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Saying Thank You and Farewell to Fr. John

Last September the community and the Resource Centre said goodbye to Fr. John Gilligan. John had served for nine years as Administrator of St Andrew's Parish, Westland Row and as a member of the Board of Management of the Resource Centre. Fr John moved on to become Parish Priest of the linked parishes of Rathcoole, Saggart and Newcastle.

Fr John has been a real friend to the parishioners and to the Resource Centre. His quiet and friendly style made him very approachable and his easy going manner encouraged people to share their concerns and worries with him. Many local families over the years had good reason to appreciate his care and support, especially in times of crisis or bereavement.

John quickly became part of the community and was proud of our traditions and spirit. He knew how much St Andrew's Church on Westland Row means to the community, even to those who are infrequent visitors. He led a major Programme of refurbishment and redecoration, which restored it to its glory. John encouraged concerts, lectures and other events in addition to the full range of liturgical services so that it would be at the heart of the life of the community.

As a member of the Board of the Centre, John was deeply committed to our work. He was always available to the team and encouraged them with the knowledge that he and the parish fully supported the work. John regularly praised the impact of the Centre in dealings with the Archdiocese and the various public authorities.

A large crowd gathered in the Centre to wish John every success and happiness in his new appointment. It was a typically light-hearted and celebratory affair. Yet there was no doubt that we were losing a good friend and an effective ally. On the same evening the Centre welcomed John's successor, Fr. Enda Cunningham, with whom John swapped duties in Rathcoole.

We wish John and Enda every success in their new roles. We thank John for his service and friendship, which will not be forgotten, and pray that his ministry will continue to bear fruit.

Check out our picture special on page 23.



A MEMORABLE YEAR OF CENTENARIES

It's hard to believe that we've notched up another year. It's been eventful around the world, with high points like the Olympic Games in Rio and Ireland beating the All Blacks in Chicago, and low points like the dreadful suffering in Syria and the earthquake in Italy. Closer to home, the Dubs won the All Ireland but the death toll on our roads climbed to tragic levels.

It was a memorable year too for the major celebrations of the centenary of the Easter Rising and of the Battle of the Somme. Local families were deeply involved in both. It was right that they should be commemorated locally. The special exhibition mounted by the Resource Centre on the local involvement in the events of 1916 was a great success, as was the booklet prepared by the Heritage Team and the reenactment of the Battle of Mount Street Bridge. The plaque on the Centre unveiled by SIPTU highlighted the important role played by the former National School in the establishment of Fianna Éireann. Major exhibitions by the Parish Heritage Group in the church and by CBS Westland Row highlighted the extent of the local connection to these historic events.

The year was memorable at a more personal level for many families in the community. Joyful occasions, like births and marriages, anniversaries and new jobs, had their sad counterpart in deaths and illness, departures and personal crises. So too for the Centre: the many successes and achievements were accompanied by setbacks and painful farewells.

Particular tribute is due to the late Eileen Ryan, who for twenty years had worked tirelessly to manage the finances of the Centre. As the Centre grew, Eileen developed the financial systems to ensure that our affairs were properly managed and that reports could be provided to funders. After giving so much to the community through the Centre, Eileen left the Centre two years ago to develop a new career in her own business. Sadly, she had little time to enjoy this. Her untimely death has deprived her son, Stephen, her family and many friends of a warm and loving person. Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam.

So we face another year, conscious that whatever it may bring, the care and solidarity of a caring community will sustain us, just as the Mercy of the Father that we have recalled this year encourages us to hope that the love of His son, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, will prevail in our lives and in the fulfilment of history.

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I Don't Know Much About Art Rhonda Hill

This year's ever successful *South Docks Festival* kindly invited me to create an event and naturally I thought of art and the part it plays within our community. The future of art should be about our lives and so what better way to highlight this than by providing a platform for our local artists to hold an exhibition. Who knows, why the future of museums could very well be inside our own homes!

After the initial thumbs up it was decided The Junction would become a pop up gallery. This is the perfect space to promote the individually of the artists through a temporary exhibition. An invitation was extended to Sueanne Moore, local artist, Leslie Anderson, RTE arts archivist and Tony Strickland, a well know independent art curator to attend and make recommendations. If an exhibition was to go ahead then it was important for us to acknowledge the participation of our local talent through an awards ceremony. Our judging panel gave their time and expertise freely in support of this event. An experienced *South Dock Festival* team were on hand to advise on advertising and promotions. All we needed now were the artists!



