

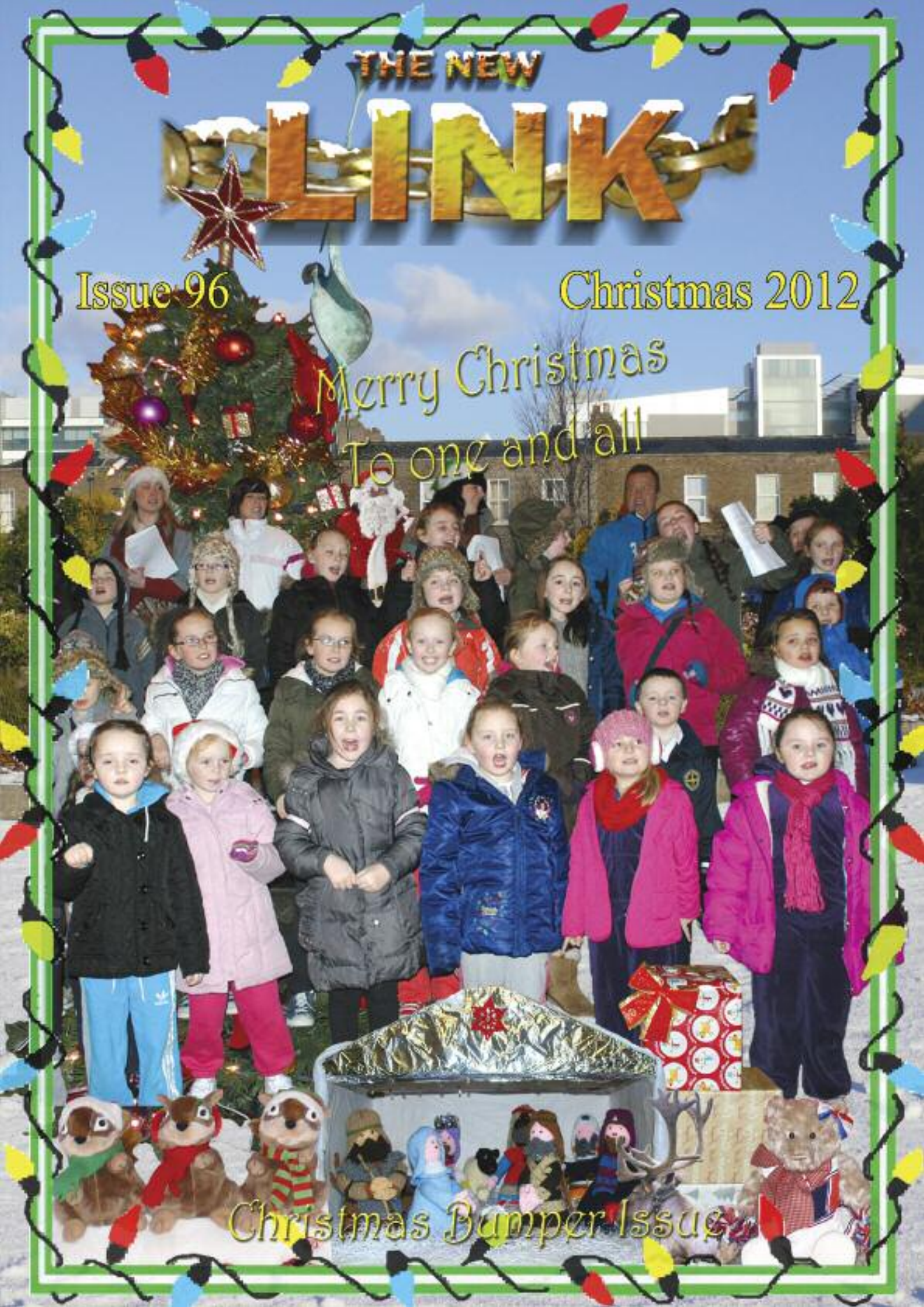
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## A CHRISTMAS RECOLLECTION

It's that time of year when thoughts turn to family and friends, especially those who are no longer with us. We are prompted to do so partly by the dark evenings of winter, when life is quieter and there is an opportunity to reflect. Then we focus on the preparations for Christmas, and planning for who will gather around the table on Christmas Day, with eager anticipation of those who will travel home from abroad, and an acute sense of loss for those who will be missing.

But it is also a time when we are reminded of the important facts of life that are often drowned out by the pressures of everyday life – that what really matters is the quality of our relationships, and that what remains in our memory are the moments we have shared with loved ones in good times and bad.

Above all, the Christmas message is about the transforming power of the love shown by the birth of a baby in Bethlehem, a gift from God for all men and women, to show us the way to true happiness, that by sharing our humanity Jesus showed us that we are all brothers and sisters, equal in the Lord.

That is why we instinctively reach out at this time of the year to help those around us with great needs, why we feel for those who are alone or are far from home. To do otherwise is to deny the meaning of the event we celebrate at Christmas.

When we look back at the events of the past year we will recall days of special joy – the wedding or anniversary, the exam passed, or the successful operation, and of special sadness – the death of a loved one, the emigration of a family member, or the loss of a job.

Part of those memories, good and bad, is the recollection of those who stood by us, who said the right words or did the thoughtful or kind deed, or were simply present to share the moment. Too often we take for granted the presence and support of those who share our lives and to whom we turn automatically when trouble appears. Even if it's only once a year at Christmas it is right that we acknowledge what we owe to family, friends and neighbours.

This is as true of St. Andrew's Resource Centre as it is of each individual. The past year has been eventful, with many ups and downs. Like everyone, we have struggled to cope with falling income and increased demands. We have lost friends and colleagues, and family members, sometimes in tragic circumstances. We have had to stand by and watch needs grow in the community without being able to respond.

On the other hand, we have continued to provide excellent services delivered with huge commitment, energy and creativity by the Centre's team, undeterred by the constraints. We have been hugely encouraged by the positive feedback of so many who were helped and supported by the Centre.

We were cheered by winning an award in Dublin City Council's Community Environment Initiative, by the progress in developing the former Helen's Corner Shop as a youth and enterprise resource, and by the positive media coverage of events in the Centre (did you spot us in the Referendum ad?). And congratulations to the team who keep the flowers looking so lovely!

As the year draws to a close we pay tribute to a valued member of the Centre's team who has moved on during the year : Fr. Paul St. John finished his term as Administrator of City Quay Parish. In that capacity Fr. Paul has been an active and committed member of the Board of the Centre for the past 9 years. His commitment to his parish and to the poorest and most marginalised were at the heart of everything he did. Fr. Paul will be greatly missed and we wish him well in his future ministry.

We welcome Fr. John Owen to the Board as the new Administrator of City Quay.

With an acute awareness of all of the many challenges and problems we face, as well as of the many blessings and gifts we enjoy, we pray for a happy, peaceful and shared Christmas and hope, courage and generosity for 2013.

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# Sport by Tony Rooney



The time: a Sunday afternoon in 1957; the place: Dalymount Park; the occasion: Ireland's World Cup qualifying match against England. It's the early stages of the first half and the noise is deafening as 47,000

Irish voices urge on the boys in green. Then it happens: an Irish attack sweeps into the opponents penalty area; a pass finds Alf Ringstead, an Irish forward, he steadies himself, picks his spot, shoots and the ball is in the English net. A Krakatoa of sound smites the heavens, grown men embrace perfect strangers, the crowd sways and heaves alarmingly, but who cares about personal safety, Ireland is in front. Rational thought gives way to raw emotion, that green sward becomes an arena where the pent up wrongs of generations are about to be avenged. Half time comes with the magic score line still intact; the second half: play flows from end to end and the noise of the crowd is like the triumphant roars of a great beast. Full time approaches and anxiety begins to gnaw at every breast. We will the sluggish hands of our watches toward the final whistle, but the gods have grown tired of our dreams; Tommy Taylor, the English centre-forward, collects the ball, runs down the wing, beats one player, then a second, crosses the ball into the centre; Johnny Ayteo rise high above the defenders and heads the ball into the Irish goal. The cauldron of sound is silenced; 47,000 Irish fans stare in disbelief. How can this be? A middle-aged man turns to me in agony, again and again he repeats the words: "Glory snatched from our hands. Glory snatched from our hands." The final whistle blows and the stunned supporters shuffle towards the exits; many crowd the nearby pubs; in one such pub the barman asks a group of fans what can he get them; a dejected fan looks him the eye and says. "Four miserable pints please."

Such stories can be repeated by followers of any code, for the attraction of sport lies in its unpredictability, in the drama of hopes dashed, victories won and defeats suffered. George Orwell said sport is warfare without the shooting, and few would disagree, for where else could one experience the elation of victory, the despondency of the defeat, the anguish of chances missed. Like warfare, sport has its legendary heroes; hear a Kerryman speak of Mick O'Connell, a Corkman talk of Christy Ring, or a soccer enthusiast describe George Best.

Yet, for all its colour, drama and excitement, sport is, in essence, little more than make-believe; in the cold light of reality it matters nothing if Dublin wins the All Ireland or Chelsea wins the Premier League. My dictionary defines sport as "A game or pastime played to an agreed set of rules." The historian, the scientist and the philosopher treat the playing field with lofty disdain. I once enraged a group of sport lovers by arguing that a World Cup Final, an All Ireland or a Triple Crown match were fundamentally on par with a group of children playing on the street. Yet many of the qualities displayed on a sport field are indeed real and worthy of admiration; who would not warm to the skills and flair of a Pele or a Muhammed Ali; the courage of the competitor who fights on though facing defeat, the underdog defying the odds to snatch victory.

Of my own soccer career I shall say little; a team mate once told me I was as useful on a soccer pitch as a double bed in a convent. I had the ability to read a game and think up clever moves; the problem was that by the time the information reached my feet, play had moved to the other end of the pitch. A sympathetic manager tried me in several positions; right back, left back, half back, outside left and outside right. Eventually, he decided by best position was left outside; and there, for most of my short career, is where I stayed. It reached a stage where I was only picked to play during flue epidemics and sudden death among my team mates relatives.

Today I take little interest in sport; whether is be the grumpiness of old age I can't say, but many games, and soccer in particular, are marred by blatant cheating. The spectacle of well paid professionals diving, and rolling around the ground in feigned agony is not a pleasant sight. And the English disease, football hooliganism, is now a feature of the game on the continent as well; it's a sign of the times I suppose. Michael Parkinson is quoted as saying that "Premier League football is a multi-million pound industry with the aroma of a blocked toilet and the principles of a knocking shop". It seems I'm not the only one getting old.

**Tony wishes the  
Community a very  
Happy Christmas.**



# Tony Byrne – A Football Profile – The Early Years *(Compiled by Paddy McGauley)*

Tony was born not a stone's throw from St. Andrew's School, Pearse Street. Indeed Tony attended St. Andrew's in the early forties. He always loved sport and played hurling and Gaelic football for St. Andrews. Each day there would always be a game in the school yard at break time and dinner time. In Townsend Street where Tony was born and reared, a schoolboy's team was formed by a local docker, Barney Farrell. At this time the schoolboy leagues were not even formed. Barney paid for everything, including a set of jerseys, knicks and stockings. He carried all these to every game he arranged. He would go anywhere to get us a least a game a week. Barney called the team St Mary's, City Quay. During the week he would march us all up to Stephens Green to train; mostly running up and down the field and also we had a little ball play. As we had only one ball, we had we had to make sure it was not damaged. We were often run out of the Green (as we called it) as no football was allowed there.

In the teenage years Tony played a lot of football on the road with what was called a bouncer (a rubber ball). The lads bought it for a 1/6d. The money was collected from any one who wanted to play. What happened next was a blessing for our group. It was in the shape of Brú Pádraig in 14 Upper Mount Street. The lads I had grown up with all joined this youth club. Tony and seven of his friends played on one of our junior teams. They had a big advantage over the other teams as they knew each other's play. For the next few years we won a lot of trophies for the club. But it was time for Tony to move again. This time it was to Markievicz Celtic. This team was founded in 1952. Tony played for St. Marks for a few years. Indeed the lads were still together it was while playing in the Sheeran Cup Final. Probably by pure luck Sam Prole, who owned Drumcondra Football Club asked Tony to sign for his club and play in the League of Ireland. Of course Tony agreed and said yes. Talk about being in the right place at the right time. At the same time, Ireland were playing in the qualifying rounds of the 1960 Olympic Games. Ireland was drawn in the group which included England and Holland. A week before the England game, Mr Prole sent for Tony to tell him that he was picked to play to play against England. The match took place in Brighton and Hoves ground. The score was a draw. A couple of weeks later, Tony went to Holland with the Irish team. Mick McGrath, a fellow player at Drums with Tony turned out as the outside left. This team drew the match (again). England went through as winners of the group. In 1960 Tony got married and was approached by a scout for Holyhead Town. They played in the Welsh league. He told Tony that five players from Dublin were playing for Holyhead Town and offered Tony £7.00 sterling plus expenses per week. It was a lot of money in 1960 as a week's



wage work for a tradesman was under £10.00.

Tony trained in Grangegorman's ground and every Friday night the lads would meet at the ferry terminal at Dúnlaoghre to travel to Holyhead. The ferry left Dublin at 12 midnight and got into Holyhead at 2.30 or 3.00 am on Saturday morning. A committee man from Holyhead Town would meet us and bring us to one of their houses to get a few hours sleep. Then they would collect us at lunch time and drive us to whatever club ground were due to play in that particular day. Sometimes, it could be up to 60 miles away. After the game, you went for dinner and the rest of the evening was your own time. Then we had to be at the Holyhead ferry terminal at 2.00am in the morning for the 3.30am sailing back to Dublin. Sometimes the sea could be very rough which was not nice. But we arrived back in Dublin at 6.30am in the morning. It is worth remembering that the ferries of the sixties were not like today. You often had to sit on benches on the deck. Tony stuck it out for one season and then packed it in and met up with his old team mates. All were working in the Gas Company in Pearse Street. They asked me to play for them and I was delighted to be asked to play for them and be back with my old friends again. And what a season 1964 was! – What with winning the

League and the Cup. We got into the quarter finals of the Leinster Senior Cup. We drew Home Farm. They were always formidable foes. We were leading right through the game but they drew level at extra time 3 – 3 all. Home Farm won 4 – 2 on penalties and went to win the tournament. This was the first tournament in Europe to be decided by a penalty shoot out. The team had a good 2 years with Dublin Gas. We then got word that Liffey Wanderers were reforming and were seeking a half crown from anyone interested in joining Liffey's. Liffey Wanderers were founded in 1885 and most of my group of friends had connections with the club – like grandfathers or fathers who had played for team or served on the committee. In we won the three in a row in the We won the League 3 times in succession in 1967, 1968 and 1969. My father was a committee man in the thirties. Tony played for included Shelbourne FC and St Patrick's Athletic for a short time. One player from the old Liffey's went on to play for Manchester United. His name was Paddy Connell. He (Paddy) also went to manage Barcelona in 1936, winning the Cup with them. Recently Tony and friends starred in documentary about Paddy Connell and his extraordinary career as an Irishman managing Barcelona.



We are getting so used to bad news and to people predicting dreadful things for us into the future, that the best thing is often to ignore them completely and carry on regardless. With the economy the way it is, it's hard to know who to believe, what to believe, or what to expect next week, let alone next year. In the case of our children growing up, what can we possibly predict for their future.

I have long since given up listening to the so called experts on these issues telling us what to expect or what we should be doing with the banks or with our money. However there is one debate that I am following very closely and listening with great interest because it is going to have a huge effect on my work into the future and on the health of many of the children and young adults growing up around me.

This is the great debate about obesity and diabetes in our country and specifically in our children. Many people will say you only need to drop your children at the school gate to get some idea of how over-weight some of them have become and to get some idea of the extent of the problem. This should leave you in no doubt but that we have a problem, but we need to then go to the research to get a clear idea of how big this problem is.

It was fairly easy to predict that the Irish economy would crash because other countries went through what we experienced in this country and they duly blew up. So all we have to do is look around to see what's going to happen in the medical field in the future as all these obese children move into adulthood. The Americans clearly warned the world 30 years ago that obese children grew into obese adults who then developed diabetes. We all smiled and said it would not happen in Europe and then England, France and Italy gradually followed the USA one by one. Now in Ireland we have a major study following 11,000 children through life, tracking their growth and development, and we hope to be able to plan our schools and colleges, our housing policy and our hospitals and health services as a result of the information we get from this study.

