

# Everton Telegraph

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## West Everton Community Council 50 years old and still working with local residents in practical action

West Everton Community Council (WECC) started in 1969 as a resident-led organisation. Now in 2019 it is still engaging with local needs, including supporting families through these difficult times and now running a foodbank (*Foodbank volunteers pictured right*). And throughout its 50 years WECC has been making sure local people have a say in the present and future of our area with great campaigns for improved housing, health, shops, family support including the first Sure Start, and keeping our **Primary School: "nothing about us, without us, is for us"**. Today WECC continues to be community-led, offers a safe space to meet up and support each other, and includes a weekly CAB session. Do **call in to WECC's Centre on Bute Street** (*details pictured above right*). Everyone very welcome.



## A Great Blue Run turnout

Congratulations to Friends of Everton Park, North Liverpool Academy, the Solly Boxing Club, the Shewsy and WECC for a great turnout (*some of the runners pictured left*) for the 3k Blue Run Challenge on Sunday November 17th in the top Everton Park. More **details inside on page 3.....**

# New faces at In Harmony Liverpool

The West Everton Lunch Club meeting on Wednesday November 27th welcomed John Connolly and Sophie Plumb (*pictured right*) in their new roles as Artistic Director and Manager in the In Harmony Liverpool project that began in February 2009. They succeed Rod Skipp and Zoe Armfield, with Rod moving to his home country of New Zealand and Zoe



moving to a new role as Head of Learning at the Liverpool Philharmonic. Both John and Sophie spoke of their enthusiasm to work with the children and communities of Everton and Anfield as the project has grown from working with 84 children and staff in Faith Primary School to working now with over 1500 children in North Liverpool. The project has given wonderful opportunities to children and families in our community, with annual concerts in the Philharmonic on Hope Street, and children performing at Goodison Park, the Pier Head, the Albert Hall in London, and many other great venues. May it continue to flourish, and bring great benefits both to our children and communities and to the Philharmonic musicians and staff as they too learn from their involvement with local children and adults and activists in West Everton and beyond.

## Parking Problems still a nightmare



For the last few years our area has suffered from cars parking all around from William Henry Street, Salisbury Street (*pictured left*), Soho Street to Carver Street, **Springfield and Islington** and it's getting worse. Residents parking notices have improved the situation on College Street North and South by the Collegiate, and we are now waiting for a similar residents parking scheme right across the area. The surveys have been done by the Council: we now need **action before an ambulance can't get through** to an emergency.

*"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." (Eleanor Roosevelt)*



## **“And the Cup goes to.....my daughter!”**



Toni Lappin is pictured above giving the Cup for the fastest woman in the Blue Run challenge on Sunday November 17th to her daughter Bethany, with organisers Paul Edwards of Friends of Everton Park (left), Alex Kennedy of North Liverpool Academy (right) and Ann Roach of West Everton Community Council (far right) enjoying the moment. The Blue Run has been going every year since the **tragic death of Toni's son Joseph Lappin on Langrove Street in October 2008**, and Toni and the family have been great supporters of the event.

Other winners include Andrew Fearn in the men's race, and the team award went to Notre Dame College on Great Homer Street. Many congratulations to everyone involved. A great community event, for all ages, in our great top Park.

## **NSPCC on Great Homer Street**

*One of the Helpline practitioners at the NSPCC Hargreaves Centre on Great Homer Street has written this for the Everton Telegraph: "The NSPCC helpline is available for anybody who is looking for advice about a child or has any concerns for a child or children. This can be a friend, neighbour, professional, member of the public, parent, carer or family member. We offer advice and support to thousands of people and we are staffed by professional practitioners with a background in jobs such as teaching, healthcare and social work; all trained to identify signs of abuse and what to do to help.*

*"Whether you have a concern for a child, questions about a situation or require guidance, the NSPCC can help.*

*"When you contact the NSPCC you do not have to provide any details about yourself and can remain anonymous. We understand that it is upsetting to think a child is in danger and it can be difficult to know what to do. You can contact us via email at [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk), via our online reporting form, which can be found on our website: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) or via Freephone: 0808 800 5000.*

*"Every call, email and form is important to us – even if it's a simple question or someone wanting reassurance."*

*"Freedom for the pike means death to the minnows." (Isaiah Berlin, author of "Two Concepts of Liberty".)*

# Christmas



# FAMILY



## Wordsearch



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

### Can you find these words?

SANTA CLAUS TOYS  
TINSEL JESUS  
CAROLS STAR  
SNOW PRESENTS



What did the cheerful Christmas tree say to the other less cheerful Christmas tree?

Lighten up!



Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

What did one Christmas tree decoration say to the other?

Let's hang out together

A mince spy

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?



