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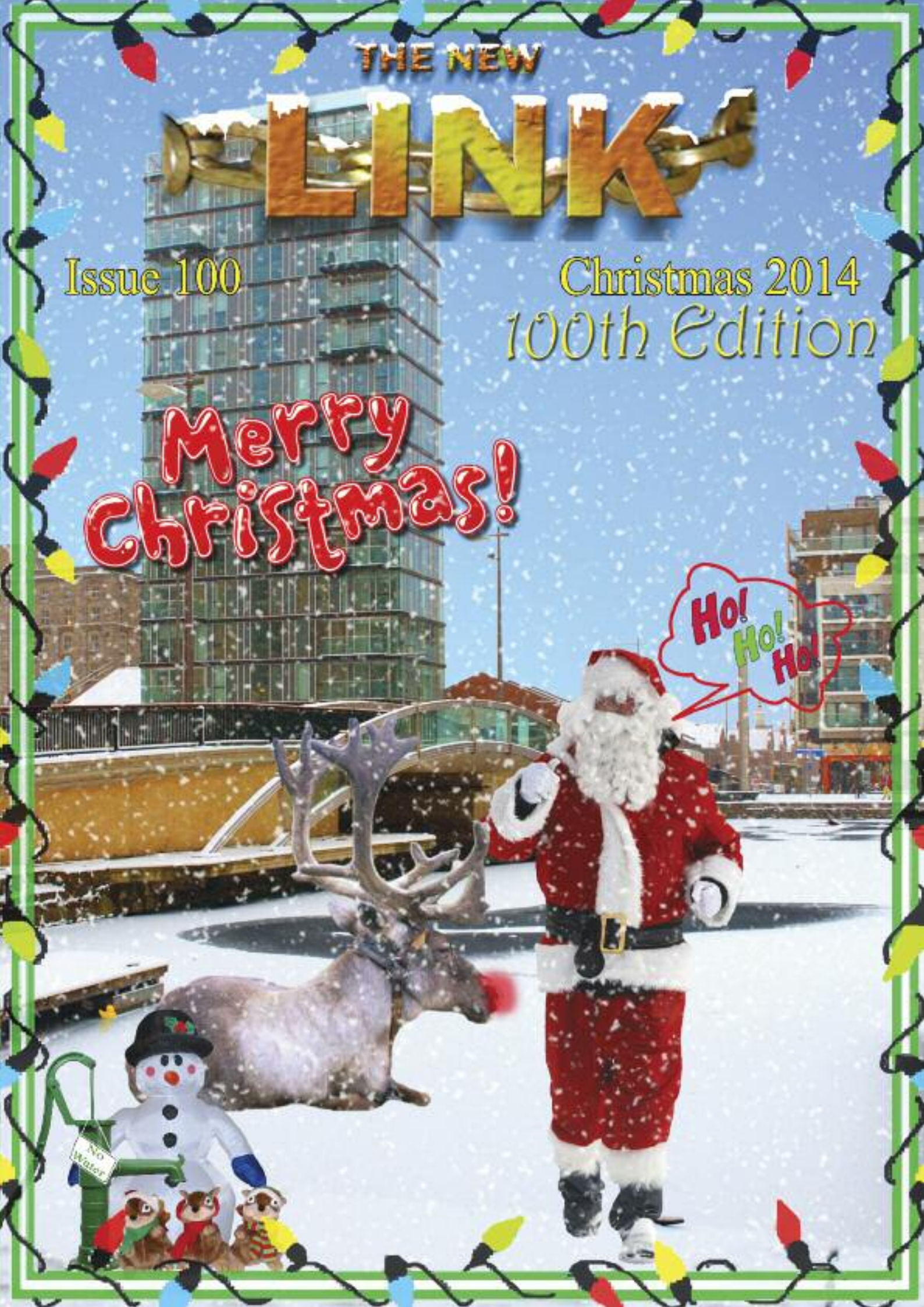
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## Change and Continuity Mark Another Year

A pretty good summer and a long and mild autumn have made the passing of the year seem a little slower than usual. But it seems that Christmas has crept up on us, and 2014 is about to join all our yesterdays, fading into memory.

But each year is worthy of its own reflection. We can recall and relive the happy times and events of 2014 that have been life-giving for us. And we can revisit and process those experiences which have tested us, and forced us to acknowledge how fragile our lives are, and how uncertain our plans.

As always, the Christmas season will be bittersweet for many, as they recall loved ones who have gone to their reward, some in the last year whose death is a raw grief. For most, it will be a happy time of celebration with family and friends, feeling truly alive with what we know as the Spirit of Christmas.

It has been a year of highs and lows in St Andrew's Resource Centre, too. It has been a struggle to keep the show on the road financially. The cumulative effects of cuts in grants and the difficult environment for fundraising made the last twelve months very challenging. The team have had to be very focused on cutting costs and doing more with less. Happily the turnaround has left us in a much better place as year ends.

We have said goodbye during the year to some people who have been key members of the Resource Centre team for many years.

**ALICE BREGAZZI** retired after 30 years with the Centre, looking after the Home Help Service and the Day Centre. Alice was an institution, committed to her neighbours, and always ready for a song! It is great that Alice is finally enjoying her well deserved retirement and relaxing with family and friends, including the Centre team.

**BETTY WATSON** also stood down after many years leading and developing the adult education and grinds programmes in the Centre. Betty has been a passionate advocate for learning and participation and committed huge energy to her work. Her retirement shows no sign of let up, as her work in the Greenore Centre shows. **ESTHER'S** retirement from the grinds programme was another milestone in the story of service in the Centre.

**SUSAN MENTON** moved on from the Youth Service in St Andrew's after 20 years of developing and leading what is widely acknowledged as one of the best programme for young people in the city. Susan's commitment, energy, skill and good humour made her a popular as well as a very effective leader and manager. The community of Cherry Orchard are very lucky to have recruited her to develop their service.

In wishing them well and thanking them for their huge contribution to the community, we wish **ELAINE, LISA** and **CARMEL** well as they take on the challenge of leading and developing these services in St Andrew's. More about them in future issues!

So life's continuing story of challenge and change, high days and low points, has seen another chapter in the life of the community and the Centre. Through it all, the human qualities of love and friendship, hope and endurance, solidarity and imagination, sustain us as individuals and as a community.

As a Christian community, we believe that these qualities are not our own doing alone. They are gifts of the Spirit, signs of our calling as children of God. Our experiences, good and bad, are given meaning by the fact that they were shared and transformed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

At Christmas, we may have to make an effort to hear that message over the noise of the advertisements and the hawkers. But it is a message worth hearing, a message of hope.

**Happy Christmas!**



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# Legal and Correct by Tony Rooney

Many years ago, I watched with interest as our then Minister for Justice, Dermot Ahern, spoke of his intention to introduce a bill concerning the rights of householders when confronted by an intruder and the level of force appropriate for the householder to use. The proposed changes struck me as sensible and in keeping with the mood of the general public in these lawless times. Almost inevitably, the Minister's statement was followed that evening by a statement from a civil liberties group, who questioned the wisdom of such changes. The statement maintained that the current legislation is satisfactory and should not be meddled with. When a spokesman for the group was asked how a householder should react when confronted by an intruder the spokesman explained that the householder should retreat from his dwelling to a safe distance and await the arrival of the police.

The next day, after giving the matter much thought, I proposed to my spouse that we test the practicality of the group's advice. I asked my wife to consider that a burly intruder was about to break the placid calm of our humble abode, and that we examine in detail our future escape route. As a concession to the inclement weather, we wore our coats before leaving by the back door and walking the length of our back garden. On each side of the garden is dense hedging, so clearly our exit would need to be over the back wall.

"This wall," I told my wife, "is about five feet four inches in height." "That's about four inches taller than you," she replied. Ignoring this snide remark I asked, "In an emergency, could you scale this wall?" "No, could you?" she responded. "No," I confessed, "if I were to place my back against the wall, lock my fingers, and open my palms, could you put a foot in my hands and scale the wall." "No", was the emphatic answer. "Could you put your back against the wall, and boost me over the wall?" I asked. Again, "No" was the emphatic reply.

"If I were to kneel, with palms on the ground, could you use my back as a step and scale the wall?" I asked. "I couldn't raise my foot so high," my spouse confessed. "Could you kneel, and allow me to use your back as a step?" I continued. "I think I could," she agreed. I gave the thumbs up. "There, we have it. I could scale the wall, make my way to Mr. Nolan's back door and ask for assistance." "What about Cruncher?" asked my wife.

I stared at her open-mouthed, Cruncher, was Mr. Nolan's barrel-chested mastiff. "Does Mr. Nolan leave his dog in the garden all night?" I asked. "Sometimes," my spouse replied. "So, I said, "Let us assess the situation, we leave our house by the back door, run to the end of the garden, I scale the wall, drop into Mr. Nolan's garden, reach his back door, and call for help; unfortunately, while carrying out the last stage of this operation, there is the distinct possibility that I lose one, or both of my buttocks." "So what do we do?" the wife asked. "Mr. Nolan is a pleasant, agreeable man," I said, "let us call to his house this minute, explain our problem and ask for his assistance."

When we called to Mr. Nolan's house, we were greeted warmly, invited in and despite our protests, served tea and biscuits by an attentive Mrs. Nolan. I explained the reason for our visit and asked if he could see a solution to our problem.

"But of course!" he beamed. "Cruncher is an extremely intelligent animal; once he knows you, you have nothing to fear. Let me fetch him," he said, rising and leaving the room. Moments later he returned holding Cruncher by the collar. "Sit, Cruncher, sit." his Master urged. "This nice man is a friend," Mr. Nolan said, turning from the beast and pointing towards me. Cruncher gave me, what I felt, was a rather cool appraisal; followed by a yawn, revealing a mouth closely resembling a rather untidy microwave. Once more, Mr. Nolan renewed his efforts: "This, nice man. Friend; friend, this is our friend." We waited patiently while Cruncher considered the merits of this proposition. Finally, he reached a decision, fixed me with a hostile glare and emitted a growl that rattled the delft on the table. I quickly changed positions with the wife; Mr. Nolan grabbed Cruncher by the collar and, after a strenuous struggle, dragged his dog into the back garden. He returned, red-faced. "He's never done that before, he's really very intelligent," he explained. "He's just not used to me," I said, trying to ease his embarrassment. "Perhaps if you did a few trial runs," Mrs. Nolan suggested, helpfully. Trial runs? How many buttocks did she think I had? "I think we'll leave things for the moment," I said. "You've been very kind; thank you very much." Mr. Nolan left us to the door, promising to work on Cruncher, and to be in touch later.

Back in our house, the wife shook her head in defeat. "Well, at least we know the system doesn't work." "Let's not give us so easily." I said. "the civil rights recommend the procedure; they must know what they are talking about, so, I shall contact them by phone and explain our difficulties." I dialled there number, and, after listening to 'Greens/leaves' for twenty minutes, I heard a woman's voice answer. I explained that my wife and I had practised the procedure recommended by her group, but found it totally impractical. The lady at the other end listened patiently to my point before speaking. "You say this dog Muncher." "Cruncher," I correct her. "Cruncher, yes." She said politely. "The legal position is that Cruncher is obliged to give way before you. He must retreat to his back door, bark till he is allowed in, run through the house, bark at the front, and, when allowed out, run to the front gate and sit there barking till the guards arrive." "In real life," I asked, somewhat crossly, "is that likely to happen?" "We don't engage in hypothetical arguments," the voice said coolly, then the line went dead.

"Give up," said the wife, "you're only annoying yourself." "Not quite," I said, "I still have one course of action open to me. I'll be back in a minute." Ten minutes later I returned carrying two type-written sheets of paper which I handed to the wife, with instructions to place one in our front window and the other in a rear window. Both papers contained the following message:



**Dear Intruder,**  
**Should you incur an injury while entering my premises, a first-aid kit may be found in the press above the sink unit. My wallet is on the cabinet; my wife's purse is on the mantle-piece and the petty cash is in a tin box on the coffee table. Light refreshments are on the same table.**

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# ST. ANDREW'S DAY CENTRE NEWS

St. Andrew's Day Centre is now open to new clients. Our time table includes regular fun activities such as Forever Fit, our knitting club and bowls with Paddy on Friday. We also host events such as our recent Halloween party sponsored by AdRoll and maybe Santa might drop in at our Christmas party! We are a lovely group of friendly people, come along and join us in the place to be on a cold wintry afternoon. If you would like more information for yourself or a member of your family please call Elaine on 6771930.

## Halloween Party

We had a lovely day in the Day Centre on Thursday 30th October when we hosted the Halloween Party sponsored by local company AdRoll.

This sponsorship not only involved signing a cheque by the company they also encouraged a team of staff members to dress up and come along and cause mayhem. A beautiful dinner was followed by entertainment, bingo and some singing and dancing we had a very enjoyable day and all went home happy and a little tired but looking forward to our Christmas party. Maybe Santa will grace us with his presence.