And guess what the first major problem is? The enormous number of our children who are over-weight and obese. As sure as night follows day, a certain percentage of these children will go on to develop diabetes. I am going to touch on the reasons why our children are putting on weight – I really want to focus on diabetes as the 14th November was World Diabetes Day and a lot of efforts were made to educate people about it.

# Doctor O' Cleirigh

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We all have hormones in our bodies. Men joke about the wife and her hormones when World War III breaks out at home. Men

equate their hormones with aggression and virility. Many people will have heard of the thyroid gland and the hormone it produces. Hormones are needed by the body to function properly. The pancreas sits in just behind your stomach and it produces a hormone called insulin, which plays an important role in helping the body use the sugar we eat in our diet.

The food we eat is made up of three major parts – protein, fat and carbohydrate. There are hundreds of other minerals, vitamins and trace chemicals in food but over 99% of it is made up of the big three. For

carbohydrate read sugar, because the body breaks all of the carbohydrates down to sugar in order to absorb it into the blood from the stomach. There are so many things to be said about food in diabetes that it would fill another article. However once this sugar appears in the blood then the body needs insulin to move it into our cells, where it can be used for energy or stored for future use. If the pancreas cannot produce insulin, or cannot produce enough of it, the sugar stays in the blood stream and gradually, slowly and without any early warning system, the high sugar levels damage the lining of the blood vessels.

This is the key to knowing why diabetes does damage and to explaining why it does so much damage to so many different parts of the body. The high sugar levels damage the delicate lining of the smallest blood vessels in every single corner of the body. Therefore not a single organ or body part is left unaffected by diabetes. The small vessels of the heart are damaged, leading to increased risk of heart attack. The brain is affected leading to increased risk of stroke. The liver, kidneys and other internal organs get damaged. The large blood vessels and the long nerves going down to the hands and feet are affected leading to poor circulation and loss of feeling in the limbs. The blood vessels in the eyes are damaged and diabetes is one of the greatest causes of blindness in this country.

The simple way of looking at this is to say that an obese person is eating too much and therefore needs more insulin. After a number of years the pancreas gets worn out and the insulin levels drop. The sugar stays in the blood and starts to do its damage. That person can walk around for years with high sugar levels and not know it but the damage is slowly and gradually getting worse. If they are lucky they may go for a blood test or a general health check-up and discover the high sugar levels and then treatment can start.

Many people have a vague idea that diabetics drink a lot of fluids, or are thirsty a lot of the time, or pass a lot of urine. It's also a strong belief that eating a lot of sweet things will bring on diabetes. While there is a tiny grain of truth in the idea of thirst, none of this applies to 99% of cases of diabetes. The vast majority of people with early diabetes are walking around feeling fine with no hint whatsoever that the blood sugar levels are gone up. Eating a lot of sweet things will probably increase your weight, which then increases your risk of developing diabetes in 5 or 10 years time. Eating a lot of chocolates is not a sign that you now have diabetes.

So what are the signs to look out for. Well as we said above, the vast majority of people feel fine initially and it comes as a total shock to them when they are told their blood sugar level is high. Some will report a vague sense of tiredness or a lack of energy. Infections of certain types can be more common in people in the early stages of diabetes and this will usually trigger the doctor to check the blood sugar. This does not mean colds or common viral infections. We are talking here about skin infections and in particular things like infections in the groin, in the belly button, in the genital area and also things like thrush in the mouth.

The simple test to do here is to check the blood sugar level. Diabetics are used to doing that with a small machine known as a glucometer and some of them would check it three or four times per day. For those who know what they are doing, it takes less than a minute to get a result. Most GP's should be able to do the same while you are sitting there telling them your symptoms. However this test is only a general screening test and the result does not immediately confirm diabetes. However in the majority of cases it does tell you straight away that you do NOT have diabetes, when your sugar level is normal.

The sugar level goes up and down during the day depending on what you eat and more importantly when you eat. If the level is high at any time during the course of the day then you need to check the blood after a period of fasting. This means testing the blood first thing in the morning after a night's sleep, assuming of course that you didn't sneak down to the kitchen during the early hours.

Unfortunately nothing in medicine is ever simple and straight forward. Some people may have a normal morning sugar level today but within a year they may have become diabetic because the risk increases as we get older. Others have what we call impaired glucose tolerance which means they are not diabetic at present but are heading in that direction unless they lose weight. Other people have plenty of insulin but their body becomes resistant to it so they need a different type of treatment.

A fear many people have is that they will end up needing to inject themselves with insulin every day.

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However for the vast majority, treatment involves a change of diet, weight loss and the possibility of some tablets. Eating chocolate does not

cause diabetes but now that you have diabetes you need to eliminate or control a lot of the sweet and sugary things you have grown fond of. Nothing is barred from your diet. It's a question of balance – the amount of sugar you put into your body needs to be measured against the sugar readings in your blood so that they level out to a safe degree. Everything in moderation should be the new motto.

The chances of getting diabetes increases with age but doctors have failed to find a way of stopping age increases. On the other hand weight gain is the single greatest reversible cause of diabetes and the simple fact is that if you reduced your weight you reduce the risk of diabetes. If you already have diabetes, weight loss can in many cases get rid of it completely, but in all cases will bring about significant improvements in your sugar levels and reduce your need for medication. As my kids often say to me "Dad – it's a no-brainer!!!"



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It seems like a while ago but this is the first Link since the South Docks in July, and what a week.

The weather was terrific more people attended than ever before and we are already looking forward to the next festival.

The Festival this year had some 24 events. An initial review of proceedings has found very few areas for improvement. The week kicked off with a launch in the Waterways Centre an *Unreal Tournament* in St. Andrews (we won) and a Dinner Dance in the evening and that was just day one. The week progressed and more people again were involved than previously. So as the pace of the week picked up so did the numbers, more people attended than ever before and more people volunteered than ever before. This year we decided to move the Fair in the Square to Pearse Square so the Parade route took in City Quay Pearse Street Grand Canal Street and Maken Street ending up back on Pearse Street.

Feedback about the new location for the fair was universally positive. Despite a problem with one of the huge slides the Fair in the Square was a raging success. The Entertainment was excellent and this year for the third time we had Reiki and other stands providing more of a fair type atmosphere in Pearse Square.

The Children's Talent show was divided into two separate shows again this year which gave us two shows that were age related and we could double the number of people that could attend. Both shows filled the hall both and were excellent shows and great entertainment for all present a real tribute to the performers and the large number of volunteers that make that make the shows possible.

Finance was a real worry this year and in these times it will continue to be.

So already we have started to plan for next year. We are reviewing this year still and we are thinking that we need to build on what was achieved this year.

If you feel that you would like to contribute, to help or to support the Festival in some way please do not hesitate to contact anyone of the Committee Members, Organisers or myself. The South Docks Festival is run wholly by volunteers who give their time and expertise freely and everyone's input is welcome. Also if you attended a festival event this year or have any comment to make about the Festival



good or bad do please feel free to contact me directly the number is below.

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# LIFFEY WANDERERS F.C. A History — Centenary Year 1885-1985 – PART 4

**These photographs are a tribute to all of these men who showed great involvement and community spirit in maintaining and keeping the tradition of the dockside alive in the name of Liffey Wanderers.**

**To these men and women like them we owe a great debt of sincere thanks.**



*Alec Kane*



*Paddy 'Harrier' Mitten*



*Paddy 'Poppel' Kelly*



*Mick Finn*



*Jem Doyle*



*Willie Hunt*



*Paddy Moran*



*Christy Grace*



*Christy Murphy*



*John Maguire*



*Mattie Gannon*

It had been a decade of divided loyalties, years of gun fighting in the Dublin streets and beyond them, the thunder of distant battles. But now the dust of faraway warfare began to settle. Many of the veterans – men who had fought in the trenches or who had defied the Black and Tans or who had gone down to the sea in ships – came drifting back to City Quay and the life of the Dublin Docks. They came to older, deeper loyalties. And for many of the sportsmen among them it was a return to their first allegiance, Liffey Wanderers, a football club which had all but succumbed to the pressures of the previous decade.

Almost, but not quite ... A few of the old crowd got together one evening, men like 'Gull' Kelly, John Fields, Willie Stone, Christy Kane and over a few jars fell to reminiscing about the "good old days". Then, inevitably, someone came up with the question: "What's the chances of re-organising the club and putting a team together? Maybe even enter it in the Junior Championship League? Why not?"

A committee was quickly formed – Willie Stone as Chairman, the capable John Fields as Honorary Secretary, and with 'Gull' Kelly, Christy Mitten, Harry Harney, Christy Kane and Jem Carpenter in support. Almost as rapidly a strong, energetic and enthusiastic team was put together: Jack Cummins, G. Hanlon, R. Townsend, J. Fitzpatrick, W. Byrne, U. O'Beirne, Christy Mitten (captain), Alec Kane, J. Nevin and M. Malone.

The team commenced training, entered the League in the 1924-25 season – and went on to win it without defeat, having played 26 games, winning 24 and drawing 2!

It was indeed a remarkable feat by any standards and a most dramatic comeback to the Dublin soccer scene. Some would say almost too dramatic, for the rapid success had something of a quality of a fire that quickly flames and then just as quickly, gutters and burns itself out. The sudden death of the club's secretary, John Fields, not only deprived Liffey Wanderers of an able administrator and the driving force behind the team, but also seriously damaged morale and organisation. For a

couple of seasons the club teetered on the brink of extinction until, in 1927 a worthy successor to the late Secretary was found in the person of Alec Kane.

Kane succeeded in getting another young team together and entering it in the Sunday Junior Alliance (Div. III). Liffey Wanderers finished on top of the League table with a few points to spare and, for good measure, became the first club to win the Sunday Junior Shield. They defeated Navan United 2-1 at Shamrock Rovers ground in the final and thus were the first ever team to have its name emblazoned on the brand new trophy.

*To be continued in Easter issue*



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*Mount Street Vocational School – Bohemian Shield 1971 Winning Team.  
Front Row: Jayo Wheafer, Derek Hogan, Jackie Bailey, Paul Gregg (2nd right at the back), Domo Nangle (4th from left on front row), Sparrow Whelan, and Fr. Clarke (Chaplain). Apologies for the rest of the team are not known to us.*

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## **A Stroll down Townsend Street by Sonny Kinsella**

As I stroll down Townsend Street on this nice spring morning in the year 2012, I'm making my way to St. Andrew's Resource Centre. I am no stranger to it, as I was a pupil there when it was a National School. As I walk past No. 161 The Old House where I was born, it's no longer there, but I can still visualise it in my mind as if it was today. But just like the rest of the street,

all the old houses were demolished many years ago. The street has changed immensely since my school days when it was alive with the hustle and bustle of horse drawn traffic from all the local Coal Yards and Builders Providers too. Motor traffic was getting more popular and the roads were getting more dangerous for the cyclist going and coming from work. As I pass by Spring Garden Lane where Ryan's Pub was on one side and Heitons Garage on the other side. In my mind I can see the coal lorries pulling in after their day's work is over and the men going into Ryan's Pub to quench their thirst before going home, I can also visualise the children coming from school, with their school bags (not back packs) playing games as they make their way home to dinner before going back out to play on the street. I'm now crossing Shaw Street where my memory goes back to when I played for Popil Kelly's Shaw Villas, one of the many soccer teams in the street. On the corner was a pub where some of the old timers stood smoking their pipe and passing the time away. Joey Alwell's Dairy is next and this also takes me back to the days when you could get a pint of butter milk or fresh cream milk with a snow cake, a cream slice or whatever you'd like, many is the docker who cleared his thirst with a pint of Joey's butter milk and a gur cake. After working on the coal boats, Francie Connolly's Bottle Store was next door to Joey's where I often sold the jam jars, stout bottle, and baby Powers for the price of a Palace cinema ticket. Then there was "Happy Valley" I stop and think for a while, nostalgia takes over me, here I am looking at a

new shop where once stood "Happy Valley" where you could get anything from a needle to an anchor from Mrs. Clarke, the owner who also sold lovely ginger beer and raspberry. Also a choice of all kinds of cake. I can't help feeling a bit sad on reflections of the past as I wipe a little tear from the eye. I now pass on by Mark Street and Markievicz House and remember the time when the nuns from Townsend Street School ran a dinner canteen on the ground floor of the flats for a number of years. The nuns did all the cooking and from 12.30 p.m. the neighbours could bring up their pots, jugs or anything that could hold a dinner for just a few pence and if you could afford it you could have a lovely bowl of creamed rice for your afters. On what lovely memories. I stand back and look towards Tara Street and visualise the old steam train crossing over the railway bridge, smoke billowing from its funnel and the people waving out of the windows as it makes its way out to Blackrock, Seapoint, Dun Laoghaire and Bray where they will spend the day at the seaside and the fun fairs then coming home in the late evening exhausted. I move on past Lombard Street where Greasy Belly had his shop and not far away was Rue Jordan's vegetable shop, all the cabbage, potatoes and fruit was fresh from the market. Then I look towards the wide end of the street towards Pearse House and Misery Hill where once stood the weigh house in the centre of the wide road where all the coal lorries and horse drawn carts would have to be weighed before deliveries. This end of the street was still cobblestone road. Now all that is gone and it's now a one way street divided by an island in the middle of the road. You would want to have a heart of stone not to be touched by the memories from the past. My journey is coming to an end as I head on into Pearse Street and make my way to my old school which is now St. Andrew's Resource Centre, staffed by a great bunch of people, where you feel at home when you enter the portals of this lovely old building where I enjoy having a chat and a cup of tea with my old friends, Paddy and Gerry.



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# RINGSEND COLLEGE NEWS

Here in the College the things are very busy as usual:

## SECOND LEVEL SCHOOL

### Results

Leaving Cert and Junior Cert results were warmly received and there were smiling faces all round.

### Academics

The English Department held a whole school spelling contest on Friday 28th of September and prizes were awarded per year group. This was to mark International Spelling Day on the 30th of September.

## MUSIC

### Guitar classes

Set up since the 5th of October with The Musical Youth Foundation. 9 students participating. Some seniors taking part. To earn their Gaisce award. Two students continuing from last year and the rest new.

### Keyboard

Tuesday morning classes ongoing with Eoin Tierney from Kylemore College. Two 5th year students now taking up Music for the Leaving Cert.

### Languages

*European Day of Languages – September 26th*

Packs from the Leargas website and posters, stickers etc were provided for interested teachers who carried out quizzes and other activities in class.

### Sports

Our annual Sports Day held on the 5th of September in Ringsend Park got the year off to a great start. All Year groups participate in many different trials the teams range from Seniors to new first year students. Each team is colour coded and there is ferocious competition. The winning Team wins the prize of an ice skating experience at Christmas time. In the area of sports, both our girl and boy football teams have represented us very well in many inter schools events.

### Supporting our students

Our school supports structure has facilitated workshops on Cyber Bullying and Mental Health Awareness.

## FUND RAISING

### Hospice Morning

Friday 21st September-Whole School event. Managed by 3rd yr Students and their teachers. €730 was raised.

### Jersey Day

Students and teachers raised €187 for Goal. They wore their own Sports Jerseys and clothes and contributed €2 or more on the day to support this good cause.

## STUDENT ENRICHMENT THROUGH BUSINESS LINKS

### Junior Achievement

Several courses on the 'Economics of staying in school' are To be run with industry volunteers with the Junior Cycle classes this year.

### Business in the Community

The fifth year students will be working with mentors from CISCO through the BITC programme as part of their Link Modules on Enterprise and Preparation for the World of Work.

## LINKS WITH OUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### Numeracy

A numeracy link teacher has been nominated to link between the Primary schools and Ringsend College in order to create a Maths bridge between Primary and Post Primary.

### Home Economics

Marion Nugent, the Home Economics teacher held an introduction to cookery for the boys from St Patrick's BNS on Wednesday 10th October. The boys prepared and cooked their own lunch. A big success!

### Outdoor Pursuits

The College has a long history of engaging in Outdoor Pursuits. Over the course of the year there will be a range of activities set up for each year group. These range from climbing walls to kayaking and orienteering with a strong emphasis on Team Building Skills to enrich the individual student experiences.

## FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGE

As you will see from our advertisement, opposite on page 23, the College has a number of Further Education courses on offer.

Our three main courses: Computers Systems and Information Technology, PC Maintenance and Business Administration Information Technology & Design have started well and will qualify students in FETAC Level 5 at the end of this academic year.

