



The Old Schoolhouse
Community Project

CHALKBOARD

The Old Schoolhouse Community Project
St. John's Road
Huyton
L36 0UX

Issue 2
Spring 2017



Step into Spring

Spring has sprung and it's been a busy season for all of us at The Old Schoolhouse. Refurbishment, afternoon tea parties, quiet days of retreat and gardening have just been a few of the things we've been up to and we're excited to share our news of what's been and what's to come...



Facelift for the Hall



The hall has long been home to many activities over the years. It will have hosted countless assemblies and gym lessons in its former life and more recently has played home to our Tuesday toddler group, dance school, Jujitsu, keep fit and bowling to name but a few... December and January welcomed new windows and doors, making the hall a lighter, brighter and more inviting space. This facelift meant the walls needed an update too and

after weeks of colour chart deliberation, polling the residents and changing our minds several times, we settled on our new Teal walls. We have been very pleased with its transformation and February saw the first of many parties with the celebration of Doris Miller-Tunstall's 90th birthday. Our resident chef, Dave cooked up a feast for the 80 guests and lunch and afternoon tea were served in style.



Top of the Tower

The outside of our building has had a facelift too with the tower and doors getting a new lick of paint. Brian, from Kingsway Decorators has been responsible for the paintwork and we are grateful for his hard work and excellent service! He has painted us a sign for the tower. Last week, scaffold in place, we mounted the sign. If we say so ourselves, it looks great!



Give as You Live

Don't forget, you can raise free funds for us every time you shop online!!

Simply shop via **Give as you Live** and each purchase you make will raise money!

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/theoldschoolhouse>



Catch up on all our news as it happens on:



Time for You

People’s lives are increasingly busy with little time to stop and be still. We live in an age where there have never been more time saving gadgets and apps at our disposal and yet people’s number one complaint is that there is never enough time in the day. A Zen proverb suggests that “you should sit in meditation for twenty minutes every day – unless you are too busy. Then you should sit for an hour.”

To this, we offer our new ‘Quiet Room’. It has always been the aim of The Old Schoolhouse to be a form of sanctuary to the community in whatever guise that may be: finding help and comfort from the various organisations that make us their base, participating in the various activities provided for young and old and now, having the opportunity to find a space that is quiet and your own. A space that dictates nothing and hopefully offers you time for your own thoughts, ideas and

relaxation. It is our aim that the room will be open all day for people just to pop in for as long as they wish.

May saw us officially open the Quiet Room. A group of friends, volunteers and staff gathered for a small service to do so.

For a long time The Schoolhouse has been trying to find a suitable way of commemorating the memory of Stephen Sheridan, friend and trustee to The Old Schoolhouse. Steve committed a lot of time and energy to promoting the ethos of the project and would often spend time here in quiet after working in the garden. It seemed a fitting memorial to name the Quiet room after him.

We would like to extend the invitation to everyone, to come and sit a moment or more: to read, to sit, to pray, to think... to be!



GOSH



GOSH: Gardening at the Old Schoolhouse launched on 8th March and we were thrilled that not only the sun turned up, but upwards of 40 people arrived, spades and trowels in hand, gardening gloves donned and ready to do some serious graft! And work they did! We were overwhelmed with the generosity of time and energy that has started our garden transformation. As hoped, many of the gardeners have

been back since launch day to continue the work and enjoy a warm cuppa and slice of cake.

The GOSH project is designed so that the garden is a community garden, as such, after filling in a membership form, anyone and everyone is free to pop in and potter whenever the gardening bug takes hold. Having done a lot of the preparation work, the garden is now ready for some plants. Some of which

we have, but we would be grateful if while pottering in your own garden you don’t mind sharing a cutting or two with us.

We will be having future gardening days similar to our launch day, the last of which was Friday 19th May 2017. Drop in or keep an eye on Facebook to find out when the next one is.



Fantastic news, your Local Community Fund application was successful Inbox



Co-op to me Yesterday [View details](#)



Fund raising is a big part of any charity work and we are thrilled to have had 2 recent funding applications accepted. The first from Community Fund for Merseyside Wellbeing has provided funds for us to purchase yoga equipment for a soon to be completed Wellbeing room. The equipment is already being used in several of our yoga classes. The second grant is from the COOP. If you shop at the COOP, it only costs a £1 to become a member. You can go online and register The Old Schoolhouse Community Project as your

chosen charity. In the next 6 months 1% from COOP branded products purchased by members will go to us. This funding has directly been allocated by the COOP to our gardening project. Any funds generated will go to the purchase of seeds, plants and landscaping. If you shop at the COOP, please register us. Thank you.