## Day Centre Time Table

Monday	9.30 am 12.15	Tea/Coffee/chat Accompanied Walks Lunch
Tuesday	9.30am 12.15 2.30pm	Tea/Coffee/chat Lunch Bingo
Wednesday	9.30am 12.15 1.30 2.40	Tea/Coffee/chat Lunch Forever Fit Knitting Club
Thursday	9.30am 12.15 1.10 2.30	Shopping trip Lunch Movie Time Bingo
Friday	9.30am 10.30am 12.15  12.50 1.30	Community Walk Community Breakfast Lunch Tea coffee cards Bowls

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and a  
Peaceful New Year.*







## An Irish Clown – A History by Johnnie

Yes, you can say I did indeed run away from the Circus! The management needed a clown who would work with an array of exotic animals, I could not and would not be that Clown, due to my sensitive nature and love of all creatures! So in October 1986 I legged it back to London. I performed again with my mentor Tommy (Grimble) Fossett as his stooge and also put together my own clown show for Busking in Covent Garden and doing kids parties in January 1987. Grimble sat me

down to give me some advice. "Listen lad." he said ... "You need to calm yourself down! You are bloody well wired to the moon. You have no discipline!" "You are dead right there Tommy," I told him. "I have heard those words before", back in 1977 from my commanding officer at Murphystown Barracks in Ballincollig, Co. Cork when he kicked me out of the Irish Army after only three weeks! Tommy gave me a phone number, telling me I would find my grounding and further training as an entertainer if I rang a friend of his in Margate, Kent, who was the entertainments manager of three large Holiday hotels. I soon arrived there for an interview and was offered the job as assistant children's entertainment manager, which I gladly too. Thanks to my mentor once again. I was now a Butlin's Redcoat! Oh such craic I had for the next 12 months. As a Redcoat, your job is to be the perfect ever-smiling fun-loving song-singing heaven-sent host!! Early mornings, long days, late nights, it is a very demanding job! The three Butlin's holiday hotels are situated above the white cliffs of the Kent coast. Seven hundred guests are catered for every week. Families from all over the U.K. Billy Butlin opened his first holiday camp in 1955, offering cheap holidays for the working class. The kind of people I was born and bred with! I absolutely adored being a Redcoat, I realised I was a People-Person, I got on famously with all the guests, I loved the life. I had to learn to Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, which I did not take to easily. I got banned from calling 'Bingo' because of my Dublin accent, when I would all out the number 33, half of the room would laugh but the other half would be annoyed as they took their 'Bingo' very seriously indeed! "All the trees... Turty Tree!! We had three winners in dat game so each of yis will get a turd." I caused an uproar with my pronunciation! Friday night is the last night of the weekly holiday for the guests, it is also the night of the "Redcoat Show" when the Redcoats get to show what they can really do on stage. I was one of 13, my colleagues consisted of six dancers/singers/actresses and six hunky singers/dancers/actors/ musicians, all trained in drama schools, I got to do all the comedy and show-off my clowning skills, our show was a huge hit with the guests, however I never took part in our show's finale, my Irishness forbade me to. For the finale we are all out of our stage costumes and back in our Redcoat uniforms to take our place on stage, the curtain rises, the band strikes up, the Redcoats in unison pull their white folded handkerchiefs from their lapel pockets and wave them from side to side, they burst into song and the 700 guests would be up on their feet in a frenzy! It was a tremendous rendition of '*Land of Hope and Glory*' and a thunderous end to our show, but most definitely not for me! not even in rehearsal and once again my ideals clashed with the management early on, once again I stuck to my principles and did not budge, the very first week of the season was fantastic. I did my job well and was completely accepted by all the guests, then came our first performance of the Redcoat Show!! My clowning brought down the house!! Then at the first finale, all of the children I had been in charge of were all sitting in front on the Ballroom floor and noticed I was not on stage. Some of them approached the stage and shouted up at the Singers "Hey! Hey where is Johnnie??" My colleagues were not happy, nor the management either, I was grand, I was very popular with the guests and that's what really counts! Hi Dee Hi Campers!!

In February 1988 the Circus called again 'Zippo's Circus' hired me to write/perform in a Nationwide tour with a 'Clown Comedy Car' Zippo had gotten my name from another clown who had also been an

auditionee at the Tower Circus in 1985, I had stayed in touch with Stephen Grindle, who was now serving his time under Zippo's Big Top as clown 'Dingle Fingle'. The Clown Car was a stripped down converted Mini Cooper, water would spray the audience from all angles, it was rigged with pyrotechnics, so you could blow the doors off, lock the steering wheel so you could pull off the steering wheel and throw it out of the window, then the car could only drive in a constant circle, there was also a 12ft metal pole with a small chair on top that slotted into the floor of the car and out through the sunroof upon by the end of the show I would be sitting as the car drove around at speed driverless whilst Dingle the clown looked for the steering wheel, I played Sgt. Sniffer, a clown Policeman trying to foil the 'Dastardly Dingle Fingle'. Dingle drove the car and I drove the Honda 50 painted blue and white. There were lots of dangerous stunts! It was an arena act that needed lots of space. We toured England, Scotland and Wales to huge crowds at festivals and galas to great success. We performed on military and air-force bases too, the Squaddies on the gates looking at their clipboards when we arrived at whatever base, would always ask us the same question "Who's the Paddy?" I would give them the nod and a wink and they would give me the evil eye!! They would then ask to see our explosives as we carry pyrotechnic bangers for sound effect and smoke, they would then confiscate these until we left the base, only giving us enough for one performance at a time then standing over us toting machine guns whilst we wired the clown car and bake. I like to sing or whistle whilst I work, so I would sing a verse or two of 'It's a long way to Tipperary' or 'If you're Irish come into the Parlour'. The squaddies would be bulling!! I knew by their facial expressions they had been to Ireland. And were not made welcome, you would think after 800 years they would get the message??

We performed the Comedy Car act at weekends, on weekdays we would work as wandering entertainers at 'Chessington World of Adventures' in Surrey, doing impromptu shows throughout the theme park and Zoo. My peers were all great performers and very focussed on their careers in show-bizzness and making a name for themselves, I however had no such dreams, I was enjoying my day to day existence, life was great craic! Whilst having a pint in a Surrey pub I was asked to buy a raffle ticket to support a local cause. A two year old girl was badly burned in a caravan fire, the locals were raising money for urgent skin-graft operations. This moved me so much that I volunteered my services for an up-coming charity night, I tried to get the team of professional entertainers from the theme park to volunteer too, most of them said yes, however, the local paper printed a story about the fire, which happened at a travellers halting site, one by one, my peers made feeble excuses as to why they could not do the charity night. I met little Kayley, with her parents at the gig. She had suffered terrible burns all over, I got more joy doing that gig from the heart than doing any other gig I had done for money. I did not know then, but, in my future, that kind of compassion would change my life and send me around the world. I continued touring with the Comedy Car until 1990, that year all circus animal acts were banned in Britain! Then one January morning in 1991 I awoke compelled to return to my home in Dublin, so I packed my bags and headed for Euston Station to book a passage from Holyhead. I had fled Dublin in 1981 a wanted man and a heroin addict, now 10 years later a prodigal clown returns!! I could have flown home with Aer Lingus, but I preferred to sail instead! Seeing the outline of the Irish coast from far out at sea, coming ever closer, my heart began to do a jib, the chimney stacks of Poolbeg crept into view. Seeing them from the bow of the ferry I was suddenly overwhelmed with uncontrollable emotions and I wept for joy.

I AM HOME!!!

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



# Councillor Jim O'Callaghan



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# **The Loneliest Christmas** by Denis J. Ranaghan



Denis J. Ranaghan

It was a couple of weeks to go to Christmas and I travelled to London where I thought I might get a good ship sailing out of KGV before the holidays. The docks that I loved never looked so gloomy and dull from continuous rain, I remembered at the time thinking maybe my career needed a change but what could I do ashore? It was just my very bad luck that there wasn't a ship bound for Auckland in

New Zealand that I fancied with one exception. The *Rangitoto* that was a bigger sister to the *Ruahine* that I had sailed in a year or two earlier, she was lying in KGV and would be sailing just after Christmas. If I joined her I would be in Kiwi in four weeks time and it would be still summertime there that would be one hell of an improvement on London in December. The job I was offered and took was that of Night Watchman, usually a good number on a ship but this time my job turned out to be disastrous. I tried to get off her and get another ship but I couldn't, things were very strict in those days and there was no chance I was going to get off that ship.

But then I looked on the bright side, we would be calling at Curacao, Panama, hove to off Pitcairn Island and finally call at Tahiti before docking in Auckland for about ten days. I had received a letter from Joanie Metcalf from a little place called Manukau, a few miles outside the centre of Auckland so I would get to see her and also hopefully some of my Maori and Islander (Fiji, Samoan etc) friends. But before any of this might materialise many things good and not so good would occur. Whilst in KGV the officers would be concerned with unloading and loading cargo while the engineers were needed for power, light and heat. There was no need for a catering Night Watchman whilst in London so I was asked to look after the few officers on board, this was good because they would have to be fed and also meant she had to have a cook. The entire catering staff was the \*cook and I, later when she sailed she would have around two hundred crew all told, about two thirds of them catering. As the cook lived some distance from London, as did I, we were allowed to sleep and eat on board. That meant I did not have to pay for a room in the Flying Angel, AKA Flying Seagull, Seamens' Mission nor for a breakfast, dinner or tea. For the pedantic reader it was only when passengers were on board that the meals became breakfast, lunch and dinner! I called the cook Fred because he wore hob nailed boots and in 1962 there was a song in the Hit Parade called *Right Said Fred*. Part of it had the sounds of a chap named Fred running in hob nailed boots. He had a Lambretta scooter that he used some evenings to see his parents in Chelmsford, Essex that was some distance away but had to back by morning to prepare breakfasts. Some evenings Fred and I would go up to the Mason's Arms or the Custom House pubs up the Custom House Road.

On Christmas Eve Fred was allowed to go home at dinner time

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*\*This was a relief cook who would not be sailing with us. He was a Company's man who had been badly injured aboard one of their ships but was not now allowed to sail and would work by any of the Company's ship where needed in London or any other UK port.*

and wouldn't have to be back on board until Boxing Day. That meant no feeding or sleeping on board so that was a problem for me, there would only be the ship keepers on board and they would fend for themselves. Fortunately we had known of this well in advance and I was able to book a room in the Flying Seagull for those two nights before the place filled up with stranded seamen at Christmas. Those two nights were the loneliest of my life. Not even my first night away from home at the Training Ship *Vindicatrix* more than six years ago came near my misery.

I'll never forget that Christmas Eve in London, I felt ever so down and miserable. But I had made sure that I had plenty of coins in order that I could telephone my Belfast home that night. I spoke for a little while with my mother, then my two brothers and then a few minutes with my father. He spoke fondly to me because he was also a serving merchant navy man, luckily both he and my brother were home on leave, of many years and he understood the loneliness of being away from home at Christmas. One time during the call my mother was crying because she told me she was missing me more than ever and could I not come home. I knew the reason, I was born on the 22nd of December and I was her youngest son. She had my father and two brothers at home but as you can understand the only thing that would have pleased her at that Christmastide was to have her youngest child home to complete the household. The telephone operator had told me a few times to put more pennies in the box. I know she let me speak beyond my time but then she cut in and told me I had to put more money in the box. I told her "I have no change left but I want to say Happy Christmas to my Mother and Father before I go". I spoke for quite some time and the operator cut in again to tell that my time was up and she would have to cut me off. She did and that was the end.

Every Christmas Eve, I think of who that female operator in London was, that had let me have several free minutes on a long distance call. Had she been listening in and knew I was a young sailor far from home? Maybe like my mother missing a son or husband away from home maybe in the army or navy at this time. Or was she a lady thinking of someone, who like me, was away from home at this one of the happiest days of the year yet also one of the saddest. I'll never know who that lady was but whoever she is, or was, I hope she got all she ever wished for. And I will never forget her or her kindness to me nor her and kindness in her voice. Believe me her words helped cheer me up in a way. As I turned in that night I as usual said my prayers for my parents and siblings but there was an extra couple for that lovely London lady and her family.

Christmas Day in the Flying Angel wasn't too bad, there was a free, traditional Christmas Dinner for those of us stranded in the city and they did their best to cheer us up. There was a desultory sing song led by the Flying Seagull sky pilot (chaplain) with a few ladies from the local church but our hearts weren't in it. It had turned out to be a miserable Christmas. That night a lot of lonely men had hot sausage rolls and cups of cocoa at the nine o'clock supper and we all turned in afterwards. Perhaps it was to sleep away our misery.



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

## NOBEL LAUREATES VISIT PEARSE STREET



Group photo of the 5 Nobel Laureates: Prof. Luke O'Neill, Director with the Laureates, James Watson; Aaron Ciechanover, Bruce Beutler, Jules Hoffmann and Ada Yonath.

In July this year Pearse Street hosted 5 Nobel Laureates when the Trinity Biomedical and Sciences Institute held their Conference which was in conjunction with the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel.

The Conference was held in the Chartered Accountants Building, also on Pearse Street and was on for three days.

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Brian, Paul and Families wish the Community a very Happy Christmas.

## LIFFEY WANDERERS F.C. A History — Centenary Year 1885-1985 – PART 8

Yet this is not quite so. The club has never really looked back since that post-war revival. True, there were lean years and an absence of trophies in the 1950s and the early and mid 1960s., but this no longer signified a lack of interest or a diminution of enthusiasm. On the contrary, most of the older hands (no doubt recalling the difficulties associated with trying to revive an almost moribund club at different stage in the preceding decades) took great care this time to maintain the organisation, preserve morale and foster local football talent. Some of the men who had thus kept the ball rolling throughout the 1950s were: Paddy "Harrier" Mitten, Jack "Mozart" Kane, Paddy "Bonner" Doyle, Mick Courtney, Billy "Buckets" Tobin, "Dolf" and "Tonner" Brennan, Paddy Rodgers, Bill Shadlow, Mattie Gannon, Alec Mooney, "Binners" Quinn, Lar Rooney, T. Walsh, Jim Callaghan, Joe Kearns, J. Jones, Mick "Deacon" Finn, Martin and Terry Mitten, J. Doyle, Herbie Doyle and Christie "Pooler" Young (Father of the present day Bohemians supremo Billy Young).

They were ably supported by teams which included players like John "Littler" Byrne, T. Moran, P. O'Keeffe, C. Barter, P. Cahill, J. Singleton, C. Singleton, S. Kenny, J. Forsyth, T. Young, P. O'Connell, C. Murray. L. Hanley, N. Keyes, D. Dunne, "Werrier" Forbes, Ned "Nudger" Keating, Gus Berrigan, Joe "Boy" Kane, A. Gaynor, P. Kavanagh and T. Kavanagh. If the players consistent efforts were not attended by any notable successes during this period they could at least look with justifiable pride to the fact that in addition to participating regularly in their chosen sport they were also preserving a unique tradition. I use the term advisedly, for Liffey Wanderers must surely be unique among amateur clubs in that not only has it existed for a century but that its unbroken tradition is firmly rooted in the small dockland locality in which it originated. The present club premises at 7/8 City Quay – with excellent sport and recreational facilities – is situated on the Liffey quayside where the first dockies and would-be footballers originally kicked a threadbare cap over the frost-speckled cobbles a hundred years ago. To appreciate this quality of uniqueness it is, perhaps, necessary to take a brief look at the growth of Dublin since 1885 and to ponder on how such urban growth might have adversely affected the club's fortunes but for the determination and commitment of its members over the years.

