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Tommy Torbo: serving this community for 42 years

It was in 1979 that **Torbo's** opened on Scotland Road. And one thing the pandemic has taught us is the value and necessity of a **barber's shop alongside the importance of NHS workers, Care workers, teachers, shop staff, delivery drivers, post office workers...**

Tommy started aged 15 on Silvester Street and now into his 70s he has no wish to stop serving this community with his skills as a barber, as a listener, as a connector, as a friend (*Torbo is pictured above in the shop during the pandemic*). **"I've never had any problems here. People have always been good to me, and I go out to people who looked after me in my early days and who can't now make it to the shop.**

"Scottie Road has changed massively: we've lost so many characters, so many pubs, and the drugs have been sad. I treat everyone the same and you get great conversations about everything from football to religion to family and people will say "I'm telling you, Tommy, but don't tell anyone else" and I honour that.



"People ask after mates they have lost touch with and leave contact details in case their mate calls in and I'll put them back in touch. I love meeting up with old mates and I'll keep going as long as I can." Long may you keep serving this community and a big thanks. (*Pictured left: the board in Torbo's with great local football teams going back: the Plough, the Farmer's Arms, the Brit, St Sylvester's, the Talbot, etc.*)

Welcome to Peter Duffy, Headteacher at Notre Dame



Peter Duffy (*pictured left*) spoke at the West Everton Lunch club in July and shared his sense of privilege at being Headteacher of Notre Dame Catholic College: it has been a tough opening year with the pandemic but his enthusiasm has not been dampened. The other speakers were Colin McKeown who shared stories of Kirkdale-based Liverpool Academy (LA) Productions, producers of the outstanding daytime series "Moving On" and of the Bafta-winning dramas "Broken" and "Anthony", and the final speaker was Deputy Mayor Councillor Jane Corbett, who spoke of the difficulties and challenges faced by our city with the city's budget having been cut by over 60% over the last 10 years since 2010/2011.

Parking problems continuing on Salisbury Street

Pictured right are the continuing problems that residents on Salisbury Street and all streets from Islington to Everton Brow are facing: cars parked up on kerbs, in front of houses, causing serious problems for residents. **For everyone's sake a solution is needed soon before an emergency happens.** The Council's Highways Department now have the report to sort this: they now need the required funding.



"Combating Climate Change with Creativity" by Sofia Jones aged 12

"I am a local girl who loves living in Everton. Over the last two years I have been learning about climate change through my study group Global Social Leaders and by taking part in a nationwide project called Bertha Earth.

"Nature is tragically threatened by a problem, climate change. This issue was caused mostly by human action, releasing carbon dioxide into our atmosphere, thickening the earth's ozone layer and then driving a rise in temperature globally. Although this information seems quite daunting there is still hope...

"First, gardening. From my little experience it has helped me: as your plant grows it absorbs amounts of carbon dioxide, and creates a positive impact on global warming. Here is a website that can help www.growveg.co.uk And a great thing about gardening is that it gives a sense of achievement when you see growth in your plant.

"Another way to help combat Earth's crisis is walking: it takes cars off the road, no carbon dioxide emissions, no contributions towards global warming, and we reconnect with the world that gives us so much!

"Surprise never fails to flow through my body as I discover and learn about the ecosystems where we live; determination is also what I find through knowing that small actions can mean a brighter future for the wildlife around us.

"My actions are small and achievable. I understand that this subject can feel overwhelming and that is why I am writing this. Together we can make a difference.

"To end here are some informative documentaries that can provide you with well researched facts. I enjoyed watching them and I really hope you do too.

*Climate change: The Facts by David Attenborough BBC iPlayer

*Seaspiracy by Ali Tabrizi Netflix

***Greta Thunberg A Year to change the world BBC iplayer."**

The wonderful, health-giving, climate-saving Everton Park



What a contrast in the pictures above: on the left a picture of Mitford Street in Everton in 1939 looking down the hill towards St Anthony's Church, and on the right the similar view with the wildflower meadow that brings such colour to our special Everton Park.