Rhonda

And they came



We have a number of talented local artists within our community who produce stunning and original works. As there was no theme to the exhibition, with no age or artistic level, the artworks were varied and ripe with interpretation. Curate comes from the Latin word *curare*, meaning to take care. Curator to the exhibition I wanted to be helpful to the artists by displaying and arranging the works so that each piece had space to breathe and be viewed independently.

Alan Cosgrave took up painting a couple of years ago and his piece *Into the Mystic* impressed the judges and was a clear winner. He was awarded the *Overall Outstanding Contribution* to the South Docks Art Exhibition. Becoming a student of St. Andrews Adult Education art class allowed Felicity Murphy develop her talent and she was overwhelmed with the accolade for *Outstanding Contribution* for her diptych *Gulls*. A further award for *Outstanding Contribution* for her *Lady Waiting* was also presented to Melanie Dennis, who had only recently taken to painting and already shows talent and promise. The success of the exhibition can be measured by the positive feedback and support shown. So has art impacted our community? I would like to think so. Our expo did bring people together who might not otherwise have connected and inadvertently acted as a springboard for some of our local artists to take the plunge and sell works and take commissions.

It took an incredible amount of work to plan and create the exhibition and having a good group of people around willing to give their time freely was invaluable and greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to all who participated and helped make a very memorable first *South Docks Art Exhibition*.

What's On

A classic Christmas treat and great entertainment for the entire family, panto season is upon us once again .Those of you who are familiar with Ireland AM will know its charming and fun presenter Alan Hughes and his love of all things panto. Alan is starring in this year's *Aladdin* at The Tivoli Theatre where I was invited along to meet the talent behind the production, composer and producer Karl Broderick. Many will know Karl for his Eurovision song entries. The Tivoli Theatre is the home to The Cheerios panto which has been called "Panto Perfection 5 stars" and is long considered the funniest panto around. Perfect for kids and adults alike "it'll have you rolling in the aisles" says Karl who goes onto describe this year's Aladdin as "a magical Christmas experience". With Nadia Forde and Brian Dowling also starring in this production it is easy to see why The Cheerios panto is always a sell out so don't miss out! Check out www.panto.ie.

Other pantos for your diary are *Little Red Riding Hood* at the Gaiety 0818 719388. *Aladdin* at the Helix (01) 700 70. *Cinderella* at the Olympia (01) 818 719330. The *Snowman* at the Bord Gais Energy Theatre (01) 677 7999.

For all the culture vultures amongst you why not check out www.culturefox.ie for events happening in your area.



Rhonda wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.





I Don't Know Much About Art Rhonda Hill

Rhonda

With the festive season a few weeks away and the little ones busy writing their lists, we thought we should include some of the best Santa Claus experiences around the town to take the kiddies and give them the opportunity to tell Santa how good they've been! Santa is no stranger to department stores and *Arnotts* on Henry Street has been a firm favourite of his for decades. With lots of helpers some say, with his lush beard and jolly laugh, this is the main man himself. www.arnotts.ie or (01) 805 0400.

One of the biggest and best known toy stores *Hamleys* in the Dundrum Centre has a party room where you can go and have a word with Santa and get the low down on what goes on up in the North Pole. Tickets from €25.

Dublin Zoo is one of the country's biggest attractions. Each year it is delighted to welcome a very special visitor and his elves. There's plenty to keep the little ones occupied from arts and crafts to visiting, some of whom are celebrating their very first Christmas. Tickets to Santa's Grotto from €9. www.dublinzoo.ie or (01) 474 8900.

Down at the *Mansion House* on Dawson Street, the traditional Nativity scene comes to life thanks to the life sized crib and actual animals. Launch day is usually around December 10th. There are choral performances, street entertainment and face painting at this FREE event. Call (01) 222 6200.

Local Find

EF Creative Studios is possibly Dublin's best kept secret: A professional makeup studio with top artists delivering a high quality service to both industry insiders and makeup addicts or anyone wanting to look their very best. With extensive experience in fashion, TV and film this hidden gem can be found on South Lott's Road. Creative director and owner Emma Farrell represented Ireland and the UK in the final of *L'Oréal* the *Brush Contest*. A modest Emma blushes when you mention that she's ranked top ten worldwide thanks to her participation in this competition which was judged by Cheryl Fernandez Versini and world renowned makeup artist Val Garland.



"I didn't know you were open to the public" is a comment Emma sometimes hears. "We offer a warm welcome to anyone wishing to book an appointment with us and embrace local involvement". EF Creative Studio has all the usual luxury brands and is brand representative for *Full Night on the Town* and *Barefaced Beauty*.

