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CHRISTMAS TIME



Christmas Time has come again and the shops are fabulously decorated with lots of lovely toys and surprises for all the children. The colourful street lights give us all a warm sense of Christmas cheer and the buzz and excitement in the city helps take our minds off the constant bad news that has been unceasing over the past few Months. For so many families and individuals Christmas this year will be a time of uncertainty and worry. It is so important that we support our families and friends in these difficult times. We heard that Santa has been busy reading all the childrens letters and all the elf's are helping pack all the toys and goodies into Big Sacks and getting them ready to pack onto the magical sleighs for the Reindeers to carry all around the World. One of Santa's helpers has told us that Santa has received sacks of letters from all the children in Pearse Street, City Quay and Westland Row and he is surrounded by toys and surprises for them all. He has heard from his secret helpers that all the children in the Pearse Street area have been really good this year and are going to bed early every night and Santa and his Reindeers are looking forward to visiting all their homes on Christmas Day.

While Christmas is such an exciting time for the children it will be a very stressful and worrying time for families as they try their best to keep their heads above water and do the best they can. Christmas can also be a time of great sadness and reflection for many as they remember their loved ones and friends who are no longer with us, especially those recently bereaved. Here in the Centre we remember those senior citizens who were regulars in the Day Centre who sadly passed away this year. All of our relatives and friends will be remembered at our Annual Christmas Celebratory Mass which takes place in the Centre on Wednesday 15th December at 11am. All are welcome. May God bless and

take care of them all.

This year the Christmas Parties will be few and far between but no doubt work colleagues and friends will celebrate and toast the closing of another year. It is so important that friends look out for each other and make sure that everyone has a good night and all get home safely. Unfortunately, for so many Christmas can be a very lonely time and we should do all we can to support those less fortunate at this special time of year, the many homeless now living on our streets, the elderly living alone, single people without relatives, ex-prisoners and the many other vulnerable members of our society. Giving just a little can mean such a lot.

It is so easy to forget others at Christmas but this year especially we should all make a very special effort to drop in on our elderly neighbours and friends just to say hello and make sure they are keeping well, have enough food, are warm and in good spirits. Just a kind word, a gentle smile, a friendly face can mean so much to those less fortunate than us, especially this Christmas.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the volunteers who selflessly give so much of their time and energy all year round to ensure the continuous delivery of such valuable front-line services to the community. Their commitment is invaluable. On behalf of everybody at the Centre, The Board of Management, all the staff and volunteers we wish the whole community a Peaceful and Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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Happy Parents make Happy Children



The secret to raising a happy child is a Happy Parent! The biggest job facing any of us today the most rewarding job and the one we often forget to appreciate – that of being a parent. We often talk of the stresses of being a parent and how difficult our children are we forget the wonderful moments.

How to Be a Happy Parent

Be Grateful - be thankful for your children, it is difficult to be thankful for something and to be unhappy about it at the same time.

Believe in Yourself – you are a great parent, you love your children and you do your best for them – so believe this.

Help your children find happiness - Scientists have found that the number one thing that brings out true happiness is helping others feel good about themselves, we as parents have the power to make our children feel good about themselves.

Forgive – forgive yourself for mistakes let go of the past move on to the future. Forgive others, when you forgive someone you are doing so for you, not for them. In fact the other person does not even have to know they have been forgiven, but you will feel like a big weight has been lifted off of your shoulders.

Laugh and Play with your children – let them be fun and enjoy their youth. Take time to play with your younger children and to talk to and laugh with your older children. ENJOY your children is should not always be hard work – HAVE FUN!!

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- Grand parents
- Unemployed
- Employed
- CE participants

It is relevant for those parenting alone, sharing parenting or caring for children aged 6-11years

Course details

The course consists of seven 2.5 workshops run in St Andrews Resource Centre in Pearse Street covering positive parenting and positive discipline topics. The course will be held on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 am- 12 noon for seven weeks. Start Date 18th January 2011.

Places are limited so please reply as soon as possible to:

Dara Terry, Family Support, St Andrews Resource Centre 6771930

Wishing the Community a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.



Locals on a Greek Cruise in the past few months.

SIR PATRICK DUNN'S CHRISTMAS PIC. SPECIAL



Mary O'Connor, was for many years in Sir Patrick Dunn's, she is pictured at her Retirement Party. She will be missed by clients, staff and friends. Wishing Mary, staff and clients a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.



CHRISTMAS 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 and Peaceful Christmas.

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SPELLMAN CENTRE NEWS



– Legal Highs go Underground by Tom Crilly

Whilst alcohol remains the number one drug of abuse, some young people are seeking other substances which provide a new high, and choose to reject the fact that all drugs have side effects.

Snow Blow is a substance that was once for sale in head shops throughout Ireland before these outlets were closed down by the passing of The Criminal Justice (Psychoactive Substances) Act 2010, just last August.

Whatever the merits of having drugs legally available for sale on the high street the fact is now that these drugs have gone underground and their sale is now controlled by the drug lords.

The drug in question is more rightly called Mephedrone, methedrone, and methylone and it is a stimulant which is closely chemically related to amphetamines. It will keep the user up all night and in bad humour the next morning; unless of course, they succumb to the overwhelming desire to get more and continue the high. Sold in powder in a sachet – it can be swallowed, snorted or used also by injecting.

The usual names for this product on the street are most likely snow blow, m-cat, wild cat, Miaow, bubbles and white magic.

The problem is that there are so many of these substances that is almost impossible to tell what you are buying or taking without having a degree in

chemistry. There are huge issues with using these drugs. We hear that children as young as thirteen are experimenting with them. It then becomes a gateway drug to more regular and prolonged usage and eventually addiction.

Snow Blow is easily bought, €30 a gram which will get you enough for 15 takes. Just one phone call night or day and you have it. It is also available on the internet.

Effects: Like other stimulant drugs, these cathinone derivatives (based on the plant khat grown in East Africa) can have an impact on the heart. Some users report heart palpitations, or an irregular or racing heartbeat, which may last for some time after taking the drugs. Users can experience blurred vision, hot flushes and muscle tension, particularly in the jaw and face, and some people report that their hands have taken on a bluish colour, with sore and scabs spread over the body. As with other stimulants, these substances tend to act as appetite suppressants. Nausea and vomiting has been reported, particularly if mixed with other drugs such as alcohol or cannabis.

**If you want more information on drug abuse please contact the Spellman Centre.
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The Mountain Maker from Irishtown

by George P. Kearns



I believe that being a mountain maker makes me a unique type of person, as it is more usual for man to tear down or tunnel through mountains, rather than actually assist in the making of same.

Like many other kids in Irishtown, I spent quite a bit of time salvaging items of value from the local dumps for recycling, although at the time the word 'recycling' didn't exist in our vocabulary, our pickings were for reuse at home and/or to earn a few makes.

Bottles, Jam jars and scrap metal were gathered for selling to Greasy Bakers scrap yard in Ringsend and coke or if you like cinders were picked for home use and perhaps an odd bucket or two for belling door to door in nearby streets.

However my teenage years soon approached and it was time for me to find a job and earn a living and leave my days as a part-time cinder picker behind me.

Many years later having saved up a few bob I bought myself a truck and began to sell coal and vegetables door to door and from time to time I hired out my services for deliveries and the odd waste disposal job and this latter work brought me back into contact with the dumps.

As the years rolled by, waste disposal became the prime earner in my chosen career and trips to the corporation and council dumps became a daily occurrence. In the beginning the only dump available to private waste contractors was the Irishtown dumps, which for some unknown reason came to be known as the Ringsend dumps?

I do know that previous to the opening of the Irishtown dump, ashes and the likes were dumped alongside the Shelly banks in an area that was known as the Greenbanks and this tipping site could well have been officially known as the Ringsend dumps. The name Greenbanks by the way was derived from the Greenbank family who lived in a house on the

Pigeon House Road which was also called Greenbanks and as their back garden faced onto a stretch of the Shelly banks, the complete area took on the name "Greenbanks".

The Irishtown dumps however, began at the Irishtown end of the Pembroke Drain when a portion of the sea wall was breached to allow for the legal tipping of waste. {6d a ton} Waste from the local glass bottle companies was dumped there {There were five of these companies in the Ringsend area in the 1930s/1940s era} and for many years huge blobs of waste glass in all shapes and sizes were dumped there.

Corporation trucks brought Dublin's household waste to the dumps, which waste was in effect simple truck loads of ashes and dirt, as in those poverty stricken times everything was recycled. The rags, bottles and jam jars that did arrive in the dumps were usually from the better off Dublin homes and/or business premises, as the poor wasted nothing.

These corporation trucks were made by the French "De Dion Bouton" company which had a plant in England at the time. These trucks had no widows of any description and to try and keep the wind and rain at bay, the driver and his crew of helpers draped old sacks across the wind screen space, where a hole would be cut out in order for the driver to see where he was going. The wheels which were made of iron had no tires and the trucks used to rumple like an old fashioned steam roller through the city streets. The noise of the trucks heading to the dumps with their full loads could be heard from miles around and the kids would come running to get a skut off the Frenchies as the trucks were so nicknamed.

On a point of interest corporation dust men as they were known and coal delivery drivers, road workers etc had a unique way of keeping themselves warm and reasonably dry by wearing old sacks as coats. One would simply flatten out a sack on the ground and push one of the bottom corners in as far as its opposite corner and one would have a 'hoody' to rival any modern version of same, one would then tie a piece of string around ones waist and then face the days work.



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In time, other tipping areas were made available in the Dublin area, one of which was quite near my home in Finglas, and in the course of my business I used them all. However landfill was getting scarce and the county council now known as Fingal County Council opened up a large dump in Rush Co. Dublin and on approaching the Finglas Dumps one fine day in the early seventies with a load of rubbish I was told to turn around and head for the new Rush dumps, which to say the least was a two hour round trip journey which seriously shortened my work hours to two loads a day, whereas prior to that I could at times managed three to four loads a day. They gave me brief instructions on how to get to the new dumps and I was told that I should open the gate and dump my load beside the large pool of water just in from the entrance.

On that day when I arrived at the dump another driver was parked outside the gate with a load of rubbish and as I approached he informed me that there was no one around and that the gates were locked.

I told him what my instructions were and he then went back to his truck and fetched a wrench with

which he broke the lock and opening the gates, he waived me in and that is how I became the first waste disposal contractor to dump rubbish in the new Balleally landfill in Rush, Co. Dublin.

Over the years the dumps was allowed to build up to a fair height and it is now a feature on the Rush Landscape which is often locally referred to as the Rush Mountain and having had the privilege of laying the foundation stone, so to speak, albeit a load of rubbish, I without intention, became a mountain maker.

