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AS ANOTHER YEAR ENDS

Maybe it's because of the very mild weather after the wonderful sunny summer, but it's hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us.

And what a year it has been! On the positive side, there's no doubt but the great weather was a tonic for us all. It made the Summer Activities and the South Docks Festival go even better!

Then there was the drama of the resignation of Pope Benedict and the election of Pope Francis. The pope has captured the attention of the world and even the most cynical have been captivated by his simplicity and obvious compassion.

Here in St Andrew's we've been celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Social Service Centre. We had a big birthday party in September when President Michael D. Higgins, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, and Lord Mayor Oisín Quinn joined us for the opening of our latest project, the Junction.

Anniversaries are times for celebration. Birthdays are occasions for recalling happy times and for sharing with family and friends. And we have much to celebrate in this area, not least the fun and sharing that goes with being a close-knit community.

The success over 40 years is a tribute to the commitment, energy and talent of many people – staff and volunteers – who have given tirelessly to the community.

At this point, we can look back and see the pattern of the years. Why did St. Andrew's thrive when so many other organisations lost focus or drive? Great people were the key to this, but there's more to the story.

There is the extent to which the many services and activities are rooted in strong Christian values - compassion, solidarity, respect for the person – which have driven people to do more and to do better. These values point to the importance of addressing the needs of the whole person, spiritual and material, and treating all with dignity.

So as we thank those who helped to build up our services, we thank God for the spirit of service and mission with which He has sustained those who have been part of this continuing story.

It's also important to recognise that there have been setbacks and disappointments too. Past performance is no guarantee of future success, as the ads say! And the Centre faces some extreme challenges in maintaining its services in the face of financial pressure.

But hope is a powerful antidote to fear and discouragement. Hope is particularly relevant to this time of year, Advent, a time of patient expectation. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem is an event that shines light in the darkness across the centuries.

May that light guide and comfort us all now and in the future.

Happy Christmas!



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NOVEMBER 1963 by Denis J. Ranaghan



Denis J. Ranaghan

November; outside my house the wind is “blowing a hooligan” as we used to say at sea and the rain is coming down stair rods. It is a dark, wintry, November day and it is on days like this my mind drifts back to better weather in finer climes. And today I think of the little port of Lyttleton in the South Island of New Zealand. At that time I was aboard a passenger liner called

the *Ceramic* that also carried a part cargo in her large holds and we were loading a cargo of mostly frozen lamb and some beef. But best of all it was nearing mid-summer in the Antipodes and in the local park the leaves of the pohutukawa trees were turning bright red. These were also known as the New Zealand Christmas trees and beautiful they were.

Unfortunately we wouldn't spend Christmas in New Zealand as the *Ceramic* was sailing in a few days to finish loading a part cargo of wool, Royal Mail parcels and a full complement of passengers in Auckland to begin the long voyage back to London. And we would arrive there in mid winter just four weeks after mid summer in New Zealand! Although we were docked not far from the centre of the small port of Lyttleton an enterprising newsagent used to leave a bundle of morning newspapers at the foot of the gangway. It was an honesty policy that worked because everyone who took a paper always left the money on top. And if there wasn't enough change it was tough luck and the newsagent made an extra few pennies.

Outward bound one of my shipmates told me that it was on the ship's radio that the IRA had ceased their operations and that a tentative peace was at hand. There were several Irish men (and one Irish woman) in our crew and we were pleased with the news. I remembered this of course one morning in Lyttleton when I went down the gangway to get my morning newspaper, the New Zealand Herald. My heart fell when I saw the large, black captions KILLING RESUMED IN BELFAST. “How could this unrest start again so soon?” was one of the many thoughts that went quickly through my mind. Then I read the sub headline that went something like this. “Killing was resumed in Belfast yesterday as abattoir workers and management agreed new working terms.” It turned out that there had been a workers' strike at an abattoir in a place called Belfast outside nearby Christchurch! Scare over.

There was more drama when one of our shipmates died of natural causes on board and there were a few policemen both on board and at the top and bottom of the gangway and for a time no one was allowed either on board or ashore. After a funeral Service in Christchurch our old shipmate was cremated and his ashes brought home with us for his own people. Two days before we sailed for Auckland I again went down the gangway for my morning newspaper and read a headline that shook me to the core, the news would also astonish and amaze people throughout the world. That banner headline? PRESIDENT KENNEDY



Ceramic docked at Lyttleton Harbour.

ASSASSINATED IN DALLAS. We all know what happened then and since so I will not dwell on the events of that day and the aftermath. It does not seem fifty years ago this month, it does seem like yesterday. I can still see the shocked members of the crew chatting in little groups and scanning newspapers. It was the main topic of conversations for many a day. And of course even today pundits and bar flies will still debate “what would have happened if Kennedy hadn't been killed?”

We sailed from Auckland on the 23rd of December; there had been a great flurry to sail as the port of Auckland was closing down the next day for the Christmas holidays. If we hadn't sailed it would have been about the 26th/27th December before we got away. But sailed on time we did and with a full crew, a few crew members had to be forcibly extracted from local bars and them in full uniform. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were bittersweet times for us, even a bit lonely although there were hundreds of passenger and crew on board. We crossed the International Date Line on Boxing Day that meant that we had two Boxing Days, if it had been Christmas Day we would have received a double days pay and overtime.

Things were a bit dull after Christmas as we began the long voyage from Auckland to the Panama Canal; we didn't call at any of the Pacific Islands this trip. We arrived late in Panama and missed our convoy through the canal due to riots in the Canal Zone and Panama City. We sailed through the next day and called in at Fort Lauderdale in Florida, USA for a few hours but the crew were not allowed ashore. That meant that it was another ten days or so of rough weather in the Atlantic until we entered the English Channel and made our way upriver to the Royal Docks in London arriving at the end of January. And it was raining cats and dogs.

I had sailed into and out off Lyttleton many times on different ships but October 1963 was to be the most memorable. And this month fifty years later the memories of a great ship, a great crew remain albeit with a little sadness for our deceased shipmate and the events that unfolded on the 23rd November 1963 in Dallas.



Wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



A Christmas Story by Tony Rooney

Difficult as it is to believe, the outbreak of World War One was met with jubilation and euphoria by the general public. In Britain, and the other belligerent countries, a wave of patriotic fervour

swept the people; crowds marched through the streets waving flags, and singing patriotic songs. Young men, their minds filled with dreams of glory, besieged the recruitment offices. The British Army, overwhelmed by the numbers, were forced to turn many away, and many of those who were accepted were obliged to train with broom handles until such time as the munitions factories could meet the demand for rifles. The general feeling was that the War would be over by Christmas and young men fretted, fearful they might miss the great event.

But by Christmas 1914 the prospects of a quick victory were beginning to recede and the dreams of heroic cavalry charges, and instant glory now seemed but cruel delusions. The reality was that the War had become a stalemate, and across the fields of France and Belgium millions of men were now locked in a bloody trench warfare that was to last four years.

On the British sector of the front on Christmas Eve, shortly before dark, a strange lull fell over no-man's land. Then from the German trenches came the sound of voices singing carols, these were answered by the British, and within a short time men began to call to each other. Finally a soldier named Murker rose from his trench and made his way across no-man's land; he was met by a group of Germans who offered him whiskey. Spontaneously men left their trenches and walked across the shattered ground to meet their enemies. They exchanged cigarettes and drinks and showed photographs of their families. In one area, where British bodies still littered the ground from an earlier attack, the Germans helped to recover the bodies and joined the British for a religious service. By Christmas Day the unofficial ceasefire had spread almost everywhere along the British Front, and at places on the French and Belgian sector. Men wandered freely between the lines and in some areas football matches were played between the British and the Germans.

One soldier, Private J. Davey, wrote to his parents: "The most peculiar Christmas I've ever spent and ever likely to; one could hardly believe what was happening before one's eyes." The Germans invited British officers into their dug-outs and offered them drink; a German soldier sat while a British soldier cut his hair; groups of Germans and British joined forces to search for rabbits. When night fell both sides returned to their trenches, but no shots were fired and silence reigned over the battlefield.

Back at Headquarters, the senior Generals reacted with fury to the news of the ceasefire and orders were issued against any further fraternisation. The war was to continue for another three and half years, four years in all, and the fields of France and Belgium were to become a vast slaughter-house for a whole generation of young men. The names of the battles were to become etched on the pages of history: The Somme, Verdun, Ypres and Passchendaele. Against the magnitude of such tragedy the unofficial Truce of

1914 became little more than a footnote in the history books, indeed, most of the history books don't even mention it. And yet one cannot fail to be moved by its drama and its humanity. Touched by the spirit of Christmas, British and German soldiers laid aside their arms, and met their enemies as fellow human beings. For a brief interval in a terrible war men heeded the words spoken two thousand years ago: **Peace on earth and goodwill toward men.**



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CHURCH BULLETINS

We shall be meeting on Wednesday 11 April when the subject will be: Heaven, how do we get there? Transport is available at 7.55 p.m. from the bus stop opposite the Harewood Arms.

This being Easter Sunday we will ask Mrs. Fisher to come forward and lay an egg at the altar.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I Will Not Pass This Way Again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Thursday at 5 p.m. there will be a meeting of the little mothers club. All ladies wishing to become little mothers, please meet the pastor in his study.

There was a break-in at the Open Door Baptist Church last week. Burglars entered through the rear window.

The ladies of the church have cast-off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8.30. Please use the back door.

There will be a procession next Sunday afternoon in the grounds of the monastery, but if it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning.

Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to the church secretary.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptised at both ends.

Weight Watchers will meet at the Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double doors.

Due to the rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.

Tonight's Sermon: What is hell? Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Don't forget: Ash Wednesday is on Monday March 5th.

The baby shower will be at 2 p.m. Saturday. All ladies invited. No clothing needed.

Sermon tonight: it will be gin at 8.

Today's sermon: "How much can a man drink? With hymns from a full choir.

Next Sunday a special collection will be held to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet should come forward.

The choir invited any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the Choir.

Don't let worry kill you - Let the church help.

Thanks to two special people who picked up my wife after a fall from her bike and broke her pelvis and severely damaged her back.

ANTHONY ROONEY

Tony wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

FLU SEASON

The winter is upon us once again – season of mist and mellow fruitfulness as the poet John Keats called it many years ago. For the Irish GP it has a slightly different meaning – season of colds, coughs and flu. We don't get a flu epidemic every year, but each year we set about giving the flu vaccine to people who need it most. The thing that continues to surprise us is the number of people who still believe you can get the flu following the vaccine.

A man called Edward Jenner is considered to be the inventor of the whole idea of vaccines. In 1796 during an outbreak of smallpox, he noticed that people who got cowpox rarely ended up getting smallpox. He came up with the theory that cowpox protected people against the more dangerous smallpox. Back in that day most people thought he was nuts so he gave himself cowpox and then exposed himself to smallpox as often as he could. Very slowly people began to see that he had a point. Mind you it was almost another 150 years before medical science could explain exactly why this worked, once we began to understand antibodies and the immune system.

When we get an infection, a bug enters the body. Our body has defence mechanisms to fight these bugs and we call this our immune system. We have white cells in our blood that literally attack these bugs, clinging on to them and trying to eat them up. These white cells are produced in the lymph glands of the body, so during an infection you can get swollen glands. As these white cells attack the bug they start to die off in their millions and so we get pus forming at the site of the infection.

There is another line of attack the body uses – antibodies

Different types of white cells start to produce antibodies that attack the bug. These antibodies lock on to different parts of the bug and slowly kill it off. Think in terms of the Second World War films where divers went underwater and stuck explosives mines onto the hull of a war ship. When the mine exploded the ship sank.

This is what the antibodies do – they stick onto the bugs. Obviously they don't explode but they stick on to important parts of the bug where food or oxygen goes in or out. When the antibodies block this, the bug dies. The white cells that produce these antibodies remain in our blood forever and always remember the bug in question – this is why we only get measles or chickenpox once or in our lives.

With our friend Jenner, the bug that causes cowpox is similar too but not as deadly as the smallpox bug. The antibodies produced against cowpox were strong enough to stick on to the smallpox bug and weaken it enough for the other white cells to come along and eat it up. Of course Jenner went to meet his maker knowing nothing about all this.

Flu is caused by a virus and one of the characterising of viruses is that they can change. Most of these new viruses emerged in China and the Far East. Remember that China has a population more than 3 times greater than all of Europe over a hundred years ago. They keep cow, pigs and chickens all together in one tiny shed, with people living next door. This allows new viruses to emerge and to start infecting humans. This is exactly

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what happened with swine flu and bird flu.

Once medical science understood the idea of antibodies, the concept of vaccines was born. In the early days the bug was

killed off with chemicals or by heat and then a small amount of it was injected into a person as a vaccine. Of course it was always possible that one or two bugs could survive so some people who got the vaccine actually ended up with a dose of the illness. However with most people the immune system produced antibodies to the dead bug and that person was protected against that infection for life. That was the way vaccines worked up until the time we discovered genetic engineering. This was such an enormous step forward.

Medical science was now able to build a bug that looked exactly like the original bug but was not able to cause an infection. However the body treated it like the original bug and produced antibodies against it, thus leading to immunity against the infection. Now we had vaccines that worked well and it was impossible for it to cause a dose of the illness. For the last 15 years or so the flu vaccine being used cannot cause a dose of the flu in the person who gets it – it is impossible.

So why do people still say they got the flu even though they had the vaccine? The most common reason is that they got a head cold or the common cold and not the flu. We will all get 2 or 3 colds per winter and there is very little you can do to stop them. There is no vaccine to prevent them so you simply wrap up well and take some Paracetamol or hot lemon and honey drinks.

