

# ALT VALLEY VOICE

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Community News from North East Liverpool



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## FESTIVAL CAUSES A STIR IN CROXTETH PARK

**In the latest development following Liverpool City Council's shock decision to keep Croxteth Hall under council ownership, children's television channel CBBC will be descending on the estate in August to host their first ever outdoor festival.**

The arrival of the TV and radio giant in Croxteth has divided opinion. While it may be good for raising the profile of the area, the festival has come under fire for failing to benefit the local community. With tickets priced at £30.80 per person aged 2+ per day, and car parking at £11, the event is priced far out the financial reach of many people, especially if they have several children.

Other BBC events, such as the annual Radio 1's Big Weekend, which moves to a different location every year and hosts acts such as Ed Sheeran, Katy Perry and Coldplay, is completely free. Although this huge event is ticketed, the tickets are allocated through

postcodes, meaning that approximately 95% of tickets are given to local residents. The CBBC festival in Croxteth is different, in that Liverpool City Council put in a bid for it to come to the local estate; however, it is difficult to see how the event benefits most local people, when it is so expensive to attend.

**Alt Valley Voice contacted the event organisers for comment. Jessica Balodis, PR for the CBBC Summer Social, said: 'We want as many families as possible to be able to attend Summer Social. We'll be working with the Council and local community groups to distribute a number of free tickets to local families who might not otherwise be able to attend.**

'The popularity of other similar size festivals shows that families do value this kind of large scale event. Our ticket prices have been benchmarked against other similar

events. We will also broadcast from the event so those at home can also be part of the experience.'

Event organisers confirmed that attendees will be able to take their own food and drink into the festival, so no additional costs will be incurred.

However, the park will be closed to the general public for the three days, 3rd-5th August, when the festival is running. Ms Balodis told *Alt Valley Voice*: 'We're working closely with local residents and the local authority to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum. We hope that local residents will see the great benefits of having an event of this type in their area.'

This is the first outdoor event of its kind run by CBBC. It will be interesting to see whether, as the council says, the profile of Croxteth is benefitted by the event, or if it will simply become white noise in the background.

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# Norris 'Green' space gets new lease of life

**N**orris Green Park has continued getting its facelift in the past few months, courtesy of Friends of Norris Green Park and Ellergreen Tenants and Residents Association.

Local organisations have been helping the groups, getting stuck in at the volunteer days and helping clear up the remaining debris left in the park. Staff from the Co-Op on Broad Lane have been attending, as well as having collection buckets in the shop; in May, a group of Co-Op managers spent an entire day at the park, assisting with clearing and maintenance work.

In February, the park received a visit from a judge from the Green Flag Park Awards. The visit cumulated in an assessment of the park being made, and, consequently, an action plan being drawn up from the recommendations. The volunteers will be able to get started on this program of work, and hopefully, work towards Norris Green Park being awarded Green Flag Park status!

Although a solid start has been made by the volunteers, Liverpool City Council have halted any further work in the area around the former stables, until some remedial work has been carried out to make it safe.

The Grade II listed building has sustained a lot of damage over the years, though the weather, rogue vegetation growing between the bricks, and vandalism. Once these pressing issues have been rectified, architectural experts will be working with the groups to save the structure from further deterioration, and hopefully bring it back into use – maybe as a performance or community events space!

**Residents have been waiting for a while now for news on the new play area, but work was continuously postponed due to bad weather. However, work began in**

**early May, and while there were a few setbacks along the way, with the fencing being knocked down while the structure was being built, the play area opens on 2nd June.**

This is the beginning of a new era for Norris Green Park. The once beautiful green space is remembered fondly by many in their childhood memories, and is being steadily restored to its former glory, thanks to the hard work of local residents. Hopefully, the park will be the pride of the local community, and many more families can make happy memories in Norris Green Park.



FACELIFT... The new play area in use

## WHAT NOW FOR LABOUR ON CITY COUNCIL?

**I**t has been an eventful few weeks for Liverpool City Council.

The election on 3rd May saw Labour triumph once again, with increased majorities in the Croxteth, Norris Green, Clubmoor, Fazakerley, and Anfield wards.

However, 3 Labour seats were lost to the Liberal Democrats, including that of respected Childwall councillor Frank Hont to Carole Storey, the wife of Mike Storey, former Lib Dem leader of Liverpool City Council from 1998-2005.

