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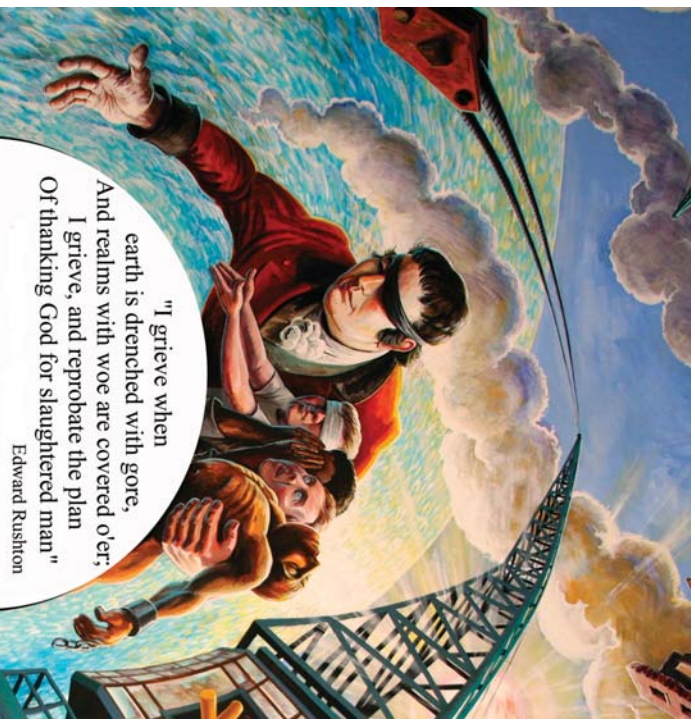
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"I grieve when
earth is drenched with gore,
And realms with woe are covered o'er,
I grieve, and reprobate the plan
Of thanking God for slaughtered man"

Edward Rushton

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Library Cuts Shelved

The conjuring up of over £1.6m by Mayor Joe Anderson to keep all Liverpool libraries open is a testament to how, if enough people push together, they can make a real difference.

But libraries should not be seen as a special case; all public services in this city are important. They provide a fabric of culture, care and humanity that, if lost, will rob working class people of the means to enjoy life in the way that wealthy people have always been able to.

In 2010 Liverpool received £500m from central Government, and has now lost 58% of this as a yearly income. With the government planning to slash spending even further, this could go down to 20% by 2018.¹ So by then Liverpool City Council will only get about £100m, which will have a massive impact on our public services.

The councils' job is to maintain and improve the standard of living for the people of this city. But they still say they have no choice but to cut services. Public services are ours by right; they have been fought for and built up by workers over generations. They can't be taken from us just because of the ideology of a government. If the Mayor and his Council can't see any alternative to making cuts, then they should stand aside and make way for people who are more determined to save our services and to lead a fight back!

A Matter of FACT

Councillor Nick Small, Liverpool Council's Cabinet member for employment and skills has called for a boycott of Picturehouse, based inside FACT, until all staff are paid the living wage. This is something that Nerve demanded for FACT workers (see Nerve 24). Picturehouse are now paying a living wage of £7.85 an hour to staff in their Brixton cinema after a strike by workers.

Small has stated that: "In-work poverty and low pay are a blight in our city"² Yes, well said Nick. Now extend this philosophy to all the organisations that the Council give money or contracts to, like the care services.

Also while you're at it, end all the contracts you have with dodgy firms such as G4S and Carillion, who have the contract to build the new Royal Hospital. Nerve supports the motion put by Liverpool Friends of Palestine to Liverpool City Council that urges them "not to commission goods or services from companies that are complicit in breaking international law, or are guilty of grave misconduct, victimise trade unionists, damage workers' health or the environment".

Nerve 2015 Calendar

The theme of this calendar was inspired by an event singer/songwriter Alun Parry hosted in April. Love, Hope & Resistance included songs, poems and writings about working class struggle for a decent life. Out of the images that were sent to us our editorial team had to make the difficult choice of choosing twelve. Images were selected firstly with the theme in mind, but also a balance between photographs and art, colour and black and white, and also for their Merseyside link. Thanks to everyone who submitted work. That some images were not used in no way reflects their artistic merit and with other criteria a totally different selection would be made.

The same thing applies to written work sent in, although in this case we were even more stuck for space (see our website for more on this).

1. Treasury asks top civil servants to find £30bn in public service cuts, *The Guardian*, 11.11.14
2. Liverpool cinema staff pay rise campaign wins backing, *Liverpool Echo*, 11.11.14

Nerve 24 Stewart Lee Competition

In the last edition of Nerve we set a competition for a lucky Nerve reader to win some great Stewart Lee goodies, including a signed copy of his book 'How I Escaped My Certain Fate, The Life and Deaths of a Stand-Up Comedian'. We asked the following question:

"Who was Stewart Lee's comedic partner in the 1990's BBC TV series 'Fist of Fun'?"

The answer is: **Richard Herring**.

The winner was **Matthew Griffiths** from Wallasey. Matthew is shown here receiving his prizes in the Nerve office.



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GMB 'Campaign for Justice' Conference

5th and 6th September 2014
Come Together, Right Now!
by Minnie Stacey

At the GMB 'Campaigns for Justice' Conference each speaker was a direct source of experience attesting to the tragic facts of how organisations providing work, together with authorities and agencies tasked to protect us, have colluded to ruin lives. The designs of the state, the fourth estate and big business set out a clear pattern of abuse against the working class.

Margaret Aspinall, Chair of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, provided the testimony of what all these powerful campaigns have in common - the tenacity of not giving up. Her indignation, strength and sorrow was ours when she took to the lectern, saying 'We are all in hell, it's torture for all of us.' Betrayed by a Labour Party and buried alive by mud, it was mass support from the public that gave HFSG the strength to go on.

Mirror journalist **Brian Reade** was at Hillsborough and has campaigned from day one. He read out extracts from his first article after fans had died in front of his eyes. These were words written in raw anger which prove the truth was out there at the start.

Shadow Secretary of State **Andy Burnham** described how he had seen post-it notes with orders to change Hillsborough evidence on police logs. 'The power of the system to grind people down is terrifying', the MP said, adding that when British justice didn't deliver, it's often been the Trade Unions that have given support.