As explained earlier most flu bugs start life in the Far East. As they spread across the globe Europe and the USA gets a clear warning as to what bug is on the way. One advantage of being Irish is that we live on small Island off the coast of Europe, one of the last places the flu bug reaches. This gives us plenty of time to vaccinate our population against the current flu.

Also the vaccine protects against 3 different flu viruses. These viruses are usually chosen by the World Health Organisation W.H.O, as the viruses most likely to cause flu in any one year. The three viruses chosen change from year to year so you need to get vaccinated each year. On rare occasions they may get it wrong but that does not often happen.

The bird flu or Avian flu is a case in point. This virus appeared all of a sudden in the chickens in the Far East and China. It stupidly spread among humans who had no protection against it. For the medical world it was a race against the virus to get a vaccine produced and given to everyone. Now you don't hear about it anymore because that virus was one of the 3 in the vaccine last year and is once again included in this year's vaccine.

So a simple message – flu vaccination is safe, it stops you getting the flu and it is impossible for it to cause the flu.



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New Year.*





Boom Years Ahead for Dublin Docklands by George P. Kearns

Every time a new cruise ship berths in the Docklands area, the media reminds us all of the boom years ahead when the berthing piers at both Ocean Pier and Sir John Rogerson's Quay are suitably enhanced to accommodate the huge number of tourists those humongous boats will carry to our shores.

When the Caribbean Princess docked at Ocean Pier on 28th February, 2011, it was predicted that the aforementioned berthing places would play host to some 90 cruise ships during the 2012 season which in total would account for some 100,000 passengers between them. It was also noted that the Dublin Ports Master Plan for the Docklands area was to build a cruise ship terminal there at a cost of €30m.

The Caribbean Princess towers over me as she was slowly being manoeuvred in reverse into her berth at Ocean Pier. This she succeeded in doing with the use of her own engines, which were of course in slow reverse, together with the aid of a tug boat as I cautiously and instinctively took a step to one side and graciously afford her plenty of space in order to undergo this serious piece of navigational strategy.

It is now May 16, 2013 and I now read that the Queen Mary 2, the world's largest cruise ship has docked just outside of Dun Laoghaire harbour where over 3,000 passengers are expected to pump about €400,000 into the local economy.

I don't know why the QM2 docked in Dun Laoghaire rather than Dublin Docklands; perhaps the boat is just too big for the current accommodations in Docklands. Since I read about the Port of Dublin's Master Plan back in February of 2011, I have seen no improvements or signs of any development in or around Ocean Pier, Ditto with Sir John Rogerson's Quay, where thus far no cruise terminal exists. Although I do believe that this "Master plan" has a 30 year time period, so it would seem that "hope is indeed eternal".

I do believe that there is space enough on the Sir John Rogerson's Quay area of dockland where it joins with Britain Quay, sufficient enough, to cater for most of the cruise liners that already visit Dublin Docklands. I would also be of the opinion that the Ocean Pier area is more in line with cargo handling rather than luxury cruise ships.

In recent times the public were invited to have their say on a new draft plan for a critical section of Dublin Docklands and as some of the area in question was once host to the "South Hailing Station" which played a major role in dockland history and suffered demolition under the reign of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority in its centenary year, when instead celebrations should have been afoot to celebrate its long standing service to the area.

It was raised to the ground on a Sunday morning in June of 2007 by a most secretive crew of men that left the site in a sorry state and though it is now shabbily fenced in for security purposes, it remains in a sorry state. It would appear that it is also being used as a private dumping site for builder's rubble. I say private because it is fenced in.

The corners of Britain and Sir John Rogerson's Quays showing lashings of room for a visitor friendly cruise ship terminal.

I say friendly cruise ship terminal because on Friday, May 17, 2013 I paid a visit to Ocean Pier, or rather tried to pay a visit to Ocean Pier to see if any work on the aforementioned terminal was in progress and to take a picture or two, but I was refused entry by the security guard on duty, I explained that I was writing a story about Ocean Pier for a local paper, but he was adamant that I could not gain admission under any circumstances. Are you point blank refusing me entry I asked and he said yes, with that I made a u-turn and left that most unfriendly area?



Although having said that I did take note of the dangerous environment associated with such a shipping area, with the constant movement of trucks and other goods handling equipment.

As to the public being invited to have their say on the draft plan for the south dock area, I put forward my pennyworth by suggested that the Hailing Station be-rebuilt as a maritime museum that would do the docklands proud and also have it accommodate a restaurant with a panorama view of the docklands, the revenue of which would be more than sufficient to cover the cost of the museum and its staffing requirements etc.

From stories and article in various newspapers, including Newsfour, The New Link and Irish Times, readers will know of my long campaign to save the South Dockland Hailing Station from destruction. Which destruction was on the cards to make way for an unwanted bridge from Britain Quay to Townsend Street, which bridge would have added enormously to the cars, vans, trucks and buses passing through our already overloaded streets of Ringsend, Irishtown and Sandymount, however, I failed.

As the U.2 Tower was also in the planning stages at the time, the Hailing Station didn't stand a chance of survival and on a quiet Sunday morning in June, 2007 a demolition crew moved in and raised our beloved Hailing Station to the ground. This was done in the height of secrecy and to this day, I cannot find out the name of the demolition party, but then if one was to view the state of the site after the demolition crew had left; what with rubble and burst water pipes everywhere; I can't blame them for not owning up to that dastardly act.

I have since campaigned to have the building restored, but so far no luck. However I have now proposed that in this new draft plan that the building is restored and provision is made for both a Docklands Museum and a restaurant with panoramic views of the River Liffey and surrounding areas. This could well be the type of tourist



attraction that the docklands area is badly in need of.

Too late for inclusion, my idea of moving to and building a visitor friendly cruise ship terminal alongside my suggested development would do wonders for the area and I would be of the opinion that a festival aura would linger over the docklands area forever and attract visitors from near and far. Think also of the employment possibilities and the new source of income for the local economy.

The various listed buildings that are left in the dockland area could do with a good tidy-up and some loving care and attention, in order that they not be allowed to fall into decay like the South Hailing Station and I would mention but a few, the old Lock-Keepers cottage on Britain Quay and in particular the Camden Lock, where the outer gates have been in a collapsed state for a



long number of years.

With the large Grand Canal basin area now a thriving water sports and amenity area, that is surrounded with shops, restaurants, apartments, offices blocks, a theatre and hotel the addition of a museum and cruise

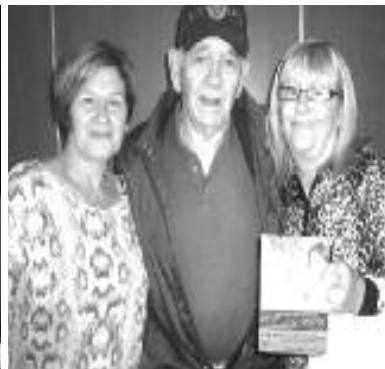
ship terminus could only work wonders for the South Docklands and Grand Canal areas. This area with a bit of imagination could well turn out to be Dublin's biggest tourist attraction.

With the old landmarks of Dublin city slowly disappearing, new attractions are a necessity.

George wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year

ST. ANDREW'S COFFEE MORNING in aid of Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross

Many thanks to the Community for their generous support of this very worthy cause. €538 was raised. Roll on next year.



Councillor Jim O'Callaghan



Councillor Jim O'Callaghan Introducing Maria Bohan

Fianna Fáil's New Local Representative in Your Area

Fianna Fáil has selected Maria Bohan as its new local representative for the Ringsend/Irishtown/Pearse Street area. Maria and her family have long established roots in the area, with her family's pub, the Oarsman, having played an important part in the life of Ringsend.

Maria is available to deal with any of your concerns and is committed to serving the people of the area as best she can.

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*Jim would like
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FIANNA FÁIL

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY



CHRISTMAS IN SEVILLE PLACE by Paul Graham

I spent many a Happy Christmas at my aunt Mollie's house in the early nineteen sixties in Oriel Street, which is just off Seville place near the north side docklands. My aunt always made Christmas Day a very special occasion for us all and even baked her own Christmas cakes. I remember her sending me to Rosie Cullens shop across the road to buy some of her ingredients for the cake which was prepared and cooked months before Christmas. Her daughter who lived in England always came home to stay for the Christmas Holidays and the house would be cleaned and freshly painted for the big day. My aunt always had her kitchen table cluttered up with food items all year round but at Christmas time it was much worse and her daughter would be nagging her to clean it up but my aunt loved cooking and always had to have everything her own way. My aunt had many friends and always remembered to send each one of them a Christmas card every year and she also received loads of cards herself which were spread all around the house.

My aunt Mollie was one of the first of our relations to have television in the early sixties and it was a great novelty to see a Christmas Movie on television there on Christmas day and to watch the Maureen Potter Christmas special. I remember we also used to play card games and dominoes when there wasn't anything worth watching on TV. Dominoes was my favourite game as I wasn't very good at playing cards and anyway my two cousins Paddy and James always seemed to cheat when ever they played cards. My cousin James died around 1988 and Paddy died in 2012. Nearly all of the people in my story are dead now including my mother and father.

My cousin Paddy was about ten years older than me and a bit like a brother as I spent a great deal of my childhood in his mother's house in Seville Place. Paddy was the most generous of my two cousins and always took his younger cousins into town every year to buy Christmas toys for us all. He would take all of us into the toyshops and tell us to pick out whatever toy we desired. His father was also named Paddy who died in France during the Second World War. I never met my uncle Paddy as he died ten years before I was born. My mother always talked very fondly about my uncle Paddy and about how kind and generous he was. He was always fondly remembered at Christmas time by my mother and Aunt Mollie.

Every Christmas Morning my aunt Mollie would get up extra early to prepare the Christmas dinner. She would be fussing around and making sure everything was perfect. Roast turkey and ham was usually on the menu. My aunt was an excellent cook and everything was cooked to perfection. It was like being in a five star restaurant. My cousin Paddy usually came to our house on Merchants Road to pick us up in his little Morris Minor car on the big day and take us to Aunt Mollie's house. My aunt's older sisters Kitty and Lil always came to visit us in Seville Place on Christmas Day. They were lovely ladies and Christmas Day was an opportunity to meet them. My aunt Lil was the one aunt that didn't visit us very often as she lived in the outskirts of Cabra. My Aunt Kitty came to visit us more often as she lived in Parnell Square. The two of them were

characters who loved to talk and you couldn't get a word in edge ways when they were there. It seems as if I didn't have a life of my own in my home on Merchants Road but I do have many happy memories from living there as a young child but Christmas was not a big affair in our household and my mother was not that good at cooking as she would be the first to admit herself if she were alive today. Christmas in Dublin in the 1960s was a completely different lifestyle from today and people were more innocent and much less sophisticated than they are today. This story is from a Christmas memory from my childhood when I was about eight or nine years old in 1963 or 1964. The music from this era of the nineteen sixties still transports me back to those times of my childhood. Many of the pop bands of the sixties wrote some very melodic and memorable tunes that bring all my loved ones back to life whenever I hear them on television or radio. I never realised at that time that I would lose so many of my loved ones just a few years later. Christmas time brings all those memories back to us and makes us more aware of our own mortality.

Paul wishes the Community a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



Bank of Ireland, Westland Row's Manager Ingrid with her excellent team pictured on sadly the day the branch closed, wishing all a very successful career - you will be missed.

TONY & EMER O'NEILL'S WEDDING



Councillor Kieran Binchy

Wishes the
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FINE GAEL 

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WORKING WITH FINE GAEL TEAM IN DUBLIN SOUTH EAST

Eoghan Murphy TD, Senator Catherine Noone, Cllr. Paddy McCartan & Cllr. Edie Wynne

LIFFEY WANDERERS F.C. A History — Centenary Year 1885-1985 – PART 7

History has a way of repeating itself. This is no less true of football as of any other area of human activity.

On a cool Spring night in 1945, a group of "old" footballers and football enthusiasts got together in Grace's pub at the corner of Townsend Street and Shaw Street, the former running parallel to City Quay and the latter intersecting it and running down to the Liffey wall. The pub was smack in the heart of the dockland. The meeting too was very much in the tradition of dockland gatherings – part convivial get-together, part nostalgic reminiscing, part "business". Amidst the whorls of tobacco smoke, the laughter and the passing around of frothy pints, the man who had convened the meeting, Alec Kane, was no doubt recalling a similar meeting more than twenty years before which he had attended with his old mentor John Fields. Out of that earlier faraway meeting had grown a rejuvenated football club which had made a not inconsiderable impact on the Dublin soccer scene in the mid 1920s, and which had followed through with a splendid reign in the middle and late 1930s. Might not the same sort of thing happen all over again?

The spirit of Liffey Wanderers – dormant for more than five years, but not entirely dead – had been kept alive by a dwindling band of men like Alec Kane, the Mittens, Joe Kearns, Mick Courtney and Jackie Cummins (a veteran of the 1924 team) plus a few other aficionados of waterfront football. But if that spirit was to be ignited again it would require the infusion of a new personnel and a re-vamped organisation. So, it was time to get down to business. A long and detailed discussion took place. Before "closing time" was called a number of firm decisions had been taken.

Joe Grace, the publican who had placed his premises at the disposal of the gathering, consented to act as President of the re-emerging club. The other guiding lights were Alec Kane (Chairman), Joe Kearns (Hon. Secretary), Christy Grace (Hon. Treasurer), Martin Mitten, Jackie Cummins and two men from the great team of the 1930s, Mattie Gannon and Mick Keating. Once more a panel of players was put together and training got under way in preparation for the Leinster Senior League (Div. II).

