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What are Sean Bean and Anna Friel doing in Everton?



Sean Bean is pictured above in St Francis Xavier's Church in November as he plays the part of a priest in a 6 part series that will be shown on BBC 1 this coming spring. The series has been created by Jimmy McGovern and produced by Colin McKeown of LA Productions based just up the road in Kirkdale. The series is called "Broken" and also features Anna Friel as a mother trying to cope with looking after her children in a very difficult situation. Other episodes deal sensitively with issues such as gambling and mental health, and at the heart of it all is Father Michael Kerrigan, played by Sean Bean with our local priest at St Francis Xavier's Denis Blackledge as his religious advisor.

Producer Colin McKeown writes: "it is a six part state of the nation drama, written, shot and produced in Liverpool but generically set in the northwest to avoid any unnecessary bad depictions of our fair city." (continued on page 2)

Help with the impact of benefit changes

Jane Corbett and Huyton-born Colin McKeown (*pictured right*) spoke at the West Everton Lunch Club on November 30th about the impact of benefit changes and the upcoming series "Broken" (see front page and below). Jane explained the Liverpool City Council's very difficult situation with 58% cuts to their budget, and that % is likely to rise next year.

For support to do with the benefit changes there is the Council Benefit Maximisation Service (BMS) with freephone number 0800 028 3697 (free from landline or mobile), and a non freephone number 0151 233 3009. If you are affected by the benefit changes and the benefit cap do ring the BMS number.

For anyone with problems related to not getting sufficient money/income to pay for food, heating, furniture, there is the City Council's Liverpool Citizens Support Scheme (LCSS) which may be able to help: their number is freephone 0800 456 1523, and non freephone 0151 233 3053.

The Council have set aside funds to the end of March 2017 to help with urgent needs. Whether they will have money after that will depend on the Government.



Sean Bean, Anna Friel and Paula Malcomson in **Jimmy McGovern's "Broken"** (continued from page 1)



Colin McKeown adds: "Broken is a drama series which has taken many decades to write and therefore it's charged with the sort of passion and commitment that only Jimmy McGovern can write. I am of course proud that my company LA Productions in Kirkdale have created a first class production that I believe will bring great credit to everyone who has helped is **bring it to the screen.**" And consultant Fr Denis at SFX says: "**Apart from** nine full twelve hour days of filming in St Francis

Xavier church itself, it has meant visits to sets in a warehouse in Bootle, a mortuary, and St Vincent's church near Chinatown, plus a funeral home! The series centres on the personal struggles of individuals, facing tough experiences in their lives. What makes the stories so heartfelt and moving is the compassionate way the Fr Michael character deals with each individual, including the stress on the priest as a human being with his own struggles. What impressed me with the directors and crew was their desire always to be as authentic as possible in portraying services in church, especially the celebration of the **Eucharist. I'm very much looking forward to seeing the whole series myself.**"

So do watch out for notice of when it will be on, probably around March, April 2017.

"It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves" (Sir Edmund Hilary, climber of Mount Everest)

"If music be the food of love play on"

Thanks to In Harmony Liverpool music-playing is still alive and well for the children of Everton. In September, Faith Primary School hosted a visit from Labour Party Leader, Jeremy Corbyn, alongside local MP and Metro Mayor candidate Steve Rotherham. Jeremy and Steve met the young musicians, listened to a short concert, and even joined in with a **performance of "D String Rock"**!



Also in September, Faith Primary School welcomed world-renowned violinist James Ehnes, who performed for and with the Year 3 pupils (pictured above).

In November, In Harmony Liverpool was delighted to welcome Nicola Benedetti, world-famous violinist, to Everton. Nicola visited children from all classes at Faith Primary School and Beacon Primary School. The children were amazed by her playing and loved asking her lots of questions.

In Harmony Liverpool is already preparing for their next Birthday Concert, celebrating 8 Years of music making in Everton, and taking place at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on Monday 20th March at 1.30pm. Tickets are available now at www.liverpoolphil.com. **As Shakespeare said, "If music be the food of love, play on"!**

Free Computer Courses

Everton Development Trust (EDT) offers a variety of IT courses suitable for all abilities.

For Beginners, if you have never used a computer, learn how to use a mouse and keyboard, search for items on the internet, book trains, holidays, download music free of charge, send and receive e mails, and avoid scams and be safe from viruses.

For the more experienced, learn how to use Excel, powerpoint, and to build your own website.

For employment and further training, learn how to search for jobs, develop an electronic CV, successfully complete the online application process for Project Jennifer regeneration scheme job opportunities.

All courses take place at EDT's training centre at 98, Great Homer Street, L5 3LF. The courses are run on a drop-in basis so that you can pick the times and days to suit you. You can learn at your own pace, and EDT's tutors are all fully qualified and will support you all the way to support your goals. It's a great opportunity to learn new skills. For more information telephone or e mail Bernard Jordan 0151 298 2478 or e mail at Bernard.jordan@edt.org.uk

Post-truth the new word for 2016? Not a good sign.....

