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Going places



Picture above: Brian O'Hanlon

Brother Ken Vance is off to work at Holy Name Church in Manchester in May and **West Everton Xaviers** on March 9th have gone to the top of the Liverpool County FA Premier League.

Ken's last service at St Francis Xavier's Church, Langsdale Street, was on March 10th and he is pictured above with friends and family after the service, and West Everton Xaviers won 3-2 against Remyca the day before to go to the top of the Premier Division. Matt Williams is pictured right, holding off 2 defenders en route to goal.

Ken was born in SFX parish in 1957, in Plan Street off Brunswick Road, was an altar server at SFX, was helping to organize camps at 13, looked after Strada Hall as caretaker aged 17, and then aged 18 left Liverpool to join the Jesuits. In 1995 Ken returned to the parish and for the last 17 years has worked tirelessly in helping the SFX building and Church both survive and flourish. **A highlight of his time was the 150th anniversary of the Church in 1998:** "I remember the pancake race in the street on Shrove Tuesday, the Flower festival, there were activities every month, and that year helped us turn the corner." Another highlight was the **"Held in Trust" exhibition** during Capital of Culture year 2008 when 15,000 people visited the church over the 2 months of the exhibition which celebrated 2008 years of sacred culture.

A recent highlight has been **the form of the West Everton Xaviers**, our local community football team founded in 2010, with Ken as chair and with funding from the Jesuits Social fund. Promoted in each of the first 2 years the team is now at the time of writing top of the Premier Division: "I am very proud of the team and what they have achieved" says Ken, "and it was very nice on my last Saturday to see them go top of the league." Goals from Matt Williams, an own goal and a clinical Rob Edwards right foot finish gave WEX the 3-2 win.

Best wishes, Ken, as you go to Manchester, and best wishes, West Everton Xaviers, as you look to hold on to top spot.

The nightmare of the bedroom tax

There have been a number of community meetings in West Everton Community Council on Bute Street about **the welfare reforms that are coming on April 1st**, and particular concern has been expressed about the bedroom tax and its effect on our community. The West Everton Lunch Club in the Shewsy also addressed the bedroom tax with the help of **Tom McGuire**, director of



Riverside Housing for North Liverpool (*pictured above with Carol Barton of the Whitechapel Centre on Langsdale Street, and Marge Dunne of Riverside Housing*). There will also be changes to the community care grants, the crisis loans, and cuts to legal aid. With all these reforms coming in, the overriding message is not to suffer or worry on your own but **to seek help and advice and support**, either from your Housing Association, the City Council (0151 233 3009), Citizens Advice Bureau, West Everton Community Council, or from your local Councillors (surgery times available from the Labour office 0151 225 2366). Our local Browside Credit Union, now Partners Credit Union on Dale Street, will also be able to help with financial matters. **Chad Thompson**, Engagement Manager of Plus Dane Housing comments: "These reforms will be very difficult for many residents in West Everton: all Housing Associations will offer help and support. So please do get in touch."

Great Homer Street Regeneration

By September 2013 there will be a **new purpose built Notre Dame Catholic College** on Great Homer Street, with the school now open to lads and girls.

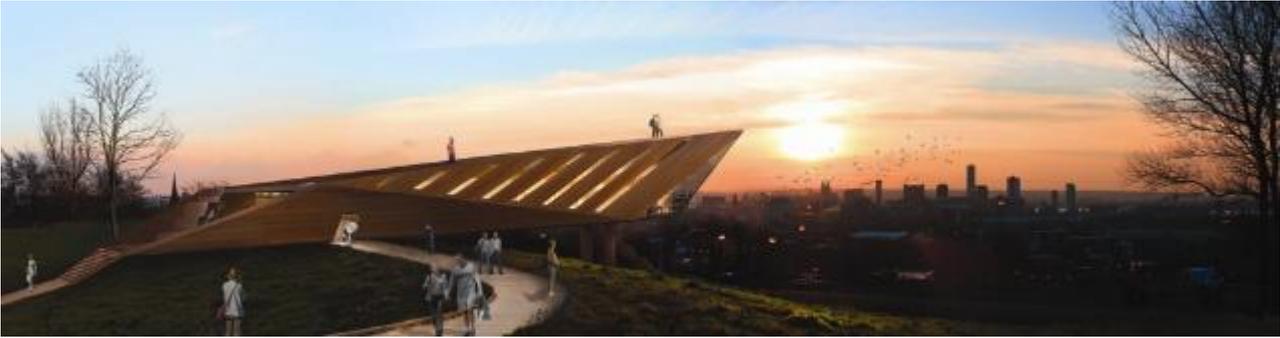
The legal challenge period for the Compulsory Purchase Orders for Project Jennifer and the regeneration of Great Homer Street has now expired, with no objections, and the **planning application for Phase 1 goes in next month and should be approved by the summer**. Phase 1 includes the new