They don't push products preferring a laid back informal vibe with the emphasis on the client feeling relaxed. The ethos is right people, right team. Makeup artists are chosen for their talent and personality. Courses are available for individuals or groups with the most popular being Hen Parties and bridal makeup tutorials. Booking an appointment couldn't be easier. Call (01) 5982402 or mail@efcreativestudios.com.



Walk ins are also welcome.

St. Patrick's Credit Union Open Day (Pearse Credit Union) Information Day.



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*The route to Dad's funeral
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PAST NICHOLS – THE UNDERTAKERS – Part 4

Bloomsday 1904-2004 by Paula Howard



Gus Nichols

On Thursday 16th June 1904, Mr. Leopold Bloom left his house, No. 7 Eccles Street, to the sound of the bells of St. George's Church in Hardwicke Place – and walked into literary history.

On his rambling journey, he walked along Sir John Rogerson Quay, went through Lime Street, crossed Townsend Street and went down Lombard Street passing “the frowning face of Bethel”¹ (the Salvation Army Hall, situated between Nos. 19 & 20), “and past Nichols’ the undertakers” (nos. 26-31),².

He crossed Great Brunswick Street, and paused at the window of the Belfast and Oriental Tea Company, No. 6 Westland Row, underneath the railway bridge. He sauntered across Westland Row and into the Post Office beside the Railway Station to collect a letter addressed to Henry Flower, esq. He went back towards Great Brunswick Street, went round the corner, passed the cab stand with its patient horses, “their long noses stuck in nosebags”,³ and into Cumberland Street, where he opened his letter.

His was a very different time, almost unimaginable to us today. It was an era of emperors and kings, a time of enormous wealth for a few, a comfortable life for an increasing middle class, an improving standard of living for tradesmen and those in reasonable employment, and grinding poverty – and frequently appalling health – for the badly paid and the unemployed, who formed the majority of

most populations.

As Leopold Bloom walked past his premises, Charles Nichols was attending to his day's business. A hearse, drawn by a pair of horses, and two attendants were to take a coffin from Harcourt Street Station to the Glasgow Steamer, which sailed from the North Wall. Three carriages, three clarences and a landau had been ordered for that day by clients. He would have checked with his head groom to make sure that the horses selected for the day's work were all sound and that their harness, the hearse, and the other carriages were all clean and polished. He would also have been aware that Mackie Burns & Co. of Prussia Street had a sale of 230 horses, cobs and ponies at noon that day. On checking the office copy of *The Irish Times*, he would have seen that Sewell's of Lower Mount Street were advertising the sale of, among others, carriages, brougham and harness horses on the following Thursday – Sewell's was on his way home and he often called in as he passed by. Sammon's Horse Repository on North King Street was advertising a sale of harness horses, including a black horse, on the Thursday after that. Charles was always on the look-out for quality carriage horses, especially like all undertakers, for black ones.



At home, in No. 20 Northumberland Road, his young wife, Madeline, was expecting their second child; their first Arthur, was already in the nursery. Madeline, was his second

wife. His first wife, Mary, had died in 1898, leaving him with three sons and five daughters.

All in all, it was business as usual at the office for Charles, and for his older brother James, who carried on a glass, china and hardware business nearby at No. 180 Great Brunswick Street.

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



Sackville Street, Dublin

1. James Joyce, *Ulysses, Dublin Illustrated Edition* (The O'Brien Press, Dublin 2013, p.111).

2. Ibid.

3. Ibid, p.119.

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Rather than discuss one item with this article I thought I would try to touch on a number of different topics. Medicine is changing all the time with new discoveries and new treatments. I thought it would be a good idea to touch on some new developments and the changes that are taking place or about to take place soon.

A number of changes are about to occur with childhood vaccines. The main change is to do with **Meningitis** and in particular **Meningococcus meningitis**. As with many bugs, there are a number of different types of the meningococcus bug. The main types are given a letter identity there – A,B,C,W,X,Y. This means that no one vaccine will cover you against them all. Back in 2000 Men C was the most common and most dangerous and Men C vaccine was introduced. This vaccine was so effective that it has almost eliminated Men C from this country. However children can still get meningococcus meningitis and most of the rest are caused by Men B. now we finally have a Men B vaccine and every child born after October 2016 is going to get the Men B and Men C vaccine. Our hope is that soon we will be training young doctors who never see a case of meningococcus meningitis.

