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What a great partnership over 7 years: long may it continue....



The Everton Youth Philharmonic (above left) and the Everton Children's Orchestra (above right, below left) in action at the In Harmony 7th Birthday concert in the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on Monday March 7th 2016. Photographs by Mark McNulty

It was in 2008 that the bid was put forward for the "In Harmony" project in West Everton. It was a bid that proposed that every child (and even some staff!) in Faith Primary School should be able to have the opportunity to play an instrument. The bid was successful and the project got underway 7 years ago in February 2009.



Jose Abreu, the founder of El Sistema, the project in Venezuela that In Harmony is based on, advises: "Start small, know what you're doing, and then grow."

And In Harmony Everton has certainly grown. Starting off in West Everton, In Harmony is now helping 720 children across the Everton area, at Faith Primary, the Beacon Primary, and at Everton Nursery and Family Centre.

And the vision? To give opportunities to children to engage with music, to learn an instrument, to build confidence, self esteem, to encourage teamwork and working together for a common aim, to develop a positive attitude to life and other activities. And great relationships have grown between musicians from the Liverpool Philharmonic and children and families in Everton. "I have learnt so much in my

time in Everton" said one Liverpool Phil musician. And from an Everton resident: "We're all learning from each other, any barriers have come down, it's been great!"

7 great years of a wonderfully fruitful partnership, and congratulations to all in Everton and at the Liverpool Philharmonic who have put so much effort, love, humour and talent into the 7 years. Here's to the next 7 and more, funding permitting...

Housing update

Work has started on the new housing site on Everton Brow (pictured right): after consultation and design workshops with West Everton Community Council it was agreed there should be 13x2 bed homes, 2x3 bed homes, and 8x1 bed flats, all for rent, and ready in 12 months time in 2017. For details contact 0800 169 2988 or www.plusdane.co.uk .



A new housing block including the refurbishment of Swainbanks is being built on Fox Street with 400 residential apartments (mostly for students), and planning permission has also been agreed on Iliad Street off Prince Edwin Street for 2 blocks of student accommodation, 348 rooms in total.

A Planning application has also been put in by a private developer for 70 apartments on the old JFK site on the corner of Salisbury Street and Everton Brow.

Project Jennifer and Great Homer Street

The date given by St Modwen's for the opening of the new Great Homer Street District Centre including the Sainsbury's foodstore is now May 2017 . It has been a very long process, including attempts by another supermarket chain to cause even more delay, and the young Jennifer, niece of Bishop Tom Williams (then priest at St Anthony's on Scotland Road), and who the project was named after, is now well into adulthood... But the rumours that it will never happen are definitely not true!

Friends of Everton Park news

The new Wheels Park facility for skateboards, skates and BMX on China Street which opened last September is keeping plenty of people fit.

The Museum of Liverpool has been displaying the finds of the archaeological dig last summer when spades reached the site of the Queens Head Hotel where in 1879 St Domingo's Methodist Church football team took the decision to become Everton FC. The pub became Everton's first headquarters and so Everton Park can be called the site of the birthplace of big time football on Merseyside.

If you remember the sea of wildflowers which took over the top of Everton Park last summer then you are in for another treat this summer. Richard Scott of the National Wildflower Centre has invited back all of the local schools to participate in 4 sowing days on 15-18 March, which means we can enjoy another beautiful skyline of wildflowers again in Everton Park this year.

*"If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there."
(Rev Charles Dodgson, also known as the author Lewis Carroll)*

Out of the Blue July 2nd this year: 25th anniversary!

The first Out of the Blue music festival was held in Everton Park in 1991, and the festival was then revived on the China Street site (*pictured right*) in 2009 before moving to a new site at the top of Everton Park by Village Street last year.



So this year's festival will be the 25th anniversary of its beginning, and do come if you can and celebrate our community and city, the joys of music, dance, art, craft, the view across to Wales, good company, stalls, bargains, etc!