We have a new BTEI course which has taken off since the beginning of October in Horticulture, Communications, IT and Desktop Publishing. Our core team of students have enthusiastically taken on the challenge of managing an allotment in Ringsend Park and have recently harvest their first crop of tasty Lettuces.

We are now planning a new BTEI course in Information and Communication Technology to include Business and ESOL options and are currently interviewing with a view to starting before the end of the year.

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



# RINGSEND COLLEGE NEWS



On Monday 22nd of September the school had a number of very unusual visitors.... The **'Animal Magic'** Roadshow spent several hours with us in the morning introducing wild and rare creatures to the first and second years. Animal Magic is an Irish organisation which, through education strives to protect the ever dwindling Irish wildlife. The students are currently exploring animal protection and care in several projects through their ESS and CSPE subjects and a visit to the DSPCA is coming up in lat November. The event was very successful, students had the opportunity to hold and learn about many different animals from Ireland and abroad. They learnt about the care needs of exotic species and why illegal importation of these animals is so serious. In all, the morning was thoroughly enjoyable for both teachers and students.

*In the photo: Amy Doyle, 1st yr.*

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# CBS NEWS

## VIVE LA FRANCE!

Several 3rd and 5th year students recently enjoyed an exciting trip to Paris with Mr. Flynn and Mr. Davis. Whilst there, the group soaked up Parisian art and culture. They also visited some of the city's famous landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Arc de Triomphe. The trip ended with a fun filled day at Disneyland Paris.



## CBS WINS JUNIOR CERT SCHOOL'S PROGRAMME NATIONAL TITANIC COMPETITION

Third year students recently attended a prize giving ceremony in the National Library for the JCSP National Titanic Competition. Over 500 schools entered the competition, however CBS emerged victorious, winning 1st place.



As part of the prize, the school was awarded with a new Notebook computer and those involved won a very special trip to Belfast to see the famous Titanic exhibition in October. Well done to all third year students on such a



fantastic achievement!!

## C.B.S PARTICIPATES IN 'GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS' ATTEMPT!

Students from first, second and third year took part in an exciting world record attempt in Fairview on 25th October. Those involved were part of a group of 600 students from various schools around the country aiming to break the record for the 'Largest Schools Snooker Tournament' in the world.



Congratulations to everyone who took part. A special mention goes to Brandon Uzell, Jason O'Toole, Tareek Payne and Glen Roche who were all winners on the day.

CBS Westland Row is unique as it is one of the few schools in Ireland to have snooker tables. During our after-schools programme both girls and boys can practice their snooker skills daily and hone their talent.

## NEW COMPUTER ROOM

During the summer the school's computer room was completely refurbished and modernised. New laptops with internet access and the latest software were installed for the use of all students in the school!



## SNOOKER TOURNAMENT



The 'Stars Academy Dublin U/16 & U/18 Snooker Tournament' got off to a tremendous start in Fairview on Saturday 15th September. Twelve students (Glen Roche, Nathan Ward, Tareek Payne,

Aaron Kerrigan, Adam Deegan, Aaron O'Doherty, Ryan Ellison Ciaran Sheridan, Jamie Wilson, Jason O'Toole, Alan Payne, Shane McDonagh) and one past pupil (Lee Gannon) competed on the day.

Despite high standards of play from his opponents, Nathan Ward reached the semi-finals of the Cup Tournament. Nathan was on top form and played incredibly well. Past pupil Lee Gannon was also on top form and won the Plate Tournament.

Well done to all competitors!

## 'THE ROW'S GOT TALENT' COMPETITION!

CBS Westland Row will be hosting an exciting talent competition, "The Row's got Talent", for all of our budding stars. Students are eagerly preparing their audition pieces with acts varying from singing, dancing and musical pieces to acting, comedy and poetry.



The final 12 acts will perform live in St. Mark's Church in December. It promises to be a fantastic night and there will be great prizes for the winners and a raffle at the event.

## 6th YEAR GEOGRAPHY TRIP

In October 6th year geography students visited Kipure Centre in Co. Wicklow for a day of fun, adventure and of course education!



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT CBS:

- 3rd year CSPE trip to Dáil Éireann
- 6th year English visit to the Helix Theatre to see Macbeth
- CSPE fundraising & talks from Focus Ireland & Make a Wish Foundation
- Christmas Talent Show
- History Trip to see the Jeanie Johnston famine ship
- JCSP Initiatives

*Wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas.*



# THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS by Mary Flrming

Dublin was host to the 50th Eucharistic Congress in the month of June. There were some misgivings leading up to the event because of the current state of the church in Ireland as to whether this was a good time for holding it here. I think anyone who attended any of the many events connected with it will have been impressed with the professional organisation of these events even though the stewarding was carried out by volunteers. Attendances though not huge were very satisfactory and there was a friendliness and reverence in evidence throughout with people going out of their way to be helpful particularly to the very many visitors from round the world who came to celebrate with us. The Pilgrim Walk around seven of the oldest churches in Dublin namely St.

Anne's', Dawson St. St. James, James St. Johns Lane Thomas St. White friar St. St. Michans Halston St. Church St. and the Pro Cathedral Marlborough St. was a typical example. Each church had a team of willing volunteers who helped and guided the pilgrims with friendliness and good humour. The churches were nicely decorated and some even provided a cup of tea for weary walkers.

The final mass in Croke Park was a model of efficient stewarding. Fifty thousand people attended

and all received Holy Communion with a minimum of fuss. Those fortunate enough to be there enjoyed a feast of good music from well known and respected artists such as Fr. Liam Lawton, The Three Tenors, Celine Byrne, The Priests, Gospel and church choirs and the R.T.E. orchestra. The congregation joined in enthusiastically in the hymns during the concelebrated mass and listened to messages from Pope Benedict and the archbishop of Dublin Diarmuid Martin. The President and the Taoiseach were also in attendance and I'm sure like everyone who attended took away lasting memories of a truly wonderful occasion. A special word of praise should go to Fr. Kevin Doran who has spent the last four years preparing for and organising this event, he can now relax after a job well done.



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## CARA LADIES CLUB HALLOWEEN PICTURE SPECIAL



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# **Pacific Emerald** by Denis Ranaghan



*Denis J. Ranaghan*

It is 1958 and again I am on a voyage of a lifetime. A damp tropical breeze drifts towards us and gently embraces us as a mother clasping her lost child to her bosom. We are being enchanted and mesmerised as so many travellers in the past have been before us. This beautiful island has not only been inhabited by Polynesians but also by some Europeans, Chinese and a few other nations including mutineers. We can just see the outline of the island ahead. It is small and dark but I know that will change soon as I have been here before and know. And still that

gentle zephyr is enticing us onward. Would this be similar to that which had tempted thousands before us? I can visualise the feelings of the crew of the Kon Tiki Expedition raft that had literally drifted in from Chile in South America. They had sailed propelled by nothing but the winds and sea currents from Chile in 1950 to prove that the Polynesians had originally had their homeland in South America some two thousand years ago. And did that same breeze coming of the shore welcome the original islanders who had come from Hawaii those thousands of years ago on large ocean going outrigger canoes? It must have as their descendents are still here. And many of whom we will learn about later. And there is that feeling of *de ja vu* in us.

As we slowly sail at reduced speed towards the island memories of things we read about this divine place many years ago and I having been there before are awakened. We are sailing in part of this vast Southern Pacific Ocean the famous and infamous sailed, where bitter, savage battles have been won and lost. Soon we too will walk in their footsteps. We will be walking the same ground for instance that Captain Cook, Captain Bligh with their crews and later mutineers walked.

The ship's bow is now knifing its way through the surf on the outer reef. In another hour or so we will be alongside the jetty. The sea churns on the reef but has no effect on this 15,000 tonne passenger ship. We are now loosing way and slowing down through a lazy, oily swell that has developed to bring the harbour pilot on board to take us in to our berth with just enough steerageway to keep her head on course. As we get closer to this island of dreams and romance we begin to visualise the delights that await us. Now the hills of the island loom higher as we close it and we see the first of the many canoes, mostly outriggers, coming out to meet us being handled so skilfully by brawny natives. They are using paddles, the wind and sea and the canoes slide up and over the oily swells disappearing into the troughs and reappearing seconds later, this is repeated endlessly. And still the local inhabitants are singing and playing music. We can now see the water breaking on the reef that encircles the island with just a narrow gap to allow us to enter an inlet and on to the harbour. We are through the gap, the pilot orders the ship to be swung round so that we are port side on to the jetty and ready to sail out through the reef the next day. Ahead of us is the emerald of the South Pacific.

A new day is now being heralded, the dark sky has lightened and it is getting brighter by the minute. Now it is now turning blue streaked with glorious gold and white clouds. As if by magic the sun is now burning in the sky and the day is warming and we can feel its warmth. The clouds are now disappearing and it is bright daylight. And not far away the darker colours of the forests and woodlands are subtly changing as if changing from nightwear to daywear. Brilliant colours that colour film cannot capture. And a few miles towards the horizon the island of Moorea, another beautiful part of this Pacific Paradise. Beautiful but untouchable as no passenger visit there only inter island schooners with passengers and goods. We are now docked and a few local officials (customs, port authority etc) come on board and the quayside is thronged with men, women and children singing, dancing and playing various musical instruments. Everyone wearing flowered leis or garlands around their shoulders. As I gaze

around the small harbour I can see a few large ocean going yachts, some inter island schooners, and scores of canoes and outriggers of every shape and size throng the harbour. And in the hustle and bustle the canoes and their crews and passengers were coming along side too. Most of them wet from getting too close to the spume from the reef, getting too close to our bow or having jumped over the sides of the canoes swam in the last few yards. Never have I seen such exuberance from so many people, one would think they had been mass hypnotised. The blue sky is now reflected on the sea and the emerald clothed hills rise up the steep slopes of the extinct volcano towards the sky. How puny we are in comparison. Perhaps you are wondering where this mini Paradise is? It is that beautiful island of Tahiti and we are docked in the centre of its principle town Papeete.

Soon after docking we are granted shore leave with the passengers ashore just a short head before us. As we dashed off the gangway there were beautiful Tahitian maids on the quayside putting leis around our necks and giving us kisses on the cheeks. I will always remember the sweet aroma of the coconut oil/soap that they bathed in. Our next stop is down to the bank, French of course Tahiti being one of its colonies, to change our money into Pacific francs. Our next stop is into a colonial type building called the Tahitian Hotel a bit of a misnomer in that it was a glorified pub. But here one could begin to soak up the island atmosphere. After a couple of cold beers it is back up the road to Quinn's Bar about 100 metres away from the ship. Depending on how you look at it Quinn's can be famous or infamous, I prefer the famous. It was supposed to have been built by an Irish explorer in the mid 1800's and was named after that Irish explorer but the details are immersed in myth and legend. Now the serious drinking begins. It is just like the tropical bars one sees in a movie a wooden floor, bar, stools and stage behind the bar. On stage Polynesian music is continually played, loud enough to hear but not loud enough to drown conversations with both male and female (vahines) Tahitians. Their beauty comes from being mixed race. We have many dances with the local girls, they might do local dances and lose us but it was all in good fun. I can still hear their laughter and giggles. Some might wear the mu mu dresses others the sarongs and a very few in more western style dress but we didn't mind what they wore as we were all having a wonderful time. Great times had by all indeed.

Suddenly the lights are switched off, the front doors closed and a fast paced drumming begins not on the stage but somewhere behind us. The drums are of the type made out of a length of a small tree trunk and the rhythm beaten out with sticks. I suppose you could say like jungle drums but these are more sophisticated. As the drums seem to come to a crescendo the lights come on at the back of the bar and there on a stage raised about two metres off the ground are two men are furiously drumming and in front of them six beautiful Tahitian girls doing the hula dance. Clad only in grass skirts and very brief bras they danced and gyrated at a speed equal to the drumming. Of course we stand there eyes and mouths open in surprise and amazement. Now this was hula dancing at its best not the watered down version we see in the movies although less indecent than in Captain Cook's visits. Suddenly and together the drumming and dancing stops and the back lights go out. The main lights come on again and the front doors open again. After a brief interlude the cheers and clapping begin. This was a regular feature in Quinn's. They might not dance again for half an hour or more but then again they could repeat their performance within a few minutes. We go back aboard the ship to do some work and in the evening when we are finished for the day ashore we go again. Again we receive more leis and kisses and straight over to Quinn's. Here it is much the same as earlier but the bar closes about nine o'clock. But there is a night club called the Lafayette out in the country. How to get there? Now a quaint operation begins as there are no buses on the island. Easy. Lorries that are used during the day to deliver goods around the island have sets of benches arranged along the sides and this transforms them into "buses". Health and Safety? Ha, Ha. Ha.

# **Pacific Emerald** by Denis Ranaghan



The Lafayette is always alive with music and dancing and it is sometimes difficult to dance with the same partner for too long but it is great fun. One time you are dancing with a girl who could be Miss South Pacific and next with Dracula's grandmother. If you have really bad luck you end up dancing with a female passenger from the ship. One of the crew has met this beautiful French girl with a glorious figure, terrific good looks and soft French accent and gets more than one dance with her. His luck is in but suddenly the bubble burst when the crew member put a hand on her where he really shouldn't and her voice becomes gruff and utters those immortal words in English "Get your hands off me mush". It is one of the crew from our ship who has dressed up local style for a bet. The whole place erupts with laughter from crew, Tahitian, French, the lot. And the poor bloke has to wait another hour or two before the club closes and no more dances.

And so we go back to the ship, climbing the gangway tired out. But not all the crew have returned as some have struck up a firm partnership with a few of the local maidens. All too soon it is morning and back to work. At around seven o'clock we are preparing sail and find out that we are a few crew members short. Every few minutes there are long blast from the ships horn to alert those still adrift that we are about to sail and it is a long swim to New Zealand to catch us up. It is great fun to lean on the rails on the upper decks and see men coming at half trot from different directions. One or two riding bicycles that they have "borrowed" and leave on the quayside. And we are still six or seven crew missing. One comes running along with his trousers wet from the knees down. It seems he and his girl friend asleep on the balcony of a hotel under a canopy. It poured with rain during the night and his legs had been stretched out beyond the canopy.

Now the gangway is hauled up and we cast off. The Captain gives three long mournful blasts on the ships horn, the traditional farewell to the port. With the pilot on board the ships engines go on slow ahead as we ease off the quay and bring the bow round to face the opening in the reef some few hundred yards. We cast envious glances at beautiful Moorea and Tahiti but then think we have had a great few hours ashore. As we clear the opening in the reef we slow down completely to drop the pilot we see the pilot boat coming up astern. As it comes alongside the pilot ladder hanging over the side we make an exchange. The last crew members come on board and we drop the pilot. There is a quick blast from the ships horn and a whistle from the pilot boat in salutes and we hear and feel the ships engines slowing going up to full speed as we make our course for New Zealand. But before that we all keep up a tradition as we throw our leis over the side. There is a belief among the Polynesians that if the lei drifts back to the shore they will return, if they drift out to sea they will never return. I can see mine floating but as we alter course it is lost to sight so I do not know if I will return to this precious and wonderful Pacific Emerald that I'd known as Tahiti.

As we leave Tahiti we will pass close to other Pacific Emeralds such as the aforementioned Moorea, Bora Bora and Huahine that are in the Society Islands that are part of the Tuamotu Archipelago and all

of these beautiful islands are but dots in the vast Pacific Ocean. Did my lei drift ashore and did I ever go back to the Pacific Emerald? Only the Pacific Emerald and I know

## NOTES

**Mutiny.** Due to poor conditions on HMS Bounty under the command of Captain Bligh many of the crew mutinied and took the ship leaving Captain Bligh and a few others to make their own way to safety. The mutineers returned to Tahiti and some later settled on Pitcairn Island.

**Interisland schooners.** These small sailing vessels that did regular trading between the Pacific Islands along with converted sea planes.

**Mu Mu and Sarong.** A mu mu was a long, loose dress that was supported by the breasts and reached to the ankles. Sarongs were wide wrap around skirts tucked in at the waist that could be worn by either men or women. Sometimes the women had a single slit in the sarong up to the thigh.

**Leis** (pronounced "lays"). Leis were garlands that were put around the neck by locals on all the Pacific Islands. There were made from different, scented, coloured flowers such as camellias, hibiscus and Bougainvillea.

