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SUMMER – A TIME TO CELEBRATE!

As we write this, Ireland is enjoying a rare treat. Brilliant sunshine and high temperatures make Dublin feel like somewhere special. Long sunny days and bright evenings make people feel sunny in themselves. Trips to the sea and picnic outings bring back memories to adults and make children sunnier and louder than ever!

But even in the sunniest of times, darkness can overshadow individuals and families. The cycle of life brings illness and bereavement. Many struggle with issues about housing and employment. Fortunately, we live in a community that knows how to support each other. We sometimes hide our feelings about each other but when the chips are down, we rally round. The Centre is here to support the community and individuals and families when the going gets hard.

The Centre is also part of the positive life of our community. We've had great days in the recent past. The outgoing Taoiseach, Enda Kenny came down to launch our annual report. He had nice things to say about the Centre and how it goes about its work. The report gave us an opportunity to look back and celebrate the good work which was done in the past year. We are lucky to have such a wonderful team of people, both staff and volunteers, who are dedicated to their work.

Then we had Bloomsday, when we invite our neighbours, friends and supporters to come in for an early morning breakfast. We do this because the Centre's building is mentioned in James Joyce's *Ulysses*. Our Bloomsday event is therefore a celebration of the community and its presence at the heart of the city. Later that morning there was a great concert in Saint Andrew's Church in Westland Row. The previous evening, the Centre hosted the annual Corpus Christi procession, reminding us that we have a spiritual as well as a material service to offer and to accommodate those who give thanks for God's blessings on our community and on our work.

The celebrations will continue through the South Dock Festival and the Summer Project organised by our youth service. These are long-running events which give all of us, adults and young people alike, the opportunity to enjoy ourselves together. We don't need an excuse for a party, but when we have one we know how to celebrate. We can't guarantee the weather, but we can guarantee great enjoyment and good fun.

We have long dark winters, both as a country and very often as individuals. Our body needs sunshine to build up vitamins to carry it through the dark days. As a community, we need sunshine to carry us through the dark days, too. We need actual sunshine, but we also need the happiness that comes from enjoyment of each other's company and the knowledge that we are there for each other. So let our celebrations be joyful and let's hope that the sun shines down on us too!

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I don't know much Art... By Rhonda Hill



Rhonda Hill



We Irish are very proud of our ancestry and extended families worldwide. For such a small island we have had a huge impact on the world with millions around the globe claiming Irish heritage. So how and why did this happen? **Curious**

Why not take a trip to EPIC – the Irish Emigration Museum in the CHQ Building. It's a little off the main tourist route but well worth the extra minutes along the river. Located between the Famine Memorial and the Jeanie Johnston, this fantastic addition to the museum scene deserves more attention.

Epic the Irish Emigration Museum tells the story of Irish emigration with extraordinary pace and atmosphere. It cost an estimated €15 million to establish this underground gallery which is divided into over 20 sections and is brilliantly curated weaving through the history of Irish diaspora with all the different aspects of emigration from the 5th century onwards. Yes that's how long we Irish have travelled the world! This modern and entertaining experience is truly epic. But what separates it from all the others I hear you ask? Its reliance on technology, fusing the old with the new creates an exciting interactive adventure that is easy to follow and appeals to all ages whilst also being extremely child friendly. Gaining knowledge through gaming and video instillation in a self-guided tour proves great fun in documenting the reasons for diaspora and also highlights the contributions Irish immigrants made to the advancement of their new countries. Full of did you know facts like the youngest RAF pilot was an Irishman called Brendan (aka Paddy) Finucane from Rathmines. Upon arrival each person is issued a passport which you then stamp as you pass through a series of galleries. This allows for a truly immersive experience as you dive into the history and storytelling of our forefathers.

Whilst it's primary focus is: emigration it also covers the arts and culture of the Irish both home and abroad. It showcases the very best Ireland has to offer. If you have a few hours to spare why not pop along and enjoy such galleries as the Riverdance experience, the Wild West with Billy the Kid and Ned Kelly or my personal favourite, the fantastic meteor galley with visuals which have that "Wow" factor. You can also add a memory of your own to this display by writing a review of your time spent there and upload it to the digital media board. A great fun day out for all the family! For details on tickets and opening hours **checkout epicchq.com**



Fusing the old with the new



I don't know much Art... By Rhonda Hill

ART EXPO 2017

As this year's ever successful South Docks Festival gears up to celebrate its 30th anniversary, we are happy to announce the return of the last year's very popular art expo. The Junction will once again become a pop up gallery displaying all your works. The success of last year's expo rests largely on the participation of our local artists. Without you we do not have an exhibition, so come along and let us display your works and show off your talent to the community.

We are delighted to receive interest from the very creative residents of Greenore-Rostrevor and Verschoyle Court whose artwork will be available to view alongside all our artists. We encourage everyone with a flair for art to come and join us and maybe you too could become a winner like Alan Cosgrave, Felicity Murphy and Melanie Dennis. The launch of this year's ART EXPO will be at 11am on Monday the 17th of July and the closing ceremony to include awards will take place at 3pm on Thursday the 20th of July in **The Junction**.

TALK ABOUT YOUTH ART COMPETITION

Eddie Fitzpatrick and Eileen Nalty of the *Talk About Youth* Programme do invaluable work with the young people within our community. I witnessed this first hand when invited to oversee a project for an international art competition as part of the No Hate Speech campaign. Meeting with The Elite youth group we discussed ideas and decided to create a piece of art symbolising what no hate speech meant to young people. Canvas, paint creativity and a lot of enthusiasm and went into producing a piece entitled **The Tree of Hope**.




As the advising artist I became the pupil experiencing what it's like to be part of such a fantastic project. Eddie and Eileen submitted the work on behalf of The Elite and as a group we were all invited to attend an awards ceremony in **The Clarion Hotel, Liffey Valley**.

Arriving to the venue it was an absolute delight to be informed The Tree of Hope, was overall winner! It was fantastic to see the young people on stage accepting their award, a proud moment for Eddie and Eileen and testament to the work that goes on behind the scenes at Talk About Youth Programme. Huge congratulations to all the young people of **The Elite** and it was a privilege to work with you all.

Rhonda wishes the Community a very Happy South Dock Festival and Summer Activities.





*The route to Dad's funeral
brought back so many memories.*

Even with so much going on on the day of a funeral, we believe that small details can make a big difference. Whether it's taking a funeral route that brings back memories, or suggesting that a family member takes home a flower from the wreath, we pride ourselves on thinking of everything, as even little things can mean so much.

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THE END OF THE “WAR TO END ALL WARS”

In the wider world, the Great War rumbled on. Thousands more were killed and wounded as more countries were drawn into the conflict. Finally, on 11 November 1918 at 11 o'clock, the guns stopped firing, and the war, which he now had become a war of attrition, ground to a halt. The Treaty of Versailles was signed on 28 June 1919, thus formally ending a war which, according to various estimates, had cost the lives of more than eight million servicemen and almost six million civilians. Furthermore, it is reckoned that in excess of 20 million servicemen had been wounded or maimed during the conflict. Added to the enormous suffering and loss of human life were the effects of the influenza pandemic, which, starting in the spring of 1918, swept across the world, infecting up to 500 million people. Also known as the Spanish Flu, or “La Grippe”, this deadly flu virus was responsible, in the recent estimate of epidemiologists, for the deaths of more than 50 million people worldwide. In Ireland alone, it claimed about 23,000 victims. By the middle of 1919, this pandemic had run its course, having wiped out just over five per cent of the world’s population.

THE IRISH FREE STATE

A new world order emerged after the Peace of Versailles, the old certainties had disappeared, and people everywhere faced a new, uncharted world. The German, Austro-Hungarian, Russian and Ottoman Empires had vanished, and the British Empire faced increasing dissent within its borders, not least from Ireland. The question of Home Rule had not been settled. It had merely been shelved at the outbreak of the war in 1914. The British Coalition Government, under the Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, finally realised that, as many Irishmen, following John Redmond’s call, had joined Britain’s armed forces, and fought gallantly to protect “the freedom of small nations”. it could hardly continue to deny that freedom to the small nations on its doorstep. The Irish, in any case, were still determined to gain that freedom. The embers of the 1916 Rising still smouldered, and broke out again early in 1919 with the start of the War of Independence. Eventually public opinion in Britain and in America, sickened by the brutal attacks and reprisals on both sides, demanded an end to the fighting, and a truce was declared in July 1921.

The Anglo-Irish Treaty, setting up the Irish Free State, was signed on 6 December, 1921. This Treaty applied to the whole island of Ireland. Northern Ireland, having attained its own Parliament under the Government of Ireland Act 1920, was given the choice of opting out of the Treaty, and retaining the status it had already been granted. It exercised this option, and has remained part of the United Kingdom to this day. The Dáil, which first met in the Round Room of the Mansion House on 21 January 1919, ratified the Treaty establishing the Irish

Free State on 7 January 1922, by a very slim majority of 64 to 57 votes. The evacuation of British troops began almost immediately afterwards, and was finally completed on 17 December 1922.

Many people who had been part of the British administration in Ireland left the country, as did those who felt that the new State could command neither their loyalty nor their affections. The Nichols family saw friends and neighbours leave, but it was Charlie Nichols’ wish that he and his family would remain in Dublin, and that J & C Nichols would continue its long-established business in the city. Having taken this decision, the family settled down to live under a new government, in a capital city which had regained its own Parliament. They might reasonably have expected life to be more peaceful now, but the Irish political world had been split by the Treaty, and by June 1922 an increasingly bitter Civil War was being waged. Like most people in Dublin, the Nichols got on with their lives, hoping for the best, and like most people, they were relieved when the Civil War officially ended in May 1923.

FAMILY EVENTS

Throughout the War of Independence and the Civil War, the Nichols’ yard was as busy as ever. Dick Nichols had now joined his father and his Uncle James in the business. By the 1920s, Arthur who was quite a talented musician, had left school and was playing the drums in *The Adelaide Orpheus Dance Band*. After the difficult and dangerous times that people everywhere had just lived through, everyone just wanted to enjoy themselves and leave the sadness of the war years behind. Dancing became the rage. New dances, such as the Charlestown, the Black Bottom, the Shimmy and the Lindy Hop, evolved with the music of ragtime, jazz and the blues. Charles and Madeline both felt that Arthur needed to earn his living in a more conventional manner, so he too started to work in J & C Nichols. He continued to play in the band, which was his real love, as he could do this at night, so his role in the family business was a very minor one.



Indh 136: British troops leaving Ireland with horses, 1922.
(Courtesy of the National Library of Ireland).

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Ringsend and its Neighbourhood by Lyrics Murphy

Have you ever longed to escape from the stress and strain of everyday living in the inner city. Then why not pay a visit to Ringsend by the sea. one of the loveliest corners of Dublin, and perhaps the most breathtaking of

all is to saunter down by the South Bull Wall to the Poolbeg Lighthouse by passing the Shelly Banks and nothing to disturb one's thoughts only the seabirds wheeling overhead in the south east winds.

Actually the South Bull Wall is a man made peninsula 30 feet wide which juts into the north tip of sweet Dublin Bay and built between 1748 and completed in 1795. Here at this location with its magnificent and splendid view of Dublin Bay and its surroundings, if one looks in a southerly direction you have a panoramic view of the Sugar Loaf Mountains.

To the east one has a long vision of ships of every description and from many parts of the world lying at anchor waiting for the flowing tide to sail up the River Liffey and into the port of Dublin, and if you cast your eye in a northerly direction you have a perfect view of the Hill of Howth. Ringsend has so many attractions apart from the South Wall to offer our young folk and friends from the city for incidence we have a safe and beautiful strand stretching from Ringsend to Booterstown, that's even a limited description which seems too good to be true.

The sporting facilities in Ringsend are one of the most appealing of the Dublin suburbs, situated beside the sea with a wealth of interesting leisure amenities nearby, such as rowing, skiff racing, tennis, soccer, gaelic, coupled with our splendid park with soccer and 3 gaelic pitches, also 10 tennis courts, we also have two rowing clubs namely St. Patrick's and Stella Maris Rowing Clubs, Poolbeg Sailing Club, together with a Technical College and two primary schools for boys and girls.

Ringsend is one of those places where young people choose to stay instead of looking elsewhere for their entertainment. It's a unique location adjoining and overlooking sweet Dublin Bay, just one mile from the City Centre, but I must stress here and now that Ringsend is a very bleak and miserable town in the winter, so we all must hibernate.



Gura Murphy playing the harp

MEMBER'

'Member the games we used to play – Nedser and You and Me.

Down by the lamplit corner and the wind comin' in from the sea?

And member the ring of marbles – all glassy and coloured and bright.

And the silver sheen of the "steeler" as it rolled out under the light.

'Member the game of "jackstones" – the "finger" and the "claw".

And then flippin them up and over till your knuckles was nearly raw.

And 'member the game of "rounders" and billy oxtail, one-two- three.

'Member the fun we used to have – Nedser and You and Me.

And 'member the girl called Molly, and the one who was her pal.

And the freckly one with the pigtails and the one called "Bright-eyed Sal".

'Member them "chalkin" the piggy beds and how they raised our hopes.

With their easy way of "dancin" through the twirl of their "skippin" ropes.

'Member we all played hop scotch" and ran to relieve-ee-oh.

And they taught us "O'Grady Sez" and "Ship in the Alley-oh".

And 'member the time they kissed us – Nedser and You and Me.

And 'member the "scrumptious" feasts when we queued for the Sunday flicks.

With bulls eyes ten a penny, and black of the "lickerish" sticks.

And 'member the toffee apples and the paper of "Nancy Balls".

Or the way we sucked our fizz bags in the bliss of the fourpenny stalls.

And 'member the "follyin" – upper such terrors could spellbind you.

And how we tried to save the chap by yellin' "Look behind you".

And 'member the "Mummy's Curse" – when we nearly done our pee.

For the monster kept on staring at Nedser and You and Me.

And 'member the cowboy games, when we our lane was a Texan ranch.

And Nedser was always the "Marshall" and we were the tribe of Commanch.

And 'member out coats as goalposts as we kicked our old rag ball.