Neighbourhood Inspector Diane leaves with good memories

Diane Pownall, our Neighbourhood Inspector, writes: "As I reflect on my time in Everton I feel extremely proud of the many achievements made in a relatively short period. I have enjoyed positive relationships with enthusiastic and professional partners from across a whole range of agencies, organisations and the community as a whole. Everton has seen many outstanding events including the Out the Blue festivals, the Wild Flower project, the Shewsy Summer Fairs. The development and official opening of the Skate Park has to be a key note, a fantastic local facility that has proved hugely successful, one which I am sure will continue to go from strength to strength with additional developments planned.



"It would be remiss of me not to mention the devastating effects of the fire at the WECC. However out of such adversity comes hope and opportunity. I will always remember the resilience, community spirit and sheer determination shown which is a credit to everyone associated with the centre.

"From a policing perspective there have been further successes, with one of the largest cannabis factories ever discovered by Merseyside Police in the Candia and Crete Towers buildings, arrests and convictions for firearms and drug offences, too many to mention, and the work continues to target and eradicate the anti-social use of scrambler bikes. As I move on and hand over to Inspector Maria Hoogendyk who will continue the good work with the dedicated Everton Policing Team, I would like to wish everyone continued success and wish you all the very best for the future. Thank you all: I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working on behalf of the Everton Community."

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."
(St Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226)*

Quiz time

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

1. What has been the BBC's most successful export of the last 40 years, and it's not Dr Who, or Top Gear, but a sit com with Patricia Routledge?
2. Where was a golden post box decked in pink ribbon on February this year?
3. Which team has the most sendings-off in the Premier League's short history?
4. Which Hollywood actress got angry with herself for not sticking up for equal pay for women?
5. Which rock singer has his autobiography coming out this year, has won 20 Grammy awards, and said "I have spent my life judging the distance between the American reality and the American dream"?

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3 good bets for the Grand National on April 9th ?!

(from Kathy in the 60+ day centre, with a smile on her face)

1. Dusty carpet
2. V neck
3. Creosote

Why? See below....

Dusty carpet: never been beaten.
V neck: it's a good jumper.
Creosote: good over fences !!

Recognise this serious man?



See the slightly inaccurate inscription on the page opposite, and the intriguing story behind it (with thanks to Ken Rogers).

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What links Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral, Battersea Power Station, Waterloo Bridge and the old British telephone box?

(Answer below left)

The serious man?

The picture relates to a man whose plaque was once over a door in Roscommon Street, highlighting the fact that the man who eventually became Sir Henry Morton Stanley once lived there before going to the United States and later reinventing himself as the famous explorer who went to Africa and successfully discovered missionary David Livingstone with his famous jungle greeting: "Dr. Livingstone, I presume."

Stanley was born plain John Rowlands in Denbigh, North Wales. He came to Liverpool and stayed with his uncle Tom Morris at 22 Roscommon Street. The young Rowlands would take work, first in a haberdashery shop in London Road and later at a butcher's near the Dock Road. Always an adventurous young man, he sailed to the United States from Liverpool as a cabin boy. Looking for a job in America, he stumbled across a successful trader called Henry Hope Stanley who looked after him like a son. Rowlands changed his name to Henry Morton Stanley and fate would eventually take him on his expedition to Africa. He was later knighted. One small point about the Roscommon Street plaque (pictured right). It wrongly names him as Sir Herbert Hope Stanley, not Henry.