**Loosing way.** This is when a ship starts to slow down at a gradual speed.

**Steerageway.** This is when the ship is just moving enough for the helmsman to steer her.

**Three blasts.** Three blasts on the ships horn or whistle is the traditional fare well when leaving port. When a ship leaves her last port homeward the three longer blasts are sounded. The three blasts are also sounded after the Burial at Sea Service. Always very sad.

**Pilot ladder.** A long rope ladder with flat, wooden rungs that is dropped from the deck of the ship to the waterline to enable pilots (those who guide ships in and out of ports and dangerous parts of coastlines).

**Denis wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas.**



# DR. SAMUEL MUDD



Dr. Samuel Alexander Mudd was born on December 20, 1833, on a large plantation in Charles County, Maryland. He was the son of Henry Lowe Mudd and his wife, Sarah Ann Reeves. As a youngster, Sam enjoyed swimming, fishing, hunting, and weekend trips with his dad. He attended public schools for two years, and Miss Peterson, a governess hired by his father, also tutored him. At age 14 he entered St. John's College in Frederick, Maryland. He stayed for two years. He then attended Georgetown College in Washington, D.C. In 1854 Mudd transferred to the University of Maryland in Baltimore and studied medicine and surgery. He graduated from that institution in 1856.

After graduation Dr. Mudd returned home and began life as a practicing physician and farmer. On November 26, 1857, he married Sarah Frances Dyer, his childhood sweetheart. The Mudds' first child, Andrew, was born in November of 1858. By 1859 the Mudds had a farm of their own. It was located about five miles north of Bryantown, Maryland, and 30 miles south of Washington, D.C. In 1860 the Mudds second child, Lillian Augusta, was born. Two more sons were born in 1862 and 1864. During the Civil War, Dr. Mudd was a Confederate sympathizer and member of the Confederate underground. On Sunday, November 13, 1864 John Wilkes Booth first met Dr. Mudd at St. Mary's Church near Bryantown, Maryland. Evidence indicates a second meeting of the two men took place around December 18 at the Bryantown Tavern. Then, on December 23, the two men met yet again in front of Booth's hotel (the National Hotel) in Washington, D.C. Booth wanted Dr. Mudd to introduce him to the Confederate courier, John Surratt. Walking along 7th Street, the men came upon none other than Louis Weichmann and John Surratt! Booth invited all three men up to his hotel room for a drink. Depending on one's point of view, the discussion and events at this "meeting" were either totally innocent or "suspicious." After he shot Lincoln, Booth broke his left leg in his leap to the stage at Ford's Theatre. Needing a doctor's assistance, he and David Herold arrived at Dr. Mudds (about 30 miles from Washington) at approximately 4:00 A.M. on April 15, 1865. Dr. Mudd set, splinted, and bandaged the broken leg. (The National Park Service photograph to the left shows Booth's boot which Dr. Mudd removed when he treated the leg.) Although he had met Booth on at least three prior occasions, Dr. Mudd said he did not recognize his patient. He said the two used the names "Tyson" and "Henston." Booth and Herold stayed at the Mudd residence until the next afternoon (roughly a 12-hour stay). Dr. Mudd asked his handyman, John Best, to make a pair of rough crutches for Booth. Dr. Mudd was paid \$25 for his services. Booth and Herold left in the direction of Zekiah Swamp.

Within days Dr. Mudd was under arrest by the United States Government. He was charged with conspiracy and with harboring Booth and Herold during their escape. He went on trial along with Lewis Powell, George Atzerodt, Mary Surratt, David Herold, Edman 'Ned' Spangler, Samuel Arnold, and Michael O'Laughlen. In court witnesses described Dr. Mudd as the most attentive of the accused. He was dressed in a black suit with a clean white shirt. Testimony against the

doctor at the trial included his harsh treatment of some of his slaves. He shot one male slave (who survived). New information regarding Dr. Mudd surfaced in 1977. A previously unknown statement by conspirator George Atzerodt indicated that John Wilkes Booth had sent liquor and provisions to Dr. Mudd's home two weeks prior to the assassination. Like the other defendants, Dr. Mudd was found guilty. His sentence: life imprisonment. He missed the death penalty by one vote.

Dr. Mudd was imprisoned at Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas about 70 miles from Key West. Dr. Mudd was allowed to stay in mail contact with his wife. Mrs. Mudd also wrote letters to President Andrew Johnson seeking her husband's release. An attempted escape failed on September 25, 1865. In February of 1867 Dr. Mudd was assigned to the prison's carpentry shop. In the summer of 1867, yellow fever broke out on the island. After the fort's physician died on September 7, Dr. Mudd took a leadership role in aiding the sick. Dr. Mudd, himself, came down with the disease but recovered. Michael O'Laughlen was one of those who passed away due to the epidemic. Because of his outstanding efforts, all noncommissioned officers and soldiers on the island signed a petition to the government in support of Dr. Mudd.

Early in 1869 a courier from the United States Governor knocked on the front door of the Mudd farm. When Mrs. Mudd answered, the man handed her an envelope which said, *"From the President of the United States. Please sign this receipt to certify that I have delivered it to you. If you have a reply, I shall return it for you."* Mrs. Mudd opened the envelope and found a letter written on White House stationery. It read:

Dear Mrs. Mudd:

As promised, I have drawn up a pardon for your husband, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd. Please come to my office at your earliest convenience. I wish to sign it in your presence and give it to you personally.

Sincerely,

ANDREW JOHNSON,

President of the United States of America

Mrs. Mudd went to the White House the next morning. There the president signed and delivered to her the papers for the release of her husband. The date of the pardon was February 8, 1869.

Dr. Mudd was released from Fort Jefferson on March 8 and arrived home on March 20. He had served somewhat less than four years in prison. He partially regained his medical practice and lived a quiet life on the farm.

Dr. Mudd's father passed away in 1877. In January of 1878 Dr. Mudd's youngest daughter and ninth child, Mary Eleanor ("Nettie"), was born. In January of 1883 Dr. Mudd had a busy schedule with many sick patients during a harsh winter. On New Year's Day he put on his muffler and overshoes and called on patients. He came down with a severe cold. He was running a fever and had to remain in bed. As the days progressed, the fever rose. On January 10th, 1883, Dr. Mudd died of pneumonia or pleurisy at the age of 49. He was buried in St. Mary's cemetery next to the Bryantown church where he first met Booth in 1864. Sarah Frances, who was buried next to him, lived until November 29, 1911.

# DR. SAMUEL MUDD

Dr. Mudd's descendants, most notably Dr. Richard Mudd (1901-2002) of Saginaw Michigan, worked indefatigably to clear his name of any complicity with John Wilkes Booth. A petition (petitioner Richard D. Mudd, M.D.) was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (case No. 1:97CVO2946) bringing suit against the Secretary of the Army, Togo West et.al., ordering the Archivist of the United States to correct the records in his possession by showing that Dr. (Samuel A.) Mudd's conviction was set aside pursuant to action taken under 10 U.S.C. sec. 1552.", and that the court "order the payment of Petitioner's costs in bringing this action,..." On July 22, 1998, U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman said he would rule soon, and on Thursday, October 29, 1998, he ordered the Army to reconsider the conviction of Dr. Mudd. Friedman said the Army's recent rulings (see below) against the request were arbitrary. The following decision was announced on March 9, 2000: SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) - The U.S. Army has rejected an appeal to overturn the 1865 conviction of Dr. Samuel Mudd as an accomplice in the escape of John Wilkes Booth after the Lincoln assassination. Mudd's 99-year-old grandson, Dr. Richard Mudd of Saginaw, has waged a long campaign to clear his grandfather's name. But Army Assistant Secretary Patrick T. Henry rejected the latest request to throw out Samuel Mudd's conviction by a military court. Henry said his decision was based on a narrow question - whether a military court had jurisdiction to try Samuel Mudd, who was a civilian. "I find that the charges against Dr. Mudd (i.e., that he aided and abetted President Lincoln's assassins) constituted a military offense, rendering Dr. Mudd accountable for his conduct to military authorities," he wrote in Monday's decision.

On March 14, 2001, Judge Friedman rejected Richard Mudd's contention that his grandfather should not have been tried by a military court because he was a citizen of Maryland, a state that did not secede from the Union, and thus entitled to a civil trial. John McHale, a Mudd family spokesman, said that an appeal of Judge Friedman's ruling would be filed. On Friday, November 8, 2002, a federal appeals court dismissed the case. Judge Harry Edwards wrote that the law under which the Mudd family was seeking to have Samuel Mudd's conspiracy conviction expunged applied only to records involving members of the military. Although a military tribunal tried Mudd, he was not a member of the military.

## PRO AND CON

In October of 1959 President Dwight D. Eisenhower authorized the placing of a plaque at Fort Jefferson honoring Dr. Mudd's efforts there in the 1867 yellow fever outbreak. Both the Michigan State Legislature (Concurrent Resolution Number 126 adopted in July of 1973) and former President Jimmy Carter have stated their belief in Dr. Mudd's innocence. In a letter dated December 8, 1987, President Ronald Reagan stated his belief that Dr. Mudd was innocent of any wrongdoing. In 1992 the Army Board for the Correction of Military Records recommended that relief be granted Samuel Mudd and his family. William D.

Clark, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army, denied the Board's recommendation. In 1993 a mock trial was held at the University of Richmond. One of the defense attorneys was none other than F. Lee Bailey. The judges hearing the case (one of which was a member of the State Supreme Court of South Carolina) stated that Dr. Mudd's conviction had been a flagrant violation of the United States Constitution.

It must be noted, however, that professional historians and writers who have spent years studying and researching the case differ in their analysis of Dr. Mudd's guilt or innocence. In October 1997 a book titled "His Name is Still Mudd" was published. Written by noted Lincoln scholar Dr. Edward Steers Jr., the book presents the case against Dr. Mudd. It includes incriminating evidence against Dr. Mudd that most people are not generally aware of. Although many assassination experts share Dr. Steers' beliefs about Dr. Mudd, this sentiment is certainly not unanimous among the professionals. However, given the current published research, it's difficult to argue that Mudd was simply an innocent country doctor who set an injured man's broken leg. On the other hand, it should definitely be noted that assassination expert Michael Kauffman makes a good case on Dr. Mudd's behalf in his 2004 publication *American Brutus: John Wilkes Booth and the Lincoln Conspiracies*. On Thursday, June 12, 1997, Rep. Steny Hoyer (D - Maryland) introduced in Congress The Samuel Mudd Relief Act of 1997. Co-sponsored by Rep. Thomas Ewing (R - Illinois), Rep. Robert Borsky (D-Pennsylvania), and Rep. Robert Ehrlich (R-Maryland), the bill, if passed and signed by President Clinton, would direct the Secretary of the Army to set aside the 1865 conviction of Dr. Mudd. In March 1996 Sara E. Lister, Assistant Secretary for the Department of the Army, declined to do what this bill seeks. In the April 1998 *Surratt Courier*, John E. McHale takes a detailed look at the legal aspects of Dr. Mudd's case and explains why he feels the government never proved any kind of complicity by Dr. Mudd. Dr. Edward Steers equally detailed reply is in the June 1998 edition of the *Courier*. The July 1998 *Courier* contains articles on the lawsuit (written by Richard Willing) and further evidence of Dr. Mudd's complicity with Booth (written by the late renowned assassination expert Dr. James O. Hall). The September 1998 issue contains James E.T. Lange's views of the legal issues surrounding the case. In the October 1998 issue, Dr. Edward Steers supports the position taken in Dr. Hall's article in the August issue about whether or not the authorities showed Dr. Mudd a picture of JWB or his brother, Edwin.

Dr. Richard Mudd, who passed away at the age of 101 on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, argued vehemently and sincerely for the innocence of his grandfather. In a taped interview which I listened to on July 7, 1999, Dr. Mudd was extremely articulate, impressive and eloquent in his arguments. Stacy Nelson conducted the interview with Dr. Mudd, and I would like to thank her for sending me a copy of the tape. The photo of Dr. Richard Mudd is from the Associated Press. The effort to exonerate Samuel Mudd will now be carried on by Richard Mudd's son, Thomas B. Mudd.

# ST. ANDREW'S CHILDCARE NEWS

**Hi Everyone ....**

The new term has started and all the children have settled in well. We are all looking forward to Christmas! We are having our Christmas Concert in the Hall on Thursday 20th December at 12.30pm. Everyone is invited. Santa will be coming to visit the children on Friday 21st December at 12.00pm and we will close at 12.30pm for the Christmas break.

Happy Christmas from all the Staff in Childcare. Thank you all for your continued help and co-operation throughout the year.

Best Wishes!

**Martina and all the girls in Childcare.**

*A special welcome to St. Mary's Childcare during the South Dock Festival, I hope you'll like the pictures. (Check out our Halloween Party in the Easter issue!!)*





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 Tuesdays 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.

#### 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.

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



St. Andrew's Resource Centre  
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#### 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>).

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.

The ECDL consists of 3 main components – a syllabus, a skills card and a question of test base, all leading to the European Computer Driving Licence.

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.

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Access	Module 5	8 classes	€70
PowerPoint	Module 6	4 classes	€110
Internet	Module 4	4 classes	€70

Discount cost of ECDL is €450 if all 7 modules are booked together. Theory Module is self study. Cost includes exam fees, official ECDL courseware and ECDL Skills Card.

#### EQUAL SKILLS

Equal Skills is a six and half week course and costs €150. All participants are given a workbook which they will complete during the course. On completion of this they will receive a certificate from the Irish Computer Society.



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**Wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas.**

# Becky Morgans

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*Ian, Family and Staff wish the Community  
a very Happy Christmas.*

*(Pictures of SDF, Jack Wright Quiz Night in Becky Morgans,  
also Debbie).*

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## TEEN PARENTING


### Top Class Parents in City Quay National School

A parenting course took place in City Quay during September/October. It was a great success and all the Mums who took part really enjoyed the experience – some of the quotes from these parents say it all

*'I really enjoyed the course I wish it could have lasted longer' 'the course taught me to be a better parent and take time out, I could have stayed and done another 6 weeks'*

The next parenting course will be in the New Year.

A men only healthy eating and cooking on a budget course is running at the moment in St Andrews and there will be another course in the New Year open to all.



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HEALTHY EATING?**

If the answer is **YES**, then the 'Healthy Food Made Easy' for all course is for you! The project has been running in for the past 6 years and it has become a great success!!!

Course participants have thoroughly enjoyed the courses.  
Some feedback includes:

'Healthy eating is not as expensive as I thought'  
'I love to make my own brown bread now'  
'I have lost weight since starting the course simply by eating healthy and watching portion sizes'

**A six week Course will take place in  
St Andrews Resource Centre  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013**

**What do you need to do?**  
The course is **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Come along and bring a friend with you!  
If you are interested and want to take part  
Contact: Dara Terry  
ph: 01 6771930  
E-mail: [dara.terry@standrews.iem@ballyfermotpartnership.ie](mailto:dara.terry@standrews.iem@ballyfermotpartnership.ie)  
for more information.



Please contact  
Dara Terry  
Family Support  
re either of  
these  
programmes  
on **01-6771930**



***Dara wishes the  
Community a very  
Happy Christmas.***

**Wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas  
and best wishes for the New Year.**



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***Clinic times: Thursdays 6pm St. Andrew's Resource Centre, Pearse Street  
Thursdays 7pm Ringsend Community Centre, Thorncastle Street, Ringsend***

**WORKING WITH FINE GAEL TEAM IN DUBLIN SOUTH EAST**  
Eoghan Murphy TD, Senator Catherine Noone, Cllr Paddy McCartan & Cllr Edie Wynne

**FINE GAEL** 

# WEDDINGS / BIRTHDAYS PICTURE SPECIAL



*Mr and Mrs Seamus Pullen*



*Mr and Mrs Derek Calwell  
and Master Jamie.*



*Mr and Mrs Jonathan Murray with both proud parents.*



*On the 27th of January 2012 Sadie Murphy celebrated her 90th  
Birthday in Sally O'Briens with her loving family and friends.*



*Gentleman Robbie Cox*



*Gerry's 70th Birthday was celebrated in Clan na Gael on the 17th of February 2012 in the company of  
his loving family and friends.*



## A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL

I know we are all sick of the R word but due to a severe lack of funding a number of fundraising events were held during the year. Thank you to everybody who contributed. Many people attended, donated and worked at these events and the efforts and enthusiasm are very much appreciated.