And the tellin' "of" ghostly stories near the gate of the haunted hall.

And 'member all the sport we had when we all played "kick the can".

And the hiss from the darkened doorways "come out and look for yo'r man".

And the "Blindsman's Bluff" and the "Queenie-oh" and the homemade Christmas tree.

And the "Tip and Tig" when no one could catch, neither Nedser and You and Me.

Once pregnancy is established the woman will be attending ante-natal care and will get regular check-ups. Again all the predictable advice applies – do not smoke or drink, only take medication which is essential and prescribed by your doctor, and eat a good and healthy diet. However there is a new issue we discuss with women these days and it relates to vaccines. A previous generation of women would have been warned away from any vaccination in pregnancy but a number of issues have changed this advice.

First and foremost today's vaccines are clean and genetically engineered. They no longer contain any live bacteria and cannot give you a dose of the illness they are designed to protect against. Scientists can now identify the exact molecule in a bug that can be taken out and injected into a person in order to produce the antibodies that will protect them. The vaccine against the flu is recommended for all pregnant women primarily to protect the mother but clearly will have a knock-on protection for the baby.

Pregnancy is a condition where the mother's immune system is dampened down. This happened naturally because the baby contains some DNA from his dad and if the immune system were not dampened down, the mother's blood may produce antibodies against it. These antibodies would then attack the baby in the womb, leading to miscarriage or other problems. Indeed it is likely that this is the explanation for a certain percentage of the miscarriages that occur. Clearly if you dampen down the immune system then the mother is more prone to certain infections, and then these infections strike she is less able to fight them off.

This is the situation with flu and we know that a certain number of pregnant women can get a severe dose of the flu, and regretfully there have been a small number of deaths in pregnant women. Therefore all pregnant women should have a flu shot and especially those who will be pregnant during the flu season.

When you give the mother a vaccine she produces antibodies to protect herself and these antibodies cross over into the baby and protect them during the first few months of life. This is extremely important because we cannot give babies vaccines the day they are born. Rather we wait for two months to start many of them and the MMR cannot be given until age one year.

In recent years we have seen a small increase in the number of whooping cough and the vaccine against this is given at two months of age. However new born babies are vulnerable to get it and it is a serious illness in the new born. The only way to protect these new born babies is to vaccinate the mother during the pregnancy. Then the babies are born with the antibodies from mum and hence are less likely to get the illness.

I mentioned genetic engineering earlier and it has had an enormous impact on medicine. Another area of enormous change is DNA testing and it is slowly changing so many areas or medicine. In previous years if a woman wanted her baby checked for Down Syndrome she had to have a procedure where the doctor took some fluid from around the baby or took a sample of the placenta or after birth. These procedures carried a certain risk of miscarriage.

Staying fit and healthy during your pregnancy is probably something everyone will agree with. However by the time most women realise they are pregnant, a minimum of four weeks has passed, and in some cases it can be six, seven or eight weeks. Therefore there is a greater emphasis on getting yourself fit and

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well before you decide to get pregnant. The early advice is all very predictable – stop smoking and/or drinking, get your weight down as low as possible, and eat a good diet.

Obesity is a major issue in Ireland and it is relevant to pregnancy in so many ways. Obesity can interfere with a woman's ability to conceive and once pregnant it can lead to all sorts of problems. These include diabetes of pregnancy and high blood pressure, both of which increase the risk to the baby and can cause a condition called eclampsia, which carries a high risk to mother and baby. All sorts of problems can emerge during the birth directly related to obesity.

In the first few weeks after getting pregnant, and often before the lady knows she is pregnant, most of the important organs start to take shape. This is when neural tube is the part of the foetus that will develop into the skull and the spinal cord. Most of these problems are what we call spina bifida when the baby is born. This can range from the very mild where it is hardly noticed, up to the severe form where a person cannot walk or cannot control their bladders properly.

The neural tube needs a lot of folic acid to form properly and a number of years ago international research showed that if you gave woman a folic acid tablet, you reduced their risk of having a baby with spina bifida by 70%. However the important issue was that you had to start taking these tablets three months before getting pregnant in order to get this reduction. This is the most important message to get out to women planning pregnancy and we are not achieving this in Ireland because too many women only start taking folic acid when they discover they are pregnant. Whilst there is a very small benefit to starting it then, the greatest benefit by far is when you start is three months earlier.

Folic acid is present in most green leaf vegetables such as cabbage, broccoli, lettuce and sprouts, vegetables that are often on the favourite list for most people. That's why it is recommended to take the tablet form. There has been an active debate about whether we should add folic acid to some food such as flour or bread but that is unlikely to happen any time soon.

In getting ready for pregnancy there is also the issue of checking your blood to see if you are immune to rubella or German Measles. All children in Ireland get the MMR so the vast majority of women should be immune but there is always the issue of immunity wearing off after a while and so it's best to check it. German Measles is known to damage children's hearing and can cause other damage to new born babies. If we are going to check rubella it is no harm to also check for chickenpox.

A recent breakthrough occurred when doctors were able to identify DNA from the baby in the mother's blood. This allowed them to confirm whether the baby had Downs or any other genetic abnormality with a simple blood sample from the mother. The potential with this test is enormous but clearly it also raises a concern, especially with regard to countries or societies where the sex of the baby can be seen to be extremely important. This test is currently at an experimental stage and it not routinely available here in Ireland. There is no doubt but that it will be in a couple of years.

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The Potato by Tony Rooney

The humble potato has a long history behind it: experts believe it was first cultivated 1800 years ago in Peru. It was brought to Europe in the 16th century, and it has been estimated that by the mid 19th Century three million Irish survived on potatoes alone, with perhaps a little cabbage and buttermilk added. Oddly enough, this was quite a healthy diet as potatoes are a rich source of protein, carbohydrates and Vitamin C. In "The Great Hunger" Cecil Woodham-Smith writes how many visitors to Ireland remarked on the rude good health of the peasants. Unfortunately, not only did the Irish cultivate one food source, but they grew only one variety of potato, called Lumpers. It produced a high yield, but was vulnerable to blight.

The cause of the blight that began in September 1845, was a fungus which had been brought from America on ships to England, and blown across the Irish Sea. The failure of the potato crop was a disaster, but most managed to survive by selling off their livestock and importing cheap corn meal from America. The winter of 1846/47 was exceptionally harsh with freezing cold blizzards and storms; with the last of their supplies exhausted the people began to eat nettles, turnips, rotten cabbages, sea weed and even grass. In desperation, people flocked to the poor houses, but these were hell holes, rife with disease and hunger. In Skibbereen in Co. Cork, fifty per cent of children admitted in 1846 died with a year.

When the famine began the British Prime Minister Sir Robert Peel imported Indian corn and set up other measures to feed the hungry, but his efforts met with furious opposition from merchants and the upper classes and he was voted out of office. Control of the situation was handed to the Assistant Secretary of the British Treasury, Charles Edward Trevelyan; the first step this gentleman took was to stop all government relief on the grounds that it might create a climate of dependency. He paid one visit to Ireland and expressed himself unmoved by the horrors he saw there, in fact he boasted that his lack of emotion allowed him to view the situation more clearly. The English upper classes had scant respect for that they termed the lower classes in their own country, they had none whatsoever for the Irish poor. They regarded the Irish as lazy, sly and superstitious.

Between the years 1845 to 1849 over one million

Irish died of hunger, nearly two million emigrated to the United States, Canada and Australia. If the potato crop had failed, others were unaffected and, while the Irish starved, food was being exported to Britain and other parts of the world. In September of 1847 the potato crop was unaffected by the blight, but farmers lacked the means to plant the seeds and the crop was tiny. Landowners decided to switch to wheat or livestock, to facilitate this, they evicted tens of thousands of their starving tenants. Some of them hired ships and offered their tenants free passage to America, Canada and Australia. Conditions on these "coffin ships" as they were known were dreadful in the extreme; crowded below decks without adequate water or food they became prey to typhus and other diseases. In the Summer of 1847, forty ships carrying fourteen thousand Irish waited under Quarantine on the St. Lawrence River to enter Canada at Quebec. Hundreds died of typhus and their bodies were thrown overboard to float past the horrified gaze of the Canadians.

Eventually, shamed by international outrage and humanitarian groups in Britain, the Government passed an Act setting up soup kitchens and assisted by charitable groups like the Quakers, provided some measure of relief to the starving. If there is one positive aspect in the whole story, it is the behaviour of the Quakers; the help given by these good Christian people should never be forgotten. We have many monuments in this country, but none would be more fitting than one erected in gratitude to the Quakers. But the grudging and inadequate response of the British Government was a disgrace on any civilised people. The millions who fled this country carried with them a hatred of everything British. In famine times people had a saying "God sent the blight, but the English sent the famine."

Thankfully, the old animosities are now a thing of the past, but it will be a long time before the horrors of the famine fade from our collected memory. There are many mute reminders around us to this day; the obelisk on Killiney Hill was built by relief work during the famine. I often go for a meal to "The Dropping Well Pub" in Milltown, I discovered that in famine times this was the site of a morgue and the bodies of famine took place with the lifetime of our great grand parents we should Thank God for our good fortune.

Tony wishes the Community a very Happy South Dock Festival and Summer Activities.

PICTURE BOARD by Fr. Ivan Tonge



Alice hands over the Ringsend Lord Mayor's chain to Deke.



Bobby Joe and friends – Sean Moore Community Awards.



Richie Saunders launches the new St Patrick's RC Skiff.



Robbie Cox – Pilot Boat Captain



The Launch – the tradition continues.



Mr. Booth and Dublin's Lord Mayor – Sean Moore Community Awards.



Stella Girls – fundraising for Focus Ireland.



Noel Miley – the 80th Birthday!! with his Family.



Confirmation girls 2017 with Mgr. O'Brien.

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Freya - 1st Communion 2017.



Betty Deering RIP – in Lourdes with Parish Pilgrimage 2010.



The Tonge's from Ringsend Park.



Miss Prout, Sr Maria and friends.



Michael Carruth, John Sweeney, Dermot Lacey - new Boxing Club.



Michael Carruth and Volunteers RICC for the Boxing Leaders training.



Picture of the relatives of 'D' Company 3rd Battalion, who were in Boland's Mill under De Valera in 1916, this was taken on the 1st Sunday of November 2016, as was traditional for the survivors to parade down to the Church from the Mills.



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RINGSEND COLLEGE NEWS

WHAT'S ANOTHER YEAR?

Another year has come and gone in Ringsend College and at time of writing our 3rd Year students are working hard in their Junior Certificate exams. We have no main stream 6th Year Leaving Certificate students this year due to the fact that we introduced Transition Year last year for all students. It has been a busy year since the last edition of *The New Link Magazine* and below is a taster of some of the events that have taken place since then.

TY "VOICES OF THE LIFFEY"

Our TYs worked with artist Jean Mann sponsored by Mason Hayes and Curran to create a video which explored their relationship with the local waterways and the city in general. The video was part of the MHC Art Evening and was nominated for an award. Video is available on the school Facebook page or website.

TY FUND RAISING: CANCER RESEARCH FUND RAISER & AS-I-AM AUTISM AWARENESS FUND RAISER

Well done to the Transition Year students who raised over €600 for The Caroline Foundation Ribbon Day and also the students worked with Localise Project to raise awareness and funds for the As-I-Am Autism Awareness Charity. The charity was set up by Adam Harris and aims to help people to understand what Autism is and how difficult life can be for someone with Autism.

TY BOXING

Well done to Craig, Leon, Ceilim and Cian who went all the way to the National Boxing Arena under the watchful eye of Michael Carruth to box against students from other schools in the Boxing Gala.



TY BARCELONA TRIP

The Transition Year students went on a highly enjoyable trip to Barcelona in early May for 3 days. They took in La Sagrada Familia, La Ramblas, Barcelona Port as well as the Barcelona Football Club Nou Camp stadium and Port Aventura theme park. The only complaint was that it wasn't longer than 3 days!



SPORTS DAY

Congrats to all students who took part in the CDETB SCC Sports Day in Santry Stadium in mid-May.

MINOR GIRLS JUNIOR HANDBALL WINNERS

The minor girls team won the CDETB SCC Handball Competition in February. Well done girls!

ENGINEERING WEEK

The year our new Technology teacher Mr. Donnellan worked with ECOCCEM to run competitions for Engineering Week.



Building bridges from scratch with equipment sponsored by ECOCCEM brought a fun element to learning. Well done to all of the winners and thanks to Mr. Donnellan and ECOCCEM.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Well done and thanks to Ms. Gleeson and the 17 students who took part in the Darkness into Light charity walk in May. It's a great cause and hopefully can be an annual event.

HEALTHY EATING WEEK

Healthy Eating Week was another great success this year thanks to the students who took part and Ms. Moran and Ms. Grogan for helping to organise the events. There was Healthy Snack morning with smoothies and healthy oat bars. There was also the teachers' Ready Steady Cook competition and the students' Masterchef competition which was one be Ella Geoghegan this year.



BT YOUNG SCIENTISTS EXHIBITION

Pride of place this academic year goes to the BT Young Scientists Team of Toni Mockler, Kyle Graham and Nicole Gaynor Meier. The 3 students under the guidance of Mr. O'Keeffe entered the project "Mental Health Awareness App". The phone app helps young people to assess how they are feeling over time and makes suggestions of how to seek help or guidance if problems have been identified.

It was a huge success and the project came 3rd in their category (which was the biggest category). They have received massive acknowledgment for the project



and interest from Pieta House and others in developing the app further.

Congrats to all involved!



Wishing the Community a very Happy South Dock Festival.

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JACKIE LARKIN REPATRIATION FUNDRAISER

by P.McG and Billy Ryan



Last year while on holiday with her daughter in Spain Jackie Larkin sadly passed away. With the help of the Kevin Bell Trust, Jackie was repatriated back to her family in Dublin. As a mark of appreciation and thank you to the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust who organised the repatriation of Jackie a number of fundraiser events were held by the Management and Staff of Holles Street Hospital, supported by the Larkin Family.



