# LIVERPOOL'S 800th CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF HERITAGE

Southport International

and soul in the north west.

Thursday 31 May to Sunday 3 June

Sample some of the finest jazz, blues

165th anniversary of opening of world's

Frederick Street by Kitty Wilkinson 1842

first public baths and wash houses on

Historical Re-enactments

Using the existing buildings of

the village as backdrop, this cross

generational event will provide the

community with an opportunity to

take part in re-enactments whilst at

the same time learn about the local

Liverpool Heritage Market Site

Producer and director Jen Heyes,

creen and stage writer Andrew

composer Edward Watson and a fin

Liverpool cast bring you this once-in

a-lifetime experience that 'lets the

ghosts speak and tell us what they

in quite the same way again.

Heritage Sports Day

know...'You will never see Liverpool

Croxteth Hall & Country Park

Sunday 10 June 12:00 to 5:00pm

Display of traditional sports

in full period costume. Free.

**Bowring Park Centenary** 

Saturday 9 to Tuesday 12 June

celebrating the centenary of this

historic Merseyside Park. Events

include a fantastic steam train

excursion from Liverpool.

A weekend of fun activities

munity Games

Sherlock, RSC musician and

history of West Derby Village.

Wall Talks

West Derby Village

Jazz Festival

JUNE 2007

**News Year's Eve Fireworks** Walker Art Gallery Sunday 31 December 5.00pn Start the 800th birthday year with a bang and enjoy a spectacular fireworks display

# **JANUARY 2007**

Monday I January: 160th anniversary of Dr William Henry Duncan appointed world's first medical officer of health Monday I January: 150th anniversary o the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board

### Liverpool Reads

'Small Island' by Andrea Levy The 2007 Liverpool Reads initiative will forge links with Bristol, Hull and Glasgow, exploring themes of ethnicity, nationality and love and offers specific links to slavery remembrance projects.

# 50th Anniversary

Cavern Concerts **Cavern City Tours** The Cavern, Mathew St Tuesday 16 to Sunday 21 January

### The Roscoe Lectures Liverpool John Moores Universi

St George's Hall Wednesday 17 January Trevor Philips Understanding the Lessons of the Killing of Anthony Walke

### Liverpool Echoes **Royal Liverpool** Philharmonic Orchestra Philharmonic Hall

First concert Thursday 18 January 7.30pm Liverpool's 800th birthday is

the inspiration for six concerts celebrating artists, music and musica events connected with the Phil and the musical history of the city.

The Cathedral That Never Was National Museums Liverpool Walker Art Gallery Saturday 27 January to Sunday 22 Apri Following a programme of major conservation work at Liverpool's National Conservation Centre, the stunning architect's model of Lutyen cathedral brings to life the story of an amazing and ambitious building proposed for Liverpool.

# Anthony Brown's 100

Heads Thinking as One Liverpool, Its History, Its Places, Its People Wednesday 24 Ianuary to Saturday 10 February The Capital Building, Old Hall Street On tour until October A truly unique and fascinating exhibition of mixed media portraits by Liverpool artist Anthony Brown. Revealing 100 subjects chosen for their unique contribution to Liverpool life and the 'Charter Canvas' which features Merseyside's ancestry.

# **FEBRUARY 2007**

Thursday 22 February: 100th anniversary of scout movement Birkenhead forms world's first scout group

Black Audio Film Collective FACT.Wood St February to March

### **City Charters Exhibition** Picton Reading Room, Liverpool Central Library

February to June. Free Liverpool's most important documents from charters and maps to bank notes and photographs go on show in this amazing exhibition.

### The Roscoe Lectures

Liverpool John Moores University St George's Hall Thursday 8 February: Professor John Barrow - Our Place in the Universe Wednesday 28 February: Lord Goldsmith - QC Attorney General - How Law Holds Together a Civil Society.

### The Elements

The Pool of Life The Royal Court Theatre Wednesday 14 February 8.00pm The first major international collaboration between Chinese and UK artists.

### Chinese New Year Nelson St and Berry St

Sunday 18 February. Free Chinese New Year graces the oldest Chinese community in Europe. 2007 is Year of the Pig and The Pool of Life presents a cutting edge performance combining Chinese traditional martial arts and aerial modern dance.

