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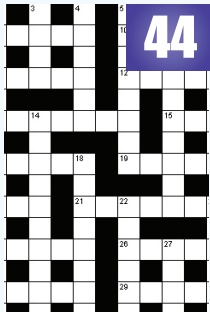
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2. Alcohol is not digested; it gets absorbed directly into the bloodstream.

3. Neuroscientists believe babies don't dream for the first few years of their life.

4. Humans have caused 322 animal extinctions over the past 500 years.

5. Looking at cute animal pictures at work can make you more productive, a study claims.

6. Alexander the Great founded 70 cities, naming at least 20 after himself and one after his horse.

7. Africa is larger than China, USA, India, Mexico and a big part of Europe combined.

8. The wars between Romans and Persians lasted about 721 years, the longest conflict in human history.

9. Barack Obama was the first sitting U.S. president to visit a federal prison.

10. The Liberty Bell and Big Ben were cast by the same bell foundry and both bells are cracked.

11. British Pennies are used to adjust the time in London's Big Ben clock tower.

12. In 2016, a Singaporean street food vendor was awarded a Michelin star.

13. Iceland (the country!) has Europe's largest banana plantation.

14. Your brain keeps developing until your late 40s.

15. Your brain uses 20% of the total oxygen and blood in your body.

16. The weeks before Christmas is the most popular time for couples to break up, according to data analyzed from Facebook.



17. Goldfish can see infrared radiation that is invisible to us.

18. The Bible is widely considered to be the best-selling book of all time, with estimated total sales of over 5 billion copies.

19. Small traces of gold have been found in the leaves of Eucalyptus trees.

20. Coffee beans aren't beans. They are fruit pits.

21. 1 billion people speak English. That's 1 in every 7 on earth.

22. A new word in English is created every 98 minutes.

23. The word "mortgage" comes from a French word that means "death contract".

24. 90% of everything written in English uses just 1,000 words.

25. Google was originally called "Backrub".

26. When a Google employee dies, their spouses receive half pay from the company for 10 years and their children US\$1,000 per month until they turn 19.

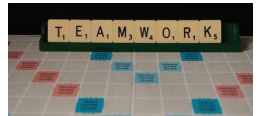
27. White Chocolate isn't technically Chocolate, as it contains no cocoa solids or cocoa liquor.

27. The inventor of the Chocolate Chip Cookie sold the idea to Nestle Toll House in return for a lifetime supply of chocolate.

28. Men are struck by lightning five times more often than women.

29. Spiders can walk on water, and breathe under it, too.

30. Babies have three times as many taste buds as adults.







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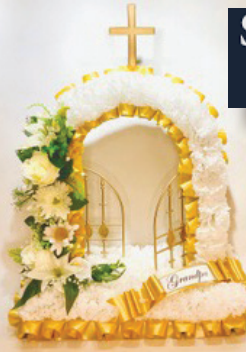


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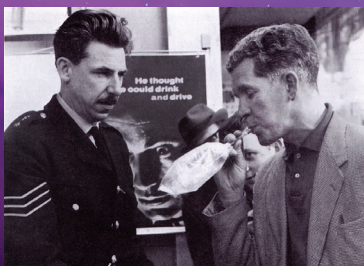
# THIS MONTH'S HISTORY

This feature each month will give interesting facts from years gone by. See what you remember that happened in your lifetime.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

### 7th October 1920

Women were first granted full membership to the University on 7 October 1920 and then, one week later, were given the right to be awarded degrees. Women students who had been denied a degree since the late 1870s began to return to the University to claim them.



### 9th October 1967

Transport Minister, Barbara Castle, introduces the breathalyser. The breathalyser offered a way of testing a person's BAC (blood alcohol concentration) level at the roadside.

The act stated that the breathalyser device must be one that is type approved by the government.

People protested to the introduction of the breathalyser and claimed that it was an infringement of their personal liberties, especially publicans, many of whom claimed impending bankruptcy.