Stick with me and we'll go places

### Quiz on the real Christmas story, with help from Matthew and Luke...

- Joseph was a carpenter. Why do you think he was up in Nazareth if he was from Bethlehem?
- How far was it from Nazareth to Bethlehem for Mary and Joseph?
- They arrive at a crowded Bethlehem with people having to register: was the innkeeper harsh in saying "no room" or kind in finding them space out the back?
- Who were the first visitors for the new-born baby: a midwife, a health visitor, a grandparent, or some working lads who some people looked down on?
- (Favourite trick question!) How many wise men or Magi were there who later visited Mary, Joseph and Jesus, once they had moved to a house in Bethlehem?
- Why did Mary, Joseph and Jesus then become asylum-seekers in Egypt?





# FUN



## Quiz Time

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

1. What began on November 2nd 1982 with TNEMARHIB?
2. When did Everton last win a **League game at Anfield** (don't jump in too quickly with a sad answer for Evertonians)?
3. Where and when was the most important 6 hit in cricket last year, and the ball never got off the ground?
4. What film out this year was influenced by what the writer and director saw in a foodbank in Newcastle?
5. What did Pep Lijnders say to some of the staff at Anfield before the sensational 4-0 come back win against Barcelona in the Champions League in May this year?



Looking back on WECC celebrations for their 50 years in September



Local characters enjoying the WECC 50th year party with the WECC history timeline (above), Father Michael Bingham visiting (right) and John O'Connell warming up on guitar (below)

Why did someone think the delicious Christmas turkey tasted like an old cushion?

Because they ate the stuffing



Quiz Time answers

1. Countdown: the opening letters round. 2. Everton Women won the league game at Anfield 1-0 on Sunday November 17th 2019. 3. In the Cricket World Cup final when Ben Stokes hit a 2 to deep mid-wicket and then get 4 overthrows to give him a 6 that helped England win the World Cup against a very unlucky, dignified New Zealand. 4. Sorry We Missed You by director Ken Loach who when making I, Daniel Blake noticed that people on zero hour contracts were having to use foodbanks. 5. Pep told the ball boys to get the ball back to the Liverpool players quickly: that helped Trent Alexander-Arnold take the quick corner that Origin swept in for the winner.



Real Christmas Story answers

1. Probably for work. The Romans were building a settlement near to Nazareth and would want carpenters. 2. 90 miles. 3. Kind in finding them space. 4. The shepherds, looked down on by some. 5. We don't know: Matthew says 3 gifts, not 3 wise men. It was very likely a bigger group than 3. 6. Because of the jealousy of the vicious Herod.

# Shewsy News

Numbers in Senior Club reached a high of 83 on one evening recently and in Junior Club we have had up to 42. We have also taken 40 young people out to Farmageddon on Mischief Night, a different 32 to Flip-out Trampoline Park in



Aintree, and 5 on a youth council residential. 12 also went on a Causeway Exchange trip (*pictured above right*) that linked with young people from Dublin and North Wales: this was a great experience for the group allowing them to come out of their comfort zones and participate in activities such as gorge walking and raft building. The theme of the programme was based around **young people's mental health and we all** participated in a sponsored walk in aid of Papyrus suicide prevention charity.

## Building and help

You may have noticed that we have been having our sloping roof over the main club area re-roofed to stop leaks and work is now underway on the flat roof area. I have had the bike shed removed from outside the club entrance as residents expressed concerns about young people sitting off there and smoking. Lorraine Mangan, our new caretaker in succession to the legend that is Roy McGaw, is doing a fantastic job in looking after the place.

Friend of the club Jon France has been working hard with his business contacts to help the Shewsy: he has persuaded Crown Paints to provide us with paint for the whole building, WH Smith to provide 100 books/toys for our Junior Club Christmas Party, and Brakes Foodservice to supply all the food, all for

free. Many thanks, Jon, for your outstanding efforts and in such a short period of time. Thank you too to all those people who very kindly and generously have made donations to the Shewsy as part of the Big Give week.

## Shewsy School links

Our links with Shrewsbury School continue, and congratulations to club member and Shewsy School scholar Josef Rooney on being awarded Under 16 player of the year in the Shrewsbury School football awards. It has been a pleasure to have Chad Usher from the School on a gap-term placement at the club from September to November: it has been great to see him grow in confidence during his time in Everton. Also thank you to Zainab from the School who spent 2 weeks volunteering at the club during half-term.

## EIYF courses

The Early Intervention Youth Fund courses have continued with very good feedback, helping young people make informed, thoughtful, wise choices.

We are looking forward to our Junior Club and Senior Club parties and then a break over Christmas and club will re-open on Monday January 6th. If you have any questions, comments, **suggestions, don't hesitate to ring me** on 0151 207 0725 or call in to the club.

John Dumbell, Shewsy team leader



# Churches' News

## Films and Faith



27 people came to one or more of the 3 Wednesday evenings in St Peter's in late October-early November with the subject "A View of Life that makes sense and inspires?"