This new vaccine is extremely safe, but monitoring and checks will continue for many years to come. This vaccine is in use in the UK since last year and is in other European countries for longer, so we have great confidence in it.

Another change in vaccine is the start of a **Rotavirus vaccine** for babies. Rotavirus is the most common cause of diarrhoea and vomiting in children under the age of 5 years. While this is rarely fatal, a number of small babies end up in hospital requiring fluids from a drip. Now this vaccine will be added to the list of vaccines new babies get and in time we hope to eliminate this type of diarrhoea.

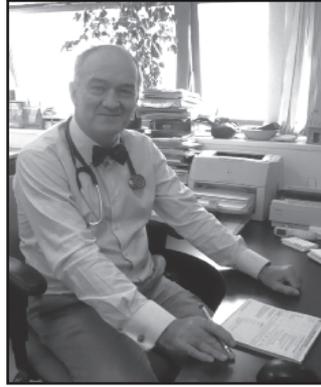
Before we leave vaccines, it is worth mentioning a new vaccine for adults. This is a vaccine against shingles and it currently being given to adults in the UK. This is a more complex issue because shingles comes from the chicken pox virus and the only way to stop it completely is to get rid of chicken pox. The virus lives on the spine of people and comes out years later as shingles. This vaccine is therefore doing something new – trying to stop the virus coming out again as opposed to trying to stop us getting the virus in the first place. Unfortunately this vaccine is only about 50% successful in doing that. In addition it cost €300 approximately so it is currently not available as standard in Ireland yet.

The next major development I want to mention is in the area of **HEPATITIS C**. This is one of a number of viruses that attack the liver. We have a vaccine against hepatitis

Doctor O' Cleirigh

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A and B but none for C. Traditionally we were treating it with interferon but this had a number of side effects and many people found it difficult

to tolerate. Also it was not very effective, with it only working in about 10% of patients with certain strains of the hep C virus. Also the interferon had to be injected and this was not acceptable for many people.

Now we have very effective tablets to do this job. They are antiviral tablets which are the equivalent of taking antibiotics for bacterial infection. These antiviral tablets have fewer side effects and do not need to be injected. Even more important they are over 95% effective in clearing all strains of the Hep C virus, and once cleared these people are cured. Of course there is a down side – the cost. The average course of treatment costs about €60,000. There is now a call going out to anyone with Hep C to get back in touch with their doctors and get referred on for treatment.

While the contraceptive pill has been around for over 50 years, there is still ongoing research on it. Most women on the pill have been told at some stage to be careful if they take a course of antibiotics. This was based on the belief that the antibiotic interfered with the pill and you were more likely to get pregnant. This has now been shown not to be true so that advice can be ignored.

All doctors were warned not to keep women on the pill over the age of 35 years because of the risk of a clot. Once again this information is now considered out of date and they can stay on the pill up to the age of 50 years of age if they wish to. However there is an important warning with this – they can stay on it as long as they are not smoking. There are also some other concerns to consider – whether they have high blood pressure or whether they are very obese, both of which increase their risk of clot.

The mirena coil is not exactly new but it continues to surprise us with results. Some bright spark took the ordinary coil, soaked it in the female hormone **PROGESTERONE** and the results have been spectacular. Not only was it a very effective contraceptive but it also cut back completely on heavy bleeding. The number of women going for surgery to remove the womb because of very heavy periods has dropped to close to zero. Now doctors are simply putting in a mirena coil and that fixes the problem.



By Dr. Niall O' Cleirigh

Dr. O' Cleirigh wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

THE QUEENS THEATRE 1950 by Jerry Browne

Did you know that the Queens Theatre was originally built in 1829 and was known as the Adelphi Theatre. It was demolished in 1844 and rebuilt. It reopened that same year as the Queens Royal Theatre. It acquired this illustrious title because the new owner had been granted Royal Patent to operate it as a patent theatre. However it quickly became known as simply the Queens. The Queens Theatre was situated opposite the fire station at the top of Pearse Street. In its day the Queens was a major attraction for theatre goers for seven nights of the week. It was always packed especially at the weekend. It was most famous in the 20th century as the home of the Happy Gang, a troupe of comics, singers and musicians including Danny Cummins, Cecil Nash and many more. Many other Irish artistes such as Cecil Sheridan, Michael Eustace, Mickser Reid, Jack Cruise, and his singer accompanist Sean Mooney also graced the stage of the Queens. Gloria Greene originally from Grattan Street, was another leading member of the Happy Gang. Gloria played the Principle Boy in all the Pantomimes.