Mayor Joe Anderson hit out at the party in a leaked email, pulling apart the election campaign that not only lost seats, but failed to win crucial targets in Greenbank, Tuebrook, St Michael's, and Stonecroft.

The most recent shock developments

have seen Assistant Mayor Cllr Nick Small, who was the group's election co-ordinator, axed from the Cabinet in a reshuffle on 18th May, followed by the resignation of Cabinet member Cllr Steve Munby in protest.

**On the same day, Cllr Ann O'Byrne resigned from her position as Deputy Mayor, with a statement released on Twitter stating that she 'received a clear mandate from the Liverpool Labour Group to continue as Deputy Leader of the Group for another year', and how she feels that, 'the Mayor isn't**

**listening to the Labour Group, wider party, and, most importantly, the people of Liverpool'.**

Cllr O'Byrne was elected by the Labour group as Deputy Leader on Wednesday 16th May, narrowly beating Barry Kushner, councillor for Norris Green, to the position. In her social media statement, she said she will continue with her position as Deputy Leader to 'support councillors and members'.

Cllr Barry Kushner tweeted: 'Ann O'Byrne was elected Deputy Leader by a wafer thin majority of four. This is not a "clear mandate". Since Wednesday, information about conversations she had with other colleagues has come to light which I believe made her position untenable. We should now have a new DL [Deputy Leader] election.'

Mayor Anderson released a statement to the group, confirming the resignations, and stressing that there 'can be no place for internal party politicking. Not when we still have one in three children in this city growing up in poverty and when we have lost two-thirds of our government grant.'

Opinion on Joe Anderson divides Liverpool, but these recent shock developments have left everyone wondering: what will be next for Liverpool City Council?



Clockwise from far left: Mayor Joe Anderson, Cllr Ann O'Byrne, Cllr Nick Small

# LAST OF THE FALSE STARTS FOR STONEDALE?

**I**t's no secret that the Stonedale Crescent estate is at the centre of a huge design overhaul, and the process has been gathering pace in recent weeks.

A large focus group on 23rd April in the Communitarity, Altcross Road, saw the bringing together of residents, local organisations and businesses, and representatives from Gillespies – the masterplanners – Cobalt Housing, Liverpool City Council, and Hemingway Design, who will be spearheading the reformatting of the estate.

Hemingway Design, who have redesigned over 100 estates similar to Stonedale, are focusing on maximising the potential of the estate, redoing the outside space, and redesigning the landscape of the estate itself.

Stonedale has experienced some antisocial activity in recent years, much of which is linked to the layout of the estate itself. The estate is a typical Radburn design - many Radburn estates up and down the country have experienced similar problems due to the way the area is designed.

Gillespies were appointed by Cobalt in January, and have since attended consultation events and conducted surveys, trying to get residents' opinions and feedback on what they want to see changed on the estate. From these sessions, one thing is clear: residents love their estate, and would never want to move, but there are things that need to be changed.

The houses facing inwards means that there is a lack of natural surveillance, especially in the back corners, where fly tipping is common; the crescent shape that



Stonedale

runs off Stonebridge Lane means there are issues with scrambler bikes driving around Stonedale Crescent. The four corners with small alleyways act as rat runs that enable people to gather, and then disperse quickly when the police arrive.

A drop in session at the Porchfield Community Centre in mid-May revealed some potential ideas for how the estate could look, drawing on what residents had highlighted. There are limits with how much Cobalt can actually do with the existing estate, as there is a high owner-occupier population; however, Cobalt has recently acquired land next to the estate, where a range of new homes will be built starting next year.

By August, Gillespies will have produced a high-level masterplan for how the estate will look. However, making this plan reality will not begin right away, as its completion is subject to receiving further funding.

*Alt Valley Voice* contacted Cobalt Housing for comment:

'The funding received for the Masterplanning exercise has come from

the Department of Communities and Local Government and this will help kick start the regeneration of Stonedale. Residents views are really important to us, and any changes that take place will be in full consultation with the local community. Cobalt will build new high quality homes, that will complement any redevelopment of the estate'.