The free course was run by Henry Corbett, and included film clips from Selma, The Lion King, and from The Keeper (pictured above) which like the film Twelve Angry Men shows that people can change their minds. The film also features Mikey Collins (pictured above right) who was in his very early years a member of the St Peter's Parent and Toddler group: Mikey plays the goalkeeper who lost his place to the ex-Nazi youth member Bert Trautmann. Trautmann then went on as the film shows to play for Manchester City and to receive honours for his work in Anglo-German reconciliation.



Faith Primary School Awards  
Congratulations to Faith Primary School for its being awarded in November the Church-School Partnership Award in recognition of its work with St Francis Xavier's Catholic and St Peter's Anglican Churches. This follows on from its "Outstanding" in its Religious Education Inspection in April, and its being announced as "Primary School of the Year" in the Liverpool Echo Schools awards. The school also featured in a double page spread in the "Jesuits and

Friends" magazine that goes all round the world with the heading "Loving and Learning in the light of the Lord" (the school's motto) and the sub-title "A unique Primary School in Liverpool has built on its gospel-centred foundations to become a model of inclusivity". Archdiocese auxiliary Bishop Tom Williams, (pictured below) for many years priest at St Anthony's on Scotland Road, visited



the school on Friday December 6th to enjoy meeting pupils, staff, parents and governors.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
On Sunday January 19th at 7pm in St Peter's, Langrove Street, there will be the annual service in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the speaker will be Liverpool City Councillor for Everton Ward Jane Corbett. The subject she has chosen to speak on is "Martin Luther King: a tough mind and a tender heart. What we can learn from his life and thought". Everyone very welcome.

David Sheppard biography  
The authorized biography of David Sheppard, cricketer and Bishop, was launched at Liverpool Cathedral on Sunday November 17th, and includes mentions of the Langrove Street Action Group and also a quote from Mark Hedley of Everton Road, once Chancellor of Liverpool Diocese: "He was quite good at saying "Please don't ask me because I shall have to say "No"." Wise Bishop!

*"There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in." (Archbishop Desmond Tutu)*

# Community News

## Whitechapel Christmas Support

### For details of the Whitechapel's

support over the Christmas period to the homeless or those in housing need do contact the Whitechapel Centre on 0151 207 7617. The Centre on Langsdale St is open Monday-Sunday 8am-8pm and to let the Centre know of a rough sleeper in need ring 0300 123 2041. If you want to drop off donations to help, then that is best done between 11am to 6pm Monday to Friday or from 11am to 4pm at the weekend.

### Fox Street and Shaw Street blocks

The sad history of the housing on Fox Street is still waiting for a happier outcome. The apartment blocks were declared unfit, planning conditions were Broken, and promises were not kept over parking arrangements.

On the old Sarah McArd site there has been better news with the half-finished block there on the corner of Shaw Street and College Street North now under new ownership and the work on the block being almost completed.

### The Everton History Group

The November meeting of the Everton History Group chaired by Irene Hogg welcomed current editor Henry Corbett to speak about the history of this community newspaper, the Everton Telegraph. The earliest edition Henry could find went back to November 1965, and through to today the Everton Telly has aimed to keep people in touch with what is going on, to give the information that is needed to help people get involved, and to highlight both local concerns and also great stories about what local people and the community have achieved. Front page stories included the campaigns for better housing with actress and later Member of Parliament Glenda Jackson featured **in one of past editor Derek Bowman's favourite headlines: "Glenda on the agenda"!** Other front page stories have

highlighted the work and achievements of Matt Tudor, Toni Duggan, Jennifer Calvert, as well as reporting the great work done by organisations such as our local Schools, West Everton Community Council, the Shewsy, Friends of Everton Park, the Churches, and action groups such as those who campaigned for a Health Centre on Everton Road, for Faith Primary School, for a supermarket on Great Homer Street.

### Sports News

Congratulations to Ellis Grant, (*pictured with Tony Mather and Chris Edmonds*) of the Transport Boxing Club on Roscommon Street for reaching a national boxing final, and best wishes to footballers Darren Potter with Tranmere Rovers and Toni Duggan of Atletico Madrid Women for the second half of their seasons.

The hardest bit of sports news recently was to hear of the verdict from the re-trial of the Match Commander at Hillsborough on that tragic day April 15th 1989 when Paula Smith and Peter Tootle from our West Everton community lost their lives so unjustly along with 94 other innocent people. Thanks to the Hillsborough Independent Panel in 2012 the truth of what really happened that day in 1989 became available. Thanks to the second inquest in 2016 justice was done with no blame for the Liverpool supporters. The only accountability is now the secretary of Sheffield Wednesday being found guilty of failing to discharge his duty under the Health and Safety at Work act.

