

## Congratulations, Dot Serving our community for 32 years

Many congratulations to Dot Cunningham for being shortlisted for an award from the Liverpool Archdiocese for her work. Dot Cunningham first worked at the Friary Primary School on Everton Brow in 1987 as the part-time secretary. She then became full-time and now has the title of Business Manager at Faith Primary School which succeeded the Friary in 2004. All that time she has been the friendly, welcoming face for visitors, parents, carers, staff, governors and above all to the children. "My time has been an absolute pleasure. I've loved every day and it's never seemed just like work.



*Dot pictured above with children Stephanie, Chloe and Sean on a Healthy Eating day (just a few years ago!)*

"I have met so many nice people and so many beautiful children. They have embraced me and I have embraced them. It's been like an extended family for me.

"And I love this Everton community. I was born in Rose Vale in Everton and there is still that special community spirit here. Some have difficult times but there is always the offer of support." And you have been a great part of that support. Thanks so much, Dot.



What is special remarkable, and historic about this picture ?(left)

*Answer on page 5*

# Greaty's NSPCC Services on offer

Alex Modder and Nicky Mitchell (*pictured right*) of the NSPCC spoke at the recent West Everton Lunch club and have **sent this note:** "Here at your local NSPCC centre on Great Homer Street, we run 4 services for local children and their families.

"Our newest service is called '**Reflective Fostering**' which is a training package for local foster carers who are **caring for Liverpool's looked after children.**

"We have another new service called '**Positive Pathways**' which is a short-term piece of work on something that the child wants to change in their lives. The child identifies a goal they wish to work with and our workers (with the help of parents/carers/teachers or anyone else the child feels can help them!) will assist the child achieve their goal.

"Additionally, we work directly with Liverpool's looked after children and their parents and carers, through a service called '**Life Story Work**' which helps children to understand their life story and the reasons they are in care.

"We also have a service called '**Protect & Respect**' which offers long term support to children aged between 11-19 years old who have been sexually exploited. We build relationships with children that can help them to deal with the abuse they have experienced as well as practical issues, such as police investigations and moving on with their lives. We can also offer support to their parents and carers.

"Finally, **childline** are also based at the centre and offer support and advice to children on 0800 111 or at [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk). Similarly, Helpline provides help and advice to adults worried about a child. They can be contacted on 0808 800 500 or **online.**"



## Car parking on Soho Street



The picture left shows the problem for residents of Soho Street, Springfield and Trinity Walk with cars parking up to avoid city centre charges and blocking spaces for local residents. The problem has spread to all streets between Islington and Everton Brow. Funding for the much needed Residents Only parking scheme was promised as part of the planning approval for the developments in nearby Fox Street but that money has not been paid. The Council are still looking to put a scheme in place once funding is found.

**"Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." (St Francis of Assisi)**

# Happy 10th birthday for In Harmony Liverpool

In Harmony Liverpool started in Everton at Faith Primary School in 2009 with 84 children and now there are over 1500 children involved across Everton and Anfield. On March 11th there was a great celebration concert (*pictured right*): Zoe Armfield of In Harmony writes: "Over the 10th Birthday weekend in March we saw 504 young musicians perform to over 4380 people in the audience at Philharmonic Hall plus 85,000 who streamed the Birthday Concert live on the internet."



## Many thanks to Rod Skipp off to New Zealand

Rod Skipp (*pictured below*) has been a great part of the In Harmony story, but this summer is leaving to lead Sistema Aotearoa, a similar style programme to In Harmony based in Auckland. Rod writes: "It has been a very difficult decision for me and it is with sadness that I will be leaving my role as Artistic Director of In Harmony Liverpool to move with my family back to Auckland, New Zealand. It has been an honour and a privilege to work with so many children and families to create such wonderful opportunities through In Harmony over the last



10 years. I have learnt a great deal from you all, and the sense of pride, care, respect and connection within your great community will stay with me forever. I will look on with fondness and interest from afar, and am grateful to have had the opportunity to have been a part of so many wonderful people's lives. My work with In Harmony is one of my proudest achievements, and I look forward to seeing it continue to flourish in Everton and Anfield for many years to come. As we say in New Zealand - Kia Kaha (stay strong) and Arohanui (Big Love)."