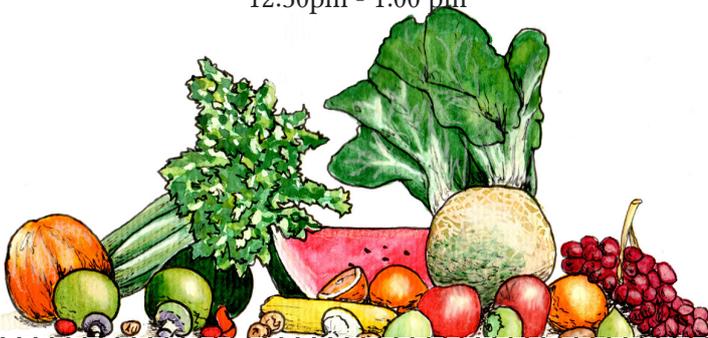
Local resident Ron Thomas, who lives on Invergarry Road, told *Alt Valley Voice*: 'We've been promised things so much, that a lot of people don't bother going to these meetings anymore. We've lived there for 8 years, but recently we've watched the estate just go down'. The estate feels isolated, which causes problems, as there is no easy way to get to the shops on the East Lancs. Ron said, 'It's alright for younger people, as they can cut through the gaps in the railings and go through the Showcase carpark, but older people can't, as they trip and fall over, so have to walk to whole way around'.

Hopefully, this is the last false start for Stonedale, and the estate's full potential will finally become realised.

## Every Thursday

Through Cobalt, the Big Apple Van comes to Stonedale Estate for you to purchase fresh fruit and veg at competitive prices!

Field opposite Invergarry Road  
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# PICNIC IN THE PARK IS A ROARING SUCCESS

**O**n Saturday 14th April, local group Autism in Motion hosted their second annual Picnic in the Park.

The event saw numerous local organisations and residents alike gather in Norris Green Park under the lovely April sunshine, with bouncy castles, face painting, food and craft stalls galore!

Autism in Motion is based in Norris Green Youth Centre, and was set up by three mums to fill a gap in the support available for parents and children with autism. They host regular activities and coffee mornings for both children and parents, and provide information on autism.

The day was organised as part of World Autism Awareness Day celebrations to help understanding of autism. There were several local organisations there, as well as stalls to provide information on autism; groups such as the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Association were invited, who did henna tattoos, and handed out books and leaflets to raise money for AIM.

Hannah Tickle, one of the directors of AIM, told Alt Valley Voice: 'We put the music and bouncy castles in one area, and put the speakers behind the trees, so that the music wasn't booming out over the park. It meant there were quiet areas and louder areas that people could go to, but there was something to do wherever you were. It was an autism friendly

environment, but fun for everyone!'

The park was full of local residents, families – even all three Norris Green councillors were there!

Councillor Sharon Ross said of the event: 'The sun was shining once again, and it was amazing to see so many providers in one place showcasing what support is on offer, both citywide and locally. We can't wait until next year!'

Jo Galbraith, another of the AIM directors, said, 'It was just a lovely day, and everyone got along so well. We've got all the paperwork approved now, so it will be an annual event!'

The action hasn't stopped for Autism in Motion this month, though - The Farmer's Arms Pub, on Townsend Lane, were fundraising with gusto over the Bank Holiday weekend for the local group, hosting raffles, darts competitions, quizzes, BBQs.... the list goes on! The Clubmoor-based pub does a lot of for charity, and



the fundraising for Autism in Motion raised the grand total of £1,420. Another lovely example of our community pulling together to help each other.

Check our 'What's On: Summer Special' page (p.11) to see what Autism in Motion have planned in upcoming weeks.

## Alfie sets the wheels in Motion

**Alfie has started his fundraising career early, raising money for Autism in Motion.**

Alfie's brother, Harry, has autism, and so the family are very involved with the local organisation. Aged just 9, Alfie took it upon himself to write to his school, asking if they could hold an own clothes day to raise money, which they agreed to, and raised £200 from this alone. But he didn't stop there!

Alfie also approached family, friends, and other local people, and got them on board with his cause – he has now raised £1000 for Autism in Motion, all by himself. A huge well

done to Alfie, an amazing member of our community!



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# ADULT EDUCATION CORNER

The Learner Voice Celebration in Croxteth Communiversity on 9th May gave learners the opportunity to get together, share a meal, sign up for new classes, and show some of their new skills.

The students all received a certificate, in recognition of the new skills they had gained on courses such as cookery, holistic therapies, and beauty. One learner, Kathleen (pictured second from the right), said: 'I'm going to hang this on the wall in the kitchen – I've never been given a certificate before!'

