

# Everton Telegraph

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## A Community that rallies round and supports



Community Spirit is alive and well in West Everton. The above picture shows 2 young people Isabella Ellis and Bonnie Hardacre with local MP Dan Carden smiling behind them as they show a cheque for £1,025 that they raised for Millstead School. At the end of half term week some young people had sadly vandalised both the Community Faith Plot and Millstead School on Prince Edwin Street. Our West Everton community rallied round and donations came from the 2 young people and others at the Shewsy, from North Liverpool Academy, Everton Development Trust, Friends of Everton Park, Ladders of Life, Roby Glazing, Notre Dame College and from many others across the community and the "Let's Do It for Millstead" fun run/walk (pictured below right) happened on Friday November 23rd.

"On behalf of the children, staff and governors at Millstead School", says Headteacher Michelle Beard, "I would like to say a huge thank you: our hearts were lifted greatly by the many people who have offered help and support. It has been very clear to us that the work at Millstead to provide the highest quality provision for our special learners is appreciated by families, friends and supporters in our community."

"We were all gutted when we heard what had happened: We wanted to help", said organiser Paul Edwards. Many congratulations to everyone involved. "We love Millstead!"



# Help with the impact of universal credit

As Universal Credit is rolled out and affects more and more people, Liverpool City Council is keen to offer help and support, and not just for Universal Credit but for anyone struggling to make ends meet (*see booklet pictured below*). Our local Everton Ward Councillor Jane Corbett, also Assistant Mayor for Fairness and Tackling Poverty,

**says: "As Liverpool City Council we have a local welfare scheme called Liverpool Citizens Support Scheme as well as the Mayoral Hardship Fund for crisis payments and household items for people without funds for food, heating, furniture, fridges, washing machines and other basic needs. Their number is freephone 0800 456 1523.**

There are also Discretionary Housing Payments, Council Tax Support and free school meals and benefit advice on 0800 028 3697, Housing options if threatened with homelessness

0800 731 6844, and for debt Citizens Advice Liverpool on 0344 848 7700. And the Department for Work and Pensions Universal Credit helpline is 0800 328 5644.

**"For support to do with any benefit changes there is the Council Benefit Maximisation Service (BMS) with freephone number 0800 028 3697. If you are affected by any benefit changes including the benefit cap do ring the BMS team number. The Council officers are working incredibly hard to support people and help them not be too scared, embarrassed, worried or even ashamed and their message is that they are there to help, to support, to ease worries in these difficult times. They will help with kindness and confidentiality and they are great, understanding officers."**



## Sarah and Alan Williams at the West Everton Lunch Club



Sarah Williams, Head of School at Faith Primary School on Prince Edwin Street and Alan Williams (no relation!) Executive Headteacher of Faith both spoke at the West Everton Lunch Club in the Shewsy, Langrove Street, on Wednesday November 28th. They spoke very warmly of their enjoyment of the **children's and staff's** enthusiasm and good humour, the great importance of reading as it opens doors to so many opportunities, and the

value of the "In Harmony" music project. Both also mentioned their childhood roots in Liverpool and their delight in being back in the city. Questions and comments flowed, and many thanks to Christine Delea and Teresa Roberts for the excellent food.

*"Nothing about us, without us, is for us" (A great motto for authentic community development)*

# The Greatest View in Liverpool



Or "the greatest view in Western Europe" as some say! Taken away from us by the planting of the Netherfield Brow blocks (aptly named as they blocked the view for 25 years or more) the wonderful stress-easing, perspective-giving views are open to all. Congratulations to the local community and to the City Council for resisting the attempts of developers to build houses there. The views from the top Park must be kept for all, not just some.

**John Hutchison of "The Friends of Everton Park" writes: "What other Park in the country can boast so much history under its grass and such a great view over one of the world's great cities?"**

"We are looking back on a superb season of events in our wonderful Everton Park. We have had the sun and we have revelled in it. And we finished off a couple of weeks ago with a cracking 10<sup>th</sup> Blue Run on a beautiful clear sunny day under blue sky (see back page Community News).