A fundraiser was also held in the Irishtown House Bar and Lounge and there was a great turnout. The DJ, Electric Eddie donated his services for free. The night was a great success and there were over 50 spot prizes donated. Indeed one of Jackie's friends commented that Jackie would have had a great night. Well done and a big thank you to the management and staff of the Irishtown House!

A raffle was also held in the Hospital to raise more funds for this very worthy cause and the staff and friends came up trumps! Last but not least, on Tuesday the 8th February 2017 a very special event took place in Holles Street Hospital. A representative of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust accepted two cheques – one from the staff of the hospital (€8736.00) and also a cheque kindly donated from Tesco to the value of €166.76.

Special mention must go to the staff and management of Holles Street Hospital, Jackie's Family and friends and the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. If you would like to know more about the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust check out their website at www.kevinbellrepatriationtrust.com or on Facebook. At the time of writing this story the Kevin Bell Trust repatriated 165 Irish citizens back to their homes.

The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust aims to alleviate the financial hardship of bereaved families repatriating the body (bodies) of loved one(s) who have died abroad in sudden or tragic circumstances back to Ireland.

Objectives of the Trust:

1. To provide financial assistance to bereaved families to repatriate the body (or bodies) of a loved one(s) who died outside Ireland
2. To maintain the Trust as a permanent legacy of Kevin Bell
3. To sustain the Trust by having on-going fundraising activities
4. To recruit members of the Trust to sustain its purpose and ideals

Conditions of the Trust Awarding Financial Assistance:

1. The Trust is available for costs of repatriation to Ireland only
2. Financial assistance to be offered in circumstances of sudden or tragic death (including suicide)
3. Financial assistance to be paid upon confirmation of paid expenditure
4. Financial assistance to be paid for repatriation costs exclusively
5. The Trust to operate on a 32 County basis
6. The Trust to have a discretionary clause to cover unforeseen circumstances where it may wish to provide additional financial assistance
7. The Trust would grant assistance in good faith. A 'claw-back' option applies in the event of the applicant raising sufficient funds themselves to return the money back to the Trust

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GREENORE / ROSTREVOR NEWS

Hospice Coffee Morning

Congratulations to all the members and Community for their fundraising morning in aid of the Hospice, which €900 was raised.

The Committee and Volunteers wish the Community a very Happy South Dock Festival & Summer Activities.



DAY	ACTIVITY
Monday Afternoon	Bingo
Monday Evening	Prayer Group
Tuesday Morning	Arts & Crafts
Wednesday Afternoon	Bingo
Thursday Morning	Art
Thursday Evening	Bingo (monthly)
Friday Morning	Art

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TORPEDOED: DOCKLANDS WORLD WAR ONE VICTIMS TO BE REMEMBERED

This year marks the centenary of the sinking of two Dublin Port ships in U-Boat attacks which had a tragic impact on the Dockland communities. During the First World War Germany had declared that the waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland were ***"within the seat of war and that all enemy vessels found in these waters after 18 February would be destroyed"***.

This would have a deadly impact on our community. On the 14th December 1917, the **S.S. Hare**, travelling back to Dublin from Manchester was



torpedoed. Just two weeks later, on the 27th December, the **S.S. Adela**, on route to Liverpool, was targeted. Of the 12 lives lost in the first attack, five were from the Dockland



communities, and in the second attack fourteen of the 24 casualties were local residents.

Due to war time censorship, the full details of the attacks were not properly reported, and a century later these tragedies are not very well remembered. This is now due to change, as a commemoration committee (made up of relatives of the victims, local historians and community groups) is planning to unveil two plaques recalling the tragedies and will host an exhibition & booklet will honour those who died.

The **S.S. Hare** is very well remembered as the ship which brought food parcels to the Dublin workers during the great Lockout of 1913, donated by British trade unionists. It often transported Guinness, but had a different cargo when it was torpedoed by a German



submarine. The ship sank within three minutes, about seven miles east of the Kish Lighthouse. Ten people survived.



The **SS Adela** was a Tedcastle & McCormack vessel and when torpedoed was carrying a cargo of Livestock (donkeys) and coal. Eight crew members did get into a lifeboat but had no oars. They spent sixteen hours

drifting, during which 3 got washed away and 4 died from exposure. There was only one survivor.

The **St. Andrews Resource Centre** is proud to be involved with this initiative, and any assistance in tracking down the relatives of those who were aboard the vessels would be most welcome.

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See our facebook page –
<https://www.facebook.com/adelahare1917/>



Map of World War 1 Blockades.

THE DOCKLAND RESIDENTS WHO DIED IN THESE TWO TRAGEDIES:

Sarah Jane Arnott (Born in Malahide, living at Seville Place)
William Barry (31 Leland Place, Common Street)
John (Jack) Boyle (Summerhill)
Peter Byrne (11 Pigeon House Road, Ringsend)
William Byrne (7 Hanover Square)
Patrick Corcoran (77 Townsend Street)
James Farrell (32 Bessborough Avenue, North Strand)
James Fortune (8 Hastings Street Ringsend)
Joseph Hopkins (Pigeon House Road)
George Jones (7 upper Erne Street.)
Thomas Jones (100 Lower Gardiner Street)
Christina Kavanagh, (Queens Square, Great Brunswick Street).
John Mackey (17 Upper Oriel Street)
Frank Mangan (Guild Street).
Joseph M Manning (64 Dock Street Ringsend)
Patrick McCallum (Lower Mount Street)
Andrew Walshe (8 Tighe Cottages, Newfoundland Street)
Charles Walsh (Erne Terrace)
Christopher Walshe (22 Leland Place, Commons Street).

THE DOCKLAND RESIDENTS WHO SURVIVED THE S.S.HARE SINKING:

Thomas Brown - Pigeon House Road.
John Forde (Cattleman) - Erne Street.
John Hunt (Donkeyman) - Brunswick Street.
Patrick Keown (Able Seaman) - Sheriff Street.
William McGowan (Able Seaman) - Pigeon House Road.
John Smith (Second Engineer) - Church Road.



POEMS by Sonny Kinsella and Mary Guckian

A Day in Dublin Town

*As I waited at the bus stop,
To make my way into town,
The sky became grey and overcast,
Then the rain came pouring down,*

*The bus was late in coming,
As I queued at the bus stop,
It's just about to pull in now,
With my bus pass on to it I hop,
It travels fast down the bus lane,
Making up for lost time,
It's on its way down Dorset Street,
To O'Connell Street and that's fine,
This is where I get off the bus,
To browse around the shop's,
The rain has eased and the sun is out,
And the pedestrian lights says stop,
I cross where Nelson's Pillar was,
But it's no longer there to view,
And in it's space a big spire is placed,
Why they put it there I have not a clue,
I mosey down through Henry Street,
But it will never be the same,
For Woolworths Stores and Roches are gone,
And also old Coles Lane,
The dealers are still in Moore Street,
But not as many as there was before
And the rare auld time's are fading fast,
While the foreign shops are to the fore,
The Euro shop has bargains galore,
Where I buy my bits and piece's
We get value for our money there,
Not like when the weather is bad,
I pass by where the Metropole stood,
And feel a bit sad, it's no longer there,
For it's lovely ballroom and picture house,
Now there is nothing left there to compare,
At Abbey Street I have to stop,
To the let the LUAS tram pass by,
My mind goes back to the good old day's,
When down O'Connell Street the old tram's I'd spy,
Many of the old shops in O'Connell Street,
Are no longer standing there,
Like the Palm Grove and Madame Nora's
Lost out to Dublin in time's so rare,
For those of you who never knew it,
You don't know what you missed
And you can't put the hand's of time,
Just like ignorance is bliss,
Now I'm on my back home again,
And as I pass by Clery's Shop,
The rain start's to come down once more,
While I hurry back to the bus stop
The bus arrives and I get on to it,
It pulls out from O'Connell Street,
Now it's going through Drumcondra,
My journey is almost complete,
I am back home now from a day in town,
But it will never be the same,
When I travel down Townsend Street,
Through Moore Street and old Cole's Lane,*

NUMBER ONE BUS

*The number one bus
full when it gets to
Ringsend.*

*The driver never
refuses to take us on
here or at any of the
other stops.*

*Today there are
seven deaf
passengers in the
back seat where I
found space to sit,
watching how they
moved their fingers,
communicated
quietly, brought peace
where trippers enjoy
conversations
on their mobile
phones.*

*Hankering to tell them
I enjoyed this
morning,
But they kept their
silence
As I pointed to my
lips, and I ask if they
could read them.
When they touched
their ears I knew I
was wasting time,
desiring to let them*

*know how soothing it
is to travel alongside
them,
Making the most
Of their unique lives
Secluded in solitude.*

CURLING LEAVES

*Gold and brown
leaves
scrunch noisily under
our feet as summer
long evenings float
away.
Moorhens peck for
food in the sedge
grasses, ducks glide
carefully.
Tied to trunks of
trees,
With long blue ropes,
boats on the canal full
of people celebrating
with balloons blowing
drinking, singing and
music here, all seem
happy on the
anchored
boats as a slight
lapping of water,
gently rocks a warm
evening scene.*

Mary Guckian

The Rose in Her Hair

*In her eye's there was
Moonlight, and a Rose in her
hair, in my arms there was no
one, so I just
Put her there, on her lips was*

*a promise in my heart was a
prayer, when I finally went, I
went home with the scent of
the Rose in her hair.*





GALS AT PLAY – Ladies Club G.A.L at the Water's Edge Community Drama play Moonlight and Roses at RICC.



The Ringer Boxing Coaches - L-R - John Harte, Audrey O'Doherty, Helena Murphy, Stephen O'Connor and Christine Geoghegan.



The official launch of The Ringer Boxing Club at RICC was held on April 18th 2017. Classes will commence in June 2017. Pictured are Olympic Gold Medalist and patron of The Ringer, Michael Carruth, Tori Rowe, RICC Manager Lorraine Barry, John Sweeney, Dublin City Council Sports Development Officer and Eoin Byrne.



EASTER CAMP BUNNY – The RICC Easter Camp finished up with a visit from the Easter Bunny.



PLANT SALE – Rob Chester from Dublin City Council assisting crèche members with their purchases at the RICC Plant Sale.



CLEAN UP – Team RICC at the Dublin City Council Community Clean Up.



MAYPOLE DANCE – The 9th Annual RICC May Day Parade saw the first ever performance from local children with the May Pole Dance.



CROWD – Over 1,200 locals celebrated the RICC 9th Annual May Day Parade.



TEA DANCE – Some of the ladies enjoying the Spring Afternoon Tea Dance in RICC.

Cllr. Frank Kennedy



Wishing the Community a very Happy South Dock Festival and Summer Activities to everyone in Pearse Street, Ringsend, Irishtown and Sandymount.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHILDCARE NEWS

Hi Everyone

Isn't the weather absolutely fabulous.

Our Graduation Ceremony took place on Friday 23rd June 2017. The Children had been practising and it was really lovely on the day. We had refreshments after the ceremony in the hall.

All the staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for their support during the year. We are really going to miss all our children that are leaving and going to school in September. We wish them well. Some of them we have taken care of since they were 6 months old. We also look forward to a new term with the children presently here and also welcoming our new children.

Hope you all have a lovely Summer.

MARTINA, MOIRA AND ALL THE CHILDCARE STAFF

CHILDCARE PLACES: We have some Childcare Places available for the new term. If you require a place, please contact Martina McKenna or Moira Hogan at 01 6771930.



VERSCHOYLE PARTY TIME

This party was indoor as the elements were not so kind to Verschoyle, but that did not dampen the spirit and atmosphere of the Valentine's Party. Again congratulations to Dublin City Council for their support and friendliness to all the Community by P.McG.



DUBLIN PORT

DUBLIN PORT COMPLETES MASTERPLAN REVIEW PUBLIC CONSULTATION



Dublin Port Company (DPC) has published the report on the public consultation process for the first review of its Masterplan 2012-2040. The public consultation process took place between late January and early March and will inform the revised Masterplan which will be published later in 2017.

The consultation process involved extensive outreach to key stakeholders including local residents and political representatives, local businesses, community and environmental groups. It included the publication of a detailed consultation paper, face-to-face briefings, a media information campaign, public information days, a social media campaign and a comprehensive environmental consultation process.

In all, the consultation process secured 67 formal responses from a range of participants and the community briefings attracted over 130 people from Clontarf, East Wall and Ringsend. All submissions and contributions are being considered in the finalisation of the review of the Masterplan.

A number of common themes emerged during the consultation process, including general support for the Port and a welcome for the Masterplan and the review process. There was also a welcome for the planned closer integration between Dublin Port and Dublin City, with a large number of respondents referencing a desire for greater public access to the port area and maximum possible public access to heritage assets within the Port Estate.

Some concern was noted about the potential traffic and environmental impact of overlapping development proposals, particularly on the Poolbeg Peninsula and there was strong demand for investment to support significant levels of community regeneration.

DPC will now undertake a number of environmental, cultural / leisure and transport studies and assessments arising from the process before finalising the review. This includes a full Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment. It will also conduct formal meetings with a number of national and local stakeholders on specific topics that emerged.

Commenting on the consultation process, Dublin Port Company Chief Executive Eamonn O'Reilly said, *"The Masterplan is a living framework for the development of the Port and given our significant growth in recent years it is timely to review it. Public consultation is a vital part of that exercise and we are energised by the interest expressed and contributions received both from our neighbours in the local community and the wider group of commercial, statutory and national stakeholders we engaged with."*

"The revised Masterplan will take these views on board, with particular emphasis on ensuring the Port meets the demands the national economy has of it in the decades to come, enhanced Port-City integration, our role in preserving the ecological and amenity value of Dublin Bay and the part we will play in the further development of the Poolbeg Peninsula over the coming years", he added.



DUBLIN PORT

CELEBRITY ECLIPSE MAKES MAIDEN VOYAGE TO DUBLIN PORT

130 cruise calls confirmed for Dublin Port in 2017

The 317m *Celebrity Eclipse* cruise ship arrived in Dublin on 10th May, carrying over 4,000 passengers and crew on her maiden call to Ireland. The new arrival marks the start of Dublin Port's 2017 cruise season which will see 130 cruise calls confirmed for Dublin Port this year, bringing over 200,000 passengers and crew to visit the city and benefit the local economy.