### 22nd October 1957

The children's cartoon hero Captain Pugwash makes his television debut. Captain Horatio Pugwash – sailed the high seas in his ship called the Black Pig, assisted by cabin boy Tom, pirates Willy and Barnabas, and Master Mate. His mortal enemy is Cut-Throat Jake, captain of the Flying Dustman.

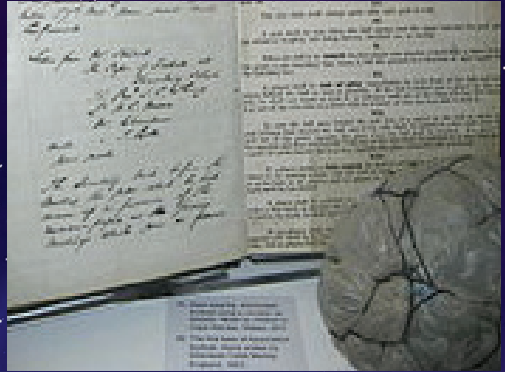


He was a fictional pirate in a series of British children's comic strips and books created by John Ryan. The character's adventures were adapted into a TV series, using cardboard cut-outs filmed in live-action.



## 26 October 1863

For centuries before the first meeting of the Football Association in The Freemasons' Tavern on Great Queen Street, London there were no universally accepted rules for playing football. Six meetings near London's Covent Garden, at 81–82 Long Acre, ended in a split between the Football Association and what would become the future rugby ten years later. Both of them had their own uniforms, rituals, gestures and highly formalised rules.



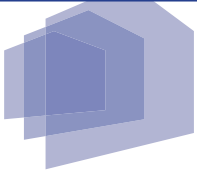
## 30 October 1925

The first television transmission of a moving image was made by John Logie Baird, a Scottish inventor, electrical engineer and innovator. He went on to invent the first publicly demonstrated colour

television system, and the first viable purely electronic colour television picture tube.

In 1928 the Baird Television Development Company achieved the first transatlantic television transmission. Baird's early technological successes and his role in the practical introduction of broadcast television for home entertainment have earned him a prominent place in television's history.

During 2006, Baird was named as one of the 10 greatest Scottish scientists in history, having been listed in the National Library of Scotland's 'Scottish Science Hall of Fame'. In 2015 he was inducted into the Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame. On 26 January 2017 – IEEE unveiled a bronze street plaque at 22 Frith Street (Bar Italia), London, dedicated to Baird and the invention of television.



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## WIRRAL AUTISM CHARITY SEES SURPRISE BIRTH OF BABY ALPACA

A local autism charity had some good news this August with the surprise birth of a baby alpaca at its site in Raby, Wirral.

Autism Together’s animal husbandry team manages a menagerie of animals – with help from the autistic adults the charity supports – including pigs, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs and, of course, alpacas. However, the team had no idea that mum Ali was even pregnant.

Claire Quinlan, an Activity Leader at Raby was the first person to meet the new arrival. “Half-seven in the morning I came in and he had just been born,” said Claire. “We had no idea at all, if it was any of them we’d have put money on Jenny being pregnant as she’s a lot rounder than Ali. But it was lovely to come in and see a little baby lying in the field.”

When the charity acquired four alpacas – three females, Jenny, Davina and Ali, and one male called Inca – it was hoped that the patter of tiny hooves would be heard one day, but the animal husbandry team at Raby Gardens had no idea the miracle mum would be Ali.



*Claire sitting with mum Ali & baby Gabe.*

Claire explained, “Ali, his mum, we nearly lost her a year ago, she was really poorly. She had an infestation of worms and the oxygen in her blood was only 6%. We would have lost her, but being an alpaca they’re used to being in high altitude (with lower levels of oxygen) so that’s the thing that saved her life.”

As Claire first found the baby alpaca, or cria as they are known, she has developed a special bond with the infant. “We come in each day and sit down and mum’s becoming a bit more confident having us around and the baby’s getting more confident too.”

When it came to naming the young cria, the team decided to call him Gabe, after the vet who saved Ali’s life a year ago.