Sainsbury's supermarket, the new market area and other parts of the retail section. Then the clearing of the sites will begin and the sites will be prepared, and we should finally see the fruits of a campaign for Project Jennifer and Great Homer Street's regeneration that first started nearly 15 years ago. We used to say everything in Everton takes 10 years...! **Paul Batho, projects director at St Modwen writes:** "this scheme will regenerate an area of Liverpool that is in real need of investment and development. We are pleased that Project Jennifer is moving forward and we remain committed to delivering this scheme."

"It's not the years in your life that counts but the life in your years." Abraham Lincoln

Design chosen for Everton Park iconic building



The above design has been chosen for the possible iconic building at the top of Everton Park. For many years local people have been suggesting not houses on the top park but a facility that will help people both local and citywide and tourists from far and wide **to enjoy the view, have something to eat and drink, discover something about the history of this community and city, and which will also provide local jobs and a boost to the local economy.**

The big question now is whether the money can be found to fund the building. There should be news on that score in the next few months, with the hope that the Lottery will help fund this long awaited facility.

Everton Park Growers Group

John Hutchison from the Friends of Everton Park writes: "Spring is in the air, well sort of, and the growing season is gearing up for another year. If you hate plants, flowers, vegetables, then this next bit is not for you. But if, like many of us, you think gardening and growing stuff is alright, something you'd like to get into but never got round to or think it's a bit difficult, then read on... **You can do it and there's help at hand. The benefits of doing gardening are well known:** your general health and fitness and learning goes up and your stress, boredom and isolation goes down. And growing stuff is dead cheap. Even your Doctor is likely to tell you to get into it!"



"Friends of Everton Park Growers group have made great strides getting more fruit, flowers and vegetables growing around the area, in gardens, in the new Faith School plot, in the Nature garden, in the Peace garden by View 146, and in the park area itself. **You can join in any of this and you can find out when and where in the leaflets with this Everton Telegraph.**

"We are also repeating last year's **local gardens' competition**. You will find an application form in your Everton Tele and we would love to hear back from you. **£200 prize money is available to win.** And if your garden is rubbish now, just get started on it. We want to reward those people who are starting out on gardening just as much as those who already love it.

"It's a growing movement.. And you are welcome to join. Just turn up.

Let your conversation always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." (The apostle Paul to the Colossians chapter 4 verse 6)

Quiz time

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

1. What happened for the first time at this year's Oscars and the person involved paid tribute to his wife's patience?
2. Who was born in Argentina, the son of a railway worker, worked as a chemist, and on Wednesday March 13th said good evening to millions?
3. Which ex Manchester United footballer is the father of Columbian singer Shakira's son Milan?
4. Which composer's name is an anagram of a type of beer, and which composer has a vehicle in the middle of his name?
5. Which Olympic gold medallist's autobiography is called "Between the lines" ?
6. In which country did El Sistema start, the inspiration for the In Harmony project that was launched in this country in 2009?
7. Which networking site has more than a billion people logging on to it more than once a month?
- 8.. Which member of Abba has returned to the recording studios after more than 8 years of musical silence?
9. Which horse retired after being unbeaten in 14 races ?
(Answers at foot of page 5)

Easter

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HOLIDAY DAFFODIL
FESTIVAL EASTER
EMPTY TOMB EGG

Some favourite Crossword clues

1. It's nothing to a tennis player. (4)
2. Tea on the ring road? Leave it out. (4)
3. Lion tamer rearranges colanders. (9)
4. Unrequested meat on parts of the menu? What suits one may not suit another. (6,3,7)

(Answers at foot of page 5)

Teasers

Word Count puzzle



Find as many words of 4 letters or more which all contain the letter R. There is one word which contains all 7, and a score of 14 words is very good.

Numbers games

1. When might 555 be 526?
2. Asked how old she was the little girl replied: "Double my age 2 years from now and subtract double what it was 2 years ago and you'll get twice my age today." So how old is the bright little girl?
(answers below)

Recognise this famous great picture below?