Passengers were greeted on arrival to the sights and sounds of a Celtic themed welcome spectacle of music and dance before disembarking for a day of shopping, sightseeing and exploring in the capital. Among the passengers were President and CEO of Celebrity Cruises, Lisa Lutoff-Perlo, and a delegation of 400 cruise industry leaders who enjoyed a VIP guest experience in Dublin during their call.

Having arrived from Cobh, the *Celebrity Eclipse* departed Dublin at 10.30pm to spend two days at sea before arriving at her next port of call, Akureyri, Iceland, as part of the ship's 12-day itinerary touring the UK, Ireland and Iceland.

Offering guests a modern luxury experience, the ship features a choice of 13 restaurants and cafes and one of the largest wine collections at sea. This is in addition to a spa and solarium, the celebrated Lawn Club including half an acre of real grass lawn on the top deck, hot glass blowing demonstrations, swimming pools, casino, theatre, boutique shopping, basketball court, art gallery, library, internet café, portrait studio and Suite Class accommodation with butler service which are just some of the amenities on board the 17-deck luxury liner.

Celebrity Eclipse will return to the city in 2018 when she becomes the first ship of a major cruise line to call Dublin Port a 'home port'. She will be based in Dublin Port for a mini-season of holidays to Northern Europe next year, with over 14,000 people expected to begin their holiday from Dublin Port in 2018. The development is worth an estimated almost €6 million to Dublin and the surrounding area in knock-on economic benefits. Dublin Port Company has already established Cruise Dublin to promote the interests of local businesses to international cruise lines and their passengers.

This year, *Celebrity Eclipse* is among the increasing number of longer cruise ships requesting to call at Dublin Port. Of the record number of cruise calls scheduled this year, seven ships measure longer than 300m, pushing the boundaries of the port's operational limits.

Such is her length, *Celebrity Eclipse* had to manoeuvre into Dublin Port 'stern first', i.e. in reverse. Ships greater than 300m in length cannot turn within Dublin Port and are therefore brought stern first (reversed) up the River Liffey. This complex manoeuvre will no longer be necessary once Dublin Port's Alexandra Basin Redevelopment (ABR) Project is complete. Larger, longer ships will then be able to routinely call at the port and turn within the expanded Alexandra Basin West and berth further upriver, closer to the city at the Tom Clarke Bridge. The planned redevelopment is expected to result in an extra 600,000 tourists for the city annually, three times the current visitor levels.

Pat Ward, Head of Corporate Services, Dublin Port Company, said: "We are delighted to welcome *Celebrity Eclipse* on her maiden call to Dublin Port as we kick-start a record cruise season for 2017. With 130 cruise calls scheduled, it's shaping up to be a busy season with thousands of passengers and crew set to explore the sights and sounds of the city. Ten of this year's cruise calls are maiden voyages, confirming Dublin Port and Dublin City's growing appeal as a marquee destination on the itineraries of the world's leading cruise lines.

"We are also looking forward to Dublin Port becoming a home port to a major cruise line next year, and to growing this valuable business for the city. An estimated 90% of turnaround passengers will fly into Dublin to pick up their cruise, creating demand for extra bed nights in the city and discretionary spend for the city's retail outlets and visitor attractions. And unlike port of call, homeporting passengers typically spend three to four days either side of their departure or arrival date exploring the home port city and surrounding counties. With more free time to explore, home porting has strong potential to benefit both the city and regional economies."

Jo Rzymowska, Vice President and Managing Director Celebrity Cruises, UK & Ireland and Asia, said: "It is now only one year to go until we become the first major cruise line to homeport from Dublin when *Celebrity Eclipse* will call the city home for a mini season from April 2018. We are continuing to work with our partners at Dublin Port Company to ensure that we offer efficient check-in and smooth disembarkation experiences for all of our guests. This is a very exciting investment for us and we are thrilled with the level of support and enthusiasm from the people and businesses of Dublin ahead of our arrival into the city next year."



DUBLIN PORT

THE AWARE HARBOUR2HARBOUR WALK ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The annual Aware Harbour2Harbour Walk took place on St. Patrick's Day, Friday March 17th and offered a brilliantly enjoyable (and suitably challenging!) alternative for families and friends looking to mark the country's national day. Aware charity partners Leinster Rugby put their best foot forward to support the event, along with Eamonn O'Reilly, CEO of event sponsor Dublin Port Company, who are providing plenty of fun activities at the 'Halfway Hooley'. Participants registered online at aware.ie and all funds raised go to Aware's nationwide support, education and information services.



Speaking ahead of the launch Luke McGrath, who captained Leinster for his winning performance against Edinburgh said, *"We are delighted to work with Aware and to help them raise awareness of their Harbour2Harbour Walk in what is the 12th year of the event. As rugby players we realise the important link between exercise and mental health, and this is a brilliant way to get your heart pumping and be part of a great day out, supporting a brilliant cause in the process."*

The Harbour2Harbour Walk took participants along the spectacularly scenic Dublin Bay and more than 2,000 people took part. Walkers could choose to walk the 26km/16.2mile route starting in Howth Harbour and walking to Dun Laoghaire Harbour or starting at Dun Laoghaire Harbour and walking to Howth. The walks kicked off @ 10.30am on the day.

Dublin Port Company sponsored the Dublin event for the third year running and again provided a fun-filled 'halfway hooley' at Berth 18, close to the Thomas Clarke (toll) bridge in the capital. Eamonn O'Reilly, CEO of Dublin Port Company said, *"The Aware Harbour2Harbour Walk showcases the exceptional beauty of Dublin Bay and the Port itself, something which we should all be very proud of. Berth 18 was a very welcome stop-off last year for the event and I think it will be the same this year as people reach the halfway point. We are delighted to help Aware make this a really enjoyable event to be part of and look forward to welcoming people to the Port on the day."*

Participants were also encouraged to raise further sponsorship from colleagues, friends and family, with all funds raised going to Aware's nationwide depression support, education and information services. Aware also provides extensive services throughout Dublin and more information is available on the website. *The Aware Harbour2Harbour Walk 2017 was proudly supported by Dublin Port Company and 98FM.*

DUBLIN PORT

LONG-DISTANCE TERN TRAVELLERS

BirdWatch Ireland has been keeping a close eye on the terns that nest each summer in Dublin Port. These small migratory seabirds only spend a few months in Ireland each year, departing in autumn for warmer climates. To study their movements the bird researchers have given a number of young birds individual colour rings, inscribed with unique letter codes that can be read through a telescope.



Juvenile Common Tern (PAT) wearing a numbered ring on its leg (photo John Fox).

A new record has been set this winter with two Dublin Bay birds sighted in Namibia on the south-west coast of Africa. They were seen over 5,400 miles (in a straight line) from Dublin Bay but the birds will probably travel closer to 20,000 miles as they follow the Atlantic coast of Europe and Africa twice each year.

Text by Richard Nairn, naturaconsultants.com

ALL IN A ROW CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Dublin Port wish to congratulate local rowing groups for their incredible fundraising efforts last November, raising an incredible €33,000 for Focus Ireland.

Dublin Port wishes the Community a very Memorable South Dock Festival and Summer Activities.

The vibrant Liffey boating community connected for some festive fundraising and rowed a gigantic 500km over a whopping 10 hours for a very worthy cause – to help alleviate homelessness in Ireland.

On a windy November Saturday rowers took to the river from 8am to 6pm and travelled for 10 hours between Thomas Clarke (formerly East Link bridge) and Heuston Station bridges. Rowing, kayak & canoe clubs along with private rowing boat owners took to the choppy water for an enduring day on the river. Donations came from boat sponsors, bucket donations and directly to Focus Ireland, and the amount raised surpassed all expectations.



Pictured are: Focus Ireland at the presentation event in Poolbeg Yacht and Boat Club receiving their cheque. Dublin Port were proud sponsors of the event and wish to congratulate all involved on a wonderful fundraising campaign to help families, young people and children at risk or affected by homelessness at a difficult time of year.

Well done to all involved!

#DrawMeDocklands



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On Tuesday 2nd May 2017, Lord Mayor Brendan Carr unveiled the 120 foot long 'Draw Me Docklands' mural by the award winning artist and illustrator Chris Judge on Dublin City Council's Docklands Office, Custom House Quay. Chris Judge's brilliant tribute to Dubliners in Dublin's Docklands includes 60 unique life-size portraits of people who took part in the #DrawMeDocklands Social Media campaign run by Dublin City Council and *Business to Arts in autumn 2016*. The campaign encouraged people to submit selfies using the hashtag #DrawMeDocklands. People sent images of themselves or their friends, which evolved into an artwork containing 60 characters and spanning 120 feet.

All in a Row!



On Saturday 26th November 2016 the boating community came together to organise a rowing event while raising funds for Focus Ireland. "All in a Row" participants endured a 10 hour row / paddle to raise money for the charity. The event took place from the Tom Clarke/East Link bridge to Heuston station bridge and to the Grattan Bridge on low tide. The event launched from Dublin City Council's Dublin Docklands offices at Custom House Quay and raised over €30,000 in aid of Focus Ireland.

Jeanie Johnston



On 13th February 2017, for the final time, the tall ship Jeanie Johnston left Dublin Ports Graving Dock. The ship was the last to undergo works in the graving dock which is to be closed and filled as part of the Alexandra Basin Project. The ship returned to its Berth at Custom House Quay where it since reopened. The ship is an authentic replica, built in Tralee, Co. Kerry. The original Jeanie Johnston made 16 emigrant journeys to North America between 1847 and 1865, carrying over 2,500 people with no loss of life.

Liffey Ferry No. 11



Dublin City Council and Dublin Port Company are collaborating on reinstating a ferry crossing on the River Liffey. This project will assist in the implementation of key SDZ objectives under the following cross cutting themes: heritage; identity; movement and connectivity. Liffey Ferry No. 11 was the last Dublin Corporation working ferry on the River Liffey and is currently being refurbished. While operating the service, the ferry will be used as a teaching training platform to educate and train young men and women in the local areas in the wide range of boating skills and particularly the skills required to manoeuvre such a vessel across the Liffey from station to station. It is hoped the Ferry will be operational by the end of 2017.

Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum

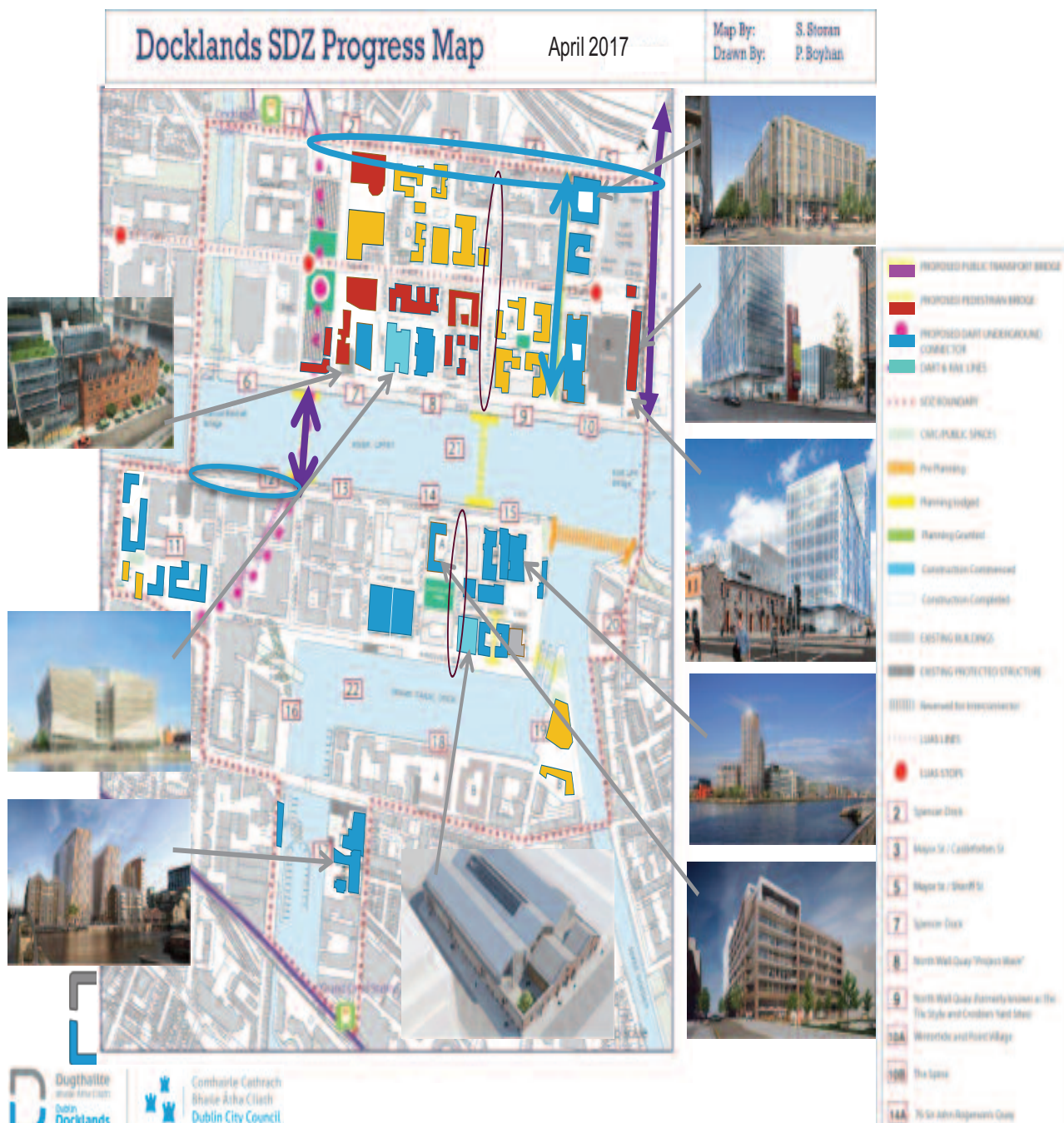


The first meeting of the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum took place in Dublin City Councils, Dublin Docklands office on Monday 13th March 2017. The purpose of this initial meeting was to introduce and update members on a number of key projects to help inform them in their new role as representatives on the Forum. Please visit us at www.dublindocklands.ie for more information.