Dave Smith from the blacklisting support group held up the 36-page blacklisting file that was kept on him. 'Do we want to live in a country where being a Trade Union representative can get you dismissed and placed on a list as a domestic extremist?' he asked. Blacklisting itself was big business, construction companies paid £2 a go to check tens of thousands of names.

Neil Findlay is a Member for Scottish Parliament and sees himself as being on the political wing of the Trade Union movement. He spoke about blacklisting as a class justice issue. Because campaigners refused to go away, the GMB worked with them. Simply for wanting toilet roll in the toilets, workers could end up on a list of 'troublemakers'.

A former safety rep on a McAlpine site, **Ricky Tomlinson**, has been campaigning for justice for the Shrewsbury 24 for years. He had the guts to entertain us whilst setting out the tragic events he and fellow workers went through. 'They stitch you up and send you to jail then you have to find the evidence and give it back to them,' he shouted.

Dave Hopper from the Miners' Association

told us the miners' strike was a war, with Thatcher directing industrial terrorism to break the Unions. 10,000 miners were arrested but not one policeman was ever indicted or charged with an offence - instead they were assisted by the media framing of state propaganda. 'It is scandalous what we went through in the name of work', said Dave, and led directly to Hillsborough through West Yorkshire Police learning that impunity is strength.

Former Shipyard worker **Eddie Marnell** and GMB National Officer Dave Hulse told conference the story of a Cammell Laird strike. Eddie is convinced it was the SAS who were sent in to threaten the men with

Straw and Hazel Blears didn't help. Labour MP **Tom Watson** said it's only the Trade Unions that can draw these campaigns together. He repeated a persistent theme: police, Parliament and prime ministers have all collectively failed people. Tom stressed that no-one has attacked the central ownership of media and we can be sure the Trade Unions are on the list of the surveillance state.

The GMB 'Campaigns for Justice' Conference gave us an up close and personal view of injustice, where we swept for the mines of a surveillance state and corporate control. When the UK establishment treats people as terrorists for



their lives if they didn't abandon their occupation. In 1984, 37 legitimate strikers were found guilty of trespass and sentenced to one month in prison, in a gut-wrenching miscarriage of justice. 'It was to deter the miners', said Eddie. The men were sacked, blacklisted, and their redundancy and pension rights rescinded.

In today's climate of austerity it is frightening that unemployed disabled workers are suffering a hate campaign which focuses on them as 'scroungers'. Remploy used to have 96 factories and was 97% unionised with GMB membership. **Brian Davies**, former GMB convenor at Remploy, fought to keep the factories open. 80% of the Remploy workers are still unemployed after 2 years and one person from this GMB region hung himself.

Alistair Morgan's brother Daniel was axed to death in a South London car park. He suspected police and media corruption, and 30 years later is still fighting for justice. The case involves the wholesale selling of information to the Murdoch press. Alistair said 'I lobbied government till I was sick' but even having an MP in cabinet with Jack

demanding justice, uses corrupt police forces, questionable courts and staggering corporate creep to kettle us in - enough is enough.

The evidence from the platform was that where the people are being wronged, Trade Unions support them. Politicians generally don't. The judiciary and police don't. With the right to bargain collectively and freedom to associate already in the European Social Contract, the UK government is planning a further stranglehold on Trade Union laws.

If courage is contagious, networking campaigns for justice encourages solidarity and builds momentum. Summing up, **Neil Findlay** observed 'There are common threads for all campaigns against state power and it is our duty to resist. I hope this is the start of something - we owe it to ourselves and our class.'

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For more on these campaigns
www.campaignsforjustice.com
For a list of speakers and to read the full feature article, go to the Nerve website.

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

Christmas Truce statue for a centenary

On 25th December 1914, as day dawned over a Flanders battlefield, soldiers who had faced each other in battle climbed out of their trenches. In the middle of no-man's land the battle-weary soldiers, who had hours before been intent on fighting each other, tentatively shook hands. Most could not speak each other's language, but gifts of cigars and food were exchanged as the sounds of war were silenced for a moment in time.

Amidst this uneasy peace, someone produced a football and the war was left behind. The soldiers threw off their tiredness and as if they were playing in a local park, the opposing forces united as one and began to play. Peace broke out, men became boys again and for a short time they could forget the cold, the wet and their fear. The game set them free.

A hundred years on, an iconic statue is now being created to

commemorate and celebrate this truce and the most famous football game in history. It will be a symbol of peace and hope and a call for a renewed worldwide cessation of violence in honour of those brave boys who "joined together and decided not to fight".

The resin sculpture will be transported from Liverpool and be exhibited in Germany, before travelling to Flanders to be temporarily installed on the site of the truce on Christmas Day, 100 years on.

The work being sculpted is entitled 'All Together Now', recalling the song by The

Farm - coincidentally being re-released also to mark the centenary - which was inspired by the truce.

The statue depicts the meeting of a British and a German soldier over a football, deep in the mud between the lines on that first Christmas of the war. The soldiers appear to be shaking hands but are not quite touching, forming a space in which a visitor can insert their own hand to complete the union. A chance for a moments reflection on how far we are from true peace and brotherhood and the part each of us has to play in that dream. We want the work to stand as both a celebration of this inspirational and heroic event and as symbol of hope and peace.

Tom Calderbank
Statue: Andy Edwards



Saving Sefton Park Meadows

From 'Turning Green to Brown' a book by John Davies:

www.johndavies.uk.com

33 selected portraits in Sefton Park Meadows
The £2 profit on each sale of this book is donated to the Save Sefton Park Meadows Campaign Fund.
The image shown is of Nettle and her 2 children.



The Tuesday morning reading group at Edge Hill Library

Sadly this library is now closed but this little group of people would meet up each Tuesday to read a chosen book. They would also have tea & biscuits while this was going on – so this was a lovely social get together for them. **Jane Hughes**

Shelved (The song of the book)

Written about the abandoned books in Great Homer Street Library, which were left there on their own for a while when the library closed.

