

# Everton Telegraph

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## What a tough year!

Hanging on in there

The picture right shows three young lads in China St playground hanging on bravely, with encouragement from each other.

This last year 2020 has felt like that for many of us in Everton as Covid 19 came to this community as it came to millions across the world.

But the vaccine is **now with us and so let's** keep hanging on in there and encouraging each other.



**What a year it's been:** Monday March 23rd was the first lockdown as we were instructed to stay at home, not to mix, to wash our hands. That lockdown lasted until a slight easing on May 10th. Then on June 1st Primary Schools re-opened, sports events started to take place behind closed doors, and on July 4th pubs, restaurants, places of worship were allowed to re-open. Then after hope that the virus might be on the wane the autumn brought more cases, the Liverpool Hospital Trust recorded in October the 3rd highest death count in the country, and the second lockdown came on November 5th and lasted until December 2nd. Liverpool piloted mass testing, but the virus is still with us.

It has been so tough for so many, and we owe so much to those on the frontline, in the National Health Service, in care homes, care workers, teachers and support staff in schools, youth workers, Food Bank volunteers, shop workers, postal workers, bin men **and women, delivery drivers. West Everton Community Council's food project and their provision of free internet access via Vodafone and free computers have been great helps.**

There has been a deeply worrying rise in poverty, with the loss of jobs, with rising living costs, and the rise in anxiety levels with both the virus and all the uncertainties.

And what have we learnt from it all? Do we want to go back to the old normal or do we want a new normal? A fairer society, a safer world? See inside on page 2....

## NSPCC offering help and support for young people

**“It feels obvious to say 2020 has been a year filled with challenges, but that doesn’t mean it isn’t true”, says Alex Modder (pictured right at the NSPCC Hargreaves Centre on Great Homer Street).**

**“The pandemic hit everyone hard, and while our staff were all sent home in March, they continued to work with staggering dedication and commitment throughout lockdown to ensure children and young people across Merseyside continued to receive the support and help they desperately needed.**

**“We found new, creative ways for our one-to-one work with young people across the region to continue safely, and these methods will continue into 2021 to ensure we’re here for children whenever they need us.**

**“The centre reopened and face-to-face work resumed at the end of August, and we’ve also met with children in schools and homes where appropriate. Although the pandemic remains, we’re still developing great relationships in the community, with the West Everton Community Council and Everton Children’s centre, as well as with Alder Hey, and you’ll see the results from those relationships into next year.**

**“This Christmas, our Childline and Helpline colleagues know they’ll be speaking to thousands of children across the country who need our support, and thanks to their dedication, we’ll be there to help them however we can.**

**“2020 hasn’t been easy, but we’ve turned the experience into strength and determination we will carry into 2021 and beyond.**

Children can contact Childline on 0800 1111. Adults can contact the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 8005000 or email [help@nspcc.org](mailto:help@nspcc.org).”



### **And how should the future look....**

— A worldwide green new deal to meet the challenges of climate change and the need for new jobs. Have we learnt that we need to look after our world? Is one reason for the Coronavirus pandemic our careless treatment of animals and our world?

— A determination to respect and pay properly our front line services. The applause for the NHS and Care services led to a right concern that such front line workers, including also teachers and staff who went back into schools, shop staff, delivery workers, should all be properly paid and looked after.

— An end to ignorant, destructive racism and discrimination. The death of George Floyd in America on May 25th this year was a terrible example of shocking racism.

— A concern for truth not misinformation, false rumours, dangerous untrue social media posts. Reliable news reporting, reliable social media posts so important.

— Respect for expert Scientists worldwide who have cooperated for the vaccine. The work of scientists shows the possibility and value of worldwide co-operation.

**“Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying I will try again tomorrow.”**

*(Mary Anne Radmacher, writer and artist)*

# The Children of Faith Primary play on

Here's a story of great perseverance through this year 2020. Children can often show remarkable resilience, and the picture right shows some of the children of Faith Primary School, socially distanced, practising away in the much loved old Friary Church building on Fox Street.