### **Centre of the Creative Universe: Liverpool**

and the Avant-Garde Tate Liverpool, Albert Dock Tuesday 20 February to Saturday 9 Septemb Taking its title from a statement by Beat poet Allen Ginsberg, this major exhibition explores how artists contributed to an external view of Liverpool over the past four decades

### Reflections on Faith. History and Culture **Our Lady and St Nicholas** Liverpool Parish Church Wednesday 21 February to Friday 30 March 1.05pm Continuing a century-old Lent tradition of daily talks featuring bishops. politicians and special guests. The theme will reflect 750th anniversary of the first mention of the church and how it and faith has shaped the city. www.livpic.co.uk

# **MARCH 2007**

Thursday 1 March: 170th Anniversary of 1st Grand National Sunday 25 March: 200th Anniversary o the Abolition of the British Slave Trade.

Mendelssohn's ELIJAH **Liverpool Welsh Choral** Philharmonic Hall Sunday 4 March 7.30pm

# Liverpool Performing

Arts Festival Liverpool Culture Company St George's Hall 5 to 9 March and 19 to 23 March Liverpool's St George's Hall will come alive to the sound of more than 7.000 performers participating in the Liverpool Performing Arts Festival.

### LEAP Dance Festival Merseyside Dance Initiative Various Venues

to 10 March Celebrating its 15th year featuring Russell Maliphant, Serge-Aime Louiidaly and Maresa von Stockert

### **Roval Liverpool** Philharmonic Orchestra Stephen Hough Residency rmonic Hall Thursday 8 March 7.30pm Sunday 11 March 2.30pm Saturday 17 March 7.30pm

### Wirral History and Heritage Fair Wirral Museum Saturday 10 March Displays and talks by Wirral's Heritage and History group.

Liverpool John Moores Universi St George's Hall Monday 12 March: Esther Rantzen The Protection Society needs to provide to prevent Vulnerable Children from Exploitation and Abuse Thursday 22 March: Peter Sutherland KCMG (venue tbc) Citizenship, Globalisation, Free Trade & Fair Trade - the Role of Multi Nationals

### **Ecumenical Service** of Penitence

Slavery Remembrance Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

### Public Debate National Museums Liverpoo Sunday 25 March Public debate focussing on

Saturday 24 March 11.00am

# contemporary black issues John Newton Promenade

Liverpool Culture Company Albert Dock Sunday 25 March Performance featuring the story

of slavery in Liverpool ending with a rousing chorus of Newton's nymn, Amazing Grace Contemporary Art from China Tate Liverpool, Albert Dock Friday 30 March to Sunday 10 June

Liverpool has always embraced its thriving Chinese community and this is reflected in this illuminating exhibition.

### **APRIL 2007** 160th anniversary of the opening of

Birkenhead Park which was used as a template for New York's Central Park Coming of Age

### Liverpool Culture Company Across the city April to May Liverpool school children will celebrate their generation and

their place within Liverpool culture. 22 projects to be devised in collaboration with 22 arts organisations.

# The Lord Made These

**Blessings For Us** Liverpool Metropolitan **Cathedral of Christ the King** April to September This exhibition features displays,

artefacts and information on aspects of Liverpool's 800-year heritage based upon the motto: "The Lord made these blessings for us"

# The Grand National

Aintree Race Course Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 April The world's most famous steeple chase, races into its 170th year.

### The Water's Edge: Women's Work and

the Liverpool Waterfront Open Eye Gallery Friday 13 April to Saturday 2 June Michelle Sank photographs 30 women who work, or have worked, on the Liverpool waterfront. Also includes an oral history project with 50 people whose stories span the period from WWII to the present day.

### Seafarers and Emigrants Exhibition

The Swedish Seaman's Church and the Liverpool International Nordic Community Scandinavian Seaman's Church Sunday 22 April to Sunday 20 May

of St George's Hall Liverpool Culture Company and National Museums Liverpool, St George's Hall Monday 23 April: St George's day A day long series of celebrations will mark the completion of the £23m refurbishment of one of the world's finest examples of neo-classical architecture. The highlights will be the re-opening of the stunning Small Concert Room the opening of a new Visitor Centre displaying the Singh Twins' special commission and a city-wide Bell Symphony.

Sudley House re-opens National Museums Liverpoo Sudley House Spring 2007

Sudley House, the former family home of the Liverpool merchant George Holt, has been undergoing a crucial redevelopment and will reopen. The house will be transformed with new displays improved access and a temporary exhibition space.