A group of footballers out on a training job around the perimeter of Dublin City in the 1860s would not have been faced with much of an endurance test. It was equal to two laps of the Phoenix Park, and, on the 3,590 acres were all the important buildings of the then capital. The churches, the castle, the fine Georgian houses of the aristocracy and the rich merchants, and even the tenements towering astride cobbled streets lit by dull lamps, were all squeezed between two rivers – the Dodder and the Tolka, with the Liffey cutting its way eastwards to Dublin Bay. In those days the jogging footballers could have covered the perimeter of the city by starting out at Grand Canal Dock or the Liffey Estuary,

then the first left, following the line of the canal to Kilmainham before crossing the Liffey at Islandbridge and continuing along Conyngham Road; thence to Prussia Street, the North Circular Road, turning northward at Phibsboro and down the Royal Canal to Cross Guns Bridge, then along Clonliffe Road and Annesley Bridge over the Tolka, before finishing at East Wall. Such then was the Dublin area in the 1860s, with a population of approximately 260,000 when the Liffey Wanderers club was founded. The city, of course had its suburbs – Rathmines, Rathgar, Donnybrook, Clontarf, Drumcondra and Glasnevin, all of which were thriving. It was not until the 1930s that the Corporation started a house-building drive in the outer suburbs, while slowing down a great deal during the war years 1939-45, is still going on. With private enterprise also contributing throughout the 1950s, 60s and 70s the city perimeter swelled out to what had hitherto been the rural hinterland of places like Ballyfermot, Chapelizod, Tallaght, Artane, Coolock, Ballymun etc. While undoubtedly of immense benefit in the majority of cases nonetheless this policy had the effect sometimes of taking the living, warm-hearted communities out of the city centre and more or less scattering and stranding them in impersonal suburbs. The City Quay community was one of the first such to resist this breaking up of their traditional homeland to make room for a wilderness of office blocks, and to oppose the idea of its people being replaced by computers and Chubb Alarms. The spirit and the heritage of the original Liffey Wanderers did much to halt the inner city decay and to restore a sense of human proportion to the heart of their native city.

The 1950s and the 1960s – the period which coincides with the rapid growth of Dublin's vast suburbs and the subsequent re-location of many of the old communities – were certainly lean years for the club. Such movement of population inevitably made heavy inroads on the availability of footballing talent, with many of the younger players opting to tog our with new-found clubs in the sprawling suburbs. But, as always, Liffey Wanderers could continue to count on a small core of loyal members and supporters – the indigenous nucleus in the City Quay area and the suburban "ex-patriates" who made the long journey back in from such outlying districts as Coolock, Tallaght and Ballyfermot etc.

They played no small part in the club's subsequent successes between 1968 and 1972. Most of them are still around, still administering the club's affairs, still supporting and assisting the present day players. Those who are not around – like Jimmy Gannon for instance, who emigrated to Australia – still retain a keen interest and warm links with their old club. All of them – officials, players, ex-players and supporters alike – are indeed the lineal sporting descendants of those very first Liffeside footballers of a hundred years ago.

*Check out Doolan's Advert for picture on page 26.*



# ST. ANDREW'S HERITAGE CENTRE



The Antient Concert Rooms, Pearse Street, c 1914. In 1920 this building was converted into a cinema called The Palace Cinema and in later years it became known as the Academy Cinema.

## The Academy Cinema

The Academy Cinema in Pearse Street was originally "The Antient Concert Rooms" in the nineteenth century before it became a cinema. It was located on its present day site at 42 Pearse Street. The Society of Antient Concerts was founded in 1834 for the purpose of the cultivation of vocal music, especially the coral compositions of the old masters i.e. The Antients. The great Irish Tenor, Count John Mc Cormack and Irish Writer James Joyce performed together on the same stage of the concert rooms. The building was built in 1824 by The Dublin Oil And Gas Company. They manufactured gas from fish oil but went bankrupt in 1834 when the price of fish oil increased beyond their budget. The building was converted into a cinema in 1920, and opened as the "Palace Picture Theatre" on 13 may. The cinema had a few name changes over the years: Forum (1); Embassy; Academy. It finally closed down in July 1981 as a full time cinema. It was gutted by fire in 1994 and was converted into offices in 2006. It still retains its old name "The Academy", now occupied by the Twitter organisation.

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100th ISSUE



If you fancy entering this colouring competition please write down your name, age and address below the picture. Closing date for the competition will be the end of January 2015, please drop it into the reception at St. Andrews Resource Centre.

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# RINGSEND COLLEGE NEWS

## Graduation

Late May saw the Graduation Ceremony take place for Ringsend College 6th Year Class Group. An enjoyable evening was had by all and we wish our outgoing 6th Years the very best in their respective futures. It is with great pride we hear of students taking part in further education courses ranging from Trinity College to PLC courses throughout Dublin.



## Open Day



On Wednesday October 15th Ringsend College opened its doors to all prospective students of the future. Students arrived from all local feeder schools including St Patricks Boys and

Girls, St Marys and St Brigits Haddington Road, Star of the Sea, Lakeland, St Matthews, City Quay, Scoil Catriona, Catherine McAuley. The primary school students and their parents took tours of the school to see what courses were available to new students from Woodwork to French, PE to Science, Computers, Engineering to Home Economics and more. There was an extremely good turnout of visitors despite the weather's best efforts and all left with a positive sense of where Ringsend College is and where it is going. (Picture attached)



## 3rd Yr Coffee Morning for Irish Hospice Foundation/Laura Lynn



Well done to the 3rd Year students who raised over €1,200 during their Coffee Morning in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation (Harold's Cross) and the Laura Lynn Foundation. It was a hugely successful

event where all of the local community popped in to support the charities and the students in their efforts to raise money.

## Trip to Causey Farm

On the 23rd of October as part of their cultural studies, the 3rd Year Irish class went on a trip to Causey Farm in Co. Meath. Throughout the day the students got the opportunity to engage in a number of different activities through the medium of Irish. These activities included cake making, milking cows, taking part in sheep dog trials and bog jumping. This trip gave the students an opportunity to practice their language skills in a fun and exciting way. A great day was had by all.



## 1st Year iPad Classes

Our new 1st Years arrived in late August and became the first students in Ringsend College to use iPads instead of regular paperback books. Due to the support of Dublin Port Company



parents are able to finance the iPads over 3 years instead of having to pay for the tablet all at once. All of our 32 1st Year students now have their books stored on the iPad which saves the heavy load on their backs coming to and going home from school. We are now recruiting for 1st Years to

start in September 2015 and applications have already exceeded 30 again. Onwards and upwards for Ringsend College!

## New School Crest

September 2014 saw the introduction of the newly designed school crest. As you can see from the photo the crest represents the surrounding area in the top half of the crest and the bottom half represents both the academic and traditional technical side of Ringsend College.



## Prefects

The first Ringsend College Prefect Team has been formed. Applicants filled out forms, applied and interviewed for the positions and 8 prefects were chosen from the applicants. Congratulations to those who were awarded their Prefect badges. They will help with mentoring 1st Year students and help them adjust to their new surroundings throughout their first year in secondary school. They will also act as ambassadors for the school on special occasions.





# CBS NEWS

## **Westland Row is 150 years old!!**

We are celebrating our 150th birthday this year and the Past Pupils union have organised some really great events to celebrate this remarkable occasion. As we all know our school is rich in history and its famous past pupils include Pdraig and Willy Pearse as well as snooker star Ken Doherty and former Irish international Graham Kavanagh.

Enda Kenny visited the school on the 20th of November to launch the celebrations as well as the school archives. It was a wonderful occasion. Thank you to all the people involved that made it such a special day.

A celebratory mass took place in Westland Row church on November the 30th. A big thank you to all who attended.

Here are some other important dates for the birthday celebrations:

**31st of January 2015 is the annual Past Pupils Dinner in the Westbury Hotel**

**6th of March 2015 there will be a concert in the National Concert Hall**

## **SCHOOL GARDEN:**

The school garden is coming along nicely. We will be putting a forty foot mural on the wall next month. Tallaght Probation services have been working on an underwater theme for nearly three months now and it's looking fabulous.



## **HISTORY TRIP:**

Mr. Davis took a group of budding historians to the Royal College of Surgeons on Monday the 10th of November for a lecture and a tour entitled "Archives breathe lives into History". The college played a huge role on the Rising and the students were fascinated by its history.

Westland Row CBS is now actively enrolling for all years. Contact the school for an application form today

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## **PARC – New Activities PARC AREA RECREATION CENTRE**

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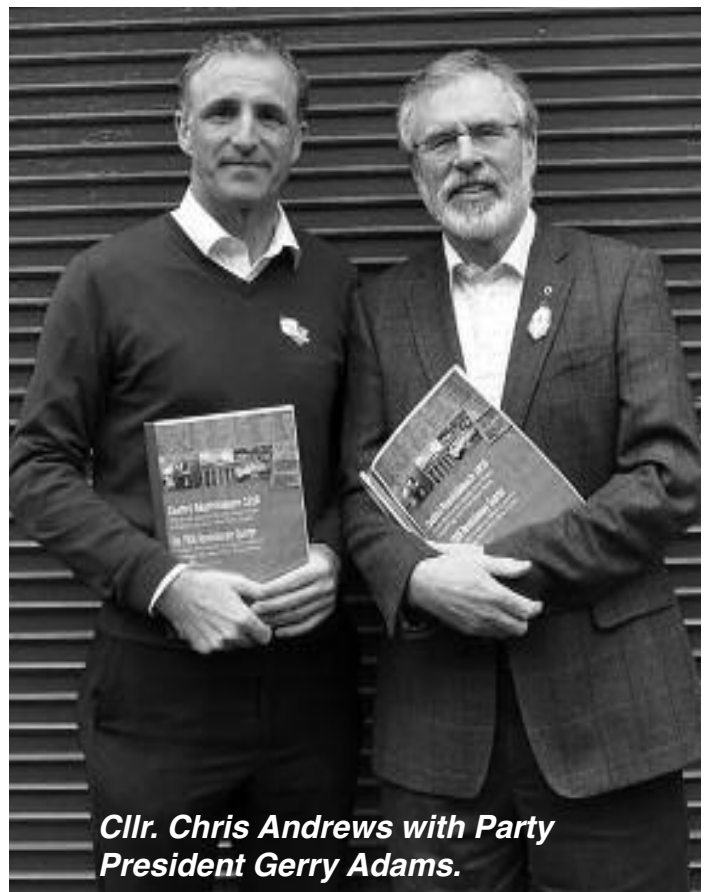
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and a Peaceful New  
Year.*



**Cllr. Chris Andrews with Party  
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# CHRISTMAS PICTURE SPECIAL



*Wishing Con and Mary Barter a very Happy 51st Wedding Anniversary.*



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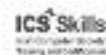
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## Bowman's Shop by Sonny Kinsella



Sonny Kinsella.

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

**M**ickey Bowman's shop was located just opposite the old tenement house where we lived in Townsend Street. His shop was number 26 and our house was 161, otherwise known as the Big House. Mickey also owned number 25 Townsend Street, where the first Trade Union was founded in a room in this house by the committee loyal to Jim Larkin, in the front of the house was a café by the name of "The Cosy Tea Room". This café was owned and run by the Poole Family, who were strong Irish

Nationalists. One of their descendents was executed when Ireland was under British Rule when he was accused for a murder he never committed, so this house had a bit of history attached to it, now long since gone, demolished like the rest of the street. Mickey's shop catered for the people living at our end of the street and that's why his stock was limited as to what he could sell, which was milk (not in bottles), he had a pint or a half a pint measure which he poured into your jug, he also sold bread, butter and cigarettes (all limited stock), but he did a great trade in sweets, chocolates and candy bars. As he had a great custom from the children coming and going from Townsend Street school, Mickey was a bachelor and he lived with his married sister (who was a widow) and whom we knew as Mrs. Monaghan and she had a 16 year old daughter by the name of Maimie, who spent most of her days in a boarding school and would only be seen in the shop during the holidays and mid term breaks.

The shop was always spotlessly clean and Mickey served in it most of the time. His sister spent most of her time housekeeping and only served in the shop when necessary. They lived in the apartment over the shop but they spent most of their time in the downstairs quarters at the back of the shop which consisted of a dining room and a living room with a nice garden at the rear of the shop. Mickey often stood outside when he wasn't busy bidding the time of day to all who passed by. His shop stood entirely only it own amongst the tenement houses on the sunny side of the street. The opposition shops to Mickey's shop was Ety Nolan, Mickey Mohan, Joey Alwell and the "Happy Valley" owned by Mrs. Clarke, They all sold much the same as Mickey only they had bigger sales and much more customers in their area and that's the reason why Mickey carried limited stocks. He could depend on the loyalty of his own customers and knew what he could sell every day. He never had anything over but if he ran low on cigarettes he would send someone up to Finnegans who had a big

tobacconist shop on the corner of Tara Street and Butt Bridge. He would order a couple of packets of the most popular brands for his own customers. I was one of his messengers that brought his order to Finnegans who were only five minutes away from his shop and when you came back with his order he would give you a pat on the head and a few sweets. Mickey was low sized and bald and was always well dressed.

Whenever he had to leave the shop on business he always wore a top coat that we called a bum freezer because it was short in size. It was only our end of the street that dealt with Mickey and he knew every one of us and respected all our families but he did not like anyone hanging about outside his shop. So he swept the pavement outside a few times a day. But it is only now when I reflect back on those years, none of us appreciated the lovely sound of music that came from the back room of the shop. When the shop was not busy Mickey would play the violin and Mrs. Monaghan would play the piano, so also would Maimie who was an accomplished pianist. It was classical music and Irish ceildh music and it only ended when a customer came into the shop. The sound of their music could be heard out on the street and people would often stop to listen to it. What a shame we didn't appreciate then as we would now but at least we got the benefit of hearing it and it will never happen again. That was in the war years of the 1940's when times were hard and most things were rationed. During those years Mickey's shop was often used for a recruiting centre for anybody wishing to join the British Army or to sign up to work in England, which many locals did and when the war ended in 1945 many never came home.

Now moving into the 1950's the old tenements were being condemned and demolished and the inner city was now being moved out to new schemes resulting in many of the shop's losing their customers and found it hard to survive. Mickey's shop was one of these but because of his limited customers he eventually closed the shop after a few years. He stayed in Townsend Street until he decided to sell up his shop and number 25 which had been condemned. Mickey and family left the street, never to be seen again and so ended the lovely sound of music that drifted from Mickey Bowman's shop, No. 26 Townsend Street. The shop was later demolished and the site sold to McFerran and Guildford, who were Builder's Providers. As the years moved on others went the same way as Mickey's did and for the want of a better word, it became a Ghost Town compared to what it was and to the present day I still refer to it as "THE STREET THAT DIED".