Poolbeg West SDZ



Dublin City Council has published a Draft Planning Scheme for Poolbeg West Strategic Development Zone in accordance with Section 168 of the Planning and Development Act. The Draft Planning Scheme sets out the vision and an overall spatial strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the Docklands Strategic Development Zone area. For more information or to view the scheme please visit our website www.dublindocklands.ie



The New Central Bank Building on North Wall Quay is the second development to be completed in Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) area of Dublin Docklands.

As construction commences/ continues on more sites in the SDZ area, our office has put structures in place with the major sites in the area to minimise disruption to residents during construction works including:

- A single point of contact appointed by the main contractor and approved by the developer will liaise with both Dublin City Council and local residents.
- Requests for extended working hours will only be granted where exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated for requiring the extra hours concerned.
- Information regarding any extended hours of works must be sent in advance to any premises who may be affected by the extended working hours

The Public Realm Masterplan



The publication of the Public Realm Masterplan is designed to accompany and support the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme 2014 in achieving its ambition to create “a model of sustainable inner city regeneration incorporating socially inclusive urban neighbourhoods, a diverse, green innovation economy contributing to the prosperity of the locality, the city and country, all supported by exemplary social and physical infrastructure and a quality public realm integrated with the wider city.”

The Public Realm Masterplan covers a 60 hectare area within the SDZ and guides the design and layout of streets and parks, together with guidance on palettes of materials and street furniture. It includes strategies to animate the Liffey, Docks and Campshires, and encourages a wide mix of recreational activities and events to attract residents, workers and visitors to the area. It will inter alia provide guidance to design the urban environment for an exemplary world-class maritime quarter with a distinctive Dublin character.

For more information or to view the Public Realm Masterplan, please visit us at www.dublindocklands.ie

We would like to wish you and your families a Happy Docklands Summer Festival 2017



For further information, please contact our office or email: infodocklands@dublincity.ie
Dublin Docklands, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1.
Phone: 01 222 6070

RONAN'S HOPE

The words seem so hard to come, perhaps because it seems that our hope is fading. We still wait on our miracle. Our brave little warrior is not doing too good. Ronan can no longer walk and his ability to swallow and talk has greatly diminished, the beast inside his brain seems at last to be winning this battle, but Ronan is a fierce fighter supported by his Ronan's Hope army of followers. We still await our miracle but walking this journey alongside Ronan we have also seen other amazing things, such as the way a little boy and his family, on their darkest cruellest path in life has brought family, friends, strangers and communities together. You have walked alongside them, taken Ronan to your heart and through your kindness and actions, for a little boy who most of you have never even met, have touched our hearts. Your support means so much, this lonely road has been paved with an outpouring of love from all of you and we thank you for that. With your help we have together made some great and everlasting memories and we will continue to do so.



Liffey Wanderers, the FAI Intermediate Cup Champions, the Leinster Senior League 1A Champions, the Leinster Senior League Intermediate Club of the Year 2016-2017, what other accolades could they possibly achieve? Ronan's Hope heroes...

13th May they brought the whole community together in celebration of their win in the Aviva Stadium and the Liffey Boys and their support kindly shared their special day with Ronan, raising funds by selling burgers and bucket collecting.

They also presented Ronan with a beautiful personalised Bodhran, signed on the rim by all the team. A beautiful everlasting gift, long may you make noise with it.

Ronan xx

"TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT" WISHES YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY SOUTH DOCK FESTIVAL AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES.



1: STEPS TO SUCCESS

Our Youth Employability project, STEPS TO SUCCESS was completed in December 2016. 6 young people finished the course, which was designed to increase their employability chances by providing them with the skills needed and to improve their overall self esteem and confidence.

An array of programmes including Skills to Succeed modules from Accenture, Cookery with the Alix Gardner cookery school, Drama and personal development by Act the Maggot Theatre company, PALS programme with Bea Flanagan, Enterprise workshops from Bank of Ireland, Grand Canal; Holistic massage with Board member Veronica Lane, CV and Interview skills, Team building and trips out.

2: STAY HUMAN PROJECT

The Talk About Youth project will take part in the Stay Human! Project run by the "Youth Company".

The Youth Company are based in the Netherlands and have developed a Human Rights programme that stimulates engagement and sustainable participation of young people. They discovered a great shared passion to empower young people to make a change in society and to make them aware of Human Rights.

A training course, 3 youth exchanges and an evaluation meeting are taking place, welcoming more than 100 young people from 5 different countries. Talk About Youth can now confirm that they will take part in the Youth Exchange on LGBT+ rights this June.



3: YOUTH WORK CHANGES LIVES SHOWCASE



The Talk About Youth project was the first youth project in Ireland to be actively involved in the NYCI led "Youth Work Changes Lives" campaign. We presented a showcase of the work of our project to an audience of over 200 people in St. Andrew's Resource Centre on the 20th April. Guests included local elected representatives, parties, funders, partners, specialist organisations, as well as the local community.

Our special guest for the evening Martha Fitzpatrick (who plays

Charlotte Bishop in Fair City) kicked off proceedings with her own story of following her dream of acting from a young age. Her involvement in youth theatre has a very clear message to all the young people, "Follow Your Dreams". It was very inspirational, not just for the younger audience but for everyone present. The showcase highlighted all of the work carried out by the project, through video, film, song, drama, dance, poetry, comedy plus a video with testimonials of volunteers, partner organisations and families of our participants.

The event surpassed all expectations with the contribution of young people outstanding on the night. There was a palpable sense of pride among all the audience and it filtered into the entire community long after the event finished.



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4: JIGSAW

The Talk About Youth project were actively involved, both young people and staff in helping to set up Jigsaw Dublin city through involvement in discussion groups, fora and advisory groups.

Jigsaw Dublin City is a free, non-judgemental and confidential support service for young people aged 12 - 25 living, working or studying in Dublin 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8. They provide guidance and support for young people who are going through a difficult or distressing time. They also provide advice and guidance for anyone who is concerned about a young person in their life.

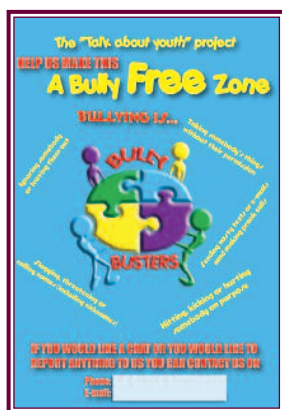
To date our staff have done Jigsaw training in "Understanding Youth Mental Health" and "Minding your Mental Health" plus more recently a workshop with Parents on "Supporting Young People's Mental Health".



5: CAUSEWAY YOUTH EXCHANGE

The theme for this Youth exchange was "All the same only different". The exchange was based in the Colm-Mendy adventure centre in North Wales, and the Shrewsbury Youth Club in Everton in Liverpool. There was 35 young people involved 20 from Dublin and 15 from Liverpool.

All the young people were aged between 13 to 15 years, both female and male. Some of the activities they took part in were, rock climbing, caving, archery, problem solving, team challenges, debates, cultural and social, presentations and performances.

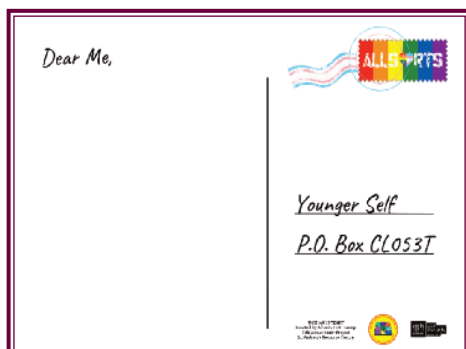


6: BULLYBUSTERS

The bully buster's programme strives to create a greater awareness of bullying amongst young people in the Talk About Youth project's clubs and groups and the community as a whole. We do that by holding workshops for parents and young people, offering a safe space where young people can discuss any issues they may have and providing a hotline where young people can report any incidences they are witness to. If you would like to find out more information on the programme don't hesitate to contact Eddie or Orla in the youth office on 01-6771930. the youth office on 01-6771930.

7: ALLSORTS LGBT GROUP: POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

As part of the Allsorts LGBT group which is supported by our project, people are been asked to write a postcard to themselves before they "came out".



The campaign is to raise awareness in society of the difficulty of coming out and accepting yourself. The cards will be displayed locally, nationally and internationally. A pop up installation of all the cards collected will take place from the 23rd June, upstairs in the Science Gallery.

Huge thanks to the Facebook LGBT group from their Grand Canal HQ, who have been hugely supportive to the group and the campaign, both in terms of advice and finances.



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8: ONE DIRECTION

This is one of the youngest groups which is run by our Volunteers, Carole Buckley, Yvonne & Patrick O'Callaghan along with help from Barry Ryan. The group members are 4 – 7 years of age. The club meets on Wednesdays from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m, in the hall in St. Andrew's. The children participate in many different activities such as Arts and Crafts, Fun and Games, Healthy Food Tasting, Movie and Treat Days and Seasonal Parties. The club enables the children to have their own space where they can socialise with their peers and learn to build up their confidence and self-esteem. As this is the only club for that age group,

there is always a big 'waiting list' and unfortunately the Volunteers are not able to accommodate the numbers, but don't fret they always try to accommodate everyone.

9: ALIGHT PROJECT

Alight is a new art project which was run in partnership with, Cois Céim and Dublin City Council. The dance, art and performance projects aim was to connect the communities in the South East area. Alight offered young people a chance to explore their local community through the arts. It was open to young people aged between 10-18 years who live or study in the local area.



10: THE ELITE

Huge congratulations to the Elite youth group, who won the group award for an International Human Rights art competition. The group were presented with a certificate and trophy.

11: GIRL TALK / HEALTHWISE

The Healthwise programme's aim for the Girl Talk group is to help the young people lead healthier lives, develop their social skills and assist with their transition to their teenage years.

Here they are having earned a well deserved day out in Tayto Park.



12: SUMMER PROGRAMMES 2017:

This year's summer programmes including the South Docks festival week will commence on Tuesday the 11th July and end on Friday the 28th July.



Open to young people aged 8 -12 years and 12 years upwards, we are offering a huge array of activities including, Water sports, Talent Show, The Maze, Aqua Centre, Fort Lucan, Tour of RTE and many, many more.

A parent/guardian must register each child on either Monday 26th or Tuesday 27th June in the youth office. Registration is €5 per child and extra charges for activities except for South Docks week. Bookings only accepted with full fees paid.

Huge thanks to all our young people, volunteers, families, funders and partner organisations.



Gloucester Street Sports and Recreation Centre



Celebrating 9 years open this year Gloucester St Sports and Recreation has become an integral part of the community. So what do we do? There are daily classes to suit everybody's abilities and goals. With our qualified instructors Mark and Elaine we have classes early mornings and lunchtimes, take a look at our time table and find a class that you think would suit you. Prices are very reasonable with monthly 'specials' and no join up fee.

OUR SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

As part of our community involvement Amanda works with the schools of the area on a daily basis, both primary's and secondary's. Our programme with them includes activities to improve their gross motor skills, social and team building skills. All through fun!



SCHOOLS HEALTHY EATING PROGRAMMES

A very successful and fun programme hosted by Mark sharing his preparation and cooking skills with the parents of the children from City Quay School.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Zumba, 5 a side football, volleyball and basketball to mention just a few of the activities Gloucester St. is hired out for.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

Our new app is now live and can be downloaded at www.gloucesterstgym.com or contact us on 01 6779322 or email info@gloucesterstgym.com

TIMETABLE

DAY	CLASS	VENUE	TIME	DURATION	LEVEL	PRICE
MON.	Circuit Training	Hall	8.00am	30 mins	(B)	€6
	Circuit Training	Hall	12.30pm	45 mins	(B)	€6
TUES.	Circuit Training	Hall	7.00am	45 mins		€7
	Spinning Class	FitnessRm	8.00am	30 mins	(B)	€6
	Spinning Class	FitnessRm	12.40pm	40 mins	(B)	€6
WED.	Body Rip Fusion	Hall	8.00am	30 mins	(B)	€6
	Forever Fit (over 60s)	FitnessRm	11.00am	1 hour	(B)	€2
	Body Con	Hall	12.30pm	45 mins	(B)	€6
	Spinning Class	FitnessRm	12.20pm	30 mins	(B)	€6
THURS.	Trx Abs Fusion	Hall	7.00am	45 mins		€7
	Spinning Class	FitnessRm	8.00am	30 mins	(B)	€6
	Spinning Class	FitnessRm	12.40pm	40 mins	(B)	€6
FRIDAY	Trx Abs Fusion	Hall	8.00am	45 mins		€6
	Kettlebells, Cardio & Conditioning	Hall	12.30pm	45 mins	(B)	€6

OUR GROUP COMPANY CLASSES

Elaine works with companies such as VHI and Northern Trust who group



book our hall including our instructor for group classes.



Wishing the Community a very Happy South Dock Festival and Summer Activities.

ELAINE'S 40th BIRTHDAY PARTY by P. McG

Happy Birthday Elaine - her family history is amazing, as her father John Doyle worked for Dublin Bus for over 44 years on the No. 3 route as conductor and driver. Indeed when John left Dublin Bus, he went on to drive for St. Andrew's bus and he became very popular. Indeed John's family are from Pearse House, D Block. Elaine now owns a hairdresser, Ellas, on the Crumlin Road, opposite the Iveagh Ground. As the pictures show a great night was had by all.



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ST. ANDREW'S CELEBRATING JAMES JOYCE'S BLOOMSDAY

PHOTOS BY P.McG / RICHARD KELLY

St. Andrew's Annual Bloomsday Breakfast which took place on Bloomsday, Friday 16th June 2017.