**"There is much work still to do. We all want to** make the Everton Park neighbourhood a truly great place to live, to work, to play, to visit – and to learn! We want to see our Park become the beautiful, well maintained, safe, loved and well used heart of the Everton Park neighbourhood.

**"And we are hard at work planning another** great programme of events in and around the Park throughout 2019. "

## *What was the original Christmas story?*

*How many Wise men were there? Were they all men?!*

*The "wise men" story comes from Matthew's gospel, written c 60-70 AD by the Jewish Christian Matthew towards the end of his life. And they were magi or star-gazers from the East, and they brought 3 gifts but we don't know how many of them there were: very likely more than 3 and very possibly including women too. They were not kings.*

*And Luke tells of shepherds visiting the baby Jesus. And shepherds were working people, often under-appreciated and looked down on.*

*The message? This Christmas story is for everyone, from east and west, on free offer...*

*Like the view above.*

*Labels are for boxes, labels are for clothing. Labels are not for people.*

# Christmas



# All age



## Christmas Wordsearch



F	R	I	J	Q	A	J	X	D	W
S	T	E	V	X	L	G	A	E	F
D	L	Z	I	E	K	T	W	C	B
T	X	O	S	N	N	Q	O	C	Y
G	R	N	R	A	D	M	N	I	Z
M	I	E	S	A	Z	E	S	E	K
T	X	V	E	H	C	J	E	S	R
O	P	S	T	N	E	S	E	R	P

Can you find these words?

TINSEL SNOW  
 TREE REINDEER  
 CAROLS PRESENTS  
 SANTA DECCIES



Why did everyone want the turkey to join the band?



Because the turkey had the drumsticks

## Quiz time

1. Which bird dives at a speed of 200 miles per hour?
2. Which Italian city is nicknamed "the learned, the fat and the red", for its University (the oldest of all Universities), its food and its politics?
3. What wise saying is in the following letters where the vowels have been taken out: TWHDSR-BTTRTHNN ?
4. Which sportsman has Maya Angelou's poem "Still I Rise" tattooed on his back?
5. In which famous film, based in a hospital for the mentally ill, did Jack Nicholson win his first Oscar for best actor?
6. How did both Everton and Liverpool win on derby day Sunday December 2nd 2018?

# fun and games



Which is the odd letter out in the following letters?

A F H K L N Y Z (See below under answers)



Tracy's mother had 4 children:  
first one was April,  
second one was May,  
third was June,  
what was the name of the 4th ?  
(See below under answers)



## Local History Corner: gather up the memories

Local journalist Ken Rogers – working with the Friends of Everton Park – is offering the chance to leave a personal memory about your family and old street as part of a year-long nostalgia exercise that includes a challenge to create a picture archive of every former street and road that once criss-crossed our district before the 1960s clearances.

**It's all linked with a completely rebuilt interactive website** – supported by the National Lottery & Heritage Lottery Fund.

**Ken says: "Some of us might not have a computer at home to look at the site, but all of our kids and grandkids are savvy and I'm sure they will help. It's a simple process to upload a picture and even simpler to leave a memory. You might just want to say how special your parents and grandparents were.**

**"Go online to [www.losttribeofeverton.com](http://www.losttribeofeverton.com) to see some of the 342 streets already uploaded and awaiting your input. If your street or block of flats is not there, simply follow the onscreen instructions to put that right. Good collections are emerging of the likes of Netherfield Road, Great Homer Street, Everton Road, Heyworth Street, and Scottie Road, but we are just as interested in the smaller streets. Be the first to upload a picture or simply leave a written memory."**



Ladies on the old Sackville Street which would become dominated by high rise blocks.