In that first season, 1945-46, the new team gave a good account of itself, finishing well up the League, defeating St. Paul's in the final of the Johnson Cup and reaching the semi-final of the Saxone Cup. Not a bad start. The following year Liffey Wanderers were runners-up in the Leinster Senior League (Div. II), losing out narrowly (1-0) to Drogheda United after a very hard game. In 1947-48 they went one better, finishing level on points at the top with their old rivals, St. Pauls. In the



*Back from left: J. Kearns, P. Berrigan, F. Gray, P. Roche, J. Cunningham, B. Connor.
Front from left: C. Grace, J. Brennan, J. Maguire, W. Walsh, J. Kiernan, T. Mitten and J. Berrigan.*

decider they emerged as victors with a 3-1 win over St. Pauls in a fast, brisk and sporting game.

Among the outstanding players of this era were outside-right Jimmie Maguire (who was selected to play in Scotland when a Leinster Senior League side met Lanarkshire League), the Berrigan Brothers, Paddy and John, both of whom turned down attractive offers from an English Second Division club; full-back John Brennan; centre-half Frank Gray; Billy O'Connor; Kevin Higgins; "Whacker" McDonnell; Kit Maguire; Paddy Roche; "Harrier" Mitten; Michael McDermott; "Dudler" Fagan; Johnny Tracey; "Willser" Gaynor and Paddy Bailie Murray. And no list of the Liffey Wanderers names of this era would not be complete without that of "Little Willie" Hunt, who was not only a loyal and dedicated supporter but also a most amiable and popular team "mascot". Three of the club stars in the late 40s, Johnny Tracey, "Willser" Gaynor and Bailie Murray, were eventually lost to rival teams Hammond Lane, Riverside and D.P.D.B. respectively – which may have seemed like an indication that perhaps Liffey Wanderers were once again about to drift into the doldrums.

To be continued in Easter issue



Sammy, Frankie and Paddy, the Rigney Brothers.

Q and A with an Irish Clown

Q: In 1985 you were the top graduate from the first 'College for Clowns', beating 250 others to win a major contract with the number one circus in the U.K. Tell me about your audition...

A: I was 27 years young, and dabbling in stand-up comedy, my girlfriend, Lyn, saw the advert 'Clowns wanted' 'No experience necessary', in the London standard; she applied for me and packed me off on the train.

Q: the audition was on Friday the 13th, were you nervous or superstitious?

A: No, but I did get the most awful fright morning, I arrived in Blackpool and was standing by the sea-front gazing up in awe at the 615ft tower, suddenly I was alarmed by the honking of horns The clanging of bells and the shouts of passers-by?? I turned to see an electric tram bearing down upon me.. I flung myself in fright from the centre of the tracks in the nick of time. As the tram trundled past me, the driver ' a Caribbean lady' roared out the window at me...You stupid bloody clown!! Inside the tower circus clowns of all shapes sexes and sizes were trying to impress the 4 judges with their antics, juggling, uni-cycling miming etc. I did two things at my audition that none of the other clowns did.. Firstly, I stood still in the ring in front of a microphone, I did some silly impressions, Secondly, I told the judges Why they should enrol me in 'the new College'. See here I said.. When I was a kid, I was kicked out of school, for 'acting the clown' every job I have had since then..i was sacked from for 'acting the clown' now you people are offering to send me back to school to learn to be a clown AND have a job as one..? Well that's why you should pick ME!! Incidentally there were two separate auditions to win the contracts. The first was to whittle the 250 down to 10 who would then be trained for a week by two giants of British circus in the first clown college!! The final audition would be on October 3rd. There would be a 12-day wait whilst the judges decided!!

Q: you made it into the top 10, how did you find out you were chosen?

A: The 10 clown students were all contacted at the same time by journalists from their local newspapers, all of us would appear on the front pages that very day in our respective cities throughout the U.K. my local rag was the Chiswick Guardian in London. I had no costume or make-up so Bruno the journalist went to shop for face-paint, Lyn threw some colourful clothes together and Bruno snapped my first photo as a clown in Chiswick Park. Then the postman arrived with the official letter. I was going to be trained at 'The Blackpool Tower Circus'!!

Q: Where did you live when you arrived for your training?

A : I was very lucky there, I booked into a small hotel near the tower, it was late in the evening as I gazed out my window at the ' city of lights' Blackpool illuminations was dazzling! Two armed policemen entered my room and questioned me; Margret Thatcher was chairing the conservative party conference in the tower ballroom on October 11th. Every hotelier in the county was under strict orders from M.F.I. or M.I.5 to report Irish bookings!! I asked the detectives if their P.M. would like to see my new act. Sadly not.. The iron lady did not like clowns.. Nor Irishmen either. I did not mind the coppers taking my photo but taking my fingerprints was a bit much! My landlady, 'Maureen' was in tears when they left, she felt so guilty, her husband 'Alan' was an Ex-Yorkshire Miner, and so the name 'Thatcher' was a swear-word in their establishment! i told them both I understood what was going on, 'Maggie is only freaked out cos last year the I.R.A. Crashed her conference party down in Brighton' sure she's only making sure no Irish Crash her party again this year'! They were both in tears now, Tears of laughter!!



Q: Who were your tutors?

A: Master-Clown [Grimble] Tommy Fossett, And Ringmaster Norman Barrett. They were exceptional teachers, and real gentlemen, grimble took me under his wing and treated me like a son!! Twice a day for seven days we were flung into the spotlight to face an audience of sixteen hundred, which was our baptism of fire!! At the end of our clown course this time we would be



judged by the circus artistes, most of them world record holders in 'Death Defying Feats'. I had one great quality none of the other clowns had, my beautiful brogue, my dotty Dublin accent, I felt completely in the right place at the right time doing the right thing. Clowning!! !! We ten clowns. Two women and eight men battled it out in the ring.. For laughs! However only seven would make it to the final audition, two suffered from exhaustion and stress, the other broke his arm saving an imaginary goal!

Q: when you came top of the class, did you get emotional?

A: I wept like a newly-crowned ' Rose of Tralee'. I rang my Mother, who told me.. 'Ah sure you were always a clown to me'! Then it was bedlam, I was whisked off to London for T.V. Radio and newspaper interviews and photos. I was dubbed 'A Natural' it was all very X-Factorish!

Q: Tell me about your first day in your new job?

A: Maureen and Alan, laid out the red lino for our arrival. My Geordie girlfriend Lyn and I took a romantic walk in the rain that swept in from the Irish Sea, kiss-me-quick

hat sailed past us in the wind being chased by squealing teenage girls, at the stage door ... Lyn patted my bottom and joked "go get them tiger". I had a week of gruelling rehearsals before the grand opening. Unpacking in my dressing room I was disturbed by a commotion, on investigation, I was both thrilled and terrified at the same time. Eight male lions were being unloaded and caged. Five minutes later two stunning female elephants arrived, they could hear and smell the lions so they refused to enter the building, willingly, what happened next you could not print for fear of upsetting your readers, I could not believe that I was witnessing. I stood frozen in shock and revulsion until I was sworn at by one of the animal handlers ordering me to leave. Growing up in Dublin I was no stranger to cruelty, but right here and now, seeing this brutality, I realised I was a very sensitive human being!! So I ran away!! Back to my hotel, where I explained through tears to Lyn what had just happened before my very eyes!!

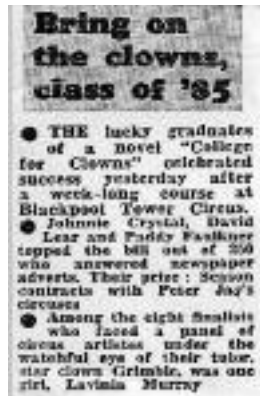
Q: What did you do between October 1985 and May 1986?

A: I continued to clown around, I did stand-up comedy alongside new alternative comedians 'Eddie Izzard' 'Paul Merton' and 'Lee Evans, I also worked with 'Grimble' and 'Keith Chegwin', I dropped my pants in front of Princess Anne. I failed the audition for 'Opportunity Knocks', 'Bob Monkhouse' did not like my impression of Prince Charles! I won a place on a satellite T.V. show with some of the above comics, I was also arrested, and charged, dressed as 'Garfield the cat', for obstruction! The judge threw the arresting officer out of the court for wasting the crowns time!!

Q: You began the new season of 'Peter Jays Super Circus' on May 4th 1986, how did it feel to actually be a Clown who ran away to the circus?

A: I was in my element, I felt most honoured and privileged and was itching to begin, however it would be fairer to say that I was a clown who ran away FROM the circus!!

Johnnie wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Happier New Year.





Glenn Reilly

Show for Local Artist by Glenn Reilly

On a typically rainy day in October, I make my way up Pearse Street to the b&g cafe, where I am due to meet local artist Sue-Ann Moore. I shake the rain from my broly as I enter and see her sitting at a table, colourfully

dressed, with a coffee in one hand and a book in the other. Sue-Ann has kindly taken time out of her preparations to talk to me about her upcoming show in the Pearse Street Library entitled: 'Dockland Days'. A collection of landscapes in which she is trying to capture forgotten places in the docklands.



A working mother of three, Sue-Ann is not the type of artist who works away in solitude in a studio, but has to contend with the hustle and bustle of daily life, as she works at home on the kitchen table; or any available space. Originally from Ringsend, now living on Pearse Street, Sue-Ann has always taken inspiration from her local environment, citing a Mr. Connell; an art teacher at Ringsend Tech., as the one who sparked her desire to create. After Ringsend Tech. she studied art at Roslynn College in Sandymount, of which she recalls; "I felt like a kid in a candy store with all the equipment they had, I always used to stay back after class just to use it".

She works as home help in Sandymount part-time and does some volunteer work for the Spellman Centre, an organisation to combat addiction and drug use; who have recently commissioned her to paint a mural at the centre. "I'd just be trying to work away, but I'd constantly have people coming up to me asking about the mural, and I'd end up hearing their life stories, but it was nice to be able to connect with people through the art".

Sue-Ann is a firm believer in the power of art to heal the soul. Whether it is addiction, depression or a range of mental and physical disabilities, art can be used as a tool to elevate a person above their situation and give them a platform to express their inner world, and she tells me; "as a goal, I would really like to work as an art therapist, so I can use the skills that I have to help others".

'Dockland Days', her latest collection, using acrylics on canvas look quite good from what I've seen, she uses a limited colour palette to great effect in each piece which subdues some elements but heightens others. Her style has echoes of impressionism, which give the paintings a hazy ethereal quality which seems to try to look through the contemporary physicality of the scenes to convey to us something of the timeless.

Sue-Ann's exhibition will be open to the public at the

Pearse Street Library from the 9th-31st of Jan. The opening on the 9th will include music by another local success story, Conor Hamilton. You can also view her works on <http://www.newirishart.com/irish-arts/sueann-moore-art.htm>

THE LOTUS EATERS

I'd like to take this opportunity to explain a little bit about my last article, a pastiche of chapter 5 of 'Ulysses', where Leopold Bloom walks from Lime St. to Sweny's Pharmacy at Lincoln Place. The article was written in the



'Stream of Consciousness' style, meant to represent the thoughts of an individual as they actually occur. When you're just thinking to yourself, it wouldn't necessarily be completely coherent, we think partial thoughts, fractured sentences, get distracted by other thoughts or a thought might lead immediately to a completely un-related thought. We can have music stuck in our heads, and conjure up all sorts of images. 'Stream of Consciousness' is an attempt to portray the mind, unfiltered. This makes a stark contrast to the way in which classical literature gives us structured thoughts in the form of sentences. It can be infuriating as a reader because a sentence can trail off and you might never know what that complete thought was, which in terms of story and plot can leave a lot of people cold. Although this style can be difficult to decipher at times it can bring you moments of true beauty that truly speak to what it is to be human.

In my film 'The Lotus Eaters', which is a more faithful version of chapter five of Ulysses, although heavily abridged. Large sections of the chapter had to be omitted, including a scene where Bloom attends a mass in St. Andrews on Westland Row. It was made with no budget and a lot of help from friends and family, and I hope that it might help elucidate the subject matter, but I have a feeling it will probably obfuscate things.

It is available to view at <http://vimeo.com/m/70949944>

Glenn wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



RINGSEND COLLEGE NEWS

RINGSEND COLLEGE OPEN DAY

October 16th saw Ringsend College's Open Day take place. There was a fantastic turnout with over 120 students and parents despite the best efforts of the torrential rain. Visitors came from all local primary schools and surrounding areas to see what Ringsend College has to offer.

As part of the tour the students and parents got to taste the chocolate delights of France, with our French teacher Ms Fortune. The tour also took in the newly equipped Computer Rooms, English room while current 1st and 2nd Year students performed experiments in the Science room for the visitors. Mr Leonard and Mr O'hEanaigh had their hugely impressive Metalwork and Woodwork projects on display. Everyone stopped off in the newly fitted out Home Economics room for some light refreshments and fairy cakes.



3rd Year Students serving the customers!

fundraiser by hosting a Coffee Morning. The assembly area of the school was given over to all of the visitors from the area, local primary school students and politicians and counsellors including Minister for Education Ruairi Quinn. Minister Quinn talked to the huge crowd about the growth of Ringsend College and the support that he was personally giving the future plans for change. As luck would have it his name was the first ticket pulled out of the raffle but he didn't accept the prize and another ticket was drawn for another winner. The 3rd Year class put on a great show. In the end the group raised over €1,100 for the Laura Lynn House and Harold's Cross Hospice. Many thanks go to the students and their teachers Ms O'Riordan and Ms McNeela.