**Liverpool Philharmonic's learning programme "In Harmony"** put on the 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall in March just a week before the lockdown, and since then the In Harmony Liverpool team have worked to ensure that all 1,500 young people and families in Everton and Anfield involved with the programme have continued to access high quality music-making at home during this so very challenging period.

All activity moved online, with a digital teaching programme for students and families. From September Philharmonic musicians have been back in schools and community venues teaching in a safe, socially-distanced way.

Beyond the school gates, socially-distanced **rehearsals with In Harmony Liverpool's advanced level chamber ensemble Chamber Stars** have continued whenever possible, as well as a special master class by famous violinist Tasmin Little.

**"While it won't be possible to hold the traditional Christmas celebration concerts with audiences in the community this December", writes Sophie Plumb, "In Harmony Liverpool's young musicians will share their work via pre-recorded video showcases for family and friends. Watch out for snippets of their work on the schools' and Liverpool Philharmonic's social media channels.**

For more information about Liverpool Philharmonic's In Harmony programme please go to [www.liverpoolphil.com/about-us/in-harmony-liverpool](http://www.liverpoolphil.com/about-us/in-harmony-liverpool) or call Sophie Plumb, In Harmony Liverpool Manager on 07808870510.



## A Christmas Story

A young girl is pregnant, and her fiancé is not the father and thinks of leaving her. But he stays with her, and then the ruling Government say they have to travel 60 miles with no public transport with the girl expecting..

They arrive and the only accommodation is at the back of an inn. The cradle is an **animal's feeding-trough**. Soon after the birth an out-of-control power-driven dictator wants to kill the child, and they flee as asylum-seekers to a neighbouring country.

The original Christmas story tells of a God who knows about suffering, injustice, pain.

# Christmas



# All age



## Christmas Deccies Wordsearch



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A	F	R	P	K	W	Z	V	Y	A
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Can you find these words?

TINSEL

BAUBLE

STAR

CRACKERS

ADVENT

CALENDAR

CANDLES

CARDS

What slowed production at Santa's workshop before Christmas?

Some of his workers had to elf isolate!



Why can Santa's reindeer travel on Christmas Eve anywhere they like?



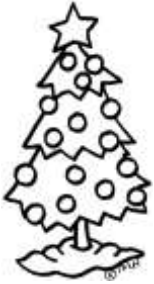
They have herd immunity!

## Quiz time on this difficult year

1. Who aimed at the age of 99 to raise £1000 for the NHS with 100 laps of his garden and how much did he in fact raise?
2. She won the Liverpool Echo Outstanding Achievement award in November and her son was celebrated in a Jimmy McGovern BBC drama this year. Who is this Liverpool icon?
3. What reached 60 on Friday 9 December at 7 pm?
4. **Whose names fill in these gaps: "For \*\*\*\*\*, I would go to the end of the world, but with \*\*\*\*\*, I wouldn't take a step,"** words said by Fernando Signorini, a fitness trainer.
5. What outcome made a campaigning lawyer in 2020 **cry on television and say it made it "easier to tell your kids that character and being a good person matters"?**



# FUN



What happened on the evening of Thursday 25th June when Chelsea beat Manchester City 2-1? The display in Higham Square off Prince Edwin Street (pictured left) gives a clue!



Congratulations to Liverpool FC and a great team with a great manager on winning the Premier League title 2019-2020



## Local History Corner

Here's a picture of Everton when times were also tough, as the picture dramatically shows. But when was this picture taken, and where is this sad pile of destruction?

*(Answer below)*



**Quiz answers:** 1. Captain Tom Moore, and he raised more than £38 million for the NHS. 2. Gee Walker for all her campaigning for education in matters of racism and her great example of willingness to forgive. 3. Coronation Street, the ITV soap started in 1960 4. Diego Maradona: Diego the humble, loving lad from a poor area of Buenos Aires, Argentina, but "Maradona" the famous star who couldn't admit weakness and was sadly indulged by others and who sadly indulged himself in cocaine addiction and unhealthy relationships. 5. The outcome was the declaration that Joe Biden had won the US Presidency against Donald Trump, and the words were said by Van Jones, commentator and lawyer. **Local History Corner:** Anthony Street with Arkwright Street beyond that. Post 1941 blitz: the devastation (almost certainly?) the result of World War Two bombing rather than 1960s demolition.