For the following three days I had free access to the Balleally dumps because no dump keeper had as yet been appointed, but that soon ended and on the fourth day, a council worker was in attendance in order to collect the dumping fees, which at that time stood at £2 per ton. He would also instruct one on where to dump the rubbish. Payments were made my ticket/permits which one could at the time purchase from the County Councils Office in O'Connell St. Today's prices for disposal of a tonne of waste at Balleally dumps, costs between €124.85 / €136.20, depending on the contents of same.

George wishes the Community a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.



THE LAST OF THE PICKEROONEYS (Irishtown Dump)

Sept. 1972

*Left to right:
Christy (Paddy)
Ellis, Tommy
Darby,
Pat Darby and
Paddy Weafer.*

*Picture taken by
Barney Lindsay*

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM GREENORE / ROSTREVOR COMPLEX 2 GREENORE COURT

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NEWS FROM RINGSEND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Hospice Coffee Morning

The Hospice Coffee Morning took place in September. It was organised by 3rd Year CSPE students. Cakes were made by students in the Home Economics room and also by staff. A number of parents gave great assistance and support on the day. The event was well supported by the rest of the school, the neighbouring primary schools, the local community and the local public reps. €918 was raised which was subsequently presented to Harold's Cross Hospice and the new Children's Hospice.



CDVEC Cross Country

The annual CDVEC inter schools cross country took place on 10th November in the Phoenix Park. The weather for the event was very favourable. Our Junior Girls took the runner up position and Ross Kemple took 3rd place in the Senior Boys.



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



Girls Soccer

In the recent CDVEC Schools Soccer Competition both our Minor and Junior Girls Teams took the runner up positions in the finals.

Gaisce – The President's Award

Last year the Gaisce Award was introduced in Ringsend Technical Institute. The students involved undertook a number of challenges in the area of community involvement, development of personal skills, physical activity as well as a two day, one night 25km hike. These challenges included drama, singing, working with the elderly, mentoring junior teams, earning FAI approved coaching certificates, working in the local church, participating in the All Ireland Road Race and raising money for charity.

Congratulations to all the students involved who will soon receive their medals.



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Christmas Sentiment by Monica Moffatt



"I don't believe it" David Burke exclaimed, as he read the newspaper article for the fourth time.

"What don't you believe this early in the morning" his mother enquired, as she buttered the final slice of toast.

"Christmas has come to Grafton Street" he informed her.

"I don't believe it" she carried the plate of toast to the table, taking the paper from her son to read the article for herself.

John Burke, her husband, sitting quietly by the hearth, laughed out loud as he said "I thought we had Victor Meldrew in our kitchen", as he gave a very good imitation of the television character "That was very good Dad" David said as he gave a robust clap!

Daughter Liz, always last down for breakfast, yawned and helped herself to toast, with the addition of marmalade.

"What's new. Anything of interest in the paper"? Not that she really cared about such things, A new fashion item with accessories to match, now that would be meaningful to Liz

Hearing the news, Liz intoned "Early shopping for Christmas" like the advertisements say. "Mum could we go in to-day"? she pleaded.

Emily looked at her daughter, "I'm not making any promises" she said. Go up to the attic and check on the decorations. We may need some new ones, especially for the tree"

Liz, dark haired, tall and slim was gone in a flash. The newly installed stairs – A Stira looked inviting, as Liz ran up its length, and entered the attic. The wooden trunk lay in the centre of the room. A light covering of dust on its lid, was shown up by the stream of sunlight coming through a slight crack in the old window. Liz unrolled the mattress, pulled it along the lino covered floor, till it was in line with the trunk. Kneeling on the stripe covered length of foam, she opened up the trunk's sturdy lid.

To Liz's surprise the contents were very neat and tidy. Birthday Cards and Christmas ones, Congratulatory and Condolence too, lay bundled tightly together. Baby shoes, a rattle, two soothers, accompanied by a Christening Robe – still snow white – were wrapped in wads of white tissue paper. A plait of red hair and a yellow rose were concealed in a crinkled envelope, along with two military style brass buttons. Liz had never seen most of these items, she had a lot of family history to catch up with.

At last, things she recognised came to the fore. Through the clear plastic bag, she saw the Christmas Tree baubles.

She emptied them out on to the foam, where she was kneeling. Now was the time to separate the good from the unusable.

First up, the red and green plumage of the small parrot on his swing, felt soft in her hand. Her young brother had bought it with his pocket money many years ago, and cried when the bird wouldn't fly.

A little white dressed fairy, her silver wings now bent, her wand not much better always had her special place on the tree. Her mother had won her in a school raffle. How ancient is that, Liz thought and smiled.

Four cardboard cut outs, hand painted and sprinkled with silver glitter made by Liz and her siblings years ago. Imagine mother putting those teddy bear shapes away each year.

Gold coloured, very long drop baubles just like her earrings, were next. Liz remembered her Gran wearing them at dinner. She said they matched her party Hat! The red velvet covered bell, a friend had posted, years ago from New York. She had always loved the sound of church bells. They reminded her of her Irish Village Home.

A little elf, which Liz remembered was on a friend's tree. She had cried. The friend had given it to her. Liz felt embarrassed at the memory. She still liked it, as she knelt there, straightening out the pipe cleaner which held him together.

Liz opened up the biscuit tin she had just lifted out from the trunk. The crib – seven pieces in all – lay inside, their delicate porcelain protected by a covering of straw. Liz recalled the day, her mother had asked the man, who, at the time delivered eggs, for the straw.

Another tin revealed a celluloid Santa, dressed to perfection. His place is on the Mantlepiece, next to a red boot bought by her Dad. The boot has baby teeth marks in the toe area.

Liz sighed, and returned all items back into the dark recess of the trunk. Her hand touched another bauble. Actually it was the "Cinderella Coach's" fairy lights, Liz's all time favourite.

Downstairs her mother, relaxing in the sitting room, expected Liz to arrive down with almost everything for the rubbish bin.

"I couldn't get rid of anything Mum. Each one had a story linked to it, and some were very old". Liz's voice sounded sad.

Secretely delighted nothing had been discarded, her mother said "Never mind, we'll go into town and you can buy your own favourite Christmas decoration. That's a promise."

Liz already knew what that would be. She had seen one in a Christmas market last year. A Silver Star, its proportions perfect for the top of the real tree, her Dad usually bought. With this thought in mind, Liz cheered up considerably. She knew after the festive season, she would be proud to add her star to the trunk's contents.

Monica wishes the Community a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.





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HEALING & WELLBEING NEWS

Dear community and friends

I would like to offer a very heartfelt thank you to all members of the community who have made me feel so very welcome here since my return to Ireland. Having spent the last 5 years studying and working abroad I was a little uneasy about how my transition back to living in Ireland would go. One day after I landed back on our beautiful green isle I was introduced to the open-hearted and open-minded



Teacher Carol

people of St Andrews Resource Centre and I knew that I was heading in the right direction!!

In the recent months I have taught Yoga in St Andrews and Gloucester St Sports Centre - to Adults and Kids as well as Mother and Baby Yoga classes at Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre. The response and enthusiasm I have seen from the adults, children and babies in my classes has made me feel so welcome and appreciated.

I will go to India and Sri Lanka for further studies and teaching over the Christmas and New Year period and hope to share some more fun and relaxing times together upon my return. I will be starting a new Saturday morning Yoga Class in St Andrews and I would like to extend a warm welcome to any new and interested Yogis to join.

As you will see from my website (details below) my aim is to make Yoga more accessible to people of all shapes and sizes throughout the community and easier for people who have never tried Yoga before to come and join for fun and relaxation.

Thanks again and I wish you all a very safe, warm and joy-filled Christmas and New Year.

Carol is a qualified Yoga and Reiki teacher and

therapist who has studied and taught throughout India, Thailand, Turkey and Ireland.



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If you would like to see more details of my trip over the next few months check my blog and website.

God Bless and see you in the New Year.

Love Carol X

Tadhg Benson (7) and Aaron Donohoe (9) from Pearse House, were snapped on their way for a swim during the summer. The evocative shot was taken last year by photographer Jeanette Lowe, from Rathfarnham.



Now the picture has been selected to be part of an exhibition of some of the most talented young photographers in the work at the National Portrait Gallery in London.

A credit to the Pearse Street Community.

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Football Howlers by Tony Rooney

I never make predictions, and I never will.

Paul Gascoigne.

Well, either side could win, or it could be a draw.

Ron Atkinson.

The manager still has a fresh pair of legs up his sleeve.

John Greig.

Steve McCahill has limped off with a badly cut

forehead. **Tom Ferrie.**

If that had gone in it would have been a goal.

David Coleman.

I think the action replay showed it to be worse than it actually was. **Ron Atkinson.**

On the Richter scale, this defeat was a force eight gale.

John Lyall.

I never comment on referees and I'm not going to break the habit of a lifetime for that prat.

Ron Atkinson.

There's been a colour clash: both teams are wearing white. **John Motson.**

You can't buy talent like that, and if you could, it would cost you a lot of money.

Mick McCarthy.

I felt a lump in my throat as the ball went in.

Terry Venables.

The one thing England has is spirit, resolve, grit and determination. **Alan Hansen.**

Richie has now scored eleven goals, exactly double the number he scored last season. **Alan Parry**

I've had fourteen bookings this season – eight of which were my fault, but seven of which were disputable.

Paul Gascoigne.

I think that France, Germany, Spain Holland and England will join Brazil in the semi-finals.

Pele.

One year I played fifteen months.

Franz Beckenbauer.

He's got a knock on the shin there, just above the knee.

Frank Stapleton.

I'd like to play for an Italian club, like Barcelona.

Mark Draper.

I couldn't settle in Italy – it was like living in a foreign country.

Ian Rush.

I'd rather play in front of a full house than an empty crowd. **John Giles.**

I was surprised, but I always say nothing surprise me in football. **Les Ferdinand.**

My parents have always been there for me, ever since I was about seven.

David Beckham.

It's going to be difficult for me- I've never had to learn a language and now I do.

David Beckham.

We're not used to weather in June in this country.

Jimmy Hill.

If Glenn Hoddle had been any other nationality, he would have had seventy or eighty caps for England.

John Barnes.

It was a good match, which could have gone either way and very nearly did. **Jim Sherwin.**

The Baggio brothers, of course, are not related.

George Hamilton



Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

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THUNDERBOLT BOXING CAMP

Thunderbolt Boxing Boot Camp

The Thunderbolt Boxing Boot Camp has been going for over a year in Gloucester Street Gym and the classes have been going strong, with many of the participants coming back after



Aidan Roche and Adam Kinsella.

their initial six week course has finished. Long may this continue, and if you have any interest in getting fit, the boot-camp offers you an extensive workout, which all of our students would agree with. While doing the classes, I came up with the idea of running a boxing event for people who have never boxed before. Unlike all the other white-collar boxing shows across the country, I decided to help raise money through the event for a good cause, and that cause was for the Irish Hospice Foundation.