Autism Together employs almost 1,000 staff, supporting around 400 autistic adults through day services and at residential and supported living locations in Wirral, West Cheshire and Wrexham.

The charity's Raby site is in a picturesque rural area, with residential and respite services set alongside woodlands and fields for the people who live there to explore and enjoy safely.



*Gabe feeding from mum Ali*

Sarah Walker is an Activity Manager at Raby Gardens, and explains the importance of having animals on site for autistic people to interact with and look after:

“It’s very therapeutic, I think. A lot of people find them very relaxing. People can either hold them and stroke them, or they can have animals at hip height in enclosures, so they can just stroke them and come away when they’re ready.”

You can find out much more about all the animals Autism Together looks after at Raby Gardens in a recent video made by the charity:

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**Autism Together's alpaca family (left-right) dad Inca, baby Gabe, and mum Ali.**



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## MOVING ON PROJECT



**Pictured are items moved from storage by “Make it Happen” to Wirral Women and Children’s Aid in readiness for four families Moving On. On the Left is Linda Hughes Deputy Manager, Centre Wendy Meade Birkenhead Rotary Club and Chair of the Community Committee and on the Right Helen Lawler Project Worker.**

The Moving on Project started in January 2021 with a Grant from the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund which Birkenhead Rotary Club applied for on behalf of Wirral Women and Children’s Aid and is for essential household items for residents Moving On.

Covid 19 delayed the start and the first four families Moved On in June and the beginning of July. They received cutlery,

crockery, saucepans, frying pans and towels as seen in the photograph.

The current situation is that NEO a charity in Rock Ferry is providing a hamper each of food and cleaning products to all residents Moving On. Wirral Women and Children’s Aid has identified another source of items some of which overlap the current provision sourced by Birkenhead Rotary Club. The next step is to identify further gaps in provision and source those items.

Birkenhead Rotary thanks Make It Happen for providing storage, Neo for their commitment to provide hampers and future storage and especially the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund for providing the Grant which has allowed this project to take place and support such needy families.





## Charity

### THE CLATTERBRIDGE CANCER CHARITY RUNNERS TO BE PART OF WORLD'S FIRST 100,000-PERSON MARATHON!

The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity recently invited their supporters to raise cash for local people with cancer by taking part in the Virtual Virgin Money London Marathon.

Among those who stepped up to the challenge are Dr Rosemary Lord and Dr Danielle Shaw, who will be raising money for The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity, the Charity which supports their work.

*"It's a bit crazy, but Rosie and I are the two Gynae-Oncologists for The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre. We work together very closely, and we're also running partners. We are passionate about cancer care, and as we both run we felt like we couldn't say no to this! Neither of us has run a marathon, but we have been running regularly together throughout all of the lockdowns in 2020" says Danielle.*

*"We've been building up to half-marathon distances, and we can comfortably run up to 15 miles together. It's definitely a challenge, and it was an opportunity for us to raise awareness and much needed funds in our local community. We felt that we had to answer the call for Clatterbridge. Cancer care and Clatterbridge are important to both of us, and our new hospital is something we're both very proud of. The money that we raise will contribute to the research of cancer care in the future. I feel really proud of that; we do what we do because it's important to us" says Rosie.*

On Sunday 3 October 2021, 50,000 participants will take on the traditional Marathon course from London's Blackheath to The Mall – an increase of more than 7,000 on the previous finisher record – whilst a further 50,000 people around the globe will run the 26.2 miles on the course of their choice, in a virtual event.

The physical and mental health benefits of being active have been brought sharply into focus during the pandemic, and this biggest-ever London Marathon offers more people than ever before the chance to experience these benefits while raising much-needed funds for Clatterbridge.