In addition major artists from all over the world would appear on the stage of the Queens, one example being Charlie Chaplin who appeared here regularly before he became famous. When these artistes were on stage they played to packed houses. In addition a local talent competition was held every weekend where people from all over Dublin would sing, dance, tell a few jokes etc. The resident orchestra leader Alec Fryer, was also very popular with the audience.

The caretaker and usher of the theatre, Mr. McShane, lived with his family in a house next door to the Queens. He was a well-liked family man who always had a friendly word of welcome to the patrons who entered the theatre. His three sons went to St.



Arthur Lucan & Kitty McShane as Old Mother Riley and her daughter Kitty



The Queens Theatre

Andrews National School in Pearse Street. One son, Ronnie McShane was a very popular and well like pupil in the school. Ronnie had a great sense of humour. He cheered up all the pupils in the school. Ronnie played with the Chieftains in later life.

Long before that well-loved TV comedy series, *Mrs. Brown's Boys*, came on the scene, a comedy show known as Old Mother Reilly was regularly performed on the Queens. This show featured English actor

Arthur Lucan and his wife Kitty McShane who was a sister of Mr. McShane the caretaker. Old Mother Reilly was world famous act; indeed there were a number of films made in England with the title Old Mother Reilly – 18 films in all. To name but two: *Old Mother Reilly Oversea* and *Old Mother Reilly's Circus*. Kitty played old Mother

Reilly's daughter in all the movies. Whenever they showed a Old Mother Reilly film in the local cinema in Pearse Street, The Palace, one could hear the laughter from the street outside. Unfortunately, tragedy struck the Abbey Theatre in 1951 when a fire broke out in the backstage area.

This happened on the 18th of July 1951. So the Abbey Theatre had to relocate and a new temporary home was found for it in the shape of the Queens. It stayed there till 1966, whence it moved back to its brand new premises in Abbey Street where it is to this day. Sadly the final curtain came down the Queens in 1969 and it was demolished in 1975 – and that was the end of The Happy Gang - a



sad day for Dublin!

Two of Mr. McShane's Children with Jerry Browne on a recent visit to St. Andrews.



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Red Riding Hood (Modern Version) by Tony Rooney

Once upon a time there was a young girl named Red Riding Hood who lived in a cottage in the Enchanted Forest with her mother, and her mother's partner, Darren. She had once been known as Red Riding Hood, but her addiction to junk food had caused her to put on so much weight the little part of her name was politely dropped. One day, as she sat in front of the television, glued to a reality show, her mother spoke to her. "Daughter, I've prepared a basket of food for your Granny and I want you to take it to her this afternoon."

"Aw, Ma!" Riding Hood moaned, "That's boring." "Your Granny needs supplies," her mother insisted. "The meals on wheels are on strike, so she must be in a bad way for food." "Can't it wait till tomorrow?" Riding Hood pleaded. "Do as your mother tells you," Darren interjected. "You mind your own business," Riding Hood snapped. "Don't speak to your father like that," her mother said. "He's not my father," Riding Hood answered. "He looks after you more than your father did, you never set eyes on him," her mother argued.

"I know where he is," Riding Hood said, "He's living in Dingly Dell with Snow White." "Not any more," her mother said, with satisfaction, "I heard Snow White took out a barring order against him after he beat up one of the dwarfs." "Then how can I get in touch with him?" Riding Hood asked, anxiously. "Care of the Governor of Mountjoy should do the trick," her mother said.

"Dear Daddy," Riding Hood said wistfully, "he was always so kind and gentle." "Tell that to Sleepy," her mother said dryly. An hour later the reluctant Riding Hood was ushered through the front door carrying a basket of foodstuffs for her darling Granny.

A short journey away, in a smaller cottage, the aforementioned Granny was propped up in bed watching a western moving on Channel 4. There was a polite knock on the door and sly Mr. Wolf entered. "Good morning Granny!" he said, "and how are you this morning?"

"Are you from the meals on wheels?" she asked, glaring at him. "I'm afraid not," he said, licking his lips. "I don't like you," she said, cowering in the bed. "Tell me who you are?" "Someone you won't like," he leered. "Good heavens!" she gasped. "You're not a banker." "No," he said, "and I haven't come for money, but for lunch."

A short while later, Riding Hood came up the garden path with a basket swinging from her arm and her ear phones blasting in her ears. Closing the door behind her she called, "Hi Gran! what's the story?" Mr. Wolf lay on the bed clutching his stomach and staring at the ceiling. "Holy Cow! Granny," Riding Hood exclaimed, "you look wrecked, I hope you haven't the flu?"