Adult Education courses have something to offer everybody. Classes run from the Communiversity, Ellergreen Community Centre, Dovecot MAC, as well as the Bridge Community Centre, the Porchfield Community Centre, and other locations around the North East of the city.

The scope of courses available range from beauty, music, and holistic

therapies, to ICT, youth and community work, and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) – and most importantly, they are all 100% free!

If none of these take your fancy, but there is something you would like to learn, why not suggest it? As long as there is enough interest, most courses can be put on. Genealogy, foreign languages, drama, creative writing... the opportunities are endless!



Adult Education not only a way to learn new skills for no cost, but they are a great way to meet new people who

may become good friends. You may find a hidden talent, or even new career path, too!

For enquiries on how to sign up for courses, or more information, please call any of our centres shown to the right.

*Adult Education Courses*  
**Alt Valley Community Trust**

**Ellergreen Community Centre**  
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**The Communiversity**  
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 Croxteth  
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**Dovecot MAC**  
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## More @ My Clubmoor

You may have seen in Issue 4 that local organisation My Clubmoor have recently opened their new community hub on Maiden Lane.

Their first exhibition week was so successful, that they have been hosting a second one, 28th May-2nd June, after their big opening day on 26th May, with workshops such as RELAXmore@ Clubmoor, featuring mindfulness and yoga sessions, and MUSICmore@ Clubmoor, which has a variety of music and drumming lessons.

The hope is that the hub will become the centre for a variety of workshops, and a base for groups to host sessions – such as drumming, vintage groups, and crafts. Once the garden area has been developed, it opens up even more opportunity for gardening and vegetable growing!

Have a look on their social media to stay up-to-date with their upcoming events. Additionally, if you have an idea for a workshop or session you'd like to put on, then get in touch!



My Clubmoor Community Hub on Maiden Lane

# DOVECOT MA

The building work is done, the renovations are finished, and the new and improved Dovecot Multiactivity Centre is better than ever before!

The library (shown in the three pictures on this page) has been moved from the other side of the building, into the newly refurbished section. It is much brighter (making it easier to read!), and there is full computer access.

The cafe will be opening soon, too, meaning you can have a cuppa while you get stuck in to a new book!



**Book club starting in June**

Every Monday  
1pm-2pm  
Dovecot MAC Library

Call 0151 254 1879 for more information

It doesn't stop at the library though - the list of services available at Dovecot MAC goes on!

The gym (shown opposite, bottom right) is located just past the library, with a variety of equipment available, and access to a huge sports hall, too.

Did you know that Active8 membership is available here too? For £10 a month, 8-17 year olds can have inclusive access to the gym, swimming pool (not available at Dovecot MAC), exercises classes, courts and pitches, fun sessions during the holidays, as well as access to all Lifestyles centres. A concessionary price of £5 per month is available to those who can provide proof of benefits.



# MAC...IS BACK!

There are ESOL classes every Wednesday, IT classes on Monday and Tuesday (shown top right), and a variety of other Adult Education classes, including Make Up, Beauty and Holistic Therapies sessions.

Riverside Job Club host sessions in Dovecot MAC every Thursday and Friday, 10am-3pm, and on Wednesdays, Smokefree are available from 1pm to 2:30pm.

The MAC is a Sure Start Children's centre, where advice and support is available for parents, expectant parents, and children under 4. There is also a Diddy Daycare Nursery, which is open from 7:30am til 5:45 pm.



Some recent exciting news has revealed that a new sport qualification for 17-19 year olds will be available in Dovecot MAC, starting in July. It is free of charge, and will enable those who are interested in a future in sport to get their foot on the first rung of the career ladder.

For more information on Adult Education classes, room hire, gym membership, the sessions that take place at the centre, the sport qualification, or anything else, please call Dovecot MAC on **0151 254 1879**.





**D**o you know about St Andrew's Community Network? Based at 16 Larkhill Lane, Clubmoor, the organisation helps and supports people in the local area, with a team of over 200 volunteers. They offer a range of opportunities, including reception and admin, warehousing, logistics, peer coaching, and money and debt management. They have a dedicated Volunteer Co-Ordinator and give certificates of

# What a year...

recognition for hours worked.

In the last 12 months, via their foodbank, St Andrew's Community Network have fed over 7,200 people, and collected and distributed over 50,000 kilos of food.