### MAY 2007

Wednesday 30 May 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II visit to Liverpool Friday 25 May: 30th anniversary of Liverpool's first European Cup win

AI & AI FACT.Wood St May to July From the Archbishop of Liverpool, Patrick Kelly to Steven Gerrard, this film incorporates people into simulated spaces and landscapes inspired by the city and its history.

Four Corners Liverpool Culture Company Across the city

All five neighbourhoods in the city will work with an arts organisation to develop programmes around identity, climaxing with a series of performances

Elgar's 150th Birthday

Liverpool Cathedral

**Royal Liverpool Philharmon** 

12, 16, 17, 24 and 26 May 7.30pm

Halton Literature Festival

Monday 14 to Sunday 20 May

there will be a host of workshops

and classes for all ages and abilities

including Writing Your Life Story,

Scriptwriting and Writing for

Writing on the Wall

2007 Literature Festival

Monday 14 to Sunday 20 May

Internationally acclaimed authors.

campaigners and renowned social

commentators explore the themes

of the bicentenary of the abolition

\_iverpool's 800th birthday. Guests

include Benjamin Zephaniah, Jean

The Trial of James Maybrick

Liverpool Cricket Club, Aigbur

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May

Conference on the life and death

of Liverpool cotton merchant,

and Jack the Ripper suspect

Liverpool Cricket Club member

James Maybrick, who was allegedly

- whose infamous trial attracted

murdered by his wife Florence

of the British slave trade and

'Binta' Breeze, Levi Tafari, Ray

Costello and Kevin Sampson.

Radio Journalism.

Across the city

Celebrations

Orchestra

### Africa Oyé

Sefton Park Tuesday 12 to Sunday 17 June A celebration of heritage and Vernon Handley CBE conducto culture from the Caribbean, Brazil the United States and continental Africa. The main event is in Sefton Park on Saturday and Sunday June 16th and 17th. Saturday will celebra Liverpool's past, present and future In addition to various performances through reggae to hip hop and gospe to rumba. Sunday is Africa at its best

### Maritime Festival

Free Entry. www.africaoye.com

Liverpool Culture Company South and Central Docks Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 June. Free The River Mersey will host a festival of tall ships and naval vessels.

### Sir Paul McCartney's

Liverpool Oratorio Carl Davis CBE conductor **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic** Orchestra and Choir with iverpool Cathedral Chorister Liverpool Cathedral Saturday 16 June

### Sir Paul McCartney's 65th Birthday Party at The Cavern The Cavern, Mathew St

Monday 18 June Liverpool's Cunard Yanks Souled Out Films

Philharmonic Hall Thursday 21 June World Premiere. This fascinating documentary reveals the major

world wide interest. Event highlight impact of Liverpool's Merchant of Liverpool Cricket Club's 200th Seamen in the 1950s on the anniversary celebrations in 2007. development of Liverpool culture particularly fashion and music, which laid the foundations for Merseybeat,

### and of course, The Beatles. North West Historic Motor Show and Family Extravaganza Southport Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June

Featuring hundreds of historic and modern motor vehicles.

### Birkenhead Park Celebrations Friday 29 June to Sunday I July A weekend celebrating the restoration of Birkenhead Park

Peter Blake Tate Liverpool, Albert Dock Friday 29 June to Sunday 23 September

Tate Liverpool will present a major retrospective exhibition of paintings by Peter Blake, the largest since his Tate Gallery exhibition in 1983. A highly influential and original artist, Blake is often described as the 'Godfather of British Pop Art'.

# JULY 2007

Friday 6 July: 50th anniversary of John ennon meeting Paul McCartney Sunday 15 July: 100th anniversary of Opening of Port of Liverpool Building

Cross Artform - Slavery: Slavery in the 21st century Hope Street Ltd Venue tbo

Acclaimed director Hilary Westlake will be creating a multi-media piece focusing on slavery its abolition in Britain and of slavery in the 21st century

Brouhaha International Festival Brouhaha July

Celebrating a new three-year carnival arts programme. www.brouhaha.uk.com

### Liverpool Arabic Arts Festival 2007

Across the city First two weeks of luly

**Origins - Early Music Festival** 

A series of concerts performed in

by early music ensembles featuring

some of Wirral's architectural jewels

Sunday I July to Sunday 8 July

Bach, Gabrieli, Vivaldi, Scarlatti,

Schools Birthday Party

Every school in the city will

party packs with a special

St.Helens Arts Festival

**HUB** Festival

**Otterspool Park** 

Saturday 7 to Saturday 14 July

This year's arts festival is based

Liverpool Culture Company

Urban street culture festival

BMX, live music, hip-hop, break-

dancing as well as displaying

some wicked street art from

the professionals.