Answers to Quiz: 1. Daniel Day Lewis won Best Actor award for a record 3rd time 2. Pope Francis 1 3. Gerard Pique 4. Elgar, Debussy 5. Victoria Pendleton 6. Venezuela 7. Facebook 8. Agnetha Faltskog 9. Frankel.
Answers to Favourite Crossword clues: 1. Love 2. Omit (O:ring,MI:road, T:tea)3. Androcles 4. Horses for Courses.
Numbers game: 1. When five fifty five is the same time as five to six. 2. The girl is 4.
Word Count puzzle: the 7 letter word is Forgive, and other words can be forage, grove, grave, forge, fare, fear, fore, frog, gear, goer, ogre, over, rage....
Recognise this: Molly Bushell's toffee shop.

Shewsy News

The Shewsy will be 110 years old this year. The exact founding date was November 10th 1903 and on the weekend of November 9th-10th this year **Bishop Roger and Jenny Sainsbury** will be back in Liverpool for a reunion. Roger and Jenny came to the Shewsy in the 1960s and were responsible with others in the community for moving the Shewsy into becoming a Youth Club not just a Boys Club and then for raising the



money and making the plans for the new Shewsy building opened in 1974.

Before then we will have **our annual visit to Shewsy School** on the weekend of April 20/21 and then the **Shewsy Summer Fair will be on Saturday June 22nd** and we are inviting as many as possible back for that. Do let friends and especially ex Shewsy members know.

Meanwhile the club continues to flourish with a **residential in Skipton, Yorkshire**, in February (*the group is pictured by a waterfall in the Yorkshire countryside*) and with all the usual activities in Junior and Senior Club. The musicians continue to excel and the Haze, Joe Maddocks, Harley Hale, Daisy Gill and a new group The Works will all be performing at Showcase nights in the future.

Congratulations to **James Pritchard** and **Ellie Connerty** for their skilful performances with a cue in a snooker and pool competition at Rileys by the Adelphi.

A new venture for the club has been club member **Jess Daley** attending a Youth bank along with representatives from other clubs. Jess' role was to attend

meetings and to get the young people from the Shewsy to write a funding bid for an activity they wanted to do. The bid was written and given to a panel of young people, and due to the well thought out and thorough application the £200 bid was successful to do **2 trampolining sessions** along with a healthy meal and transport. A big well done to Jess for her commitment and enthusiasm.

The Shewsy like so many youth and community centres could not keep going without the huge contribution of volunteers, and a special thanks to **Alex Barnes, Lorraine Mangan, Stephanie McCormick and Ryan Fitzpatrick** for the great help, skills and enthusiasm they offer to the young people as volunteers.

Over the Easter holiday Junior Club will be open Tue-Wed April 2-3 1.30-3.30pm and from Mon April 8-Thur Apr 11 from 1.30-3.30pm. Senior Club will be holding an **Interclub tournament** on Thursday April 4, organised by **Michael Duffy** and **Frank Kenny**.

With best wishes for Easter and the Summer Dave "Breo" Brereton

Churches' News

Narnia

Congratulations to all those involved in the Narnia experience at St George's Hall in February, from Becky Riley, Adam Byrne, John Hutchison on the acting side, to Hilary Hutchison on the production side, **Over 14,000** people went down to see the amazing production over the 2 weeks, including Faith Primary School Years 4,5 and 6, and Jamie Carragher (*pictured right with director Annie Spiers, once of Henglers Close, and Aslan the lion*).



Christingle Service

On Wednesday February 6th there was our annual Christingle Service in St Peter's with a great turnout from the Shewsy Junior Club and from Faith Primary teachers and pupils. **Shewsy helper Jade Cotton** was interviewed and said that what kept her going in working with young people was the hope that their talents and potential would be realised and used to the full in the future. Sr Moira and Jane Corbett led the singing, and a good time was had by all.

Nellie Barker tribute

The family of Nellie Barker (Rimmer) celebrated Nellie's life in St Peter's on Sunday February 17th: Nellie was a great supporter of the community, of the churches working together, and her favourite word was "**perseverance**".

