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Lights in our Community



In our better moments we all want to be lights in our community. In different ways, some out the front, others behind the scenes, we want to make our community and city and world a better, fairer, more loving place.

In the centre of the picture above are Charlene Harkin, great teacher at Faith Primary School on Prince Edwin Street, and Ryan Fitzpatrick, fine photographer and volunteer helper at the Shewsy Senior Club, along with others at the Christingle (Christingle means Christ-light) Service held in St Peter's on March



17th, St Patrick's Day. Charlene spoke of how the children in her class keep her motivated and encourage her, and Ryan of how travel and residential with the Shewsy young people keep him motivated. And for both, their hope is that the children and young people will succeed in life, and be lights in our at times wonderful, brilliant world but at other times troubled and very unfair world.

Also in this issue are features on Alan Evans (*pictured left*), 32 years on Great Homer Street, Julie Prendergast, 16 years at the Whitechapel Centre, and on the back page some outstanding sportsplayers from this community, all lights for our community.

Springtime and Easter speak of new life, hope, second chances as we leave winter behind. Darkness is followed by the light of dawn, death by resurrection. "No one's ever come back, have they?" people ask not so much as a question as an answer. But Easter Day says someone has, in history. Have a great Easter.

The shops on Greasy are going in May

The shops on the east side of Great Homer Street will be going in May as the demolition and renovation of Greasy continues.

Alan Evans is pictured right in front of the shop he has been working at since 1983 when as a 12 year old he helped his father Dave on a Saturday. Ken Dodd opened the shopping arcade on the 14th July 1983, Liverpool footballer Tommy Smith had 2 units in the arcade, but shops have been going from Greasy over the past 20 years and all will be going this summer. Alan took over the shop from his father in 2002: "I'm going to miss the people: I've never had a cross word with anybody: so I must have been doing something ok!" And the future? "I'm up for a new challenge and maybe after never having a Saturday off I'll get an Everton season ticket!"



Paul Batho, Projects Director at St Modwen's writes: "Project Jennifer is progressing well, and following the groundbreaking last November, we are now in a position to accelerate activity on site. Enabling works are continuing and remediation works are due to start on the west side of Great Homer Street shortly. We will hand the site over to Sainsbury's this summer 2015 which will begin the development of the store, with opening expected to take place during summer 2016. The retail units on the eastern side of the scheme will also open during summer 2016. We are pleased that project Jennifer is moving forwards and we look forward to opening the first phase next year."

In the meantime there is a difficult year's gap in the provision of shops and a post office, and the shopkeepers have been in their own way lights in this community as they have provided important provisions for our community. Very best wishes to all as they, like Alan, go on to new challenges.

Wheels Park on China Street

Work will start in May on the new facility for skateboards, skates and BMX on China Street and it should open in September this year. The wheels park will be one of 4 across the city, following the Mayor Joe Anderson's desire to provide exciting and stretching activities for young people across the city.

Artist Koo Jeong A, who designed the Wheels Park in collaboration with Wheelscape (specialist builders of skateboard parks) and Liverpool Biennial both worked with young people in the Shewsy to see how the facility could work. There will be CCTV to help with the important issues of security and safety for both users and local residents.

"I expect 3 non-negotiable qualities from my players: respect, commitment and performance level"
(Manuel Pellegrini, Manchester City manager)

The Whitechapel takes on more to serve our city

Julie Prendergast, Service manager at the Whitechapel Centre on Langsdale Street, spoke at the West Everton Lunch Club at the Shewsy on Wednesday March 18th about important changes to the Whitechapel's services to the homeless and those in housing need in our city. The Whitechapel's Rough Sleeper services are funded by Liverpool City Council and they were successful in LCC's recent tender for an Urban Outreach Response Service. The new contract provides for different opportunities to work with this client group, but unfortunately also represents a 25% cut in funding. Some key changes have had to be made: opening hours will be extended, from 5pm to 9pm on week nights, and open until 5pm on weekends. The evening provision will not involve a drop in provision, but rather will be available for clients with specific appointments, clients in crisis or clients attending classes put on especially for them. Weekend provision will extend until 5pm – again this is a targeted service for people new to rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping that night.



Julie Prendergast (pictured left) after the West Everton Lunch Club with Joanna Nolan (right), the new Community Development Worker at West Everton Community Council on Bute Street.