2nd Year Students showing Primary School students Science Experiments

Any potential parents who were not available to visit the school on the Open Day are welcome to phone and make an appointment to tour the school at a time more convenient. Well done and thanks to all of the current students who stayed back and gave their afternoon to help out the teachers!

COFFEE MORNING CHARITY

The 3rd Year CSPE class recently held a charity

1ST YEAR INITIATIVES SEPTEMBER 2014

iPads

The new 1st Years in September 2014 will be the first iPad class in Ringsend College. The students will have their books stored on their iPads and this will save them from carrying a big bag of books to and from school each day. iPads also offer the chance to use technology to enhance the learning experience for students.

GAA Scholarship

Any students with a talent or interest in GAA sports whether it is Football, Hurling, Camogie

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can be part of our scholarship scheme. This will allow them the chance to receive extra training in the skills of GAA from a highly qualified and former All Ireland winning GAA coach as part of their timetable. They will also receive talks throughout the year on nutrition, diet, exercise and general healthy habits that are necessary for athletes and young people in Ireland in

general. The scholarship will be expanded to others sports in the following years in order to cater for all of the sporting interests of young people today. The aim is to build a strong school culture of sport starting with GAA and have successful teams competing in Dublin competitions. www.ringsendcollege.ie for more details.



Minister Quinn helping the cause on the Coffee Morning

1st Year Enrolments September 2014

The enrolment night for new 1st Years took place on Wednesday 27th. Don't worry though we are still accepting applications for new 1st Years for next September 2014. Please phone or come into the college to pick up an application form to make sure you are part of the exciting new plans in Ringsend College.



Ringsend College

Coláiste na Rinne

(Formerly Ringsend Technical Institute)

We look forward to hearing from you and we would like to wish the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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	PC Maintenance and servicing. (FIT,ECDL,A+ and FETAC qualifications offered)

ST. ANDREW'S CHILDCARE

Hi everyone,
The children are practising their Christmas songs. We are having our Christmas concert on Thursday 19th December at 1pm in the hall. On Friday 20th December we are having Christmas dinner and Santa.

Again the children are working really hard, we are again focussing on Early Numeracy. We have just completed our first Numeracy priority week, the next one will take place on the 17th June 2014 parents will be invited to participate in a workshop on Friday 14th June at 5pm.

Check out the Early Learning Initiative on Facebook as they post some extremely interesting activities.

Thanks, Moira, Childcare

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parent's and children a very happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your support during the year.

Happy Christmas

From Martina and all the staff



Wishing the Pupils, Parents and the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Dear Editor



Congratulations to Jack Tuite — originally from Pearse Street and now living in Lucan; recently signed and playing for Derby County Academy Under 18's.

He is staying with a lovely host family in Derby – Debbie and Mick Rodgers, who were childhood friends and neighbours to Mattser Wards' kids when they lived in Derby until they moved to Dublin in 1974. They have



always kept in contact and visited each other over the years to this day!



Maggie Flood got Jack's granny's flat, in Pearse House when Kitty Fields moved. Lisa (Jack's mam) knows the Floods very well also.

Moral of the story – “what a small world”

Best of luck Jack!!!

Journey to my First Photography Award!

by Alex Kearns.
'Poolbeg at Dusk'

Back in 2010, I was still wondering what to do with my life a couple of years after being made redundant after a long service in a local paper merchants company. With no jobs to be found anywhere I decided to use the time to follow up my personal interests in history and culture by enrolling in Killester College for a year long course in Culture & Heritage Studies. This was a very interesting course which I was sorry to see end and again left me searching for something to do. Jobs were still thin on the ground, in fact non existent, and so after having a chat with some tutors in Killester College they suggested I do a Commercial Photography course (FETAC Level 5) as they felt it could link in well with my earlier course.

So in 2011 I started this course. I had always had a passing interest in photography but the phrases 'shutter speeds', 'depth of field' and 'f-stops' always had me wondering was photography more like mathematics than an interesting hobby. My father helped me get a good camera, a Nikon D3100 DSLR as I didn't want to walk in on day one with my mobile phone camera. Throughout the year we were given many tasks to go off and photograph as many different things that interested us. For me that focused on city-scapes, culture / history and sports photography. After a lot of e-mailing Press Officers I managed to get a lot of media accreditation to cover some events for my Work Experience module. I got to cover Dublin in Croke Park, Bohemians FC, Leinster Rugby in the Aviva Stadium and the RDS, many Shamrock Rovers matches including the group stages of the Europa League (the highlight being their match with Tottenham Hotspurs). I also got to cover Ireland's play-off game for Euro 2012 at the Aviva against Slovakia. This also entitled me to go The Grand Hotel in Malahide for the Pre-Match Press Conference. As a photographer I took many pictures, but I was dying to act like a real journalist as ask Mr. Trappatoni a question. I waited for a brief pause, plucked up the courage and said 'Giovanni, do you think there is a big difference between qualifying football and tournament football?'. To my delight he spent a good five minutes answering my question, but to this day I'm still not

sure what he said! Another highlight was getting a pass to the opening of the Titanic Museum in Belfast. It was great to mix with dignitaries like Martin McGuinness and Peter Robinson, plus the 'press' including me were amongst the first to view the new and fabulous museum. I got some great pictures of what was a very historic moment.



Getting back to my college course, I spent one January evening down on Bull Wall where I took over 200 pictures of the area and of the sun setting over Dublin docks. As is the case these were transferred onto my computer to be edited at a later date. It was only when I decided to enter the Heritage Week Photo Competition in 2012 that I re-opened my Bull Wall file and found I had a gem. A picture of the sun going down over Poolbeg, the light reflecting in the water and the Irish lettering on the shelters illuminated by the flash. I entered the picture along with some others. I checked their site from time to time and saw some brilliant pictures, so I was absolutely thrilled when the Heritage Council contacted me to say I'd won and would be getting a €500 Irish Heritage Hotels gift voucher. To top it off I got 6 Distinctions and 2 Merits in my Commercial Photography course. So it goes to show it's worth taking as many photos as you can, just have the patience to edit through them all for that one special photo.

My picture is best seen as large as possible and you can see it on the Facebook page (which is under construction) – Urban Guerrilla Photography.



PICTURE BOARD Photos by Fr. Ivan Tonge P.P.



Deke - "Bridge United" sponsored by Michael Grant - Renault.



Aoife Kelly Gibson - Leaving Cert Graduation Celebrations - best wishes on



Paddy the Porter getting a presentation from the Leaving Cert Class.



2 Principals - Ringsend College - Charlie McManus and Donnacha Clancy.



Joe Duffy and Artists - recent Art Competition in St. Patrick's Boys School.



Paddy Gregg enjoying the Regatta.



Junior Crew of St. Patrick's rowers.



Senior Crew of St. Patrick's Rowing Club.



Richie Saunders on the Judging Boat.



Murphy Family at Paddies Regatta.



90th Birthday celebrations - Mrs. McDonagh and Family



Boy Murphy at Paddies Annual Regatta.

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Mrs. Weafer and Connie Doyle.



Robin Booth and wife Una with Papal Nuncio.



Mr. Booth - 40 years teaching in St. Patrick's - 3 generations - 1st grandchild of a pupil.



Mrs. Fleming and Mr. Booth's mother - 40 years teaching in Boys School, Ringsend.



Paul St. John and Fr. Ivan Tonge.



O'Neill Wedding group - Nanny and grandchildren



Ringsend Creche Graduation 13.



Creche Graduation - McHenry Family - 3 generations.



Liz Gannon and Lar (Stinger) Dunne and grandchild.



Amy and Sara with Papal Nuncio at Mr. Booth's celebration.



Oliver Gleeson and Paddy, talking about old times in the Vintage Inn.



Nanny Fields and great grandson Jamie Nangle.

ST. ANDREW'S celebrating JAMES JOYCE'S BLOOMSDAY



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RICHARD (DICK) O'MAHONY'S 100th BIRTHDAY PARTY IN CAIRDE PHADRAIG, CLONSKEAGH

Lord Mayor of Dublin Oisín Quinn presented Richard with a framed certificate and also read a letter from the President.



1913 WAS A VERY SPECIAL YEAR
In 1913 your shopping would have cost:
 Petrol – 1 shilling 9d (2p per litre)
 Pint of beer – 2.5d (1p)
 Fireside coal box – 13s 4d (67p)
 3 min local phone call – 3d (1.25p)
 One week tour of Paris – £7 7s (£7.35p)
 1lb butter – 1s 2d (6p)
 Ladies shoes – 9s (45p)
 Daily Mail – 1/2d (0.2p)
 Triumph motor cycle – £51 15s (£51.75p)

Average weekly wage for full-time workers:
 Men – £1 8s (£1.40p)
 Women – 12s (63p)

Headlines for 1913
 Front of Buckingham Palace was redesigned.
 Suffragette Emily Davison died after throwing herself in front of King George's horse, Anmer, at the Derby.
 New arrivals: Potato Crisps, Stainless Steel, Brillo Pads, Chelsea Flower Show, Morris Oxford Bullnose and Rootes Group.
 Unemployment and Maternity Benefits were introduced in London.
 Emily Dawson became first woman magistrate.
 HMS Hermes became the first aircraft carrier for newly-styled "Seaplanes".
 The Temperance Act 1913 allowed Scots to vote whether their local areas should remain "wet" or "dry".
 In Australia, work began on their new capital, Canberra.



HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY TAYLOR ANTHONY DOYLE

On 25th July 2013 Granma and Granda Carmel and Eugene, Beechill, Donnybook celebrated Taylor Anthony Doyle's 1st birthday. A great day was had by all. His 2nd birthday will be held in Poolbeg with Granma Elizabeth and Granda Joseph Doyle. This birthday promises to be exceptional.



Dad Jason, Mum Donna, Granda Eugene, Taylor, Granda Joe, Granma Carmel and Granma Elizabeth celebrating Taylor's birthday in Beechill. Roll on next birthday,



Bullrunning by Ann Curran

Having a summer holiday on my cousin's farm in Co Wexford. I often went to visit in the past. I like the fields and the wide open places with the lovely fresh air. If you had a summer of sunshine that was even better as it gave your skin a nice healthy glow. People would know you had been away, if only to the country. It was such a relaxing holiday and people were so laid back not always watching the clock and rushing around. It was a nice place to go, from the hustle and bustle of the city. I love the sounds of the farm yard

with cattle and sheep in the fields and the hens waddling around the haggard with a few ducks thrown in. The dogs giving a few barks and greeting you with excitement and the smell of the homemade bread. I was so lucky to have relations in the country as my mother was from the country and lived all her married life in Dublin.

One particular day I was sitting outside the house enjoying the sunshine, while my cousin Bridie was having an afternoon nap. The bull was locked in the outhouse. I could hear the bull quiet loudly as if it was jumping around and agitated as if something had upset him. I knew he couldn't get out, as I thought. When suddenly the door opened and I was dumbfounded to see the bull escaping. I didn't know if I should stay put or run, instead he went gal loping down the lane onto the main road. I jumped up in panic rushed into the house and up the stairs shouting to my cousin get up quick the bull has escaped. I never saw anyone jumping out of bed as quick. She rushed to her car and the two of us jumped in. She drove down the lane onto the main road with the bull way ahead galloping. We were hoping we could catch up with him, before any traffic would come from around the bend as there could be a horrific accident. It was god done it. We caught up with him and were able to get in front of him without seeing a single car. She hopped out and I with her and we both managed to turn him around and head back towards the lane. We jumped back into the car. Luck was on our side He turned up the lane rather than pass it as we would have been in a bigger dilemma, if that had happened. Once we got him up the lane and we driving behind we knew we had him. We got out of the car at the top of the lane and I stood there so he couldn't run back down and if he had have made an attempt I would have had to run myself. My cousin managed to get him back into the outhouse and calm him down. Then everything was back to normal. The story was a happy ending but it all could have ended with a terrible tragedy. When I look back on it I see the funny side and laugh. It seems like a scene from a cartoon or a funny post card. At the time it was anything but. My cousin taught it would put me off from coming down to see her again. I'm a gluten for punishment.

**THANK YOU ...THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ...
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National Volunteers Day – 5th December 2013

THANK YOU – St. Andrew's Resource Centre would like to especially thank all our volunteers who work hard throughout the year in all our Services for the Community.

There are a large number of adults and children/young people who benefit from your input, and some services would not exist without your support.

So we want to say how much you are valued and appreciated. Also Thank You to all our staff who put in the extra effort and time on a voluntary basis to ensure quality services.

So Thank You to you all and never be in any doubt of the positive impact your volunteering has on your Community.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year for 2014.

We look forward to a continued partnership in our work, from the Board of Management and all in St. Andrew's.

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• **Sunday**

1950's MEMORY



Left to right: Michael Murphy, Bernard, Liam Hannigan, Ali McDonald, Christy Breen, Noel McCarthy, Liam Byrne, Thomas Keating, Jimmy Delaney, Liam Phillips, Pat Pepper, Billy Boy Brady, Kevin Purty, Seamie Hanlon, Robert Fullam and Richie Mooney.

• **Bingo Tuesday and
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• **Take Your Pick every Friday**

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Food available

Wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Return Journey Home by Sonny Kinsella (Part 3)



Sonny Kinsella.

Sonny would like to wish the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Then came Shank's Restaurant (in those days called an Eating House). They catered for the working man and the down and outs. Mr. Shanks was very good to these unfortunate people. Next door was The Metropolitan Pawn Office with the three brass balls hanging high above it. It did a roaring trade on Mondays when the goods would be brought in and on Saturdays when the same goods would be returned to owner. Paddy was the best man behind the counter because he gave better credit on the goods being pawned. Molly Byrne's Vegetable Shop was next door to the pawn shop. Molly took over the shop when her mother got on in age. There was a shortage of fruit and vegetable shops in the street and each had their own customers. We are now passing under the railway bridge and directly under it was Harrington's Monumental Headstones, these were stored there for their head office which was in Pearse Street. Dan



Sonny with his son Tony from Canada, also his daughters 2 sons on a visit to St. Andrew's.