In a year that has seen the Brexit campaign with all its untrue misleading slogans, the Presidential election in America with outrageous claims and counter claims, Oxford Dictionaries announced its international word for the year is "post-truth".

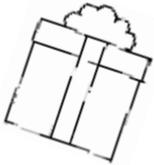
Well, truth matters. None of us have the complete truth, but that does not mean that anyone's "truth" is as good as anyone else's. In sport, in life, in relationships, in phone scams, truth matters. Hillsborough showed that, honesty demands that.

Christmas



All age

Christmas Story Wordsearch



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

Can you find these words?

MARY SHEPHERDS
 JOSEPH MAGI
 INN HEROD
 STABLE JESUS

What do you call a cat in the desert?

Sandy Claws



What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck up a chimney?



Claustrophobia

Quiz time

1. Whose name can be seen on Langrove Street and they have just produced a "tremendous" performance, aged 80, as King Lear?
2. In an episode of the Simpsons in the year 2000, who does Lisa takes over from as the first female president? The episode's writer Dan Greaney said "What we needed was for Lisa to have problems that were beyond her grasp".
3. Who were the first 2 Premier League clubs to pay the living wage?
4. Who won the Nobel prize in literature in 2016?
5. What board game started in India, helps Nicola Adams with her boxing, and teaches planning, attack and defence, and being objective?

fun and games



Where is this oasis of a garden?



See below under answers

Some good serious reading

Sir Mark Hedley (pictured below) of Everton Road has a book out, "The Modern Judge", sub-titled "Power, Responsibility and Society's Expectations". The book reflects on his time as a Judge and the many aspects of that role and the issues that face judges today. "There is much in this fascinating, humane and insightful book from which all of us, judges, lawyers and lay people alike can learn and benefit" says Sir James Munby, President of the Family Division.



Local History Corner

Do you recognise the lady on the left, back in Everton for a visit after many years?



Quiz answers: 1. Glenda Jackson, who officially opened the Langrove Houses after they had been saved and renovated and who played the part of King Lear at London's Old Vic theatre in November this year 2. Yes, you guessed it, Donald Trump. 3. Chelsea and Everton 4. Bob Dylan 5. Chess. **Local History Corner:** it's the Headteacher of the old Prince Edwin Street School. **The oasis of a garden?** In Ebor lane off Prince Edwin Street.

Shewsy News

Since its beginning in 1903 the 'Shewsy' has provided the young people of Everton with life-changing opportunities. From camping trips in Shropshire fields in the early 1900s to expeditions to Malawi in 2016 (*pictured below is the group in Malawi*) the club



has come a long way since its humble beginnings above a disused pub on Mansfield Street. In July of this year five members of the club, Jess, Ellie, Becca, Courtney and Chelsea, joined with a group from Shrewsbury School on the Medic Malawi Expedition. Led by youth worker Julie Fitzpatrick, the five fundraised for 18 months to raise the necessary amount for the expedition. This was an amazing experience for our club members and our thanks to those at the school for enabling this once in a life time experience. We hope to be able to offer the Malawi Expedition to current members in the future.

The club currently has just over 200 members aged 5-19 and we operate a service 4 evenings per week and we have recently been providing balanced meals for the children by engaging local volunteers to prepare nutritional food for members for each session.

Club members participated in an exchange trip to Ireland in November

with the Talk About Youth Project based in Dublin. We have collaborated with this group several times during the last couple of years and have fostered a great working relationship with them. Club members gave an excellent account of themselves and enthusiastically engaged in the outdoor activities and Human Rights workshops.

It is always pleasing to hear positive comments about the Shewsy from parents, supporters and stakeholders. To be in the position to offer life-changing opportunities and to witness young people acquire and utilise often latent talents is immensely rewarding and worthwhile.

Funding for the club is something we always have to keep an eye on, as the days have sadly gone when Liverpool City Council would support the wages of the Team leader, the assistant youth worker and offer a maintenance grant to help with running costs. So the sponsored walk on 22nd September undertaken by Shewsy School pupils, staff and our club staff has raised much needed funding for the club.

Our Shewsy Archive Team, with Sam Perry, Harry Whittaker and George Marsden, continues to meet each Friday morning in the club from 11am-1pm, and any ex club member is very welcome to call in (whether they have some old pictures which Sam could copy and give back or not!).

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. Do give the club a ring 0151 207 0725 if you want more details. We are also on Twitter and Instagram @the Shewsy.

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Dave "Breo" Brereton, Team leader

Almost all injustice comes from the sense that some people are worth more than others.

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 Sylvester's 0151 207 0177, St Francis Xavier's 0151 298 1911, or St Peter's 0151 207 1948.