## *The true local story of a young girl and a heroin addict*

*It was the back kitchen of a house in Everton. A young man was sitting having a chat with a friend: sadly the young man had got caught up in heroin addiction and was finding it hard to get clean. He had run up debts to his dealers and when he had not produced the money he had been beaten up.*

*The young girl walked in to get something out of the fridge, "Alright, girl," said the heroin addict. "I'm sorry I look like this. You just make sure you keep away from the ——— drugs I got caught up in. And how are you doing in school..... That's great, you keep going at that."*

*And the young girl learnt 2 things she never forgot: 1. to keep away from heroin, cocaine, other highly addictive drugs 2. that heroin addicts are not just "smackheads" but can be thoughtful, kind people open to change.*

*"Life is like a trumpet: if you don't put anything into it you won't get anything out of it." (William C. Handy, musician)*

## Liverpool Quiz

*(with thanks to Kevin Kirby)*

1. Which famous Liverpool engineer invented goal-nets and has an avenue named after him?
2. Where would you find the mast from Brunel's ship The SS Great eastern?
3. What is Molly Bushell famous for?
4. Which famous silent movie star is said to have attended St Francis Xavier's School?
5. What is 8,Brougham terrace famous for (and it's not about births, marriages..)
6. Two Doctor Who actors hail from Liverpool. Can you name them?
7. Which Oscar-winning actress made her professional stage debut at Liverpool's Royal Court Theatre in 1957?

*(Answers at foot of page 5)*

# Easter

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## Local History Corner

**Where was this street and does anyone recognise the 4 children?**

The photograph was taken in the mid 1950s by resident Patrick Dutton who brilliantly captured local community street life with his tiny box camera.

*(Answer at foot of page 5, with thanks to Ken Rogers)*



2 people play chess 5 times. They each get the same number of wins and there are no draws. How come?

They are not playing each other but other people.

# Teasers



So what is special, remarkable, and historic about this picture ?

**Clue: It's to do with the size of the crowd and the scorer of the goal. (Answer below)**

Some teasers with no clear answer?!

Does the dog bring back the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?

Which letter is silent in the word "Scent"? The "S" or the "c"?

If poison is past its expiry date is it more poisonous or no longer poisonous? (Don't risk it!)

Trying to lose a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win it?

## Answers

Special, remarkable, historic...? The picture shows Toni Dugan of Upper Butte St in Everton scoring the 2nd goal for Barcelona Women in against Atletico Madrid Women in front of a record club crowd for a women's match of 60,000 in March.

Liverpool Quiz answers: 1. John Brodie 2. Outside the Kop at Anfield 3. She was the real Everton Toffee woman 4. Charlie Chaplin 5. It was the site of the first mosque in Britain 6. Tom Baker and Paul McGann 7. Judi Dench

Local History Corner: Pat Bradley (nee Dutton) is pictured in the former Carson Street off 'Rossy' in 1955 with Celia and Flossie Daley. Pat thinks the boy on the bike is Joey Lloyd (?). This is just one of Patrick Dutton's wonderful glimpses into the past. To see all of the images go online to [www.lostribeofeverton.com](http://www.lostribeofeverton.com) and put Carson into the street search. This site now has over 1,000 local Everton & Scottie Road images.

# Shewsy News



The Junior Club had a visit to Shewsy School in March (*pictured above and in a craft activity pictured below*), a great day out much enjoyed by children, helpers and those at the school.

Senior Club has been having excellent numbers with regularly over 60 young people a night and some really good youth work taking



place. There have been residential in Skipton, Yorkshire where we will be electing our Shewsy Club Youth Council and then to Dublin in April on what could be the last exchange programme due to funding from the European Union stopping if Brexit (ever) happens. We have also started up Friday sessions every other week and over 50 young people have been coming. Discussion groups continue and we have had ex club member and Arkwright St resident Daniel Ching, now with Merseyside police, Dean Coady, an ex paratrooper who delivered a workshop on the dangers of gang crime and illegal drugs involvement, and Alison White, Bishop of Hull and her husband Frank who is also a Bishop, making them

the only married couple of Bishops on the planet!