Fogarty had a sweet shop nearby. Then came Glorney's premises, who stocked everything for the building trade. They had a big yard that stocked sand, cement and blocks. Later on Woolfsons the Waste Paper and Clothing Stores took over when Glorney's moved out. No's 27 and 28 were next, these were two huge buildings called Smylies Home for Protestant Boys. No. 27 was the School and No. 28 where they were accommodated. Later on, these buildings became tenements.

(Continued in Easter issue)

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We provide computer training for people of all ages and abilities, regardless of experience or means.

Training@St.Andrews is both an Equal Skills and ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) centre, facilitating the teaching of numerous courses leading to universally recognised certificates. The courses that we provide range from basic computer training, introduction to computers for the young and elderly, literacy through computers and the ECDL.

- ECDL classes are held @ 10am-1pm Mondays and Wednesdays
- Basic Computer classes are held @10am-1pm Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Silver Surfers classes are held @ 1.30pm-3.30pm Wednesdays and Fridays.

EQUALSKILLS

Equalskills is a fun and informal introduction to computers and the Internet. It is designed to increase skills in basic computer literacy. It introduces technology to all people, regardless of status, education, age or ability. Equalskills is a flexible learning programme with a proven track record in equipping people with the basic computer skills they need to become part of the information society.

The aim of the programme is to make people feel comfortable using a computer, and to teach them the basic skills necessary to communicate using the internet and email. It is well structured with excellent training resources, and it has the added bonus of providing certification to candidates who complete the programme.

WHO IS EQUALSKILLS FOR?

Equalskills is for anybody who wants to start from the beginning and learn some practical ways of using a computer. It is particularly aimed at people who might not normally come into contact with computers in their everyday lives. People who are accustomed to living in a non-digital world may feel intimidated by technology. By learning some simple computer skills, they can quickly understand how technology can improve their quality of life.

Equalskills is a very good starting point for inexperienced candidates who aspire to ECDL and test centres which offer Equalskills will have a cohort of motivated candidates who may wish to advance to the full ECDL programme.

Equalskills is run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ECDL

The European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) is the world's most successful IT skills certification programme.

To date, more than nine million people have undertaken an ECDL programme in more than 60 countries worldwide. In Ireland, the ECDL is administered by ICS Skills (<http://www.ics-skills.ie>).

SILVER SURFERS

Complete introduction to basic computer skills. i.e. e-mail, browsing the internet and general IT skills. Class will be given by other Silver Surfers.

10 week course Friday only 1-2 p.m.

For more information contact Josephine or Collette at training@st.Andrews.ie or telephone the Centre on 01-6771930.



St. Andrew's Resource Centre
114-116 Pearse Street
Dublin 2
Tel: 01-6771930



The ECDL course covers seven modules which are:

Windows Explorer, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet, Access and Theory, in that order.

Outside of Europe the programme is known as the International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL), attesting to its phenomenal world-wide recognition and growth.

The ECDL establishes a standard for everyone who uses a computer in either a professional or personal capacity. It is a certificate that verifies competence in computer use, making the holder readily mobile within Ireland and internationally. Employers and job seekers all agree on the importance of this standard definition of practical competence in Information Technology.

St. Andrew's are very flexible with the ECDL course. If you wish to do for example Word but not Excel straight after it you could drop out and come back for PowerPoint. We also accommodate clients that are just interested in one or two of the modules.

ECDL is run on Mondays and Wednesdays 10am to 1pm.

PRICES:

ECDL

Theory	Module 1	Self Study	€70
Windows Explorer	Module 2	4 classes	€90
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Wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



The Link- Christmas Edition: Talk About Youth Project

CLUBS AND GROUPS DATES TO NOTE!

Clubs and group will finish up for Christmas the week of the 9th of December and will not start back up again until 13th of January 2014.



A CHRISTMAS WISH FROM THE YOUTH OFFICE:

We would like this wish our young people, parents, volunteers, and the community of Pearse Street a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you all for your support, energy and guidance over the last year. We hope 2014 will be as productive and as fun in which more happy memories will be created ☺

HALLOWEEN GRAVEYARD OF TERROR:

On the 30th of October the youth office organised a Halloween night of terror which was held in a secret location only we know! They were a lot of frights and scare that night and a lot of laughter too! Congratulations to everyone who took part in the organisation and also to the young people who were brave enough to attend!

MAJORETTES:

Sarah the organiser of the Dundrum Santa arriving, sent an invite for the Dazellettes to lead the parade through the town centre, as usual the youth department are extremely proud of our young people who represented the "Talk About Youth Project" on the night. The following thank you came from the parade organiser. WELL DONE GIRLS "Thank you so much for last night, the girls were absolutely fantastic, impeccably turned out and so lovely!"

Louisa



The Link- Christmas Edition: Talk About Youth Project



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

We would like to thank all the young people who have participated in the International Youth Exchange Programme this year. They all put a lot of hard work into fundraising and preparing for their trips and into hosting. The programme allowed young people in the area to travel to countries such as Finland, Malta and Norway in 2013. We hope 2014 will bring other new countries to explore! If you think you would be interested in getting involved in the programme and are 13+ , please contact anyone in the youth office ☺



LIFFEYSIDE

Young people decided that they wanted to do a good deed for the elderly people in the area. So they decided to get together and make a card with a photo of them in their youth club. And as a group they wanted to make people happy so they brought in some extra money and bought the old people boxes of chocolate The young people from Liffeside youth club went around to the homes of the older people in Ringsend, Pearse St, Macken St, Boyne St, Townsend st and lots more surrounding areas to give the old folks their present. A big well done to all Liffeside as it was a lovely gesture.

PFF

A big Thank you to our wonderful group Pearse's Finest Fifteen (PFF) for donating a large sum of their money to help towards the relief cause in the Philippines. These young people are a credit to our community.



GET YOUR BUZZ

#GETTING A NATURAL HIGH

Thank to everybody who took part in our 'Get Your Buzz Event'. The aim of the event was to experience different ways to get a buzz that doesn't involve taking drugs! The evening was a great success and I think its fair to say that everyone who attended left on a high!



The Link- Christmas Edition:

Talk About Youth Project

COLOURING COMPETITION TIME!



Name: _____

Age: _____

Phone Number: _____

If you fancy entering this colouring competition please write down your name, age and address below the picture. Closing date for the competition will be 17th of January, please drop it into the reception of St. Andrews Resource Centre marked for the attention of Carmel Walsh in the Youth Office.

SOCIAL SERVICES – 40th ANNIVERSARY

When President Michael D Higgins visited the area a few weeks ago it wasn't just to open a new facility but to recognise a remarkable record of continuous community service.

Back in 1973 the small group that was brought together by Fr. Tom O'Keefe to set up some local services could not have imagined that 40 years later that they would still be going strong and that they would have developed and expanded to meet the needs of the area.



It was fitting that the 40th anniversary should be marked by the opening of a new facility – The Junction – to house new facilities for young people and the unemployed.

President Higgins paid tribute to the staff and volunteers who had helped the services to grow and develop and who had planned and brought on stream the new facility.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin blessed the new premises and Lord Mayor Oisín Quinn joined local public representatives and a packed hall in St. Andrew's to hear from a number of people who had benefitted from the services over the years.

It was a happy occasion as staff and volunteers from the past joined Fr. O'Keefe and the present team at St Andrew's in celebrating what has been achieved over the years. As the President cut the birthday cake there were congratulations all round for Susan Menton and Jim Hargis who had developed The Junction Project and for Elaine Boland and her team for the wonderful organisation of the day.

Thanks to Dublin City Council for making the



building available to house The Junction, and to the businesses who sponsored the project and the anniversary celebrations.



SOCIAL SERVICES – 40th ANNIVERSARY





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You can contact the Centre info@gloucesterst.com for a timetable.

Community Forever Fit

Why not join these lovely ladies for our Forever Fit class every Wednesday at 11:00am. It's an hour long class for ladies of 50 years young and



over and consists of light aerobics, flexibility exercises and using the vibro plates. It only costs €2 so if you or someone you know would like to come down and try the class we would be very happy to see you.

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Electro Spin to Win

Classes: Tuesday 8am and 12.40pm Wednesday 12.40pm and 6pm Thursday: 8am and 12.40pm



These classes must be booked as they are normally booked out.

You will Spin in the dark (well, almost dark), and the instructor distributes bendable Disco Lights and listen to the pumping Electro Tunes. This class is a tempo cardio class working to the beat of the Music.

You will burn 500-800 calories per class.

To book please ring 01-6779322 it's a class not to be missed as you buzzing for the Day.

A massive well-done to The Centre's Sports Co-Ordinator Mark Lacey

Mark has had a very hard and busy summer Mark made the podium over 10 times this year Mark with the Pixels team won the first ever Shadowman Ironman in Ireland, Mark finished the race with unbelievable Marathon time of 2.52 to take 1st place overall.

Wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



Gloucester Street Sports & Recreation Centre



Mark went back to Athlone 4 weeks later to take on the Athlone International Marathon and took 2nd place overall with a time of 3.02.



Mark eyes are on the Toughest on and off road Ironman in March.

Mark will start with 21.2km run then bike 120km followed by kayak 15km then bike 40km followed by 5km hill run then bike 30km and then finished with a 42.2km

marathon all within 24 hours.

Santa was in Gloucester Street working out before he hits the road on Xmas Eve.



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Baby Grace is joining the Gym

A massive Congrats to Elaine and Mark on the Birth of Baby Grace from all our clients and staff at Gloucester Street Sports Centre.

A farewell good Bye

The clients and staff of Gloucester St. Sports centre would like to thank Jason O'Neill for his commitment and hard work for the past 3 years. Best of luck in your new role Jay.



Gloucester Street Centre Classes 2013

DAY	CLASS	VENUE	TIME	DURATION	LEVEL	COST
MON	Circuit Training	Hall	8.00am	35 mins	(B)	€5
	Circuit Training	Hall	12.40pm	35 mins	(B)	€5
	Bodyattack-Boxercise	Fitness Room	12.40pm	45 mins	(B)	€8
	Bodyattack-Boxercise	Fitness Room	5.45pm	1 Hour	(B)	
	Kettlebells	Hall	6.00pm	45 mins	(B)	€8 Class
TUES	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	8.00am	30 mins	(B)	€5
	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	12.40pm	30 mins	(B)	€5
	Baby Body Fit	Fitness Room	6-7pm			
	Zumba	Hall	7-8pm	1 Hour	(B)	€8
WED	Bodyattack-Boxercise	Fitness Room	7.45am			€8
	Body Conditioning	Hall	8.00am	35 mins	(B)	€5
	Forever Fit (Over 60's)	Fitness Room	11.00am	1 Hour	(B)	€2
	Body Conditioning	Hall	12.30pm	45 mins	(B)	€5
	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	12.40pm	45 mins	(B)	€5
	Hour of Power	Fitness Room	6.00pm	1 Hour	(B)	€10
THUR	Spin To Win	Fitness Room	6.00pm	45 mins Spin 15 mins Cone	Inter	€7
	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	8.00am	30 mins	(B)	€5
FRI	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	12.40pm	30 mins	(B)	€5
	Bodyattack-Boxercise	Fitness Room	5.45pm	1 Hour	(B)	€8
	Zumba	Hall	6-7pm	1 Hour		€10
	Bodyattack-Boxercise	Fitness Room	7.45am	45 mins	(B)	€8
FRI	TRK Fusion	Hall	8.00am	30 mins	(B)	€5
	Kettlebells	Hall	12.40pm	35 mins	(B)	€7
	Bodyattack-Boxercise	Fitness Room	12.40pm	45 mins	(B)	€8

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRE
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Kettle Bells classes is a 6 week course costing €45 Or €8 drop in on a Monday
Bodyattack - Boxercise €8 drop in Or €80 for 2 classes a week for 6 weeks

Wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

INSPIRATION DAY



As part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations we teamed up with Renaissance Reinsurance Ltd who this year celebrated the 15th Anniversary of the opening of their Dublin operation. On Thursday 21st November Renaissance closed their Dublin office for the day and 48 staff came down to St. Andrew's to offer their support in a wide range of activities, These included: Maths in the Real World which was offered to local primary and secondary schools. Training in IT which



included Statistics and Mapping, Movie Making and Microsoft Programmes, Project Management, HR Event, The Junction Tech Event, Painting of the Day Centre, New Murals on the Outdoor Sheds, Gaming Challenge, Story Telling for the Children in Childcare, Bingo for Senior Citizens and as a Finale a Wonderful Tea Party for everyone involved in the day. It was a really successful day and we would like to thank all the Renaissance and St. Andrew's staff and helpers for making the event an occasion to remember. Thanks to all the Renaissance staff who baked a cake for the Tea Party and had great fun in the Bake Off Final. Thanks to Volunteer Ireland for bringing our organisations together and a big thank you to all those who turned up on the day and got involved to ensure the Event was an Inspiration Day to remember.



A Winter's Tale by Monica Moffatt



For the third time that morning Maureen Brennan climbed the stairs up to the attic. The first week in December had already passed. It was time to get the Christmas decorations organised, as she took the final items from the wooden chest. On her way back down the stairs, the phone rang. It

was her daughter inviting her for an unexpected weekend away. Instead of sorting out the decorations she turned her attention to selecting the right clothes for the winter break. Every season of the year has its own colourful display of nature. Winter is no exception. As the car left the busy city streets behind, emerging onto highways and byways, the true colour of the season was revealed. Trees of orange, brown and green lined each side of the motorway. Horses and cattle grazed in verdant pastures.