"Anyone with concerns about the new service," says Julie, "is invited to ring 0151 207 7617 and ask for the duty manager. I will also be informed and will regularly review the new service to ensure that it does not have any negative impact in the neighbourhood. We are proud of our links with the Everton community and ensuring continued good relations with our neighbours is very important to us."

The Whitechapel Centre continues to offer housing related support services to people in their own homes and many clients come from the local community. Anyone struggling to manage their tenancy can ask for support by ringing the centre on 0151 207 7617, calling in or emailing info@whitechapelcentre.co.uk There is also a thriving volunteer programme, with over 50 volunteers helping to support clients. There are lots of different volunteer roles including helping in the kitchen, supporting clients to attend appointments, working in the centre or handling donations. Anyone interested in joining the volunteer team can ring or email for more information.

Grow Wild in Everton Park

Good progress is underway in planning the sowing of wildflower seed which will light up the hills of Everton in a blaze of colour over the summer months. Sites have been selected so that all the local schools can own a patch and sow the seeds. Kew gardens are sponsoring the programme and are interested in developing a presence in the north, and so the more people involved from the community the better. The project will be featured on BBC TV's Country file on Easter Sunday April 5th.

The Friends of Everton Park Annual General meeting will be on Thursday April 16th at 7 pm in the WECC building, the old Friary School, on Bute Street. On Friday May 15th there will be a "Rock Up the Lock Up": "don't miss the extravaganza of prison themed music" says John Hutchison and John also assures anyone who wants growing tips that "the Faith plot will welcome you every Tuesday 10-12noon and Fridays 1-4pm." To join the Friends of Everton Park, cost £1, contact 282 0303, e mail foep10@yahoo.co.uk or website evertonpark.org. The police can be rung on 101 to report dangers in the park.

*"What makes us do bad things to one another, century after century?
Crime fiction seemed a means to attempt an answer." (Ian Rankin, crime novelist)*

Quiz time

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

1. Who won the Oscar for best actress this year?
2. What famous piece of legislation became law on July 2nd 1928, 61 years after the first attempt for such a law?
3. Whose full name is Ella Marija Lani Yelich-O'Connor, was born in 1996, and said "A ship is safe in harbour, but that's not what ships are for"?
4. Which Premier League football team was started by the daughter of a vicar?
5. What according to a national poll was the book most read by Secondary School pupils in England last year?

Easter

EASTER WORDSEARCH

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DAWN
NEW LIFE
HOPE

LIGHT
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CUP FINAL

Some teasers (and thoughts) on the Easter story

(what do you think? Discussion on offer at Henry's autumn course: ring 207 1948)

1. What changed the disciples from seemingly frightened followers at a distance to people who stood up in Jerusalem 6 weeks later and declared bravely that Jesus who had been crucified in disgrace was risen from the dead and was indeed the Messiah, the son of God?
2. Why was the body never produced by the Roman and Jewish authorities who had together arranged for this dangerous character Jesus of Nazareth to be put to death? If they had produced Jesus' body that would have quickly undermined the "Jesus is alive" claim!
- 3 Not years later but in the 50s AD, just 20 years later, Paul writes about 500 people seeing Jesus at one time, as well as the apostles. And Mark's gospel was written in the 60s, Luke's and Matthew's gospels maybe in the 60s,70s or 80s: too near the events to be made up?
4. How do you explain the rise of the Christian church if Jesus was crucified, buried and that was it. If you want to make a few bob write a book or article that carefully investigates all the alleged evidence and offers a persuasive alternative explanation.. It could be a best seller!

Teasers

Why does this notice below not make sense?

"Bicycles chained to these railings will be removed without warning."
(answer below)

An election question.
In 2010 76% of the over 65s voted. What % of the 18-24 year olds voted in 2010? And in 1964 what % of over 65s and of 21-24 year olds voted?
(answer below)

Cryptic crossword clues

1. Battle to get C on test (7)
2. It's the lion's hair gets it a bad name (4)
3. Interested party — eg Van Helsing when dispatching Dracula? (11)

Drinking puzzler

"Each day I drink the bottom of a glass of water before I go to sleep, and the top half just after I wake up: I've done it for years and it keeps me well," says a 100 years old pensioner.
Is this possible?