Through the EIYF (Early Intervention Youth Fund) we have been able to make Michael Duffy up to full-time as a youth worker for the next 12 months. The EIYF programme is underway on a Tuesday evening and Friday morning with good links with 2 schools involved in the programme.

On Saturday April 6th we had **another "Good Neighbours Day"** in the Shewsy, enjoying the increasing diversity of our community and of our membership in the club, with different meals from different countries to enjoy and great stories and customs to share. We are so much the better for such sharing.

Much sympathy from us all at the Shewsy to the families and friends of 2 people with strong Shewsy links who have died recently, Ronnie MacGregor and Kenny Wignall.

And finally a big thanks to the dedicated staff team and especially to our volunteers Becky McCabe, Thomas Butler, Emmie Templeton and Svenja Deckers who has come on a placement from Germany. 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

*"People matter more than things" (still the Shewsy club motto)*

# Churches' News

Good Friday service together

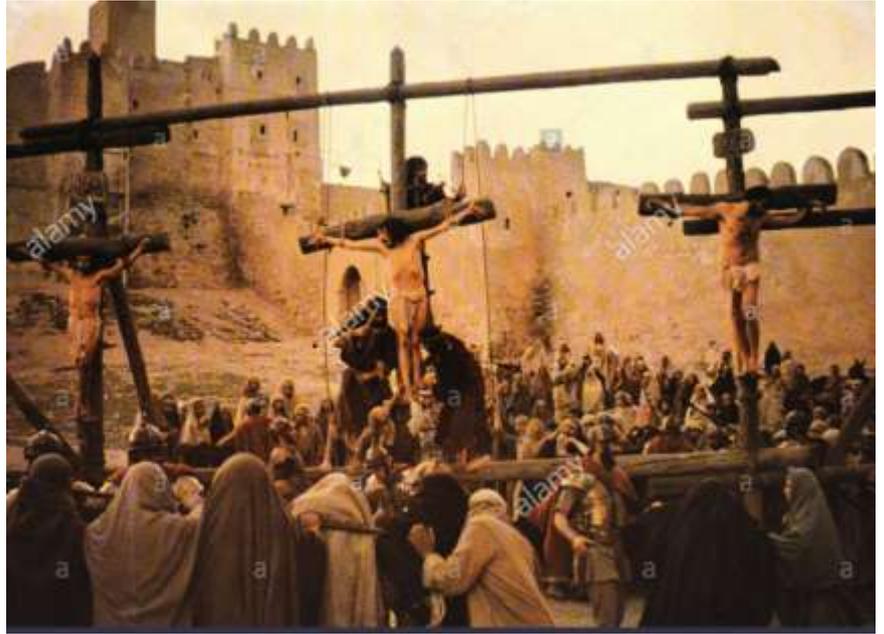
## At St Peter's on Good Friday

April 19th at 11 am there is the **St Anthony's, St Francis Xavier's and St Peter's Churches together**

Good Friday service open to all.

This is a very special service in the year as the dramatic story is told of Jesus of Nazareth being stitched up by the authorities with the help of a betrayer, a weak Roman procurator Pilate and the plotting religious leaders. And the service also tells of the significance of this historic day, a day of sorrow and injustice and also a day where Jesus is showing

the character of a God who identifies with victims and wins a great victory as the resurrection of Easter Sunday shows. Pictured is the scene of the Cross from **Franco Zeffirelli's film "Jesus of Nazareth"** showing the very public nature of that first Good Friday.



Churches Joint Lent Evenings

## "The Mystery of God" was the title of

the Lent course that the Newsham and West Everton Churches enjoyed over 5 Wednesday evenings in March and April.