Up here at the top it's a bit of a squeeze
We're cover to cover in line
It's been a long time since we felt a fresh breeze
Or the warmth of a hand on a spine

Our library shut in the summer
Now we're shut up in the dark where no one can look
What use is a page with no reader?
This is no way to balance the books

There's Taylor, and Alice, Rashida and Tom
Where will they get their stories?
Or the poets their poems? Or the singers their songs?
They've all been locked out by rich Torres

Chorus
The mayor says they can all pop into town
Or download us onto a laptop
But the bus fares are huge and the rain's tipping down
It won't happen, their reading will stop

Chorus
There's all sorts of knowledge up here on our shelves
We could feed you love – or your rage
But your leaders are keeping it all to themselves
They know the power of the page

Our library shut in the summer
Now we're shut up in the dark where no one can look
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Elspeth McLean

DEMENTIA... .

The key he sought so desperately
was gripped firmly in his fist.
He'd always kept it by the door.

"The damned thing can't have walked!"
He swore and blamed his wife for hiding it.
The start of a long list as things got worse.

Loyal Jake, forever at his feet,
was cursed, as was indeed the nurse.
If only dogs could talk.

His boss had lost a sense of all propriety,
a grasp on Time; eventually his dignity.

Dan's wife, as always, bore things well
though she herself was housebound.

Frail as she was, she coped, yet
there were times she wished they'd not eloped
when Golden years ago they fell in Love.
Her once gentle, darling spouse now fought,
above all else, against her close attentions.
Patience and horrid thoughts when mixed cause
raw emotion and tarnish pure Devotion.

A carer called each day
and helped as best she could
but most of all to reassure
when times got tougher still.

Respite was the only door
that opened to revival of Anne's Will,
which was the key to her survival.

What a Sin that Dan once was
the mainstay of their local church,
who'd led the hymns, and any Force for Good.
It had been a privilege to know the man,
but cursing is a sacrilege; they prayed of course.
Only his faithful lurcher still looked up to him.
What remained of family lived abroad;
Anne chose not to let them know until.....

With the end not yet in sight,
years lingered on and wore her down.
Cruel Death had drawn its sting, there was no
'rage against the dying of the light',
no tender blessing on his lips,
no gasping shout;
Dan just fizzled out,
soon after
Anne.

Ted Seagrave



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It doesn't have to be like this. Find out how you can become a Dementia Friend and learn more about what it's like to live with dementia and the little things that you can do to help.

Getting fucked about

people on benefits, people who are sick
people in wheelchairs, people on sticks
people with cancer, people without arms
people who are blind, people with bad hearts
we don't expect much, but they're giving us now!
we're already fucked, now we're getting fucked about
having claustrophobia makes us feel closed in
anorexia tells us that eating is a sin
if we suffer from anxiety then everything's a fuss
being paranoid don't mean that they're not after us
agoraphobia makes it hard for us to venture out
we're already fucked now we're getting fucked about
you get dragged into ATOS and you come out cured
they've got a better success rate than the waters at Lourdes
declare you fit for work but there's no work in this city
they tell you you're fine but you just feel shitty
it's about as much help as a smack in the mouth
we're already fucked now we're getting fucked about
subsidised meals for MPs in the House
the rest of us get a bowl of blind scouse
bankers making millions profits are so good
but the only banks thriving are giving out food
it's gonna get worse of that there's no doubt
we're already fucked now we're getting fucked about
I'm on incapacity waiting for me pension
I'd better wear a mask so I don't catch their attention
the country's being run by a gang of twats from Eton
the trouble with us we don't know when we're beaten
stand up for one another start to scream and shout
"We're already fucked, stop fucking us about."

Arthur Adlen

War?

War?
Pregnant with pain
Fighting for dirty earth there for all.
Lads shot - tortured
Lasses left in disrepair
'Keep Gaza on a diet':
Hate for starters, injustice for desserts
In a land with enough good earth for all.
How does a baby embrace life?
Innocent? Smiling? How can it unlearn all this
Lost in causes the BBC justifies?
In a world dripping in diamonds
And wells oozing with oil
People perish or rot or just die off.
Those bringing change reckon
Weapons fix it all
Whilst me in my comfort, 2525 miles away
just can't care.

Y'know what I mean:
Like all will end as dust
in never ending darkness
With our causes long forgotten.

Stephanie Anderson

'The Girl who planted flowers, and brought peace' by Cate Simmons (below)

Inspired by the amazing peace work of the Fly Kites not
Drones campaigners, and the organisation Skateistan -
sometimes its the smallest, quietest and most thoughtful
actions that can sew seeds of great change

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St. Luke's: 'Henge' by Carolyn Shepherd - Contemplates the cycle of destruction, death, rebirth and growth into new life and is inspired by the opportunity for spiritual growth following periods of trauma. *Photograph by Bernie Howden*

JANUARY 2015

Also in this month... **1912** The Syndicalist publishes 'Don't Shoot' leaflet by Fred Bower, urging soldiers not to fire on striking workers **1996** Women of the Waterfront petition Downing Street in support of the 500 sacked dockers (9th) **2009** Marches to protest Israel's invasion of Gaza (3rd, 17th) **2012** Start of 11-day action by Unilever workers in protest at pension changes (18th)

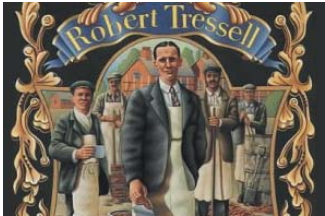

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 <p>World Peace Day (1st)</p> <p>1791 Liverpool School for the Blind on the corner of London Rd and Pudsey St. (10th)</p>		<p>1 WORLD PEACE DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1916 Liverpool branch of NUR 'reaffirms its unalterable opposition to conscription'</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2009 2,000 march to protest against Israeli attack on Gaza</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1977 450 strike at Cammell Lairds over productivity payment dispute</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>1972 Fisher-Bendix factory in Kirkby occupied by workforce for five weeks</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>2012 UK Uncut / Occupy Liverpool picket shops involved in tax avoidance</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1906 Liverpool's first suffragette action: Prime Minister heckled at Sun Hall</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1791 Edward Rushton and others start Liverpool School for the Blind</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>1984 Frankie Goes to Hollywood's 'Relax' is banned by BBC</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1847 First of 300,000 Irish fleeing the great hunger arrive in Liverpool</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1910 Protest outside Walton jail at maltreatment of suffragettes.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1895 First appearance of ILP's 'Soup and Socialism' van at St George's Hall</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1863 Conference in support of the North and against slavery in American civil war</p>	
<p>19</p> <p>1919 Mass meeting demands release of Irish political prisoners</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1914 First meeting of Free Speech Protest Joint Committee</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1938 Merseyside Left Theatre performs play 'Waiting for Lefty'</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1889 First meeting of Womens Industrial Council</p>	<p>23</p> <p>2006 'Dragons of the Pool' unveil plaque to Chinese merchant seamen forcibly repatriated in 1945</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1979 Grave-diggers strike (till 1 Feb)</p>	
<p>26</p>	<p>27 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1996 News from Nowhere bookshop avoids eviction by Frensens developers and moves to present building</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1996 Ploughshares activists damage Hawk fighters destined for Indonesian regime</p>	<p>30</p> <p>2010 PCS rally for public services at St George's plateau</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1977 First issue of Merseyside Women's Paper</p>	
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Mike and Alex reading the papers in Breck Road Community Library, by Jane Hughes