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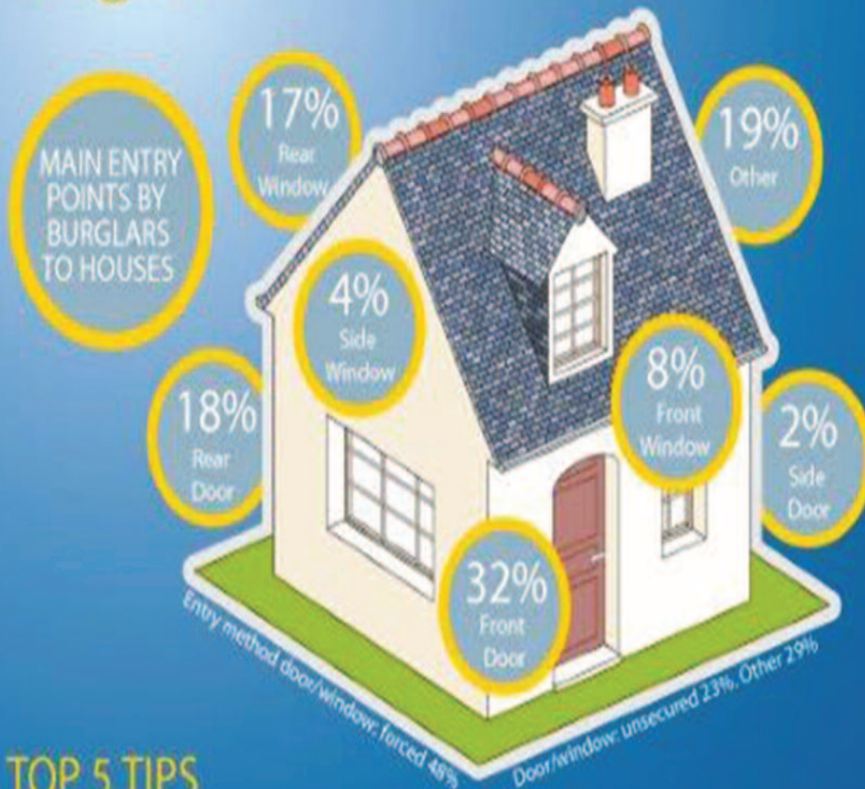
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June 2017



TOP 5 TIPS



1. Secure all doors and windows.



2. Light up your home, use timer switches when out.



3. Store keys safely and away from windows & letterboxes.



4. Record details of valuables and don't keep large cash amounts at home.



5. Use your alarm, even when at home.

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PEARSE STREET LOCAL POLICING FORUM

The Community Policing Forum is a community-led response to address the issues of antisocial behaviour and community safety issues. The Pearse Street Local Policing Forum acts as a link between the community and the statutory bodies and public representatives and meets to address issues as they arise. Full Forum meetings are held every three months in St Andrew's Resource Centre, with representatives from the local committees attending, along with senior members of the Gardai, DCC and public representatives. The intention is that once issues are raised at these local meetings, appropriate action will be taken to address them.

The Pearse Street LPF has a number of key objectives:

- To improve communication between the Community and the Gardai
- To liaise between Dublin City Council and local Residents' Groups
- To facilitate the development of new Residents' Groups
- To promote community development

Contact Details

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South Docks Festival 30th Anniversary List of Events Monday 17th - Friday 21st 2017



Events 1 and 2 are pre Events
Watch out for the
Official Brochure in a Few Weeks



Event	Day	Time
1 Walking Tour Dublin Docklands	Saturday	TBC*
2 Photographic Expo Launch Waterways	Saturday	TBC*
3 Art Expo	Monday	11.00
4 Trip to Fort Lucan	Monday	10.30
5 SDF Ball	Monday	7.00
6 Seniors Big Day In	Tuesday	TBC*
7 Visit to RTE	Tuesday	10.15
8 Zipwire	Tuesday	4.00
9 Open Top Bus Trip	Tuesday	11.30
10 Rock and Roll Bingo	???	CANCELLED
11 Seniors Trip to Cinema	Wednesday	TBC*
12 Swim Safety Spencer	Wednesday	
13 Bouncy World	Wednesday	10.30-12.30
14 Bouncy World	Wednesday	2.30-4.30
15 Tour of Dublin Port	Wednesday	9.30
16 Jack Wrights Memorial Quiz	Wednesday	8.00
17 Teddy Bears Picnic	Thurs	10.00
18 Viking Splash	Thurs	10.30
19 Art Expo Closing	Thurs	3.00
20 Childrens Talent Rehearsals	Thurs	11.30-2.30
21 Childrens Talent Show	Thurs	6.30-8.30
22 SDF Grand 30th Parade	Fri	12.00
23 Fair in Square	Fri	1.00
24 Photographic Expo Closing	Monday	12.00

*TBC, Time to Be Confirmed

HERCULES WRESTLING & WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB



Back Row L to R: Patsy Conboy; Terry Crosbie; Richie Shakespeare; Joe Ryan & Neal Dempsey. Front Row L to R: Lisa Shakespeare; Tommy Fitzsimons & James Smith.



WORKING OUT IN THE GYM – Damien Hollywood.



WORKING OUT IN THE GYM – John McDaid & Tommy Fitzsimons.



WORKING OUT IN THE GYM – Damien Hollywood & Billy Kid.

ST. ANDREW'S ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

St. Andrew's Resource Centre is delighted to announce a new Adult Education Course starting in September 2017. The Digital Media Class is a specially designed class to provide teaching and training to anyone that is hoping to improve their digital skills. If it is learning to use a new phone, getting to grips with the latest iPhone, or learning how to use a new Android tablet, this class will be a great way to learn how to use your tech.

Places are strictly limited, so if you have a new, or old, piece of tech and want to learn how better to use it, then contact the Adult Education department to book your place.

Contact Lisa.Kelleher@standrews.ie or phone on 01-6771930.

(Check out our Adult Education News on page 56.)

Lisa Kelleher or Marty

Adult Education Co-ordinator

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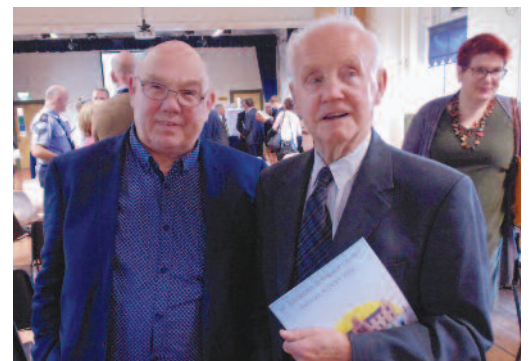
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PICTURE SPECIAL



A VERY SPECIAL DAY by J. P. KAVANAGH

It was a lovely Wednesday morning when I arrived at work to find all my female colleagues were individually acting positively strange. So, too I noticed were the women I passed by as I travelled to work by DART and on foot on my way here. Almost every women I encountered had a magnetic energy about them? It seemed

to me that they all knew something that I did not? It could not have been all their birthdays at once ... nor was it Mother's Day? I could not quite put my finger on what was the story with all these smiling giddy women!!

My Manager gave me the answer when she joyously bade me "Good morning and Happy International Women's Day". It was then the penny dropped and I realised that the ladies were not behaving strange ... they were merely brimming with pride. All were celebrating their femininity on this very special day, March 8th marks women's historical struggle for gender equality and has done since 1913.

Here today in 2017 one hundred and four years later that struggle is still ongoing and women are still paid less than men.

Common sense tells me gender inequality is a crime against humanity. I have travelled the world and been horrified in



certain countries where women are still treated as second class citizens and worse ... with no human rights whatsoever! This is a human travesty in which God is labelled as sexist and misogynist. For millennia now, man has claimed his rights were "God Given". I personally know of no particular God ... (And there have been many) who would

deliberately exclude half the population on the planet ... and the creative half at that? The ridiculous phrase ... "It's a man's world", coincidentally does the same thing, it also unfairly leaves out the creative half of the entire human race!

We men need to cop on and snap out of it and use our common sense and ask ourselves ... what kind of man who claims to love and respect his Mother and Aunts, his Sisters, his Wife and Daughters and denies them their human rights and equal pay.

Perhaps we men could learn a lesson there and think about how much women have fought for equality ... and maybe next March 8th we can celebrate with them ... look on it as if it was Mother's Day and let us treat our women with love and respect, for after all lads there would be no human race without them!!

PEARSE STREET'S ONLY MEATING PLACE CLOSES

Doyle's Butchers Closing after 77 years serving the Community. We are very sorry and sad to see John Doyle retiring after all these years. He and his staff will be greatly missed by this Community and we wish him and his family well in his retirement. Indeed the South Dock Festival will sadly miss John as every year gave out a box of free lollipops to all the kids and adults in the Festival Parade.



Ann Bourton (Doyle); Maureen McCabe;
John Doyle and Ciara Doyle



John butchering his Retirement Cake! –
indeed a cut above the rest – 2017



John Doyle (Jnr.)



Jim Doyle (John's Da)



John Doyle 2015

ST. ANDREW'S DAY CENTRE

It was both a happy & sad affair in the Day centre this month when we said a fond farewell to Kathleen Redmond.

Kathleen has been with St Andrews for ten years and brought a special presence to our service. We will miss your wit and bubbly



personality Kathleen but hope you drop in to see us soon. Lots of love from all in the Day Centre xxx Elaine and all the Day Centre team.



Day Centre Time Table



Monday	9.30 am	Tea/Coffee/chat
	12.15	Accompanied Walks Lunch
Tuesday	9.30am	Tea/Coffee/chat
	12.15	Lunch
	2.30pm	Bingo
Wednesday	9.30am	Tea/Coffee/chat
	12.15	Lunch / Movies
	2.30-3.30	Welfare Rights
	2.40	Knitting Club
Thursday	9.30am	Shopping trip
	12.15	Lunch
	1.10	Movie Time
	2.30	Bingo
Friday	9.30am	Community Walk
	10.00am	Community Breakfast
	12.15	Lunch
	12.50	Tea coffee cards
	1.30	Bowls

RATIONING DURING WORLD WAR 2

There was The Glimmer Man, the long queues for food and fuel. Allotments in the Park and most of all the community spirit of all the people living in stony batter at the time

RATIONS

Sean Lemass was appointed as Minister for Supplies in September 1939. Some of the more important food stuffs that were rationed during the war in Ireland were tea, sugar, butter and flour. Bread was rationed in 1942.



CLOTHES AND TOBACCO

Tobacco, soap and clothing as well as shoes were other items. Each ration book had instructions and rules in both English and Irish. There were pages of numbered squares and each product required a different Ration Book. What was bought and when and in which shop had to be filled out too.

The people of Ireland were lucky though because unlike Britain eggs and meat were not rationed. In fact Ireland continued to export live cattle and other meat products to Britain during World War 2.

THE GLIMMER MAN

"The Glimmer man, oh I remember the panic when he came on the scene.

You were allowed to use the gas for an hour in the morning and an hour in the evening, but then it had to be turned off. Now everyone would leave the glimmer on and it gave out a tiny bit of heat, like what you'd call the pilot these days. Well I needn't tell you the people would use this to cook a stew or boil the water.

But you see it wasn't always the same fella. If the kids saw a strange man waking about they'd come running into the houses and let us know. The glimmer was turned off and if it was the Glimmer man then we all hoped the top of the cooker was cold by the time he got to our house.

He was allowed to come into anyone's

house whenever he liked. He would go over to the cooker and if it was hot, then he had the gas turned off and it could be a long time too."

BLACK BREAD

My mother would get the flour from him and she'd make loads of bread, some for the neighbours too. You see we had to do with the black bread, well not exactly black it was more a dirty brown. We had to queue up at the butchers at eight thirty in the morning for the sausages or you got nothing. Now you could only buy a few sausages and a couple of rashers and if they ran out then that was too bad for those at the end of the queue.



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SAINT ANDREWS HERITAGE PROJECT

All of us here on the Heritage Team are busy working on cataloguing the large amount of local history material stored in our archives. It was a bit of a trip down memory lane as we were going through all the box files. We came across some interesting photos of people who worked on the Heritage project around 10-20 years ago, including some people who have since passed on. We hope our work will make it easier for people researching local family history connections, photos, etc. We have many photos stored on our computer that may eventually be available on The Saint Andrews website. We have already selected a few old photos of old streets in the area that have been uploaded to our website but it hasn't gone live yet. Some of these old photos are not recognizable in our present age and will have old and new maps linked to them so people will have a better idea of where the streets were located. Speaking of photos, we are always looking out for new photos of lost local streets that were demolished over the years. If you think you might have some old photos lying around that include houses and buildings lost to the developers please contact us here at the Saint Andrews Heritage Project.

P.S.: Our 1916 Exhibition ***The Local Connections*** is still open to the public for those of you who may have missed it. It will run for the rest of the year here in Room 3 in Saint Andrews Resource Centre. Paul Graham. Heritage Co-Ordinator
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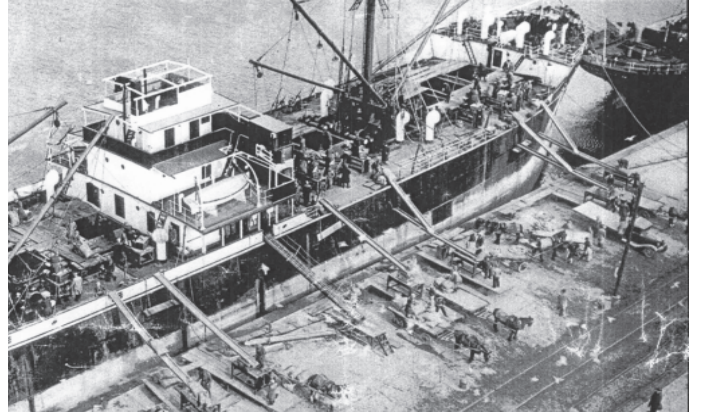
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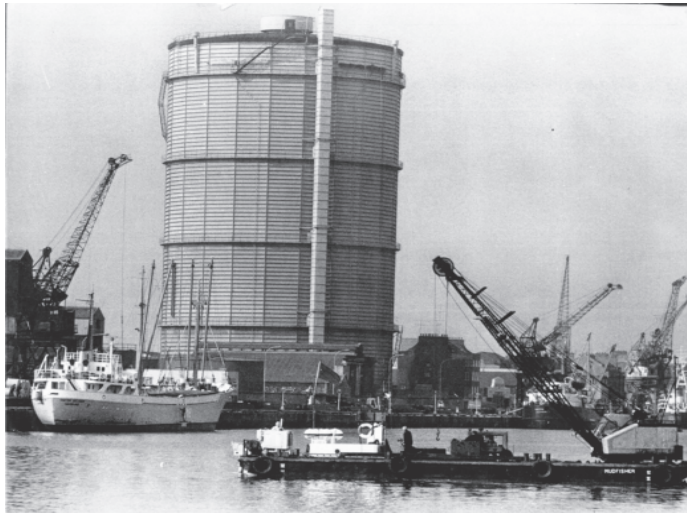
DOCKS MEMORIES



Another busy day at the Docks - City Quay.