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 July. Free

celebrating the best of skateboarding,

on motion, transport and heritage.

be celebrating Liverpool's 800th

birthday. Schools will be supplied

commemorative souvenir for pupils

Taverner and Purcell.

Friday 6 July

A lively mixture of cultural activities from the Arabic world and Britain. Dance, music, clubs, visual art, film architecture, family events and food.

Speke Hall August Exhibition exploring Speke Hall's links with slavery.

AUGUST 2007

The National Trust

### Celebration of Leeds Liverpool Canal Hope Street Ltd Canal side

in celebration of Liverpool's 800 years! August Liverpool 800 Day Multi-award winning artist John Fox directs a production employing Tuesday 28 August professional artists and a broad range of community groups that will A dazzling civic and community culminate in performances celebrating procession, a thanksgiving service and Liverpool and Leeds' 800th birthdays what is set to be the largest firework The piece will be performed in, display Europe has ever seen will alongside, on and above the Leeds mark the 800th anniversary of the granting of Liverpool's first Chartei by King John in 1207.

Poetry In The City (PiC) Across the city August Poetry In The City will be hosting a series of events based around the themes of slavery and liberation in all their manifestations.

BOUND **Open Eye Gallery** August to October International artists represent personal perspectives on the physical of buildings.

# Children's Boredom Busters

The National Trust

2, 4, 9 and 11 August

and period costumes.

Theatre in the Park

at Otterspool Park, Liverpool

on 14 and 15 July

St. Helens Show

A fun-filled family event.

Sherdley Park

St He

2008

to reflect key historical periods in

the history of Speke Hall. Includes

traditional games, painting, writing

Speke Hall

19, 21, 26 and 28 July and Activities for children focusing on various Tudor and Victorian pastimes

Stadt Moers Park, Whiston Saturday 21 July to Sunday 22 July An amazing theatrical journey through Stadt Moers Park, as it becomes a giant promenade theatre venue. Performances also take place

Do You Remember When? The World of Glass Exhibition

Tuesday 24 July to Sunday 2 Septeml An exhibition of 150 years of St Helens seen through the different decades, giving an overview of each decade, its style and important event

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 July

A Magical History Tour Merseyside Maritime Museum (In collaboration with the Liverpool Culture Company) Saturday 28 July 2007 to December

A major exhibition celebrating the city's 800th birthday in style with a look back across Liverpool's history. Told through the lives of its people, this tour demonstrates ways in which Liverpool has changed and evolved over the past eight centuries, from a tiny fishing village to a Victorian metropolis of global significance. Iconic objects on display include the Liverpool charters and a reconstruction of the long-lost Liverpool Castle. Free Entry.

Tuesday 28 August: 800th anniversary of King John granting Liverpool's first charter 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery Exhibition

and psychological impact of slavery on humanity, through photography, video, live art performance. interventions and installations

# Woodvale Rally

ormby By-Pass Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 August Hugely popular heritage automobile and air show.

Medieval Mersey Traders Norton Priory Museum & Gardens, Runcorn Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 August A 15th century living history encampment demonstrating crafts and skills used at Norton Priory.

Knowsley Flower Show Court Hey Park Sunday 5 August 11.00am to 5.00pm Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, the show offers budding ardeners and novices the opportun o enter more than 100 classes.

Southport Flower Show Victoria Park Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 August Now in its 78th year, the 2007 event is on course to attract record breaking 80.000 visitors

Memorial Lecture: Slavery Remembrance August 22 tbc

International Day for the Commemoration of Slavery and its Abolition JNESCO Thursday 23 August iverpool has hosted a Slavery Remembrance Day event since

1999 in recognition of the city's role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade vents include:

Interfaith Service Liverpool Community Spirit St. Nicholas Parish Church Libation Service

Liverpool Waterfront Traditional African ceremony, ommemorates the lives and deaths of slaves

International Slavery Museum Opening side Maritime Museur

The city's major new £10m museum is to open on 23 August 2007 to mark the 200th-year anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in Britain

Mathew Street Music Festival Liverpool Culture Company Liverpool City Centre Friday 24 to Monday 27 August Europe's biggest FREE city centre music festival is going retro for 2007

### Heritage Open Days cross the regio

29 August to 21 September specially extended month-long season will give people even more chance to celebrate our fantastic architecture, culture and heritage. Local property openings and events will be organised by the Civic Trust, Liverpool City Council, civic societies. museums, and owners and managers

Liverpool's 800th **Birthday Concert** Empire Theatre Wednesday 30 August

### Tudor Life Weekend The National Trust

Speke Hall August 16th century life at Speke Hall is recreated through Tudor music, food and drink; various Tudor pastimes, children's traditional activities and period costumed interpretation.