Catholic Parish Reorganisation

Father Graeme Dunn writes: "A working party has been set up to look at the future of the Roman Catholic Parishes in North Liverpool with representatives from each of the churches. They have met to gather information about the resources and activities going on in the churches. They also put forward **Father Nugent to be the patron** for the pastoral area, a priest who worked with people in poverty in Liverpool in the 19th century, and this proposal was accepted by Archbishop Patrick Kelly before his retirement. All parishioners, churchgoing or

not, will be asked for their views in the coming months about the future. Do please have your say."

Easter — the full story

Easter is known as the time of chocolate eggs and new born chicks, signifying new life. They can help us to celebrate the new life that Jesus brings to us through His own life, death and risen life. (The eggs were originally hard-boiled hen's eggs, painted by children, as they resembled the stone that rolled away from Jesus' tomb.) Jesus' ministry was a time of teaching and healing and the gathering together of a group of followers who were the forerunners of today's worldwide church. This period ended with His death on a Cross on the day we call Good Friday when Jesus made Himself the redeemer of all our faults and wrongdoing. (It is called "Good" because of what He achieved.) His seeming tragic death was turned to triumph when He rose again on our Easter Sunday, was seen by a significant number of people and subsequently returned to Heaven. This sequence of events provides us all with the opportunity to accept the new life He offers us, to endeavour to follow His teaching and to follow Him to Heaven. Chocolate eggs and chicks? Well, yes, but so much more as well.

With best wishes for Easter

Mike Sedgwick

What is the key to being a good organiser? "Lists!" (Brother Ken Vance)

Community News

Morris' shop on William Henry Street for over 100 years

Morris' shop was first on William Henry Street in 1908, and a document from 1933 records T Morris Provision Dealer at 25 William Henry Street, and T Morris is present shop owner Peter's grandfather Thomas. Also on that 1933 record of the street are 3 pawnbrokers, 2 bakers, 2 hairdressers (Charlie Jackson and L.Cotter), 2 chemists, a Wood turner and a herbalist. Here's to the next 100 years..

Channel 4 Racing advert

For a couple of days in early March the park area between Shaw Street and Everton Road was full with 25 cameras, 300 crew, 300 extras, 10 horses and 10 jockeys, all to film 50 hours of footage that will go into a 90 second advert on Channel 4 for their Grand National coverage on April 6th.

In Harmony concert

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on Hope Street hosts the fourth anniversary In Harmony concert of the West Everton Children's Orchestra on Friday March 22nd at 1 pm. The project goes from strength to strength and continues to produce excellent results and concerts year on year, with clear educational benefits for the children as well as pride for the community. Funding is always needed into the future but long may the project flourish.

Mildred Jones

Congratulations to Mildred Jones for volunteering for 25 years in West Everton Community Council, going back to the old Planning Shop in the Crescent. Through all the many changes Mildred's cups of tea have kept many going.

Out of the Blue

Advance notice that the Out of the Blue Music festival for 2013 will be on Saturday September 7th in the park. Get ready for the fun run, live music, stalls, activities for all ages.

Sports News

Kevin Satchell of Amelia Close defended his British and Commonwealth flyweight title very impressively against Luke Wilton at the Echo Arena in February, winning a unanimous and convincing points decision.

Anne-Marie Durning and **Paul Edwards** ran the Mersey half marathon in March to raise money for charities, Anne-Marie for Motor Neurone Awareness, and Paul for Down Syndrome Liverpool, both using sport for 2 great causes.

Jonathan Buckley of West Everton Xaviers football team and of Jaguar Landrover is cycling in June the "Way of the Roses", 170 miles from Morecambe on the west coast to Bridlington on the east coast, to raise money for the Shewsy Youth Club and for Sickle Cell Anemia. Very best wishes to Jonathan and to the others from Jaguar, especially as they aim to do it in 2 days.

Toni Duggan's career as a footballer continues to develop as in March she scored her first goals for the England National team. Toni will be playing for Everton Ladies in the Women's Football Premier League, and hopes to be in the England squad for the European Championships this July in Sweden.

West Everton Xaviers, our local open age football team (*see front page*) are having a great first season in the Liverpool County Premier League Premier Division with Daniel Murphy, Neil Jones, Peter France and Darren Jones outstanding as the back four, and great credit to manager Andrew MacGregor and Michael Barlow and the whole squad for keeping together and playing such excellent football.

Ken Rogers on Merseyside football

Ken Rogers, journalist on the inside of so many dramatic Merseyside football stories, will be telling those stories in the Shewsy on Sunday evening June 9th at 6.30 pm. Everyone very welcome.