But Mr. Wolf wasn't suffering from the flu, but a ferocious stomach ache. He swore inwardly that never again would he eat another Granny, it wasn't just that they were past their shelf date, but the amount of gristle made them almost indigestible.

He turned his eyes to his visitor. "Little girl," he pleaded, "I have a confession to make, I'm not your Granny." Riding Hood unplugged her ear phones, intrigued. "I'm Mr. Wolf and I've just eaten your Granny," he admitted. "Hey, that's cool," she gasped. "Hang the temperature," he shouted, "go and get help."

An hour later Riding Hood, her mother and Darren arrived at

the cottage with an ambulance and Mr. Wolf was rushed to Forest Regional Hospital, where he was placed on a trolley in the A and E. He lay there for seven hours until an animal rights group intervened, he was then removed from the hospital, brought to the local vet and operated on immediately. The operation was a success and Granny was recovered, shaken but intact.



The events of the day had a profound effect on all those involved; Mr. Wolf retired to a secluded part of the forest and is now a strict vegetarian. Granny suffers from panic attacks and is now living with Riding Hood's mother. Darren, who objected to this arrangement, packed his bags, moved out, and is now living with Snow White. Riding Hood's real father appeared in court last Monday where he was charged with assault and bodily harm. He was sentenced to nine months imprisonment with the last eight and a half months suspended. With time off for good behaviour he claims he should have been released three weeks before he was arrested. Sleepy, the dwarf, has fully recovered and is now Chairman of a Victims Support Group.

Riding Hood, after selling her story to a tabloid, is now negotiating her appearance on *Operation Transformation*. In brief, they all lived happily ever after.

*It only takes a little of a woman
To make for whole lotta man
It only takes a little bit of lovin'
To make a lot of people to understand
The saddest heart can gladden at the touch of lovin' hands
At this journey that we go through
Starts exactly where we stand
I am far from all the answers.*

*But I have tried to pick a few
In simple lines
With simple rhymes
And it's all about me and you.*

*Put the sun in your life
And the moon in your heart
Don't forget where real love starts
Treat life like a picture show
Act with love and watch it grow.*

*Like a good horse running at shadow of the whip
Doesn't take much just to give a little bit
Cause a little bit more can make for
A whole lot of love.*

*A little less glass and concrete
A little more greenery
A little more care for the air out there
And the land, rivers and the seas
Because a little more singing together.*

*Can make a lot more harmony
Because a little bit more can make
For a whole lotta love
And it does
Because a little bit more can make
For a whole lotta love.*

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Sadie and John Fitzsimons
Dress Dance Gresham 1960s
- Times Past.



Lorraine and Barbara RICC at Spellman Annual Awards.



Dublin Port at Annual Spellman Awards - Edel, Eamon, Pat and Teresa.



Community Guard Anthony - Prizegiving schools painting Competition - Spellman Awards.



The Commodore' Gay Byrne - Patrick's Rowing Club - Annual Schools Regatta.



Gillian and Sonny O'Brien with his latest Grandchild, Lucie.



Mr Booth presents trophies Annual Schools Rowing Regatta.



Tony Byrne - raising of the Flag - George Reynolds.



Halloween Parade from Spellman Centre
New Link 12



Ringsend Lord Mayor Alice and Minister Catherine Byrne - Annual Spellman Awards.

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Halloween George Reynolds - members of Weafer, Doyle, and Corcoran Families.



Photography Exhibition by Transition Students Ringsend College.



Goodbye to St Patrick's Girls School Teacher. Miss Daly.



Committee Active Retirement Association Ringsend.



Mick O celebrating as oldest member of St Patrick's Rowing Club - photo Barbara Doyle.



St Patrick's Rowing Club celebrating 80 years - photo Barbara Doyle.



Marie Faulkner's 50th Birthday with her Family



Angie and Susanne and Puca (Irish for Ghost).



McGuinness and Weafer Families celebrate new arrival, Sophia.

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday & Friday

Art 10am-12.30pm



New Members Welcome

We are a centre run by the community for the community. Founded in 1988 the Centre's activities continue to be provided by local volunteers and governed by a voluntary committee of management. Since 1988 over 1,000 locals have been members of Greenore. We remember all our members, past and present, at our annual Mass. Membership is open to all those over 55 years and active. There is a monthly membership fee of €4 which contributes towards the running of the weekly activities. If you are interested in joining please chat to Betty Watson or any of the committee members. Our thanks to Dublin City Council, the Community Foundation of Ireland, Jim O'Callaghan TD, Cllr Frank Kennedy and Noelle for their support.