Through their money management advice scheme, authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority, they have helped 354 people, with 84 people receiving 1-to-1 budget coaching, sessions being run in schools, and over £1.2 million of debt being written off in the last year.

Lots of people struggle with getting the right benefit entitlement - the trained advisor at St Andrew's supported 105 people last year, to help them maximise their income. This is only set to increase now that Universal Credit has been rolled out

nationally. There are also bi-weekly peer support groups based around mental health issues and pain support, and in June 2018, the peer coach service is restarting.

Fancy getting involved? Whether you need their help, or would like to volunteer in one of the many roles available, call **0151 226 3406** or the relevant person below:

**Foodbank:** vicky@standrewslive.org.uk

**Debt:** julie-Anne@standrewslive.org.uk  
fiona@standrewslive.org.uk  
john@standrewslive.org.uk

**Money Education:** jenny@standrewslive.org.uk

**Volunteering:** tracy@standrewslive.org.uk

**Operations:** simonh@standrewslive.org.uk

**CEO:** kevin@standrewslive.org.uk

## NEW RADIO STATION HAS LIVERPOOL IN 'BLISS'!

**H**ave you ever thought about starting something as exciting as a radio station? For local entrepreneur Sean Saunders, that is exactly what he is doing.

Crosby-based Sean has been doing radio for over twenty years, from hospital radio, to community radio, working his way up the radio hierarchy. In recent years, local radio stations have ceased to exist as they once did, and so Sean had an idea... why not start his own station?

After weeks of relentless leafleting and chatting to people in the street with the help of his partner, Emma Wright, it became clear that interest in having a radio station that covered the Crosby and Waterloo areas was high. 'There's a big gap between Liverpool and Southport', Sean told *Alt Valley Voice*, and market research showed his idea was a solid one.

With the support to back up his ideas, Sean approached the ERDF-funded Enterprise Hub at Alt Valley Community Trust. Here, he learned how to do the business planning and financial forecasting aspects of his new venture, Bliss Radio, with the help of John Mathias, business advisor at AVCT.

From here, Bliss Radio has snowballed, and gained its own momentum. Mark Snaylam, a financial consultant, joined the team to take on marketing and sales, Emma began her own Bliss Radio features on social media, and a loyal following has already gathered, eagerly awaiting the launch date of the new radio station. 'You can only do the radio after you have the listeners', said Sean, and that is exactly what they have been doing over the past few months, drumming up support through social media, leafleting, and connections with other local names - Ricky

Tomlinson is a big supporter of the project, too!

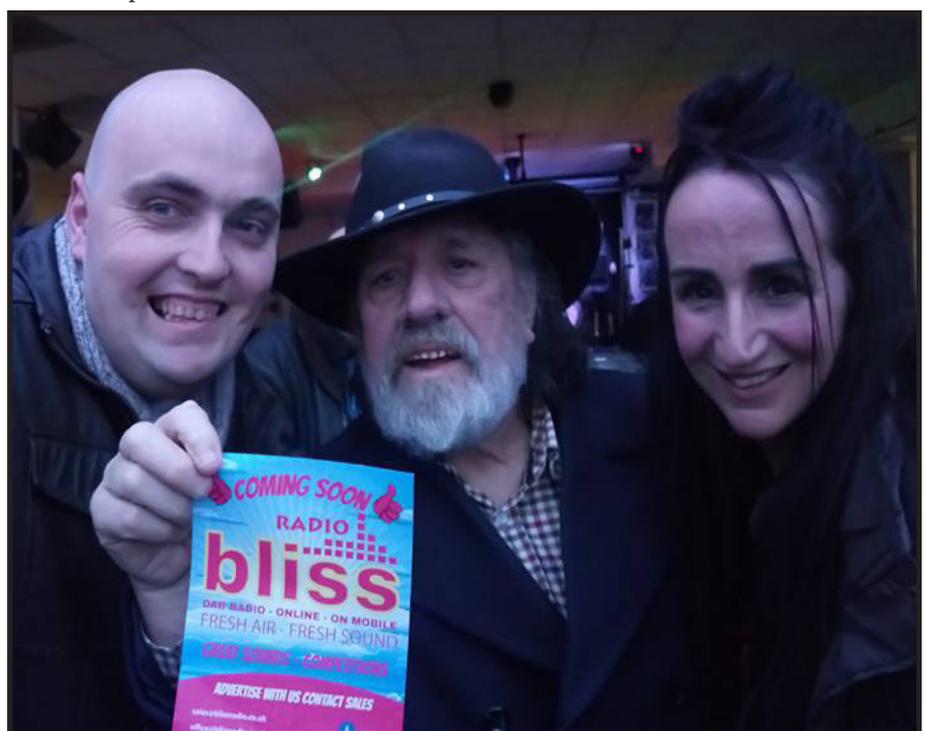
Bliss Radio will see an eclectic variety of music and shows, with presenters such as former Radio City DJs Paul Leckie and Greg Crawford, ex-Juice FM DJ Denny Dowd, and Paul Bleasdale, who previously DJ'ed for Cream. There will also be opportunities such as Bliss Radio School, giving people a chance to gain experience and learn radio skills, and Bliss Discos, which would see the Bliss team providing music at different events around the city.

