

Outstanding send off for Sister Moira



Sister Moira will be moving on from Faith Primary School on Prince Edwin Street at the end of next term. She announced her decision in the week after **the fantastic 5th anniversary West Everton Children's concert** in the Philharmonic Hall and 2 days after the school received an **"outstanding" achievement in its Religious Education inspection**. "The concert by our West Everton Children's orchestra was just brilliant and had such great support from so many in a packed Philharmonic Hall. And then I was so delighted with the RE inspection and want to thank the teachers, children, governors and all the staff for this excellent achievement. Now I am looking forward to my last term with everyone in the summer before I move on to my next challenge."

Sister Moira started as Headteacher of the new Faith Primary School in the summer of 2004, and over the 10 years has overseen the steady growth of the school in numbers, the new building being designed and then opened in 2010, and the start of the In Harmony project with the children and the staff. The school was the result of a campaign by local people to save a Primary School for our community after the Friary School was threatened with closure and the new joint Catholic and Church of England school has been a great source of pride for the community.

"I have loved my time at Faith Primary", says Sister Moira. "The 10 years have flown over, and I want to thank all the staff, children, parents, carers, governors, the local community and the Churches and congregations of St Francis Xavier's and St Peter's for all their support and enthusiasm for the school over these 10 years." And the next step? "I am looking to do some further study with a Masters in Pastoral Theology and then to see where God leads me."

And her successor? Interviews will be in May, and here is a Faith Primary pupil's suggestion, said in the Shewsy Junior Club: "Someone who will look after the children, the teachers, keep us a healthy school, and follow God's ways. You can't get better than that." **Best wishes for your final term, Sister Moira, and thanks for all you have given to Faith Primary School over 10 full, exciting, outstanding years.**

The Everton Brow Lock up is lit up and the play is a great, packed out success



Photographs by Ryan Fitzpatrick

Roberto Martinez, the manager of Everton Football club, is pictured above left with children at the lighting up of the Lock up (*pictured above right*) at the top of Everton Brow. It was a chill February evening but a great crowd turned out to enjoy speeches from Mayor Joe Anderson, Ken Rogers, Adam Byrne, Barbara Dean, Henry Corbett and Roberto Martinez, all expertly compered by Jimmy Fearn, before the light was turned on and the lock up was turned blue. After the lighting up the first performance of Kenny O’Connell’s play “The Heart of Everton’s Badge” was performed in the theatre at Hope at Everton to great acclaim, and subsequently in North Liverpool Academy and in Everton Football Club at Goodison Park. A great evening, a great week, and congratulations to John Hutchison, the Friends of Everton Park and Everton FC who helped it all happen.

Great Homer Street Regeneration

Work has started on site for the delivery of the 45 acre scheme for the regeneration of Great Homer Street, with new shops, a new market site on Dryden Street, new homes, a new health centre. Sainsbury’s should be opening their store in July 2016 and the scheme should be complete by autumn 2016. It should mean jobs for local people, improved facilities, a great market, and the long wait will have been worthwhile.

When times are hard.....

West Everton Community Council on Everton Brow continues to offer friendly Fridays 12-2.30pm each Friday with a Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) worker who can give confidential and informed advice on any matters of benefits, bedroom tax, debt management, etc. There is also lunch and a cuppa and a sharing of skills. And the Whitechapel Centre on Langsdale Street also continues to offer great support and help to any who are homeless or in need of their excellent support services.

“It is not enough to make jokes. You have to kick over some tables.” (Bill Hicks, comedian)

Welcome to Michelle and Millstead School

Michelle Beard (*pictured right*) Headteacher of Millstead Primary School for children with special needs spoke on Wednesday April 2nd at the West Everton Lunch club and expressed her delight at the prospect of Millstead moving this September to new facilities on Prince Edwin Street, next door to Faith Primary School. "I am so looking forward to being part of this Everton community and some of our facilities will be open to the community, for example a hydrotherapy pool." Millstead will have 105 children, drawn from across the city, and achieved an outstanding Ofsted at its last inspection on its present cramped, overcrowded site in Childwall. Michelle has been Headteacher of Millstead for 5 years, and previously had a background in special needs teaching.



Friends of Everton Park

If you haven't joined the Friends of Everton Park, membership for individuals is still £1, voluntary organisations £5, statutory organisations or businesses £10. The aim of the Friends is to "develop Everton Park into a place of beauty, history, ecological interest, education, arts and culture, sports and fitness, cultivation, social and employment opportunity — for generations to come."