FEBRUARY 2015

Also in this month... **1969** First screening of Ken Loach drama documentary 'The Big Flame' about striking Liverpool dockworkers (19th)
1971 Britain's longest strike starts at the Inland Revenue Office in Bootle, ends Aug 1974 (11th) **1972** Liverpool 'Right to Work' marchers leave for London (19th)

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 <p>1911 Robert Tressell (Noonan), author of 'Ragged Trousered Philanthropists', dies in Royal Infirmary (3rd)</p>	 <p>2010 Formation of Liverpool Socialist Singers (27th)</p>				<p>1879 'Three-week strike by 35,000 dockers and seamen over 10% reduction in wages</p>	
2 <p>1951 Merseyside dockers strike. Leaders arrested (9th) and charged under wartime law 'Order 1305'</p>	3 <p>1911 Robert Tressell (Noonan), author of 'Ragged Trousered Philanthropists', dies in Royal Infirmary</p>	4	5 <p>2011 March and 2000-strong rally in Anglican Cathedral against public spending cuts</p>	6 <p>1937 18 volunteers from Merseyside die at the battle of Jarama, fighting for Spanish republic</p>	7 <p>1975 35 cleaners at Ministry of Defence join trade union and lose their jobs</p>	8 <p>1906 James Sexton contests West Toxteth for Labour at General Election and campaigns against 'Chinese slavery' in South Africa</p>
9 <p>1991 Mike Hill loses his life in anti-hunting protest</p>	10 <p>1934 Merseyside contingent of National Hunger march arrives Chester</p>	11 <p>2008 Rolls Royce workers march through city to protest against factory closure plans</p>	12 <p>2011 Church Street vigil supporting 'Arab spring' in Egypt and Tunisia</p>	13 <p>1970 Launch of <i>Big Flame</i>, 'Merseyside's rank and file paper'</p>	14 <p>1986 Publication of CND booklet 'Merseyside and the Bomb'</p>	15 <p>2003 'Peace Train' takes protestors to join over a million others demonstrating against plans to bomb Iraq</p>
16	17 <p>1940 Peace march held by Liverpool branch of Womens Peace Campaign (photo in DP of 19 Feb, page 3)</p>	18	19 <p>1863 3,000-4,000 in Royal Amphitheatre condemn slavery and support the North in American civil war</p>	20 <p>1855 Second day of bread riots</p>	21 <p>1994 First Irish cultural and community festival</p>	22 <p>1890 National Union of Dock Labourers introduces Britain's first union lapel badge</p>
23 <p>1988 Dockers refuse to handle uranium mined in apartheid-ruled Namibia</p>	24 <p>1969 First national Ford Strike</p>	25 <p>2003 Rodney Street Youth Centre occupied as an International Welcome Centre for asylum-seekers (till 4 April)</p>	26	27 <p>2010 Formation of Liverpool Socialist Singers</p>	28 <p>1984 100,000 protest on Merseyside in support of GCHQ workers</p>	
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"We Were Once a Proud Port"- Derelict buildings near the Pier Head by Jan Sear

MARCH 2015

Also in this month... **1909** Patricia Woodlock, suffragette, jailed for three months as 'persistent offender' for role in eighth womens Parliament (30th) **1970** Students occupy Senate house protesting university investments in apartheid South Africa (9th to 20th) **1984** Formation of the country's first support group for the national miners strike

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30 2013 Two marches meet at Wellington Column and rally against bedroom tax	31 2006 Over 3,000 demonstrate against visit of US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice	 1997 Robbie Fowler fined for displaying T-shirt supporting sacked Liverpool dockers (27th)	International Womens Day (8th) 		1 2005 Protest at council offices over 'Welsh Streets' demolition plans	
2	3 1939 Merseyside Left Theatre anti-war play <i>Bury the Dead</i> at David Lewis Theatre (also on the 4th)	4 2000 Greenpeace harass the first ship bringing GM maize to Liverpool docks	5 2013 Premiere of Ken Loach's film <i>The Spirit of '45</i>	6 1923 Labour wins first Liverpool Parliamentary seat (Edge Hill by-election)	7	8 INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY 1971 First Womens Liberation Movement celebrations
9 2001 Kirkby Action Group marches on Sonae factory	10 2010 Second day of two-day strike by 20,000 civil servants	11 1968 Start of 11-week strike that forces renegotiation of one-person bus operation	12	13	14 2003 First issue of <i>Nerve</i> magazine	15 1968 Demo and disruption at Cammell Lairds as <i>Polaris</i> sub <i>Revenge</i> is launched
16	17 1937 Inaugural meeting of Merseyside Left Theatre	18 1953 Unity Theatre play <i>The Scab</i> tells story of a Liverpool docker's family during the 1926 General Strike	19	20 2003 Central Liverpool blocked by demonstrations as Iraq war begins	21 ANTI-RACISM DAY 2003 'We all live in a terrorist regime' inscribed on Yellow Submarine tourist landmark	22 1984 Lancashire NUM vote to join national miners strike
23	24 1912 Liverpool and Birkenhead rallies against arrest of Tom Mann for the 'Don't Shoot' leaflet	25 1907 Keir Hardie addresses Great Socialist Demonstration at Hope Hall (now Everyman Theatre)	26 1848 Repealers and Chartists hold public meeting supporting Irish independence	27 1997 Robbie Fowler fined for displaying T-shirt supporting sacked Liverpool dockers	28 1987 Anti-Apartheid march through city	29 SUMMER TIME BEGINS



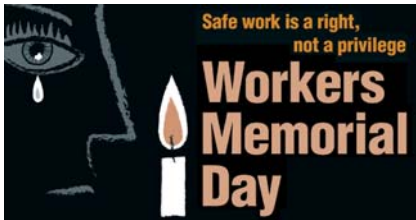

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tr.v. en·com·passed, en·com·pass·ing, en·com·pass·es
1. To form a circle or ring around; surround..
2. To enclose; envelop.
3. To accomplish; achieve.

