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MetMail

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**Calling all MET
Members**

You are invited to join us

On Sunday 19th June

In St James Gardens at

Anglican Cathedral

From 4.00 p.m

To celebrate our 21st

Birthday

Blue Magnolia Jazz

Band

Will be there to entertain

Why not bring a picnic tea

Environment Week May 2005

I have had the most wonderful week meeting lots of fascinating people & just wanted to share the news with you.

So many exciting projects happening around Merseyside really brings home to me just how beautiful our environment is & as written on the tee shirts of one of the younger groups I had the privilege of spending the day with, boldly stated ' **you are never too young to make a difference** '

I have planted, I have dug, I have painted, I have litter picked, I have cleared an area for growing vegetables, I have created magnificent artwork from petals & leaves, whatever the activity I have been surrounded by happy smiley faces, enthusiastic, committed volunteers who didn't notice if it were raining or sunny.

I'd like to say a big ' **thank you** ' to every one of you who invited me to spend precious hours in your company. You all worked so hard, gave so much, & thoroughly enjoyed yourselves. For me I revelled in your joy, excitement & determination to succeed in whatever event or activity you took on to make Environment Week so special.

In fact, I had such a good time, I wondered if you would like to take up another Environmental Challenge in November? If your School, Community Group or Church would benefit from a tree planting project then get in touch & lets see what a difference we can make together during National Tree Planting week. I've already started to busy myself in finding appropriate supplies, all you have to do is identify an area that would benefit, think about how you will actively engage your community, especially children in the planting of trees, oooh & show me how you are able to meet 25% of the costs.

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Liverpool Community Environment Network

The Liverpool Community Environment Network have finalised their action plan for 2005. The plan will include lobbying to get Safety in Open Spaces on the Strategic Agenda, the launch of an Environmental Impact Checklist for groups/organisations and Environment Network priorities for Housing, The Steering Group of the Environment Network want to be able to give voice to the views of the wider network. To enable them achieve this, the Steering Group will attend an away day in June to formulate a strategy to improve their engagement with the membership.

The Steering Group are keen to move forward and if they can deliver on their action plan it will go a long way towards achieving their aims and objectives. The Steering Group also want to increase the membership of the Network. Any groups in the Liverpool area that have an interest in environmental issues are welcome to join. The more groups we represent the louder will be our voice at strategic level.

The Environment Network will be publishing later this year an Environmental Checklist for all Groups and projects to use. This will be available 'free of charge' to all community groups in Liverpool & Members of M.E.T across Merseyside.

M.E.T Environmental Policies for Community & Voluntary Groups will also be available later this year, all MET members will receive a copy automatically free of charge, if you are not a member a MET but would like to reserve a copy please contact Lyn Lowther on 0151 794 3137

Watch out for our newest publications designed especially to engage primary school children into environmental activity via a workbook & our innovative 'text talk' leaflet for those a little older.

'An urban Gem'

Tucked away in the corner of New Ferry next to Bebington Station lies New Ferry Butterfly Park, a wildlife oasis in an urban area. The park was established in 1993, ran by volunteers, it is also a Cheshire Wildlife Trust Reserve. With 16 species of butterfly breeding on site & in excess of 26 varieties of butterfly visiting it reflects the diversity & quality of habitat to be found. There are also many mini-beasts populating the site & the opportunity to pond dip with the park warden. It has paths suitable for wheelchair use & a nature trail for all to follow. For many visitors it is the first opportunity to see newts close up & personal. The Park is open **Sundays from May - August from 11.00 a.m - 4.00 p.m** new visitors are always welcome. Schools & Other Groups are welcome to arrange a time to visit that will suit them, to do this please contact Paul on the number below or email jpl@liv.ac.uk If you have time to spare & would like to be considered as a volunteer warden, then contact: **Paul Loughnane on: 0151 645 8937**

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If you live in the Sefton Area, don't forget that MET has a year round grants fund that you can access to deliver your project. Contact MET on 794 3137 for further information.