**Quiz answers:** 1. Peregrine Falcon 2. Bologna 3. Two heads are better than one 4. Lewis Hamilton 5. One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest 6. Everton Ladies beat Liverpool 2-1 and Liverpool beat Everton 1-0. And supporters of Reds and Blues got together for the Fans Supporting Foodbanks collections outside Anfield, a great Initiative from Red Ian Byrne and Blue Dave Kelly. **Odd letter out:** the letter L as all the others have 3 lines and L only has two. **Name of the 4th child:** The answer is there in the question: Tracy.

# Shewsy News

Over the past few months Senior Club members have engaged in plenty of positive activities. At the end of the summer holidays some members participated in and won the "No More Knives" football tournament: well done to the team of Edward Rooney, Alfie Brownless, Joel Smith, Niall King, Chris Daley for both winning and helping to spread awareness about the dangers of carrying knives.



Over the October half term 12 young people hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg of the latest Causeway youth exchange programme between the Shewsy and youth groups from Dublin and Wales. There was some really good learning for all 36 young people involved and we are pleased to say that we will continue to participate in such exchange programs in the future and furthermore become members of the European network for youth clubs (ENYC).

Halloween/Bonfire night is always a busy time of year. For the infamous mischief night with the help of funding from Merseyside police we were able to take 35 young people ten pin bowling. On bonfire night we closed Senior club and invited our members to West Everton Community Council for a supervised bonfire and small firework display. The event was very well attended and thanks again to all the volunteers on the day.

## Junior club

Junior club continues to flourish with around 30-40 young people attending per night: our main intake is children who come on the walking bus from Faith Primary and we get a few new members almost every week. Junior Club is pictured above right with volunteer

Emma Gardner (*centre*) who has been with us as a volunteer from September.

We have also recently recruited 3 new female volunteers to complement the existing staff: Paige Thomas (LJMU Student) , Emmie Templeton (former member) and Becky McCabe who has been with us a couple of months now and her efforts have proven to be a real asset. Anyone interested in volunteering (subject to DBS checks) can contact me on 0151 207 0725.

The Shewsy has recently been successful in securing just over £55,000 in funding from the home office as part of the governments Early Youth Intervention Fund to tackle serious violent crime. This was part of a newly formed youth alliance with the Shewsy, Everton in the community, the Princes Trust and the LFC foundation who all got a share of a larger pot. The new project will start in January.

Finally congratulations to Josef Rooney for settling in so well as a first Shewsy Club member to go to Shewsy School as a pupil on a scholarship.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2019

John Dumbell Team Leader

*I just want to be happy? The way to be happy is to live a good life that helps others..*

# Churches' News

## Christian Unity in the New Year

On Sunday January 20th at 6.30 pm there will be a Newsham and West Everton Churches together service in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at **St Francis Xavier's Church on Langsdale Street**. The service will be paying tribute to Rev Kevin Kelly (*pictured right*), priest, scholar and author who died on September 25th 2018 and who lived in Vauxhall for many years and was a great **supporter of both the Eldonians' and our West Everton community campaigns**. The service is titled "The Challenge of Being Human", a subtitle to one of Kevin's thoughtful, engaging books.

## "An Evidence-based faith?"

20 people attended one or more of the **Wednesday evenings at St Peter's** on the 3 week course led by Henry Corbett in October. The course engaged with questions people have about Christian belief: there was honest discussion, some film/TV clips (*inc from Homeland, pictured*) and input about science, suffering, the historical evidence for Jesus, the wrongs done in the name of religion, etc. We all have a belief or view about life: the question is does it make sense of life and the available evidence? Is it true?!



## Mental Health report

Sir Mark Hedley, Lay Reader and **regular preacher at St Peter's Church**, was part of a group conducting an Independent Review of the 1983 Mental Health Act. The report was published on December 5th and sets out recommendations covering 4 principles that the



group believes should underpin the reformed Act: 1. Choice and autonomy, **ensuring service users' views and choices** are respected 2. Least restriction, **ensuring the Act's powers are used in the least restrictive way** 3. Therapeutic benefit, ensuring patients are supported to get better, so they can be discharged from the Act 4. People as individuals, ensuring patients are viewed and treated as rounded individuals. Great principles.