Alexandra Basin 1941 - Unloading grain by hand!!



A busy day at the Port - late 1970s or early 1980s.



Sir John Rogerson's Quay. Passenger boat berthed at North Wall, circa 1890.



North South Liffey Ferry.



Miranda Guinness, circa 1980s.



South Quays, circa late 1970s or early 1980s.

DOCKS MEMORIES



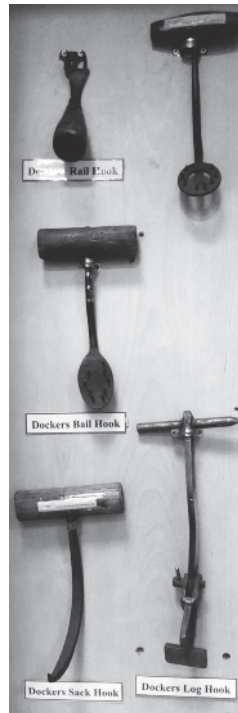
Modern Cranes at City Quay, circa 1980s.



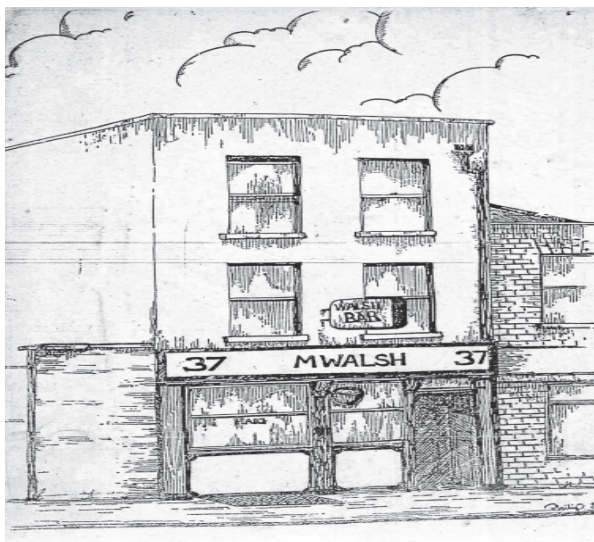
Local Dockers - Bobby Parrot, "Early" and "Jem", filling tubs of coal at City Quay, circa 1950.



Testing the 100 ton crane, circa 1905.



Selection of Docker's Tools.



Drawing of Walsh's Bar, No. 37 City Quay, now gone.

Docker's Work Tools

These tools are part of the "Working Docks" Exhibition. They were once used by Dockers as aides for lifting logs and heavy sacks. They were introduced in the latter part of the 19th century and used by Dockers up as far as the early 1970s when mechanisation made the use of Dockers tools obsolete.

The collection of tools include: Bag Hook, Rail Hook, Bail Hook, Log Hook etc, which obviously made their job a lot easier to move cargo.

The exhibition was compiled with the helpful assistance of Andy Smith who worked on the docks himself for many years ago and who also kindly donated the Dockers tools and photographs. We also gratefully acknowledge the donation of some of the tools from John O'Connor who also worked on the docks. Many thanks St. Andrew's Resource Centre.



Flat Head Spade and No. 7 Shovel.

ST. ANDREW'S ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome to St. Andrew's Resource Centre Adult Education Department. You will find information on all courses currently running in the Centre. Courses are added on a regular basis, so check back frequently to see all the opportunities for further learning and participation. If you have an idea for a class that you would like to see run by the Centre, simply contact the Adult Education Manager, Lisa Kelleher on 01-6771930 or email lisa.kelleher@standrews.ie

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** Provided in partnership with the CDETB.*

PARENTING CLASS

Come meet other parents in a fun, practical and positive way and develop techniques to reduce the stress in your role as a parent.
We run the Parents Plus suite of programmes and the Parents Plus and Early Learning Initiative Parent's Together community course.

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Routines
Rewards

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Encouraging children's learning/supporting homework
Establishing routines and rules

These Courses run throughout the school year on Wednesdays rotating across the age groups.
Contact Dara Terry – Family Support

SEWING CLASSES – BEGINNERS' LEVEL

We are pleased to announce that due to popular demand Sewing Classes have returned to St. Andrew's Resource Centre. The classes, which are organised in conjunction with the CDETB, are a great opportunity to learn new skills or improve on old skills. If you are interested in sewing and would like to attend a sewing class then St. Andrew's course is for you. This is a beginners level course and is Free.
Places are strictly limited to ten and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. For queries on place availability contact Lisa Kelleher on 01-6771930 or email lisa.kelleher@standrews.ie

IRISH LANGUAGE COURSE

The Irish Language Course takes place every Thursday morning from 10.30am to 12.00pm. This is a beginners class in the Irish Language and contains both oral and written modules.

ART CLASSES

The art class takes place every Friday morning from 10.00am to 12.00pm

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IN LOVING MEMORY



Remembering Arthur 'Ronnie' Ebbs on the first anniversary of his death.

Died February 25th 2016 at the age of 79 years.

Ronnie, as he was known by to the majority of the Westland Row City Quay area, volunteered seventeen years of his life to establishing and developing the local athletics club. He solely trained the children of the area in athletics and boxing. He also helped them become members of The National Athletics

Association where they took part in cross country and track and field racing nationwide. Ronnie, with the help of his wife, Carmel, and some of the children's parents, brought the young athletes to Brussels to give them the opportunity to compete in cross country races abroad.

He was well respected in the area and is dearly missed by his family.

Rest In Peace.



RONNIE EBBS FIRST ANNIVERSARY FAMILY GATHERING

Back Left to Right: Grandsons Ben and Jack; Daughter Jo with Husband Phil; Grandsons Arthur and Alex.

Front Right to Left: Son Jonathan with girlfriend Alicja; Son Arthur and Mother Carol Ebbs.



**IN LOVING
MEMORY of
ANGELA KELLEHER**

who died 27th April 2017

When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me, I want no tears in a gloom-filled room, why cry for a soul set free.

Miss me a little but not too long, and not with head bowed low, Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me but let me go.

Always loved by your ever loving family.



**PETER WARD
R.I.P.**

**10th Anniversary –
May 17th 2017**

Happy 70th birthday Peter,
from your ever loving

family.

Wife Bernie, Son Paul, Paul's partner Carmel,
Daughter Gillian and Jennifer, Grandchildren
Leanne, Rosalyn, Anika and Peter.

Never Forgotten and always Loved.

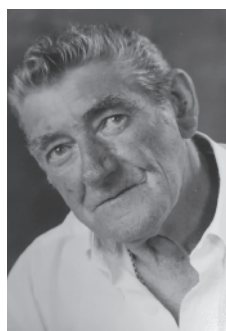


**IN LOVING
MEMORY of
PATRICK HARRISON**

Always remembered by your
ever loving son, Patrick and
daughter-in-law Sandra and
grandchild Sean.

Always remembered in our prayers.

This year we celebrate your ever loving wife Nellie's
85th birthday on the 25th December.



**In loving memory of
CHRISTOPHER WARD late of
Boyne Street, who died 4th
September 2016 aged 75 years.
2nd ANNIVERSARY**

*So sadly missed by his broken
hearted wife (idie) & sons,
daughters, sons-in-laws and
daughter-in-law grandchildren*

here and in Norway & Iceland.

IN LOVING MEMORY



**Mother.
Eulogy For Rosanna
Cummins Kavanagh.
Who joined her father
Jack Cummins for his
birthday in 2014
Remember Remember the
25th of November!**

**Mama! Mamiska! Mamon!
Mammy!**

*Is there any other Word in any Language in this world more
Enchanting and So Full of Meaning as the Word For?
Mother!*

Mum,

Most certainly is the Word!

A Mother gives!

*She is, The Life Giver, The milk Giver, The Nurturer,
The Teacher, Full of Affection,*

Kept under her wing for Protection;

She's a Lullybyer, A Pacifier, A Matriarch!

A Queen!

*She is an Angel from Above, A Wonderful Woman,
Brimming with Love!*

ROSANNA CUMMINS KAVANAGH

Was Born, On February 8th. 1923.

Between the Canals,

In the Tenement Slums of this Strumpet city;

She was a Beautiful little Flower growing-up surrounded by
Poverty, Decay and Disease.

She was Aptly called, Rosie!

Dearest Darling Mother,

We your Children pray that you are now at everlasting Peace in
Heaven

And that your three 'Best Friends Forever,

'Jesus, 'Mary, and head the ball, 'Joseph,

Are now kneeling before you, 'Sweet Rose,

Washing Your Well-Worn, World-Weary Feet!

'We would walk Ten Million Miles for one Sparkling Smile,
From our, Maa-ha-ha-Meee'.

'Let Us Pray, for all Mothers!

John Patrick Kavanagh, ever loving son.



**JIMMY KAVANAGH –
A reflection and tribute
to the life of a wonderful
man – A Husband,
Father, Brother,
Grandfather, Uncle,
Entertainer and Friend.
"Jimmy Kavanagh .. AKA..
James Dillon is in heaven ..
Resting and jesting in peace.'**

*We as a family are numb with
grief, a great man has gone in the night like a thief. Silently
taken to heavenly parts, all he took with him, was the love
in our hearts.*

JAMES KAVANAGH

AKA James Dillon was born March 26th, 1954 with a
twinkle in both eyes and a permanent enigmatic smile
upon his face. He was the equivalent of a male Mona
Lisa.

We called him Jimmy but we should have called him
Jammy ... Jimmy Jammy – for he was also born and
blessed with a wonderful nature!

He was caring, compassionate, giving loving, funny and
very friendly to all.

Brought up in a poor working class family. Many a
bully tried to wipe that enigmatic smile from his face –
They all failed.

Out of school at 14 and all at sea in the Merchant Navy
surviving typhoons and hurricanes and a stint in the
Irish Army, Jimmy entered show business as a singing
sensation winning talent competitions with his
phenomenal voice. He joined a band and toured the
land.

Still in his teens, Jimmy met his soul mate and life-long
partner Marian Peppard, whom he married at a registry
office and would marry her again later in Church – It
was so good he had to do it twice!

First and foremost Jimmy was a father to his four
children, Dillon, Emily, Megan and Simon. He doted on
all of them and lived his life for them.

Another first for Jimmy was the fact that he was the first
king of Karaoke in Ireland. I nicknamed him Jimmyoke.
He wasn't much of a drinker but he spent half his life in
Pubs. The Red Cow Inn, The Jobstown Inn, Downey's
of Ballyfermot and so many other establishments

around the country. He had legions
of fans wherever he played.

Another thing about Jimmy was
you could not have a serious
conversation with the man! He
preferred to tell you jokes or to talk
about movies rather than problems
or everyday events, He was a joker
and a movie buff!

Jimmy was so loved by so many, if
they all attended this service, they
would not fit on an island!

Johnny P, ever loving brother.



**Catherine Browne neé
Birmingham, late of
Townsend Street, Dublin 2**

*A day in our lives we will never forget,
Thank you Mam for the years we shared,
The love you gave and the way you cared,
You left a space Mam and always will.*

Always loved by husband Jerry,
daughters, Linda, Cora, son in Law,
John, grandchildren, Paul, Jenny,
Alan and Rachel. And great
grandchildren



Also remembering
Catherine's ever-loving
sister Ann Bermingham

TRIBUTE & ANNIVERSARY

GEORGE P. KEARNS - A TRIBUTE.

Last New Year's Eve myself and my family had the humbling task of burying my father George Kearns in Mount Jerome cemetery. Better known to your readers as George P. Kearns he left behind a wife, family and a big gap in our everyday lives. I'm his youngest son, Alex and I was delighted to receive an e-mail with condolences' from the team behind the 'The New Link' asking if I would like to write a tribute to my Dad for their 25th anniversary edition. I know my Dad would be thrilled so here it goes.

My Dad was always a very active man. Born in Irishtown, he loved writing and researching anything from that area, the docklands, the Southside of Dublin in general (although after marriage he settled in Finglas!). He had very limited education but had a drive, an intellect and a personality to try and do things and do them the right way. He set up several small businesses including his last one 'Waste Control' but eventually after many years of toil he was able to sell his little but successful company to Ozo, who are still thriving today and I often smile with nostalgia and pride when I see one of their smaller vans pass by.

A misspent youth on Players cigarettes and the odd Guinness were starting to take their toll on his health and he got involved in writing and researching, especially things close to his heart and youth, like the gasometer, the Hailing station, The Red Lighthouse, stories of ships and their captains. We are all Dubliners in our family but we used to joke about the posher, noble blooded side of his family the Bashford's, and he used to write about them too. I can remember one who fought alongside Nelson at the Battle of Copenhagen. Closer to home, his own father Martin fought, lost an eye and survived WWI. I never had the chance to meet him, but like so many of that generation and other veterans he never used to speak about his exploits.

My Dad turned his writing to things he loved to do when he was young. He self published two books about old Dublin cinemas, 'The Prinner' (The Princess Cinema) and The A to Z of all old Dublin Cinemas (with great assistance from Pat Maguire). His other love was watching speedway in Shelbourne



Park and he again published two books on this subject 'A History of Speedway: The Dublin Experience' and 'Speedway History Revisited - The Early Years 1896-1928.

My Dad even persuaded me to write a couple articles for the magazine but they would only be a speck on the horizon compared to the volume of love and stories which he shared with you over the years.

Unfortunately my Dad passed away last Christmas. He had been unwell for years but he managed to hang on till just after midnight on the 28th of December, the anniversary of his own father Martin. He is with his parents and sister now. I hope you enjoyed reading some of my Dad's stories as much as he enjoyed working on them.