World Aware Celebration

Join Planet St Helens to mark the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, with a unique 'arts in the park' day to celebrate the diversity & beauty of our world & encourage care of the planet at **Taylor Park, St Helens on Saturday 2nd July 2005 11.00 a.m – 4.00 p.m.** lots to do for 'all' the family, why not bring a picnic?
Featuring:
Groovy Movie:
Worlds 1st Solar Powered Cinema
Music by:
Urban Strawberry Lunch; All Things Latin; Drum Circle Workshop
Poetry & Song
including The Wild Man of the West
Family Art Activities & Play & The Sunflower Show

Friends of Princess Park

A group of people living around Princess Park have formed Friends of Princess Park. This was a direct result of local residents feeling that the park was not well maintained. The group aims to make the park a friendlier place, a more beautiful place & a better maintained park by:

- Planting new trees on identified sites, in conjunction with original park plans.
- Improve the recreational facilities by encouraging the Council to provide benches
- Publicise the park to local people
- Organising litter pick mornings & bulb planting
- Lobbying the Council to maintain the Lake

Already the group have:

- worked with the Council to block entry of cars into the park
- increased the number of litter bins
- arranged a number of litter picks
- tennis nets previously vandalised have now been replaced..

Although Princess Park is very small, it is the oldest Liverpool Park & is very much apart of our local heritage. As local residents our vision is to return the Park to its original beauty encouraging more & more people to return & enjoy its magnificence.

This project is still in its early stage of development, anyone interested in getting involved with Friends of Princess Park please contact: Katy Gardner by email on:

katy@papaya.demon.co.uk

Or Jean Grant (chair) on: info@site-sight.demon.co.uk

Operation EDEN has grants of up to £4,000 to support projects working towards environmental improvement where faith communities are key partners. Typical projects may include the development of community food growing schemes, small social businesses, wildlife spaces, recycling and remediating brownfield sites.

Some matched funding is required, in addition to in-kind support by volunteers and partnership with local organisations e.g. residents associations, schools etc. Grants are determined quarterly in July, October, January and April. A small grant of £400 is available through a simplified application process.

Any faith community which has volunteers working on environmental issues and is within the area covered by the Diocese of Liverpool may apply. Please contact: **Tom Veitch (Projects Officer)** for more information – **0151 705 2108**.

www.operation-eden.org.uk

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Rates are as follows:

Individuals
Unwaged £ 5-00

Waged £10-00

Voluntary
Organisations
Paid staff £20-00

Without paid staff
£15-00

Schools
£10-00

Local authorities
£100-00

Name
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Address.....
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Tel number
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Fax/email.....

I wish to become a
member of MET, I
enclose my annual
subscription of

£.....

Merseyside Environmental Trust celebrating 21 years

WHAT'S ON
SUMMER 05

June MET 21st Birthday Celebration
Sunday 19th in St James Gardens Anglican
Cathedral from 4.00 p.m. Lots of entertainment,
Bring along a picnic tea, relax & enjoy....

Liverpool Cycle Show
18th Williamson Square 10.00 – 4.00
19th Croxteth Park 10.00 – 4.00

28th Buying Green in the North West
Haydock Racecourse 'free' 9.00 – 3.00
contact: David Kemp 0151 236 1328

17-19th Stadt Moers Park – Knowsley
Theatre – Jason & the Argonauts £4
0151 709 3789 to reserve your seat
25th Whistonbury Festival 2.00 – 10.00
0151 489 1239

July 2nd St Helens – Environmental Family
Fun Day, Taylor Park, 11.00 – 2.00
Call: **Alison 0151 236 7728**
All day free event – children welcome

3rd Stadt Moers Park – Knowsley
Snappy Happy Walk 1.00 – 3.00

16th Millbrook Fayre Old Hall Lane Kirkby
12.00 – 4.00 Tel: 0151 443 5820

Aug: National Wildflower Centre, lots of
min beast hunts & art events
happening over the summer holidays
for children & their families check our
their website: www.nwc.org.uk or tel:
0151 738 1913

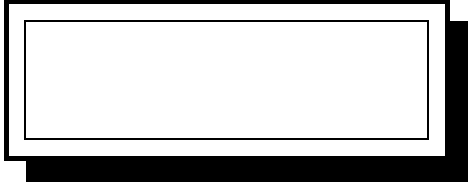
7th Knowsley Flower Show
Court Hey Park Tel: 443 3120
www.knowsleyflowershow.com

Sept 22nd In town without my car – where you can
enjoy walking, cycling, children's play areas
dancing & street art, without the car...

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