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"I first came to Everton" says Henry, "as a 22 year old in 1975 to help out at the Shewsy: I came back in 1978 as curate in St Peter's Church and lived in 54 Milburn Heights on the 14th floor and used to write "View from Milburn" for the Everton Telegraph. I married Jane in 1979, and we moved to 1, Henglers Close with our 3 children in 1984. Then in 1987 I became vicar of St Peter's and warden of Shrewsbury House and we moved to St Peter's vicarage on Langrove Street. And now I will step down as the Church of England requires when I reach 70 on January 31st next year.



Henry Corbett is pictured at his last West Everton Lunch club that he hosted in St Peter's alongside others working in and for our community



"The years have flown by! There have been tough times, but I have so many brilliant memories, going back to times in the Shewsy, discussion groups, playing footy in the gym, chess, jenga, so many engaging conversations, to being a vicar at St Peter's and then also at St John Chrysostom's on Queens Road, Area Dean for North Liverpool, groups and services with so many great church members, to the work in our community from the campaign to save the Langrove houses in the 1980s and on to other campaigns (see page 3). It has been such a privilege to serve this community. I have learnt so much from my time here in Everton, that people matter more than things (the Shewsy's motto)(continued foot of page 3)

Henry pictured left in the 1990s with Jane and their children Emma, Sarah and Tom, with the Shewsy, the Langrove houses and the beginning of the Nature Garden in the background.

Everton Telegraph Front Pages over the years



From top left: Glenda Jackson opening the Langrove Co-op houses; the 8 year campaign by the Islington Action group; Matt Tudor the great peacemaker. From top right: the news of funding for the new building for Faith Primary; the best-selling history of Everton by Ken Rogers; someone who has served this community for over 40 years from his barber's shop on Scotland Road, Tommy Torbo.

"To answer before listening, that is folly and shame." (Proverbs 18 verse 13)

Working together for the common good

Working together has been a special feature of our West Everton community over the years and the picture right shows some of the group who worked together to save the Langrove houses from demolition in the late 1980s. Then there was the campaign for a Health Centre on Everton Road, for new and better housing through the Islington Action group, for the old Radcliffe estate to be replaced, for Faith Primary School with its new building and joint Anglican-Catholic foundation, for the fairer treatment of the



asylum seekers in the tower blocks on Conway St, for Great Homer Street to have a supermarket and shops again, for Everton Park to take shape and keep the wonderful view for everyone once the Netherfield Brow blocks came down, for Notre Dame College's new building on Greaty.... As the picture above shows it is about our working together as a community, local people, Churches, Schools, West Everton Community Council, Friends of Everton Park, the Shewsy, the Council, other allies.

There is much still to work on: the cost of living crisis, the scandal of Fox Street, the car parking problems, the fly-tipping, less poverty, the damage of illegal drugs...

This working together was shown at the Blue Run on Sunday November 20th



"when a great crowd turned out", writes John Hutchison, "with about 100 pupils from North Liverpool Academy (NLA), 30 from the Salisbury Boxing club, a guest entry team from Brakes UK amongst many others: the event was a fabulous tribute to the memory of Joseph Lappin. Joe's Mum Toni attended again with great grace and race organiser Alex Kennedy from NLA ensured the event went

smoothly. Many thanks to the turnout of volunteers to organise and steward. This event, going since 2009, is a very important signal to the life of our community."

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(continued from page 1) "....that people should be involved in decisions about their community, that we need to help people in need downstream and also ask questions about what is happening upstream to cause the problems, that politics matters and we need good people in politics, that love is more effective than hate, that wisdom is needed not naivety, and working together with others for the common good (as above) is better than working in isolation. Two verses have been guiding principles for me: Jesus' words "I came not to be served but to serve" and Paul's words "Let your conversation always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." I take many special memories with me (including editing the Everton Telegraph!) as I go to help out in the Toxteth area while Jane will continue as Labour Councillor for Everton and will then be up for election in May. Thanks so much to everyone who I have got to know over these 45 years in Everton. God bless you!"

"If you have come to help me you are wasting your time. If you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together." (Lilla Watson, Aborigine social worker)

Christmas



All age



Christmas Wordsearch



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

Can you find these words?

PRESENTS

TREE

CAROLS

SANTA

SNOW

IVY

HOLLY

TURKEY

HOPE

LOVE

What did the helpful stamp say to the Christmas card?
Stick with me and we'll go places.



Why was one of Santa's little helpers struggling to do their work?

They had low elf-esteem.



Quiz time, including the original Christmas story

(Some questions tricky on your own, but with others...?)