(answer below)

Recognise some in this old 1960s picture?



Answers to Quiz: 1. Julianne Moore won the Oscar for her performance in "Still Alice", playing a person with the early onset of dementia 2. The Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Act 1928 giving women equal voting rights to men. In the 1919 law only women over 30 and with the required property could vote. 3. The New Zealand singer-songwriter Lorde. 4. Manchester City 5. The Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney.

Answers to the notice that doesn't make sense? The notice is itself a (very clear) warning: so how can bicycles be removed without warning when there is a warning?!

Drinking puzzler: The pensioner uses a straw, drinking from the bottom half before he goes to sleep and then when he wakes up he drinks what was the top half. And yes, drinking water does keep you healthy.

Election question: 44% of 18-24 year olds voted in 2010. In 1964 76.4% of 21-24 year olds voted and 76.7% of over 65s voted.

Cryptic crossword clues: 1. Contest 2. Mane 3. Stakeholder

The old 1960s picture: This picture was sent in by Bishop Roger Sainsbury, second from the left when he was in Everton in the 1960s. Is that Neville Black third from the left, and the late Michael Seward, author and hymn writer and once vicar of Holy Trinity, St Anne Street, is third from the right. Michael died on January 31st this year. Do you recognise others in the picture?

Shewsy News

20 young people from the Shewsy went on a residential with 6 staff to Ingleton in North Yorkshire in February. (*Summer Gordon, Becca Walsh and Sean Simpson are pictured right with a well wrapped up helper Julie Fitzpatrick.*) Residential trips are great opportunities for informal education, personal development and this trip was no exception.

The planning and fundraising for the trip to Malawi with Shrewsbury School is gathering pace with 6 out of the 8 places available taken. The residential to Yorkshire was an opportunity to observe members' commitment to the trip and the team is confident we have made the right decision in offering the places. Julie Fitzpatrick and Michael Duffy are leading on the expedition and have arranged 11 bag packing events. We expect the sum of £10000 to be raised by September 1st and will be pushing from now onwards to achieve this target.

We are also making a concerted effort to increase membership in the club. Frank Kenny and Michael will be doing some outreach work in the coming weeks and John Dumbell and Nicky Jones will be going into N Liverpool Academy and Notre Dame to share information about the club to the school pupils.

The team feels strong, positive and committed to expanding our delivery capability. We are a more diverse team with the recent acquisition of female members of staff.

The recent change in staffing structure has enabled Jade Cotton and Ryan Fitzpatrick to continue establishing solid foundations for current and future work with senior members. Jade has been working with ex-club member Nicky Jones on an issue based programme for



the past 6 weeks and feedback from participants is very positive. Nicky has been funded by Merseyside Youth Association.

The cookery sessions with Fran Croft are extremely popular and have become a bit of a 'Feed 'em Thursday' night. Former club member Trish is running the tuck shop on a Tuesday.

There are plenty of events happening this year to keep the team and members busy. The Summer Fair (20th June) will soon be upon us and a four-way exchange programme is due to start in October. The club will make its annual visit to the School in April and club band Stars of 99 (Ellie Burke, Denise Shepcikova, Georgia Foy, Becca McKinlay) are due to record a CD at the School and have done a number of radio sessions and live interviews. Congratulations to them and to music teacher Joey Symes.

Finally the Friends of Shrewsbury House has been launched and there will be an event in the Shewsy on Monday evening September 28th. All ex members and supporters of the Shewsy are very welcome. Do get the word out.

Do ring the club 0151 207 0725 with any questions on club matters.

Dave Brereton, Team leader

The race goes not always to the swift but to those who keep on running.

Churches' News

Churches Joint Lent Evenings

The Newsham and West Everton Churches held 4 evenings on the subject "Seeking the Common Good", breaking into small groups to discuss relevant current issues. *Pictured right is a group looking at what it means to be a good citizen on the fourth and last evening.*



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 the Women's World Day of Prayer at St Francis Xavier's Church on Friday March 6th, with material from the Christian women of the Bahamas giving thanks for Christian kindness given and received. Refreshments and a social time followed and a good time was had by all.