## SFX's 170th Birthday

**Saint Francis Xavier's Church** had a weekend of celebrations over December 1st-2nd for its 170<sup>th</sup> birthday. SFX Church first opened its door on the 4h December 1848, and has been staffed by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) ever since. The Sodality Chapel is dedicated to the now closed Churches St Joseph and St Mary of the Angels. Group tours can be arranged with the possibility of afternoon tea: do contact the Church on 0151 298 1911 for details.

## Children in the lead

**2 recent services in St Peter's** have had the children planning and leading, with questions about God, prayer, and **with a clip from the film "Selma"** about Martin Luther King and his friends and allies campaigning for justice and peace. *Have a great peace-filled Christmas.*

We can't change the past. But we can use it to create a better future.

# Community News

## Whitechapel

The Centre on Langsdale Street will be open as usual over the Christmas period, offering food, housing advice, fun activities as always. For more details do contact the centre 0151 207 7617 or at the Centre's website at [www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk](http://www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk).

## Everton Park Fun Runs

Congratulations to everyone who organised and took part and supported the two Blue Runs in memory of Joseph Lappin in Everton Park, in the bottom park on Friday October 19th and in the top park on a gorgeous day on Sunday November 18th. Local schools, boxing clubs, residents, supporters and the Lappin family all there in fine numbers.

## In Harmony Birthday

Music-playing is still alive and well for the children of Everton. In Harmony Liverpool is already preparing for their next Birthday Concert, celebrating 10 years of music making in Everton, and taking place at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. Details from Zoe Armfield on 0151 210 2931 or [Zoe.Armfield@liverpoolphil.com](mailto:Zoe.Armfield@liverpoolphil.com)

## WECC 50 years old next year

In 2019 West Everton Community Council will be 50 years old, formed from the Gt Homer St and District Community Association. Memories, pictures welcome at WECC on Bute Street.

## Walk a Mile in My Shoes

Congratulations to Amy Courtenay and all the cast and workers behind the scenes (special mention for stage manager Adam Roberts) for the very moving production of "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" telling a woman's story from 1876-1946 with the LSPCC created in 1883 which later became the NSPCC, the Shewsy founded in 1903 and the Ann Fowler created in 1910.

## BBC drama "Care"

Jimmy McGovern's drama "Care",

written with Gillian Jukes, was shown on BBC 1 on Sunday evening December 9th, with Alison Steadman, Sheridan Smith, Sinead Keenan, and showing the deep stresses in the care system. The drama included scenes filmed on Robsart Street off Conway Street and in **the entrance to St Peter's Church.**

## Adam Byrne on various stages

Adam Byrne of Shaw Street has had a busy few months on the acting stage including outstanding **performances in "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" and also in "Give the Fans Sweet FA" where he was reported as being "in various guises"!**

## Pavements blocked

The pavements at the bottom end of Prince Edwin Street are still dangerously blocked by building work despite protests: it is a route used by children going to school as well as by adults.

## SPORTS NEWS

Combining a love of football with **drama Kenny O'Connell's "Ball of Fire"** with poetry from Bobby Parry is back on at the Epstein Theatre January 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, a celebration of Alan Ball's life.

**Congratulations to England's Women's Football Team striker Toni Duggan** on being selected as number 55 in the top 100 female footballers of 2018 by Sports Newspaper of the Year the Guardian, and all the very best for being selected (and then winning?!) the **Women's World Cup this summer.**

Congratulations to Francis Breen of Langrove Street on becoming North West Lightweight Cage Warrior.

Best wishes for 2019 to our local professional boxers, Ryan Farrag and Jazza Dickens in that very tough sport.

And all the best to Stanfield Football Club Junior teams for 2019 and to **St Sebastian's with a number of local Everton lads** as they aim to follow last season's triumphs with more next year.