Mark Parkinson, Events Fundraising Manager at The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity said, *"When the Virgin London Marathon added the virtual element we knew we wanted to be a part of it, and the fantastic support from two of our wonderful consultants blew us away. We are so proud of all of our colleagues at Clatterbridge, but to see Rosie and Danielle take it even further is amazing – so many of our staff do get involved in fundraising and events and we couldn't be happier.*

*The money they raise will support life-saving research into new ways to treat cancer, support clinical trials at Clatterbridge and fund innovations in care that will impact all of our patients."*

**If you would like to support Rose and Danielle in their efforts, you can do so at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rosie-danielle](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rosie-danielle).**

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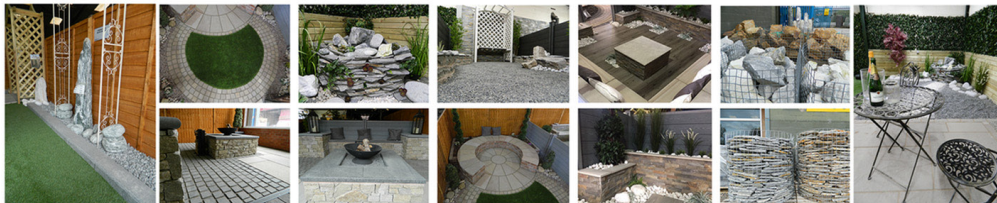


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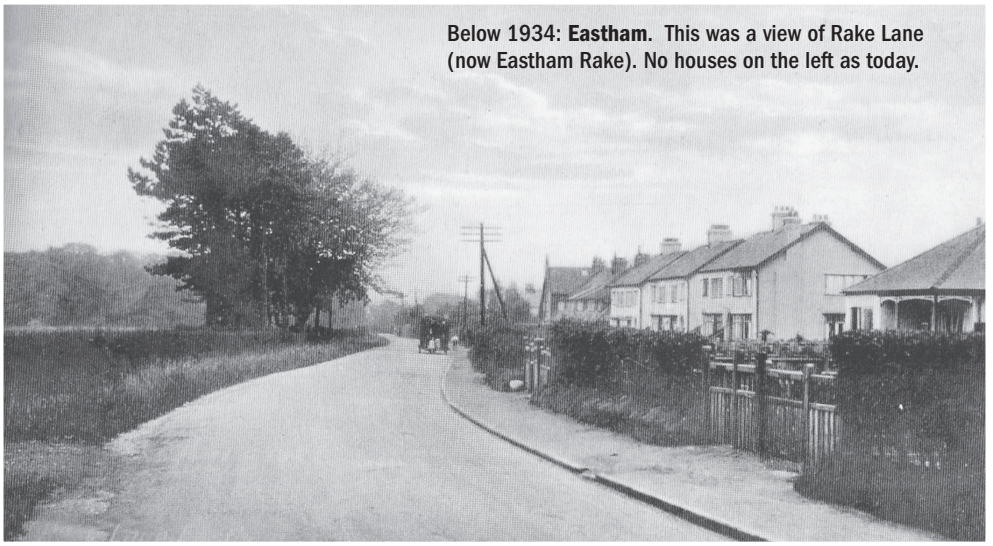


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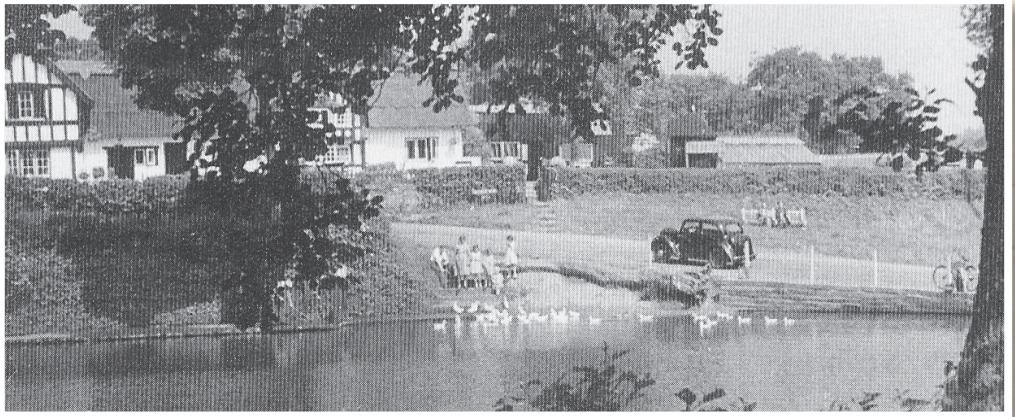
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Below 1934: Eastham. This was a view of Rake Lane (now Eastham Rake). No houses on the left as today.