# Shewsy News

2020 for many has been a difficult year, it has certainly presented many challenges for places like the Shewsy. However I am delighted to inform you that our dedicated staff team has risen to the task of providing top quality youth work provision for our young people.

During the first lockdown we became increasingly aware that we needed to have more of a presence within the local area. With this in mind we began delivering some detached youth work sessions in and around Everton Park giving us the opportunity to re-engage with some of our harder to reach young people.

Upon returning to action we have had to split our sessions due to the sheer demand. We now run 3 different age groups: Junior club 5-11 years, intermediate 12-15 and seniors for 15-19 year olds. All sessions are oversubscribed within minutes of us putting out the booking information.

On Mischief Night the staff team ran an all-nighter at the Shewsy with over 40 young people aged 11-15 attending and engaging positively throughout the night. This received great feedback from both the police and the local council as there was very little in the way of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the area at this time. A quote from our **neighbourhood inspector said "Thanks for last night, it had a real impact on Jennifer Avenue and Scotland Road: both were very quiet."** Also a quote from Council officer Joanne Matthews who **said "Very well done over the Halloween/Bonfire night period: I believe you were full and this made a huge difference to ASB in the area. Huge thank you to you and all the team."**

More recently we have been



*Some Junior Club members (top picture) delighted with the Big Give, and some Senior Club members helping with clearing the Shewsy and St Peter's courtyard.*

running more targeted sessions focusing on healthy relationships, independent living, cookery and healthy life styles and early intervention. Well done to the Staff team for all their hard work in 2020, and a big thanks to Thomas Butler for all his work as a Shewsy helper since 2017 and best wishes for his teaching career. Big thanks also to everyone who contributed towards our Big Give Christmas challenge campaign which will go a long way in refreshing the club.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year for 2021, with best wishes  
John Dumbell Team leader

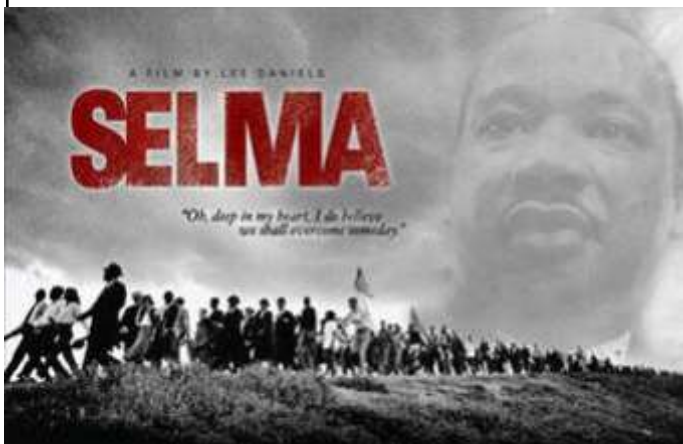
*"These children matter... And for as long as their voice is not listened to they will have mine."  
(Marcus Rashford, footballer)*

# Churches' News

Online, Zoom, new skills in action

The first lockdown came just ahead of Mothering Sunday, and with the help of a good friend, Nathan from St Athanasius church, Kirkdale, St Peter's joined up with St John Chrysostom's Church on Queens Road and St Athanasius to put together online services from Mothering Sunday through to the time when we were allowed back into the church building with all the Covid secure measures in place in July.

The online services included our usual ecumenical service on Good Friday, with Daniel Martin introducing. Our Easter Sunday service featured our local judge Mark Hedley speaking about the **evidence for Jesus' resurrection, and also** a clip from that great film Selma pictured below reminding us of the call to work



for a fairer, more just, loving world.