### SEPTEMBER 2007

Friday 7 September: 100th anniversary of maiden voyage of Lusitania from Liverpool-New York

Sugar Liverpool-Marseille Dance Collaboration

\_iverpool September Live urban dance performances in Liverpool's public spaces.

Extraordinary Journey Royal Liverpool Hospital, School of Tropical Medicine, Women's Hospital September to December This multi-media health festival celebrates past successes and advances in all health and social care using the creative arts. The festival will be launched at The Big History Show with events to take place in various health settings including Liverpool Royal Hospital.

Welsh Roots/Routes Eloquent Suitcase Exhibition Friday 7 to Sunday 16 September - 08 Place Tuesday 18 to Monday 24 September - Liverpool Anglican Cathedral Tuesday 25 to Sunday 30 September - Alima Centre 35 Sefton Street The Welsh Routes project is an exploration and celebration of the Welsh heritage in Liverpool

### Honda Formula4-Stroke Powerboat Series

iverpool Waterfront September, Free Cycle Tour of Great Britain

\_iverpool Presents Sefton Park Friday 14 September. Free Liverpool hosts the start of the North West stage of the nation's remier cycling event.

Clipper Round-the-World Yacht Race Start (07-08) Albert Dock Saturday 15 September. Free

The Big History Show 800 Years of Liverpoo

St George's Hall Friday 14 to Sunday 16 September A three-day local history fair organised by the Liverpool Culture Company in partnership with BBC Radio Merseyside, National Museum Liverpool and the Liverpool universities, will be in the Great Hall to showcase Liverpool's history and the work of its historical societies.The Small Concert room will host a conference - entitled 'Liverpool: a sense of time and place at which leading academics examine the competing and contested images and representations of the city.



Southport Airshow

and Military Display

Southport Seafron

23 Septembe

eafront.

Saturday 22 and Sunday

Combining a spectacular air display

with a host of ground attractions

elicopters, skydivers performing

leath-defying displays along the

**River Mersey Cruise Liner** 

The QE2 returns to Liverpool

on its 40th anniversary cruise

o open the city's new £15m

Facility Official Opening

riday 21 Septembe

Vintage Fair Organ

Victoria Park, Widnes

Saturday 29 September

OCTOBER 2007

Mosque (Brougham Terrace)

Cultiv8 and Cultural

Awakening Festival

October

Autumn

October

descent.

October

nightclubs

**Cains Liverpool** 

Across the city

Irish Festival

20th anniversary of Britain's first

A 3-day festival of African and

Caribbean dance and Cultiv8. a

seminar to discuss African and

After a £10m refurbishment,

the city centre's oldest building

space designed by international

architects BIQ from Rotterdam.

**Black History Month** 

A wide and lively range of

performances, exhibitions, talks

and gatherings which acknowledge

the long presence and contribution

to Liverpool of people of African

More than 50 events will take place

at venues across the city, spanning

folk, contemporary and rock music

theatre, poetry, lectures, films and

**British Musical Fireworks** 

Friday 5 to Sunday 7 October

Britain's leading pyrotechnic

companies compete in the

ultimate fireworks battle.

Heritage Twilight Tours

October and November

Enjoy exclusive 'after hours' tours of

Speke Hall in its atmospheric twilight

etting. A costumed guide will take

corridors, explaining the beliefs and

superstitions of some of this 16th

century building's former residents.

Costumed musicians will serenade

you with Tudor music on your tour.

Welsh National Opera and

The Sacrifice is a story of love,

revenge and reconciliation, inspired by

16 to 20 October 7:15pm

iverpool Culture Company

you through the Hall's rooms and

Speke Hall

The Sacrifice

ames MacMillan

Championships

Across the region

and the UK's oldest arts centre,

re-opens with a superb new wing,

housing galleries and a performance

Caribbean arts in the UK

Bluecoat Reopens

and Steam Rally

ruise facility.

featuring Red Arrows, RAF jets.