Sonny Kinsella and Michael McDermott.

*I look back in anger at time once so rare.*

*When Townsend Street reared nothing but the best.*

*There was no drugs or stabbings on the street where we lived.*

*And with the good neighbours we had we were blessed.*



## The New Link – A History ..... by George P. Kearns

The last issue of this most popular community magazine "The New Link" No. 99 was produced and circulated amongst its thousands of readers just before Christmas 2013 and that it would appear

to me was its final appearance as the Easter, summer and winter editions never materialised. However there did appear in September 2014 a MiniLink publication of the *New Link* that informed us that a "bumper" edition of the *New Link* was planned for the 2014 Christmas period and that in the meantime an electronic edition entitled "E Link" was available to us on the St. Andrews website.

*The New Link* is a most popular community magazine that is produced, published and freely distributed quarterly by the St. Andrews Resource Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin and enjoys a readership of no less than 3,200. I say no less than 3,200 because that was the amount printed and distributed in each quarter of the year and personally I can confirm that the copies I passed onto my friends were read extensively by their family members and other interested parties so it could well be taken for granted that it had a massive readership for a community magazine. My good friends Patrick (Paddy) McGauley and Billy Ryan dedicated all their waking hours to the success of *The New Link* with Paddy as Editor and Billy as Secretary. Of course there are many others that helped to bring its readers four editions of this marvellous magazine each year, but the space allotted to me for the Bumper Edition limits the mention of many, many more people involved in its make-up.

*The New Link* is a colourful and most informative community magazine, the likes of which will never be excelled. Not only did it publish all the wonderful activities available in the Resource Centre, but also loads of welfare and social information and the availabilities of same. It also gave long term *New Link* writers like Tony Rooney, Anne Byrne, Monica Moffat etc a publishing outlet for their wonderful stories.

So needless to say, the non appearance of the winter Easter, summer and winter editions were a great source of disappointment to me and my friends, who inundated me with phone calls when their copies failed to arrive in the post.

If the loss of those editions is heralding the end

of "*The New Link*" then I can only say "Slán libh agus míle bhuíochás daoibh" for the last 27 years.

With the heart of Dublin Docklands now only a distant memory, the loss of Dublin's towering Gasometer landmark long gone and the sudden and mysterious disappearance of the Docklands South Hailing Station on a Sunday morning in June 2007, whose story was well documented in a number of *New Link* editions, I would ask, where now will we be able to avail of local knowledge and stories of times past.

*The New Link* also provided a platform for local historians and storytellers to record their knowledge and memories of what we still like to term "the good old days" and what will we do without historians and writers like Sonny Kinsella, Michael McDermott, Denis Ranaghan, Lyric's Murphy, Bart Nolan, and Gerry Browne.

Gerry and *New Link* Editor Paddy McGauley in a number of past editions gave us a wonderful knowledge of the Westland Row Parish area of times past when for weeks on end they did a tour of the area and Gerry gave us a rundown on the history of almost every building they passed by.

In the *New Link* they recorded their experience as "*A Journey Through Our Community*" and later made a number of films on the subject. The following is an extract from one of their walks around the parish. Archers Garage quoted Gerry, was a fairly big Ford dealer in the 1950's and ran a very busy service operation where management didn't think twice about parking cars left in for repairs outside neighbouring houses while their mechanics worked on same. As few of us had cars of our own in those days, there were few, if any complaints. (Issue 67)

I was invited to contribute a story for "*The New Link*" in 2004 and with little or no experience of writing or what to write about; my first contribution was by way of a "Letter to the Editor", check out page 27.

***Hopefully my interpretation of the missing links, if you will pardon the pun, is way out of order and that in 2015 we will once again enjoy the Easter, Summer, Winter and Christmas Editions as usual.***

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



# BETTY WATSON'S ACHIEVEMENTS by N.W.

Those people, whose life's work is living, prosper in retirement. Those who, day after day, ensured that the Community they live in is a better place because of them, will not stop doing what they do just because they stop being paid for it. One retires from work, not from life.

Betty will thrive in retirement because what she has done for over 40 years or so has been her life, the Community she was born into, grew up in, got married in, raised her family in

bin and only do those things she chooses to do, but she will continue to do them never the less.

We are here to mark the ending of only one part of Betty's career and to celebrate her achievements with her. To list them all here would take an age but I'll try to give you a flavour of what this woman has done.

Born in 1942 in Townsend Street and raised in Markievicz House as part of a large working class family, Betty left school at 13 to work in the local sewing factory, she married Peter in 1962 and began to raise her own family. In the mid-1970s Betty became involved in volunteer community work because, in her own words, if she didn't do something to improve the situation, for an already much deprived community, no one else would. A founder member of the Social Service Centre in Westland Row and later a member of the Board of Management in St. Andrew's Family Resource Centre. Betty was instrumental in developing an Adult Education Service, the Voluntary Tuition Programme and the Trinity Access Programme, receiving an honorary M.A. from Trinity College in 2003 in recognition of her tireless efforts in making third level education accessible to people of all ages. Education hasn't been the only area that Betty has been involved in, she has also worked tirelessly on behalf of this Community's elderly, and continues to be very much a key figure in the Greenore/Rostrevor complex.

Age is not what saps our strength, the number of years we live have little to do with how young we feel. Our attitude to life is the well spring of our youth, our appetite for learning and new experience keep us young. Doing what seems impossible keeps us vibrant; and Betty does six impossible things before breakfast.



**Betty Watson receiving her TAP Award from Trinity College for her continuing service to the Community.**

and still lives in has not gone away, and neither has Betty.

Oh: She may have more time now to stop and smell the roses, she may now be able to consign the alarm clock to the



**Photos of local Garda volunteers, partying with the Community.**

**Our own John Tuohy, now retired after more years than I care to remember, pictured with Betty Watson – Two Legends.**



# ST. ANDREW'S CHILDCARE

Hi Everybody

We are really looking forward to Christmas. We are having our Christmas Concert on Monday the 22nd of December. And on Tuesday the 23rd of December we will have our Christmas Dinner & Santa will be present for all the lucky children and their parents!

At present we are doing a Numeracy Week from the 10th to the 14th of November. The emphasis is on Positional / Directional Language and the words used are Up, Down, Front, Back, In, Out, Forward, Backward, Within. Within the rooms the children will do different things.

Wishing all our Children and Parents a Very Happy and Joyous Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

From the Childcare Team



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Parents and the  
Community a very  
Happy Christmas and a  
Peaceful New Year.*

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



## Dear Editor .....

**THE OLD SAYING, “TIME FLIES BY, WHEN YOU ARE HAVING FUN!”** Most certainly applies to the publication of the local community

magazine, *The Link!* This priceless, free press is prime reading in our household, and has been for, Holy Mackerel, Thirty Years now? I must confess, all these years I fancied myself a writer, I vowed long ago I would have a tale or two, printed in ‘the Link, for posterity in its, free to ponder pages. Alas, all I ended up with was almost blank pages to light the fire with, or cut into small squares and place on a piece of wire in the toilet!

But now, after all these years of loving the link, I at last have written something! As a nipper attending St. Andrews school, I was given two nicknames, because of a song we sang in Choir. My pals called me, ‘Row The Boat, and ‘Hally Looyah! But that is not what I am corresponding with you for, I am writing to say to you, and all who are attached to ‘The Link, A Big Thank You! For making me and mine proud to be part of this thriving community! For showing the true heart, spirit and soul of this side of our, ‘dirty aul town. Thanks For the short stories, the tall tales, the tall ships with the wind in their sails! Pieces penned by poetic people, The photos of golden olden salad days, Monochrome images of hardworking women in black shawls, white-shirted Dockers in rolled-up sleeves, cloth caps tilted over their eyes, shoeless happy manky children in ragged clothes, at play outside the cottages, where now stands a concrete eyesore, in the name of progress. Coloured photos of laughing locals galore! The Hello’s to the newborns, the farewells to matriarchs and patriarchs and loved ones, in loving remembrance. The family festival fun, Birthdays, weddings, Days out, happy neighbours, smiling kids having summer fun. Parades and picnics in the park! May I also remind you, that the publication is a valuable asset that links this proud community together. In point of fact, the link archive is a treasure trove of south docks history and should have its own place in pearse street public library, under the heading, local history and folklore! I simply cannot wait for the next, Fun-Filled informative issue, the Titillating tale telling of ‘the rare aul times, the snappy snapshot covered columns, with historical, local, social cultural news! You are the south docks strongest link! Once again Linkers, Thank You!

*PS: You better print this in the 100th issue, as it took a long time to write!*

Michael (Row the Boat) Usher. (Hally Looyah)

**WHILE I AM NOT A SON OF THE WESTLAND ROW PARISH,** I am the son of a neighbouring village, named Irishtown, which lies just over two bridges away and the crossing of the Grand Canal and two rivers, depending on the tides of both, i.e the River Liffey which at high tide pushed up and under Ringsend bridge and the River Dodder that flowed gently under the Ringsend Bridge to join forces with the River Liffey, as did the Grand and Royal Canals.

When I say that I am not a son of the Westland Row Parish area, I would tell you that I was a part of the area from time to time in so far as my first real work experience was in the Kildare Street Club, and my second job was with Kiely’s Bakery in Hanover Street as a vanboy.

My uncle Jamsey’s and his wife Rosie lived in Pearse Square where my four cousins were born, the boys were I believe schooled in St. Andrews. A distant uncle and his family lived in 19 Erne Street, he was a local cabby and one of his sons was assistant supervisor in the G.P.O sorting office on the corner of Sandwith Street and Pearse Street. Another uncle had a Stained Glass business on Hanover Quay which later upgraded to premises in Fitzwilliam Quay and yet another uncle worked and lost his life in an accident in Wallace’s Coal Yard in 1967.

As a kiddie I use to mind bikes for a few coppers outside my aunt’s house in 1 Holles Street as their owners visited patients in Holles Street hospital. My daughter was born in Holles Street hospital in 1964. I scuttled on the back axels of horse drawn cabs and delivery drays on the Westland Row Station Slipway goods entrance to the station. I enjoyed many a “single” from the Lido Café. I played and helped the boatman who cared for the boats anchored in the Canal Basins and on many occasions used the urinal which was lined along the large wall that bordered the Westland Row Station.

My father was a temporary watchman for Hull’s the builders on Ringsend Road, My sister and I travelled on the ferry from beside the Hailing Station to and from the north wall on many occasions bringing lunch to our grandfather, Larry Murphy, who was a docker that worked coal boats. I was a sly and secret child patron of the Palace Cinema when I was strictly forbidden, without permission, to travel beyond the confines of Irishtown, and I left my tonsils in St. Patrick’s Duns Hospital. So if not a son of, I was in part somehow connected.

**GEORGE P. KEARNS**

## Saint Andrews Resource Centre Heritage Project 1916 The Local Connection

The Saint Andrews Heritage Project team are busy preparing to mark the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Rising. In 2016 it will be a hundred years since the outbreak of the Rising. We are marking the occasion with a history publication and an exhibition of photos and personal accounts of people directly involved in the Rising or from word of mouth. We have collected some interesting material so far but

of course we could always do with more. I would like to appeal to every person in the community who had a relation involved in the Rising to contact me if they have any interesting stories they may have heard from their parents or grandparents. We would also welcome any memorabilia that you may have connected with the rising: uniforms, flags, medals etc. Contact: Paul Graham, Heritage Co-ordinator, Tel: 01-6771930

# GREENORE / ROSTREVOR SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

We provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere where those active and over 55 years can come and socialise, learn, have fun, make friends and be part of the community. This is achieved through a variety of activities including all kinds of social actives, parities, theatre outings, birthday celebrations, overnight stays, bi-annual Mass, participation in community and partner events, summer festival, and a Christmas programme. The weekly programme is as follows:



*Greenore Rostrevor Ladies Darning Club.*

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



*Members enjoying Bingo*



*Some members of the Art Group*

The centre also houses a:

- ✦ Knitting Club - Tuesday afternoons
- ✦ Ladies club – Wednesday evenings
- ✦ Hairdressing Service - Saturday mornings
- ✦ Christmas Choir- September - December



*Volunteers enjoying a well-earned cup of tea.*

**All of this is achieved through fundraising and volunteerism**

*The Committee and Volunteers wish the Community a very Happy Christmas.*



# ST. ANDREW'S ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

The 2014– 2015 Adult Education Programme is now well underway and we have a healthy attendance at all classes.

- **English class is Wednesday morning**
- **Irish class is Thursday morning**
- **Art class Friday morning**

Thanks to the last mini link we are getting some additional interest in the classes that are running at the moment with 3 new people joining the Irish class and 2 joining the Art class.

**City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETb) Our English, Irish, Art and IT courses could not be organised without the funding, help and support of the CDETb.**

Have you always wanted to learn to sew? Do you have some skills but want to brush them up? Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you'd like to 'up-cycle' or alter?

We would also love to run a mobile phone / digital camera training course. How to upload pictures on Facebook? How to use Bluetooth? How to print off your photos? All simple when you know how!!!!

How about a Drama group sounds like fun?

We'd love to get some feedback, if anyone is interested in one or all of the new courses please contact me:

**Lisa Kelleher**  
**Lisa.kelleher@standrews.ie**  
**Adult Education Co-ordinator**  
**01-6771930**



*Art Class*



*Irish Class*



*English Class*

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

# The Link- Christmas Edition: Talk About Youth Project



*The picture shows the new manager, Ms. Carmel O'Connor and the former manager Ms. Susan Menton of Talk About Youth.*



## **ST. ANDREWS YOUTH PROJECT**

2015 was a certainly a year of change and transformation for the youth department. We have had many hurdles and obstacles to overcome but being the strong team we are we pulled together and kept the ship afloat. The most significant change that took place was the departure of our long-standing manager Susan Menton. We were all sad to see Susan go and her legacy here at St. Andrew's is monumental.

We now welcome our new manager on-board, Carmel O'Connor. Carmel has taken the helm with great energy and enthusiasm and she definitely has the sense of humour required to survive and thrive here.

### **Lets look back at some of the highlights of 2014 :**

**The Cavan Trip:** Always great adventures to be had at the Cavan Centre. Fun and games of all descriptions, Forest walks where stories of ancient folklore were re-created. Late night table dancing and curry, early morning shenanigans with the fear of forfeits around every corner. To lose a forfeit might see you being dragged mercilessly by the heels through frosty grass or tied to a pole and hosed down!



**THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2014**

This year our young people took part in three different exchanges programs, the first was the Causeway Exchange, between Northern Ireland, England and Ireland.

We had 15 young people take part in this exchange, aged 13 / 15 years, they spent a week in Dublin, a week in Belfast, and a week in Liverpool.

The second exchange was between Ireland, Malta, and Finland. We hosted this exchange in Dublin in July. There was 10 young people from each country, aged 15 / 17 years, plus 2 adult leaders. The highlight of this exchange being the talent show, and the parade, which was part of the South-docks-festival week and all groups got to take part. We have also received an invitation from each of these countries to come and visit them next year 2015.

For our third exchange which was in August, we took a group of 12 teenagers aged 15 / 17 years to Madrid, with the emphasis on cultural differences between our two countries. Fun, making new friends and exploring the city.

**THE CAUSEWAY PROGRAM**



On Sunday 2nd November Liffeside Dazzellettes took part in the TwirlSTAR National Majorette Competitions held in the Ballsbridge Hotel.

This is only the teams second competition for baton twirling. In their first competition the under 16 group claimed first place. The other group under eights secured third and fourth place. We were proud of that achievement, until we surpassed all our expectations at National finals on the 2nd October.

To our amazement not only did the under 16 group get first and the other group under eights fourth for baton twirling and fifth for pom pom display, they also entered into solo competition for the first time, and one of the under sixteen, one under 14 and one under 12 all are now National champions for baton twirling and will be defending





# The Link- Christmas Edition: Talk About Youth Project

their title in Mayo next year. One of the under 8's got second for her solo, and one under 14 placed. Some of our under 8's took part in the solo pom pom competition for the first time and did really well to stay on the floor and complete their routines.

Their team work is second to none, they have become very supportive of other. After the leaders encouragement they showed great courage and enthusiasm to perform the solos as in the beginning they were not going to take part, they were in the end delighted with their achievements and went home feeling very good about themselves.

Also congratulations to Aoife, Emma and Lyndsay who were presented with their first teaching exam certificate for Bronze award. Lyndsay is now going to lead the Liffeside Dazzellettes from now on. We would like to thank Louisa for all her support , help and time, although we know that if needed she will give a helping hand, thanks Louisa, you will be missed.

## **VARIETY SHOW**

The annual VDP variety show was held on Saturday 8th November in Perrystown Community Centre.

## **OUTREACH PROGRAM.**

This article is on an outreach program developed between the "Talk about youth" project, Cambridge Utd Football Club, Donnybrook Football Club, and Everton FC in Liverpool. We hosted an Everton FC under 14 team match between Cambridge Utd and An Everton FC under 14 in July (Everton won 4-2).



We had 34 young people taking part this year, and a fabulous Night was had by all.



*These lovely young ladies were the overall winners...For their song "Fireworks"*

## **"HALLOWEEN SPOOK-TACKULER"**



45 young people aged between 10 and 14 years braved the Evil-cold-chill for two days and nights, that was recreated by the Youth Office up in the Larchill Centre in The Dublin Mountains.

Everton FC then invited us (Donnybrook FC) over to play a pre-trial match against an Everton select under 17 in September where two senior Everton scouts would watch the match and access the players. We are hoping this new-venture between the "Talk About Youth" project, an Everton Football Club will become an annual event.



# Happy Christmas from Gloucester Street Sports and Recreation Centre



## ABOUT US

On the 3rd of November 2014 Gloucester Street Sports Centre celebrated its 6th successful year as part of the local community. Our instructors Mark and Elaine tirelessly aim to make our classes interesting and diverse. Some of our most popular classes are Spinning and Body Conditioning along with many more options to suit everyone's ability and spike everyone's motivation. Drop in anytime to our friendly and accommodating staff and we are sure we can find something that suits you. We are located facing City Quay National School and are open from Monday to Saturday from 7.00am to 9.30pm. Contact us on 01 6779322 or info@gloucesterst.com.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

The staff at the centre would like to congratulate our co-ordinator Mark, his wife Lynda and son Dylan on completing the Dublin City Marathon.

## FAREWELL TO LIZ

It is with great sadness that we bid a farewell, to our receptionist Liz Bradshaw and thank her for her hard work over the past few years. Her vibrant personality is missed and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

## FOREVER FIT

Forever fit is our over 55 years young fitness class and is still going strong in the centre every Wednesday morning at 11:00 until 12:00. It is now also on in St Andrews Resource Centre at 1:30 on Wednesday's. New members are always welcome from all areas.

## RACQUET CLUB

For ages 12 up boys and girls, every Wednesday from 3.00-5.00pm. Just drop in anytime between those hours. We do table tennis and badminton and it's free!

## SCHOOLS

Throughout the year Gloucester Street has been working closely with the local schools, St. Mary's Boys Haddington Rd., City Quay and CBS. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the pupils on their progress during the course of the year and wish both the students and teachers a very Happy Christmas and enjoy your well earned break. See you in the New Year!



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



## Gloucester Street Centre Classes 2014

DAY	CLASS	VENUE	TIME	DURATION	LEVEL	DROP IN PRICE
MONDAY	Circuit Training	Hall	8.00am	35 mins	(B)	€5
	Circuit Training	Hall	12.40pm	35 mins	(B)	€8
	Kettle bells	Hall	5.00pm	45 mins	(B)	€8 Per Class
TUESDAY	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	08.00	30 mins	(B)	€5
	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	12.40pm	30 mins	(B)	€8
	Baby Body Fit	Fitness Room	6pm - 7pm			
	Zumba Fitness	HALL	7-8PM	1 HOUR	(B)	€8
WEDNESDAY	Body Conditioning/Pump	Hall	8.00am	35 mins	(B)	€5
	Forever Fit (over 60's)	Fitness Room	11.00	1 hour	(B)	€2
	Body Conditioning	Hall	12.30pm	45 mins	(B)	€5
	Spinning class	Fitness Room	12.40pm	45 mins	(B)	€5
	Spin to win	Fitness Room	6.00pm	45 min Spin - 15 Min Core	Inter	€7
THURSDAY	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	08.00	30 Mins	(B)	€8
	Spinning Class	Fitness Room	12.40	30 mins	(B)	€5
	Zumba	Hall	5-7pm	1 hour		€10
FRIDAY	Trix Fusion	Hall	8.00am	35 mins	(B)	€5
	Kettle Bells	Hall	12.40pm	35 mins	(B)	€7
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*Rachel Browne receiving her Degree in Social Care. Congratulations and well done! A credit to the Community!*



*Dublin City Council – Tulip bulbs for the Community, pictured at Pearse Square. Keep up the Great Work!!!*

## St. Andrew's Gardening Project



*Reg and Tomo – hard at work.*





## A Good Afternoon's Work by Anne Losty Byrne

*Ann Losty Byrne*

"Garda", she said, "I have searched everywhere but he is not here, Blackie's gone", Miss Nora Farrell's voice wobbled on the last few words. The rims of her pale blue eyes were red from weeping and Garda Murphy's better instincts came to the fore. Looking for a lost cat was not going to help him get promotion but it would be a good deed and Miss Farrell always gave him a nod and a greeting when she met him around town. She seemed a decent sort, her sole companion was the cat, and she had the misfortune to live beside that dreadful woman, Mrs. Deirdre Devoy who had more than once complained about the lack of proper policing in her neighbourhood, she hadn't mentioned him by name but Sergeant O'Sullivan had left him in no doubt that Mrs. Devoy had Garda Murphy in her mind as she made an official complaint about police negligence. The old biddy had lost an – according to her, valuable antique 18th caret gold and diamond ring, a family inheritance coming down through her family for several generations. She had also claimed that a few of her neighbours, her tone implying, neighbours of the right sort and that Miss Nora Farrell was not included in that list, had lost little trinkets of some value but nothing like the value of her antique ring.

"Of course, it's understandable, start slowly, then proceed to higher things, that is the way of thieves if left uncaught and in our neighbourhood criminals seem to enjoy immunity from either observation or arrest".

Mrs. Devoy knew better than to say openly that she suspected her new neighbour, the unfortunate, Miss Farrell, of being in some way responsible for the recent crimes in the neighbourhood. She had complained so many times that in the end Sergeant O'Sullivan who was known to favour the rich and the powerful got fed up with Mrs. Devoy's constant nagging. Whenever she arrived in the station he made a hasty retreat out the back door. Of course, he gave his staff a talking too for Mrs. Devoy's son was a rising politician in the Dail.

"Keep your eyes and ears open, try and find the gang". After leaving a tearful Miss Farrell, Garda Murphy proceeded on automatic pilot to keep his eyes and ears on alert and as luck would have it didn't he hear a cat meowing. He looked around in the nearest gardens before realising that the distress calls were coming from high up in one of the many trees lining the street. It was spring time and the trees were wearing their new dresses so Garda Murphy was lucky to spot where the cat was clinging to a branch. Garda Murphy grinned as he also spotted the outline of a nest within a few feet of the cat. Blackie had got himself into trouble trying to get to the nest. At this time of year there were probably baby birds present.

Garda Murphy wondered as he rang the local fire brigade what his superior would say if he knew how he was spending his time this afternoon. Best not to think about it. A good friend of his answered the phone and laughed when he heard what Garda Murphy wanted.

"That's not our brief, get yourself a ladder".

"Come on, you know I can't do that. Sergeant would have me sent to the back of beyond if he found out that I was moonlighting, so have a heart, do your good deed for

the day".

Gerry hemmed and hawed before admitting, "Well, the boys are going out on a practice run this afternoon, so I'll send them around to you but you owe me, man, you owe me". "Thanks, Gerry".

Within twenty minutes a unit of the local fire brigade arrived, causing a bit of excitement in the neighbourhood. Miss Farrell was leaning on her garden gate with a Rosary beads in her hands and Garda Murphy and the firemen cast a kindly eye in her direction and hoped they could get Blackie down safely. Mrs. Devoy and her afternoon tea friends were standing in her garden watching the proceedings and Mrs. Devoy was heard stating that "It's disgraceful wasting public money trying to rescue a cat. What is the world come too? The Garda and the fire officers should be attending to their designated duties. That cat is a nuisance, it ..."

"I agree, Deirdre. It is urinating in my rose bed and the smell of a tomcat's urine ..?"

"Oh, dear, it makes me sick to think of my beautiful flowers wilting under the assault".

Fire officer, Jack Kelly climbed the tree and with some difficulty managed to get close to the now nervous cat but Jack had good strong gloves on and he managed to push the cat off the branch and down into the large 'break fall' equipment being held by four of his fellow firemen. Just as Jack started to descend, the sun peeped out from behind the cloud cover and something in the nearby nest sparkled. Naturally Jack was intrigued, he had not bothered inspecting the nest as it was in an awkward position but now things were different as down below he saw a photographer and a journalist from the local newspaper. Hmm. When Jack got within reach of the nest, he saw that it held a few small eggs plus a number of shiny items, one an interesting looking ring. It must be a jackdaws' nest.

Jack was about to throw the nest down when he realised that it would be better to throw the jewellery down and leave the nest alone. It took him a little longer to do this but he hoped it would give the photographer time to get a shot of a caring fire officer helping the local community and being kind to animals. And he was right, there was a good photograph of him up the tree and another with a beaming Miss Farrell holding Blackie in her arms and Garda Murphy and himself holding the jewellery in their hands in the next edition of the local newspaper. The higher-ups in the police station and the fire department were pleased with the publicity as it was of the right kind.

"That was a good afternoon's work, Garda Murphy, well done".

Sergeant O'Sullivan wouldn't say it in front of his men but they knew what he was thinking as he closed his office door. Mrs. Devoy had got her ring back but lost face in the neighbourhood much to the relief of not only Miss Farrell. Many considered it a most entertaining as well as a good afternoon's work and gave Blackie due credit for his part in Neighbourhood Watch.

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





## When the Bloom is on the Rye by Vincent Caprani

One of the happiest and most abiding memories of my seven-year apprenticeship was the weekly printing of the CIE Rail Timetable. I didn't do the make-ready or the actual printing, so to

speak. No, the real work was done by the wonderful old gentleman, Harry Jack, but as he cycled home every day for his midday meal, and such was the urgency of the timetable, that his machine - a hand-fed Pony Miehle - had to be kept running throughout the Thursday lunch hour. Luckily I got the job of running or "minding", the machine for that period.

And it was a "dawdle". Mr. Jack saw to it that the ink-duct was accurately set and always full. All I had to do was stir the ink with a palate knife ever 15 minutes or so, and periodically heave a ream of paper up onto the feed-board for the female hand-feeder and then remove the printed sheets from the delivery box just as often.

So, there was plenty of time to peruse Mr. Jack's newspaper or to do the crossword. And one of the other bonuses of those lunch-hour workings was that I could choose either an hour's overtime or take time off in lieu. I opted for the latter, finishing at 4 pm rather than 5.30 pm - marvellous for swimming in summertime, or visiting libraries or the cinema in the winter. But, as I soon discovered, the real bonus was in getting to know, and becoming friends with the machine hand-feeder, Miss Jane Bell. We were a most unlikely duo of workmates - a callow, rather cheeky 17 year old apprentice and a sweet and gentle lady in her mid-70s, who, in those days, would have been referred to as an "elderly spinster". But, in the words of the Gilbertian character, "there were the remains of a fine woman" about Miss Jane; and it was evident that she must have been quite beautiful in her younger days.

This factory-floor friendship began with my accidental discovery of an old Victorian or Edwardian picture pasted onto the underside of the hinged feed-board. It was stuck there incongruously amidst the usual list of "print paper sizes", metric conversions, proof-readers marks, pages imposition, diagrams etc. The postcard showed a tombstone with the name "Thora" inscribed on its surface. Before the gravestone stood a young man in a tragic, melodramatic pose and, above his head, his heartbroken utterance in a balloon caption - "Speak ... speak to me Thora".

"Here, what's all this about?" I mused aloud, not realising that Miss Jane was standing just behind me. "He loved her in life too little, he loved her in death too well" Miss Jane said, and then, in the same wistful tone further explained: "It's a very old song. A beautiful song...." "Do you know it Miss Jane? Can you sing it?" She could, and she did. Despite her years Miss Jane still had a lovely sweet voice and I was enthralled both by her singing and the lyrics of the old ballad. In the coming months I was to discover to my great delight that she had a vast repertoire of old Victorian drawing-room ballads - *Marguerite, Come into the Garden, Maude*, the songs of Robbie Burns, and airs from operettas such a *Mauritania, The Lily of Killarney, The Bohemian Girl* etc. She readily sang them, and I was a rapt listener. Over the next year or so those lunch-hour work

sessions became splendid mini-concerts and a never-to-be-forgotten musical education. Whenever I came across an old song-title in my readings, or caught a snatch of some such melody on the radio or at the cinema I had it jotted down and ready for next Thursday. "Jane, I've a new one! I hope you know it."