Above: These were the first shops to be built in the new shopping development in Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port around 1959. The bridge over the railway was opened on 20th July 1961, by Rt Hon Selwyn Lloyd. MP for Wirral, when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer.

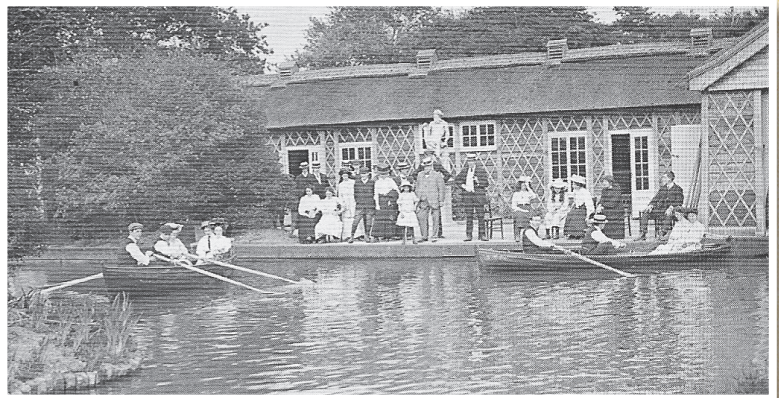




Above: 1959. An idyllic scene at **Raby Mere** shows the car parked by the mere and the children feeding the ducks. Not much has changed in all those years.

The thatched Bank Cottage can be seen on the left - but was later to lose its thatch through a fire around 1959.

Right: Visitors enjoying a relaxing time by the boat house in the grounds of **Thornton Manor, Thornton Hough** in 1908.



Right: The old and new transport systems of trams and buses are seen side by side at **Woodside Birkenhead** in 1932 with Woodside Station building in the background. The letter 'C' on the balcony rails of the No. 23 tram was for the Circle route via Conway Street. The last tram ran 17 July 1937.





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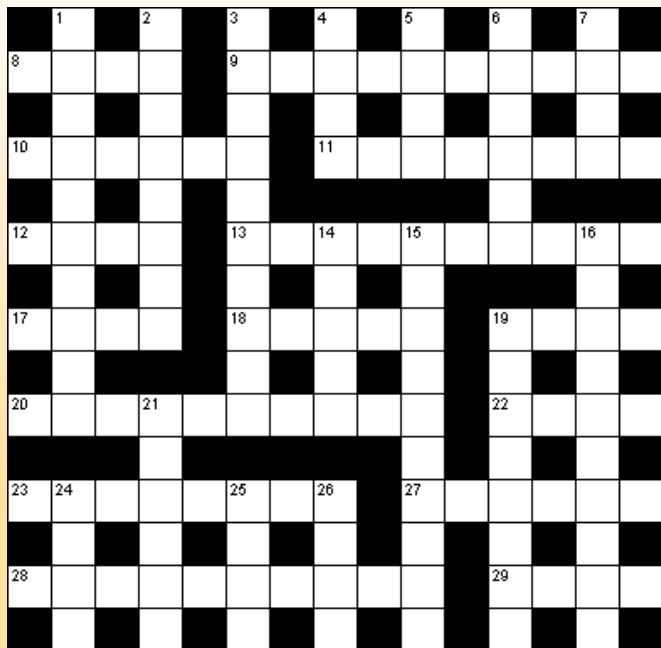
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# PUZZLE CORNER