World War II bombers and

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the heightened mythical world of The Mabinogion, a collection of ancient Welsh folktales. Tickets from £10 to £37 - check wno.org.uk and iverpool08.com for details of special pricing promotions. Composed and conducted by one of the world's greatest living composers, James MacMillan. The Sacrifice is directed by Katie Mitchell with a libretto by the poet Michael Symmons Roberts.

### Turner Prize

Tate Liverpool, Albert Dock Friday 19 October 2007 to Sunday 13 January 2008 The UK's most prestigious annual art competition will be held outside London for the first time since it began in 1984.

The lamaican Big Draw

October (half-term) A chance to paint and draw rt inspired by the West Indies n commemoration of the 200th year anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in Britain.

Liverpool Lantern Parade Sefton Park

Wednesday 31 October, Free The Liverpool Lantern Company stages its brilliant Halloween Day of the Dead parade in Sefton Park as the community lights up the dark with lanterns and illuminated structures beautifully designed.

NOVEMBER 2007 Thursday 22 November: 210th nniversary of founding of Athenaeum

UK's oldest gentlemen's club Homotopia 2007

Across the city November

Liverpool's annual celebration of esbian and gay art and culture. 2007 sees the festival grow to new heights with three weeks of quality theatre, film, talks, human rights debates, heritage, art, video, music and club nights. This year Homotopia will commission four new plays by established and emerging gay write

November 5th Fireworks ity parks

Monday 5 November. Free liverpool celebrates the anniversary of Guy Fawkes. Tens of thousands of people are expected to witness the displays which will be synchronised to music.

Liverpool Music Week Liverpool November 17 to November 25

**Christmas Lights' Switch-On** St George's Hall Plateau Friday 18 November. Free

A spectacular show marks the start of the festive season and the whole family is guaranteed a magical atmosphere and an evening of fabulous, festive fu

Family and Familiar Trees iverpool Culture Company Across the city Wednesday 21 November to Wednesday 5 December

Families across the city will be invited to work with local artists to create portraits of themselves, their family and their favourite trees - celebrating the city's lungs through photography, sculpture, art installations, tree planting and decoration.

### The Cornerstone Festival ornerstone Building Hope University Provisional dates: Friday 23 November to Saturday 8 December

Nick Crowe and Ian Rawlinsor FACT. Wood St

November 2007 to January 2008 See off 2007 and welcome 2008 with a bang. The main exhibition space at FACT will be alight with Roman candles, Catherine Wheels and Chinese Crackers all set off to a precise firing schedule and the display will be filmed.

nternational Guitar Festival of Great Britair Various venues

Friday 9 to Sunday 25 Novembe Wirral's 19th International

Guitar Festival presents a stunning programme of concerts performed by top-flight performers from across the globe. www.bestguitarfest.com

# Dadafest

Liverpoo November

The largest celebration of Disability and Deaf art in the UK. bringing ogether internationally acclaimed professional artists, home grown alent and up and coming young artists.

# DECEMBER 2007

150th anniversary of first game of iverpool Rugby Club - World's First. Open Rugby Union Club.

**Dyingfrog Artworks** 

Across the city December Photographs of Liverpool. Also online at www.dyingfrog.co.uk/i-saw

# Winter Celebration

Court Hey Park and National Wildflower Centre, Knowslev Sunday 2 December 12.00 to 4.30pm An opportunity to take part in winter crafts, stock up on Christmas presents from the craft fair and shop and enjoy seasonal food and entertainment

The Liverpool Nativity Friday 16 December. Free

Performed live and in public on the streets of Merseyside and broadcast ive on BBC Three, the ultimate nativity for Christmas 2007.

# Emilia di Liverpool

European Opera Centre St George's Hall, Small Concert Room From Monday 31 December A new version of Emilia di Liverpool drawn from the 1824 and 1828 editions, Director Flisabeth Linton (Sweden) and conductor Giovanni acor (Italy) aim to make 'Emilia' a theatrical experience for contemporary audiences.

### New Year's Eve Fireworks Show Monday 31 December

Liverpool will be illuminated by a spectacular series of simultaneous events housed in venues old and new and animating public spaces hroughout the city. Liverpool waves goodbye to its 800 year long past and says hello to its future as a European Capital of Culture.