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A great play, some tough history, and serious lessons for the future



"The Lost Tribe of Everton & Scottie Road — The Play" attracted sold out audiences in November to the Capstone Theatre on Shaw Street as Ken Rogers and director Mike Howl (*pictured above with the cast*) brought to the stage the emotive themes, challenges and stories of the 1960s to 1980s clearances that changed our Everton district for ever.

Ken, "a proud Everton boy", was delighted to see his former "Lost Tribe" books emerging in a new format. He says, "My books were about the people who survived a remarkable period of community change when the old district was all but wiped out. Down the years Everton has been a bit like one of those defiant old boxing champions, sometimes on the canvas, but always refusing to accept a knockout blow. West Everton typifies the pride and defiance of the people. 'Greasy' has picked itself up and dusted itself down with ongoing regeneration, and Everton Park is a huge local asset, a green oasis where 110 former terraced streets once stood.

"It is what happened in those streets that continues to captivate people because it is about treasured memories. A lady after one show said to me 'You made me laugh and you made me cry. Every ticket should come with a box of tissues'. That was the

best comment anyone could have made." (*Continued on page 2. Frank Kennedy and Geraldine Judge are pictured above left, playing the parts of Billy and his wife Marg.*)



# What is happening with our housing?

A number of blocks of flats have been appearing in our community over recent months and years. Blocks are now on Prince Edwin Street and Fox Street (*pictured right*), and on the corner of College Street North and Shaw Street (*below right*) there stands a block half finished since 2016. To get our housing right, more involvement from the local community is needed. See the serious lesson from the Lost Tribe play below, and the opportunity to have your say through WECC (below).



## Help on offer in West Everton Community Council (WECC) on Everton Brow

In these difficult times for so many with the government cuts, benefit changes, problems with Universal Credit, WECC continues to offer residents a helping hand, especially with Friendly Fridays where there is food, advice, good company and a listening ear. In the New Year there will be every day from 11am-2pm the chance for residents to use the computers, ring freephone advice numbers, take home FareShare food and there may also be some soup! **Watch out for news of a Trussell Trust foodbank in WECC as well. WECC will also run the "We are West Everton" project with the "We make places" group gathering up local residents' ideas on housing and development as well as an Everton Park Sports Centre consultation which closes on January 29th. Do just call in to WECC on Everton Brow, or ring 0151 282 0303, or email Ann Roach on [ann@westevertoncc.co.uk](mailto:ann@westevertoncc.co.uk) .**

## Lost Tribe play, with lessons for the future (continued from p 1)

The play is just the beginning of a broader district memories project with Ken Rogers and the Friends of Everton Park now ready to launch an interactive Community Memory Bank website in 2018 that will help with family history research as well as supporting a complete A-Z photo guide to the old streets. Ken will be undertaking sessions with senior groups and local schools, and will also be touring some of the areas that people were scattered to during the clearances. This project is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund with revenues generated through the National Lottery.

And the serious lessons? There were some haunting moments in the play when local Everton residents were just not listened to by the authorities and the decision-makers. An Everton local Councillor, played by Adam Byrne, repeatedly appealed to the Council and the officials not to destroy the Everton community but sadly his appeal fell on deaf, arrogant, ignorant ears and minds. And we paid the price for that as in the late 1980s and into the 1990s the blocks and maisonettes started to come down and the community was rebuilt, this time thankfully with local residents vitally involved and having a real say in the new housing that was built.

*"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." (African proverb)*



# Two great community Blue Runs



On Friday October 20th and on Sunday November 19th there were two brilliantly supported community runs in memory of Joseph Lappin, tragically killed in Everton in **October 2008. Joseph's mother Toni and the Lappin family supported both occasions**, with the family fun run in October going round the lower end of the park and the Blue Run in November going round the more challenging top park (*runners at the start pictured above in the top park and pictured right are 2 members of one of the winners, the family Roberts*). Many congratulations especially to Friends of Everton Park, WECC, the Shewsy, North Liverpool Academy, Faith Primary School, local boxing clubs, and to all the winners, runners, and supporters.

## **The "Happy Bus", the 101 Bus,** is back on the road

After the agony and the frustration of the 101 Bus, the Happy Bus, also known as "The White Tornado" (!), being taken off our roads by Merseytravel as they tried to adjust to the cuts they have to face, the great news on Monday November 27th was that through the combined efforts of local councillors and residents and vital funding support from **Sainsbury's, Greatie market traders, local Housing associations, businesses and councillors' grants** the 101 Bus was back in action. The service is now a 90 minute service, Monday-Saturday, and timetables are on the bus stops and in the Travel centre and on line. Louise Ellman MP is chairing a review of the funding and route.