On the agenda over the next few months are hopes for good news on the Sky Pier building at the top of the Park, the development of fitness trails, and more work on the Faith plot by the school: if you want to learn some growing skills just turn up at the Faith plot, Prince Edwin Street, Tuesdays 10-12noon or Fridays 12-4pm.

More information on the website friendsofevertonpark.org.uk or at [facebook.com/friendsofevertonpark](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofevertonpark). Or telephone 0151 282 7654.

Why is Good Friday called Good Friday? A good person dies!

Everyone would say that Jesus of Nazareth was a good person. So surely his death at a young age is a bad day not a good day. The authorities of his time get rid of someone who is on the side of the people, justice and love. Not a good day. The end of this Jesus Christ movement?

That was how it seemed until 2 days later. Luke's gospel says the women went to Jesus' tomb on the Sunday and found it empty. Then Jesus appeared to the disciples, including doubting Thomas and to over 550 people over the next few weeks. His death wasn't the end: instead of his death being a tragedy, a bad day, it was a great victory, identifying with suffering humankind, taking on himself the evils and sin of the world, showing that death and injustice can be overcome.

That is why Christians say Good Friday really is a good, purposeful, triumphant Friday.

One of the most important qualities in life is empathy. What a good play, film or novel do best is to put people in other people's shoes.

Quiz time

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

1. Which film won the Oscar for best film this year?
2. Who died on February 14th this year, a one club man whom Bill Shankly described as the best ever?
3. The first 2 letters of the Danish word for “play well” spell out the name of what famous toy?
4. Who won the Formula One Grand Prix racing title last year?
5. Who was on the English throne in the year 1000 AD and sounds as though he didn’t fancy it?!
6. Which South African Archbishop said: “When you’ve fished enough people out of the river, it’s time to take a walk upstream and see who’s pushing them in?”

(Answers at foot of page 5)

Easter

EASTER WORDSEARCH

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SPRING
NEW LIFE
HOPE

HOLIDAY
EGGS
FLOWERS

Some cryptic Crossword clues

1. Greeting 2 snakes and the sound they make. (4)
2. A nurse’s care rearranged to give comfort. (11)
3. Place where we find life after death. (10)
4. Keep tinfoil dance secret. (12)
5. Cross beam. (1,3)
6. Move it out with reason. (6)
7. Make autumn farce into one word. (11) (Answers at foot of page 5)

Teasers

Wordplay

Which 3 letter word, when added to letters F, P and T, on each occasion makes a valid word ?

(Answer below)

Which is more fragile, day or night?

Day. Night falls but day breaks...

What do 3 apples and 8 oranges come to?

Or is it not possible to add apples and oranges?

Yes, it is possible. 3 apples and 8 oranges comes to 11 pieces of fruit.

Number puzzler

"I gave 3 talks today" said the lecturer. "Each time more than one person came and it was a different number of people each time. If you multiply the 3 numbers together you get the number of today's day in the month." And given the month (not this month April), you can work out the date. So when did this happen?

(answer below)

Recognise an Everton actor in this picture?



Answers to Quiz: 1. The true story "12 Years a Slave" won the Oscar for best film 2. Tom Finney 3. The Danish for play well is Leg Godt, and so the toy is Lego. 4. Sebastian Vettel 5. King Ethelred the Unready 6. Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Answers to Favourite Crossword clues: 1. Hiss (HI—SS) 2. Reassurance (anagram of nurse's care) 3. Dictionary (L comes after D) 4. Confidential (anagram of tinfoil dance) 5. X ray (cross=X, beam=ray). 6. Motive (anagram of move it) 7. Manufacture (anagram of autumn farce)

Numbers puzzler: 3 numbers multiplied together must be either 2x3x4, or 3x4x5. So either 24 or 30. Given the month must mean it is February as that is the only month with less than 30 days. So therefore February 24 is the date.

Wordplay: the three letter word is Act. Fact, Pact, Tact.

The Everton actor: Ken Jones, 2nd left, acting in the Shewsy, before a long career in theatre, film and television, in Porridge, the Golden Vision, the Wackers (with his wife Sheila Fay), Watching, and many other productions. He and Sheila also wrote plays including Gulpin about a girl wanting to watch Liverpool FC rather than be a bridesmaid. Ken died this year with his funeral in St Peter's, Everton on February 24th.