'Encompass' about personal achievement, vision and struggle.. But also about pulling a community together to "encompass" you.

Photograph by Brenda Sharp, artwork by Alison Bailey Smith

APRIL 2015

Also in this month... **1920** 20,000 dockers threaten strike demanding release of Irish republicans from Wormwood Scrubs prison **(28th)** **1985** School students strikes against Youth Training Scheme slave labour, 10,000 march to Pier Head **(25th)**
2004 Welsh Streets Homes Group set up to oppose demolition of ten streets in Liverpool 8

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 <p>Workers Memorial Day (28th)</p>		<p>1</p> <p>1987 First Mutual Aid Centre opens in Victoria Street in what is now Millennium House</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1911 Suffragettes refuse to give names to census: 'No Vote, No Census'</p>	<p>3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1978 First meeting of Merseyside Anti-Racist Alliance</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>1979 First Merseyside 'Reclaim the Night' Womens' march through city centre</p>		<p>8</p> <p>2005 Friends of Palestine picket Caterpillar's Perkins plant in Irlam</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2005 Train drivers bring Merseyrail to a halt on Grand National weekend</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1982 Kirkby Unemployed Centre opens</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1976 First meeting of Liberty Hall, alternative social club</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>1962 Pat Arrowsmith of CND arrested at dockside meeting on nuclear disarmament</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1984 CND 'surround and decorate' US base at Burtonwood. Peace camp set up</p>	<p>15 HILLSBOROUGH DAY</p> <p>1962 Irish Freedom March from Liverpool arrives in London</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2013 1,000 rally at St George's Hall on day of Margaret Thatcher funeral</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1989 Boycott of <i>Sun</i> newspaper after it vilifies Liverpool fans at Hillsborough stadium tragedy</p>
<p>20</p> <p>1948 Tugboatmen strike</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1971 Public meeting at Stanley House launches campaign to free Angela Davis</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1919 Protest march by unemployed (demobilised) soldiers</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1919 Arnold Yates, bookseller, seen in possession of leaflets addressed to sailors advocating revolution</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1988 Kirkby Response Theatre founded</p>
<p>27</p> <p>1983 One-day city-wide strike against privatisation</p>	<p>28 WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>2001 Builders union UCATT unveils 'hod-carrier' memorial on Islington to victims of building accidents</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1872 8,000 carters strike (one week) for better wages</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1919 Public meeting denounces conscription measures still in force in peacetime</p>	<p>1987 First Mutual Aid Centre opens in Victoria Street in what is now Millennium House</p> 		
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Scotland Road Rag pickers day out in New Brighton

MAY 2015

Also in this month... **1914** Five public meetings of Free Speech Joint Committee, in defiance of City Council prohibitions (3rd to 30th) **1934** First complete publication of James Hanley's novel *Boy* (publishers later charged with obscenity) **1981** Merseyside Hunger Strike Supporters Committee march to Pier Head in support of Irish hunger-striker Bobby Sands (2nd)



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 <p>1919 Communist Mary Bamber wins Everton ward for Labour (21st)</p>	<p>1999 Trees at Park Nook (Princes Park) occupied to stop developers building luxury flats (31st)</p>			<p>1 MAY DAY</p> <p>1974 News from Nowhere, radical bookshop, opens</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1989 Day two of three-day rooftop protest against prison conditions at Risley Remand Centre</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1926 General Strike begins, solid in Liverpool</p>
<p>4 PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>1912 Strike at Wilson's Bobbin Works, leading to the 'Garston riots'</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1972 George Pratt becomes first black City Councillor (Clubmoor ward)-polling day was the 4th</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1934 Clashes in streets as Oswald Mosley addresses fascist rally</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1949 Paul Robeson visits Liverpool and sings to 10,000 crowd in Lord Street</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1987 Liz Drysdale (Granby) & Judy Nelson (Smithdown) become first black women City Councillors</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2004 Friends of Palestine demonstrate outside Harold House against speaker Louise Ellman MP</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1981 Margaret Simey, radical Labour Councillor, appointed to chair Merseyside Police committee</p>
<p>11</p> <p>1981 10,000 strike at Fords to defeat new disciplinary code (<i>withdrawn on 22nd</i>)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1984 'Women in White' march to save Duchess ward in Womens hospital</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1969 Rent-striking Abercromby tenants join students in demo when Princess Alexandra visits University</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1966 Liverpool at forefront of national seamen's strike (<i>till 1 July</i>)</p>	<p>17 LEVELLERS DAY</p> <p>2010 Over 100 Cammell Lairds repairers go on unofficial strike over job losses plan</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>2009 Liverpool Network Theatre perform Seven Jewish Children in <i>Writing on the Wall</i> festival</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1839 15,000 attend Chartist demonstration at Queens Square</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1919 Communist Mary Bamber wins Everton ward for Labour</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1955 Dockers six-week strike for recognition of the 'Blue Union'</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1909 Anarchist-Communist Sunday School distribute leaflets denouncing Empire Day</p>
<p>25 PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>1955 Labour has absolute majority on the City Council for the first time</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1888 Inquiry report says Liverpool women are the worst-paid in the country</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1993 Falkner Square plaque unveiled for black merchant seamen of World War II</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1981 Work-to-rule by 450 City council typists quickly becomes an all-out strike for six months</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1981 Liverpool Black Organisation occupy Caribbean Centre</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1981 Peoples March for Jobs arrives in London</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1999 Trees at Park Nook (Princes Park) occupied to stop developers building luxury flats</p>
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Pride!