1. Who is the best selling novelist in the English language? (Clue: human beings love finding explanations... for life, for crimes..)
2. Which Netflix series attracted 62 million viewers and led to a revival of a famous old board game? (Clue: The series made a star of Anya Taylor-Joy and the last words, in Russian, are "Let's play").
3. How many Wise Men or Magi or Kings were there, according to Matthew's account? (Clue: There were 3 gifts but...)
4. What is happening in Liverpool on the evening of Saturday May 13th? (Clue: It should help our Liverpool economy.)
5. Which Kirkby-born, Liverpool supporting actor starred this year in "The Walk-In" on ITV about infiltrating a neo-Nazi terrorist group? (Clue: He also starred alongside Everton supporter Jodie Comer in "Help" on Channel 4 about the scandal in Care homes during Covid).

(Answers at the foot of page 5)

Picture Quiz: A. Ex Everton player George Telfer is asking Shewsy Junior Club member Toni Duggan for her autograph to illustrate the point that young Toni is just as important to God as George. Toni later became captain of England Women's football team and has played for Everton, Man City, Barcelona, and Atletico Madrid! B. Colin McKeown produced the BBC series "Broken" starring Sean Bean as a priest, and Fr Denis was the expert adviser to Sean Bean on playing the role. C. The team is the West Everton Xaviers who also won the Liverpool County Combination league title, the top amateur Saturday league in Liverpool. D. This little patch of garden is in Ebor Lane, off Prince Edwin Street, the picture taken in the sun of summertime.



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PICTURE QUIZ (Answers at the foot of page 4)



A. What is happening here in the Shewsy with an ex Everton player and a young club member?



B. What TV series are Colin McKeown of LA Productions and Fr Denis of SFX Church discussing?



C. What local team is here celebrating a Cup Final win at Walton Hall Park in the George Mahon Cup in 2016 ?



D. Where can this beautiful piece of garden be found?

Local History Corner Where was this part of Everton ? (Answer below)



Local History Corner: The pub on the corner of Prince Edwin Street and Netherfield Road is the Crescent, and Rothsay Square, Howarth Green and Prince Edwin Walk are the housing blocks beyond the open square area.
Quiz answers: 1. Agatha Christie. We humans seek meaning, explanations, truth.
2. The Queen's Gambit, the game of Chess.
3. There were 3 gifts, but probably a larger group than 3 travelled (the number is not given): they were not kings but Magi, star-wishers, and the group could have included wise women as well as men.
4. The Eurovision Song Contest.
5. Stephen Graham.

Shewsy News

Since the summer we have again seen a rise in attendance with 84 new members. With numbers high I would like to thank all of our fantastic staff team for their commitment planning and delivering sessions. We have taken on 4 new members of staff, enabling us to keep all our sessions running.

In September Senior club had a visit from

Everton legend Duncan Ferguson (*pictured above right*) who spoke brilliantly about his life as a footballer, his family, and lessons he had learned, giving some really honest answers and great advice to our members.

Our Junior club members were also greeted by Liverpool Women star Missy Bo Kearns days after she played in the Merseyside derby at Anfield, which many of our young people were given free tickets for through the LFC foundation.

In October our year 9 boys took part in a football tournament with Everton in the Community against 5 other clubs from across the city and showed great sportsmanship and came out as winners: well done lads.

60 of our junior club kids enjoyed a visit to see The Wizard of Oz Pantomime: thanks to the Epstein theatre for providing us with free tickets for what was a fantastic show.

Nicola Coker and Jenny Edwards organised our "Lettuce Eat Together" event: families from all different cultural backgrounds brought a traditional healthy dish from their country of origin and shared recipes whilst meeting new people. This was a brilliant day with over 100 local people with food from 11 different countries on offer.

On Mischief night we opened from 5pm to 11pm and provided food and



activities such as Nail art, Reiki and various competitions. We had 60+ attenders and the feedback from local police was that anti-social behaviour dropped from previous years.

Our Junior club participated in road safety week with the police and councillor Ellie Byrne coming in to talk to them and listening to ideas from our members around this issue.

Every Wednesday the LFC foundation deliver a free kicks session at the club for ages 8-10 years 5pm -6pm and 11-13 years 6pm-7pm: contact the club for more information.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who was able to donate to our Big Give Campaign this year. Thanks also to the Four Acre Trust for ensuring we had our match funding in place.

I cannot finish this piece without giving a special mention to our outgoing vicar Henry Corbett. Henry has been a vital cog in this community for over 40 years and unfortunately has to retire when he reaches 70 in January 2023. I personally have learned so much from such a tremendously humble man and would like to thank Henry for all he has done for the Shewsy, St Peter's and the whole of the Everton community.

Wishing you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

John Dumbell Team leader.

*"If you plan for a year, plant rice. If you plan for 10 years, plant trees.
If you plan for 100 years, educate your children." (Chinese Proverb)*

Churches' News

Day away at the Irenaeus Project

The Newsham and West Everton Churches had an engaging day away in October at the Irenaeus Project in Waterloo, where Fr Chris Thomas and Sr Moira Meeghan led sessions on "God in the Everyday", both celebrating the good and coping with the bad, as God both gives good gifts and creativity and also suffers with us in tragedies.