Sean and the rest of Bliss Radio have recently received the brilliant news that they have won £25,000 in funding through BFS (Bibby Financial Services), which John from AVCT pointed them in the direc-

tion of. From here, they have acquired new premises in Crosby Village in a new development of units, a contract with DAB operators, and licencing - it's not long now until Bliss Radio is on the airwaves, covering the North West and North Wales!

'It's about using different experiences and bringing them together to make it work', said Sean. Bliss Radio's journey shows that with determination and passion, ideas can become reality.

If you would like more information on how AVCT and Enterprise Hub can help you start your own business, call us on **0151 546 5514**, visit [www.smartbusinessstarter.co.uk](http://www.smartbusinessstarter.co.uk) or email [enquiries@altvalley.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@altvalley.co.uk).



**DREAM TO REALITY...** Sean with his partner Emma and local legend Ricky Tomlinson

# A trip to...

## Fazakerley Community Federation and Library



**F**azakerley Community Federation and Library is tucked away in two lovely, bright buildings off Formosa Drive.

In recent years, the Federation and the Library has become central to the Fazakerley community, serving as a one stop shop for welfare and benefit advice, job searches, a space for groups to meet and sessions to take place, or just somewhere to come and chat.

There is a remarkable amount on offer at the Fed and Library. Fairshare come every week, and provide a variety of food that anyone can take for free. There is a clothes exchange in the Library, and a 'Baby Barrow', providing everything a parent needs for a new arrival, for a fraction of the price. Don't forget the community garden, (pictured at top of the page) which is a sun trap in the warm weather!

**Potentially the most sought after service in the Federation is the advice service, that runs every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10am-1pm. This invaluable amenity is very well patronised, as people seek advice with a range of different issues.**



The Library

# Lifestyles

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The sessions that run in the buildings are far-ranging, and available to everyone. Activities such as 'Down Memory Lane', every Thursday, 1.30pm-2.30pm, is a dementia and Alzheimer's support group, where they reminisce on music, holidays, clothes etc. from when they were younger.

There's a job club, which helps with job searches, benefits, and housing forms; a book club, creative writing classes, Spanish classes, homework club, and salsa lessons (every Thursday, 6-7pm). See our 'What's On' section on p.11 for a full list of their activities!

Fazakerley Community Federation and Library have recently been looking into a new venture: a community café. This social enterprise would give someone the chance to open their own business with low rent, and make it what they want, while also providing the local area with a reasonably priced place to meet up, and have a cuppa and something to eat.

**Sound interesting? Call Jean, manager of the Federation, on 0151 523 1073, or Rona, manager of the Library, on 0151 792 0958.**

# Blast from the Past: Broadway, 1960



Image courtesy of Kevin Roach

Imagine if the roads were still this empty around Broadway! Keep an eye out for more pictures of Croxteth, Norris Green and more in our new 'Blast from the Past' feature....

## The Liver Birds... A Brief History

**In 1207, the City of Liverpool, which was previously just a small fishing village, was founded by King John, who needed a port on the West coast for his dealings with Ireland.**

As a city, Liverpool was entitled to a City Seal for signing all official documents. As so few people could read in those days, the seal had to be a pictorial image - for the city of King John, the main image had to be an Eagle, the emblem of Saint John the Evangelist.

The seal served the city well until the English Civil War, during which it was lost, probably while Prince

Rupert was besieging the city from Everton Heights. An engraver was commissioned to produce the new seal, but he had never seen an eagle. He was told it was a big bird, maybe something like a cormorant. This is why our Liver Bird looks the way it does; halfway between an eagle and a cormorant, a bird which had never really existed, and which passed into our local mythology.