Your support of our fundraising efforts enable the Centre to have social activities such as our Wellbeing day, trip to Dun Laoghaire, Mother's Day lunch, Garden Party, Lords & Ladies day and more. Here are some photos of our recent social activities:



Day Trip to Dun Laoghaire



Wellbeing Day at Greenore Centre



RINGSSEND COLLEGE NEWS

Ringsend College Library Opening

On Friday 11th November Ringsend College hosted the Grand Opening of the new student library. The

event was attended by the local politicians Eoghan Murphy TD, Jim O'Callaghan TD, Senator Kevin Humphreys, Councillors Dermot Lacey, Frank Kennedy, Sonya Stapleton, Paddy McCartan, parents, CDETB Chief Executive Carol Hanney and other specially invited guests.



We now run various clubs at lunchtime to help fire the students' imaginations and improve their literacy and numeracy skills: a Lego lunch where the students can use their imaginations while improving their grasp of maths and basic engineering; a chess/draughts lunch where staff members help students to learn a new skill and improve their strategic thinking; and we are

planning a coding lunch for students to teach them the basics of Scratch code—which could possibly even lead to a career in computer programming!



The students are expected to have a book in their bag at all times, so they always have reading to do! The library is also reaching out to parents/guardians of the students to help with reading at home. Increasing the amount that children read, even if it is a small amount of reading every day, will improve their ability to study in class, improve their exam results, and improve their career



prospects. So, the new library is hoping to play a vital role in broadening the horizon for our students in Ringsend College.



Busy Sports round-up in Ringsend College

Hard luck to the Boys U14 Gaelic Football Team who were narrowly defeated by Cabinteely in their league match recently. One more league game left to play at time of writing.

In mid-November both the Boys and Girls Soccer Teams are preparing to take their first steps in their respective FAI School Boys and Girls Soccer Divisions. Best of luck to the players!

Ceili in Ringsend!

Well done to all the teachers and students who took part in the Gaeilge Day on Tuesday 15th November. The day consisted of a Treasure Hunt with all of the clues being in Irish! This was following by the All-Irish Table Quiz for the whole school and the day was finished off with a highly entertaining Ceili in the School Assembly. Well done to Ms Moran and Ms Grogan for organising the day and all of the students who took part!



VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT:
www.ringsendcollege.ie

ST. ANDREW'S CHILDCARE NEWS

GREETINGS FROM ST. ANDREW'S CHILDCARE!



Hi everyone, we are really looking forward to Christmas! The children are practicing their songs for their Christmas concert on Thursday 22nd December and they are also busy making decorations for the Christmas Tree. We had our Numeracy Week in November just gone and it was a great success!

Many thanks to the Children, Staff and Parents for their continued involvement and support and to the National College of Ireland for all their support.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year from Martina and all the staff in Childcare!

**Martina McKenna,
Childcare.**



P.A.R.C. News

Our opening hours are as normal leading up to Christmas.

We will be closed from Friday the 23rd of December 2016.

Reopening on Tuesday the 3rd of January 2017.

Our Christmas Disco will take place on Thursday 22nd of December 2016

Breakfast Club: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from: 7.30am to 8.30pm

The P.A.R.C. Team wish the Community a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Olivia, Dave, Sarah, Dennis, Claude, Lillian, Caroline and Manager Jason

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT (CE SCHEME)

Have you been in receipt of social welfare benefit for a year or more? Are you presently looking to upskill for that better job? We currently have vacancies on our Community Employment Programme in childcare, maintenance, office administration and general operatives. We are also looking for a driver (D licence only) and a driver's assistant. Community Employment allows you gain valuable work experience, participate in training and attain new skills. It is an ideal opportunity for those seeking to use their skills, or gain new skills, in the safety of a community setting.

You must be in receipt of a Department of Social Protection payment, regardless of how much, for at least 52 weeks. Community Employment consists of 19.5 hour per week. Rate of pay is €10.79 per hour. On the job training is provided and all participants must agree to take part in some training.

St. Andrew's C.E. schemes have been a starting block for many people in the local area to go back into the workforce fulltime. You will gain confidence and accredited skills and have the opportunity to try new skills through work experience in different areas.