She did, invariably. And, because she loved to sing, would duly oblige. That is until one such lunch-hour when I broached my newest discovery: "Jane, I came across this song-title in a library book - *When the Bloom is on the Rye* - do you know it?" Unusual for her, Jane was non-committal. I had the impression that she was perhaps familiar with the melody but didn't know the words. At any rate she dodged the issue and reverted to one of the other favourites - *Ben Bolt*, I think and sung it instead. Very occasionally over the next few months I would tease Jane about not knowing the words of *When the Bloom is on the Rye*. She always took it in good part, but for whatever reason, she still declined to sing it.

Alas, all good things come to an end. One day Harry Jack quietly informed us that, due to some alteration in work schedules, or a change in the deadline for the CIE Rail Timetable, management had decided that there was no longer any necessity for the lunch-hour working after the end of the month. A pity ...

For our last afternoon together I splurged out and bought a little box of chocolates for Jane, and proffered to her with a still-teasing remark: "You still never sang me that song about *When the Bloom is on the Rye*. Go on Jane, give us a bar or two...."

She was silent for a moment, and then in a small hesitant voice said: "I'll try...." As I stirred the ink in the duct I heard for the first time one of the most beautiful old romantic ballads.

*"Then pretty Jane, my dearest Jane  
Ah never look so shy,  
But meet me in the evening  
When the bloom is in the rye...  
But name the day, the wedding day  
And I will buy the ring...."*



On those last words Jane's voice broke. She stopped singing. When I looked up I saw she was sobbing. Without a word she stepped down from the machine and hurried to the Ladies Room. When she returned some 10 minutes later she was quite composed, but she didn't resume the song. And thank God I had the dawning gumption not to press her..... And then suddenly the "Five to Two" hooter sounded and the rest of our workmates were trooping back into the factory. Everything back to normal... With work changes Jane and I were soon moved into different departments and factory areas, but we always had many opportunities for little hand-waves across the vast factory floor in the following months. And it was in my new work area that I accidentally learnt from another old dear that my pal Jane, as a young girl, had once been engaged to a handsome young man who had joined the Dublin Fusiliers after the outbreak of the 1914 war and who was killed in Flanders.

Had he sung those words to Miss Jane? I feel certain that he had ... *"But name the day, the wedding day  
And I will buy the ring...."*

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



## VTP – THE VOLUNTARY TUITION PROGRAMME:

The Voluntary Tuition Programme (VTP) is a 50:50 partnership between St. Andrew's Resource Centre and Trinity College students. VTP was set up just under 30 years ago when parents in the local community around Pearse street were frustrated by the lack of progression of their kids onto third level, so they came into Trinity and asked could students start giving grinds to their kids.

VTP effectively began with one tutor and one student in 1986 and has since grown to this year 256 students in the local community receiving one-on-one, weekly tuition from Trinity Students

Various weekly Activities clubs are held and are available to any child who participates in grinds with VTP

For Primary school, there is an Art Club, followed by the Drama club from, as well as a Sports club on Fridays. Last year saw the introduction of an additional Irish Club for the Primary kids offered by volunteers from the Irish Society in Trinity: An Cumann Gaeltacht, all passionate, confident Irish speakers.

This year a Debate Club has been offered to VTP's Secondary grinds students by volunteers from Trinity's highly acclaimed society: The Phil, the oldest college society in the world, where their workshops teach the students public speaking skills and also helps improve their critical thinking, that helps with all writing subjects. After Christmas, there will be once again on offer the Language Oral Club to Junior Cert and Leaving Cert exam students so that they can get additional practice the oral aspect of their state exam.

*"[I] volunteered with VTP as a secondary school tutor last year. I found the experience a little daunting to be honest and felt a lot of responsibility to do the best job I possibly could to help my student improve and perform and have since learned that my student from last year gained entry into Trinity through the TAP programme and feel a great sense of pride for her and am happy to think my help and advice may have helped her earn that place".*

### 2014/15 PARTICIPATION NUMBERS:

The numbers are great this year of both Trinity Students and grinds participants

With 86 Primary School Children attending weekly, 10 Children with Special needs and 160 Secondary school children.

### ESSAY COMPETITION:

2014 began with an essay competition for Secondary School grinds participants and Dara Power's (6th Year, Sion Hill) essay entitled "Breaking Free" was chosen as the winning entry and it was published in Trinity College's newspaper "The University Times".

### CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION:

The VTP Committee held the inaugural Christmas Card Art Competition for the Primary Level and Special Needs Children at the end of 2013. We are happy to announce that we will be running this competition again this year. Christmas cards



will be on sale locally through the grinds and in Trinity College for Christmas 2014 during the month of December as a Fundraising Event.

### 2013 Christmas Cards

Entries are already flying in for the Christmas Cards Art competition 2014 and the competition is already looking fierce.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/VTP-Voluntary-Tuition-Programme/192578009828>

## FRESHERS' WEEK 2014:

This is a week before the lectures begin in college each year where all of the Trinity Clubs and Societies recruit new members for the academic year. This year's Fresher week was very successful for VTP. The Committee members were out in force recruiting potential new tutors with stickers, lollipops, apples and membership cards at hand,



**VTP 2014/15 Committee Members - Kate Cox, Tara O'Broin, Libby Grennan and Aisling Kelleher**

## CSC SOCIETY OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2013/14:

Last year was VTP's first year to be recognised as an official Trinity College Society and were nominated for 3 awards at the end of 2013/14 year

Best New society

Best Individual - Gareth Walsh

Best Fresher - Kate Cox

## VTPOETRY:

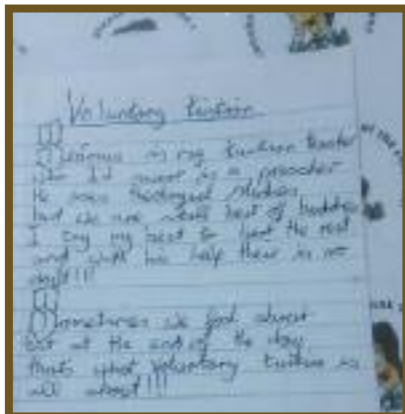
### "Voluntary Tuition"

Seamus is my tuition teacher who I'd swear is a preacher

He does theological studies but we are still the best of buddies, I try my best to beat the rest and with his help there is no doubt.

Sometime we fool about, but at the end of the day

That's what Voluntary Tuition is all about!



## MATCHING WEBSITE:

Former VTP grinds recipient, from his school days in Marian College, and recent Trinity Computer Science and Business graduate, Stephen Bannable, reached out offered to create VTP a website to use to efficiently match tutors and students, as part of his final year project for university.

In previous years, when matching, we'd be going through hundreds of sheets of application forms, for both tutors and kids, to find a tutor who was capable to teach the kid's preferred subjects, and for a time slot that would suit both etc. This involved weeks of work at the start of the year, which delayed the start date for tuition, and generally was very time-consuming for the students who volunteer on the committee.

Thanks to Stephen and his new, innovative website, matching tutors and kids has become a much more efficient and much quicker process. Stephen's nuanced and sophisticated system is a fantastic resource for the programme, allowing us to take on more children and get the tuition started earlier than ever. The impact the new website will have on the programme cannot be understated, it will revolutionise VTP!

## ART CLUB PROJECT 2014:



## VTP SOCIETY STICKERS:





# Dublin in the Rare Ould Times

by Lyrics Murphy

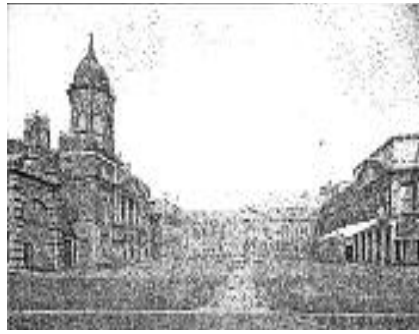
Dublin, in 1911, was a mass of contradictions. A second city of the British Empire, Dublin was also the first city of nationalist Ireland and, within its boundaries, the divisions of class and culture were extraordinary. This was a city of genuine diversity, its many complexities defying easy explanations. Rich and poor, immigrant and native, nationalist and unionist, Catholic, Protestant, Jew and Quaker, and so many more, were all bound together in the life of the city.

In 1911 Dublin was moving into a decade of remarkable change; little would remain untouched,



**Gurra Murphy – a Ringsend Legend.**

First, the 1913 Lockout redefined the nature of commerce and class relations in the city. The 1916 Rising, followed by the 1919-21 War of Independence and the ensuing civil war, turned politics and government on its head. Not all change was driven by local events. World War One saw many thousands of Dubliners fight in the trenches of Gallipoli, Flanders and the



Somme. Many never came home. Those who did were often radically transformed, partly by the war and partly by what had happened at home while they were away. Dublin Castle was the focal point of British rule in Ireland.

And yet, in 1911, the notion of national independence seemed a distant illusion beside the reality of

British rule. At the heart of the city stood the huge stone fort of Dublin Castle, constructed following a 1204 decision of King John, and the focal point of British rule in Ireland. Ireland had lost its parliament through the Act of Union in 1800 and all political power in Ireland flowed through the gates of the castle. In 1911 the Castle was presided over by the Lord Lieutenant, the Earl of Aberdeen, and run by the Chief Secretary, Augustine Birrell. The great administrative importance of the Castle and the government offices which stood in the most prestigious streets of the city defined the colonial nature of Dublin's existence.

The iconic streets of Bloomsday (16 June 1904, the date on which James Joyce set *Ulysees* and Leopold Bloom's epic tour of Dublin) were already being lost. The city was changing as the suburbs grew in scale and importance. Nothing transformed the physical appearance of Dublin as profoundly as the evolution in transport. Trams, horses and bicycles still dominated transport in Dublin but the private motor car was growing in importance.

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



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# Christmas Message from the Dublin Docklands Development Authority and Dublin City Council

The Dublin Docklands Development Authority and Dublin City Council would like to express their sincere appreciation to the Docklands Community Council, government officials, business sector and local community for their continued involvement and commitment to the regeneration of the Docklands area.

This year has seen the establishment of a Dublin City Council office in the Docklands with part of the area designated as a Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).

2015 will see the formal dissolution of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority and the transition of the responsibility for the continued regeneration of the Docklands Area to Dublin City Council. The City Council will continue its commitment to the promotion of Community Interest, Enterprise, Innovation, Investment and Regeneration of the Docklands area.

We look forward to building on existing good relations and creating new friendships in our quest to ensure the continued regeneration of the Docklands area. We would like to wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the 2015.



**DUBLIN DOCKLANDS**  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY





# PERSONAL SAFETY (Security for the older person)

Believe it or not – older people are less often the victims of crime than many of their younger neighbours. Older persons are, however, subjected to burglary and thefts as frequently as the rest of us.

emergency services can find you quickly when necessary.

## Home Security

- Fit a door view/chain or limiter. This will allow you to see who is outside or open door partly.
- Front and rear doors should be kept locked day and night. Windows should also be locked.
- Keep a list of emergency numbers, such as Gardaí, family, doctors and neighbours.
- Number your house clearly so Gardaí and

## Distraction Burglary

Unfortunately, older persons are frequently targeted for this crime. *Take precautions:*

- Do not open door to anyone before you have checked who they are.
- Check identification.
- Do not leave strangers unattended at your door step.
- Ensure your back door is locked when you answer the door.

# HOME SECURITY

Burglars like easy opportunities. If they have to make a lot of noise, spend a lot of time or risk being seen, the chances are they won't bother. A good rule of thumb is the 3 minute delay test. If you can deny entry for 3 minutes or more – the chances are the burglars will go elsewhere.

Most intruders entering your property will either enter through a door or a window. It is not uncommon for people to leave doors and windows open, unlocked or not properly secured.

Whether an intruder will gain access to your home through an external doors/windows may depend on:

- the strength of the construction material;
- the quality of the locks;
- proper fitting and installation.

We can reduce their attraction as an entry point for the burglar by trying to minimise these risk features.

The following security measures may help to deter the burglar:

- Don't advertise your absence, inform a trusted neighbour when you will be away for long periods to watch the house and collect post.
- Always check the identity of repairmen etc. calling to the house.
- If you have overgrown shrubbery/trees blocking view of house – cut them back.
- Never leave access keys under mats, plant pots or dustbins – they will be found.
- Do not keep large amount of cash in your home. Store all valuable items in a safe.
- Ensure garden shed is securely locked as they are a common source of implements for the burglar.

## Shelbourne Park Residents Association LTD – News Burglaries and attempted Break-ins in the Shelbourne Park and South Lotts Road Area

Recently there have been a number of break-ins/burglaries in the Shelbourne Park/South Lotts Road area. Please be aware and be vigilant! If you suspect any suspicious activity or individuals acting suspiciously in the area don't hesitate to contact Irishtown Gardaí at Tel: 666 9600. It is important the community keeps an eye out for each other and be good neighbours!

The Committee of Shelbourne Park Residents Association LTD would like to wish the Community a Very Happy Christmas & a Peaceful New Year.