Today, when we think of the Liver Bird, our first image is of the Liver Building Birds, but the story of these birds is remarkable and shameful. The Liver Company held a competition to design a pair of Birds, which was won in

1908 by Carl Bernard Bartels, a wood-carver from Stuttgart, Germany. He came to London, married an English girl of German family, and became an English citizen. His Birds were built by the Bromsgrove Guild, and installed in 1911, when the building was opened.

But a few years later, the Great War broke out. Suddenly, there was great anger and resentment towards every German, and the City felt its iconic birds would be considered the work of hated Germans. So, they rewrote history.

For almost 100 years, we were told that the Birds were designed by Aubrey

Thomas, the architect of the whole building. Carl Bernard Bartels was declared an enemy alien, and imprisoned in an internment camp on the Isle of Man. In 1918, he was forcibly repatriated to Germany, and could not return to England for many years.

It is only a few years since Tim Olden, a great-grandson of Carl Bernard Bartels, managed to get his name restored in the history of Liverpool; in 2011, he was made a Citizen of Honour, and his life celebrated in the Museum Of Liverpool and the Liver Building.

by Gerry Jones

# WHAT'S ON... SUMMER SPECIAL

- Hebden Area Children's Group run a film night every **Thursday at 5:30pm** in De La Salle School. It's first come, first served, so please contact Claire or Tina on hebdenchildrensgroup@hotmail.com to confirm your place!

- Triple C's Playscheme has been running for years, and this year, you can catch it between **30th July - 10th August, 10am - 2pm** in Leamington School. Whether your child is into singing and dancing, crafting and making, sports and outdoor activities and games, they will be catered for! (If all this sounds great, but you're too old, why not volunteer? Just email [christchurchcfw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:christchurchcfw@yahoo.co.uk) or call **0151 226 2992** for info on the playscheme)

- Triple C are hosting a Sunday Funday on **10th June, 12pm - 2pm** at Christ Church Community Centre. Lots of fun, food, and activities to be had, and you can sign up for their playscheme too!

- Autism in Motion have a very busy month ahead!

**1st June, 11am-2pm:** Home education session in Norris Green Youth Centre, £1 per child. Come and meet other families and home education groups!

**4th June, 9:30am-11:30am:** Coffee morning at Segura Wine Bar, County Road.

**5th, 12th, 19th June, 10am-12pm:** Autism Sleep Clinic ran by the Together Trust at Norris Green Youth Centre. 3 week course looking at how to help children get a better night's sleep, aimed specifically at children with additional needs.

**11th June, 9:30am-2:30pm:** Assault cycle workshop with Jude Seaward, Norris Green Youth Centre. How to prevent a meltdown from escalating and how to help your child recover following a meltdown.

**20th, 27th June, 10am-12pm:** Introduction to Sensory with Isabella Trust, Norris Green Youth Centre. Help with sensory profiling and the basics of the senses, how they affect children and how to help. £5 per person to cover the cost of book.

**29th June, 9:30-11am:** Grandparent coffee morning, Norris Green Youth Centre. Come and meet others who have grandchildren with additional needs.

- Porchfield Community Centre is based in Croxteth, Porchfield Close, Off Storrington Avenue. They provide a safe place where older people can come together and take part in activities that meet their specific expressed needs and wishes. These include: computer training, crafts, drama, coffee and chat, holistic therapies, flower arranging, local history, calligraphy, healthy cooking, line dancing, yoga, history classes, Tai Chi, social afternoons & evenings, trips out etc. For more information please contact Gerri, Project Coordinator on 0151 547 4455.

- Croxteth Gems are running a May half term playscheme, **Tuesday 29th May - Friday 1st June**, for 5-12 year olds. Free breakfast and lunch provided for 72 children per day, on a first come, first served basis. Children must be registered with Croxteth Gems to attend.

- Norris Green Community Alliance have several events upcoming.

**14th June & 28th June, 12-2pm:**

Lunch Club, Russell Community Rooms, Sparrowhall Road. 2 courses and 2 games of bingo for £1, everyone welcome. (Advised to book)

**6th-8th June, 10am-3pm:** Half Term Playscheme, Russell Community Rooms, Sparrowhall Road. Children can stay for lunch.