The events held to raise funds towards the South Docks Festival were a fantastic show of energy and vitality from volunteers and staff alike.

**Race night €1,700.**

**Book Sale €200.**

**Duck Race €2,500.**

We also held a Coffee morning in aid of Blackrock and Harold's Cross Hospice the amount raised was €520 this was divided equally in order to support both.

We hope you will all support us again next year.





# Gloucester Street Sports & Recreation Centre

## Gloucester Street Centre Classes 2012

Day	Class	Location	Time	Duration	Price
Monday	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	5.45 pm	1hour (B)	€8
	Kettle Bells	Hall	6.00pm	45 mins (B)	€8
Tuesday	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	8.00am	30 mins (B)	€5
	Pilates	Hall	8.00am		€8
	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	12.40pm	30 mins (B)	€5
	Baby Body Fit	Fitness Room	6.00pm		
	Zumba Fitness	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 55'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
	Boxing Kids	Fitness Room	4.00pm	1 hour (B)	€5
	Hour of Power	Fitness Room	6:00pm	1 hour (B)	€10
	Spinning & Core	Fitness Room	6.00pm	45 mins Inter	€7
	Thurs.	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	08:00am	30 Mins (B)
Pilates		Hall	8.00am		€8
Spinning Class		Fitness Room	12.40pm	30 mins (B)	€5
Bodyattack Boxercise		Fitness Room	5.45 pm	1hour (B)	€8
Friday	Bodyattack Boxercise	Fitness Room	7.45am	45 Mins (B)	€8
	Circuit Training	Hall	8.00am	35 mins (B)	€5
	Kettle Bells	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 01-6779322 OR MAIL [info@gloucesterst.com](mailto:info@gloucesterst.com)**

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Classes: Wednesday & Friday 7.45 am – 8.30am  
Monday & Friday Lunch Time 12.40pm – 1.30pm  
Monday & Thursday 5.45pm - 6.45pm



### DEFIBRILLATOR

A big Thank you to Fran and the Footballers from Northern Trust who helped us raise funds for our new defibrillator in the centre.

Every member of staff in Gloucester St has been trained and are qualified to use the AED defibrillator.

### SOME OF OUR SUPER FIT LADIES!

Our Forever Fit Ladies group is running over year now and is a great success. Every Wednesday morning at 11:00 am we meet in the hall and do a variety of exercise like light aerobics, Dyna bands and Vibration Plates. So if you know any ladies over 55 years young and would like to join, tell them about us and send them down. It doesn't matter what area they are from new members are always welcome. The class only costs €2 for a fun filled hour of getting fit!



Gloucester Street Centre would like to thank Carly Kinsella, Hayley Glynn, Siobhan Walsh, Sinead Glennon, Nikita Kealy, Lee Ellison, Erica Sweany, Michell

O'Neill, Elaine Kelly, Lisa Farrelly, Lynda Lacey, Maggie Kelly, Nadine Bradshaw, Lynsey Behan, and Catherine Lane. They took part in the Women's Mini Marathon. Raised €1,245 for S.O.S. Well done to Catherine Lane for organizing the Gloucester St Mini Marathon group.



### IRONMAN 70.3 LANZAROTE



We would like to wish Mark all the best and Good Luck when he heads to the Canaria Islands to Race in the First ever Ironman 70.3 Lanzarote. He will be among handful Irish athletes on a 1.2-mile (1.9k) swim, 56-mile (90.1k) Time trial bike and 13.1-mile (21.1k) Half Marathon. Lets show our support and wish Mark all the Best.

Finally the big day came at last when our very own Queen of Kettlebells became Queen for the Day as she married her childhood sweet heart Mr. Mark Hurley. She looked radiant on the day and the Gloucester St. staff and clients wish her all the best in her new life as a married woman. Still all loved up Elaine is back and doing her usual weekly classes, see time table in first column.



**Wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas.**

## "TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT" WISHES YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS



"Talk About Youth Project" wish everyone in our community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We also want to thank our volunteers and junior volunteers for all their help they have given to us over the past year.

### Project Updates

- ★ *Larch Hill*
- ★ *H.A.R.P*
- ★ *Water Safety Course*
- ★ *Film Making Club*
- ★ *Comhairle na Nog/Dail na Nog*
- ★ *Leargas (youth exchange programme)*
- ★ *Night Time Tours*
- ★ *Golden Oldies Photo's*
- ★ *Birthday Celebration*



### LARCH HILL



*Our annual summer residential happened again this year over the month of August. We had 3 groups aged between 8 to 18 years. They were brought to Larch Hill. It was great fun with great weather and lots of water and muck! The groups had a great time and the staff and volunteers had a great time with them. Hope to see you all again next year for more fun and games on our summer residential.*

### H.A.R.P

H.A.R.P which stands for "Human Awareness & Rights Programme" is set for teenagers aged 15 years plus. If you are interested finding out what your rights as a young person are or want to know about Awareness Rights in Ireland and all over the world. If you want to visit places like Norway, Georgia and Russia this programme is for YOU!

H.A.R.P is run on a Monday evening from 7.30 till 9.00 pm in St. Andrews Resource Centre and if you would like more information on this new group please contact Carmel, Nina or Scobie on 01-6771930 or call into the Youth Office.



### WATER WAYS SAFETY COURSE

St. Andrews "Talk About Youth Project" in partnership with Waterways Ireland ran a water safety course in August over 3 days. This course was aimed at young people who throughout the summer swim in the "Basin". This is a traditional water hole where Waterways Ireland is now located. The young people found it very interesting as they learned Basic Life Support (BSL).

Throughout the 3 days the young people learned different techniques of saving people with professional equipment and equipment that they can find at home. The course also entailed safety talks on diving and jumping into the water which lead to exams been held on the 3rd day which everyone passed (WAY TO GO GUYS!). St. Andrews "Talk About Youth Project" in partnership with Waterways Ireland would like to thank the young people who got involved in the course.





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### FILM MAKING CLUB

Congratulations to all the Film makers of Pearse Street. Once again they out did themselves in their amazing film making skills and let the imaginations run wild with their production of 'The Box'. The group addressed the issues of Young People's Right's and focused on the **Right to**

**'Express Yourself'**. The group made a short film looking at being judged and being stereotyped because of the clothing 'they' choose to wear. The screening took place at the Axis Theatre and got great reviews from their fellow 'Reel Film Makers'. Well done once again!

If you are interested in making film, including writing scripts, music, production or just acting, get in contact with Lisa in the Youth Office.



### Comhairle na Nog / Dáil na nÓg

On Friday 19th of October, we took a number of young people to Croke Park to take part in the process of "Comhairle na Nog", allowing them to be elected to "Dail na Nog". Dáil na

nÓg is not just one day! Each Comhairle na nÓg (local youth council) elects one representative to a smaller group called the Comhairle na nÓg National Executive which meets approximately once a month and they work together for two years to seek support from policy-makers on issues that were discussed at Dáil na nÓg. We are delighted to say that one of our students from our local school "Emerjeta Doda" got elected onto Dáil na nÓg



### Leargas (Youth Exchange Bureau)

Daniel O'Callaghan, Lara Corcoran and Kayleigh Hanevy went to the Clarion Hotel in Liffey Valley as representatives of "Talk About Youth Project" to present our International Programme with Leargas (Youth Exchange Bureau). The guys were very confident and gave the people the information about the

programme. They are great ambassadors for our area. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU GUYS!

### NIGHT TIME TOURS



The Night Time Tours Programme will start in February. The programme is an activity based drug prevention programme which will show young people involved the realities of drug and alcohol abuse while at the same time having fun! Young people who have been lucky enough to get a place on this programme have visited the Garda Station, The district courts, the fire station and homeless services to name but a few. The programme will allow young people to see how in many cases drug and substance misuse is linked to crime homelessness and bad health. It will also give them the opportunity to take part in alternative activities like go-karting, highlighting that there are

many more ways to have fun. This programme is always really popular so if you're interested put your name down as soon as possible. If you have any questions contact Orla in the youth office on 01-6771930.



**"TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT" WISHES YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**



***GOLDEN OLDIES. HAVE A LOOK AND SEE IF YOU'RE IN OUR PICTURES SNAPS.***



### **CELEBRATING OUR 18TH BIRTHDAY!!!!**

**Can you believe the project is celebrating it's 18th Birthday this December!!**

**18 years of programmes, fun and craic! Most of the young people I worked with in the early years of the project are parents themselves now and their children attend the project!!! There are many stories and experiences I will have with me forever....**



**We have been asking around how we should celebrate and the general consensus seems to be to have a birthday party and show in December for the current young people of the project with a display of photos and big birthday cake!!!**

**Then in the new year a more formal affair for you the "Elder Lemons"!!! With a youth project dinner dance/debs!!! Showing old photos and video footage from over the years. Just to embarrass you all!!! We are looking for some of you to come onto an organising**

**Committee to help us get this underway so drop in or give me a ring if you would be able to give a hand. We will need your memories and Ideas for the night!!**

**We are also holding a Christmas Bonanza fundraiser on Sunday 2nd of December here in the hall with a sale of work and lots more so watch out for the notices.**

# "TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT" WISHES YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

<b>"TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT" New Activity Sheet</b>			
Monday	3.30 – 5.00 pm	St Andrews	Arts & Crafts 8 – 12yrs
Monday	5.30 – 7.00 pm	Computer Room St Andrews	International club 13 yrs plus
Monday	7.30 – 9.00pm	Computer Room St Andrews	Human Awareness & Rights Programme 15 yrs plus
Tuesday	5.30 – 6.30pm	St AndrewsHall	Dance Mania Tots 6 – 7 yrs
Tuesday	6.45– 7.45pm	St Andrews Hall	Dance Mania Juniors 8 – 12 yrs
Tuesday	7.45 – 8.45pm	St Andrews Hall	Dance Mania Seniors 12yrs plus
Tuesday	5.30 – 6.30pm	St Andrews	Guitar Group 10 yrs plus
Tuesday	5.00 – 6.00pm	Trinity Room	Young Women Juniors10 – 12 yrs
Tuesday	6.30 – 8.00pm	Trinity Room	Young Women Seniors 13 Plus
Tuesday	8.00 – 10.00pm	Trinity Room	Film Making 15 yrs plus
Wednesday	3.45 -5.15pm	St Andrews Hall	One Direction for all 4 – 7 yrs
Wednesday	4.00 – 5.30pm	St Andrews	Arts & Crafts 12 – 15 yrs
Wednesday	5.15 – 6.45pm	St Andrews Hall	The Inbetweenagers 8 – 12 yrs
Wednesday	7.30 – 9.00pm	Trinity Room	P.F.F. 12 yrs plus
Wednesday	7.30 – 9.00pm	St Andrews	South Siders 9 yrs plus
Thursday	3.30 – 4.30pm	St Andrews Hall	Dazelettes Pom Pom's 6 – 8 yrs
Thursday	5.30 – 6.30pm	St Andrews Hall	Dazelettes Batons 9 yrs Plus
Thursday	6.00 – 8.00pm	Trinity Room	D.J. Group 13 yrs plus
Thursday	8.00 - 10.00pm	Trinity Room	Music Group 13 yrs plus
Friday	4.30 – 6.00pm	Computer RoomSt Andrews	Chess/ Games Club 8 yrs plus



Glenn Reilly

# Bram Stoker's 150th Anniversary by Glenn Reilly

To follow on from my last article on J.S le Fanu, I felt I would be remiss in my duties if I didn't at least mention Bram Stoker; it being the 150th anniversary of his death. The influence of Le Fanu on Stoker is undoubted, but some have laid claims of plagiarism at the feet of Mr Stoker there being marked similarities between stories written by the two men years apart. Particularly the stories 'Mr Justice Harbottle' (le Fanu) and 'The Judge's House'(Stoker). So I offer to you, reader, this account of a meeting of these two Macabre men.

## 7th February 1873

Abraham Stoker, a tall well built young man with a shock of fire red hair and cerulean blue eyes, was walking from the Theatre Royal, on Hawkins Street, to his lodgings on Kildare Street; where he lived alone. He had just been to see a play which he was to review for the Dublin Evening Mail, a job that did not make him much money but he enjoyed the work as it allowed him to work on his own writings.

Turning the corner from Dawson Street onto Kildare Street he crossed the road to buy a newspaper from a seller outside the Kildare Street club. The billiard playing monkeys carved in the columns of this infamous club, undisturbed from their infernal games, as Stoker purchased the paper from the scruffy young seller. The headline read "Mans Body Found at Merrion Square". He began to read the cover story as he walked up Kildare Street shrouded in a light mist giving the street lamps an eerie yellow halo.

"A mans body, John Moriarty of 73 Westland Row, was found dead early this morning in a lane backing onto Merrion Square East. He had been drinking in Toners Pub on Baggot Street with friends, when he suddenly left without saying goodbye; as though he had seen someone or something outside which he had to go after. His friends just assumed that he had taken too much drink and was going to make his way home, as he usually would, cutting through Fitzwilliam Lane onto Merrion Square towards his home in Westland Row. But Mr Moriarty did not make it home that night instead he met his end; the cause of which being unknown at this time. A local boy, Ivor Costello, found the body on his way to school and alerted Constable Broy who was the first on the scene and has described Mr Moriarty as 'lying supine on the pavement as though he had been laid there, not fallen there'. There were no signs of trauma, other than a 'scratch like that of an animal on his right cheek and his eyes had turned milky white like that of a man of much more advanced years, who suffered from glaucoma'. Mr Moriarty had no history of illness and had not missed a days work in years. He leaves behind him a young wife Clarice and a son Edmund."

This strange incident piqued Abraham's interest, he being a fan of fictional tales of mystery; he felt this may make a good basis for one of his own stories. So off he ventured, past his lodgings at No. 30 and took a left onto Saint Stephens Green towards Merrion Square to see what he could ascertain for himself.

Fitzwilliam Lane was not a nice place to be at the best of times, frequented mostly by drunkards and harlots. But the knowledge of what had happened the previous night, and

the blanket of mist lent the Lane an ethereal quality. He advanced down the lane, unsure of what exactly he was looking for; some lost item or signs of disturbance perhaps. He scanned the gutters and door ways but to no avail. Not wanting to linger in this iniquitous lane he continued towards



Billiard playing monkeys at the Kildare Street club, now the Alliance Francaise

Baggot Street, where he encountered two street-walkers. Their garish dresses making their profession unmistakable and giving a glimpse of the illicit goods which they offered.

They addressed him as he approached "Looking for some good times love?" the older of the two women asked. The younger and prettier of the two interrupted before he could answer "Look at him fine lump of a man the two of us wouldn't be a match for you".

"Good evening ladies" Stoker replied "Do you frequent this area regularly?"

"You are not police are you?" snapped the older woman

"No" Bram replied.

"We might, why?" the young lady chimed in.

"Did you see anything unusual here last night?"

The younger woman cosied up to Bram flirtatiously "perhaps, and what might it be worth to a fine gentleman such as yourself?"

"Well I may be able to recompense you"

"Well we happened to see a man acting strangely, he went in through the back entrance of No. 18 with something on his shoulder, walking very strangely" replied the older woman.

"As though he were drunk?"

"No Sir, as if he were asleep"

"And what was on his shoulder?" asked Stoker

"I don't know, like a little dog or something on its hinds with long spindly legs"

Bram then gave the two harridans a half crown each and asked to be shown to the house in question, they walked him over to the back gate of No. 18.

"Thank you Sir we must do business again"

"Thank you ladies"

They walked off into the darkness as Stoker entered the back yard. There were no signs of life in the house, save for a light on the top window. He knocked tentatively at the door, waited a moment, no answer, he pushed the door and it creaked open. "Hello" he shouted inside, still no answer. So he ventured into the house, which was quite dilapidated, as though no one had lived there for many a year; and it was colder inside the house than outside, his warm breath condensing in large plumes before his face. Reaching the stairs he called out again "Hello, anybody up there?" again all that met his words was cold silence. He paused for a moment, becoming uneasy, and wondered whether he should go upstairs; but his nature being as inquisitive as it was, he had to continue, against his better judgement.

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The stairs creaked and groaned with his every step as he climbed the three flights to the top floor. At the end of the hallway there was a door ajar, he could see the faint light coming from within. He began to walk towards it, as he did he trod on something which let out a screech and scurried off into the room, through the gap in the door. The door now opened more, he went closer, his heart now beating fiercely in his chest. "Hello" he called out again. "Yes?" a voice came from inside. Stoker swung the door open and inside was an old man hunched over a writing bureau, writing in a large leather bound tome, by the light of a single candle. "Welcome to my house, enter freely and of your own free will" he said without turning to Stoker. "Was that you making all that racket out there?"