JUNE 2015

Also in this month... 1948 State of emergency declared as dockers strike when refused protective clothing against chemicals (28th) 1984 City Council defies government and sets an 'illegal budget' to maintain services. 47 councillors later surcharged (23rd) 1984 Cammell Lairds workers occupy gas rig to prevent the yard's closure (27th) 1999 Garden Festival Campaign formed to preserve river frontage from more luxury housing (23rd)

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1 1919 1600 Liverpool police officers stadium vote to strike for union recognition	2 2006 Peoples' Centre opens on Mount Pleasant	3 1979 Formation of Liverpool Black Organisation (LBO)	4 1981 Radical Labour councillor Margaret Simey sets out plan for police accountability	5 1919 Charles Wootton, 24-year-old black Liverpudlian, chased by white crowd and drowned in Queens Dock	6 	7 1997 Last event at the Irish Centre on Mount Pleasant
8 1848 Liverpool's Mayor calls for larger military presence because of civil unrest	9 1972 First international strike begins in Liverpool and Italy against Dunlop-Pirelli	10 1881 Irish republicans attempt to blow up Town Hall	11 2001 Refugees go on hunger strike over appalling conditions in Landmark flats	12 1957 First meeting of Merseyside Hydrogen Bomb Protest Group	13 2001 Merseyside Against Detention formed to protest against jailing of asylum-seekers	14 1911 Second day of seamen's strike (led by Tom Mann)
15 	16 1997 Rooftop protest to protect Irish Centre on Mount Pleasant	17 1840 John Finch founds Socialist Hall in Lord Nelson Street	18 1977 Memorial stone laid to Robert Tressell in Walton cemetery	19 1890 Women bookfolders and stitchers win reduction of working day to ten hours	20 WORLD REFUGEE DAY 1937 Basque refugee children (from Spanish civil war) welcomed in Liverpool and Birkenhead	21 1992 <i>Communities of Resistance</i> conference marks 500 years of conquest since Columbus
22 	23 1913 2,000 farm workers from Speke to Scarisbrick strike for better conditions	24 1996 James Larkin Republican Flute Band formed	25 1971 100 women and children blockade Prescot Road after 4-month safety campaign 1979 Third day of first week-long Liverpool Gay Pride celebrations	26 	27 1904 The 'Secret in the Stone' laid in the Anglican Cathedral foundations by Fred Bower and Jim Larkin	28
29 1872 Two-day train strike secures pay increase	30 					1984 Cammell Lairds workers occupy gas rig to prevent the yard's closure (27th)
		1997 Rooftop protest to protect Irish Centre on Mount Pleasant (16th)				



“Long Live Socialism” - Inspired by Adrian Henri's visionary artwork "The Entry of Christ Into Liverpool". In 2007/8 College Start - Entry Level Art Class at Liverpool Community College (students with mental health problems) created this collage. Tutors; Cathy Noble, Judy Mazonowicz, Support; Sam Gantley

JULY 2015

Also in this month... 1796 Edward Rushton's 'Letter to Washington' challenges the President's practice of owning slaves while advocating liberty
 1895 Bitter dispute at Jackson's Rope Works after machine tears young girl to pieces in front of her mother (29th) 1982 Croxteth Comp school taken over by the community (13th)

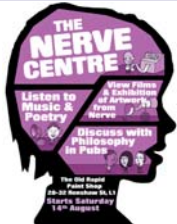

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 <p>1982 Croxteth Comp school taken over by the community (13th)</p>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1958 Open-air rally greets peace marchers from Hull	2001 First Arabic Arts Festival	1981 First public statement of Liverpool 8 Defence Committee	2012 Mass gathering of street musicians on Church Street defies Council anti-busking plans		1991 Terry Fields MP jailed for 60 days after refusing to pay poll tax	1819 Liverpool's first Orange parade 'put to flight by the Irish'
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1912 Orange and Green Band marches through Garston after police brutality	2009 Friends of Palestine picket concert of Leonard Cohen as his tour includes Tel- Aviv	1971 First edition of Liverpool Free Press, 'News you're not supposed to know'		1917 War poet Siegfried Sassoon throws his Military Cross ribbon into the Mersey at Formby beach	1937 Merseyside Spanish Aid Committee public meeting in Picton Hall	2012 First of one-day strikes by Birkenhead Remploy workers against factory closure plans
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1989 7,000 seamen end seven-week strike	2007 1,000 march against cuts in, and privatisation of postal services	1848 Irish Confederates arrested in possession of pikes amid rumours of insurrection	1910 Patricia Woodlock speaks at Hyde Park rally, 'From Prison to Citizenship'	1972 Liverpool Echo is not printed for three days amid actions supporting jailed 'Pentonville 5' dockers		1847 Daniel O'Connell's body lies in state on the Mersey en route from London to Dublin
27	28	29	30	31	 <p>Edward Rushton, Liverpool's blind poet</p>	
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Liverpool 8 Defence Committee March against Chief Constable Oxford, 1981

AUGUST 2015

Also in this month... 1989 200 Bootle residents support dockers who refuse to handle toxic chemical (PCB) cargo from Montreal (16th) 2004 Childcare social workers strike (till Jan 2005) (24th) 2010 First Nerve Centre opens at the old Rapid paint shop on Hardman St (13th)

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31 PUBLIC HOLIDAY 2006 Firefighters strike against proposed cuts to services	 2014 Die-in and march to protest Israel's invasion of Gaza 2010 First Nerve Centre opens at the old Rapid paint shop on Hardman St (13th)				1 1982 Michael Heseltine pelted after meeting at occupied Croxteth Comp School	2 1982 Michael Heseltine pelted after meeting at occupied Croxteth Comp School
3	4 1995 Postal workers from Liverpool organise three lorryloads of 'Aid for Bosnia'	5 1914 Labour complains that 'greedy and grasping members of the capitalist class are enriching themselves'	6 HIROSHIMA DAY 2008 Parents Against Closure demonstrate over plans to close Croxteth Comp	7 1911 1000 railway goods porters come out on strike. Other transport workers come out in support	8 1919 955 striking Liverpool police officers dismissed	9 2006 'Red Card for Israel' given out as Liverpool FC play Maccabi Haifa
10	11 1912 60,000 attend Sheil Park rally to mark first anniversary of Bloody Sunday	12	13 1911 Liverpool's Bloody Sunday - police attack transport strike rally, injuring hundreds	14 1911 Liverpool General transport strike declared	15 1981 Liverpool 8 Defence Committee demonstration against Chief Constable	16 2014 Die-in and march to protest Israel's invasion of Gaza
17 1920 Council of Action formed to oppose war with Russia	18 1823 Slave uprising on estate of John (father of William) Gladstone in Demerara	19 1995 Firefighters' one-day actions turn into a nine-month strike	20 2009 Strike by baggage-handlers at Liverpool airport	21	22 1889 40 Liverpool dockers are lured to London to break the dock strike there but refuse to do so	23 SLAVERY REMEMBRANCE DAY 1960 Paddy Neary, Liverpool seaman, jailed in seamen's strike - protests follow
24 1880 Mass meeting in the Trades Hall protests at discrimination against black sailors	25 1987 Mike Field arrested for shouting 'rich parasite' at Princess Diana	26 2011 Picket at Liverpool Mutual Homes as older workers are laid off. Strike action follows	27 1898 Trades Council 50 year 'jubilee' in Stanley Park despite City Council ban	28 1920 Printers strike stops Daily Post and Echo for three weeks	29 2013 City centre leafleting against British attack on Syria	30 1775 Seamens' Revolt: 1,000 sailors bombard Town Hall with ships cannon
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“9th August” by John O'Neill (Inspired by Goya's “The Third of May”). The shooting of unarmed black teenager Michael Brown Jr. in Ferguson led to weeks of protest.