## Greaty regeneration....Everton Park Sports Centre?

As Great Homer Street's regeneration continues with the new Notre Dame College building, Greatie market and Sainsbury's being joined by Home and Bargain, B & M, the Gym, and other shopping outlets, Liverpool City Council are now looking for another body to run Everton Park Sports Centre. With the 68% cut to its budget the Council is not able to continue funding the Centre and its excellent swimming pool. In an area where health is an important issue, and when swimming is a key way to improve health through exercise, then it's vital that the decision on who runs the Sports Centre includes making sure there is public and affordable access for all users.

*"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships" (Michael Jordan)*

# Christmas



# All age



## Christmas Wordsearch

Can you find these words?

TURKEY SANTA  
MARY SHEPHERDS  
JOSEPH MAGI  
STAR CAROL



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What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite!



What happened to the person who stole an Advent Calendar?

*They got 25 days, or 24 days, depending on the judge and the calendar!*



## Quiz time: How well do you know Merseyside?

Solve these clues to find 9 local places

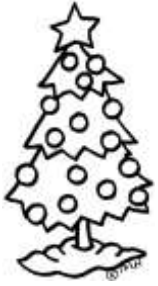
1. A bad tempered insect
2. Direction meets horse race
3. Gnarled tree
4. An over the hill bird
5. **Hurry, it's a foot complaint**
6. Healthy timber`
7. Infant before a barrier
8. Communicate
9. Body of water just misses out on a medal

with thanks to Kevin Kirby of Everton Development Trust  
(Answers at foot of page opposite)



# fun and games

So what are some of the messages of the original Christmas?!



1. Well the baby Jesus wasn't born in a palace, was he? If there is a God, and God was in Jesus, then God is a humble God, for all, identifying with those having a tough time or being excluded.
2. The first people to visit were working shepherds on a night watch: this is a Messiah for people who were sometimes ignored and pushed to the edges by the authorities.
3. And the next visitors were Magi, or Wise people, from the East. **So this Saviour is for all people, all nations. And Matthew's gospel says there were 3 gifts not 3 Magi, and so there could have been more Magi than 3, they weren't kings, and women may well have been in the travelling group too.**



## Local History Corner

How many tower blocks and streets can you name from this aerial picture, looking across our West Everton area towards the Catholic Cathedral in the top right corner of the picture?



**Quiz time answers:** 1. Crosby 2. West Derby 3. Knotty Ash 4. Old Swan 5. Runcorn 6. Halewood 7 Childwall 8. Speke 9. Seaford. **Local History Corner:** Too many streets to mention, but Corinth, Seacombe, Edinburgh, Ellison, Milburn, Brynford, the Braddocks, St George's, Mazzini, Garibaldi, Cavour, John F Kennedy, Netherfield, Brow, Canterbury, Haig, Crosbie are some of the tower blocks....

# Shewsy News

Here is my first chance in the **Everton Telly to tell you about how it's** all going in the Shewsy. I took over from Dave Brereton (Breo) in August and **time flies when you're having fun.**

Our staff team is myself as Team leader, with sessions from Frank Kenny, Sharon Dolby, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Jade Dumbell, Julie Fitzpatrick, Dean Williamson, Daisy Gill, Selma Brown, Thomas Butler, Lisa Dumbell, Henry Corbett, some paid sessions, some voluntary, with ancillary staff Roy McGaw and Lorraine Mangan. John Hutchison is chair of our Board of Management and I report to them 5 times a year at their meetings and once a year to our Members at our annual meeting. If you would be interested in helping

voluntarily in the Shewsy, do get in touch and we organise the needed DBS (CRB) checks and I will provide an induction and support. We also need a treasurer with Fran Croft stepping down after doing a fantastic job as our treasurer over many years. Thanks, Fran, for all you have given to the club as treasurer, helper, a club member back in the 70s, and do keep in touch.

The building has needed some work on it, with a fresh coat of paint, CCTV updated, and many thanks to Dr Simon Abrams for a table tennis (still v popular) table to replace an old one.

Junior Club averages around 35 children each evening, and it was great to see so many junior members taking part in the Blue Run. The Halloween party had over 50 young people loving the food, decorations, games and many

thanks to the local volunteers who helped.

In Senior Club we took 45 members to Blackpool in September and 40 to Widnes ice rink in October, and we have **introduced an "Inbetweenages" club** for school years 6,7,8 with 25 attending.

We continue to maintain our link with Shrewsbury School and we had an under 14 match at the school (*teams pictured below*) which the Shewsy won 10-1. Josef Rooney scored 4!



**Now it's Christmas parties for Junior and Senior Club, a nativity play by the Junior Club, and a rest after Christmas.**

Our Shewsy Archive Team, with Sam Perry, Harry Whittaker and George Marsden, continues to meet each Friday morning in the club from 10.30am-12.30pm, and any ex club member is always very welcome to call in.

And into 2018 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 Inbetweenages on Thursday 6-8pm. Do give the club a ring 0151 207 0725 if you want more details. We are also on Twitter and Instagram @the Shewsy.

I hope you all have a great Christmas and a very happy New Year!