"I think I stepped on a rat or some kind of creature"

"T'was no rat, t'was a monkey"

Walking into the room Stoker could now see the monkey sitting on top of a bookcase, each wall in the room was lined with books from floor to ceiling and in the centre of the room was four-poster bed. The bureau where the old man sat was in the corner by the window. The old man finally turned away from his writing to Stoker he looked like he was 100 years old if he was a day, his hair white and his skin grey he looked as if he had stepped out of the grave but for his eyes which were a dazzling green and seemed to shine out from him as though not part of his weary body.

"And what can I do for you my dear boy" the old man enquired

"I was looking for a man, John Moriarty"

"I see, well unless the monkey is named John then you may be out of luck"

"He was seen entering here last night with your hairy little friend on his shoulder" Bram retorted.

"Are you a member of the constabulary?" asked the old man.

"No Sir"

"Well sit down friend" the old man beckoned Stoker over to the chair at the side of the bureau. Stoker sat down and the monkey leapt from its place on the bookshelf over to the door closing it tightly and sitting there like a small demonic guard. Stoker began to worry at what he had gotten himself into, but calmed himself thinking "What have I to fear from this frail old man"

Looking at him intently the old man began to speak, "I have been writing this book for many years, many hundreds of year in fact....."

Stoker let out a laugh.

"'tis not a joke friend I have lived many lives before yours and will live many after and all is contained in this book, including what happened to your friend Mr Moriarty."

"My god!" exclaimed Stoker "What did you do?"

"I did nothing friend, such was the fear that struck Mr Moriarty he never even made it through my chamber

door, his heart could not take the strain and he collapsed dead in my hallway"

"Then why not inform the police?"

"I have no time for such things; weak men are not what I need"

"Need for what?" asked Bram.

"To continue my work, but you are a fine specimen you could continue it and more besides"

"Well Sir I am in no need of work" Stoker stood up intending to leave but the old man grabbed him by the arm, Stoker pulled against it, but the frail old man was un-naturally strong and he could not break free. "Sit down Mr Stoker" the old man said calmly. Bram fought against him with everything he had, but could not, he just sat back down, as if compelled by some unseen force.

"For you see I am not this body before you, this is just a vessel, I have lived through many wars and plagues and anything else this strange world could throw at me; but as all around me faded and died, I lived on"

Bram tried to reply but could not speak; the old man had control of his very being making him a prisoner in his own body. The old man stood up taking Stokers other hand and began speaking, reciting something, like Latin or Greek but nothing Stoker had ever heard before. His voice grew louder and louder and all Stoker could do was sit there helpless, now aware of a great pressure from within as though his very soul was being ripped asunder. The house seemed now to be shaking and the monkey began to let out blood curdling screeches; and then all fell silent. The old man let out a cry sounding nothing like he had when he was talking to Stoker or when he was citing his strange incantations he then fell lifeless to the floor. The monkey climbed over his body and sat in the chair he vacated looking up at Mr Stoker. And Abraham looked back at him, but his eyes were no longer blue but a striking green.

The preceding account is obviously a work of fiction, and an homage/tribute, whatever you would like to call it, to these two great men. Although the evidence for plagiarism is stacked heavily against Stoker, with le Fanu having written his stories years before, and the fact that we know that Stoker was aware of, even owned copies of le Fanu's work, it's hard to imagine that Stoker arrived at the similarities in their stories by chance. Either way, it's a fine line between inspiration and plagiarism.

**Glenn wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas.**



Stoker's former residence No. 30 Kildare Street

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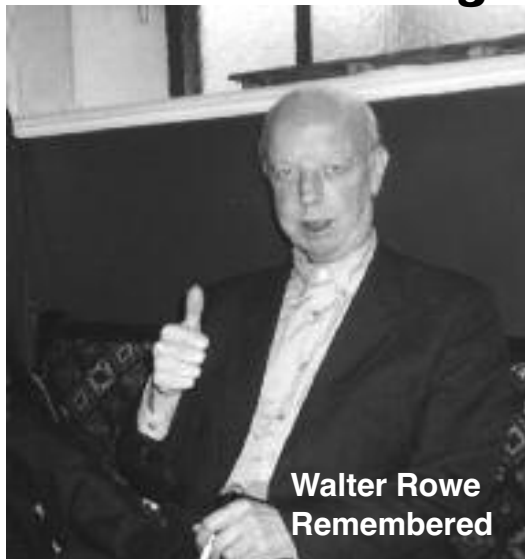


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# FR. PAUL ST. JOHN

At a lunch to celebrate Fr. Paul's long service to City Quay Parish, a presentation was made to Fr. Paul. Indeed all the hard work over the years, Fr. Paul did in the Community was acknowledged. Present at the lunch was Fr. John Gilligan, Administrator, St. Andrew's Westland Row, Fr. Ivan Tonge, Administrator, Ringend Church, also present were past Administrators of City Quay Parish, Fr. Ben Mulligan, Fr. Eamon Crosson, also Fr. Mick and friends, the new Administrator of City Quay Parish Fr. John Owen thanked Fr. Paul for his commitment to City Quay Parish and wished him well in his new Parish.



## WESTLAND ROW PARISH CONFRATERNITY



*Fr. Pat O'Connell, President of the Irish College in Rome, attended lunch on behalf of the Confraternity in October 2012.*



*Jim Keogh and Charlie Callaghan (members of St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row Confraternity) in front of the Basilica di Sant Eustachio in Campo Marzio in Rome – home of the first Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. This picture was taken in October 2012. (There is no longer a Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament in Rome)*



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- Dept. of Social & Family Affairs
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- AONTAS (National Association of Adult Education)
- NALA (National Association of Adult Education)
- LEC (Local Education Committee)
- SCP (School Completion Programme)



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# GREENORE / ROSTREVOR



We would like to thank our sponsors and members for their continued support all year we welcome new members why not give it a try get you out of the house we are open two afternoons a week from 2.30 – 5.15 why not give it a try.



On a recent visit to the Meetings of the Waters.

The Committee of Greenore / Rostrevor Centre would like to wish all the Community a Happy Christmas.



*Card Making in St. Andrew's, Adult Education*

## GREETINGS FROM ST. ANDREW'S DAY CENTRE

The Centre opens from noon to 4.45 p.m. five days a week. We have dinner at 12.45. Card playing after dinner. Bingo at 2.30. Afternoon Tea and Chat at 3.30 to 4 p.m. Bingo until 4.45pm, also assisted shower facilities and hairdressing. Our Bus collects people near their homes. Some return home after their meal by bus, others remain until evening time.

We now have vacancies for those who would like to join us for dinner. Either by bus or you may prefer to walk, you would be very welcome. Just think of the long winter days coming. Wouldn't it be nice to meet some old or new friends to pass a few hours. Come on give it a try. You will love the friendly atmosphere, you might even bring along a friend, why not? Alice and Team wish the Community a very Happy Christmas.

For further information contact: **Alice Bregazzi, St. Andrew's Resource Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 677 1930.**



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We would like you to nominate someone whom you think deserves the accolade of **“unsung hero”!!**

**Nomination forms** are available in the Padraig Pearse, fill one out, tell us who you think qualifies, and why.

*Then return them to the Padraig Pearse.*

**Let's show that we, as a Community, care about and recognise those that practice what most of us preach.**

Then in June 2013 we will have a presentation and ceremony in honour of the person who receives the most nominations.

*The choice is yours!!*

*Bigi linn*

**Nollaig Shona Shaibh**



## She Would Have To Get A Computer by Anne Losty Byrne

*Ann Losty Byrne*

Rachael decided to teach herself, a method she had frequently had to made use of before but never with such disastrous results.

Fortunately the incident happened on a bank holiday weekend which was a blessing. She had done everything she could to ensure success, most of the tenants were taking advantage of the unexpected sunny weather and had taken off early in the morning, she had watched the families go with pleasure, now there should be no distraction, no loud music bellowing out from various windows – the inhabitants determined to ensure that their choice of music was enjoyed by all; no there was nothing to worry about in the music line and if by any chance some body came to the door she would ignore the knocking. Her main line telephone was unplugged, her mobile silenced, and she proceeded to try and hypnotised herself and wished with all her might that she would succeed this time.

The room was in semi-darkness, only a soft light emanating from the pink draped lamp, she had positioned a pendulum from a shelf which she was able to start swinging with a long pole as soon as she had seated herself, right, ready, steady, go. After taking a few deep breaths she began whispering – “You cannot speak, you cannot speak” over and over.

She had once seen a man do this trick with a group and she had been the only person who failed to fall under his spell and she still remembered feeling like a freak, the only one who could not follow the hypnotist’s simple instructions.

“Let your body relax, go through your system, don’t hold any tension in your legs, in your lower body, in your arms, in your hands and fingers, now you feel very, very, relaxed and when you wake up you will not be able to speak”, on and on the lovely masculine voice had droned and when he had wakened everybody none of them could speak except Rachel Richardson!

She had taped the instructions and as soon as the pendulum stopped swinging a flicker of a finger and she could hear her own voice whispering, “When you wake up, you will not be able to speak, you will not be able to speak”.

It was warm and cosy in the room and she fell asleep and she woke up feeling refreshed and happy. Also a little thirsty and she set about making coffee for herself. She glanced at the pendulum, switched off the record player and sighed. She realised that she would have to save up for proper training. She switched on her phone and mobile and sat down to enjoy the cup of coffee.

She jumped when the phone rang – she was used to living alone and when the phone rang she was often startled but today was different - startled wasn’t the word for it when she discovered that she had lost her power of speech. She tried to say hello again and again but the effort

only began to hurt her throat. She could hear her friend’s, Patsy, voice enquiring was she there? Well, she was but how was she going to let her friend know?

Finally defeated she replaced the receiver and stared at the phone in shock. It rang again and this time Patsy asked her to stop fooling around only Rachel could not tell her friend that she wasn’t fooling around. Again she had to put the phone down and then she sat down. Realisation dawned that she had succeeded in persuading her subconscious mind that she could not speak, that was fine, grand, she had managed to hypnotise herself but now she had to undo the trick and my, how she tried again and again. “You can speak, you can speak” but she remained tonguetied for the rest of the afternoon and she decided the best thing was not to panic, take a few drinks, watch a good programme on the television and go to bed and hopefully when she woke in the morning the effects of her mischievous behaviour would be gone.

But the next morning she was still unable to get a word out and couldn’t figure out how she was going to get a message to her employer. She felt like a right fool, she kept thinking of what she should do, perhaps find a real hypnotist and get him or her to undo whatever she had done to herself. Yes, that might be best, in the meantime she would ignore all telephone calls as lifting up the receiver and then putting it down would make everybody think she had gone mad. What was she going to do? She would have to get a computer, then she remembered that she was short of funds, after that she remembered that her younger brother had her old computer but how to get in touch with him and order him to bring it over to her?

She wrote the most embarrassing note she had ever written and knocked on her neighbour’s door, showed him the note and tried to smile when he began sniffing her breath while trying to let on that he wasn’t doing so, then he obliged, he picked up his phone and rang her brother who laughed and said just before he slammed down his phone.

“Best news I have heard for a long time, tell her to try again and this time to say ‘You gave your brother the computer for keeps, you gave your brother the computer for keeps”.

Rachel, who was standing close to her neighbour, heard what her brother said and she started to cry; when she stopped crying her neighbour told her to go back to her flat and get ready, he would go with her to the local library where she could use the Internet to inform her boss that she would not be in today and after that she would have to find a properly trained hypnotist.

“Have you enough money for a hypnotist?” her kindly neighbour inquired and she nodded her head, then rubbed the back of her neck, she was getting tired nodding and swinging her head from side to side, she would be glad to get her voice back and as soon as she did she was going to tell her brother exactly what she thought of him.

*Anne wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas.*



# The Tall Ships by George P. Kearns

DUBLIN AUGUST 2012



What a spectacular scene we witnessed in Dublin's Docklands as over 40 sailing ships lined-up along the North Wall and Sir John Rogerson's Quay during the month of August last with their huge masts and colourful flags of every description decorating their riggings. With

boys, and girls from countries all over the world in nautical attire and cadets dressed impeccably in their maritime long coats they helped bring times past to life for an all too short while.

The Tall Ships, an extravaganza of colour and wonder of days gone by was one of the most successful street carnivals ever held in Ireland and attracted over one and a quarter million people, the quays were so densely packed with people that one had to walk their length and breathe at almost a standstill pace. Stalls selling tea, coffee and food to suit all tastes were at every hands turn. Amusements were in abundance and Misery Hill never looked happier.

Water sports took place in the Grand Canal Docklands and fire eaters, gymnastics and trick cyclists attracted many as did marching bands and the River Liffey was, if you will pardon the pun, awash with small craft parading up and down its length. Everybody was waving flags, and wearing sailor hats of all descriptions, be they pirates, Nelson, Napoleon and/or ordinary sailor hats which were readily available from stallholders that were positioned all over the Docklands area for as little as a fiver each.

Small craft travelled from all over Ireland to view the Tall Ships and justified the continued existence and upkeep of both the Grand and Royal Canals.

It's been a long, long time since so many ships were docked along the North Wall and Sir John Rogerson's Quay, the last time we had a Tall Ships visit was in 1998 and the last Guinness boat left Dublin's Dockland's in October 1992. In times gone by berthing places in the Dublin docks area were at a premium and nowadays cargo boats and in particular coal boats, are conspicuous in their absence.

Coal hoppers, Guinness barrels both full and empty,

horse and drays, heavily laden cargo trolleys being either pulled and/or pushed by as much as six dock workers from boats to warehouses, crates of timber, shipping lines that ferried cargo's of human being's across the water in search of gainful employment, boat loads of fresh fruit, including the banana boats were all regular scenes along the North and South campshires and today are only viewable in old photographs.



Guinness barges which put-putted back and forth between Victoria Quay and City Quay with their cargo's of Guinness barrels, The Ringsend Hobbler, ferryboats and dock workers with their No 7 shovels are now long gone as are most all of the warehousing in Dublin port that have now been replaced by apartments, office blocks and hotels and the only evidence left of the scores of cranes that once lined the campshires on both sides of the River Liffey are a few metal tracks. A few old warehouse building still remain and let's hope that

they will be preserved, unlike the South Hailing Station which disappeared off its site very early on a Sunday morning in July 2007 during its centenary year.

Though most all of the ships set sail from Dublin on Sunday morning, August 26th 2012 when the East-Link Bridge opened up at 11am, the largest of all, the "Amerigo Vespucci" stayed behind until Monday night when it too set sail at 9pm. When asked why the delay, its Captain answered that the crew were enjoying their stay in Dublin so much, that it was unanimously decided to stay behind for another day.

Pictured below is the Tall Ship Amerigo Vespucci a three masted sailing ship that entered the Italian Naval Academy service as a training ship in July 1931. She was built in 1930 in what was at the time the Royal Naval Shipyard of Castellammare di Stabia, Naples and launched in 1931.

Her full length is 270.34 feet (331 including the bowsprit) 51 feet across the beam and with her auxiliary diesel-electric engine she can reach 10 knots (near enough to 20 km an hour. Her masts measure 50, 54 and 43 meters high and she carries 26 canvas sails, including jib, square and staysails and in severe wind conditions at sea she can reach 12 knots. The rig involves 30 km of hemp rope, however the mooring lines are, in accordance with universal port authority rulings, synthetic and as of 2004 she is said to be the last surviving three-decked square rigger.

# The Tall Ships by George P. Kearns

DUBLIN AUGUST 2012

The hull is painted black with two white stripes and in appearance she is reminiscent of the two gun deck HMS Edgar a 74 gun ship that lead the vanguard of Nelson's ships into the Danish Port of Copenhagen just after 9pm on April 2nd 1801. Where half an hours later she was the first to draw fire from the Danish Ship Provesteen and the action began in the Battle of Copenhagen in 1801. Hence my real interest and love of the Tall Ships and here you just might wonder what this story has to do with my promised excerpt from my new book to be "My Irishtown Story" and I will explain:

As the time the Edgar was launched, Britain was embroiled in the American Revolutionary War and commissioned under Captain John Elliot her first action came about when on May 1779 when taking part in the Battle of Cape St Vincent she was one of the first ships to engage the numerically smaller Spanish Fleet. This battle and the Battle of Copenhagen were the two major naval battles of its time.