Our online series of services were around 20 minutes long and they can be found if you google Liverpool North Deanery youtube or go to the North Liverpool Deanery facebook page and the videos section for March-July. Church members who were not online received letters with summaries of the services.

## The Amazing Zoom

During the autumn and especially in the second lockdown as for many other churches and community meetings the amazing zoom came into use when we were again not allowed to meet in our

church buildings. So on a Sunday morning we could "see" each other on our computer screens and join in with news to share, prayers to say, questions to ask, hymns to enjoy.

Polkinghorne, Wright, Rosa Parks  
**Henry Corbett, vicar of St Peter's and St John Chrysostom's, also did a** series of three midweek discussions on zoom to continue his annual autumn tradition of engaging with the deep, honest questions about faith and belief. This year he referred to the life and thoughts of Science Professor John Polkinghorne on evidence for a Creator God, to Bishop Tom Wright for evidence from history for Jesus Christ, and to the experiences of Rosa Parks, Johann Sebastian Bach and local Everton Christians like Barbara Cunningham and Hilda Draper and others as evidence for the Spirit of God at work in human lives.

## Sunday evening TED talks

This year has highlighted the communication possibilities of the internet, and on Sunday evenings in St Peter's we have enjoyed some very relevant and thought-provoking TED talks: "The danger of the single story" by novelist Chimamanda Adichie is strong on racism or any form of stereotyping, and Scouser and Educationalist Ken **Robinson's 3 TED talks on education and creativity** are full of humour and great stories. Ken sadly died in August this year but his first talk still holds the top spot as most watched TED talk with over 66 million views.

## Christmas Services

For Christmas and New Year services and updates on services for the **year ahead do contact St Anthony's on 0151 207 0177, St Francis Xavier's on 0151 298 1911, or St Peter's on 0151 207 1948** for details.

# Community News

Lost Tribe of Everton news

**The 'Lost Tribe of Everton & Scottie Road' project began in 2010 when Ken Rogers published the first of two local books about the inner city district he was brought up in. After 10 street reunions, a stage play, a photographic library tour and citywide talks, Ken's Everton story was put forward as a UK entrant for this year's UNESCO/Jikji World Memory of the Year prize.**

**Ken writes: "We did not win, but no one can argue with the final verdict of the international judging panel. The award went to the Tuol Sleng Cambodia Genocide Museum which holds the names and pictures of over 20,000 people who suffered terribly under the ruthless Khmer Rouge from 1975-1979.**

**"I am still very proud that our 'Lost Tribe of Everton & Scottie Road' project was in the final mix and I will drive on to build the definitive picture of our old district in words and pictures while recording the folklore and memories of the 120,000 friends, neighbours and relatives caught up in the clearances from the 1960s onwards."**

There are now close on 3,000 uploads on the [losttribeofeverton.com](http://losttribeofeverton.com) site that features a simple ABC street search as well as the opportunity to review the 1960 Everton Electoral Roll.

As Christmas approaches, Ken invites people to go on-site, find their old street, and leave a personal memory or tribute to those treasured and loved parents and grandparents who were once at the heart of a community we remain fiercely proud of.

Struggling to make ends meet?

The Liverpool City Council Citizens Support Scheme can be accessed on freephone 0800 456 1523, and for Benefits advice freephone 0800 028 3697 and Citizens Advice on 0344 848 7700 or via WhatsApp 07468 533 492.

New Head for Notre Dame

Best wishes to Peter Duffy, appointed this year Head of Notre Dame Catholic College on Great Homer Street. Peter has taught at Anfield Comprehensive, at North Liverpool Academy and knows our area and community well.

SPORTS NEWS

Kind gift from Toni



Toni Duggan from our West Everton Community and now with **Atletico Madrid Women's football team** is pictured above with her gift of a Teqball table to the Shewsy. Teqball? **It's table tennis with a football and no bats:** so great for football skills.

Congratulations, Jazzer



Many congratulations to local boxer Jazza Dickens, pictured above after his win retaining the WBO European featherweight title on December 2nd.