*John Dumbell, Team leader*

*"We must combine the toughness of the serpent with the softness of the dove. A tough mind and a tender heart."*

*Martin Luther King*



# Churches' News

## Christmas services

For Christmas services do contact St Sylvester's on 0151 207 0177, St Francis Xavier's 0151 298 1911, or St Peter's 0151 207 1948. St Anthony's Christmas Eve Mass is 8pm and Christmas Day 9.30am, SFX Christmas Eve Family Mass at 6pm and "Midnight" Mass at 9pm, and Christmas Day 10.15am. The St Peter's Carol Service will be on Sunday December 17th at 6.30pm with well known carols, children's nativity play, Christmas message, with mince pies afterwards, and Christmas Day service is 11.30am.

A faith that makes sense & inspires?

Over 20 people attended one or more of the 3 week course sessions led by Henry Corbett in St Peter's on Wednesday evenings in October on questions people have about belief. There were film clips from Hacksaw Ridge, Selma, American Beauty, Good Morning Vietnam, and the opportunity for some excellent honest discussion about having a view of life that really does make sense of available evidence and can inspire us.

## 500th anniversary of Luther's theses

On Sunday evening October 15th at an event in St Peter's set up by the Newsham and West Everton Churches Dr Gergely Juhasz, a Roman Catholic Senior Lecturer in Theology at Hope University, spoke of how Martin Luther (pictured right) was right in 1517 to point out that the Church of that time was getting wrong the



true gospel of God's grace, offered freely to everyone. It was a very enjoyable evening as Gergely shared the history of Luther's life and answered questions.

## Christian Unity in the New Year

On Sunday evening January 21st 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 Peter's. The speaker will be Stephen Broadbent, an internationally known sculptor from Liverpool, who will be speaking about his famous sculpture of David Sheppard and Derek Worlock on Hope Street (pictured below), his own faith, and how he



expresses that in his sculptures. Everyone is welcome, and then in Lent there will be Churches together Lent groups meeting around the churches.

Thanks, Mike Sedgwick

For many years Mike Sedgwick has written on this page about his Christian faith and how God offers forgiveness, help, hope and eternal life. Mike also used to take the Everton Telegraph round the old John F Kennedy Heights. Now with his health not so good, he is laying down his pen. But feel free to continue to pass in ideas and quotes, Mike, and even those jokes that used to wind up your nieces Jade and Beth. And many thanks for all the columns here in the Everton Telegraph, much appreciated.

"Beware of attitudes which try to make God smaller than the God who has revealed himself in Jesus."  
(Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1961-1974)

# Community News



Whitechapel Christmas opening

The Centre on Langsdale Street will be open as usual over the Christmas and New Year period, offering food, housing advice, fun activities as always. For more details do contact the centre on 0151 207 7617 or at the website [www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk](http://www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk).

In Harmony 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert, Tickets are now on sale for the annual In Harmony Birthday Concert for Monday 12 March 2018, 1.30pm, at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, celebrating 9 years of music making in our community. Children from Faith Primary School, the Beacon Primary School, as well as secondary school aged performers will be joined on stage by musicians from Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. Tickets are free but must be booked via Liverpool Phil Box Office, [www.liverpoolphil.com](http://www.liverpoolphil.com) or call 0151 709 3789.

From 3 year old campaigner to....

Aged 3 Sarah Corbett was there in the Langrove Action campaign in the late 1980s to save the 30 4 bed Langrove, Arkwright, Rose Vale houses. Now 30 years on she has written her **2nd book "How to be a Craftivist: the art of gentle protest"** and her TED talk has been viewed by over 580,000! Craftivism is activism through craft.

Everton Cat Watch

Everton Catch Watch have had **350 stray cats reported.** "We're so grateful for residents' input in helping us track stray cats. Once we know where they

are we can target our neutering work to **keep numbers down"** says Rachele Follini, Cat Protection Officer.

Faith Primary School

Faith Primary School now has a new modern library with a large stock of new books. Many of the parents now enjoy library sessions at the weekly Reading Cafe with their children. There is also a new 4D immersive room for **creative inspiration: it's a multi-sensory room, a quiet retreat, a screening room and cinema and a media studio. It's a magical experience for the children!**

SPORTS NEWS

Pictured above are the Stanfield Under 8 footballers in the front row with **the Everton first team squad on a day's** visit to Finch farm in October: a great day for the young lads who continue to do well under the management of Lee McArdle and John Dumbell.

Congratulations to the Salisbury Boxing Club on Langsdale Street on having 4 boxers Ryan McEvoy, Vaughn Gates, Reece Sloan and Ryan Dickens all through to the national schools ABA finals in December. Best wishes to professional boxers Ryan Farrag and Jazza Dickens in their challenges in 2018.

And Toni Duggan has made a great **start with Barcelona Women's football** team, scoring goals for fun, and many thanks, Toni, for the tickets for the group from the Shewsy who went to see you score a great goal for England **against Russia at Tranmere's Prenton** Park in a World Cup qualifier.