On Wednesday July 7th two of the most respected UK gardeners Fergus Garrett and Alasdair Moore joined wildflower landscapers John Little and Richard Scott, Polly Moseley, community leaders, pupils, artists and ecologists on a day of special visits to spectacular wildflower spaces in Liverpool, including Everton Park. All are working to add more biodiversity into farming and garden practice to touch more people. Councillor Daniel Barrington, Cabinet Member for Climate, Environment and Transport at Liverpool City Council said: "Scouse Flowerhouse is very popular with our residents during our current renaissance of parks and greenspaces" and Eden Project Co-Founder Sir Tim Smit said: "How wildflowers are connecting into Liverpool's legendary popular culture signals the direction of travel for cities across the world." We have an Everton Park to be proud of.

A message from Paul Edwards, Chair of the Friends of Everton Park

"Dear friends, neighbours and supporters from across the Everton Park neighbourhood and beyond, As Friends of Everton Park we're gutted we couldn't work with our brilliant community partners during this last wretched Covid year and a half. And although our lovely park was a lifesaver for masses of people we missed bringing the calendar of community events to the park in 2020, from the Schools Spring Run to the Blue Run for Joseph, from the Big Lunch Weekend, the Shewsy Summer Fair, the Lost Tribes of Everton re-union, to the auction and barbecue at the Faith Plot and loads more.

"But hey!! There's hope on the horizon and we've seen the wildflower green shoots pushing through, the kids on their bikes and in their trainers going up and down the slopes, and visitors again coming to the top of the park to take in the amazing views over the river out to the Welsh hills and beyond. We remain committed to the vision that the Everton Park neighbourhood can build even more features that make it the great place to live, to visit, to work, to play and to learn that we know it is. And we have a new newsletter out now with events coming up in the rest of this summer: details can also be found on Friends of Everton Park social media platforms @foep on Twitter, @friendsofevertonpark on Instagram."

*Canary Craftivists
at the top of Everton Park*



Summer



and with City Mayor Joanne Anderson (*pictured below*), taking part in a campaign to create more awareness of the world's climate crisis: the group will feature in a programme on Sky Arts ahead of the United Nations Climate Summit in Glasgow in November. Why "Canary"? The canary would sound a warning to miners of dangerous air. Craftivist? An activist through craft.



Olympic Sports Wordsearch

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Can you find these words?

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| TAEKWONDO | JUDO |
| SURFING | ROWING |
| KARATE | ARCHERY |
| GOLF | BOXING |

(8 of the 33 sports in the Tokyo Olympics)

What did the beach say to the tide when eventually it came in?

Long time, no sea!

Where do sheep like to go for a nice, warm holiday?

The Baaaaa-hamas

And sharks...for their holiday in nice cool water?

Finland!

Quiz Time: what happened on..

- July 2nd 1928 and was a very important event for all of us and especially for half the population, but sadly not everyone takes advantage of it?
- A day in 2003 near Bold Street in Liverpool to inspire creativity and encourage art, film, learning, experimentation?
- May 25th 2020, a tragic event that launched a movement for fairness and equality that reached sports, the media and involves us all?
- Sunday evenings at 9pm on BBC 1 June 6th, 13th and 20th 2021, starring Sean Bean and Stephen Graham, lifting the lid on an aspect of life in Britain today ?
- Sunday July 18th 2021 in Northamptonshire and was attended by 140,000 people who follow this sport ?

Quiz answers at the foot of page 5

Fun



July fun run and walk at the bottom of Everton park

What animal is always there at a cricket match?

A bat

What kind of water cannot freeze?

Hot water



Some of the walkers, and a cyclist, on Roscommon Street (above) and (below right) organisers Paul Edwards, Chair of the Friends of Everton Park, and Charlie Hughes and Nicola Coker of the Shewsy youth work team and (below left) a happy Edwards family with their medals.