**2nd June:** Coach Trip to Llandudno (Cost)

More information on all activities, call Denise 0151 226 2672 or 07808448097.

- Alt Valley Skills Centre will host two events on **Saturday 16th June**, in memory of David Knibb, former Estates Manager at AVCT, to raise funds for Woodlands Hospice. The daytime event, **Dave's Fun Day, 12-4pm**, will have bouncy castles, farm animals, a crazy sports day, zumba, and much more! Tickets are £5 per child, adults go free! The evening event, **Dave's Night**, is a more sophisticated affair; over 18s only, **7:30pm til late**. Expect entertainment, food and drink, and amazing raffle prizes. Tickets are £10. All proceeds from both events go to Woodlands Hospice, and tickets are available from the Communiversity, 0151 546 5514.

- Woodlands Hospice are hosting several events in the upcoming months, to continue with the free, high quality

care they provide.

On **Friday 22nd June**, the extremely popular Golf Day will be returning at West Derby Golf Club. Teams of 4, 18 holes of golf, welcome refreshments, competitions competing for the straightest drive and nearest the pin and the Team Trophy, and an evening presentation dinner – all for just £249 per team! Contact Carole Riley **before 8th June** to book your place, on **0151 529 4143** or [carole.riley@aintree.nhs.uk](mailto:carole.riley@aintree.nhs.uk)

**Friday 29th June:** Afternoon Cream Tea, **2:30pm - 4:30pm** - marking National Cream Tea Day with an afternoon of tea, cakes, scones and raffles! Tickets only £5. Contact Christine Peach on **0151 529 8117** or [christine.peach@aintree.nhs.uk](mailto:christine.peach@aintree.nhs.uk) to reserve tickets.

- It's always a busy week at Fazakerley Community Federation and Library at their buildings off Formosa Drive. Here's their timetable for every week:

**Monday:**

Art Club, 10am-12pm, Library  
Country Dance, 10.15am-12.15pm, Fed  
Women's Group, 12-2pm, Library  
Health Trainer Service, 2pm, Library

**Tuesday:**

Music Club, 9am-12pm, Library  
Story Time, 10-11.15am, Library  
Local History, 1.30-2.30pm, Library  
Tea Dance, 2-4pm, Fed

**Wednesday:**

Walk & Chat, 10-11.45am, Fed  
Job Club, 10am-1pm, Library  
Spanish for Beginners, 11.30-12.30pm, Library  
Tai Chi (50+), 12-1pm, Fed  
Keep Fit (50+), 1-2pm, Fed

**Thursday:**

KMCU, 10am-2pm, Fed  
Cycle Club, 10am-12pm, Fed  
Down Memory Lane, 1.30-2.30pm, Fed  
Salsa, 6-7pm, Fed

**Friday:**

Tai Chi, 12-1pm, Fed  
Creative Writing, 1.30-3pm, Library

**Saturday:**

Knit 'n' Natter, 10am-12pm, Library  
Community Choir, 12-1pm, Library (seasonal)

# ALT VALLEY SPORT



JUMPING FOR JOY.... Team celebrates following win

Local lads bring victory to Croxteth

**The under 7s Croxteth Tigers won the K.O. Cup final on 29th April, in an astounding 9-2 victory at Walton Hall Park.**

The season may be drawing to a close, but local kids can

still get their footy fix, as the club is planning soccer camps that will run throughout the summer.

Croxteth Tigers are currently looking for sponsors for the new 2018/2019 season.

If you are a business interested in sponsoring a junior football team, or would like more information, please contact the club at: [CroxtethTigers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:CroxtethTigers@yahoo.co.uk).



Ellison performing in Walton, inset, with DJ Lee Butler

## The Voice lands in Walton

Liverpool's own Holly Ellison, contestant on *The Voice UK*, performed in Lifestyles Walton on 19th April, in a one-off special of Ravin' Fit with Lee Butler and instructor Janice Parry.

Tickets sold even faster than usual for this ever-popular work out that is more like a night out, which is on every Thursday, 7pm - 8pm, at Walton Sports Centre. There isn't always a reality show contestant there, but one thing is guaranteed - lots of calories burnt and a lot of fun!

**HAVE YOU GOT A STORY FOR US?**

*If your community group or sports team has a story or photograph for us, email [phillipawilliams@altvalley.co.uk](mailto:phillipawilliams@altvalley.co.uk)*