In 1801 the Edgar was then in the command of Captain George Murray and it was then that my 11 year old uncle on my maternal side, Thomas Bashford joined the Royal Navy and signed on as a Midshipman on board the HMS Edgar when it immediately set sail and lead Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson's fleet into battle against the Danes in Copenhagen on April 2, 1801 and she was the first to commence firing after the Danish ship Provesteen began to fire on her. Immediately behind the Edgar sailed the Agamemnon on what was a badly charted middle ground and she ran aground and the following ships had to manoeuvre around her with great difficulty which caused some delay and left the Edgar temporarily unsupported in the opening battle.

During the course of the battle, the Edgar suffered 31 deaths and 115 men were wounded, including my Uncle Thomas who was then honourably discharged from his duties. It should also be noted that the HMS Edgar was carrying a company of the 49th Regiment at the time. Thomas then took up a Government post in Dublin, Ireland, married, had two children with his first child being a girl whom Thomas and his wife Ann

christened Henrietta Elizabeth in St Thomas's Church, Marlborough Street Dublin on March 5th 1815, and their second child was a boy named George James St. John born on March 17th 1817 and christened in St Mary's Church, Dublin on September 26th 1817.

In 1848, some 47 years after the battle, Thomas Bashford was awarded a commemorative medal for his services as a Midshipman on board the HMS Edgar at the Battle of Copenhagen in 1801. In the picture above is a copy of the only surviving watercolour painting of my great-great grand Uncle Thomas Bashford and as can be seen in the painting, he is wearing his medal with pride.

It may also be interesting to note that Horatio Nelson also began his seafaring career at the age of 11 years as did most young men of that era.

Shortly after 1848 it would appear that this branch of the Bashford family emigrated to unknown corners of the world and from time stories would filter back through family circles. I had a very difficult time putting together the history of my maternal ancestors and the story of Thomas Bashford proved to be the most difficult.

However, I was amply rewarded when my research unearthed a fellow Bashford descendant named Richard Oliver, who at the time was living in Spain, and he too was hot on the trail of our ancestors and we were able to swap photos and stories. From this source came a most amusing story about the "Girls from the Fishing Fleets" in Bombay and the possible involvement of another one of my maternal ancestors. Which story you will find amongst the many stories in my book of the future, "My Irishtown Story".

*.George wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas.*





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# RICC Radio – RICC communicating with our Community



## ***New Exciting Development of services at Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre***

Following a number of consultation meetings with Community Groups and stakeholders it was clearly identified that the development of a local radio station would be hugely beneficial for the Community of Ringsend & Irishtown. This project will be hugely beneficial primarily to the youth of the area. The aim is to Enhance communication skills and build confidence/self esteem through the medium of radio

Provide a range of youth educational programmes will be put in place with opportunities to learn a wide range of skills which will include radio presentation and DJ skills

Create a unique opportunity for young people to publicly express and communicate their views/opinions on what effects them in a positive and constructive manner

Provide with structured training in communications and IT skill and radio technology

We aim to secure the continued support of local third level education institutions that provide communications/media courses by accessing their student placement programme.

## **A Community radio station really can make a difference to the Community as a whole as the additional benefits will**

- Act as a vital source of information to local people
- Reduces isolation
- Shares knowledge and experience on the airwaves and on Line
- Promotes community development and community expression
- Facilitates integration
- Values diversity in culture
- Supports businesses in the community
- We aim to develop programs to suit all members of the Community

## **Current topics on the agenda are:**

- Youth Talk Show
- RICC Community News & Current Affairs
- CDYSB Youth Programme
- School of Rock
- Primary Health advice
- Calender of Events in the Community
- Local Debates, History and Heritage of Ringsend & Irishtown and many many more...

Current RICC Radio Production Team are: Lorraine, Brendan, , Rupert, Liam, Barbara, Jennifer, Terry, Feidhlim, Peter, Maurice, Dylan & Mary

**If you would like to get involved please contact the Centre Manager on 6604 789 or email [lbarryricc@gmail.com](mailto:lbarryricc@gmail.com)**

***Recently a tree was planted in Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre in memory of Paul Madill who worked in the Centre. Trees were also planted in memory of other former employees of the Centre.***

**Wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas.**



***Photo by Fr. Ivan Tonge***




# RAPID News

**Carol Finlay SEIC RAPID Co-ordinator,  
South East Area Office,  
Block 2, Floor 2, Civic Office, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.**

## TEN SECRETS OF HAPPINESS

<p>Plant something and nurture it</p> 	<p>Count your blessings; at least five, at the end of each day</p> 
<p>Take time to talk. Have an hour-long conversation with a loved one each week</p> 	<p>Phone a friend whom you have not spoken to for a while and arrange to meet up</p> 
<p>Give yourself a treat every day and take the time to really enjoy it</p> 	<p>Have a good laugh at least once a day</p> 
<p>Get physical – exercise for half an hour three times a day</p> 	<p>Smile at and/or say hello to a stranger at least once each day</p> 
<p>Cut your TV viewing by half</p> 	<p>Spread some kindness – do a good turn for someone every day</p> 




### *Children's Storytelling*

**Tuesday  
Mornings**

**10.45 am to  
11.45 am**

**Pearse Street  
Library**

**For more information  
Contact: Carol Finlay  
086 8151507**



**Carol wishes the  
Community a  
very Happy  
Christmas.**



# Pearse Street, Irishtown/Ringsend Primary Care Centres

This year has passed so quickly and we have seen many clients come through our door in the Centre. We have had many successful Health Promotion Events from Women's health Day to the local school's Art Competition in Mental Health. Next year we will be depending on your feedback to identify and inform us of the health needs in your Community to allow us to run more successful events, so watch this space.....

## CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

<b>Monday 24th December</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 26th December</b>	<b>St Stephen's Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Thursday 27th December</b>		<b>Closed</b>
<b>Friday 28th December</b>		<b>Open</b>
<b>Monday 31st December</b>		<b>Open</b>
<b>Tuesday 1st January</b>		<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd January</b>		<b>Open</b>

*Pearse Street Primary Care Team and Irishtown/Ringsend  
Primary Care Team wishes all our clients a  
very Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year.*



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### RINGSEND LIBRARY

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**Monday 12.45pm - 4pm & 4.45pm - 8pm**  
**Tuesday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm**  
**Wednesday 12.45pm - 4pm & 4.45pm - 8pm**  
**Thursday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm**  
**Friday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm**  
**Saturday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm**  
**Sunday Closed**

The staff of Ringsend Library wish all a very Happy Christmas.

### PEARSE STREET LIBRARY

#### Opening Hours

**Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Friday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Telephone: 6744888**

The staff of Pearse Street Library wish all a very Happy Christmas.

# TRIBUTES / LOVING MEMORY



**Antoinette (Annie)  
Johnson 14/8/55 –  
13/6/12 RIP**

*We often think of bygone days  
When we were all together  
The family chain is broken  
now  
But memories will live forever  
To us, she has not gone away  
Nor has she travelled far*

*Jus entered gods eternal home  
and left the gate ajar*

*We remember Antoinette's mother Bridget (Bridie),  
her father Christopher (Paddy). Also her brother  
Pat and her sister Helen. Always in our thoughts  
and prayers. May they all rest in peace.*



**Carmel O Reilly  
Late of Albert Place,  
Dublin 2**

In loving memory of our dear friend Carmel who was with us since 1990.

Little did we know that on the last day we parted that God

would call you home

You lived a full life to the end

We never got to say goodbye,

You fell asleep in the arms of the Lord,

We know you wished it that way,

Carmel you have gone but you will always be remembered by all your friends in the club.

May you Rest in peace. Gone but never forgotten.

Greenore/ Rostrevor Committee & Friends  
Centre Macken Street.



**Mary Brock Late of  
Verschoyle Place, Off Mount  
Street, Dublin 2**

In loving memory of our dear friend Mary  
The day God called me home as my life on earth was through,  
God picked me up and hugged me  
and said I welcome you,

To my very many friends, God knows what is best,  
I am still not far away from you,  
I am walking in your footsteps only half a step behind,  
Miss me a little but not for long as I am with the Lord.  
Gone but not forgotten.  
May you Rest in peace.

All your many friends in Greenore/ Rostrevor Centre  
Macken Street.



**Betty Dempsey Late of  
Verschoyle Place  
Off Mount Street, Dublin 2**

In loving memory of our dear friend Betty

Little did we know when we celebrated your birthday it would be your last,

We have the happy memories of that to see us through  
When we look back over time you were always there,  
We never got to say goodbye but we know that you are in safe keeping in the arms of the Lord. Betty yes you have gone but not forgotten.

May you Rest in peace.

All your many friends in Greenore/ Rostrevor Centre  
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**Tribute Sally Caton  
née Kenny (Wales)**

Sally Caton – née Kenny (Wales), late of 23A Pearse House. Died 25th of September 2012. Sally, wife of Bob, deeply regretted by her

loving husband, son Jonny, daughter in law Bethan and grandchildren, her sisters Annie and Maureen, Relatives and friends. Funeral took place in Wales. R.I.P.

# TRIBUTES / LOVING MEMORY



**Birthday Remembrance for Peter (Peader) Ward**

**65th Birthday on 25th November – 5th Away From Home**

*I'll always be with you.*

Right now I'm in a different place  
And though we seem apart  
I'm closer than I ever was  
....I'm there inside your heart

I'm with you when you greet each day  
And while the sun shines bright  
I'm there to share the sunsets too  
....I'm with you every night

I'm with you when the times are good  
To share a laugh or two  
And if a tear should start to fall  
....I'll still be there for you

And when that day arrives  
That we no longer are apart  
I'll smile and hold you close to me  
....forever in my heart

....Loved and forever missed  
**From your loving wife, Bernie, Son Paul,  
Daughters Gillian and Jennifer,  
Grandchildren Leanne, Roslyn, Annika  
and Peter and their partners Eddie and Carmel**



**In Loving Memory of my dear nephew Darly Who died on the 5th of November 2011**

R.I.P.

**Never forgotten**

**Auntie Bernadette**

*This feeling I have,  
Will it ever go away?  
These thoughts I have,  
Will they ever go away?  
Will I ever be able to talk  
about it,  
Or will I just keep it to myself?*

*Will my heart ever heal,  
Or will I just have to deal?  
My mind says one day I will be  
ready,  
Ready to live on.  
My heart says how,  
How can I live on without you.*

*My soul says not to cry,  
Because your safe and being  
cared for.  
But I still cry.*

*Why, why did it have to be  
you?  
You were my world, my  
everything,  
Why did you have to go?  
I miss you so much.  
Why did you have to suffer?  
Why did they have to take  
you?  
If I could hold you one more  
time,  
Kiss you just one last time,  
Just hold your hand to be you  
know I'll always be with you.  
If only you were here,  
If only you knew ho much I  
love and miss you,  
You are forever in my heart.*



**Remembering – ANTHONY (Flyer) FLOOD**

**First 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.

**Love from ALL YOUR FAMILY**



**10th Anniversary & 80th Birthday Ellen Harrison. Also remembering Paddy (Ellen's Husband) & Trennie (Grandchild)**

**ELLEN HARRISON (NELLIE)**

80th Birthday on 25th December 2012

*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,*

*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 Jimmy, Bernie, Catherine, Margaret, Pat, Ellen, Joe and William Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren**