SEPTEMBER 2015

Also in this month... 1838 First Chartist demonstration at the Old Infirmary (St George's Plateau) (25th) 1974 Netherley Flat-Dwellers Action Group protest against 'Colditz flats' at Town Hall (18th) and occupation of housing office (27th)
2004 Memorial erected on Princes Avenue to jailed native American Leonard Peltier


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	1 1890 TUC Congress in Liverpool calls for 8-hour limit to working day	2 1982 Liverpool 8 Law Centre founded	3 1797 Liverpool slave ship <i>Thomas</i> taken over by African slaves for 42 days	4	5 1911 Liverpool-born Delia Larkin helps found Irish Women Workers Union	6 1972 Shrewsbury building-site picket. 24 are later prosecuted
7 1921 Mass demonstration of unemployed besieges Town Hall, demands 'Work not Maintenance'. Daily protests follow	8 2006 Demonstration in support of asylum-seekers	9 1990 Peoples March against Poll tax leaves Liverpool for London	10 1978 First 'Rock Against Racism' gig in Walton Hall Park	11 1974 Liverpool picket of Chilean consulate on first anniversary of Pinochet coup	12 1921 Unemployed demonstrators occupy Walker Art Gallery and are brutally evicted by police	13 1973 Merseyside Chile Solidarity formed as 200 protest outside Chilean consulate after Pinochet coup two days earlier
14	15 2007 Next to Nowhere social centre opens on Bold Street	16 1913 3,500 railway workers block trade with Dublin in support of locked-out workers (<i>one week</i>)	17 1960 March through city by Merseyside Hydrogen Bomb Protest Committee	18 1932 Fourth consecutive day of demonstrations forces Birkenhead council to increase Public Assistance	19 1893 New Zealand is first country to introduce votes for women. Campaign led by Liverpool-born Kate Sheppard	20 1971 Scotland Road Free School opens
21 UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2008 Final (3rd) day of first Working-Class Music Festival at Picket	22 2001 Merseyside Against Detention protest outside Liverpool prison in support of jailed refugees	23 1931 Islington Square rally of 10,000 ' <i>against starvation amidst plenty</i> ' attacked by police	24 1973 Dockers' boycott of Chilean shipping (in protest at Pinochet coup) made official union policy	25 1995 Liverpool dock dispute begins (lasts until January 1998)	26 2014 Merseyside Stop the War leaflet in City centre against bombing of Iraq	27 2006 Elizabeth Pascoe wins court order to stop Edge Lane developers
28 1974 Womens Information Centre at 49 Seel Street opened	29 1997 Striking Liverpool dockers occupy cranes in Port of Sheerness	30 1894 <i>Clarion</i> socialist cycling club visit Knowsley estate of Earl of Derby ' <i>who did not invite us to dinner</i> ' and leaflet tenants	<div>LIBERTY HALL</div> 1999 First event for revived Liberty Hall at the Zanzibar (<i>6th</i>)			<div></div> 1995 Liverpool dock dispute begins (lasts until January 1998)
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"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower" Albert Camus - Photograph by Colin Serjent

OCTOBER 2015

Also in this month... 1863 Liverpool Emancipation Society denounces John Laird for building the *Alabama* for the Confederates (30th) 1968 Abercromby tenants begin rent strike (lasts over eight months) 1981 Day-care Abortion Unit opens (Bradford clinic) after long campaign by womens rights groups



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<p>THE MATCH GIRLS By ROBERT MITCHELL at DAVID LEWIS THEATRE Friday and Saturday, OCTOBER 24th & 25th, 1947 at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>1947 Unity Theatre performs <i>'The Match Girls Strike'</i> (25th)</p> <p>1972 Rent strikes begin in Kirkby and Birkenhead (9th)</p> 		<p>1</p> <p>1984 Cammell Laird shipyard workers jailed for a month to end shipyard sit-in</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1972 One-day dock strike and 3,000-strong march against council rent increases</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1987 Demonstration for Namibian independence</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1936 Merseyside Peace Week ends with a 3,000-strong march</p>
<p>5</p> <p>1989 Building Brigades travel to Nicaragua</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1995 Ken Loach's film <i>Land and Freedom</i> about Liverpool volunteer in Spanish civil war</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1982 Everyman theatre stages <i>Girls in the Pool</i>, based on council typists' 1981 strike</p>	<p>8</p> <p>2000 Formation of People Not Profit</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1972 Rent strikes begin in Kirkby and Birkenhead</p>	<p>10</p> <p>WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY</p> <p>1937 Fascist rally at Queens Drive halted when Oswald Mosley is struck by a stone</p>	<p>11</p> <p>2008 Freedom of Expression Day - protest against harassment of political stalls</p>
<p>12</p> <p>2013 National Anti-Fascist march in Liverpool (hosted by Unite)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2005 First John Peel Day</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1939 80-strong womens' demonstration against war</p>	<p>15</p> <p>2011 'Occupy Liverpool' protesters take over Barclays Bank for the afternoon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1863 Rev Harry Beecher addresses packed meeting in support of North in American civil war</p>		<p>18</p> <p>1757 Anti-militia riot on day of Mayoral election closes city centre</p>
<p>19</p> <p>1936 200 marchers leave Liverpool to join the Jarrow Hunger march to London</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1975 International Day of Action by rubber workers - 6000 come out at Dunlops</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>UNITED NATIONS DAY</p> <p>1983 <i>Frankie Goes to Hollywood</i> release single <i>Relax</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>SUMMER TIME ENDS</p> <p>1947 Unity Theatre performs <i>'The Match Girls Strike'</i>, based on Bryant and May 1889 strike</p>
<p>26</p> <p>1991 Liverpool 8 Law Centre organises march against police harassment</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1974 'Petticoat Pickets' win womens 17-week strike at Wingrove and Rogers electrical firm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1987 Visit of Sam Nujoma, future (SWAPO) President of Namibia</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1982 First broadcast of <i>Yosser's story</i>, instalment of <i>Boys from the Blackstuff</i></p>	