This charity is very close to my heart as my dad Billy died over a year ago and the work the Hospice do helps families who have been in the same situation as my own.

We ran our first show in July which was a great success, as anyone who went to the show will attest to. We then recently ran our second show in November, and although we didn't get as many people as the first one, it was too a success, with the fights as good as you would see on a professional boxing show.

Unfortunately we didn't raise as much



Ian Buckley and David Andrews



Chris Andrews, Kirana from The Irish Hospice and John O'Brien, Thunderbolt Boxing Camp.

money as we had hoped the second time around, as many of the boxers found it hard to get sponsorship, but I would like to thank them all for their hard work and effort, as it is not easy to step inside a ring.

It was great that the majority of people from the community got behind us in the work we have tried to do, but you can't please everyone, as

there is small-minded people everywhere, but we will keep trying our best to raise as much as possible and then hopefully everyone will be with us and the money raised will be bigger and better.



William O'Brien and Thomas Lyons.

The cost of putting these shows together is huge, what with insurance, equipment, lighting, room hire, D.J, security, training facilities, and many other costs that although we tried to keep down as much as possible, it was a hard task.

In saying that, The Irish Hospice Foundation has giving us great feedback, and the lads who boxed this time with our sponsors raised €6000, which the hospice are extremely grateful for, an hopefully the next bunch of boxers will raise more money in March for our next event on March 12th, which will be for Crumlin Children Hospital.

At this point I would like to thank people

THUNDERBOLT BOXING CAMP

who have helped us over the past six months.

- **Mark Lacey and his team in Gloucester Street**
- **Neds of Townsend Street**
- **The Pdraig Pearse**
- **Chris Andrews T.D**
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- **Aidan Walsh, Photographer**



David Andrews and Ian Buckley with their medals.

running for the kids of the area, which have

And to anyone we have forgotten, thanks for all your help, it is greatly appreciated.

I would finally like to finish up by talking about the classes we have been

been going from strength to strength. Unfortunately we can only take the kids so far with their training without having the proper facilities.

We have been trying to get premises to open a club in the area, which will cost a lot of money to get set up, but my team and I are determined to push through with it. If anyone reading this can come up with ideas about getting funding please don't hesitate to contact me.

I am looking for to the year ahead as we can continue the work that we started this year.

Onwards and upwards, John O'Brien.



Aidan Roche and Adam Kinsella with their medals.



William O'Brien and Thomas Lyons at the final bell.

ST. ANDREW'S CHILDCARE NEWS

Martina's 50th Surprise Birthday

St. Andrews Childcare News – Christmas Greetings!



Hi everyone, it's that time of year again, only 2 weeks to Christmas! The children are practising their Christmas songs. They are making Santa decorations, Snowmen and Stars and Christmas

Trees. They are all so excited; they have started sending their letters to Santa Clause.

Our hot meals for our children are a great success.

As you can see from our photos of Halloween our Halloween party was a great success.

I would like to welcome Melanie Cassidy and Anita McCluskey to our Childcare team.

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

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THE PALACE (1940s) by Sonny Kinsella

The Palace Cinema was in Pearse Street opposite The Exide Battery Company which went on fire in 1936 in which three firemen from Tara Street Fire Station lost their lives in the inferno. The Palace was convenient to Townsend Street and all the surrounding streets which comprised mostly of tenement houses and flats. The front of The Palace was surrounded by a magnificent canopy with a half circle shaped roof made entirely of beautiful stained glass and supported by two steel pillars. The canopy stretched from the entrance of the foyer to the edge of the path. Unfortunately it disappeared years later when The Palace was modernised and re-named. It was a fine big picture house, previously in Victorian times it was known as The Antient Concert Rooms. Each side of the inside of the building huge murals was painted on the walls which didn't interest our young minds at that time. It held approximately eight hundred downstairs which was all on wooden seats and the upstairs balcony which seated about three hundred was more up-to-date with red tip-up cushion seats. The programme changed twice a week and once on Sunday, the Matinee stated every day at three o'clock with the noisy queue kept in order by the Head Usher Mr. Dunne, who was over six foot tall and went by the nickname of Roman Nose for obvious reasons, you behaved while he was around. Inside at the cashier's office was the second Usher who tore the tickets and gave you a half a ticket back. And if you had a few pence to spare you bought some apples from Mrs Farrell who sold apples and oranges outside the Palace for years in all kinds of weather from an old bread board placed on top of an old pram. There usually was two pictures shown, one big one and a short one and sometimes a serial that ran for about three months such as Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars or The Clutching Hand that had every one on tenterhooks until the next week's episode. Many Cowboy and Indian were also shown and was very popular with the all the gang and when it came to playing games in the Street most of the kids wanted to be a cowboy because they were the goodies and the Indians were the baddies. So it was very hard to get someone to be an Indian unless he was Geronimo, Magwah or Sitting Bull, who were Indian Chiefs, otherwise no Indians. If you had no money to pay in there was other way you could get in. That was bunking in as it was known (this is without paying). The first way was through a hole in the wall in the grave yard of St. Mark's Church, which took you into the toilet in the Palace (ask Gerry Brown about this) and the other way was through the emergency doors to the street and also the Palace. But you had to be aware of Roman Nose and wait till his back was turned before you made your illegal entry. If he

caught you he would just put you out but this seldom happened. The funny thing about the toilet entry was one of the gang already in the Palace would walk into the toilet to give you the all clear and eight would walk out while Roman Nose was busy controlling a noisy crowd of kids throwing butts of apples etc at each other. And just for the record you dare not sit in the seats directly under the balcony because you would never know what would land on you head. As we grew up in age so also did Mr. Dunne (Roman Nose) and Eddie. In later times Roman Nose would take out his rosary beads and say the prayers to himself oblivious of the people around as soon as the lights went out and the pictures started. But nobody took any notice, Eddie was still checking the tickets outside the Cashier's box and it was known that he was very partial to the odd pint, often slipping out to the pub when it wasn't busy at the cash box. This was very beneficial to us for when we had no money to pay in we would collect what we had among the six of us and give Eddie the nod to let him know the situation and he would nod back to us at the right time when the cashier was busy at the cash box, then the six of us would just saunter by unnoticed by the cashier, then one of us would slip Eddie the few bob, then make our way into the Cinema, six of us getting in for the price of two. In later years Eddie was often under the influence while on the job, but unfortunately for him a new cashier took over and complained to Mr. Eppel who was the owner of the Palace, and when he came in to check on the complaint he found out that Eddie had a right skinful and sacked him on the spot. Poor Eddie was never seen again and this changed our way of life into the Palace. As the years went by we became more sedate in our choice of cinema and changed our alliance to the top class cinemas in O'Connell Street. The Palace changed many times in name and the interior was refurbished to compete with the top cinemas. This was the end of Roman Nose and the matinees. Eventually it closed down some years later leaving behind the ghosts of patrons of Townsend Street and District and also the memories of the Antient Concert Rooms was back back in the Victorian times.



P.S.: Inside the foyer of the Palace was a big circle engraved on the floor with the words "The Antient Concert Rooms". Did that disappear too like the lovely canopy did? During its tenure Count John McCormack appeared on stage and a world class boxing championship fight took place in "The Antient Concert Rooms".



Sonny Kinsella.

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

Johnny Forty Coats by Sonny Kinsella

Townsend Street was the saviour to many of the characters that came into it every day and the tenants of the Street were very tolerant and kind to them. But of all the characters that came into the Street one stood out more than the rest. One reason being he wore a number of coats on him, the outer one was an old rain coat tied around the waist to keep it

closed. This acted as a belt. No one knew where he came from or what his name was so he was christened "Johnny Forty Coats". He was probably an old First World War veteran who fell on hard times and ended up his life as many others did. He looked the respectable type and kept himself fairly clean for a person in that position. Every morning he would be seen making his way to Shank's Dining Rooms for his breakfast at 9.30 and later on for his dinner at 1.30. The Shanks's family treated

these people with great respect, after his dinner he would be seen sitting on a stone pillar in Spring Garden Lane casually smoking his pipe after he had cut and rolled the tobacco with his hands, he had a greeting for every one who passed him by and was very kind to the children who came to talk to him. He never seemed to beg and after relaxing for some time he would wave goodbye to the children until he would appear in the Street the next morning. For some years he was a regular to the Street and to Shanks Dining Room's until one day he didn't appear, which was most irregular, this went on for some weeks and his absence became very noticeable. He never returned to the Street again and whatever happened to him we never found out. He just seemed to disappear from the face of the earth, The pillar where he sat in the lane became a monument to him, but after some years that too disappeared, wiping out the memory of Johnny Forty Coats. In later times some other characters were called Johnny Forty Coats, but in Townsend Street we had the original "Johnny".

Ireland – "Another Titanic" by Sonny Kinsella

It's very sad to see and hear
Of all the folks that's leaving
Every county throughout Ireland
From Monday to Friday evening
I sometimes have to stop and think
Is there a Reason Why
That these folks just pack up their bags
And to far off lands they fly
It's dismal and depressing
To see they emigrate
The country is in the doldrums
But for some it's just too late
Oh my Oh my what have they done
To the Rare Ould Times we knew
It will never ever be the same
So what have we left to do
The Rare Ould Times have come and gone
Things can never be the same
The cut backs and the taxes



Will drive us all insane
And because of all the cut backs
We'll all end up like loonies
We won't even have the will
To join up with the Moonies
So once again My Parting Friends
I wish the fond farewell
You are moving towards Heaven
And leaving us in Hell
So good luck to all you lucky folks
We leave for distant places
Your sadness will be cast aside
And you'll end up with smiling faces.



This poem was written in the 1980's when things were very bad here in Ireland. It is now repeating itself after the death of "The Celtic Tiger".

Ships That Pass in the Morning by Denis J. Ranaghan



Denis J. Ranaghan

Yes that is the correct title. If the ships in the following story had met a few hours earlier then the familiar expression Ships That Pass in the Night would have applied.

Around the middle of October 1959 on a bright, Australian morning two ships met at Sydney Heads at the entrance to Sydney Harbour NSW, both were passenger liners. The larger, two-funnelled *Dominion Monarch* was outward bound from Sydney for Wellington, New Zealand. The other vessel the smaller, one funnelled *New Australia* (she originally had two funnels but had been converted) was inbound to Sydney from Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. As the two ships passed about a mile off the crews of both ships yelled insults and made obscene gestures at each other until the vessels were astern of each other. This was unusual as ships' crews generally waved and cheered in a good-natured fashion at each other.

The *New Australia* had been one port behind the *Dominion Monarch* all the way from Fremantle in Western Australia and in New Zealand would follow the *Dominion Monarch* in and out of the ports of Wellington, Auckland and Lyttleton. Then all the way back via Cape Town in S.Africa to the U.K.until the Bay of Biscay where the *New Australia* changed course for the Clyde and the *Dominion Monarch* to London.