Billy Ryan - Secretary

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Phone: 01 - 222 2243 Fax: 01 - 222 2499

E: [southeast@dublincity.ie](mailto:southeast@dublincity.ie)

**INFORMATION/SERVICES/CONTACTS**

If you need assistance regarding any of the numbers below please contact:  
St Andrew's Welfare Rights & Information Service at **01 677 1930**

Health Service Executive Customer Service <b>Freephone: 1800 520 520</b>	<b>Dublin City Council:</b> <b>Phone: 01-2222222</b>
Health Board Executive Dublin South City <b>Phone: 01-6486500</b>	Rent Assessment & Accounts: <b>Freephone: 1800 679 555</b>
Medical/Chiropody/Dental/ Optical Social Work Services Speech & Language Therapy District Care Unit for the Elderly European Health Insurance Card/E.H.I.C. Other Services available: contact above: Health Service Executive: Out of Hours Emergency Accommodation For Adults: <b>Freephone: 1800 724 724</b>	Housing Maintenance <b>Free Phone: 1800 200 668</b> <b>Phone: 01-2227579</b>
Medical Cards – Finglas: <b>Phone: 01-8343644</b>	Estate Management <b>Phone: 01-2222098</b>
Ringsend & Irishtown Primary Care Centre <b>Phone: 01-6608629 / 01 - 2320600</b>	Bin Charges (Domestic) <b>Phone: 01-2221000</b>
Dr. Niall O’Cleirigh / Dr. Gilroy Pearse Street Primary Care Centre Mark’s Lane Off Lombard Street Dublin 2 <b>Phone: 01-6427700</b>	Community Development <b>Phone: 01-2222231</b>
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<b>Family Mediation Services:</b> (Free Service) to couples separating <b>Phone: 01-6344320</b>	<b>Financial Services Ombudsman:</b> <b>Lo-Call: 1890 882 090</b>
<b>AIM Family Service:</b> <b>Phone: 01-6708363</b>	<b>The Pathways Project:</b> Helping Prisoners & Ex Prisoners Re – educate and re – integrate <b>Phone: 01-8726499</b>
<b>The Equality Authority:</b> <b>Lo-Call: 1890 245 545</b>	<b>Bereavement Counselling Service:</b> <b>Phone: 01-6768882</b>
<b>Public Information Centre:</b> <b>Phone: 01-4173333</b>	St. Ann’s Church <b>Phone: 01-8391766</b> (Mon & Wed evenings from 6pm to 9pm, ring for appointment)
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<b>CHILDLINE c/o ISPCC:</b> <b>Freephone: 1800 666 666</b>	<b>City of Dublin Youth Service Board:</b> <b>Phone: 01-4321100</b>
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<b>Barnardos:</b> National Children’s Resource Centre <b>Phone: 01-4549699</b>	<b>M.A.B.S.</b> Money Advice & Budgeting Service <b>Phone: 076 1072520</b>
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Kavanagh, Joe Delaney R.I.P.,  
T. O'Brien,*

*Front row: (from left) Noel  
Smith, Terry Dunne, E. Murphy,  
Pat Smith, Brian Gleeson.*

*Shane and Staff wish their  
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a very Happy Christmas and a  
Peaceful New Year.*

# MEMORIES by Ronnie Ebbs



*At the Community Parade, 1977.*



*Celebrating another great win, 1975.*



*Parents Tug-of-War, Trinity College, 1977.*



*J. Ebbs, 1977.*



*Brussels, 1977.*



*Santry Stadium*



*Paul Doyle (Speedy) and Adrian Daly, going to Community Parade, 1978.*



*Training in Merrion Square, 1976.*



*Westland Row and City Quay Team at Dunboyne.*



*Winners OK at Dunboyne, 800m, Keith Boland and Keith Carpenter.*



*Winners against East Wall in Fairview Park, 1975.*

# MEMORIES



*Cattle Great Denmark Street, early 1960's.*



*Dealers at the Pillar.*



*Sir John Rogerson's Quay.*



*Pickaroon Dublin Docks, 1970's Forbes Street.*



**COMMUNION CLASS - 1951**

*Back L to R: Brian Smithers (Fenian Street); ?;?;?;  
John Murray (South Lotts Road) – extreme right  
Front L to R: Christy Keneavey? (Boyne Street);  
Noel Pepper? South Cumberland Street; ?; ? Stokes; ?*

*If you know any of the names in the picture or the school's name please contact the New Link Magazine.*



**BRÚ PÁDRAIGH CAMP AT BALBRIGGAN BEACH - 1954**  
*Willie McKay; Joe Betts (R.I.P.); George McDermott (Leader); Christy (Hardy) Grey; Noel O'Neill; Peter Clarke; Joe Pepper; Tommy Young; Jimmy Purdy (Leader); Tony Byrne; Sean Higgins; "Gus" Berigan; Anthony Cummins; Brendan Shelly (R.I.P.) – (Leader)*

# TRIBUTES / LOVING MEMORY



## THE CUMMINS FAMILY

We would like to express how grateful we all are for the support shown to us by everyone at the sad passing of Ross, our much loved son and brother. To everyone from Ringsend, Irishtown and Pearse Street. To Betty Purdy, Alan and Gavin Boland who looked after him at the end we Thank You to much and are grateful he was with

people who cared for him. To all our family, friends and neighbours for their help and support they were of great help to us. To Niamh, his girlfriend, he will always be with you and we will be for you always. To all our neighbours and friends who fed us when we were not capable of feeding ourselves. All of Ross's friends, you have been a great help to us, we are happy he was friends with such great lads. To Philip Ward and the staff at JP Ward Funeral Directors for taking such care of him on his final journey, thanks to all of you. Thanks to the amazing crowd that were present at his funeral memorial night and Run For Ross, you are all amazing. To Pierce, Tomo, Dylan, Chris and Sharon for all your help with music and to all the DJs who played in Clanna Gael. To Shay Connelly and all the staff at Clanna Gael. Thanks for all your help. To all the staff who worked and knew Ross in Tesco, Merrion. Thank You all. Special thanks to the night staff, he not only worked with you, he was proud to have known you all as great friends. On behalf of myself, Jackie Cummins. Thanks to all the staff of St. Andrews for all your support and kindness, you are all amazing. Anyone who knew Ross will know he was the loudest in the room, first into the photo and very much the life of a party, he lived for travel and music and enjoyed life to the fullest. He will be missed by a lot of people, but he is partying with all our loved ones who have gone before us. We will all be together someday, so while we are waiting to join them, let's all remember Ross and all our Family Members and Friends who are together now. Once again to everyone who knows us Thank You so much for your support, it has sincerely helped. Ross loved quotes so I will end with this for him.

***"Everybody does but not everybody really lives."***

***"The music is ended but the melody lingers on."***

And in Ross's words: **ENJOY IT!!!!!!**

**The Cummins Family**



## Missing You Frances Byrne (nee Ryan) – Ma

I dreamed last night you held my hand  
But woke and you weren't there  
And as teardrops filled my eyes  
Your presence filled the air  
I tried again to reach you but you were far away  
So I began to cry again waiting for the day when I see you once again

I'll know just what to do  
I'll gently take you by the hand  
To make my dream come true  
**Love Francesca and David**

When you look into your mother's face,  
You are looking at the purest love you will ever know  
Love and miss you Mam  
**Christian, John, Mark and Alexes**

A smile can hide a tear  
A laugh can hide the pain  
But nothing stops the longing of our sisters again  
**Love and miss you Wendy**  
**From your Brothers and Sisters In Laws**

Thank you for the gift of love  
Now you're sharing it up above  
We love and miss you Nanso  
**David, Paul Warro and Jenny Courtney**  
**John Paul, Dillo, Dean, Maddison and Cameron**

We hear your name and we know you loved us  
**Sophie and Jack – Great Grandchildren**



**Anthony O'Brien**



**George Humphries**



**John Hawkins**



**Emily Hawkins**

# TRIBUTES / LOVING MEMORY



**BIRMINGHAM, Ann (Nancy)-**  
Fifth Anniversary  
Doley, May, Linda, Cora  
and Family.



**O'REILLY Brendan (YOGI)**  
Third Anniversary.

In loving memory of my dear  
Husband Brendan

Ever loving June



**VIVIENNE MARY  
PATRICIA HUGHES**  
(nee McDermott)  
20th April 1964 –  
13th October 2014

**IF FLOWERS GROW  
IN HEAVEN**

If flowers grow in  
Heaven Lord,

Then pick a bunch for me,  
Then place them in my Mother's arms,  
And tell her they're from me,  
Tell her that I love and miss her,  
And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek,  
And hold her for a while.

Always loved and never forgotten, Da and Family



**Elizabeth Bray second  
anniversary of a loving  
Mother, Sister, Wife  
and Grandmother.**  
Her loving husband  
Paddy, children and  
grandchildren.



In loving memory of my  
beloved mam Kathleen  
(Kay) Howard.  
Still heartbroken Mam,  
still missing you every day!  
From your loving daughter  
Marian

2nd Christmas away from  
home.

Also remembering my dear dad Harry. Gone but not  
forgotten.



**ABBIE ROSE KEMPLE**

**10th Anniversary – 2000-2014  
In Loving Memory of Abbie.**

**THE SNOWWHITE ANGEL**

Hurry now sweet Abbie don't want to be  
late,

So many want to welcome you,  
Just behind the gate.

Say goodbye to Mam and Dad,  
If only for a while.

Already they're so proud of you,  
Just look at both of them smile.

Hold my hand as we go through,  
Your journey continues with something new,  
You've given us so many joys,  
And helped so many girls and boys.  
Look there's some white rabbits playing in a field,  
You go run and play with them,  
You'll love how they feel.

Hey Abbie here's a pony, his name is Mr. Ed,  
He can talk to me you know,  
Shall I tell you what he said,  
He asked if he could come with us,  
To where we have to go,  
So you could ride upon his back,  
Whenever we have snow.

So many to protect you,  
To keep you warm and safe,  
We are all so happy,  
To see your smiling face.  
Ah here's that little cottage,  
The one you've always loved,  
We'll stop and have a rest here,  
And listen to the birds.

Oh look a beautiful rainbow,  
In a sky of blue,  
We've put all these colours together,  
Especially for you.  
You love the smell of flowers,  
Dancing in the breeze,  
Tomorrow we can pick some,  
And laugh when they make you sneeze.

Time to sleep little princess,  
And dream of fairytale friends,  
Stories for you to tell, full of  
joy and laughter,  
For you my little Angel,  
It's happy ever after.

God Bless Darling Abbie Rose  
MaryLou xxxxx



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



**NUALA REILLY**

**Third Anniversary.**  
In Loving Memory of my Mum,  
Nuala, who died on the 29th April  
2011.

Also remembering my Dad Pearse  
and brother James, relatives and  
friends. R.I.P.

Your loving daughter Linda and son-in-law Dermot.



# TRIBUTES / LOVING MEMORY



5th Anniversary  
In Loving Memory of  
**ARTHUR O'BRIEN**

Always Loved.



**McDERMOTT**  
2nd Anniversary  
In Loving Memory of  
our father Cormac, who  
died 27th November  
2012  
also



Remembering our devoted  
mother Alice, who died 2nd  
November 2007 - 7th  
Anniversary.



**Remembering -  
ANTHONY (Flyer)  
FLOOD**

**Third Birthday away  
from Home**

**Love from all your  
Family.**



**NOEL PATRICK  
FARRELL**

- Seventh anniversary.  
In loving memory of Noel  
Wife Bridget. sons,  
daughter-in-law and  
grandchildren.



**ALICE &  
MICHAEL  
KEATING**

Alice died  
March 1968 and  
Michael died  
Nov. 1962  
In Loving

Memory of our dear Parents from  
Rita, Joan, Bridgid, Pauleen, grandchildren and  
family.

Da, Ma you both are missed,  
By your ever-loving family,  
You are always in our thoughts,  
And you will never be forgotten.



**PHILIP "Philly"  
MURPHY**

2nd Anniversary. Wife  
Kathleen, sons,  
daughters, grandchildren  
and great grandchildren,



**12th Anniversary & 82nd  
Birthday  
Ellen Harrison. Also  
remembering Paddy (Ellen's  
Husband).**

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



**Also remembering our Dad  
Paddy, on his 6th Anniversary  
this year 2014, who died on the  
2nd July 2008.**



**Also a special remembrance of  
my Mother-In-Law,  
PATRICIA GILLIGAN (nee  
Rankin) who died 3rd  
February 2014.**

**Pat was one of a kind. May  
She Rest in Peace.  
Your Life was a blessing,  
Your Memory a treasure,  
You are Loved beyond  
words,**

And missed beyond measure.

**R.I.P. - Harro, Sandra and Sean Patrick**



**PADDY KELLEHER**

**3rd Birthday Away from Home**

**Sadly missed by your loving family.**



**DENIS "DINNY"  
TOMKINS**  
**Always Remembered and  
Loved**

**Tomkins Family**



**JAMES (JESSIE) BOLGER**  
 1a Boyne Street, Dublin 2  
 who died 12th July 2014 aged  
 69 years.  
**REST IN PEACE**

We hold you close within our  
 hearts,  
 And there you shall remain,

To walk with us throughout our lives,  
 Until we meet again.

O Sweet Jesus for the sake of Thy Bitter Passion  
 and the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, have  
 mercy on his soul, and let the light of Thy  
 Countenance shine upon him. Amen.



**ESTHER HEAPES**

Esther Heapes (nee Mullen)  
 was born in Ringsend in 1932  
 and lived in St. Patrick's Villas  
 until she married Simon in  
 1954. She moved to Leo  
 Fitzgerald House where she  
 raised 6 children until she got  
 her new house in Kerlogue in

Ringsend in 1981. She volunteered with Pearse  
 Credit Union, danced in the ballroom of romance,  
 swam in Sportsco and won regularly at bingo in  
 the CY. Esther loved life in Ringsend among her  
 extended family. She gave everything to her 6  
 children, 19 grand children and 16 great grand  
 children.

Esther died after a long illness borne with great  
 dignity in the Royal Hospital, Donnybrook and St.  
 Vincent's in Elm Park.

Granny Esther is greatly missed.



**MICHELLE HEVEY-HORAN**

**Remembering our beautiful  
 Michelle on her first  
 Christmas away from home  
 and her first anniversary on  
 January 16th 2015.**

*Our thoughts are ever with you  
 Though you have passed away*

*And those who have loved you dearly  
 Are thinking of you today  
 Because in life she was saintly  
 Because in her heart she was pure  
 Her reward – we are sure is heaven  
 And our grief we must try to endure.*

Sleep well our precious Angel  
 Lovingly remembered by her husband Keith and  
 children. Her Mam and Dad, Sisters and  
 Brothers and extended family.



**In Remembrance of Ma and Da**

**A Tribute**

**2nd Anniversary:** Johanna (Josie)  
 Ryan R.I.P. neé Comerford, late of  
 Penrose Street, Ringsend in Dublin  
 and formally of Castlequarter,  
 Clohamon Co. Wexford

*“When I think of Strahert, The Hand Hill,  
 Castlequarter Hill, The Crosses, Kilrush Church and  
 Kenny’s Lane and the blessed well there, I will  
 always think of you Ma.*

*In my mind’s eye I see you walking to school in  
 Kilmysal in your bare feet nicking turnips from  
 Masterson’s field with your friends.*

*Tombrack, Castledockerel, Ballyprekus, Gurteen the  
 Forge, etc etc.*

*Clohamon town I know so well  
 It’s got neither church nor steeple.*

*How many miles to Ross sir,  
 Four score and ten sir.*

*Goodbye for now Ma, till we meet again in heaven”*

**34th Anniversary:** Also  
 remembering our lovely Da,  
 Bill Ryan, who died on  
 October 10th 1980. Late of  
 Penrose Street in Dublin and  
 formally of Goold’s Cross Co  
 Tipperary. Rest in Peace Da till  
 we meet again in Heaven.