The link is the architect: Giles Gilbert Scott

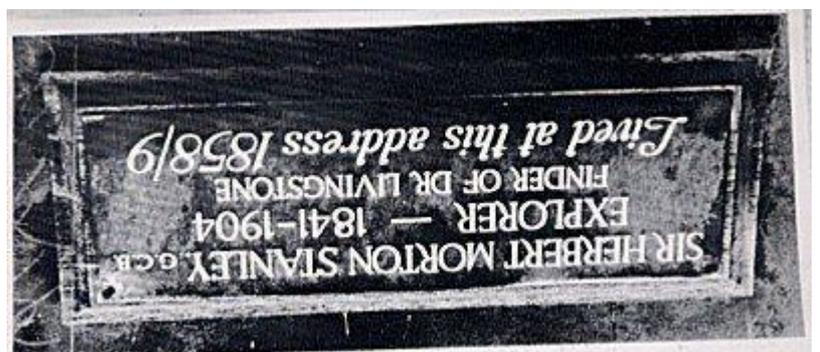
The loving couple are George and Peggy, once of Opie Street, Gibbs.

Recognise this loving couple, married in St Polycarp's Church on August 25th 1938, parents to 4 daughters, and then had 8 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild?



See below left

Answers to Quiz: 1. Keeping up appearances with Hyacinth Bucket 2. Dunblane, with Andy Murray winning a gold medal at the Olympics and with wife Kim becoming a parent to daughter Sophia 3. Everton 4. Jennifer Lawrence 5. Bruce Springsteen.



Shewsy News

The club is in fine spirits at the moment with excellent attendance in both Junior and Senior clubs. The staff team are currently working with 60 – 80 young people per day and the club feels extremely lively. The team has seen some changes recently with Michael Duffy (*pictured right, and also below in the midst of Junior Club games*) and Joey Symes (*pictured above right*) both moving on to pastures new. The club would like to thank Michael and Joey for their efforts



The Shewsy prides itself on providing engaging and educational activities which enable young people to learn about themselves in a safe, fun environment. As a youth worker it is always fascinating to watch friendships develop and witness young people interacting with each other. The Shewsy is an amazing place to be part of and the staff have high expectations for the current crop of young people coming through the club. We aim to provide top quality opportunities and experiences for the young people in the club and we look forward to the rest of 2016 with great anticipation.

The second leg of a trilateral exchange with groups from Flintshire and Dublin will be taking place over the Easter period. It's the Shewsy's turn to host, and a four-day trip is planned to sunny Colomendy which will incorporate outdoor activities and workshops.

The club operates Monday–Thursday 3:30-5:30 for juniors and 7-9:30 for seniors, and new members are always welcome. The club will be open as normal during Easter although junior club will be closed 4th-7th April.

Finally our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Steve Waterhouse, a good friend to the Shewsy and this community, following his very sad death in February.
Dave Brereton and all the Shewsy team.



and input and wish them all the best for their future careers. Joey has been our music teacher for 10 years and seen many young musicians flourish in those years under his guidance, and best wishes for the second album with "Joey Symes and the Loving Kind". Michael has been at the Shewsy almost since birth, and has been a great club member and then helper in Junior and Senior Clubs, and especially memorable were the stories he shared from his trip to Malawi, including bringing 2 villages together for the first time in a football tournament.

"The greatest deception people suffer from is from their own opinions." (Leonardo da Vinci, painter, 1452-1519)

Churches' News

Best wishes, Father Adrian

Father Adrian Howell (*pictured right*) is moving on from St Francis Xavier's Church after 4 years: "I have enjoyed my time at SFX Church and value the good relationships that SFX has with the community. The parish is blessed with dedicated volunteers that help with the running of the church and its ministry and it is also blessed with Faith Primary School and I have so loved the openness and enthusiasm of the pupils. I honestly did my best for you all. Prayers and gratitude, Fr Adrian Howell." Fr Adrian's last service is on Sunday April 10th 10.15 at SFX on Langsdale Street and he then moves to Bournemouth and does a swap with the new priest for SFX, Denis Blackledge, the current priest in Bournemouth.



Churches Joint Lent Evenings

The Newsham and West Everton Churches held 4 very helpful evenings in Lent round the different churches on the theme of our journey with God, including some space and time for quiet reflection on a mixture of thought-provoking readings and poems (from such as Jean Vanier, Henri Nouwen, and Pat Bennett of Iona) and then the sharing of thoughts and stories before refreshments.