But why were the two ships never in port together? And why the jeers etc? Well, a few years beforehand the *New Australia* and the *Dominion Monarch* were docked in Wellington N.Z. when a fight broke out in a pub called the Waterloo Hotel, later to have the nick name *The Bucket of Blood*; it was a free for all. At the beginning there had been a fight between the crew of the *Dominion Monarch* and the crew of another British passenger vessel. A couple of the



Part of the Quinn Group of Pubs in Tahiti!!!!

crew from the *New Australia* got involved and then the rest of her crew too. It was a blood bath with civilians and crew badly injured and many eventually hospitalised.

So too were several of the local police who were attempting to restore order before their reinforcements arrived. Several thousands of pounds worth of damage was done, the crews of both ships were arrested, charged and jailed.

As soon as both ships had loaded cargo and embarked passengers, the crews released from jail, they were ordered to sail and not come back to New Zealand again. On hearing this Australian authorities put the same ban on both ships. However, the *Dominion Monarch* had been a lucky ship in that during the Second World War whilst serving as a troop ship most of the troops she had embarked for war from Australia and New Zealand returned. And she was one of the first troop ships to bring the troops home at the end of the war and had always been welcome in N.Z. ports. This was one of the mitigating factors in her favour and she was allowed back on the coast again. So the *New Australia* had to be allowed back too but the two ships would never be allowed in the same port together in either New Zealand or Australia.

Besides being a good story you may ask the relevance to Dublin. One of the crew on the *New Australia* was a Frankie Mullan who lived near Sandymount in Dublin and the other Denis Ranaghan then living in Belfast but now in Co Wicklow who was in the crew of the *Dominion Monarch*. In 1999 40 years, now 50 years, after the two ships in this story met, Frankie Mullan applied to the Secretary of a Sporting Club for membership. The Secretary's name? Denis Ranaghan. William has been a member of the *Avonmore* from that time. Neither of them has resumed hostilities from that time in 1959 and now ships have truly passed into the night as they enjoy their sport together and the camaraderie of their club and the fellowship of the sea.

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POETRY by Mary Fleming

CHRISTMAS HOW ARE YE

Reading newspapers is giving me the jitters
It seems that the country is now in flitters
Money matters are causing a fuss
Now the banks want to borrow from us
The teachers and farmers all want to strike
But the ministers told them "On yer bike"
The exchequer is running at a loss
Trying to pay for trips taken by F A S
We can't eat pork and we can't eat ham
The government don't seem to give a damn
"Let them eat cake" appears to be their motto
Do they think we've all won the bleedin' lotto
Jobs are being lost at a frightening rate
Except of course those employed by the state
For light relief turn on the T.V.
What do you get? cheerful George Lee
Telling us we're all going down the pan
And emigration's your only man
If this makes you sick then do not fear
The H.S.E. will bring you good cheer
They'll find you a spot on a hospital trolley
As long as you've given V H I your 'lolly'
Don't watch gangster films to see a gunfight
Just walk through our cities any old night
Churches are half empty, God's not in fashion
The old time religion has taken a bashin'
We've forgotten why Christmas is celebrated

The Christmas crib is considered outdated
The current idea of Christmas cheer
Is bottles of spirits and crates of beer
Maybe that's the cause of all the gloom
In modern day Christmas, Christ has no room.

CHRISTMAS ??

Did you know that because of recession
Christmas is cancelled this year?
The world is in total depression
We're not allowed be 'of good cheer'
We must all tighten our belt
This year there'll be no overeating
Maybe that will be good for our health
'Tho supermarkets will take a beating
Santa must go on a diet
So fewer reindeer can pull the sleigh
Ryanair said they would fly it
But each toy they'd carefully weigh
There's lots of doom and gloom around
And very little cheer
So there's no point having Christmas
Until this time next year
Maybe by then we'll be cheerful once more
Have left this recession behind
Can celebrate Christmas as in days of yore
With peace and joy to all mankind

Poetry composed in 2008 by Mary Fleming

CHRISTMAS PICTURE BOARD



Rachel, Alison and Caroline partying.



Heather with Thomas and Hilary with granddaughter Ella



Chloe



Keely with Thomas



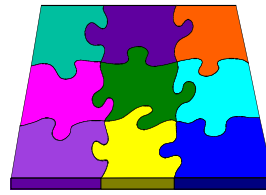
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Gaelic games



Exchange Programme

The final leg of the exchange is taking place and we have 9 young people participating in the programme, they are getting ready for their trip to Finland on the 26th Feb. Our group will meet up with other young people from Malta, Slovenia and Finland. During their time there they will meet peers, learn about the different cultures, lifestyles, food and much more – this is a fantastic opportunity for our young people to be involved in. We are currently organising another exchange, which will start in January; and we are in the process of organising an exchange during the Summer 2011 to Poland; if you are aged between 13 – 15yrs of age and are up for a challenge and having a bit of fun on the way, contact us for further information.

Art Project – A special well done to the Young People who took part in the Glass Art Project which can be currently seen at the Water Ways at Grand Canal Dock. The young people experienced the creating and constructing of art pieces. They worked with steel cages, crushed glass and large sheets of glass to compose their pieces of art. Our young people worked alongside Roisin de Butleir (artist) and students from the National College of Art & Design. The group got to see that the life of an artist isn't as glamorous as one thinks!!!



Zone Project

Students for LCA in CBS Westland row are currently working on a Project with us call 'Tree of Hope' that will be permanently fixed in St. Andrews on completion. The group have being active in designing and creating the Tree. The foundation of the tree is St. Andrew's Resource Centre from with the Youth Project grew and the young people are the branches – we'll keep you posted are the project develops.

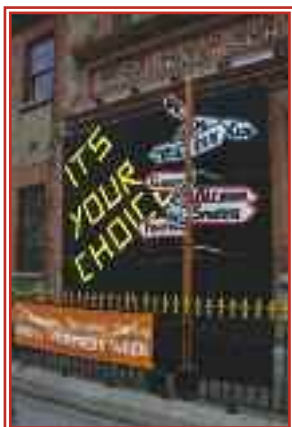
Clubs & Groups

If you are interested in joining any of the clubs and groups, give us a ring 6771930 for more information as we have something to suit all ages,



"Talk About Youth" Project

"TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT" WISHES YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Drug Awareness week "IT'S YOUR CHOICE" - We had a fantastic week of activities during the DAW, in preparation for the week, a group of young people were consulted regarding what ideas they had about the week. Other young people helped design and create the sign post which was erected outside the building. The week consisted of a variety of activities ranging from mobile quiz, information evening, video night, fun & games, and for those young people who participated in the full week they gained the right to attend either quasar or paintballing



Comhairle Na nÓg: *"My Name is Jordan Byrne; I am currently a member of the Dublin City Comhairle Na nÓg (CNO). The CNO is the junior youth council and there are 34 councils around the country. As a past member of the CNO I was chosen to speak at 2 AGM's to which I explained the purpose of the CNO to potential new members. Following this I was re-elected and we had our first meeting on the 19th Oct, the Lord Mayor of Dublin opened the meeting and gave us an inspiring speech, we took part in ice-breakers to get rid of any awkwardness. During this meeting I was elected to partake in a Dáil Na nÓg event. The aim of the meeting was to consult with young people about reforming the Junior Cert, which took place on the 13th Nov, it was a very large meeting and there were delegates from all over Ireland in attendance. Our ideas are currently being reviewed and hopefully they will be acted upon by Minister Barry Andrews and his team, I dearly hope*



something worthwhile is done about this!! If you are a young person and would like to talk to me about issues that I can bring forward to these meetings, contact me through St. Andrew's" - Jordan

HUMAN RIGHTS AWARENESS PROGRAMME

On behalf on the members of the HRAP we would like to thank everyone for their continued support. The young people are doing really well with their preparation for their visit to the Philippines, they have been tireless with their ideas for fundraising and will continue to do so. They have organised a photoshoot for the 27th Nov, any young people who are interested in taking part in this project contact us for further details.



Youth Awards

We would like to congratulate all the young people who were nominated for the O2 Youth Awards, we had a total of 46 young people aged from 10 – 21, along with 2 groups. Danielle Larkin won the Special Individual Award. The PREDA group and the Junior Leaders group won the group awards. From the outset there was a group of young people who took part in the prep work behind the scenes and they also hosted the evening



serving food and showed people to their seats. Some members of Dance Mania performed on the evening, Kayleigh Hanevy and Lara Corcoran put on a comedy piece, while Lauren Wilson, Jodie Harrison and Hayleigh Kelly kept the audience entertained with their guitars and songs. Minister Barry Andrews launched the

Bully Busters Programme and the Ambassador to the Philippines attend the evening too, it was a fabulous night – the young people on the evening are representatives of all young people within the area.

"Talk About Youth" Project

"TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT" WISHES YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Programme

To date we have some new and exciting programmes that are currently running at the moment:

Guitar Lesson – there are 10 young people aged from 10yrs up to 17 learning to play the guitar through Walton's World of music, this takes place on Tuesday in St. Andrews from 4 – 5p.m & 6 – 7 p.m. We also have advanced guitar lessons on Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8p.m



Swimming Team – we are looking for keen swimmers to become part of the local swimming team – there are 4 places available – the swimming sessions are held in Markievicz Pool on Wednesday 4 – 5 p.m

Majorettes – If you would like to be part of the Pearse Street Twirlers there are places on offer if you are aged 9 years and up, practice takes places in Gloucester Street Sports Centre on Thursdays from 4 – 5.30p.m

Academy – auditions were held on the 24th Nov in Gloucester St, however we are still looking for young people aged from 5years up, so if you can sing, dance, tell a joke or would like to show your skills behind the scenes give us a call, the young people will be performing in local shows, the Community games and much more



If you would like any information regarding clubs, groups or programmes why not call us for further information

CDYSB Christmas Show – we have some young people performing in Liberty Hall with other young people from around Dublin, the performance will be held on 5th Dec – best of luck lads.



CHRISTMAS SILLY SEASON



<p>Tues 14th Dec Ice Skating (Age 12+) Cost: €8 Meeting at: St. Andrew's Resource Centre</p>	<p>Wed 15th Dec Santa Special (Age 4-8) Cost: €5 Time: 4-6.30pm St. Andrew's Resource Centre</p>	<p>Wed 15th Dec Christmas Show (All Welcome) No Charge Time: 6-6.30pm St. Andrew's Resource Centre</p>	<p>Thurs 16th Dec Cinema (A9-12) Cost: €5 Meeting at: 5.00pm St. Andrew's Resource Centre</p>
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We would like to thank the Bank of New York Mellon who have been generously sponsored all of the Silly Season events.