# IN LOVING MEMORY



Marion Smith



Conor & Tommy Roche



Richard Doolin



Louis Ward



Jimmy Doyle



George Humphries



Anthony O'Brien



Eddie Kenny



John Hawkins



Emily Hawkins



Anne Kempfle



Kathleen Reynolds



Mr. & Mrs.  
Shay  
Fleming



Paul Glynn



Benny  
Lumsden



Peter  
McNahon



William  
Wheafer

Mr. &  
Mrs.  
Boland



# MEMORIES



***Alice Ryan, Hughie and Chrissie Ring, Canada***



***Betty Dempsey and Mary Brock - the best pals***



***Louis Ward,  
John  
Mooney,  
Gingerman  
Pub and  
Wilie  
Walker.  
1990 Sunday  
Yearly  
Tournament***



***Jenny, Lily and Friend***



***The Magnet Pub Memory, 1990***



***Mrs. Kavanagh, Brendan Grace and Mrs. Ebbs***



***Joe, Jimmy, Christy and Ben, Moroney's Pub  
Memory, 1990.***

# MEMORIES



**Catherine Maher nee  
Kitty Murray**



**Con Murray with twins Charlie  
and Georgie with Jemmy on  
right.**



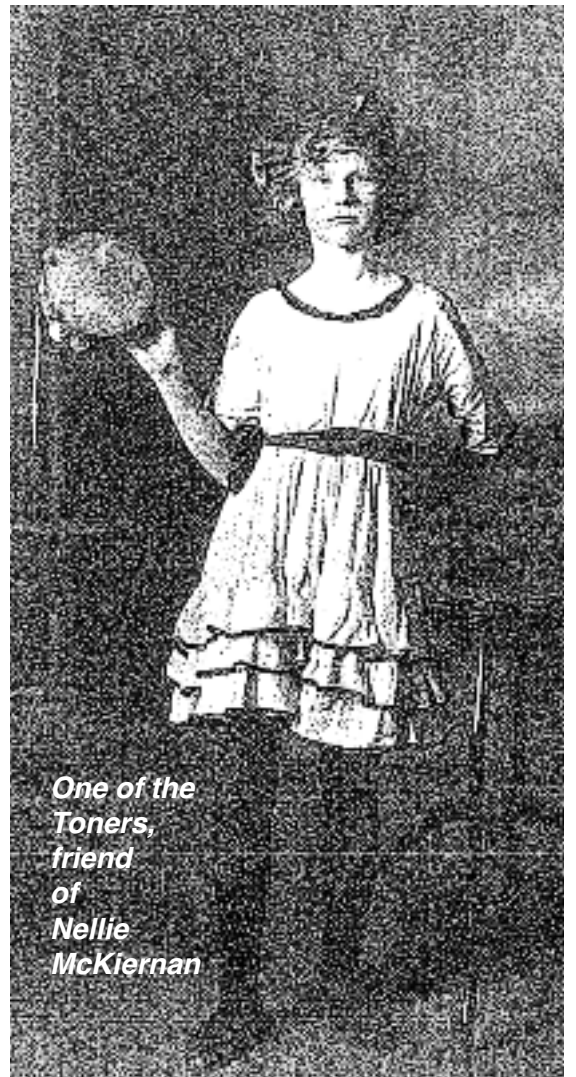
**Mary (Molly) Murray.**



**Rose Walsh nee Murray**



**John Murray, Richard  
and Alice.**



**One of the  
Toners,  
friend  
of  
Nellie  
McKiernan**





# MEMORIES



*Ringsend Infants 1912*

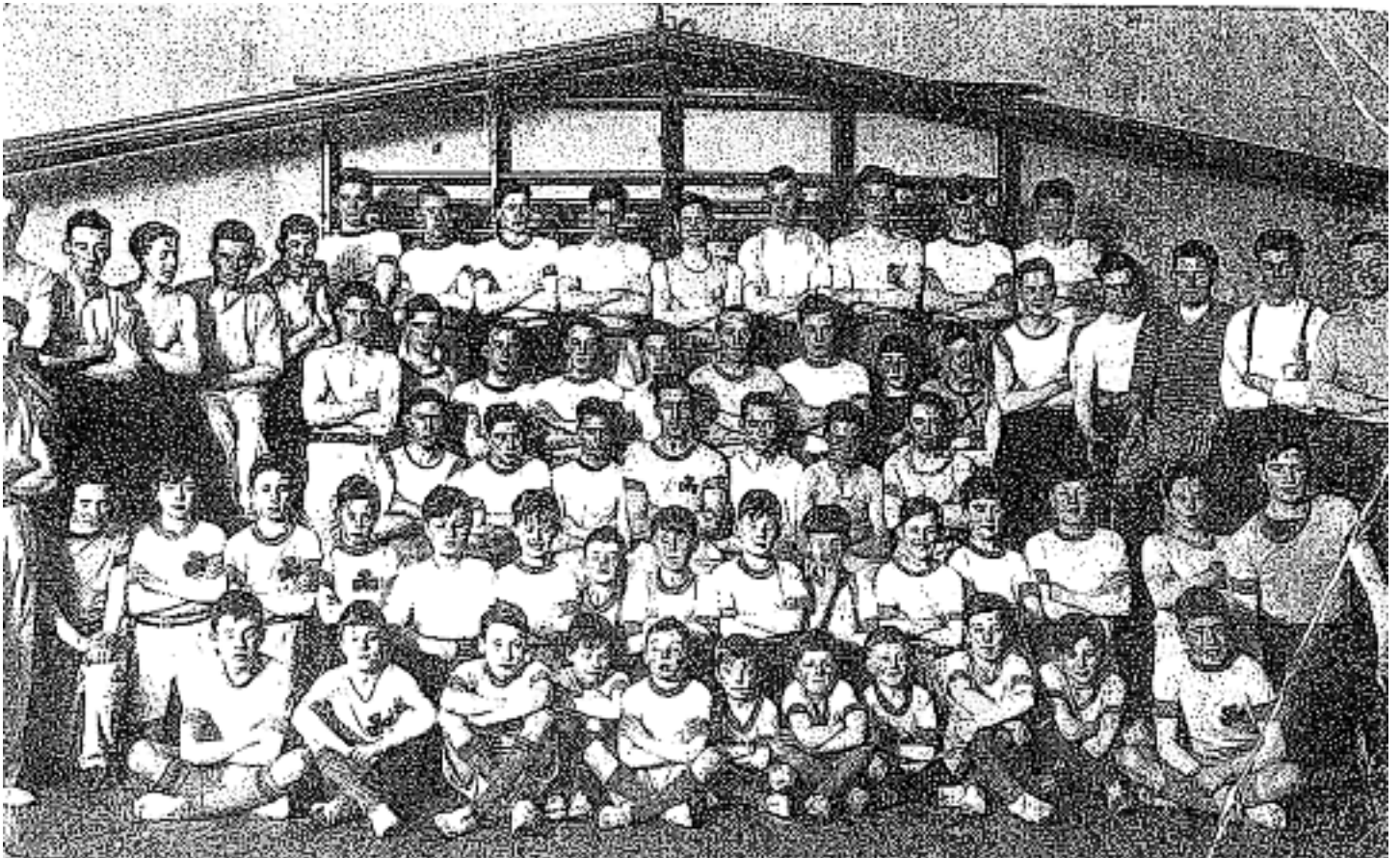


*St. Andrew's School, Pearse Street. Date unknown*

# MEMORIES



*The Legendary Lyrics Murphy with his beloved wife and sons*



*At the College Star, 19 Westmoreland Street. Juniors SBC v Juniors RBC and Senior SBC v Seniors RBC. Result: Shamrock won. Photo by Billy Mac, 137 Townsend Street.*

# MEMORIES



Alice; Mary Sen & Jun; Teddy; Mick & Kitty Fields



Kitty; Mary & Granny Fields - G Block Pearse Hse



Lisa Fields; Git Nulty & others - H Block 1975



Mary; Kitty & Granny Fields - G Block P.H. 1948



Mary Martin; Kitty Fields & Brideen Nolan - Pearse Hse 1951



Teddy; Mary; Mick & Kitty Fields - garden H Block



Lisa Fields & Tony Pilson - H Block 1972



Mrs Fields; Kitty & daughter in law Kathleen - H Block 1959



Tony Pilson & Lisa Fields - H Block 1971

# YOUR LABOUR TEAM WISHES YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR



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# YOSEIKAN/SHOSHINDO NEWS

Gerry and Heather, Instructors wish the members, Pat Boucher and the Community a very Happy and Safe Christmas. At present we are thriving to get our member a higher grade in the art of Yoseikan Martial Arts. A special welcome to Tristan and his nephew Adam from the Martial Art of Taekown Do. Tristan is a Third Dan, also his nephew Adam is a Yellow Belt with great potential in the future. Remember our motto: **"We Hate Bullies"**.



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*James, Clive and Alex wish the Community a  
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*The Golden Oldies – Harolds Cross v. Pearse St.*



## MUGGLES REILLY FUND

A special thank you to all that took part and sponsored this Special Fundraising event, The Muggles Reilly Fund in aid of Our Lady's Hospice, Harolds Cross (€11,840 to date).

Organisers: **Pearse Street**, Pat Harrison, Karl Nolan, Joe Harrison, Gordon Gleeson, **Harold's Cross**, Mick Kelly, Mick Campbell, Gerry Byrne, Glen Reilly and Barry Rowe.

If any cards have not been returned please forward them to: **Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross.**



*Muggles Team*



*Reilly Team*



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# ST. PATRICK'S REGATTA Photos by Fr. Ivan Tonge



Racing to the Finish.



Tony Jenkins ..... and his assistant chefs



Micko and Jimmy.



The background boys..... Philip Murphy etc



..... More supporters.

*Henry Kelly with a 10lb cod caught in Union Hall Cork in April 2012. Photo taken by Joe Ryan.*



*John Murphy, with player of the year.*

## Dublin Samaritans – Life’s Worth Talking About

The first branch of Samaritans in Ireland opened in Kildare Street in Dublin’s city centre on 2nd March 1970 with a handful of volunteers taking calls on a single phone and welcoming the occasional visitor to the door. Today, the charity is based in Marlborough Street and its 275 active volunteers provide a 24-hour listening service to people who are lonely, in crisis or suicidal. The Dublin branch receives roughly 80,000 contacts each year. Samaritans do not judge and they do not give advice. They give callers the time and space to explore difficult feelings.

In addition to a telephone and drop-in service, callers can also contact Samaritans by email, text or letter. As part of an active outreach programme, volunteers give talks in schools, youth clubs, hospitals or to any other groups who are interested in hearing about what Samaritans do. They also visit prisons to provide face-to-face emotional support to prisoners and support prisoners in listening to their fellow inmates. Another element of the outreach programme is the branch’s Feet on the Street initiative, where volunteers are available in the Temple Bar area on certain nights of the year (e.g. when Junior or Leaving Cert results are released). In recent years, Dublin Samaritans has also held a “bumper week” initiative, in which volunteers visit a specific area for a week to raise awareness of the organisation’s services.

Samaritans is entirely dependent on voluntary support. Samaritans volunteers come from all walks of life, where potential applicants are selected based on their “qualities not qualifications”. All successful applicants are fully trained before taking any calls and all existing volunteers also attend an annual ongoing training day. Because of the voluntary nature of the organisation, Dublin Samaritans relies heavily on donations – it costs approximately € 1,000 a day to run the Dublin branch.

The Samaritans motto is “*Life’s worth talking about*” – at a time of great uncertainty when there are more and more people in need of a listening ear, this philosophy is more important than ever.

### Contact details for Dublin Samaritans:

**Phone:** 1850 60 90 90 lo-call

**Email:** jo@samaritans.org  
Note: This email address is for emotional support requests only. We do our best to respond within 24 hours

**Address:** Write to us at:  
112 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1

**Where we are:** Between Abbey Street and Eden Quay  
- opposite the Abbey Theatre

**Call in:** 10:00am - 9:00pm  
Seven days a week  
No appointment necessary



Dublin Samaritans volunteers raise awareness of the Samaritans service during this year’s bumper week in Dublin’s city centre.



# Seanfhocail – Words to the Wise

What follows are a selection of old and very wise sayings, taking from the gaelic. Like old sayings they are open to interpretation, I hope that you will find something that does it for you.

I will include the English translation, but as I said, it's fluid enough, enjoy!!

## **Muchadh fearg sofhearga**

A soft answer turns away anger

*(a heated situation can be defused with the right response)*

## **Ni fheidir tada dul isteach I dorn dúnta**

Nothing can enter a closed fist

*(No point in talking to someone with a closed mind)*

## **Na tabhar taobh do fear fala**

Trust not a spiteful man

*(someone with an axe to grind has an agenda)*

## **Is milis na ol ach searbh a íoc as**

Drink is sweeter but bitter the result

*(This is the hangover time!!)*

## **Sileann do chara agus do namhaid nach**

### **bhfaithidh tu bas**

Both your friend and enemy think you'll never die

*(Your friend doesn't want you to die and you're not dying quick enough for your enemy)*

## **Obair gan críoch obair beat tí**

A woman's work is never done

*(I don't think that needs an explanation)*

## **An duinneach**



***The Carty Family – wishing Peggy and Cyril a very Happy Christmas and all their families.***

# Are You Lonesome Tonight? (Senior Citizen Version)



Are you lonesome tonight?  
Does your tummy feel tight?  
Did you bring your mylanta and tums?

Does your memory stray?

To that bright sunny day,  
When you had all your teeth and your gums?

Is your hairline receding?  
Your eyes growing dim?  
Hysterectomy for her,  
And its prostrate for him.

Does your back give you pain?  
Do your knees predict rain?  
Tell me dear, are your lonesome tonight?



Is your blood pressure up?  
Good cholesterol down?  
Are you eating your low fat cuisine?

All that oat bran and fruit,  
Metamucil to boot.  
Helps you run line  
A well oiled machine.



If it's football or baseball.  
He sure knows the score.  
Yes, he knows where it's at  
But forgets what it's for.

So your gallbladder's gone,  
But your gout lingers on,  
Tell me dear, are your lonesome tonight?

When you're hungry, he's not,  
When you're cold, he is hot,  
Then you start that old thermostat war.

When you turn out the light,  
He goes left and you go right,  
Then you get his great symphonic snore.



He was once so romantic,  
So witty and smart;  
How did he turn out to be such  
A cranky old fart?

So don't take any bets,  
It's as good as it gets,  
Tell me dear, are your lonesome tonight?

Ladies and Gentlemen, Elvis has left the building.

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## Oh I wish I'd looked after my teeth

Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth,  
And spotted the perils beneath,  
All the toffees I chewed,  
And the sweet sticky food,  
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.

I wish I'd been that much more willin'  
When I had more tooth there than fillin'  
To pass up gobstoppers,  
From respect to me choppers  
And to buy something else with me shillin'.

When I think of the lollies I licked,  
And the liquorice allsorts I picked,  
Sherbet dabs, big and little,  
All that hard peanut brittle,  
My conscience gets horribly pricked.

My Mother, she told me no end,  
"If you got a tooth, you got a friend"  
I was young then, and careless,  
My toothbrush was hairless,  
I never had much time to spend.

Oh I showed them the toothpaste all right,  
I flashed it about late at night,  
But up-and-down brushin'  
And pokin' and fussin'  
Didn't seem worth the time... I could bite!

If I'd known I was paving the way,  
To cavities, caps and decay,  
The murder of fillin's  
Injections and drillin's  
I'd have thrown all me sherbet away.

So I lay in the old dentist's chair,  
And I gaze up his nose in despair,  
And his drill it do whine,  
In these molars of mine,  
"Two amalgum," he'll say, "for in there."

How I laughed at my Mother's false teeth,  
As they foamed in the waters beneath,  
But now comes the reckon in'  
It's me they are beckonin'  
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.



# Best Loved Quotations ... Compiled by Michael McDermott



## DOVE

Oh that I had wings like a dove  
for then would I fly away and be  
at rest.

*Old Testament*

## DREAM

I dreamt that I dwelt in marble  
halls, with vassals and serfs at my

*Alfred Bunn, The Bohemian Girl*

**Michael would like to  
side with the Community  
a very Happy  
Christmas.**

To sleep; perchance to dream; ay there's the rub;  
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come,  
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,  
Must give us praise.

*Shakespeare, Hamlet*

I arise from dreams of thee  
In the first sweet sleep of night,  
When the winds are breathing low,  
And the stars are shining bright.

*Shelley, Lines to an Indian Air*

But I bring poor, have only my dreams;  
I have spread my dreams under your feet,  
Tread softly,, for you tread on my dreams.

*W.B. Yeats, The Cloths of Heaven*

## DRESS

Where's the man could ease a heart,  
Like a Satin Gown?

*Dorothy Parker, The Satin Dress*

Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy,  
But not expressed in fancy; rich, not gaudy;  
For the apparel oft proclaims the man.

*Shakespeare, Hamlet*

There is so much in the worst of us,  
And so much bad in the best of us,  
That is hardly becomes any of us,  
To talk about the rest of us.

A faithful friend is the medicine of life.

A good book is the best of friends, the same today  
and forever.

It takes two to quarrel and it takes two to tango.

Love is blind, Friendship closes its eyes.

A Friend in need, is a friend indeed.

I love everything that old, old friends, old times, old  
manners, old books and old wines.

*Oliver Goldsmith*

The art of hospitality is to make guests feel at home,  
when you wish they were.

Love makes the world go round. Not at all.

Whiskey makes it go round twice as fast.

But I'm not so thick as you drunk I am,  
Some cause happiness wherever they go; Others  
whenever they go.

To err is human,  
To forgive takes restraint;  
To forget you forgave,  
Is the mark of a Saint.



Make new friends but keep the old,  
One is like Silver, the other Gold.

Wilful waste makes woeful want.

Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em.  
But remember, it's a sin to kill a mockingbird.

A Chiffarobe, an old dresser full of  
drawers on one side.

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## PAT AND WILLIE BY LEO MAGEE

A stonecast plaque adorns the house  
Where Pat and Willie dwelt  
And down the road in St. Andrew's Church  
Where I'm sure they oft' times knelt

Margaret was the lass who bore these boys  
But she ne'er would see them down  
For they were murdered proud and young  
By the forces of the crown.

No greater toll can a mother pay  
Than to give up those she bore

And side by side on that Easter morn  
Pat and Willie stood to the fore.

Treason was the crime called the Majesty's judge  
As a coldness filled his eyes  
But no Irishmen a traitor be  
To a crown they don't recognise.

Two placid boys in nature's way  
But for this land there love was fierce  
Now Margaret holds her boys once more  
And her family's name was Pearse.

# CHRISTMAS PICTURE SPECIAL



**The New Link Magazine would like to wish the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Also to remind the Community to support your local businesses as they employ locals and support the Community.**

# CHRISTMAS PICTURE BOARD



*Uncle Mark*



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*Siabh McCarthy (Canada) on a recent visit to Dublin. Congratulations on your endeavours to raise funds and awareness of Ovarian Cancer. A credit to Ireland and your family.*



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## CITY QUAY PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Monday**                      **Penitential Service**  
**December 17th**            **at 7.30 p.m.**

**Monday**                      **Christmas Eve:**  
**December 24th**            **Vigil with the**  
   **Celebration of**  
   **Light 7.30 p.m.**

**Tuesday**                    **Christmas Day:**  
**December 25th**            **Mass: 11.30 a.m.**  
   **ONLY**

**Wednesday 26th**        **Mass**  
**to Friday 28th**            **10.00 a.m.**  
**December**                    **each day**



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



## WESTLAND ROW PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Wednesday**                      **Penitential Service**  
**December 19th**            **at 12.45 p.m.**

**Thursday Dec. 20th**        **Mass times are**  
**& Friday 21st**                **10 a.m. & 12.45p.m.**  
**December**

**Saturday**                      **Mass times are**  
**22nd December**            **10.00a.m. & 6.30 p.m. (Vigil)**

**Sunday**                        **Mass times are**  
**23rd December**            **10.00a.m. & 11.30 a.m.**

**Monday**                        **Christmas Eve:**  
**December 24th**            **Mass: 10.00a.m.**  
   **Christmas Carols: 8.30pm**  
   **Christmas Mass: 9.00p.m.**

**Tuesday**                      **Christmas Day:**  
**December 25th**            **Masses: 10.00 a.m. &**  
   **11.30 a.m.**

**Wednesday**                    **Mass: 10.00 a.m.**  
**26th December**

**Thursday 27th &**        **Mass: 10.00 a.m.**  
**Friday 28th December**

**Saturday**                      **Masses: 10.00 a.m. &**  
**December 29th**            **6.30 p.m. (Vigil)**

**Sunday**                        **Mass: 10.00 a.m. &**  
**December 30th**            **11.30 a.m.**

**Monday December 31st**  
**& Tuesday 1st Jan**        **Mass: 10.00a.m.**

**Normal Weekday Mass Schedule from Wednesday 2nd January 2013.**

**Parish Office will be closed from 21st December 2012 to 2nd January 2013.**

*May the peace and love of the infant Jesus find a home in your heart this Christmas and throughout 2013, you are invited to join with us in celebrating the birth of Jesus in our Parish.*

*Best Wishes – Fr. John Gilligan Adm., Fr. Paddy Moran C.C., Fr. Egidijus Arnasius P.C. and Fr. Jeremiah Markus P.C. wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas.*

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