The course looked at questions about good and evil, suffering, relationships and reconciliation and love and sacrifice and over 30 different people attended as the course moved round the churches of **St Peter's on Langrove St, Sacred Heart by the Royal, St John Chrysostom's on Queens Rd, St Margaret's on Belmont Rd and St Francis Xavier's on Langsdale St.**

The course included stories old and new and good discussions were had by all, **with the underlying mystery being God's love that gives free will and keeps on loving and being willing to forgive....**

## St Anthony's no longer always open

It was a sad day in February when **St Anthony's had to change its long-**

standing policy of being open during the **day because of misuse of the church's facility by some on illegal drugs. A sad day and as organist and St Anthony's historian Michael O'Neill commented "If the church could be open every day during the Second World War why can't it be open now. But everyone has said that the closure (apart from service times and by arrangement) is the responsible thing to do for now. We don't see it as a permanent thing."**

## Music evenings at SFX and St Peter's

On Sunday evening March 24th the Angel Field festival of Hope University came to **St Peter's with music from the Kerem Quartet** and on Thursday evening **March 28th to St Francis Xavier's Church** with a programme of South American music. Two much appreciated evenings.

A great service for Fr Kevin Kelly

In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity there was a very moving service attended by over 70 people in **St Francis Xavier's Church to celebrate the life and writings of Fr Kevin Kelly**, priest for many years in Vauxhall, supporter of many West Everton campaigns and lecturer at Hope University. A man of much wisdom.

*"People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. That is how character is built." (Eleanor Roosevelt)*

# Community News

## Fox Street problems

There have been very serious problems with some of the new apartments on Fox Street with residents possibly needing to find alternative accommodation very quickly. The Council and Fire and Rescue officers have been doing all they can to support the residents, some of whom are international students, and keep them safe.

Congratulations, Mikey

Mikey Collins of Marathon Close off Everton Road and once a member of the Parents and Toddlers group meeting in the Shewsy over 20 years ago was cast as a goalkeeper in the recently released film **"The Keeper" about Bert Trautmann. "I loved the film and Mikey had a great part and I'm very proud of all the hard work he has put in to get such a part",** says his mother Maureen.

Friends of Everton Park

The Community Garden on Prince Edwin Street is in action Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons with everyone welcome and 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). Watch out for great summer events coming up in the park.

## Everton Children's Centre

On May 1st 9-11am there is an open **coffee morning at Everton Children's Centre** on Spencer Street about the **Women's Organisation's "Change it: progress to success" 5 week free programme:** more info from 0151 233 1969.

Trussell Trust Foodbank at WECC

There is now a weekly Trussell Trust food bank at West Everton Community Council on Everton Brow alongside other food banks across the city. Friendly Fridays are still a great place for support and friendship and there is a CAB (Citizens advice bureau) drop-in session every Tuesday at 12.30-**3.30pm. WECC's** contact number is 0151 282 0303.

## "Care" up for a TV Bafta

The BBC 1 drama "Care" filmed last year on Robsart St, Conway St, Langrove St among other Merseyside sites and starring Alison Steadman, Sheridan Smith, Sinead Keenan, and written by Jimmy McGovern and Gillian Jukes has been nominated for a TV Bafta for a single drama: a moving story about a **mother's struggle with mental health and her daughters' fight for quality support.**

Liverpool 5: Salt of the Earth

Bill Booth has written a book about his childhood in Liverpool 5 with stories from the 1950s and 1960s and the proceeds of the book are going to charity. Ms Williams appointed Headteacher



At Faith Primary School Sarah Williams (*pictured*) has been appointed Headteacher for this September. The School achieved a **"Good with outstanding features"** from Ofsted in the inspection just before Christmas, and is also up for awards from the Liverpool Archdiocese for Governing Body of the Year and the

Inclusion Award.

## Sports News

Congratulations to the Stanfield Under 9s with managers John Dumbell and Lee McArdle for getting to a final and being runners-up in the Scotland Road league and to **St Sebastian's open age** team managed by Neil Jones for getting to the National Christian Cup final in May for the second year running after their **win at Blackburn's Ewood Park last year.**

And best wishes to Jazza Dickens in that tough sport of boxing for his fight at featherweight at the Liverpool Olympia on April 19th in a Commonwealth Title eliminator.