Gloucester Street Sports & Recreation Centre

MARK LACEY'S MARATHON

Congratulations to Mark Lacey for doing the Dublin Marathon and 10 days later putting himself through 26.2 miles of running in the New York marathon. He did it in 3 hours and 30 minutes. Mark is taking it easy for the rest of 2010. He will start afresh in the New Year with the European duathlon championship. And the London Marathon in April, best of luck with winter training Mark .



GO GIRLS GYM

Go girls has gone from strength to strength go girls Gym which takes place in Gloucester on Monday evening from 8pm to 9pm cost in only €2 and any girl from the age of 14 to 18 are welcome to come along, well-done to all the fighters who took part in the Thunderbolt boxing bootcamp Gloucester was the home for all



the training for the lads Well-done to John and his team in raising funds for the Irish hospice

JOEY CALLAHAN RETIREMENT



Gloucester St would like to thank Joey Callahan for all this hard work over the past 2 years he will be sadly missed by all the staff in Gloucester St., he is now putting the

feet up and having a well earned rest. Joey was one of the first people employed in Gloucester Street.

PAUL FLYNN'S DUATHLON

Paul Flynn from Christian Brothers School finished his first ever Duathlon and he came in 64th place.



Paul is undertaken training with the LCA students which will be taking part in the Dublin duathlon race in May. Paul ran 3.5km than took to the bike for 20km and back on a run for 3.5km welldone Paul.

HALLOWEEN SPORTS CAMP



Some of the girls which took part in the Halloween sports camp in Gloucester St sports centre over 25 children took part in various sports games through the day followed by a Halloween party.

SKYDIVING

Hi my name is Lee and I work in Gloucester Street Sports Centre. I have completed a sponsored skydive with St Andrews Resource Centre. It was for a charity in the Philippines called Preda. Preda helps stop child trafficking and child imprisonment in the Philippines.



The skydive was amazing. I was scared when I was going up in the plane then at 10 thousand feet the door and I was hanging out of the plane with a man strapped to me back in the plane. The man shouted ready steady go and we left the plane. We free falled for about 10 seconds, it was amazing the wind pushing me cheeks back. After that the man pulled the parachute cord. The view was breath taking the man even let me steer the parachute, he gave me to ropes that steer it. When we were coming down to land I had to raise my legs so I could land on my bum. I highly recommend it.



All of Gloucester Street wished Ann a very Happy 60th Birthday.

Wishing the Community a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas



Ringsend and Irishtown

by Lyrics Murphy



Ringsend, or the end of the Point, was an uninhabited place until the 17th century, when it replaced Dalkey as the port of Dublin. Ringsend was the chief place of embarkation and disembarkation between the 17th and 19th centuries for cross-channel passengers. This trade ceased when Howth and later Dun Laoghaire harbours were built.

In 1620 a station house was built at Ringsend for Thomas Cave, a revenue surveyor, and by 1660 there were 59 persons of English and 21 of Irish descent living there. At that time Ringsend, which was almost surrounded by water, was a very busy village. Nearby lay a wood between Irishtown and Beggars Bush which, we are told was "a resort of robbers".

In 1647 there landed and camped at Ringsend an English Parliamentary force under Colonel Michael Jones, who had crossed the Irish sea to negotiate Dublin's surrender by the Royalist Duke of Ormonde. Ormonde handed over the city to Jones, a move he later regretted. In 1649 he laid siege to the city, but his forces were defeated by Jones in the battle of Rathmines. Before the battle a company of Parliamentarians, who were stationed at Ringsend, were attacked and defeated by a detachment of Royalists from Ormonde's camp at Finglas. When Oliver Cromwell landed at Ringsend on 18th August 1649 with a well equipped army of 12,000 men, he was welcomed by the city fathers of Dublin, which was by then firmly under the control of the English Parliament. From the forts and the ships that were anchored in the Liffey cannon boomed while bells in the city pealed and the streets were decorated with flags and bunting.

In 1690 James II rode out to Ringsend to witness a naval engagement between several vessels under the command of Sir Cloudesley Shovel and one of his own frigates laden with goods for France. There have been a number of historical references to a well known

tavern at Ringsend called "The Kings Head". In 1683 a notorious family of bandits, the Brennans, laid low for some days at this tavern and escaped with property valued at £12,000. John Dunton, writing in 1699, said they were "nobly treated at the King's Head, at this dear place".

In 1707, when a ballast office was founded, operations began in clearing and widening the channel into Dublin port for shipping. In 1711 the Liffey was embanked between the city and Ringsend. The great South Wall, one of the most outstanding achievements of marine engineering in the world, was commenced in 1714 and finally completed in 1796. Originally a framework of wooden piling, it was replaced in 1735 by a double stone wall. The intervening space was filled with boulders and gravel, forming a roadway.

The Poolbeg lighthouse, at the furthest extremity of the South Wall, was opened on 29th September 1767 and was the first lighthouse in the world to use candles. All other lighthouses up to that time used coals. The name, the Pidgeon House, was derived from a strongly built wooden house, which was erected on the South Wall during its own construction for the use of the overseer and caretaker. His name was John Pidgeon.

In time Pidgeon's house became a hostelry, and he and his family supplemented their incomes by running boat trips around the bay, a business which the old man's daughters carried on after his death. When a cross channel packet station and a harbour was established here, a hotel was built at the Pidgeon

House in 1790, for the accommodation of travellers. In 1814 the government erected a fort here and, in 1843, it was the guns of the Pidgeon House Fort which were trained on the Clontarf Road to Conquer Hill, where O'Connell's monster repeal meeting was to take place. The Pidgeon House has been used for many purposes since 1790, including a store for state papers, and is today the offices of the E.S.B. generating station.

From the Ancient Calendar of the Records of Dublin, in the year 1454, we find a decree of the Corporation ordering all people of Irish blood to quit the city within four weeks under the threat of imprisonment on refusing to obey the order. These homeless victims, both clergy and lay people, made their way eastward to the seashore where they established a community at what became known as Irishtown.

Saint Matthew's church, Irishtown, which was built in 1703 for Protestant seamen, has a fine bellfry and it is believed that the vaults were once used by smugglers because of its then isolated position. In 1790 Theobald Wolfe Tone rented a little seaside house at Irishtown and, in his memoirs, he recalls many happy days spent there. A regular visitor was Thomas Russell, who was later hanged for his part in Robert Emmet's rebellion. In the 18th century Irishtown was one of the popular Dublin venues where hurling games were played and there is a record of a game held here in 1757 between married men and bachelors for a wager of 50 guineas a side. Unfortunately, the result is not recorded.

Christmas is Coming by Anne Byrne

*"Christmas is coming,
And the geese are getting fat.
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.
If you haven't got a penny,
A halfpenny will do,
And if you haven't got a halfpenny,
Then God bless you".*

Slowly Mrs. Mary O'Rourke started to come to, she struggled to remember what she had been dreaming about - she thought she had heard her mother chanting the little Christmas rhythm; also the one she used to chant in an effort to get her to wake up and get ready for school. Yes, that was it - "Lazy Mary, will you get up, will you get up, on a cold and frosty morning?"

Suddenly Mary came fully awake with the realisation that Christmas was coming and that the room was really cold. When she tried to get up, her limbs felt stiff, she should have programmed the central heating to come on for a few hours in the afternoon. Best to turn on the heating fast and get a hot drink and as she waited for the kettle to boil, she gave her face a wipe, she had been crying before she fell asleep and all because of the bitter quarrel she had had with her eldest daughter this morning.

Drink in hand, Mary sat wondering what had happened to the spirit of Christmas? Surely she was entitled to celebrate Christmas the way she wanted to? Since her husband, Jim, had died five years ago her children had insisted upon her going to one of their homes for Christmas dinner and this year it was Patricia's turn and she had arrived with a printed time-table for her to follow on Christmas morning.

"Just in case you forget, Mother, this will remind you, I'll leave it behind the Dresden Lady on the top of the bookcase. No, maybe it would be best to put it behind the clock, less valuable. You know, I have always admired that ornament, it is beautiful".

Patricia's tone of voice told its own tale but her mother was in no humour to think about who wanted what when she died for she knew that her children would not like what she had planned for Christmas this year but she was determined to go ahead with her arrangements.

Mary started to tell her daughter what her plans were for Christmas Day.

"You want to stay here? Cook Christmas dinner and eat it on your own?"

"No, I have invited Mrs. Joyce and her children to share Christmas dinner with me".

Well, she had expected that the idea might not be approved of but she had not expected the nasty reaction she got from Patricia who told her that the family would not allow a tinker family take advantage

of her mother's kind nature.

"She put you up to this, didn't she?"

"No, Mrs. Joyce was quite surprised when I invited her and please remember, Patricia, that the poor woman has lost her husband. She is heart-broken and needs help, she is doing her best to keep the council house and ..".

"She gets that for almost nothing. Don't believe a word of what she says, she is just using you, she knows you are a softie. Mother, I won't allow you to be made use of, no way, you are coming to our house to for Christmas Day and that's final".

Mary broke the hostile atmosphere, saying in a gentle but firm voice, a voice which Patricia recognised from her childhood.

"I have invited Mrs. Joyce and her children here for Christmas dinner and here they are coming and that is final".

Patricia gave her mother a long look before inquiring, "Have you told the rest of the family about your plan?"

"No, I don't have to consult my children about my decisions, do I?"

"No", Patricia paused before adding, "And yes, after all, we are concerned about your welfare, we want what is best for our mother. We want you to have a happy, carefree, Christmas". Another pause. "Nobody is going to approve of what you are doing. You have three children and yet you decide to invite a tinker family into your home for Christmas dinner. Honestly, Mother, don't you see how crazy that it? What will the neighbours think?"

Patricia looked at the Dresden Lady and her face paled, her eyes flickered around the sitting-room, taking note of all the antique, silver-framed, family photographs and other items of value.

"The neighbours are going to think that you are going senile?"

That was said in such a nasty tone that Mary flinched.

"I am not worrying about the neighbours and as for my children, last year in Sheila's house the Christmas dinner was served up at five o'clock because three of my grandchildren had drunk themselves stupid the day before and couldn't get up, never mind go to Mass, they were rude to their parents when they did arrive downstairs and weren't in the least bit concerned that they had ruined everybody's Christmas dinner, Sheila isn't the best cook in the world and the long wait certainly spoilt both the food and my appetite. No, I am doing things my way this year".

"But, Mum, Sheila should have gone ahead with the





Ann Byrne

Christmas is Coming by Anne Byrne

dinner and let her children reheat the food, that would have been the sensible thing to do".

Another pause, then Patricia said in a pleading voice, "You can be sure that dinner will be served on time in my house, my children don't dictate to me or Mark".

Mary had to make a great effort to hide her amusement at this statement which was absolutely true. Neither Mark nor the children ruled the roost in Patricia's home, Patricia did and if you knew what was good for you, you did what you were told even on Christmas Day. Where had Jim and herself gone wrong? Her children seemed not to be able to enjoy the festival season as it should be enjoyed.