Three hours later we arrived in Knock. No pilgrimages this time of year. A small number of cars occupied the car park, so we decided to have our first picnic there and then. Fortunately the weather was really good on that day as we toured the area of Knock Shrine, hearing mass, lighting candles, taking photographs, filling empty 7-Up bottles with holy water and praying.

By now darkness had fallen on unfamiliar country roads. The lights of Westport were a welcome sight. So was their hotel. Through curtainless windows, candlelight shone out onto the darkened pavements. Christmas carols playing softly, garlands of holly and the aroma of pot-pourri greeted each guest as they entered the hotel. In no time at all they were booked in and admitted to their rooms. After a change of attire, they headed for the dining room.

A warm glow invaded the dimly lit room. Red glass goblets highlighted the mantelpiece of the black wrought iron fireplace. A log fire spluttered and glowed in the grate. Red tablecloths covered each table. Silver cutlery shone on the deep colour accompanied by white lace edged serviettes. A white glass bowl in the centre of each table, lit by tea lights, completed the picture. The waiter arrived with the menu. In the centre of the room a birthday outing was in progress. The birthday cake arrived. Cheers and claps all round, but no singing. The eleven girls were very happy but we did not find out which was the birthday girl. Each of us chose a different item from the menu. To elaborate might make you hungry! After a little television, bed was welcome and very cosy, as rain beat heavily against the windows.

Next morning after breakfast, we took a stroll around the town. The pathways glistened in spots as weak rays of sunlight and a strong wind dried up the previous night's downpour. We needed the car wipers as we headed off for Kylemore Abbey.

A very scenic drive ensued. Croagh Patrick, the highest mountain in its group

loomed into view shrouded in mist. Further along the car came to a halt on a siding carpeted by fallen leaves of red and gold. Sheep dotted the mountainside, their creamy white fleece, stark against the purple heather. The waters of the huge lake shimmered in the bright sunshine its stillness disturbed by a gentle breeze. In the distance across the lake, a scattering of houses bordered its edges, shielded by mountains which rose majestically, grey and dark under a blue sky.

Suddenly there it was, Kylemore Abbey, perfection in its postcard setting. The elongated building sat low down the mountain, its reflection mirrored in the lake. Swans glided by gracefully adding their own particular beauty to the ambience. The sunshine obliged and every brick seemed to illuminate under its glare. Cameras were at the ready. Back to the car again for another picnic, same as before – ham rolls, yoghurt and chocolate cake accompanied by steamy hot tea, courtesy of a jug flask. We returned back to the shop on the estate for a little souvenir shopping. It was very well stocked! The restaurant was full to capacity.

On to Roundstone, the terrain here rocky with large and small boulders evident in fields and on each mountainside. Back on the road again, we headed for Oranmore, bypassing Galway city. Rain and sunshine alternated as we drove along the miles to our destination. The welcome appearance of traffic lights meant we were nearly there. Happily we entered our second hotel, an hour before our expected time. After a short rest we entered the dining room where we met some family and friends where we had a 'mini gathering'. The next morning, we headed to the nearest shop to buy newspapers and sweets to bring home. The two travellers were delighted with their unexpected weekend. It was a great success. Would we do it again and have picnics in Winter? We certainly would.



Monica wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



Eddie, Jimmy, Eileen, Graham and Gang at Laser Bowling Night.

GREENORE/ROSTREVOR 25th ANNIVERSARY

The Committee of Greenore / Rostrevor Centre would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who joined us in our week's events celebrations of our 25th Anniversary in June 2013. We would also like to thank our community partners, St Andrew's Resource Centre for their support. Also, we like to thank all our sponsors who have supported us over the years and a special word of thanks to Dublin City Council for their support both for the events that we have held and their help over the years.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.



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This year in Conefrey's Pharmacy we had several personal milestones. There were three significant birthdays amongst our team and our colleague Mary Daly retired at the end of June. We also introduced a new team member Lee Oglesby in August'.



*Tomas, family and staff wish the Community
a very Happy Christmas and a
Peaceful New Year.*



PEARSE AREA RECREATION CENTRE DEDICATED TO MEMORY OF CONOR ROCHE

On Saturday 19th October, Pearse Area Recreation Centre Play Area and Football Pitch was dedicated to the memory of Conor Roche who died tragically as a result of an accident on the 18 October 2003 aged 6 years. The blessing saw his family & friends and community celebrate Conors life.

A big thank to all the staff in Pearse Area Recreation Centre, Martin Taylor, Grace Maguire, Cllr Maria Parodi and the Lord Mayor's Office in Dublin City Council, Ann Gaynor and the all the friends of the Roche Family in the area for all their hard work to make this event truly memorable. Conors' memorial garden in Pearse House is always well maintained by the local community.





DO YOU HAVE DEBTS WHICH YOU CANNOT PAY?

A **Debt Relief Notice** (DRN) is one of the three new debt resolution mechanisms introduced under the Personal Insolvency Act 2012 for people who cannot afford to pay their personal debts. The Debt Relief Notice is designed for people who have low disposable income and

assets. It allows for the write-off of qualifying debt up to **€20,000**, subject to a three year supervision period.

You can only avail of a DRN **once in your lifetime**. In general, you will only qualify for a DRN if all of your debts are unsecured. Unsecured debts are, for example, credit union loans, store cards, credit cards, utility bill arrears and personal loans. Debts arising from family law maintenance orders are not included. Your name will be entered on the publicly available Register of Debt Relief Notices.

All of your income will be taken into account, except for Child Benefit. Any assets that you have will also be valued. Your reasonable living expenses will be taken into account, and if you have only €60 or less a month disposable income will you qualify for a DRN. Assets must be worth less than €400. However, a car up to a value of €2,000 is allowed as well as one item of personal jewellery (a wedding ring, or engagement ring, for example) valued up to €750. Some other items are also allowable. The reasonable living expenses are calculated in accordance with guidelines drawn up by the Insolvency Service of Ireland and are calculated based on how many adults and children are in your household. You can take a look at these guidelines by visiting http://www.isi.gov.ie/en/ISI/Guidelines_under_section_2023_June_13.pdf/Files/Guidelines_under_section_2023_June_13.pdf

If a DRN is issued to you, it will allow for the **write-off** of your qualifying debt up to €20,000, subject to a three year supervision period. During this supervision period, your

creditors will not be allowed to pursue any action against you for recovery of debts covered by the DRN or contact you about your debts. Also during the supervision period, you may not get credit of €650 or more from any source, without informing that source that you have a DRN. You will have to tell the Insolvency Service of any changes in your circumstances, for example, any increases in income, assets or liabilities. If your financial position improves above certain limits, you will have to repay part of your debts.

At the end of the supervision period (or if you have managed to pay 50% or more of your debt) the DRN will cease to have effect. Your debts will be written off and your name will be removed from the Register of Debt Relief Notices. However, if you failed to disclose an improvement in your financial circumstances during the three year period, or you gave false or misleading information during your application for a DRN, the DRN might be terminated and you will become liable for your debt or the supervision period might be extended and the debt is not written off after three years as is the norm.

HOW DO I GET A DEBT RELIEF NOTICE?

You must apply for a DRN through MABS. Your local MABS office is located on Lombard Street and can be contacted by telephone (0761072520) or by email (pearse_street@mabs.ie) to arrange an appointment. The staff in MABS will help you complete a Prescribed Financial Statement in which you must give a full and honest account of your financial situation. Your application will be processed by MABS if they feel that you meet the eligibility conditions and that the information you have given them is true and accurate.

Lorraine Clifford is a solicitor and a volunteer at the Ringsend/Irishtown Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC). She is also local area representative for Fianna Fáil. Lorraine can be contacted on 087-6501110 should you need assistance with the above or any other issue which you may have.

St Andrew's Day Centre News

We have vacancies for Dinner each day (Monday to Friday) – Ladies and Gents

For Residents of the Westland Row / City Quay area

Contact: Alice Bregazzi at **677 1930**

Wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

St Andrew's Day Centre Bingo

**St Andrew's Day Centre has Bingo 4 days per week:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

Cost: €1.00 daily

Times: 2.15pm to 4.30pm

Afternoon Tea, Biscuits, Cakes etc

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Bus Stop outside St Andrews

Looking forward to seeing you!

Alice Bregazzi



GENERATION EURO STUDENT AWARD



The Central Bank has announced the national winners of the Generation €uro Students' Award for 2013, a competition for transition-year students aimed at promoting an awareness of economics and monetary policy decision-making. Transition-year students from Marian College in Dublin went on to represent Ireland at the European Central Bank last April where they met president Mario Draghi and the other winning teams from across the euro area to take part in a series of educational workshops and events. Pictured are the team captain Luke Murphy with Sean Scott, Gary Smyth, Cian Byrne and Shane Downes



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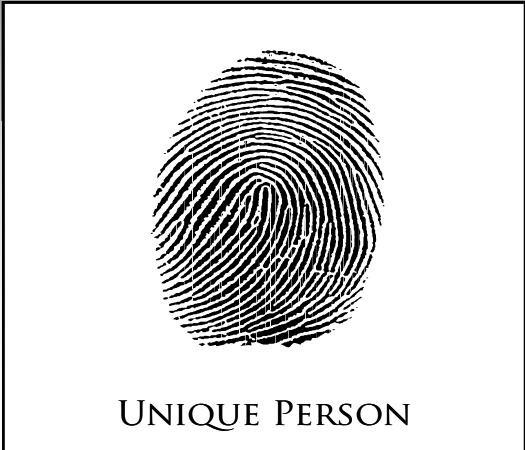
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The Neighbours by Anne Losty Byrne

Ann Losty Byrne

"Do you know what the neighbours are like?" Marie asked the agent as she gazed approvingly at the long back garden of the house. She had taken a great liking to the house, it was in a good locality but there was one last, important question – "the neighbours – what are they like? Did he know."

Unfortunately for Jerry and herself, Jim Adams had his head turned away from them when Marie asked the question and he had time to compose his expression before he turned to face them – his eyes wide open, he looked them straight in the eye and lied as instructed by his immediate supervisor, Jacqueline Devoy. "If you want to get ahead, you can forget about being truthful all the time, we are in the business of selling houses, remember that and forget about the 'holy Joe' stuff you learnt at school."

Jim had been a bit miffed at Jacqueline's assumption that he was a 'holy Joe' and proceeded to all out to outsell his boss and every other employer in the agency and if that meant being less than truthful so be it. He was going to learn too late that Jacqueline wanted him to lose his job as her best friend was in need of one. Lying to customers would eventually prove Jim's undoing, it might take time that it would work, too many complaints from dissatisfied customers would end Jim's career in the company.

"Oh, this is very quiet neighbour, no problems with the neighbours, there is enough space between each house to ensure a good night's sleep," and Jim smiled his most beguiling smile, not knowing or caring who or what the neighbours are like.

Jerry and Marie completed their purchase of the house within the next three weeks and began the process of moving in. All went well until their first night in their home, or should I say, their first morning for the rooster next door, his throat at full throttle, greeted the rising sun in the loud ringing tones. Perhaps the rooster felt full of the joys of spring that morning for his cock a doodle do, cock a doodle doo, carried far and wide.

Jerry blinked one eye open, the hands of the cock said 'five past five'. Five past five! What was going on? The rooster seemed to hear the query for he let out another blast of cock a doodle doo with as much joie de vie as he could muster for a second round of 'rise and lay eggs' and then having ensured that his harem were awake, he did a quick tour of the boundaries of his quarters, then hopped back onto his perch and proceeded to preen his feathers.

There was a line of trees between Major and Mrs. Phillip Summerville's home which effectively blocked off the view into next door's garden but there was a stiff breeze that morning and suddenly through a gap in the swaying branches, Jerry got a good view of the cock on his perch; he could hardly believe his eyes. A hen-run with a rooster next door! The first rays of the rising sun emphasized the rich colouring of the cock, king of the roost, master of his domain. Blast him.

"Make a cuppa before you come back to bed, will you dear!" Marie ordered in a sleepy voice and Jerry turned his eyes away from the preening cock to stare at his wife. When had the traditional roles being reversed? Marie should be the one making the tea. Jerry made a face as he pulled on his dressing gown. That cock out there had the right idea, get his women up and working. However, a few more early mornings cock a doodle doos and a few more requests for tea made Jerry lose his patience – enough was enough. If the cock did not crow, then Marie would not wake up and requests for early cups of tea would cease, they were now accompanied with requests for a warm slice of buttered and marmalade toast.

"Did you make one for yourself, dear?" was as far as Marie got to sharing – what was not the first chore of Jerry's day.

Jerry was pleased when as long last Marie started to listen to his complaints about their neighbour's cock. Being wakened by a rousing

chorus of cock a doodle doos soon lost its appeal and Marie make a few enquiries and discovered that the previous owners had tried and failed to get their next door neighbours to get rid of at least the cock and just keep the hens. But Major and Mrs. Phillip Summerville were determined to keep their hens in full production and this naturally involved keeping the rooster.

Now, it may seem odd that a couple would actually sell their home and move elsewhere in order to get away from a boisterous rooster but that was what the previous owners had done. When friendly complaints had failed and the thoughts of the expense of taking their neighbours to court had become too much to put up with the previous owners had decided to shift and Marie and Jerry were thinking along the same lines when the big, black, tomcat which belonged to the neighbours on the far side of the road took matters into his own claws.