Shewsy News

It's often said that people feel better when the sun shines, the days get longer and the energy of springtime brings creativity, new beginnings, ambition, belonging and reflection. I would argue this is one of the most exciting times for informal educators. It's with this attitude that we head on into the summer.

A recent highlight has been **our residential to Colomendy with young people and youth workers from Dublin and Belfast**. The last evening was particularly memorable: seeing our young people from Liverpool produce a fine rendition of "In my Liverpool home", a rap from the play "Reds and Blues", and a solo performance by Jess Daley made us all feel proud of the club and the city. The exchanges have involved the 3 groups visiting Dublin, Liverpool and Belfast (*the picture right shows the group*), and it has been a great learning experience for us all as well as a lot of great fun.

Another highlight was **the visit to the Shewsy of a group from East London** with ex hostel resident and ex Shewsy helper Chris Nalder. Chris brought a group of promising footballers up for a weekend visit, and a 5-4 win for the Shewsy on the Saturday morning was followed by a trip to Everton's 3-2 win over Swansea and an evening in the city before they returned to London on the Sunday.

Junior Club and Senior Clubs continue as usual thanks to a dedicated team of staff and volunteers with a range of activities from games to art and craft, music, discussions, sport in the gym, films, drama, visits from the Liverpool Biennial.. A new girls band is in the process of being formed by new girl members in Senior Club, and the lads 5-a-side

team are at present second in the Merseyside Youth Association league. Our **new sessional worker Julie Fitzpatrick** has settled in really well, helping one session in Junior club and one in Senior club, and is already an important part of our team at the Shewsy.

We have missed outstanding staff



member **Frank Kenny** as he has been off for a while with ill health and it has been brilliant to see him back in club in the last few days. Great to have you back, Frank, and we know you need to take it easy and not overdo it in the months ahead.

Coming up after Easter will be **our annual visit to Shewsy School** on the weekend of April 27/28. Further ahead will be the **Shewsy Summer Fair on Saturday June 21st** and do let friends and especially any ex Shewsy members know. Then on Saturday July 5th we have **the "Out of the Blue" festival** (*see page 8 for more details*).

Finally, a big thanks to 3 new volunteers from Senior Club who are helping in Junior Club, **Jake Moorcroft, Chris Birchall and Luke Gilmore**. May that be a great experience for them.

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

Whether we like it or not we are an example to others around us, for good or not for good.

Churches' News

The Cuts and Bible perspectives

Over 60 people gathered on a Sunday evening in St Peter's, Langrove Street, for a Newsham and West Everton Churches and Liverpool North Deanery service to consider the cuts that Liverpool City is facing and some Bible perspectives on the issues. Jane Corbett, St Peter's church member and Councillor for Everton ward, spelt out the facts on the cuts and shared also verses and passages from Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Micah and from Jesus' teaching in the gospels, emphasizing God's concern for society, for how people are treated, and whether we love our neighbours as ourselves.

World Women's Day of Prayer

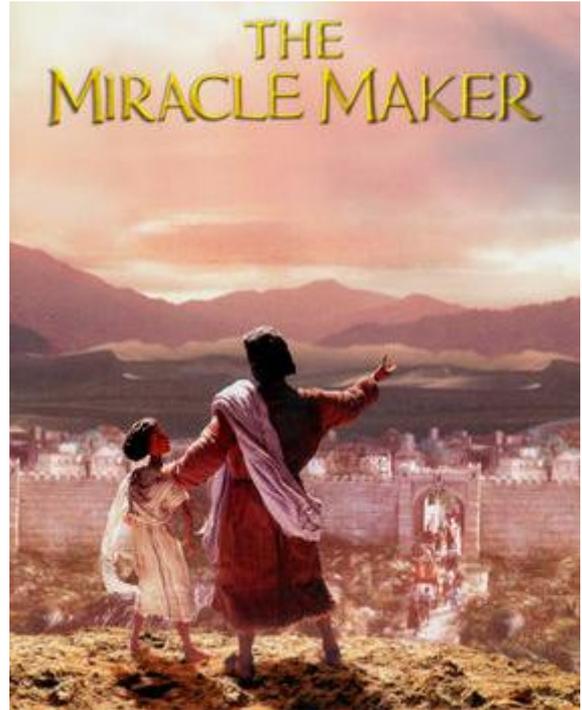
Anne Lawlor, curate at St Peter's and St John Chrysostom's, and Debbie Reynolds of St Francis Xavier's Church, Langsdale Street, led a very successful Women's World Day of Prayer at St Francis Xavier's Church on Friday March 7th, with prayer, reflection and refreshments afterwards.