## Down

- 1 Cited (10)
- 2 A place to do work (8)
- 3 Contempt (10)
- 4 Relating to the ear (4)
- 5 A Great Lake (4)
- 6 Dross (6)
- 7 List of choices (4)
- 14 Communion table (5)
- 15 An event (10)
- 16 Lacking moral discipline (10)
- 19 Abuse (8)
- 21 Captivate (6)
- 24 Ceremonial staff (4)
- 25 Orange pekoe and Earl Grey (4)
- 26 Consumes food (4)

## Across

- 8 Present (at a show) (4)
- 9 Socialized (10)
- 10 One who searches (6)
- 11 Happy (8)
- 12 Protagonist (4)

- 13 Opportune (10)
- 17 Riffraff (4)
- 18 Sword (5)
- 19 Mud (4)
- 20 Explorer (10)
- 22 Male offspring (4)
- 23 Fortify (8)

- 27 Type of insect (6)
- 28 Relating to schools (10)
- 29 Turquoise (4)

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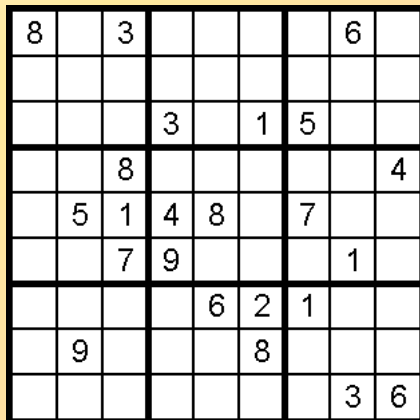
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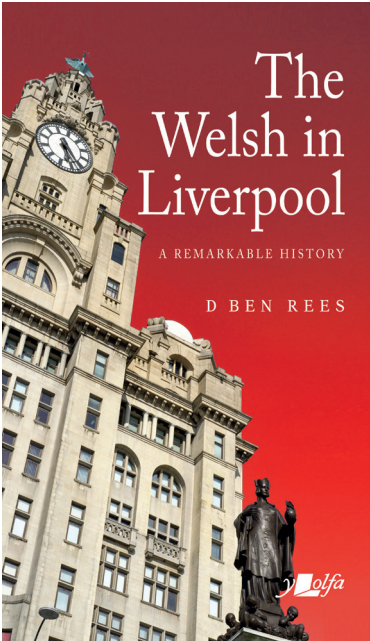
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**BOOK REVIEW : The Welsh in Liverpool**

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The poverty faced by families and communities resulted in a “flood of workers” moving to Liverpool and the Wirral to seek employment.

By 1813 around 10% of Liverpool’s residents were Welsh. For the vast majority Welsh was their dominant language, with deep roots in the Welsh language non-conformist chapels.

To boost basic rations at “home” it was necessary for large numbers of females from farming families to enter “domestic service” in the prosperous urban homes in Liverpool, the Wirral, Birkenhead and Wallasey. Liverpool was thriving because it was a successful sea port as “the gateway to the Atlantic”.

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In the early 19th century over 40% of the world’s trade passed through Liverpool. The area provided opportunities for the young Welsh migrant male workers who were physically powerful from “toiling” on farms and quarries and keen to adapt to learning new skills, particularly in building.

In an extremely well researched and insightful history of the “Liverpool Welsh”, Dr Ben Rees enthalls the reader with his knowledge of his “adopted homeland”. He has spent 50 years in the city as a non-conformist minister and focal person for Welsh language activities. In recognition of his personal contribution, he was elected as a freeman of the City of Liverpool in 2018.

The main historical focus of the book is how the developing surrounding areas of the Wirral, Birkenhead, Bootle and in particular the City of Liverpool, nurtured the lives of so many Welsh men and women who moved to the area in search of work. The area provided opportunities for young people and families to raise their personal aspirations and for many, an escape route from the poverty of agricultural, sea faring and slate quarrying backgrounds.

Places such as Vauxhall, Anfield, Everton Dingle and Wavertree became “pockets of Wales” where the dominant language was Welsh. For many, particularly in the fields of building, medicine, printing, architecture, education, law and other areas, there was a desire to extend opportunities, experiences and improve their living conditions.