What did the reporter say to the ice cream?

Where's the scoop?

Recognise this street?
(with thanks to Ken Rogers for the picture)



Recognise this street? It's Roscommon Street, viewed from Great Homer Street.
Quiz answers: 1. Women over 21 were able to vote and women finally achieved the same voting rights as men. 2. Fact was opened on Wood Street, with 3 cinemas, 2 art galleries, a media and events space, a lab for learning and experimentation, a cafe and a bar. 3. The terrible murder of George Floyd which led to the "Black Lives Matter" movement. 4. Jimmy McGovern's latest drama "Time", strong story-telling about life in a UK prison today. 5. The British Grand Prix, won by Lewis Hamilton.

Shewsy News

It has been really refreshing to welcome back our members to what is almost a back to normal Shewsy.

The staff team have worked tremendously hard over the past 12-18 months to ensure that we have been able to provide the best quality provision in the safest possible way. This has meant splitting our senior club sessions due to the sheer demand for places: we now run sessions for school years 7-9 Mondays and Wednesdays and years 10+ on a Tuesday and Thursday. Both clubs are as popular as ever with over 150 registered members. Our relationship with Faith Primary school continues to grow and we have now restarted our walking bus service from Faith which enables us to provide affordable after school provision in which we provide a daily meal.

Junior club has proven very popular and we are attracting new members from the Beacon, Our Lady Immaculate, **Trinity, All Saints, St John's, St Francis De Sales** and Holy Cross. This shows the need for such provision in the city.

Senior club hours will remain the same throughout the summer, Monday to Thursday 7pm to 9.30pm. We have recently been successful in securing some HAF funding to run our summer play-scheme for 4 days per week for 4 weeks for ages 5-11 years from Monday 26th July 11am to 3pm. As a result of this funding we can provide a healthy nutritious meal for everyone who attends.

Congratulations to Senior club members Shea Dumbell, Jake Connell, John-Paul Salter, Mark Williamson, Caiden Christian, Joseph Jenkins and Alfie King on winning the Everton in the Community Premier League Kicks football tournament in June. They all displayed a great attitude both on and off the pitch representing the Shewsy and our area really well.

A group of senior club lads have recently signed up to the Dr Bike sessions in partnership with Merseyside Police. This will enable them to develop the skills to



Junior Club members enjoying a Scavenger hunt

repair their own bikes without the expense of taking it to a shop to be fixed.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Summer Fair (usually in June) on Saturday 11th September 12noon to 7pm: we will have live music, donkeys, Bric a brac stalls, bar, bbq, and more fun activities for all the family to enjoy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the Shewsy for their commitment and excellent work during what has been a challenging time for all. Also welcome to Kyle and Paige from the LFC foundation who have joined the team as part of the kick start programme and have settled in so well.

Congratulations also to club worker Charlie Hughes who has joined the Youth Endowment Funds Youth Advisory Board: this will provide him with invaluable experience as he trains to become a fully qualified youth worker.

Thanks again to the wider community for all your support. Keep updated with events at the Shewsy on our website www.shrewsburyhouse.org.uk or on Instagram or twitter @thesewsy or ring our club number 0151 207 0725.

Take care John Dumbell (Team leader)

Churches' News

Churches open and starting to sing again!

After the last 16 months of uncertainty, online services, no paper, no shaking of hands, no cuppa after, things are beginning to open up again and become more **human. But it's** been good to learn new skills with online recorded services as well as to realise how face-to-face meeting is so valuable and

important! To come to church is to learn, to share, to appreciate the bigger picture in worship, to laugh, to cry and to pray **over injustice and life's sorrows. And one** recent injustice was the cut to overseas development which led to a Protest fast..