Lent Evenings on Parables, Money...

The Newsham and West Everton Churches arranged 4 evenings looking at a Church of Scotland course on Jesus' parables and their relevance to money, possessions, forgiveness, society. Around 25 people attended regularly, as well as a daytime group for people who couldn't make the evening. A 32 page publication "The Lies we tell ourselves", subtitled "truth and lies about poverty" ends a number of myths and can be found on the internet.

Good Friday service together

At St Peter's on Good Friday at 11 am there is the Churches together Good Friday service and it will feature short clips from the film "The Miracle Maker" (pictured). The screenplay is by Murray Watts, once a hostel resident at the old Shewsy and who brought the remarkable models seen in the picture to the Shewsy Junior Club a few years ago.



The Easter Promise

Easter is a time to think of Jesus' death on the Cross and its meaning for us. Two criminals were being crucified with Jesus. One of them suddenly not only admitted his own guilt but also realised that Jesus was God's Son and the reason for his death. He said to Jesus, "Remember me when you enter your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

That promise for the future can be ours during our lifetime, together with a fresh start, when we willingly admit our faults and accept God's forgiveness and the gift of new life that He offers us through Jesus' death on the Cross.

*With best wishes for Easter,
Mike Sedgwick*

"The carrying power of a bridge is not the average strength of the pillars, but the strength of the weakest pillar. You measure the health of a society by the condition of its worst off." (Zigmunt Bauman, Polish sociologist)

Community News

Out of the Blue Music Festival

Advance notice that the annual Out of the Blue Music festival for 2014 will be on Saturday July 5th in Everton Park. Are you a singer or part of a band? Are you good at sewing or knitting and could help with flags and bunting to decorate the China Street site? Can you help with publicity? If you have a local business would you help sponsor the day? Do contact Paula or Adam at WECC on Bute Street off Fox Street, tel 0151 282 0303.

Everton and District History Group

Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm a local history group meets in the Campfield Pub on Heyworth Street. All welcome with questions, material etc.

Art Exhibition at Hope

Hope University in partnership with West Everton Community Council have worked with 18 local residents to produce individual art pieces, each telling a unique story of each person. Do visit the free exhibition at the entrance at Hope at Everton, Shaw Street, Monday-Friday 9-5pm up until Friday May 2nd.

China Street Wheels Park

China Street has been shortlisted to be a site for one of the three Mayor Joe Anderson's "Wheels" facilities. This would mean the China Street building would offer services to the Wheels park which would include a skate park and BMX track and be accessible to disabled children and young people.

Professor Mark

Mark Hedley of Everton Road has been made a Professor at Hope University and delivered his first lecture at the University on Wednesday March 19th to a full hall on the subject "Where the court decides for those who cannot."

In Harmony's 5 years

Bishop **Richard Holloway** spoke at a celebration of In Harmony's 5 years in Everton in St George's Hall after music played by our **West Everton Super Strings**. May the funding continue!

Sports News



Congratulations to **Stanfield Under 8s**, pictured above with manager Michael Duffy (right) and assistant **Joe McNeil**, after their Cup win over Leon. **Lewis Doyle** of Haigh Street made the winning save to win the final on penalties. "The feeling was better than winning things as a player" said **Michael Duffy**.

Jazzer Dickens once of the Salisbury Boxing Club on Salisbury Street, has been named by the British Boxing Board as the No 1 challenger for the British Super bantam weight title and the bout should be before the end of May.

Congratulations also to **Tom McEvoy** also of the Salisbury "Solly" Boxing club for reaching the final of the National British Schools Championships for his age group.

Toni Duggan starts the Women's Super League season with a game for her new club Manchester City against Liverpool on April 17th and Toni now has 20 England caps. "And it all started in the Friary School playground and the Shewsy gym" says her mother Joanne.

West Everton Xaviers, our local open age football team, after winning the Liverpool County Premier League Premier Division last season (their first in the top division), are mid table in the League but are in the **quarter final of the George Mahon Cup**. Another trophy winning season is still on the cards.