Special thanks to Paddy McGauley for his help over the years and to others I'm sure I have forgotten to mention, for letting us pay tribute.

I know my Dad loved going to St. Andrew's and Pearse St. Library.

**God Bless you all, from
George,
Mamie, Alex, Anthony, Salina
and George Og.**



Alex and his Mother.



**JOHANNA (Josie)
RYAN nee
COMERFORD – 5th
Anniversary in May 2017**

In loving memory of our dear Mam who left us 5 years ago...

*Rest in Peace Mam till we meet again in Heaven.
From your heartbroken children and grandchildren.*

Also remembering our dear sis Eileen (Eilo) who left us much too soon last October and our dear Dad Bill who passed away in October 1980.

From your ever loving Ryan Family.

RIP

The Windjammer

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MEMORY



Seaman's Institute 1945 – Back Row from left: Bill Gannon, Paddy Higgins, ---, Christy Kavanagh, Billy Duffy, Jem Deegan, Barney Farrell, Joe Smith, --- Jimmy Montgomery, Ash, ---, Torrey, Christy Wallis, ---, ---, ---, Jerry Cunningham, Harry Nutter, Anchor Tracey, Christy, Admore, --- Hogan, Mr. Kenny, Jimmy Maguire, Paddy Bergin, ---, ---, ---, -- Flynn, Mickey Costello, Paddy Higgins (President), Liam Ashmore, Paddy McDermott (Little Flower).

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YOSEIKAN/SHOSHINDO NEWS by P.McG.

Congratulations to Jack Boland our longest serving member on receiving his Brown Belt. Well done and well deserved! A special thank you to Shane in the Windjammer Bar for his continued support for the Club over the years.



Wishing the Community a very Happy South Dock Festival 2017 and Summer Activities.

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PICTURE SPECIAL by Tom Crilly (Stories on page 66)



Surprise party for Fr Ivan Tonge.



Wembo at the end of the Darkness into Light walk.

New Link 64



Recent AGM of the Shelbourne Park Residents with new Chair Liam Brennan.



IGB Housing Action Group having a coffee in the Fair Play Café.



Noel Dunne, Larry Kane and Tony Ebbs at a recent Water Protest.



THE END OF THE QUEUE by Ann Losty Byrne

"There are seventeen cats living in Bridget's basement", Maura stated in tones which said what she thought of them and their owner, an old spinster called Bridget who had years ago settled for rearing cats instead of children. Maura continued, "Let's kidnap one of them, say that one-eyed, black, female cat, she has a nasty streak in her".

Jim, Maura's husband, stopped studying the racing pages of his morning's newspaper; frequently in the early years of his marriage he had said what he thought upon being asked a question or asked to give advice but gradually he had acquired the wise habit of controlling his tongue, he didn't always succeed but at this moment it was as well that he put his hard earned habit of 'Think before speaking' into practice – for his mind threw up the thought 'that the one-eyed cat wasn't the only female in this house that had a nasty streak in her make-up'. After studying his wife's expression he ventured to say "Bridget will notice her absence before night fall and she will kick up a stink".

"Let her, we have to put up with her cats peeing on the stairs and in the hallways and she gets mad when we complain. Let her suffer a bit for a while, it will do her good not to get her own way for a change".

Maura began making slurping noises. Jim hated the noise but knew better than to complain. Maura slurped the tea the way she did so that most of the tea-leaves would stick to the side of the mug nearest her mouth as she drained the last drop of tea from the mug. As soon as she had wiped her mouth dry with the back of her hand, Maura would study the pattern of the tea-leaves to try and figure out what the day ahead had in store for her. She sniffed after a few moments, then grinned one of her 'Onward Christian Soldier' smiles only there was nothing remotely Christian about the gleam in her eyes or the way her lips compressed together. One-Eye was in for a surprise.

"Right, that's it. Seventeen bloody cats and they haven't even got the decency to keep this house free of mice. I can't stick finding mice droppings in the food cupboard. The cat kingdom downstairs deserves a wake-up call. So here goes".

Jim watched as his wife filled a large soup bowl full of milk and opening the door into the hallway set the bowl down about two feet into their living room so that any cat would have to enter their flat to get the milk. Jim doubted that the bait would work because One-Eye was more used to getting the 'come in if you dare welcome' from Maura. Before noon a few cats ventured upstairs but they were not allowed to lap at the bowl of milk. They were lucky to escape fur intact and dry. Maura wasn't averse to throwing a bucket of cold water at any cat that invaded their landing. Afterwards Maura would use a mop to dry the landing and stairway leading up their flat and always she would comment on such occasions – "It kills two birds with one stone". Maura had a stock of things to say on various occasions, Jim had come to know and hate them all. Sometimes Wisdom whispered that it was only since he had fallen out of love with her that her sayings had began to irritate him, for the first few years of his marriage he had thought them quaint. Long ago he had settled for trying to make the best of his situation but was now finding it increasingly difficult.

"Perhaps I should go and buy a mousetrap, it will cause less trouble" Jim suggested thinking that it was about time to visit the bookies.

"No, I'm not paying for mousetraps with seventeen cats living here. The lazy sods can bloody well work for a change".

"But you have chased away every cat that ventured upstairs this morning".

"I'm not going to feed lazy sods. I want One-Eye, she's more energetic than the rest of them and I'm sure she will free our flat of mice", then after a moment Maura added, "I know just how to encourage her".

The last remark alarmed Jim. "If you try starving the cat, it will ..."

"Encourage her not to be a lazy sod".

Maura gave Jim a dirty look as she finished speaking and he began wondering not for the first time whether his wife thought that he was a lazy sod. What did she expect of him? He was retired and had to sit somewhere but every day Maura found some excuse or another to ask him to shift from one armchair to another, then on to the bedroom while she cleaned the kitchen and as soon as she discovered that he was settled comfortably on the bed reading she would come in and start searching for some article, her latest romantic novel, her knitting, anything to stop her husband having time to himself. It was as if she begrudged him escaping from under her supervision even for a few minutes. Often Jim wondered what ailed his wife. Did she want to get rid of him as well as the mice and cats?

In the late afternoon Jim was nodding by the fireside when he heard Maura calling "Puss, puss". He grinned thinking that the cat would never fall for Maura's trickery but much to his surprise, One-Eye did. Jim stared as the cat and Maura appeared to come to some agreement, perhaps it was a mutual understanding between kindred spirits? After finishing the milk One-Eye took a fancy to rubbing up against Jim's armchair and when Jim tried to shift the cat he was told to leave the cat alone.

"Get up, will you? I want to make the cat feel at home".

As soon as Jim stood up, One-Eye jumped onto his armchair and began examining it so Jim sat down on the only other armchair in the flat and was told by Maura "That's my armchair". Angered he forgot his wise habit of thinking before speaking and retorted "And that's mine", while pointing at One-Eye who was staring at him with an expression of contempt. He raised his newspaper intending to give the cat a gentle hint and Maura hissed at him. "Leave her alone, I don't want her disturbed or she might start making noise".

Jim was furious and decided to go into the bedroom and have a sneaky drink, usually he had one a day but this day was getting on his nerves along with Maura and the cat and the mice. He started to wonder why the mice bothered to come to their flat, there were far better places to find well cooked food and friendly company. He decided to pay another visit to the bookies and he pulled on a jacket, grabbed the book he was reading and checked his wallet. There was a good fish and chipper near the main entrance to the local park. The thoughts of a few hours peace cheered him up but the smile was wiped off his face when Maura, as soon as he announced his intentions, instructed him to purchase two pints of milk and bread on his way back from the park. He picked up the money from the table, glared at the cat and at his wife when she was not looking. The anticipation of a happy, peaceful, time in the park gone, the groceries meant he would have to return early. One-Eye had depleted their milk supply. He sighed as he closed the front door, thinking that he led a dog's life, that thought tickled his funny bone and brought a smile to his lips and one of his neighbours, a single lady called Betty Murphy smiled at him as he passed by.

"Grand day for gardening", Jim commented. "Yes, the sun makes a great difference, doesn't it?" Betty approached nearer hoping for a few words of conversation as she lived on her own and always liked to exchange a few words with Jim but she was not to know that Jim had had enough of female company and conversation for today. She watched him marching down the road and wondered why he seemed to be out of sorts. He usually stopped for a chat, he was a lovely man. Maura was a fortunate woman but she didn't seem to appreciate her good luck.

Around seven o'clock that night there was a knock on the flat door. Maura answered it and used her large bulk to block any view of the interior of their living room. Amused Jim stood watching from the bedroom door. Maura was lying in the most imaginative way, she had turned lying into an art form. Much to Jim's surprise the cat stayed quiet throughout the brief exchange between her owner and Maura.

"Well, if you see One-Eye please let me know at once. I won't be able to sleep for worrying about her, she might be injured and lying half dead somewhere out in the cold".

"Sure, I will and I'll ask Jim to keep an eye out for her. Why don't you take a sleeping pill tonight"? "Oh, no. If I do that I won't hear One-Eye trying to get in when she comes home. I couldn't take that risk". Maura made a tut-tut sound before gently closing the door.

During the night One-Eye looked for her usual pee tray and finding none peed on Jim's armchair, then she jumped across to Maura's armchair. Early next morning One-Eye was chased out of the flat as soon as Maura smelt the urine, she sprayed Jim's armchair with a strong air freshener but the smell of cat urine was still in the air when Jim came out of the bedroom. He sniffed, looked at the stain on his armchair, then at his wife and left the flat. He went down the road and knocked on Betty Murphy's door and over a good breakfast he explained his situation to her. He came to an arrangement with her and seemed a bit embarrassed when he asked her could he sit in her front room for an hour or two.

Puzzled and excited Betty went upstairs to make up the bed in her spare bedroom. She was more than surprised at the way this morning was going. What had happened? Why was Jim sitting in an armchair staring out the window? Curiosity was getting the better of her and in between ensuring that there was no dust on any surface she approached the window and as luck would have it she spotted Maura going down the road in the direction of the bookies. Betty understood when she heard Jim call out.

"Be back later, Betty, see you", and he closed her front door quietly. She watched him staring in the direction Maura had taken before marching at a quick pace back to his home. He returned within the hour with two heavy suitcases and he paid for a week's rent. The one week turned into several weeks, then months and despite various busybodies trying to influence him not to be giving scandal to the young people of the parish Jim stayed with Betty.

"Me? Giving scandal? Where do you think I got the idea from? The young ones don't stick with the same partner if they don't get on, do they?"

And when friends inquired as to why he wanted to live with Betty who wasn't exactly good-looking, Jim would explain, "Look, she's a great cook". And he refused to give any other explanation but the truth was that he was fed-up being at the end of the queue in Maura's affections.

We All Can Be Heroes by Tom Crilly

A very important event in May brought us all together, another great victory for Liffey Wanderers, when they beat Cobh Wanderers at Aviva Stadium in the FAI Intermediate Cup Final. What a match, as it moved into extra time, penalties and then sudden death. Amongst the massive crowd of supporters, I spied one time youth football organiser Brian O'Rourke not long out of hospital and confined to a wheelchair; and Pauline Riddick waving her blue flag and as many O'Connor's in the stadium as on the pitch. Well done to the manager Wembo (John Young) and his assistant Scott Foley, to all the players including man of the match Aidan Roche...we are very proud of you all.

Most of the celebrations were held in the Padraig Pearse. However, avoiding the madding crowd, I found four football legends in the Beggars Bush, Martin Nolan (South County/Morehampton), Brendan McCarthy (Hoganville), Alex Colvin (St. Marks) and Sean Carey (Liffey and Shamrock Rovers) ...after much debate about who was the best footballer they at least all agreed that the best goal keeper



Four football legends in the Beggars Bush.

ever was Liffey's James O'Callaghan or Callo. Later, I travelled to Clarks in Ringsend to meet more football legends, Tony Crilly, John Scotchy Byrne and Jackie Bailey (Shelbourne), and Brian Orr (St. Francis and Shamrock Rovers) surrounded by his fans...a good night.

Away from football and on a more serious level, over 2000 participants turned up outside Clanna Gael for the 'Darkness into Light' sponsored walk for Pieta House, best wishes to the organisers Sueann Moore and Chris Andrews and to the staff of the Ringsend Community Centre and St Andrews. Hopefully we will all meet up again for the Traditional Bloomsday Breakfast in St. Andrews on the 16th June.

The Ringsend IGB Site Housing Action established over a year ago to



Some of the happy Liffey Fans!!



Brian O'Rourke and family celebrating Liffey's victorious win.

campaign for a greater allocation of social housing following the announcement that this SDZ/NAMA site would be a fast-tracked development of over 3,500 apartments. The campaign demanded social, affordable, voluntary and cooperative housing on the entire site which was far above the legal 10% social housing requirement. In April, the group met Minister Simon Coveney TD in Ringsend and later we all retired to the Fair Play Café managed by Joe Donnelly. While we all welcome the decision agreed between Minister Coveney and Dublin City Councillors to raise the level of

social and affordable housing to around 25%, many concerns have been raised that the other 75% will be high rise private luxury apartments. These apartments will follow similar trends and will be bought up by vulture funds for investment, and so this massive section will be no real benefit in addressing the housing crisis or the needs of the existing communities.

Good news from the recent AGM of the Shelbourne Park Residents Association (29/5/17) held in the ESB Sportsco. A new committee was established with Liam Brennan as Chair and thankfully Billy Ryan is staying on to keep an eye on local planning issues. Good advice to all new sporting and community groups is to link up with Sueann Moore of the Ringsend Forum for information on activities and funding. At the March meeting of the Directors of RDRD held in the Spellman Centre in Irishtown Teresa Weafer organised a surprise birthday party for Fr. Ivan Tonge. Finally, best wishes to the new Lord Mayor, Dike (Rivers) McDonald, he has a hard act to follow, Alice Woods who attended every march, demo, presentation and public meeting ... best wishes to our community heroes.



Tony, Scotchy and Jackie in Clarks.



Brian Orr with his fans.

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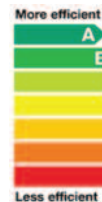


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