Fr Michael Bingham remembered

Fr Michael Bingham who sadly died last Christmas time was remembered in the old Friary Church building in September, with tributes paid to his character, humour, ministry in Everton from 1984-1997, music played by In Harmony musicians, and two DVDs "Getting Up off Your Knees" and the BBC's "It's My City" were shown illustrating the campaigns of those years.

Running the Marathon Race of Life



Congratulations to Hayley Carroll and Andrew Fearn (*pictured above*) for running the London Marathon in October and raising money for the "Versus Arthritis" charity in memory of their mother Carol, and then speaking in a St Peter's service about the lessons of perseverance, training, wise preparation that apply to the race of life.

A Faith that Fits the Evidence

Henry Corbett led his final autumn course on the evidence for the truth of the Christian faith, using film clips from

Pasolini's Gospel according to Matthew, Selma, The Miracle Maker, with a group of 25 coming to one or more of the 3 sessions. Does the view of life we have make sense of the evidence from history, from our experience, from life?

SFX news from the Archbishop

Archbishop of Liverpool Malcolm



McMahon announced at the Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Francis Xavier on December 3rd that the Jesuits would very sadly be leaving SFX at Easter time 2023 and the Archdiocese would be arranging for a priest to come to succeed Fr Denis who will be retiring then. That will bring to a close a very special relationship the Jesuit order has had with our Everton community. "I hope we will be able to keep in touch with the Jesuits" said Adam Byrne (*pictured above after the service with the Archbishop and his mother Mary*): it is a much valued link.

Henry's final services

Henry Corbett's final services before he steps down from being a paid vicar and becomes a freelance vicar (*see foot of page 3*) will be at St John Chrysostom Church Centre, Queens Road, on Sunday January 22nd at 11am, and then at St Peter's Church, Langrove Street, on Sunday January 29th at 11am.

"We must combine the toughness of the serpent and the softness of the dove, a tough mind and a tender heart."
(Martin Luther King)

Community News

Lights of Hope at WECC

On Friday December 2nd West Everton Community Council (WECC) put on the Christmas lights on top of their old Friary School building: congratulations to Adam and Aaron for their brilliant skills in setting this up and a great crowd of all ages on the play-ground area by Everton Brow enjoyed the site, the music, the food. On Wednesdays and Fridays WECC continues to offer Foodbank facilities, a Food pantry, and advice through the CAB (the Citizens Advice Bureau).

Struggling to make ends meet?

The Liverpool City Council Citizens



Support Scheme can be accessed on freephone 0800 456 1523, and for Benefits advice freephone 0800 028 3697 and Citizens Advice on 0344 848 7700 or via WhatsApp 07468 533 492.

Friends of Everton Park

The Friends of Everton Park have held open evenings on the community garden site on Prince Edwin Street, and donkey rides, a Teddy Bears picnic and the superb Heritage Trail tours have all been excellent successes. Wildflower seed has been collected to try to create a sustainable future for the Wildflower fields. The Primary Schools run happened in mid October and the Blue Run (see page 3) was run in November. And the view is as wonderful as ever!

Liverpool Philharmonic In Harmony

This autumn saw the launch of the brand new In Harmony Liverpool Youth Hubs, for young people aged 11-18 who love music. Sessions are free and take place weekly in term time at North Liverpool Academy and Liverpool Lighthouse from 3.45-6.30pm. Participants can join no matter what their musical experience and everyone receives an instrument on a free of charge loan basis. So far, over 90 children have signed up to join an In Harmony Youth Hub, but there are still places left. If you know a young person aged 11-18 who would like to join please go to:

<https://www.liverpoolphil.com/take-part/in-harmony-liverpool-youth-hubs/>.

We end 2022 with performances by young people from Everton and Anfield, alongside In Harmony musicians around the community, and we will celebrate our 14th Birthday with our In Harmony concert at the Philharmonic Hall on Monday 20th March 2023. Free tickets available from our website (www.liverpoolphil.com) or calling the Box Office (0151 709 3789). More information about Liverpool Philharmonic's In Harmony programme at www.liverpoolphil.com/about-us/in-harmony-liverpool or call Sophie Plumb, In Harmony Manager on 07808870510.

SPORTS NEWS

This issue goes to the printers while the World Cup in Qatar is reaching the quarter-final stage. Sport can be such a great vehicle for breaking down barriers, for encouraging teamwork, discipline, self-control, health, but it can also be abused through corruption or misused for sportswashing (Hitler's Berlin Olympics 1936, Putin's Russia's World Cup 2018). May the many sportspeople of our community enjoy sport and use it for good (as Nelson Mandela did in the Rugby World Cup 1995).