Good Friday service together

At St Peter's on Good Friday March 25th at 11 am there is the St Anthony's, St Francis Xavier's and St Peter's Churches together Good Friday service with reflections on the meaning of that remarkable day in the world's history. All are welcome and the service will speak of the greatest act of love in the history of the world as God in Jesus lays down his life for all people, as a loving parent would lay down their life for their child. "If only I could take their place" says many a parent to their suffering child.

Undeserved Suffering

A service on the theme of undeserved suffering at St Peter's featured a very moving talk by Pete Hedley of Langrove Street as he shared his experience of coping with his cerebral palsy: "I don't blame God," Pete said; "God is my support and my friend, and it's about keeping going with God's help."

The Story of Two Trees

The first tree is the tree in the imaginative, insightful story of the Garden of Eden: on that tree is hung the fruit which God has warned Adam and Eve not to eat. Unfortunately they could not be trusted and their lack of trust illustrates the separation of humankind from God, a condition which largely exists to this day.

However the second tree shows us the way to regain our relationship with God. In parts of the Bible the cross on which Jesus died is referred to as a "tree" because it was made of wood. When Jesus suffered and died on the cross He hung between heaven and earth to re-establish the relationship between God and humankind for all who will believe in Him and accept Him as their saviour.

The second tree stands above all other trees as a sign of love, sacrifice and salvation. You could call it the tree of life. With best wishes for Easter,
Mike Sedgwick

*"Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart."
(Corrie ten Boom, Dutch Christian imprisoned in the Second World War for hiding people from the Nazis.)*

Community News

Free Citizens Advice at WECC

Every Friday from 12 noon there is free advice on offer in West Everton Community Council on Everton Brow. Joanne Gawthorne is a very experienced Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) worker and can help on all sorts of issues and with complete confidentiality. No appointment is needed: just call in or ring 282 0303.

"Ball of Fire" at the Epstein theatre

Kenny O'Connell of Cresswell Street will have his play "Ball of Fire" about the life of Everton World Cup winner Alan Ball put on at the Epstein theatre on July 29th. The play involves narration from ex Everton player Ronnie Goodlass as he poetically links the dramatization that brings the piece to life. The story celebrates Alan's family life alongside his football career and has been endorsed by his family to give audiences the chance to get to know the real Alan Ball. Details from the Epstein theatre, 85 Hanover Street, L1 3DZ, tel 0844 888 4411.

Everton & District History Group

Everyone is welcome to attend the group which meets at 7.00 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Campfield pub on the corner of Hamilton Road and Everton Road. Ken Rogers gave a recent talk entitled "A History of Liverpool told through the headlines of the Liverpool Echo", a fascinating evening for the 20 or so people who attended.

Work getting underway at WECC

After a long hard process of insurance claims and building meetings there is finally a date this month when builders will start to make good the West Everton Community Council building so badly damaged in the fire last April. They hope to finish the work mid May. There is now light at the end of the tunnel and many congratulations to all the volunteers and staff who have helped

over these difficult 12 months. For any news from WECC about activities, do ring 282 0303 or call in...

Sports News



Best wishes to boxer Jazza Dickens (*pictured above*) for whenever his next fight comes off, and sympathies for the disappointment of his super bantam weight fight with Guillermo Rigondeux being called off (at least that is the situation at the time of writing this). Jazza's tweet: "Sorry to call you out like this champ and with all due respect are you coming to Liverpool to fight me? Yes or no? x" is a bit of typical Jazza honesty, respect and a fair question!

In football, best wishes to Darren Potter, son of outstanding amateur footballer Darren Hannah ("if he had had pace to match his skill, then...") as he tries to steer MK Dons away from the relegation area in the Championship. And best wishes also to Toni Duggan for the season in the Women's Super League and congratulations on her brilliant headed goal for England against Germany in the recent Cup competition.

And may the families and friends of the 96 finally experience justice and truth as the Hillsborough inquests finish.