There are excellent chapter on the contribution of Welsh men and women in the fields of building, newspaper and book publishing and printing, medicine, sea faring, prose and poetry, sport, in particular football at Everton and Liverpool.

Two of the significant areas of focus within the book are the contributions in building and medicine . The excellent section “Welsh builders in Liverpool” describes how the Welsh builders developed housing in Moss Bank, Everton, West Derby, Kensington, Toxteth, Edge Lane, Sefton Park, Allerton, Heswall, West Kirby etc.



*The shop of Hugh Evans in Stanley Road, Bootle.*



The famous “Welsh streets” of terraced houses built for the Welsh workers who flooded to the area for work are worth visiting, with their street names such as Rhiwlas, Powis, Elwy, Teilo.

The contribution of more educated Welsh men and women migrants to raising the status of Liverpool as a “medical city”, in particular the work of Sir Robert Jones in orthopaedic medicine, Professor David Price Evans as head of the University of Liverpool Medical school, Dr Emyr Wyn Jones director of the Liverpool Centre for cardiovascular Science and many others are discussed in depth. It is an oversight that the author pays scant attention to the role of Welsh migrants within the field of education, both at University and school levels. Many schools on the Wirral, Birkenhead, Bootle and in the City had at least one or more Mr Jones, Miss Williams, Mrs Davies, etc. The opportunities available for young Welsh teachers within “Merseyside” schools provided an opportunity for the Welsh community in Liverpool and on the Wirral to thrive.

The main focus of the author is on the Welsh speaking communities of the area, in particular their links to the vast array of Welsh medium chapels and churches. Many of which are shown in an excellent range of photographs. By 1960 when Liverpool was still attracting young teachers, doctors, nurses, students, and many others to work and study in the City, there were over 50 Welsh medium chapels across Liverpool and surrounding areas. Photographic evidence in the text highlights how many of the buildings were mini cathedrals, including Princes Road, Heathfield Road, Trinity Road, Bootle and others. In addition to the numerous chapels in the City, there were chapels in Birkenhead, Moreton, Bebington, Moreton, and Clifton Road.

A key issue the “Liverpool Welsh” community has faced, in common with other migrant groups and Welsh speaking families in other cities outside of Wales, was how to maintain “the mother language of Welsh” with the second and third generation of children. Despite having a wealthy infrastructure of chapel buildings, the author highlights how the leaders of the Welsh community failed to address the problem of safeguarding and promoting the Welsh language with the children of the “Liverpool Welsh”.

Research by R. Merfyn Jones (1981) highlights that the poor rejected the “narrow focus” of non conformism and attendance at chapels which had become “centres for the aspiring middle class” who dominated the congregations. Thus, many of the “working class” “left their Welshness behind them”. In an insightful research document, Merfyn Jones quotes one interviewee, “In more than one household Welsh was spoken only as long as Mam (mother) was alive” This is a common issue facing migrant families from Italy, Poland, etc. It will be interesting if readers with Welsh speaking grand or great grandparents have “lost the Welsh language” or their Welshness.

In 1971 the leader of the Liverpool City Council offered to fund a bi-lingual Welsh/English school in the City to “rectify in some small way” the social injustice of the drowning of the village of Cwm Celyn, near Bala and building the Tryweryn dam. Unfortunately the leaders of the Liverpool Welsh community rejected the opportunity and the model for a Liverpool based Welsh medium school was lost. A major stumbling block was the narrow vision of the language espoused by leaders of the Welsh community and the author as they fail to promote the Welsh language as a free standing objective detached from non-conformism and attendance at a chapel.

This is an excellent insight into Welsh migration and its impact on the development of Liverpool, the Wirral, Birkenhead and surrounding areas. Undoubtedly, the Welsh influence in Liverpool and the Wirral will always be part of the fabric of Merseyside.

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*Emlyn Evans and Alun Williams of Gee Press, Denbigh, presenting a volume on preachers and preaching to the author in Liverpool in 1997*





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