"How can You Believe That?"

22 people attended one or more of the 3 week course led by Henry Corbett in St Peter's on Wednesday evenings in November on some of the questions people have about Christian belief. There was honest discussion, some film clips and input about science, suffering, the historical evidence for Jesus, the wrongs done in the name of religion, etc. We all have a belief or view about life: the question is does it make sense of life and the available evidence?

Christian Unity in the New Year

On Sunday evening January 22nd at 6pm there will be a Newsham and West Everton Churches together service in the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Hope at Everton's campus on Shaw Street. Everyone is welcome, and then in Lent there will be Churches together Lent groups meeting around the churches.

Many thanks, Father Liam

With Fr Gordon Abbs not in the end coming to St Sylvester's parish a big thanks to Fr Liam Collister for stepping in and helping out until the end of January 2017. News of a new priest for the 3 churches of St Anthony's, Our Lady Immaculate and Our Lady's Eldon Street will hopefully be announced in the new year.

No drugs money to the churches

Careless, untrue words from a barrister in court led to a headline in the Echo about drugs money coming to St Francis Xavier's and St Peter's Churches and to Shrewsbury House. No such money was received or would be received in such circumstances, and the Echo did publish a letter saying that.

Congratulations Billy Bradshaw



Congratulations to long-standing and stalwart St Peter's Church member, Billy Bradshaw, for winning "Volunteer of the year award" at the Rotunda Community College on Great Mersey Street where Billy, once of Netherfield Brow, has been helping out for many years. Billy also won an award many years ago for caring for his mother Ginny so well.

Is there room in our inn?

The story of the innkeeper who couldn't find room in his inn for the birth of Jesus is a familiar one at Christmas and he often receives criticism in nativity plays. However he may not have been a particularly hard-hearted man but simply someone who was pre-occupied with his guests and all the things he had to do at a busy time.

Christmas can be a busy time for us with all the preparations to make and the celebrations to enjoy. The innkeeper couldn't find room in his inn for the birth of Jesus, God's Son, who later died on a cross to offer us all new life both here and in heaven. Have we got room in our heart for Him?

Wishing you peace at this special time of year

Mike Sedgwick

We can't change the past, but we can use it to create a better future.

Community News

Freedom of the City for Whitechapel



On October 5th Chief Executive David Carter received the Freedom of the City award for the Whitechapel Centre from Lord Mayor Roz Gladden (*pictured above*): a brilliant reward for **all the Whitechapel's great work**. The Centre on Langsdale Street will be open as usual over the Christmas period, offering food, housing advice, fun activities as always. For more details do contact the centre 0151 207 7617 or at website www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk.

Everton Park Fun Run

Congratulations to everyone who organised and took part and supported the Blue Run in memory of Joseph Lappin on Friday October 14th in Everton Park. Winners were Peter Spellman, Vicky Dee (over 18s), Mikey Moore, Demi Murphy (12-18s), Reuben McNeil and Alexis Davis (under 12s) and many others all contributed to a great day attended by Toni Lappin.

Project Jennifer and Sainsbury's

Sainsbury's will open spring 2017, and recruitment will start with an event in the week beginning January 9th in Everton Park Sports Centre, with roles including bakers, administration, catering, customer service. More details from Liverpool in Work, tel 0151 233 1933 or liverpoolinwork@liverpool.gov.uk Other retailers are Home Bargains, and B&M.

Ben on a scholarship to America
Many congratulations to Ben Keegan, grandson of Rita McHale of Gregson Street and son of Martine, for being awarded a Robinson Scholarship for **Duke University in America: it's an** international leadership award, with only 3 from the United Kingdom gaining a scholarship and Ben starts the 4 year course in August 2017.

Jo leaves WECC but carries on

Jo Gawthorne will leave WECC at the end of the year but she will continue to call in once a week to help and advise as part of a new Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) project in January.

Car Parking nightmare

The 101 bus has been blocked by cars parking all over our area between Islington and Prince Edwin Street, and safety for our children is also an issue on Everton Brow. There will be a community meeting in the new year to look at these and other issues in West Everton Community Council, entrance from Bute St off Fox St. Details from WECC on 0151 282 0303.

SPORTING HOPES FOR 2017

For our local talented professional boxers, Kevin Satchell, Ryan Farrag, Jazza Dickens, to continue their tough careers with success and grace, and the Salisbury and Red Triangle Boxing Clubs to continue to flourish on the amateur scene.

For England's Women's Football

Team striker Toni Duggan of Upper Bute Street to be selected for the European Championships this summer and help the team to a great victory in the final.

For the Stanfield Football Club junior teams to get to some more finals in their age groups under managers John Dumbell, Michael Duffy, John Rugg and Lee McArdle, with the Under 9s in with a good chance of a league title.