"Mum, please, change your mind, I certainly won't enjoy Christmas knowing you are here with that family, it will spoil Christmas for all of us".

"I am going ahead with my plans and that's that".

Patricia thought to herself, 'That's what you think', and decided to leave before she said too much but she spread the news to all interested parties and a campaign started to persuade their mother to change her mind but Mary stuck to her plan and continued on with her preparations for Christmas, helped now and then by Mrs. Joyce's eldest son and daughter.

A few days before Christmas Mary arrived back with lots of shopping and after putting the groceries away, make a pot of tea and while drinking it she noticed that the Dresden Lady had disappeared. Surprised, for a few seconds she found herself wondering had she moved the statue herself but no - her memory came to her aid. So where was it?

Tea finished, Mary did a tour of her home and discovered that both downstairs and upstairs various items of value were missing, this included a few valuable items of jewellery and she returned to the kitchen and made herself another pot of tea and sat thinking. She had given Patricia a key to her home in case of emergencies, so she telephoned her daughter and asked her to return the items she had taken.

"Mother, Sheila, Theresa and myself decided that it would be best to remove the items into a safe place until after Christmas, we are sorry if this upsets you but you are acting rashly so it is for your own good. After Christmas, we will return everything to you. If you think about it, I am sure you will see that we have acted in your best interests".

Mary replaced the receiver and sat down and had a long think.

On Christmas Day Mrs. May Joyce and her family arrived in their Sunday's best clothes and in time to

lend a helping hand with the final preparations for dinner. Mary sat at the head of the table and really enjoyed eating the dishes her mother used to serve on Christmas Day and she could see that Mrs. Joyce was enjoying the meal and so were her children.

After dinner, Mary brought out a desk of cards and everybody sat at the table and played every card game that they could think of. Later over drinks, May and Mary swapped life stories while the children watched TV, everybody enjoyed the day and when May and her children were leaving, they all surrounded Mary, May gave her a hug and thanked her once more for inviting her family to dinner, there were tears of happiness in the woman's eyes. Mary knew May was short of funds after paying for her husband's funeral. She went to bed happy and lay thinking for a while before falling into a contented sleep.

After making a number of requests to her three daughters to return the various items which they had taken from her home with no results, Mary decided to go ahead with her plan. She got in touch with her bank manager who seemed surprised that she wanted to remortgage her home to almost three-quarters its value.

"Mr. Flynn, if I could I would sell it on condition that I could live there for the rest of my life, like they do in England".

Mr. Flynn pursed his lips, he knew the value of Mrs. O'Rourke's home "You can do that if you like, no problem but have you consulted your children about this plan of yours? Perhaps one of them might like to purchase their old family home in instalments or .."

"Mr. Flynn, if any of my children hear mention of my plans then I will sue you". She saw the bank manager's surprise and added, "I have my reasons for what I am doing and all I want you to do is help me, now can you do that?"

"Yes".

On Little Christmas day, Mary opened the bottle of brandy which Jim had insisted upon keeping for a really good celebration, well, that day had arrived, she had told Mr. Flynn this afternoon to go ahead with the sale of her home; she raised a glass in the direction of Jim's photograph and told him, "From now on, I am going to enjoy myself, Jim, from now on I will not have to worry about bills".

She sat thinking, she regretted not having had the money sooner; the Joyce children's Christmas presents had been on the small side, still, she could rectify the situation in the years ahead. She fell asleep with a contented smile on her face.



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Shane wishes the Community a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas



YOSEIKAN/SHOSHINDO



Well done to Gabriel on his Orange Belt, also Jack on his Yellow Belt and a big welcome to our new members.

Gerry and Heather and members wish the Community a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and not forgetting Pat Boucher, our comrade in arms. Happy New Year.



ST. ANDREW'S CYBER LINKS NEWS

Here we are again its Christmas, the cyber is going to have a Christmas tournament we have only a few places so drop into Lisa if you want to be in with a chance of beating Trinity Collage its on the 17th of December.



If you would like more information about St. Andrews Cyber-Links, contact Lisa at 01-6771930.

Lisa wishes the community a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.





RAPID News

*Carol Finlay SEIC RAPID Co-ordinator,
South East Area Office,
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Have a Safe and Secure Christmas

During this Christmas period everybody has a role to play in attempting to prevent and reduce crime. Below are some tips to help you to improve your own security, and prevent the risk of crime.

- Do not keep large amounts of cash in your home.
- Keep your car/house key in a location not visible from outside
- Fit a door viewer. This will allow you to safely see who is outside prior to opening the door.
- Fit a door chain / limiter. This will allow you to open the door partly while still allowing you some control over security.
- Front and rear doors should be kept locked day and night. Windows should also be locked.
- Keep a list of emergency numbers that you can refer to in emergency situation e.g. family, relations, neighbours, Gardaí, doctor, district nurse etc.
- Number your house clearly so that Gardaí and emergency services can find you quickly when necessary

Carol wishes the Community a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Beware of strangers calling to your home



- Do not open the door to anyone before you've checked who it is and what they want.
- Use your door viewer and chain / limiter.
- Ask for identification before allowing unknown servicemen / callers into your home
- Do not leave strangers unattended at your doorstep.
- Ensure your back door is locked when you answer a call at the front door.

Some burglars will try to trick their way into your home or creates a diversion so that an accomplice can sneak in separately.

**Remember - if in doubt,
keep them out !!!**

**Community
Policing,
Pearse
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01 666 9030**



Pearse Street, Irishtown/Ringsend Primary Care Centres

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff in Irishtown & Ringsend and Pearse Street Primary Care Centres!!

Mental Health Week October 4th -10th, 2010 in the Irishtown and Ringsend and Pearse Street Primary Care Centres in partnership with the local communities.

Mental Health week 2010 was celebrated in Irishtown and Ringsend and Pearse St area to help raise awareness of minding your mental health. This week was promoted in partnership with the local communities and the primary care centre through the community participation groups.

In the Irishtown and Ringsend area an art competition was run with the local schools in the area, St Patrick's Girls national School, Ringsend Technical Institute, and Catherine McCauley school in Baggot Street with the title "Positive mental health is.....".

The judging panel for the art competition were members from the local mental health team. There were prizes for 1st and 2nd place for each school and prizes for the overall runner up and winner.

Irishtown and Ringsend community centre distributed 500 leaflets to the local area. The theme of the leaflet was **Minding your Mental Health** and the leaflet was drafted by the community participation groups from both Irishtown and Ringsend and Pearse St. primary care centres with quotes from local community members on what makes them feel good along with tips for looking after your mental health taken from the HSE booklet. City Quay secondary school students also delivered 200 leaflets to the local community in Pearse St. as part of their anti-bullying week which coincided with the mental health week. Throughout the week there were a number of activities in both primary care centres. There was an information stand and notice board in each centre focusing on mental health. There were focus groups with participants from local centres on **Increasing your physical activity** and **Minding your mental health** led by the social worker and physiotherapist from Irishtown and Ringsend primary care centre. On the morning of Wednesday 6th October **Riverside Choir** came and sang in Irishtown and Ringsend primary care centre as part of National Choral singing week which was also on that week and to help raise awareness that singing is good for your mental health.

Thursday the 7th October saw up to 40 local secondary school students visiting both primary care centres to do an information session on "**What is positive mental health about?**". This was an open discussion as well as an information session. This was followed with a tour of the building for the students and what services are on offer to the local population. Overall the week was really great with a lot of input and support from both primary care staff and the local community. It is hoped that awareness has been raised on how you can mind your mental health and also that it is ok to discuss your mental health within the community.



Local Historian, Gerry Browne giving a talk to the Healthy Lifestyle Group recently.

MINOR SURGERY CLINIC IN IRISHTOWN PRIMARY CARE CENTRE

The minor surgery clinic is a weekly clinic offering surgical treatments under local anaesthetic and has been running since April 2009. Anyone can be referred to the clinic by their own GP, wherever they live. The service is offered free of charge to patients of GPs based in Dublin 2, 4 and 6, including any of the local GPs in Ringsend/Irishtown, Pearse St and

Sandymount. You do not need to have a medical card to avail of this convenient, local service, but you do need to be referred by your GP. Surgery is also free to patients with health insurance such as VHI, Quinn or Aviva from anywhere in Dublin.

The service is run by Dr Tony O'Sullivan and nurse Caitriona O'Sullivan on Thursdays. The Irishtown Centre has a purpose-built minor surgery room with modern facilities. Procedures offered include treatment for ingrown toenails, warts and verrucas, cysts, moles, skin tags and many other skin lumps. Modern equipment allows close examination of suspicious skin lumps, careful removal often with an electrical loop which can reduce scarring, Women's health services such as contraceptive implant (Implanon) and intra-uterine device (Mirena) insertion and removal, as well as joint injections are also provided by the team at other times.

Procedures are carried out under local anaesthetic injection, in a relaxing environment, which makes treatment possible at all ages from 9 to 99. People are seen and treated on the same day, which reduces treatment delays. They return to their own doctor's surgery for removal of stitches if needed, and for the results of any lab tests.

So far in 2010 over 600 procedures have been performed. Around 20 were skin cancers, including 2 malignant melanomas. Early treatment of skin cancers cures the problem so having a service available locally can be lifesaving. People should be alert to any skin patch or lump which changes over time, not only brown ones as many common skin cancers are pink. If you or a family member spots something unusual, go and see your GP about it! Don't delay, no-one will criticise you for showing a skin lump to your doctor even if it turns out to be harmless.

Christmas Opening hours

Pearse Street Primary
Care Centre

Irishtown & Ringsend
Primary Care Centre

Date	Opening Hours	Date	Opening Hours
Friday 24 th Dec.	8.30am – 2.00pm	Friday 24 th Dec.	9.00am – 2.00pm
Monday 27 th Dec.	Closed	Monday 27 th Dec	Closed
Tuesday 28 th Dec.	Closed	Tuesday 28 th Dec	Closed
Wed 29 th Dec.	8.30am – 5.30pm	Wed 29 th Dec	9.00am – 5.00pm
Thursday 30 th Dec.	8.30am – 5.30pm	Thursday 30 th Dec	9.00am – 5.00pm
Friday 31 st Dec.	8.30am – 5.30pm	Friday 31 st Dec	9.00am – 5.00pm
Monday 3 rd Jan.	Closed	Monday 3 rd Jan.	Closed
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St. Andrew's computer training room has been actively running for the past ten years. Our computer room was refurbished in 2006 and has a state of the art computers with a mainframe PC and network printer. Our spacious computer room meets all the needs of both students and trainers and facilitates many types of computer training.

We provide computer training for people of all ages and abilities, regardless of experience or means, serving all age groups, from pre-school children to silver surfers. Training@St. Andrews offers a wide range of courses and classes to meet every need.