The previous owners of Marie and Jerry's house had hated the idea of a tomcat's urinating in their garden for the urine of a tomcat is quite strong and lingers for a long time but as soon as Blackie found out that the new neighbours across the road were more tolerant he decided to make friends with them for the best route to the hen house was via their garden. Jerry, in particular, encouraged the cat to visit and began to hope.

Not long afterwards while darkness still held sway, terrible noises woke the whole neighbourhood and when some of the more active people got up and caught a glimpse of Major Summerville running down his back garden with a shot-gun in his hands, they began to pray that he might slip and fall. Love thy neighbour as thy self went out the window; they all prayed that Blackie would win the fight and escape. Blackie did win the fight but unfortunately it had to leave its kill behind because Major Summerville recovered from his fall too quickly for Blackie's liking and he had to make a quick exit via the hen house roof and onto the nearest tree branch, then a quick run through Marie and Jerry's back garden and onwards towards home.

Blackie made a triumphant, if somewhat dishevelled, entrance through its cat trap door into his owner's, Mrs. O'Brien's kitchen. But next morning when Mrs. O'Brien arrived down for breakfast, Blackie's coat was perfectly groomed and he was sleeping the sleep of the innocent. He purred when his owner stroked him but made it clear that he was tired. "Poor dear, you're exhausted," she muttered and let him sleep on.

Major and Mrs. Phillip Summerville complained bitterly to Mrs. O'Brien but she denied that her Blackie had had anything to do with the murder of the Major's prize rooster. What proof had he? All the neighbours denied having heard or seen anything, this despite the fact that Major Summerville had seen heads peeping out of lighted windows that night. Mrs. O'Brien was pleased with her new popularity in the neighbourhood, her neighbours were full of smiles whereas previously they had been rather standoffish with her. She was real pleased with Blackie and bought him a new fancy collar.

Marie and Jerry got to know nearly all their neighbours due to the night of the big fight and they made it their business to encourage Blackie to keep visiting just in case another cock came to live next door.

Anne wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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Social Welfare Local Office: Apollo House Phone: 01-6369300	Threshold: Phone: 01-6786096 Housing Advice, Information on Housing and Homelessness
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- NALA (National Association of Adult Education).
- LEC (Local Education Committee).
- SCP (School Completion Programme).

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful & Prosperous New Year



MEMORIES



ST. ANDREW'S CONFIRMATION 1958: Gerry Nealon, Micheal Fitzpatrick, Austin Crothers, Thomas Uzell, Christy Bolton, Joseph Daly, Michael Whelan, Noel Smith, Christy Dunne, Liam Farrell, Joe Byrne, Paddy Cummins, Tommy Hand, Denis Ward, Willie Burke, Steven Jones, Noel Carroll, George Byrne, Willie Smith, Noel Cullen, J. Donnelly, T. Woods, Tony Behan, G. Carroll, M. Byrne, S. McNevin, G. Doyle, S. Walsh, L. Croke and L. Davis.



MEMORIES



*The Old Timber Yard Workers
(O'Keefes) opposite Magennie 1933-34.*



Mr. & Mrs Michael Leavey 1948 Wedding Pearse House.

Back: Nan Doyle, Tom Dwyer. 3rd back: Girlie Kane, Mrs. Brigid Leavey, Paddy Leavey, Kitty Leavey, Nan O'Toole, Daisy Leavey, Alice Kelly, Anne Browne, Nelly Browne and Tommy Leavey.

2nd back: Murphy, Robert Walker, Peggy Leavey, Bridget Leavey, June Leavey, Kit Dwyer (Madill) and Pat Doyle (child in front).

DOCKER'S MEMORIES NICKNAMES

Continued from Summer issue

REMI – Martin
 TUCKER – Dennis
 HAWKY – Hawkins
 ROLLO – Fullam
 DIKEY – Dennis
 SLASHER – Barry
 OMER – Murphy
 DODDLER – O’Leary
 SONSER – Reilly
 BE DA – Behan
 THE WIG – Nolan
 KRUGER –
 Cunningham
 BOY – Murphy
 CHAPPIE – Curly
 BOSUN – Carricks
 SONNY – Jackson
 THE HEN – Pullen
 COXIE – Corbally
 THE BULL – Wheldon
 LAMMER – Bissett
 SCUMMER – Mulhall
 BLAKE – Montgomery
 DINGER – Leany
 MICK MAN – Murphy
 MASHER – Hutch

CLIPSER – Murphy
 KNOCK OUT – M.
 Kilty
 KICK THE STONES
 – S. Bradshaw
 ROMMEL – R. Fitz
 WICKED CHICKEN –
 DIXIE – Bollard
 CLICKY – Murphy
 JOXER – Gibbs
 PINT AND A
 PILLOW –
 Mick Byrne
 YARRA – Duffy
 BABIERS – Murphy
 CHICK – Kelly
 MOUSE – McCormack
 UNCLE – Mullen
 NIGGER – Brennan
 RAMSEY – McDonnell
 WHISPERING
 GRASS –
 BUTSY – Callaghan
 MOXIE – Moore
 NEVER WRONG –
 CRONGIE – Dunne

MAGGOTS – Dick
 Reilly
 YA YA – Driscoll
 BROTHER – Lawless
 GURA – Murphy
 ODDSER – Willie
 Byrne
 CAULHEY – Eddie
 Byrne
 COCKER –
 Montgomery
 HOSUE OF WITS –
 JAZZ – Fullam
 SCOUTS – Purcell
 LOCKY – Forbes
 DEMON – Dent
 SPARROW – Smith
 THE KNACKER –
 Barry
 SUCKY – Fleming
 ABBER – Doyle &
 Byrne
 SAINTY – Byrne
 FIBBY – Carberry
 SLIM – Brown

NUGGY BAR – Tom
 Connolly
 CHINK – Lawless
 BATCH – Greene
 BINNERS – Quinn
 WHACKER –
 Cunningham
 THE GOAT – Joe
 Murphy
 POCKETS – Johnny
 Farrell
 LUMPS – Byrne
 CALMER – Kemple
 ME DID – Joe Doyle
 THE GREEK – Doyler
 THE BAT – Doyle
 THE LANDLORD –
 Carricks
 HEARSEMAN – Flynn
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 SNOWY – Carroll &
 Farrell
 FATSER – Curry



Richard Doyle, Anthony Flood and Louis. Doyle.



John (Hawkid) Hawkins, Mike (Kamer) Kemple, Leger Smith and Murphy at Ringsend Regatta 1970ish. Photo: Par North.

DOCKER'S MEMORIES



*Dockers on ferry
1957.*



Jimmy (Bimbo) Keating.



*Paddy (Doggy) Smith and
Anthony (Hardloaf) Cummins.*



*Larry Redmond (Docker),
George McDermott (Docker)
working in cargo hold of soya
meal.*



Dockers Joe (Lucky) Forbes, Cormac McDermott and Noel Forbes.

TRIBUTES / LOVING MEMORY



NED SCANLAN

Ned Scanlan was a big man on our street, Moss Street, where the City Arts Centre is located. From our windows, we would often see him over on Matt Talbot Bridge gazing out to sea, a contented smile on his face. "I love life" was his mantra. He would stop to chat

with whoever was at our door, always a friendly word, always a positive thing to say. In the evenings we went to Ned Scanlan's Bar, our workers, our visiting artists, the theatre folk who use our building. We were always made welcome.

Ned was the perfect host. He invited conversation on politics, philosophy, local affairs, world affairs. He encouraged us to sing and make music. When he died suddenly we were truly grief stricken. He represented all that was excellent about his generation. He was loved by the very young, as well as his peers, because he was eternally young in spirit.

This tribute to Ned is from some of his many friends in the theatre and entertainment world. His spirit continues to inspire us. When we look out our window he is still there on Matt Talbot Bridge, gazing out to sea, a contented smile on his face. His love of life survives his passing.



KATHLEEN HOWARD

The sons and daughter of Kathleen (Kay) Howard would like to send their sincere thanks to the relatives, friends and wonderful neighbours who supported and comforted us on the very sad passing of our dear Mam. We appreciate all those who attended her

removal, her funeral Mass, those who sent flowers, Mass cards and letters and those who telephoned. A very special word of thanks to Mam's amazing friends and neighbours in Pearse Grove, Pearse Street, Brunswick Place and Conway Court. To everyone involved in Rostrevor/Greenore for the bingo nights, the parties, the mystery tours and the holidays and for the welcome they gave to Mam's cousin Kay (Salinger) on so many occasions. To everyone in Andrews Resource Centre for giving Mam something to look forward to every day. To our cousins Bernie and Marie for sharing so much of their time with Mam and for the cakes, the chocolates and that wonderful holiday in Jersey, we can never thank you enough. To Ken, for the great respect and affection he showed Mam and to the carers in Private Home Care, especially Esther who saved the day on more than one occasion. And to our own families and dear friends who supported us through the saddest of times and who continue to support us today. It's impossible for us to thank everyone individually so we send this message of sincere thanks to each and every one who knew Mam, thank you all. A Mass has been arranged in Westland Row, on Thursday 19th December 2013 at 12.45pm for the special intentions of all of Mam's friends and neighbours.

RINGSEND LIBRARY

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Friday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

Sunday Closed

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TRIBUTES / LOVING MEMORY



**4th Anniversary
In Loving Memory of
ARTHUR O'BRIEN,
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Who Died on
11th September 2009
Aged 63 years**

REST IN PEACE

I'd like the memory of me
To be a Happy One.
I'd like to leave an after
glow

Of Smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.



**McDERMOTT
1st Anniversary
In Loving Memory of
our father Cormac, who
died 27th November
2012
also**

**Remembering our devoted
mother Alice, who died 2nd
November 2007**

**The Family of the late
Cormac McDermott would
like to extend their thanks
to all those who support them in their
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**Gone, never forgotten and lovingly
remembered by their Son, Daughters,
Sons-in-law, Granddaughters and Great-
grandchildren.**

"Those you love you never lose".



**NOEL PATRICK
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- Sixth anniversary.
In loving memory of Noel,
who died December 8th
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forgotten. Sadly missed
by your wife Bridget, sons
Robert, Stephen, Paul and
Noel, daughters-in-law
and grandchildren.**



**PHILIP "Philly"
MURPHY
15th Dec 1933 - 7th Sept
2012**

**Today is a very special day
Here's a Happy Birthday
wish to you
This comes with deepest
fondest love**

from your wife and best friend too.

**Wishing you a Happy 80th Birthday in Heaven
From your wife Kathleen, sons, daughters,
grandchildren & great grandchildren**



**Remembering -
ANTHONY (Flyer)
FLOOD**

**Second Birthday
away from Home -
Born 8th October
1941**

Birthday wishes we send today,
To the Stars in the sky not far away,
Let the Stars be your candles,
Keep them burning bright,
So when we look up to the sky,
We will know that you are alright,
Time slips by, Memories stay,
But from our hearts you will never stray,
We know your gentle Spirit is with us always.

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BERMINGHAM, Ann (Nancy)-

Fourth Anniversary

A whisper one January night,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand of Jesus,
And quietly left us all,
Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day,
Missing you is heartache,

That never goes away,
WILL those who think
of her today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
-Miss you and love you always,
Doley. May Linda. Cora.
And family



**11th Anniversary & 81st Birthday
Ellen Harrison. Also remembering
Paddy (Ellen's Husband).**

*I feel a warmth around me
like your presence is so near;
And I close my eyes to visualise
Your face when you were here,*

**ELLEN
HARRISON
(NELLIE)**

81st Birthday on
25th December
2013

*I endure the times we spent together
and they are locked inside my heart
For as long as I have those memories
we will never be apart,
Even though we cannot speak no more
my voice is always there,
Because every night before I sleep
I have you in my prayer.*



**Always Loved and Missed by your
son Patrick, Sandra and Sean
Patrick.**

**Also remembering our Dad Paddy, on
his 5th Anniversary this year 2013,
who died on the 2nd July 2008.**



O'REILLY Brendan (YOGI)

In loving memory of my dear
Husband Brendan, who fell
asleep on 10th December
2011.

*I remember the day I met you,
The day God made you mine,
I remember the day I lost you,
And will till the end of time,
I lost my life's companion,
A life linked to my own,
It's lonely now without you,*

*As I walk through life alone,
Sadly missed, never forgotten.*

By his loving wife June,
Anniversary Mass 14th December Westland Row 6.30

*In loving memory of a lovely Dad
As I set safe in Heaven and watch you everyday,
I try to let you know with songs I never went away,
I hear you when your laughing and watch you as you sleep,
I even place my arms for you to calm you as you weep.
I see you wish the days away begging to have me home.
So I try to send signs so you know your not alone,
So don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me,
Heaven is truly beautiful just you wait and see,
So live your life, laugh again enjoy yourself, be free,
Then I'll know with every breath you take, you'll be taking
one for me.*

Loved, missed and never forgotten, your Sons, Daughters,
Son-in-laws and Daughters-in-law.

For you Granda and Great Granda
*Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You are love beyond words,
And missed beyond measure,
Your loving grandchildren and great grandchildren.
We'll meet you some day in Fiddlers Green.*



**EDDIE KENNY,
always
remembered and
loved by your
family, friends and
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Union also the
Community.**



**Elizabeth Bray first
anniversary of a loving
Mother, Sister, Wife
and Grandmother
23/11/2012**

**It was a sudden parting
too bitter to forget.**

**Those who loved you dearly. Are the ones who
can't forget. We often sit and think of you. And
think how you died. To think you could not say
goodbye. Before you closed your eyes. Sadly
missed by her loving husband Paddy. And
children Anne, Patrick , Gillian, David and
Elaine. Grandchildren and extended family.**

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Sea Voyage by Lyrics Murphy

What should have been a happy and memorable Christmas for a number of Irish families travelling on the Liverpool Packet Acme from Dublin turned out to be a tragic and sorrowful one. The families, mostly composed of women and children, were travelling to their husbands who had gone to work in London, Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham. They had planned to settle down in these cities. Also on the Acme were 146 other passengers.