1910 Women's Suffrage demonstration outside Liverpool Central Library

NOVEMBER 2015

Also in this month... 1781 133 slaves thrown overboard from Liverpool-owned slave-ship *Zong*. Outcry boosts abolition campaign (29th) 1819 Radical pamphleteer William Cobbett returns from America with bones of Tom 'Rights of Man' Paine 1995 *Women of the Waterfront* formed to support striking dockers

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30 2011 15,000 march to St George's Hall against Government austerity	 1983 Peace camp set up at Capenhurst nuclear plant (13th)			2011 Occupy Liverpool set up camp at base of Wellington column (26th) Photo by Alan Carr		1 2004 First Homotopia, Liverpool's current gay festival
2 2011 Five protesters scale drilling rig near Southport in protest against fracking	3	4	5	6 2010 Demonstrators occupy city Vodafone store in protest against tax evasion	7	8
9 1890 Trades Council Mass Indignation Meeting in Birkenhead as 8 trade unionists jailed for 'intimidation'	10 1913 Liverpool-born John Archer elected Britain's first black mayor, in Battersea	11 1921 <i>Bread Not Medals</i> - Unemployed workers demonstrate at Armistice parade	12	13 1983 Peace camp set up at Capenhurst nuclear plant	14 1984 Black Caucus lead march to Town Hall and disrupt City Council over appointment of Sam Bond as 'race relations adviser'	15
16 1985 Plaque unveiled to 27 Merseyside volunteers who died fighting for the republic in the Spanish civil war	17 1922 Liverpool Hunger March arrives in London	18 2009 Second day of prison officers' strike over 'bullying and harassment'	19 1950 Mass meeting of Colonial Peoples Defence Association with MP Bessie Braddock	20 2000 Greenpeace 'Chicken Run' halts GM soya mill (Cargills) on Gladstone dock	21 1911 Big suffragette rally in London, Patricia Woodlock and over 200 others arrested	22 1885 Irish Home Rule leader Charles Stewart Parnell addresses crowd on St George's Plateau
23 2011 Baggage-handlers at Liverpool airport strike to save jobs	24 1998 Monument to victims of Great Irish Famine unveiled by Irish President Mary McAleese at St Luke's	25 1969 John Lennon returns MBE to Buckingham Palace	26 2011 Occupy Liverpool set up camp at base of Wellington column	27 1920 Irish nationalists burn down 17 warehouses on Liverpool waterfront	28 1974 One-day general strike in support of the jailed 'Shrewsbury 2' pickets	29 1980 Over 100,000 join national TUC march to the Pier Head against unemployment
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Bar Staff sacked for wearing mini-skirts - Image from Kirkby Unemployed Centre

DECEMBER 2015

Also in this month... **1749** Liverpool slave ship *Scipio* blown up by insurrection off West African coast **1953** Conference on Freedom of Speech to fight City Council censorship of Unity theatre (6th) **1971** Gypsy Free School in Shaw Street opens

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	1 WORLD AIDS DAY 1913 Jim Larkin and Bill Hayward address Sun Hall meeting in support of locked-out workers of Dublin	2	3 2007 Turner Art Prize awards in Liverpool upstaged by Stop the War alternative exhibition	4	5 1998 First James Larkin Commemoration march	6 1973 Kirkby rent strikers Brian Owen and Larry Doyle jailed for 'contempt of court'
7 1973 Nightly demonstrations outside Walton prison in support of Brian Owen who remains in prison for 'contempt'	8 2000 Fidel Castro unveils statue to John Lennon in Cuba	9 1999 Black Liverpoolian Eric Lynch denounces City Council 'apology' for the slave trade	10 HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 1975 British Withdrawal from Northern Ireland 14 (including two Liverpoolians) acquitted of Incitement to Disaffection	11 1911 400 bargemen on Leeds-Liverpool canal strike in overtime dispute	12 1938 Merseyside Spain Aid Committee ship sails for Spain with supplies for republicans	13 2004 First meeting of Liverpool Social Forum
14 1980 30,000 gather on St. George's Plateau for vigil after John Lennon's death	15	16	17 1973 Kirkby rent strike ends after 14 months as five more are jailed for 'contempt of court'	18	19 1885 Liverpool Scotland constituency elects Irish nationalist MP	20 1888 Seamen's strike (till 18th Feb)
21 1965 Abolition of Death Penalty Bill introduced by left-wing Jewish Liverpool MP Sidney Silverman	22	23 1909 Suffragettes force-fed on hunger-strike in Liverpool prison	24	25 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26	27
28 PUBLIC HOLIDAY 1908 Jim Larkin becomes founder secretary of Irish Transport and General Workers Union	29 2007 Picket of Cricket fashion shop to protest against sale of fur products (also 22nd)	30	31 2008 Church Street vigil protests against Israel's invasion of Gaza			
				2007 Picket of Cricket fashion shop against sale of fur products (29th)		SPANISH MEDICAL AID COMMITTEE (MERSEYSIDE SUPPORTERS' GROUP) ON JULY 18TH, 1937 The War in Spain will have lasted One Year. A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the PICTON HALL, LIVERPOOL Chairman - STANLEY WORMALD (Fabian Society)
				1938 Merseyside Spain Aid Committee ship sails for Spain (12th)		



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Dovetail
Multi-Activity Centre

Spellow Library

Sefton Park Library

Old Swan Library

Waverley
District Library

FAZAKERLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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