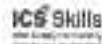
Training@St. Andrews is both an Equal Skills and ECDEL (European Computer Driving Licence) centre, facilitating the teaching of numerous courses leading to universally recognised certificates. The courses that we provide range from basic computer training, Introduction to computers for the young and elderly, literacy through computers and the ECDEL. The ECDEL course covers seven modules which are, PowerPoint, Word, Excel, Internet, Access, Windows Explorer and Theory.

- ECDEL classes are held (i) 10am-1pm Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Basic Computers classes are held (i) 10am-1pm Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Silver Surfers classes are held (i) 1.30pm-3.00pm Tuesdays and Fridays

For more information contact Paula Walsh at training@standrews.ie or telephone the centre on 01-6771930



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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 ECDEL, and test centres which offer EqualSkills will have a cohort of motivated candidates who may wish to advance to the full ECDEL programme.

EqualSkills is run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 1pm.

ECDEL

The European Computer Driving Licence (ECDEL) is the world's most successful IT skills certification programme. To date, nine million people have undertaken an ECDEL programme in more than 60 countries worldwide. In Ireland, the ECDEL is administered by ICS Skills (<http://www.icskills.ie>).

The ECDEL 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 ECDEL 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 ECDEL consists of 7 main components – a syllabus, a skills card and a question test book, all leading to the European Computer Driving Licence.

St. Andrews are very flexible with the ECDEL course. If you wish in for example Word but not Excel simply offer 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.

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

PRICES:

ECDEL

Theory	Module 1	Self study	€70
Windows Explorer	Module 2	4 classes	€90
Word	Module 3	6 classes	€90
Excel	Module 4	6 classes	€90
Access	Module 5	8 classes	€70
PowerPoint	Module 6	4 classes	€110
Internet	Module 7	4 classes	€70

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

EQUAL SKILLS

Equal Skills is a six and half week course and costs €1. 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 and Peaceful Christmas

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOE

Recently Joe Doyle celebrated his birthday with his beloved family and friends. We wish Joe many more birthdays!!!



SEAMAN'S MASS 2010

The Maritime Institute of Ireland celebrated a National Commemoration of Services for Seafarers on Sunday 22nd November 2010, where a wreath laying ceremony took place at the Seamen's Memorial, City Quay after Mass which was celebrated at The Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in City Quay .



Verschoyle Court: Arts and Crafts Classes

Marianne Dignam takes the art class under her wing and participants range from complete beginners who, previously, had never held a paintbrush, to more confident members who are talented enough to exhibit their work. Indeed the class exhibited its work on many occasions and samples of work adorn the walls of the Verschoyle Court common room where the class meets every Tuesday afternoon – all created by a band of budding Rembrandts! Verschoyle Court sheltered housing complex, co-existing in the midst of thriving commercial centre, is a “hidden village” of creativity within a busy city.



Carol Rogan takes the pottery class every Monday morning where clay is moulded into really practical objects: candle holders, fruit bowls, aromatic oil burners etc. Again, all the work is created by people with no previous experience of working with clay. The electric kiln, situated in the complex, is a great asset as completed work can now be fired on site.

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Pottery classes take place Monday mornings
Art classes take place on Tuesday afternoons

For further details contact:

**Sister Mairéad,
c/o 66 Verschoyle Court
Mount Street, Dublin 2.**

PHONE: 086 348 9397



Fr John being welcomed by Fr Paul to City Quay Parish.

Caitlin Phipps – Ireland’s Karate Champion

Congratulations to my Granddaughter Caitlin Phipps from Ringsend Karate Club. She lives in Hanover Reach and is a member of St. Andrews childrens club. She won a bronze Medal in the World Karate



Championships in Italy last month. She also won a Gold Medal in the All Ireland Karate Championships in Tallaght recently. Her friend Claire Byrne won a Silver Medal last Sunday. Thanks to the



Coaches Fran Nangle and Cheryl Kelly for all the hard work they put in training the girls over the last year. Pictures are Caitlin in Italy and Caitlin, Claire and Cheryl at the All Ireland Championships recently.

By LORRAINE MALONE

MEMORIES

WILLIE BURKE'S MEMORIES



The lads outside Gaffneys, 1985.



**Willie Burke with Eddie Farrell
1970ish**



**Willie
Burke
With
Christy
Bolton
and
Friend
1950s**



Jimmy Corrigan and Willie Burke 2000.



**Christy Bolton, Willie Burke, Eddie
Farrell, Mary Hogan and Friends
1950ish**



The Carthy Family

MEMORIES



THE ANDREAN PLAYERS REUNION 1954

1st Row: Pop Kealy; Louis O'Brien (organist); Fr. J Mc Mahon C.C.; Fr. C. Lee C.C.; Fr. G Gough ADM.; Fr. T O'Neill C.C.; Fr. J Stone C.C.; George Brown, R. Lennon, Tony Kenny.
 2nd Row: Jack Ebbs, R. Byrne, Nick Fitzpatrick, Ethna Brown, A. Dunne, Julie Curran, Tommy Ebbs, Nancy Clery, Betty Guilfoyle (nee Kohler, now in Las Vegas), J. Ebbs. K. Cunningham, J. Murray, K. O'Brien, John Hickey, Mrs. Brown, Marie Kingston, Lilly Savage. 3rd Row: Kathleen Moore, Kathleen O'Brien.
 Top Row: Philip Clancy, Mrs. Cleary, K. Kelly, D. Keane, Tommy Butler, Christy Curran, Bernard Kelly, J. Keogh, M. Doyle and Leo Ebbs.



Lads enjoying themselves on the Pearse House Swings 1978.



Paddy Donnelly, 6 Hanover Sq, Jimmy Murphy, 44 Pearse St. and Paddy O'Reilly, Grattan Street, Boot Maker. Joe Berrigan Snr. took picture 1957.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY CENTRE PARTY MEMORIES



GAS COMPANY MEMORIES by Mick Fields (Snr.)



Boarding house in Liverpool prior to football match.



On the way to the inter-department competition for Gas Company.



Gas Company football team wait for the ferry in Liverpool.



Boarding house in Liverpool.



Joe Monaghan stoking the fires no. 6 house



Having a drink prior to a football match in Grange Gorman.



Having breakfast in a Liverpool boarding house prior to football



Mick Kavanagh on no.5 button.

GAS COMPANY MEMORIES by Mick Fields (Snr.)



Teatime in no.5 bunkhouse.



Mick Fields filling the fires in no. 5 house.



Paddy Picket and co-worker stoking the fires no. 6 house.



Having fun in no. 6 house.



The team in Liverpool.



Bob Deegan puts the kettle on while DeCorsey plays cards



Playing cards in no.5 bunkhouse.



Tom Moran filling the fires in no. 3 house.

MEMORIES

BRIDGEVIEW 1937 - 1941



Back Row: Tom Dunne, Paddy O'Reilly, James Redmond, Ben Grenagh, Victor Ferrari, Mike O'Neill, Mike Kemple, Dennis O'Brion, Christy Kemple and Willie Kemple.

Front Row: James Clarke, George Byrne, Billy Tillet, Joe Doyle, Willie Lee, Jack O'Neill.

The two boys are Willie and Jimmy Mooney.

HILLVIEW UNITED 1937



From left:
W. Nugent,
S. Woods,
E. Brennan,
B. Mulhall,
M. Kinsella,
T. Murphy,
R. Keogh,
D. Harte,
T. Kirwan.
Front row:
J. Dennan,
C. Nulty,
A. Devlin,
P. Young,
V. Sherlock,
A. Bracken
and
P. Byrne.

MEMORIES



J. Jones, Inky McGrath, L. Reeffe, M. Long, P. Daly, H. Desev, L. Doyle, B. Deegan, J. Whelan, J. Hamilton, J. Monahan, J. Kane, J. Reilly. Top Left: Can't Remember his name (does anybody?). Picture taken in Doolans, Hogan Place circa 1950.



Peter's Shop Memories: Mick, Peter, Cathy and Chrissie.



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GREENORE/ROSTREVOR PICTURE SPECIAL

recently Greenore/Rostrevor Centre had a coffee morning in aid of the Hospice



Another Day in the Life of Jackser and Molly ... (13)

... by Michael McDermott



Jackser and Molly became fond of going to the Queen's Theatre in Pearse Street (opposite the Fire Brigade Station). It was a lovely old theatre, which at that period of time, produced Variety Shows, featuring the famous "Happy Gang" performing

during the week. On Sunday night, however, there was a talent show on the stage, which often included among the artistes, singers, whistlers, yodellers and harmonica, tin whistle, accordion, melodian, trumpet, saxophone and clarinet players. There were fellas on the fiddle from Leinster House and some other comedians to complete the entertainment. There was even a film shown for good measure and value, which sent the audience home happy, pleased and contented.

On the way home they often got a "one-and-one" in Agnoli's Chipper (opposite the Palace Cinema, to have with a cup of tea for supper. There was always the possibility of some further "action" before the night

was out, provided there were no headaches, of course.

Towards the end of the football season young Willie's team, Bru Padraig, reached the cup final in Richmond Park. When the kit-bag was emptied on the dressing room floor there was a mad rush to get the best jerseys, as some were torn and had holes in them. Still, it wasn't the gear that was important, it was the talent that was wearing them with pride that mattered.

They duly won the match to the delight of the "Brother" and the supporters. There was great joy and smiles all round the team, which showed excellent club spirit. On the bus going home there was great banter, jokes and a marvellous sing-song to finish the day.

All the parents, club leaders, chaplain and club members were very proud and happy with the team's success. Such simple joys gave the community at large great hope and confidence to face the future in an impoverished society of little opportunity.

Another Day in the Life of Jackser and Molly ... (14)

... by Michael McDermott

The whole community and parish of City Quay were busy preparing for the annual Procession.

There was the usual clean up and painting of hall doors, windows and railings, plus the hanging up of flags and buntings. Most important of all, which took pride of place, was the making of grottos and altars, decorated with candles and flowers.

Many people stayed up all night minding and watching their prized possessions, which attracted many visitors from all over the city.

The Procession took place on Sunday afternoon with local and visiting clergy, confraternities, Children of Mary, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and men, women and children of the parish. It was one of the highlights of the year and in the 1950s and brought great peace and joy to the area.

Jackser and Molly queued for over an hour outside the Capital to see the film "Gone With The Wind" based on the book by Margaret Mitchell. The stars of

the film were Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh and was a classic in every sense of the word. It was the first film they had seen with an intermission and they both felt that the acting and story line was brilliant and well worth waiting for.



To finish off the evening Jackser brought Molly to the Palm Grove Ice Cream Parlour in O'Connell Street and treated her to a Melancholy Baby while he had a Banana Split or Knickerbocker Glory.