Good Friday service together

At St Peter's on Good Friday at 11 am there is the Churches together Good Friday service with reflections on the meaning of that remarkable day in the world's history. All are welcome and find out the reason why it is Good Friday not Terrible Friday.

St Anthony's Cider Festival

On Friday May 8th from 7 pm through to Saturday May 9th there is a Cider Festival in St Anthony's crypt. Tickets available from Emma at the St Anthony's office on 0151 207 0177.

Annual day out to Shrewsbury

On Saturday June 13 from 9.30am-8pm there is a bargain day out for all ages with time first in Shrewsbury Town and then to Shrewsbury School for activities to fit all ages, including the offer of free swimming, a free tea etc. Do contact Henry Corbett 0151 207 1948 for more details or to book a place. All welcome.

Living Theology at SFX and Hope Uni

This year's Living Theology course is over the weekend 10-12th July at SFX Church, Langsdale Street and Hope University Campus on Shaw Street with speakers and workshops. For all who want to deepen their faith and knowledge of the Scriptures. Do contact Debbie Reynolds on 0151 298 1911 or e mail d.reynolds@sfxchurchliverpool.com

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly"

But it's Easter, isn't it? So why mention a song about holly that's usually sung at Christmas? Holly represents the crown of thorns that the Roman soldiers placed on Jesus' head at his crucifixion. The red berries of the holly add to this Easter picture as they represent the blood that the thorns caused to flow. The authorities responsible for his death had misunderstood the nature of the kingdom of heaven that Jesus had referred to at his trial, a kingdom based on love and peace, and they regarded him as a threat. To this day not only do worldly authorities but also many individual people reject the message of light and new life that Jesus brings and continue to live in spiritual darkness under the shadow of death. The choice is ours to make.

*With best wishes for Easter,
Mike Sedgwick*

"The fight is won far away from witnesses, behind the lines, in the gym, and out on the road, long before I dance under the lights." (Muhammed Ali)

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 4th in Everton Park. Volunteers welcome: do contact Paula or Adam at WECC on Bute Street off Fox Street, tel 0151 282 0303.

In Harmony 6th birthday concert

The 6th birthday concert of In Harmony will be on Monday July 6th in the Liverpool Philharmonic hall: tickets free, and available from May. In Harmony has now expanded to Everton Road Nursery School and the project now reaches over 600 children and young people aged 0-16 and their families. Long may it continue to benefit Everton children and families, and attract the necessary funds.

Kays sponsors of Solly Boxing Club

Kays Pharmacy and Kays medical on London Road and Shaw Street (*staff pictured right*) are proud sponsors of the Salisbury Boxing Club. David and Joyce took over the original chemist in Soho Street in 1969 and Joyce and her sister Ann were raised in Eastbourne Street, Everton. Pharmacist Steve Hort says a thank you for all the good wishes for his recovery from his heart attack.



Activities at WECC

Activities at West Everton Community Council on Bute Street off Fox Street include: Monday: WECC Wonders 10am and 3 pm new upcycling/creative sessions planned. IT drop-in 1.30-3.30pm Tuesday: 60+ day centre 10am-2pm with quizzes, bingo, day trips, and a big thanks to Millstead School Glee club for entertaining the group with songs and dancing. Wednesday: Family Bingo 7-9pm. Thursday: Art group 10am-1pm Drawing and painting sessions for those

getting over illness. Friday: Family Fridays 9am-3pm skills exchanged, meet new friends, build support networks 12noon-2pm Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB): advice and help on a range of benefits. Contact 282 0303 for more info.

Land Trust training

A free training course is being offered by the Land Trust and Friends of Everton Park in Habitat and Woodland Management. Details from Paul Scragg on 07766 364 196.

Sports News



Congratulations to Kevin Satchell, pictured above with his European and Commonwealth Flyweight titles and with his old Breckfield School History teacher Steve Molden, and to Jazzer Dickens for winning the British Bantamweight title.

Congratulations also to the Stanfield Under 8s, runners up in the Scotland Road league, and to the Campfield Sunday league team on reaching the FA Sunday Cup Final after a great 2-1 win in the semi-final.

Best wishes to Toni Duggan for the season in the Women's Super League and for selection for the England Women's Football World Cup squad for the Finals in Canada starting in June.

And our thoughts are with the families and friends of the 96 as the Hillsborough inquests carry on through the year.