It was 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd December 1821, when the Acme slipped its moorings at Pigeon-house Dock and headed for the Irish Sea. As the vessel left the dock, excitement spread among a section of the passengers, for many of them were making their first trip, which turned out to be their last. Thirteen hours later the ship struck a rock near the Welsh coast, and went to the bottom with the loss of over 100 lives.

Formerly a Revenue Cruiser, the Acme was a very old vessel, and some months previously had been condemned as not being seaworthy. The ship carried no lifeboats (only a 12 foot long rowboat), had no fire-fighting equipment and was usually overloaded on its trips. On several occasions public protests had been made against the decrepit condition of several passenger ships plying between Dublin and Liverpool, but all to no avail.

The weather was calm and the wind moderate as the Acme left its anchorage at Pigeon-house Docks. All through the night the ship steered a steady course, most of the passengers sleeping soundly, some chatting, a few singing Christmas carols. Among the cabin passengers was Custom House assessed tax officer, Counsellor Walter Wilkins, who was on his way to India to take up a high government position, but who never reached his destination. Another who did not finish his journey was Lieutenant-Colonel Kelly of Nutgrove, Co. Galway, a Battle of Waterloo hero, and formerly aide-de-camp to General Egerton.

Around ten o'clock on the morning of Thursday, Christmas Eve 1821, the Welsh coast was sighted and a trickle of passengers, complete with baggage, appeared on deck, ready for disembarkation. Up until that hour the wind had been generally favourable, then it abated, and the Acme began to drift with the current at a steady eight knots an hour towards the West Mouse Rock, about nine miles from Holyhead and a mile and a half from the shore. It was at this stage that the ship's captain made a fatal error. Instead of dropping anchor when the ship reached the current, he sent the small boat ahead manned by members of the crew in full expectation of avoiding the rock by towing the Acme clear. Just before this there was a fine light breeze which had every appearance of continuing and which would have helped immensely in getting the ship clear of the rock. Those in the rowboat rowed with all their might, but it was useless.

The tide became so powerful that the vessel drifted onto the rock and struck. The impact wasn't so violent, but it was sufficient to tear a hole in the ancient hull. Water immediately gushed into the hold, and the pumps were quickly manned. All who could, bent to the task of bailing out with buckets. At first the damage was thought to be slight, but when it became known that the vessel was shipping water, fast panic spread rapidly. Soon the water had reached the cabin floors. The shrieks of women and children mingled with the shouts of men as the ship became waterlogged, and the water

started to cover the deck. It seemed incredible to the passengers that the vessel was sinking. One of the few to remain cool was Counsellor Wilkins. When the vessel struck the rock he dashed on deck and while hope remained he threw out buckets of water.

He also did his best to pacify the women and children. He was seen afterwards clinging to a crate of eggs in the water, by a deck passenger, who grasped the same crate. Counsellor Wilkins remained clinging to the crate for about 15 minutes, then he cried aloud: "Oh God, is there no hope of relief?" He then released his hold and went under to rise no more. Ten minutes later the small boat reached the crate. On the Acme the situation had become desperate. As the ship began to sink, about three-quarters of an hour after striking the rock, women and children could be heard praying on the decks. Thoughts of Christmas with those they loved were gone from their minds. In the meantime nine of the deck passengers and one cabin passenger leaped from the bowsprit into the boat which had been sent ahead to tow. As the Acme finally plunged to its doom, pitiful cries and wailings came from those left behind on deck. Among those who went under was a soldier and his whole family, two female invalids, 19 children and 22 emigrants from several Irish counties.

The 14 year old cabin boy lashed himself to a wooden spar, then leaped into the sea and was drowned. The ship's captain also leaped into the sea, and, after a struggle, was hauled aboard the rowboat by the mate. The boat contained the greater part of the crew, and in addition, had picked up 17 survivors from the water. Under the ponderous load her bow was almost level with the water. Although on a comparatively calm sea, it was only after great difficulty that it was rowed to the shore. A young mother to whom two shrieking infants clung was seen for some time clinging to a wooden crate after the Acme had sunk. The towboat crew agreed to save her, and rowed around for that purpose. When she reached the crate, however a wave struck the woman, who by this time was totally exhausted and she drowned together with her infants.

Two and a half hours later the crew returned to the scene of the disaster and found only three persons alive. These were Patrick Reilly, a Cavan linen weaver; Englishman, John McKenzie and calico printer, John Tynan of Dublin. Some 60 bodies were later washed ashore at Holyhead. In a field near the town, 29 bodies, mostly female, lay stretched out in a row. Nearby were the corpses of children of two, three and four years of age, who only a day previously had frolicked and played on the deck of the ill-fated ship.

At the inquest into the tragedy, evidence revealed that the captain had been drunk as the Acme left Pigeon-house Dock, and that the vessel did not answer her helm well. It was also discovered that no effort had been made to throw a raft together when it became known that the ship was sinking. Seafaring men contended that this could have been done had the mast and bowsprit been cut away. After the tragedy of the Acme there was another public outcry against the poor ships used for the conveyance of passengers between Ireland and England. This reached such a pitch that eventually faster and more seaworthy vessels were put into operation on these routes.



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Looking forward to our move back to 22 Upr. Erne Street in Jan. 2014

*The Board, Management and Staff would like to wish the Community
a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.*



YOSEIKAN/SHOSHINDO NEWS



Since the last issue the club has gone from strength to strength. Our instructor Heather is very busy with all the new members. For example Jamie and Jack are on their Yellow Belts and the potential to be future instructors. (An achievement indeed).

All the members are learning the Katas, they all have to know before they get their belts.

REMEMBER WE HATE BULLIES.

Remember if you are being bullied tell your parents or teacher.

A special thank you to Shane of The Windjammer for his support, also a very Happy Christmas to Pat Boucher, also wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



Dear Resident,

My name is Maria Bohan. I am 43years old. I am the eldest child of Thomas and Olive Bohan. I have one sister Caroline and two brothers Tom and Padraig. I grew up in South Dublin. I am a Civil Servant by profession and I work locally in The Refugee Appeals Tribunal in Hanover Street East. After studying for four years I have obtained a diploma in Sign Language. I also have a diploma in Justice Studies. I am very interested in GAA and I am a huge supporter of "THE DUBS".

Over the last ten years I have been a familiar face behind the bar in The Oarsman Pub, Bridge Street, Ringsend where I have gained knowledge of local issues. I am delighted and proud that Fianna Fail has asked me to be your Area Representative and am looking forward to listening to the community and working hard on your behalf.

If I can be of assistance in any matter please feel free to contact me on Mobile: 087 741 0404 or email: mariabohan1@gmail.com

Kind Regards

MARIA BOHAN

Maria wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year and is looking forward to meeting you soon.



MARIA BOHAN
RINGSEND / IRISHTOWN
/ PEARSE STREET
LOCAL AREA
REPRESENTATIVE



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**the strength of the construction material,
the quality of the locks,
proper fitting and installation**

We can reduce their attraction as an entry point for the burglar by trying to minimize these risk features. The following security measures may help to deter the burglar :

Don't advertise your absence. Inform a trusted neighbour when you will be away for long periods to watch house & collect post.

Always check the identity of repairmen etc. calling to house.

If you have overgrown shrubbery/trees blocking view of house - cut them back..

Never leave access keys under mats, plant pots or dustbins - they will be found.

Do not keep large amounts of cash in your home. Store all valuable items in a safe.

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Claire Hughes with her dog Benji (a Bichon Frise)

Claire is fifteen years of age and completed her Junior Cert this year. She has appeared with Benji on RTE Television and has been interviewed on the radio. Indeed Claire and Benji have won many agility test competitions, which are obstacle courses. They came second in their class at this year's at Crufts Dog Show. They were honoured to be representing Ireland at the World International Championship in Oviedo in Spain last May. They also came third in the Junior Championship in Maidenhead in England last March.

Our very own Michael McDermott is the proud grandfather of Claire and we wish both Claire and Benji, all the best in the future.

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FAREWELL FR. JOHN

A mass was concelebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin to celebrate the past 22 years of the Divine Word Missionaries work in the parish of City Quay. Also wishing Fr. John all the best in his new ministry in Argentina. The mass was also concelebrated by the Provost of the Divine Word Missionaries, Fr. Byrne and a very special welcome to Fr. Pearse.



WESTLAND ROW PARISH IS ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC!

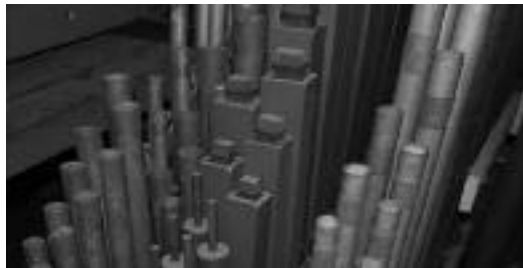
St. Andrew's Church is celebrating because of the exciting news that the Church Organ houses hundreds of 'Cavaillé-Coll' pipes which makes our organ unique to the whole country. These pipes are so important they are akin to Stradivarius violins. The French organ maker Cavaillé-Coll was the number one 'go to guy' in 19th century Europe if you wanted to have the very best pipe work for your church organ. In France most of the Cavaillé-Coll instruments are listed and protected by the French State. Designed by John White, an Irish organ builder from Dublin, circa 1869, and including a significant number of Cavaillé-Coll' pipes, the organ in Westland Row continues to be a fine example of the collaboration of French and Irish skill. It was installed in Westland Row Church in 1871 following a selection process by notable figures such as Sir Dominic Corrigan, eminent physician, and Sir William Carroll the then Lord Mayor of Dublin. Almost 90% of the original organ still exists though modifications have been made. For example during the 1950's a complete new console (playing desk, keyboard and pedals) with latest type of electrics was fitted.

Our organist, Mr. Aleksandr Nisse, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany to a French father and Russian mother. He comes from a family of musicians and organists. Aleksandr is hugely



influenced by his father's teacher, Helmut Walcha. To date Aleksandr still regards Walcha as his "spiritual teacher". The world of J.S Bach was a big part of Aleksandr's childhood and since he grew up between many cultures he always feels at home when he listens to or plays Bach. Aleksandr commenced his musical studies in Paris, then studied at the Conservatoire National de Region de Lyon with Louis Robilliard where he was awarded the Premier Prix de Perfectionnement with distinction. He completed his postgraduate studies, with distinction, at the Royal Academy of Music, London in 2007. His teachers were Lionel Rogg and Nicolas Kynaston. Aleksandr was appointed organist in St. Andrew's Church in 2011.

Alongside its distinguished organ and organist St. Andrew's has a notable choir. Originally a male voice choir consisting of boy sopranos, tenors and basses it included prominent persons such as David Thornley (TD). In 1974 the choir became a four part ensemble introducing female voices under the directorship of Brendan Kelly. This choir went on to win such prestigious awards as The Dublin Choral Festival four years in a row. In 2002 Jean Monahan became the first female director. In 2006 the choir recorded their Christmas CD – "A Christmas to Remember", CD's are available in the Parish Office at a cost of €10. We would like to thank everyone who supported this endeavour.



It is amazing to think that some of the music listened to and enjoyed by the first parishioners of St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row back in the 1870's is still enjoyed by parishioners today! Unfortunately all that lovely music has worn these special Cavaillé-Coll pipes out! Now Westland Row must find the means to restore this historic music machine to its former glory.



Westland Row Choir 2013

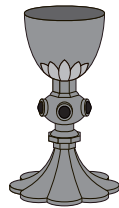
Our heritage defines who we are and to preserve this heritage is a worthy goal of each of us.

CITY QUAY PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday December 16th	Penitential Service at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday December 24th	Christmas Eve: Vigil with the Celebration of Light 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday December 25th	Christmas Day: Mass: 11.30 a.m. ONLY
Thursday 26th to Friday 27th December	Mass 10.00 a.m. each day
Saturday December 28th	Mass: at 7.30 p.m.
Sunday December 29th	Mass: at 11.30 a.m. & 4.00 p.m.

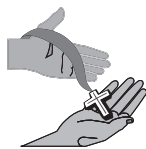


*May the Peace and
Love of the infant Jesus
find a home in your
hearts this Christmas
and always.*



*You are invited to celebrate the birth of
Jesus in our Parish.*

**Fr. Pearse, Sister Goretti, and the
Parish Team wish the Community
a very Happy
Christmas.**



WESTLAND ROW PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Wednesday 18th December	Penitential Service at 12.45 p.m.
Thursday 19th Dec. Friday 20th Dec. & Monday 23rd Dec.	Mass times are 10 a.m. & 12.45p.m.
Saturday 21st December	Mass times are 10.00a.m. & 6.30 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday 22nd December	Mass times are 10.00a.m. & 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday 24thDecember	Christmas Eve: Mass: 10.00a.m. Christmas Carols: 8.30pm Christmas Mass: 9.00p.m.
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Monday 30th December Tuesday 31st Dec. Wednesday 1st Jan.	Mass: 10.00a.m.

**Normal Weekday Mass Schedule from Thursday
2nd January 2014.**

**Parish Office will be closed from Monday 23rd
December 2013 to Thursday 2nd January 2014.**

*May the peace and love of the infant Jesus find a
home in your heart this Christmas and throughout
2014. You are invited to join with us in celebrating the
birth of Jesus in our Parish.*

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