Protest Fast at SFX Church

Pictured above right is Fr Denis, **priest at St Francis Xavier's Church** on Langsdale Street alongside Everton Councillor and West Derby MP Ian Byrne, fellow Everton Councillor and City Deputy Mayor Jane Corbett, and Colette Byrne from Cafod. Fr Denis went on his first ever Protest fast at the age of 78 because he was so angry at the **Government's decision to go back on its** promise to give 0.7% of the gross national income to overseas development and instead give just 0.5%. He went on a 24 hour water-only fast from noon on Thursday June 4th to noon on Friday June 5th. Many visitors called in over the 24 hours, with pastoral assistant Debbie Reynolds co-ordinating and ensuring Covid-safe measures. The aim was to protest, not make money, but £1500 was donated and shared



between Cafod, Jesuit Missions and the **Jesuit Refugee Service. "I hope my small** gesture will encourage us all to stand up for our brothers and sisters in our one world and will awaken our Government **to respond to their urgent needs."**

Claire Charley returns

At a special birthday service in **St Peter's on Langrove Street on Sunday** September 26th at 11am (moved from the usual June date because of Covid) Claire Charley will be bringing pictures and stories from her time in Everton from the 1970s to 1987. Everyone is very welcome, and especially those who remember Claire and enjoy great stories.

Henry's "Films and Faith" course

Every autumn Rev Henry Corbett, vicar of St Peter and St John Chrysostom Churches in Everton, enjoys running a short, free course that examines the claims of the Christian faith to see if the evidence backs up those claims. Is there a God? What is the evidence for Jesus? What should the Christian life really be like? Do contact Henry on 0151 207 1948, or henry.corbett@btinternet.com for more details. No faith required!

There are 2 kinds of people: those who care and help, and those who look the other way and pass by...

Community News

West Everton Community Council
West Everton Community Council (WECC) on Everton Brow continues to host a foodbank on Wednesdays 1-3pm, and the WECC Food project also includes food bag deliveries and home-made meals provided by good friends at the Royal Court. Leaflets with numbers and advice are given out with the food bags, and clothes are also given out.

WECC's Better Connected Digital Access Project in partnership with Vodafone has led to 250 households getting free wi-fi, and Adam Roberts has refurbished around 40 laptops and 40-50 desktops to give to residents.

Faith Primary School
Congratulations to all the staff, children, families and governors of Faith Primary School for getting through this so difficult Covid-affected year. At an inset day at the end of term speaker and ex-teacher David Wells gave a heartfelt "thank you" to the staff and proposed "Stop. Stand back. Accept your life. Look out to others."

Eagle Vaults campaign
There seemed to be a great victory for local residents' concerns as plans to convert the Eagle Vaults pub at the top of Penryn Street into an 8-bed house with multiple occupation (an HMO) were **rejected by the City Council's planning committee**. Now it appears that the developers have tried another route and **overridden the Council's decision**.

Lecture about Everton Library
On **September 7th in St George's Church** Everton at 11am Dr Barnabas Calder, Head of the Architectural and Urban History Research Group at the University of Liverpool, will deliver a lecture proposing that Everton's beautiful but decaying library should offer skilled work converting the building to achieve zero carbon and to take Everton back into the cutting-edge centre of energy progress that it was in the nineteenth century.

Sports News

Pictured below is Toni Duggan of Upper Bute Street, back in Liverpool



after her Spanish adventure with top teams Barcelona and Atletico Madrid, and signing with Everton Women, the team that launched her outstanding football career that has so far included **79 caps for England with 22 goals**. "It feels so good to be home", says Toni: "I'm back in blue and it would be a dream come true if I can get Everton into the Champions League."

Best wishes also to Elliott Nevitt,



(pictured above in the West Everton Xaviers team of 2016) signed this summer on professional forms by Tranmere Rovers after outstanding performances for Warrington Rylands and for Campfield FC, helping both win Cup finals with his goals.

Best wishes also to Jazza Dickens for an IBF world featherweight title fight on August 7th against Kid Galahad.