Such simple joys of life were seen to be beyond the expectations of the ordinary working class people of the Inner City, who struggled to make ends meet and considered themselves lucky, just to have a job.

Michael would like to wish the Community a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas

CHRISTMAS PICTURE SPECIAL



*Wishing the
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a very Happy
Christmas
and a
Prosperous
New Year*





Night Before Christmas by Tony Rooney

In the packed Children's Court the Garda Sergeant took the stand, and, in a strong rural accent, read the following statement: "At approximately 1-45 a.m., on the 24th,

December, 2008, a Mr. Nicholas Claus, halted his sleigh at S— Road, in the district of Y—. As he attempted to adjust his load, he was approached by the two defendants, Darren Foley and Derek Mills. After threatening Mr. Claus, they took possession of his sleigh, and proceeded drive around the Y- area in a reckless and dangerous manner. As they passed the Elbow inn, they struck a pedestrian, a Mr Patrick Murphy. Mr. Murphy suffered abrasions to his face, and severe bruising to his body, and was subsequently brought to the A.E. dept. of the Mater Hospital. The defendants failed to stop at the scene of the accident, and continued on to B— Road, where they were in collision with a Garda patrol car, driven by Garth Malachy O'Shea, and accompanied by Garth Patrick O' Mahony. As a result of this collision, the front door of the vehicle was badly damaged, and Garda O'Shea suffered an injury to his back which necessitated his absence from duty for a period of two weeks. The patrol car gave chase to the sleigh, and the two defendants were apprehended and taken into custody."

The judge glanced over his spectacles, "Thank you, Sergeant. Tell me, was the patrol car damaged during the course of the chase?" "No, Your Honour. The two Gardi were returning from the local chip shop with some fish and chips for themselves and the station staff. As a matter of fact..." here the sergeant hesitated.

"Please continue," the judge said.

"As a result of this incident, the Guards were unable to return to the station for almost an hour; by that time the fish and chips were stone cold. In fact, the incident cost the Guards thirty euro, fifty two cents."

"Surely you have a microwave in the station?" The judge asked.

"Tis' out of order, your Honour," The sergeant said.

"And this sum of money, you mention?"

"Thirty euro, fifty two cents. Five large singles, three smoked cod, a fresh cod, one ray and a rib steak."

If you don't mind, Sergeant, we'll deal with that latter later on," The judge said, "Is Mr. Claus in the court?"

A middle-aged solicitor stood: "I represent the plaintiff, Your Honour. My client cannot be present this morning, but he has made a written statement to the guards, which confirms the charges read by the Sergeant."



"I trust he has recovered from his ordeal?" the judge sympathetically.

"He is still somewhat shaken, but he is recovering, Your Honour," The solicitor replied.

"And the gentleman who was knocked down, how is he? The judge asked.

The sergeant rose to his feet, "I phoned the A.E. this morning, Your Honour, the staff tell me he is near the head of the queue, he expects to be seen to next Tuesday."

The judge turned his attention to the two defendants, "You have heard the charges, how do you plead?"

The youths rose, they were almost six feet tall, and they both wore designer track suits and sneakers. "I didn't do nuttin'," said one.

The other said, "Not guilty."

You were found in possession of the sleigh; do you accept that?" The judge asked.

The defendants nodded.

"Then why you deny the charges?" asked the judge.

"We asked Santa for the sleigh," Said Derek. The judge looked puzzled. Darren attempted to explain, " Me an Der wrote to Santa before Christmas; we asked him for a sleigh; when we wus walkin' home that night, we saw Santa with the sleigh, we thought it was ours, so we took it." "Is your social worker here?" Asked the judge. A young lady stood, " Yes, Your Honour. I'm afraid there was a genuine mis-understanding; The boys thought Santa had brought their present."

And did they think they had the right ride rough shod over anyone who had the misfortune to come in their path? These two have a record of assault and battery, theft, house breaking and joy riding going back years." The judge thundered. "They are making progress, Your Honour." The social worker said. A small, stocky man rose and spoke, "May I address the court, Your Honour?" The judge nodded, " You're Father Pat Berry?" "Yes, Your Honour. I'd like to speak on the boy's behalf. Both

Night Before Christmas by Tony Rooney



boys are from under privileged backgrounds. Darren's father is a heavy drinker; his mother is addicted to Bingo; his grandfather ran away from home at nineteen; his Uncle suffers from Asthma. Derek's father suffers badly from insomnia; his grandfather lost a toe at Dunkirk; his great-grandfather had a nervous breakdown after the loss of the Titanic; a distant relation lost a stone and half during the Famine The judge intervened, "Yes, Father, I think we get your point, but society must be protected." Father Berry bristled, "I'm not for one moment condoning their behaviour, but society must meet its obligations to these boys, they have nothing." The judge removed his spectacles and wiped them, "I know this may sound like an extreme remedy, but have they ever considered taking up employment?"

Father Berry and the social worker exchanged looks of horror. Struggling to control her voice, the social worker answered, "I think such a course of action would do irreparable damage to both boys. They are at the stage in their development where they like to sleep late, any disruption in their sleep patterns would only be harmful."

They cannot be allowed to terrorise the community," The judge said, wearily.

"I have a proposal, which I would like to put to the court. With your Honour's permission," Said Father Berry.

"Please do," Said the judge.

Father Berry produced a paper, but he ignored it as he spoke, "I've been in touch with Mr. Claus over the past few days: he told me that, with the advent of central heating, he finds it increasingly difficult to gain access to houses on Christmas night. Now the two boys here have considerable experience in this area, they are willing to put this knowledge at the disposal of Mr Claus. I am suggesting that the boys be allowed to travel to the North Pole, under the care of a social worker, of course, and work with Mr Claus for a specified period."

The judge looked towards the solicitor, "Is your client agreeable to this suggestion?"

"He is, Your Honour. However, he requests an assurance from the court that the local wildlife not be interfered with," said the solicitor.

The judge looked to the social worker, "Can we give this assurance?"

"With every confidence, Your Honour," said the social worker, "both boys are animal lovers. Derek has two bull terriers, and Darren has pit terriers since he was five years old."

"Very well, said the judge, I adjourn this case until April the 1, but I warn you both, if you appear in front of me again, I shall impose a heavy suspended sentence."

Tony wishes the Community a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.



Abbi Nolan aged years



Bernard and Fiona at Bernard's Debs, CBS Westland Row 2010

INFORMATION/SERVICES/CONTACTS

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TRIBUTE & REMEMBRANCES



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR DEAR BROTHER
ANTHONY O'BRIEN**

*Simple words, but very true
We will always remember,
love and pray to you*

Anthony, late of 34D Pearse House and Burnage, Manchester where he was buried at Southern

Cemetery, West Didsbury.

Always remembered by brothers and sisters, Angela, Doreen, Terry, Gerry, John and Joan and relations.

Loving wife Teresa, sons Darren and Derek and Grandchildren.

Anthony was a former player for Liffey Wanderers 1970ish.

Always remembered by your loving family and friends.



**IN LOVING MEMORY
EDDIE KENNY
1922 - 2009**

Our dear friend and local gentleman Eddie Kenny passed away on October 27th 2009.

He was a founder member of Pearse Credit Union & worked there voluntarily until the day he passed away.

He will always be remembered by everyone not only by his family and Credit Union but also in the community.

"Gone but not ever forgotten"



Paddy Kelleher

Late of Carlingford Parade Macken St., Dublin 2

Died aged 68 on the 9th October 2010

Angela Kelleher and Family would like to sincerely thank our extended

Family, Friends, Neighbours, the ICU Staff in St James Hospital and the Pearse St Community for their kindness and prayers that was shown to us at this sad time.

Miss me but let me go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free*

*Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me but let me go*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds
Miss me but – let me go.*



**ELLEN HARRISON
(NELLIE)**

78th Birthday on 25th December 2010 and her 8th Anniversary.

*I never knew that
Christmas evening, the*

sorrow that night would bring, when my Man's heart stopped beating

And I couldn't do a thing, you never said goodbye to me, perhaps it's just as well, for how could I say goodbye to a Mum I loved so well.

She troubled no one, her needs were few, and now dear Lord, she lives with you.

Take care of her dear Lord, as she takes a rest, because she is my Mum, and she was the best.

Always remembered, your Son Patrick, Sandra and Séan.



PADDY HARRISON

Also remembering our Dad (Paddy) who died on 2nd July 2008

*It broke our heart to lose you
You did not go alone Dad
For part of us went with you
The day Mam called you home.*

R.I.P. Dad – your Son Patrick, Sandra and Séan.

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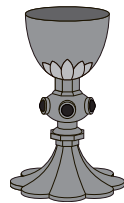
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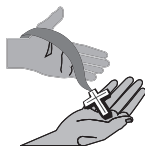
CITY QUAY PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday December 20th	Penitential Service at 7.30 p.m.
Friday December 24th	Christmas Eve: Vigil with the Celebration of Light 7.30 p.m.
Saturday December 25th	Christmas Day: Mass: 11.30 a.m. ONLY
Sunday December 26th	The Holy Family: 11.30 a.m. & 4 pm.
Sunday December 27th	Mass: 11.30 a.m., 4.00 p.m.
Monday December 27th to Friday 31st December	Mass 10.00 a.m. ONLY.



No Going Back, Only Going Forward

The good news is we need each other now more than ever. Maybe this will awaken the need within us, our need for the Lord, for we cannot do it on our own, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Make sure that your next door neighbour is not alone. Just as we would hope they would do the same for us. That's what Christmas is all about as Jesus says "I am with you now, in this time of need."



**Fr. Paul, Fr. John, Sister Goretti,
Members of the Divine Word
Community and the Parish Team.**



WESTLAND ROW PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Wednesday December 15th	Penitential Service at 12.45 p.m.
Thursday Dec 16th to Thursday 23rd December	Mass times are as normal.
Friday December 24th	Christmas Eve: Mass: 10.00 a.m. Christmas Carols: 8.30pm Christmas Mass: 9.00p.m.
Saturday December 25th	Christmas Day: Masses: 10.00 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.
Sunday December 26th	Mass: 10.00 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.
Saturday January 1st	Mass: 10.00 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday January 2nd	Mass: 10.00 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

From Monday 27th December to Friday 7th January, there will only *one weekday Mass at 10.00 a.m.*

**NOTE: Thursday 6th January – Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Day).
Masses: 8.45 a.m., 10.00 a.m. &
12.45 p.m.**



Normal Weekday Mass Schedule resumes on Monday 10th January 2011.

Just a brief note to wish you every Blessing for Christmas and the New Year. If the services of St. Andrew's Church and its Clergy can help you in any way to prepare for, or celebrate this festive season do please feel most welcome to join us.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas.

*Best Wishes – Fr. John Gilligan Adm.,
Fr. Egidijus Arnasius and Fr. Anthony
Asare, P.C.*

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