginning with an unfair trial at the hands of Pilate and the religious leaders, and then the story of the day itself with dramatic contributions from local people, and the service will answer that puzzling question as to why the unjust, excruciatingly painful and agonising death of an innocent, good man is called "Good" Friday! Pictured right is the scene of the Cross from the excellent animated film "The Miracle Maker": the film's screenplay was written by Murray Watts who spent 3 months in Everton before University and those months inspired Murray to pursue a career in play, TV and film writing.

Churches Joint Lent Evenings  
The Newsham and West Everton Churches (made up of St Francis Xavier's, St Peter's, St Margaret's on Belmont Road, Sacred Heart by the Royal, St John Chrysostom's on Queens Road and St Michael's on West Derby Road) held 4 very thought-provoking evenings in Lent round the different churches on the theme of how we should care for our world, our environment, our community, and each other. The course drew on material linked to Pope Francis "Laudato Si" (Italian for "Praise be to you") with a strong message of our need to care for our common home.

## **Sculptor Stephen Broadbent's evening at St Peter's**

Stephen Broadbent, the sculptor of the David Sheppard-Derek Worlock statue on Hope Street was the speaker at the Churches Together Service in the week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the end of January. He showed images of



some of his sculptures and talked of being Liverpool sculptor Arthur Dooley's apprentice as a 17 year old and how that was so life-changing for him, both in terms of becoming a sculptor and also in his Christian faith and his thinking about the world.

Who was Mary Magdalene?  
With a new film out with Rooney Mara playing Mary Magdalene and Joaquin Phoenix playing Jesus, what do we know about Mary Magdalene? There are 14 references in the gospels, 3 in Matthew, 4 in Mark, 2 in Luke and 5 in John, and only one reference refers to Mary Magdalene before the time of the crucifixion of Jesus. That reference is to her being healed by Jesus.

Then there are 5 references to Mary Magdalene being at the foot of the Cross when Jesus died.

The remaining 8 references are all around Mary being the very first witness to see the risen Jesus on the first Easter Sunday. So there is no evidence in the first century gospels for Mary Magdalene ever having been a prostitute: she is **rather the first witness of Jesus' world-changing resurrection from death.**

*"We do not need magic to change the world: we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better." (J.K.Rowling)*

# Community News

Everton FC in Everton (and the answer to the picture on page 4)

Everton has the distinction of being the birthplace of big time football on Merseyside. In 1879 the committee of **the St Domingo's Methodist Church** football team convened a meeting at the former Queens Head Hotel on Village Street and the new Everton Football Club was born. Dr Mark Adams, lead archaeologist at Liverpool Museum, is pictured on page 4 during the dig to unearth the **site of the Queen's Head Hotel. Now on Spring bank holiday May 28th** Everton FC, working with the Friends of Everton Park and the EFC Heritage Society, are **going to have a special "Everton in Everton" community day based around the 3 key football sites of the iconic tower that is on the club's badge, the adjacent site of the former Everton Toffee shop and the Queens Head site less than 200 yards away. Everton's** community coaching team will work with local young people, the football story of Merseyside will be told, and there will be a stage performance of a new play **further highlighting the club's history.**

Adam Byrne as Billy Albertina

In early March Adam Byrne of Shaw Street played the part of Billy Albertina in **the play by Mike Howl "Cammell Lairds 37: the truth", put on at the Casa, Hope Street.** The play tells the story of the 37 young men (Eddie Kenny incl) who stood up for their jobs, livelihoods and communities in 1984 and endured jail sentences **for their stand. "That's just like my Dad" was an accolade from Billy Albertina's** daughter that Adam especially appreciated as he had spent many hours studying the Granada reports films of the strike and of Billy on those films!

Know your neighbour day

On Saturday April 21st at the **Shewsy and St Peter's on Langrove**

Street there will be a **"Know Your Neighbour" day with the theme of food** and a welcome to people from all parts of the world with young people and families cooking food on site to fit all tastes. For more details ring the Shewsy on 0151 207 0725 or follow the Shewsy on twitter or instagram @TheShewsy.

Great Homer Street District Centre

All but two of the small shopping units have now been taken, with the Crosby owned and national award-winning **Fish and Chip shop "The Good Catch" about to open as one of the** already taken units as is a new Costa coffee shop on the corner.

News from 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. Look out for questionnaires coming round the area **following the "We are West Everton" drop-in sessions, including whether WECC's** site could have supported housing for our elderly, a community hall, meeting **rooms and other ideas in place of WECC's** present building: contact 0151 282 0303.

Sports News

Best wishes to the Stanfield Under 9s with manager John Rugg who are in the Dixie Dean final for the Scotland Road and District League.

And congratulations to Toni Duggan who used to play for the Stanfield in that league for being the player to score the **first goal for England Women's Football** team under new manager Phil Neville.

In Boxing best wishes to Ryan Farrag as his career continues and to Jazza Dickens for his upcoming fight for the British title, and to Kevin Satchell on his retirement from the ring.