*“Christ has died; Christ is  
 risen; Christ will come again”*

**14th Anniversary:** Also remembering little Baby  
 Thomas who died in December 1990. Always  
 remembered and sadly missed by us All.

From your loving children Billy, Eileen, Kevin,  
 Bernie, Geraldine, Joan, Shay, Ann, Breda,  
 grandchildren and extended family.



*Andrew McNevin’s  
 fourth anniversary*

*Mother Lily McNevin’s  
 third anniversary*

*Always remembered  
 by Family and Friends*

# Sir Patrick Dunn's Christmas Picture Special



Indeed 2013 was an excellent time in Cairde Phadraig, Clonskeagh, as the pictures show Eileen Kilkenny and team had a great time with Rostrevor / Greenore Choir. Roll on this year!!!



# Markievicz Revisited

by Gordon Daly



*Billy, Carol, Gordon and Lorraine.*

In late July this year I travelled up from my native County Clare to St. Andrew's Resource Centre to meet Paddy McGauley. I had last been in St. Andrew's in 1993. Back then as a 19 year old environmental planning student from the Dublin Institute of Technology I had visited the Centre as part of a housing studies project. I also took some photographs at that time mainly around Markievicz House in addition to the Grand Canal Docks area which was on the cusp of change. Although it didn't seem that long I hadn't been back to the area in the 20 plus years since.

Paddy had sounded very enthusiastic on the phone about helping me retrace my steps and particularly to see could the kids in the photographs I had taken be identified. They would all be adults now ranging from early to late 20s. We both agreed it would be nice to reunite them with the photographs taken all those years ago. On a beautiful July morning it was good to see that St Andrew's was the same hub of activity as it was when I was last there. Paddy roped in Lorraine and Carol who work in the Centre and before long to my delight they had begun to identify many of the kids in the photos. I should not have been surprised as my memories of Markievicz were of a tight knit community where everyone knew everyone. I arranged with Paddy to return in September when we would try and meet some of the people in the photos or their parents.



*Gasworks Chimney 1994.*



*Gasworks Chimney 2014.*

Over chats with Paddy, Bill Taylor, Paul Graham and Gerry Browne I also learned more about the history of the area. I then headed

off to take some photographs of the Docklands. So much had changed in the intervening 20 years. Billy Ryan offered to be my guide and without Billy (operating largely on one foot that day!) I would have struggled to find many of the positions from which I had taken my photographs as a young student. Thanks Billy. The most striking was finding the chimney in the gasworks was still there but surrounded now by gleaming office blocks.



I returned in September and Paddy was good to his word and took me on a walk about but not before roping in Lorraine and Carol again along with Eddie Fitzpatrick to help finalise the identity of those in the photos. Of course as we made our way about Paddy knew everyone we met and vice versa. All were promised that the Link would be out by Christmas! We managed to reunite many of the photographs but with some still to do. The highlight of my day was getting a big hug from 3 year old Brook who was so excited to get a photograph of her Dad John Paul Whelan! Thank you to everyone I met for being so welcoming and helpful. I hope to visit again in January.



*Three year old Brook with a photo of her Dad John Paul Whelan taken in 1993.*

[gordondaly74@hotmail.com](mailto:gordondaly74@hotmail.com)





# YOSEIKAN/SHOSHINDO NEWS

This year, instructor Heather Downes has been very busy organising our new members. All are young – the best time to learn the art of Yoseikan! At the moment all our members are training well on the Nunchucks which consists of two sticks with a chain in the middle. A useful weapon to master! They are also training on the Bokken which is a wooden training sword.



Just to give you an idea, Heather has been working very hard with Jack Boland, preparing him for his Orange Belt. Thanks to all Heather and Jack's hard work Jack has been awarded his Orange Belt. Congratulations to both – they are a credit to the Club!

As we are nearing Christmas it is important for all parents of children of all ages to watch, listen and learn for signs of bullying as bullying is a big issue. Our Club's motto is: **"We Hate Bullies."**



*A special Thank You to Shane of The Windjammer for his support.*

*Heather and Jerry wish our members and the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.*

## Cllr. Frank Kennedy



Happy Christmas and every good wish for 2015 to everyone in **Pearse Street, Ringsend, Irishtown and Sandymount.**



Thank you for support in the local elections in May of this year. I was honoured to be elected and am deeply grateful for the opportunity to represent our community. I look forward to working with you and for you in the years ahead.

I would be delighted to hear from you, so please feel free to contact me at any time. My details are:

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### **CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS 2014:**

**Monday 15th to 19th December – Hours as normal**

**Monday 22nd December – 9.30am to 12pm,**

**Evenings 5 pm to 7 pm**

**Tuesday 23rd December – 9.30 am to 12pm**

**Closed from 24th December to**

**2nd January 2015**

- **LASER PAYMENTS**
- **STANDING ORDERS (PAYMENTS THROUGH ANY BANK)**

### **HOURS OF OPENING:**

**MONDAY: 9.30a.m. – 12.00 p.m. Evening: 5.00p.m. – 7.00p.m.**

**TUESDAY: 9.30a.m. – 12.00p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY: 9.30a.m. – 3.00p.m.**

**THURSDAY: 9.30a.m. – 1.00p.m.**

**FRIDAY: 5.00p.m. – 7.00p.m.**

*Last Cheque Collection – 30 minutes before closing.*

*During busy periods we are unable to process new member details  
at the counter.*

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

# NOTICE BOARD

## PEARSE STREET LIBRARY

The staff of Pearse Street Library wish all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

## RINGSEND LIBRARY

Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 4. TEL: 6880063

The staff of Ringsend Library wish all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

## St. Andrew's Bingo!!!

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## ST. ANDREW'S RESOURCE CENTRE WELFARE RIGHTS INFORMATION

**Tel: 677 1930 Extension 186**

**TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS –**  
9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. & 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

**CLOSED MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS**

Contact: **Christine Reynolds or Geraldine O'Brien**

## P.S. WRITERS GROUP

**St. Andrew's Resource Centre.**

**Ph: 6771930**

For further enquiries call to St. Andrews on Fridays  
*(Well Recommended)*

**Greenore Ladies Club wish the  
Community a very Happy Christmas  
and a  
Peaceful New Year.**

*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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# CHRISTMAS PICTURE SPECIAL – No. 2



*The main man, Tony Ennis.*



*Baby and Eddie.*



*Peter Uzell (Uncle)*



*Keith Coughlan, Susie and baby Lily.*



*Josh Coughlan and Robbie Byrne, from Pearse Street, serving in the Lebanon.*



*Billy at Bank of Ireland.*



*Bernie with son Mark and Grandchildren.*



*Auntie Rita Leavey from Boston with her family and relations.*

# FAMILY SUPPORT

## EAT WALK AND TALK YOUR WAY TO BETTER HEALTH PROGRAMME

We at St. Andrews are committed to helping you to improve your health and wellbeing to this end we are running another Healthy Food Made Easy programme. This is educational, fun and stimulating. It works through the food groups suggesting foods from each and cooking a meal using or reducing the relevant food group. Following on from this join us every Friday Morning at 9.30am for a walk around the area; for a chat and some gentle exercise at your pace.

### MIND YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



In these days of pressure and stress we need to protect ourselves and Mind our Mental Health. The Health Promotion Unit in the HSE recommend the following: St. Andrew's offer the opportunity to do each of the recommended activities.

**Keeping Active** – being active every day, something as simple as a walk, is proven to have a positive impact on your mood. (Come join us for a walk on Friday morning).



**Talking about your problems** – problems feel smaller when they are shared with others, without having to be solved or fixed. Just talking about it will do you good. (There is always someone in St Andrews willing to listen).

**Looking out for others** – Lending an ear to someone else in trouble, or catching up with someone who seems distant, can change their day, or their lives. You don't have to fix it for them – just listening is a huge help. (Many opportunities to Volunteer in St. Andrew's

– particularly with Youth).

**Doing things with others** – Taking part in a group activity that you enjoy is proven to have a positive impact on how you feel, be it a game of football, joining a choir, volunteering. (Join a class).



**Eating healthily** – A regular healthy, balanced and nutritious diet will help both your physical, but also your mental health, and have a positive impact on how you feel. (Healthy food made easy programme).

**Staying in touch** – Catching up with friends and family is good for our mental health, reminding us that we're part of a community, and having a positive impact on how we feel. (Call in any day for a chat to St. Andrew's).

**Drinking less alcohol** – For the average Irish drinker, reducing alcohol will have a positive impact on their health and mental wellbeing, making it easier to cope with day to day difficulties and stresses.

**Sleeping well** – Getting a good night's sleep of 7 or 8 hours, as often as you can, will have a positive impact on how you feel. Protect your sleep if you can, it will do you good.



**Parenting Courses starting 22nd January 2015**  
– to put your name on the list please contact Dara

**For further Information on this or any other issue please contact Dara Terry,**  
Family Support, 01-6771930



# St. Andrew's celebrating JAMES JOYCE BLOOMSDAY



## POETRY by Ann Curran



**Ann Curran**

It costs nothing but creates much.  
It enriches those who receive it,  
without improvising those who  
give.

It happens in a flash, and the  
memory of it sometimes lasts  
forever.

None are so rich they can get along  
without it, and none so

Poor but are richer for its benefits.

It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in a  
business, and is the countersign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged

### THE NINE ELEVEN DISASTER

I remember the day very well.

It is something that stands out in one's memory.

It will always be remembered by people all over the world.

I was visiting my cousin in Palmerstown

She opened the door to greet me and looked shocked as she  
had just heard the news flash on TV. My visit was an evening of  
shock, disbelief and fear as if there was no tomorrow and time  
had just stood still.

I was so upset just looking at the twin towers collapsing.

The enormous ball of dust and everything blowing around.

Some people were jumping from windows, others running down  
stair cases as fast as they could.

I kept thinking how anyone could deliberately kill so many people

sunshine to the sad and nature's best antidote for trouble.  
Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it  
is something that is no earthly good to anyone until it is  
given away.

and if in the course of the day some of your friends should  
be too tired to give you a smile, why don't you give them  
one of yours?

For nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none  
to give!

### SMILE

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

and plan the whole set up and live with their conscience?

They must be very bitter in themselves.

People who were on that plane and knew they were going to die.

Some were making a last phone call to their loved ones.

They must have been terrified.

Those people who died were heroes and will always be  
remembered

Some have never been identified and lost for ever

As a lot were in as illegal citizens.

The poisonous fumes like asbestos, those who were caught up in  
it.

It is just all so horrible and to think it could have all been avoided.

The world is such a beautiful place so why does man want to  
destroy it

And what good has come out of all of this evil?



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*Cyril and Peggy Murtagh with friends.*



*Paul Agusta; Christopher Canavan; Paul Byrne; Michael Whelan*

*James and Superstar Conor Hamilton*



*Pearse Square Playgroup with Linda Browne.*



## **WALK OF HOPE - Ovarian Cancer**



Recently in Ajax, Canada our very own Siabh McCarthy organised this very important Walk in remembrance of her sister Brenda. In the picture above her mother Chrissie Griffin (maiden name) from Macken Street with her sons Denis and Sean, nephews and the Ambassador from Pearse Square James Ryan, just after completing this very unique and worthwhile cause.

As the picture shows the Lord Mayor of Ajax with a tee-shirt in recognition of the Irish and their contribution to society. We compliment Siabh and her family on representing our Community with distinction and love. Happy Christmas!!!



## CITY QUAY PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

<b>Monday</b> <b>December 22nd</b>	<b>Confessions</b> <b>at 6.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>December 24th</b>	<b>Christmas Eve:</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>at 6.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>December 25th</b>	<b>Christmas Day:</b> <b>Mass: 11.30 a.m.</b> <b>ONLY</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>December 27th</b>	<b>Mass at 6.00 p.m.</b> <b>ONLY</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>December 28th</b>	<b>Mass:</b> <b>11.30 a.m.</b> <b>&amp; 4.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Closed Monday December 29th</b> <b>– re-open Saturday 3rd January 2015</b> <b>at 6 p.m.</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>January 4th</b>	<b>Mass at</b> <b>11.30 a.m. &amp; 4.00 p.m.</b> <b>as normal</b>

*Fr. Pearse Walsh, Admin.,  
Sister Goretti and the  
Parish Team wishes the  
Community a  
very Happy  
and Holy  
Christmas  
and a Joyous New Year.*



## WESTLAND ROW PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

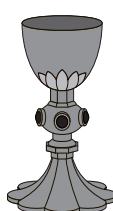
*May the peace and love of the infant Jesus find a home in your heart this Christmas and throughout 2015. You are invited to join with us in celebrating the birth of Jesus in our Parish.*

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

The following is the timetable for our Church Christmas Celebrations:

<b>Friday</b> <b>19th December</b>	<b>Mass: 10.00a.m.</b> <b>Penitential Service</b> <b>at 12.45 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday 22nd Dec.,</b> <b>Tuesday 23rd Dec.</b>	<b>Masses:</b> <b>10 a.m. &amp; 12.45p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>24th December</b>	<b>Christmas Eve:</b> <b>Mass: 10.00a.m.</b> <b>Christmas Carols: 8.30pm</b> <b>Christmas Mass: 9.00p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>25th December</b>	<b>Christmas Day:</b> <b>Masses: 10.00 a.m. &amp;</b> <b>11.30 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>26th December</b>	<b>Mass: 10.00 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>27th December</b>	<b>Masses:</b> <b>10.00a.m. &amp; 6.30 p.m. (Vigil)</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>28th December</b>	<b>Masses: 10.00 a.m. &amp;</b> <b>11.30 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday 29th</b> <b>December to</b> <b>Friday 2nd January 2015</b>	<b>Mass: 10.00 a.m.</b>

**Normal Weekday Mass Schedule from Monday 5th January 2015.**



**Parish Office will be closed**  
**from Tuesday 23rd**  
**December to**  
**Monday 5th January.**



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*John, Maureen and Staff would like to wish the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.*

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