Why not pop down to the job centre or local Intreo office and make inquiries and check your eligibility. If you are eligible and interested in starting a C.E. scheme get your case officer to submit your name to us. St. Andrew's C.E. team will be here to welcome you on board and assist you in any way possible.

Wishing a you all a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas from the Supervisory Team – Aileen, Noel, Sharon and Olive.

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RICC Community Radio – Volunteers Needed

About RICC Radio

RICC Radio aims to provide a special interest Community radio service which stimulates, informs and entertains listeners in Ringsend, Irishtown and the greater Dublin area.

What's required for these positions

Volunteers should have an interest in community radio. We are particularly looking for individuals interested in; sound, engineering, production, researching, social media and administration.

- Station Manager
- Sound Engineers
- General Admin/ Office Support
- Personable Skills
- PR/ Marketing/ Market Research
- Research/ Journalism/ Media

Times and commitment are required for these roles

Hours required: 4hrs per week

Other Details

Location of volunteering opportunity:

Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre

Screening details for this role:

- Informal Interviews
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)



Volunteers will be provided with the following supports:

- Support/ advice/ recognition
- Initial induction and training

For further information please contact **Jennifer** by text or phone @ **6604 789 / 0863672047** e-mail Jennifer at jenniferbetts01@gmail.com

RICC Community Radio ——— **RICC**
communicating with our Community



Cllr. Frank Kennedy



Wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to everyone in Pearse Street, Ringsend, Irishtown and Sandymount.



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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ST. ANDREW'S ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

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

FAMILY LEARNING

Parents as natural Teachers
Help your child to learn through stories and art.
For parents of children 0-3
Contact Dara Terry - Family Support

ENGLISH LANGUAGE/CONVERSATION CLASS

Held in the Centre every week on mornings from 10am these classes focus around learning English through conversation. There is also some focus on writing and grammar for those who would like to improve their language skills. These classes are free of charge and there is no need to book. Simply pop in to the Centre.

* *Provided in partnership with the CDETB.*

PARENTING CLASS

Come meet other parents in a fun, practical and positive way and develop techniques to reduce the stress in your role as a parent.

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

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

SEWING CLASSES – BEGINNERS' LEVEL

We are pleased to announce that due to popular demand Sewing Classes have returned to St. Andrew's Resource Centre. The classes, which are organised in conjunction with the CDETB, are a great opportunity to learn new skills or improve on old skills. If you are interested in sewing and would like to attend a sewing class then St. Andrew's course is for you. This is a beginners level course and is Free.

Places are strictly limited to ten and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. For queries on place availability contact Lisa Kelleher on 01-6771930 or email lisa.kelleher@standrews.ie

IRISH LANGUAGE COURSE

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

ART CLASSES

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

NEED HELP?

INSPIRATION?

MATERIALS?

For more information contact the Adult Education Department on 01-6771930 or email lisa.kelleher@standrews.ie

*Lisa and Marty wish the Community
a very Happy Christmas and a
Peaceful New Year.*



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH HERITAGE WORKING GROUP

St. Andrew's Parish Heritage Working Group launched their exhibition earlier in the year. The exhibition is titled "I See His Blood Upon The Rose" and is a faith based exhibition on Irish rebellions and their connections to this parish. It is on view until the end of the year in the Mortuary Chapel in St. Andrew's Church.

Also the St. Andrew's Parish Heritage Working Group have just launched a church annual documenting the parishes links with James Joyce, The 1916 Rebellion, World War 1 and also featuring pages from the past. The annual is available to buy at the parish office at a cost of €5.

Alongside remembering our 1916 parishioners we have also remembered seven of eight parishioners of St. Andrews' church who were killed in action during World War 1. The final remembrance for this year will take place on Sunday 18th December at the 11.30am. All are welcome to attend.

The Heritage Working Group would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all those who have joined in and supported the various projects over this year. Wishing you all a peaceful and happy Christmas. We look forward to, with you, exploring more of our parish heritage next year.

If you would like any further information or to share a story please feel free to contact Elizabeth Watson via St. Andrew's Church Parish Office.

PICTURE SPECIAL



Dad Derek, Mum Kathy, Fr. John, Gran Anne, Godfather Gerald and Big Bro Jamie – Zoey Caldwell's Christening.



Sir Frank



Mrs. McKeon on the occasion of her 94th birthday last October with her daughter Mary.



Stephen, Joe, Babser and Shay.



Grandpa Eddie



Paula, Bernie, Rhonda, Gemma.



Gran Rita with grandchild



Brother and Sister Mary and Thomas.



Proud Gran with her grandchild.



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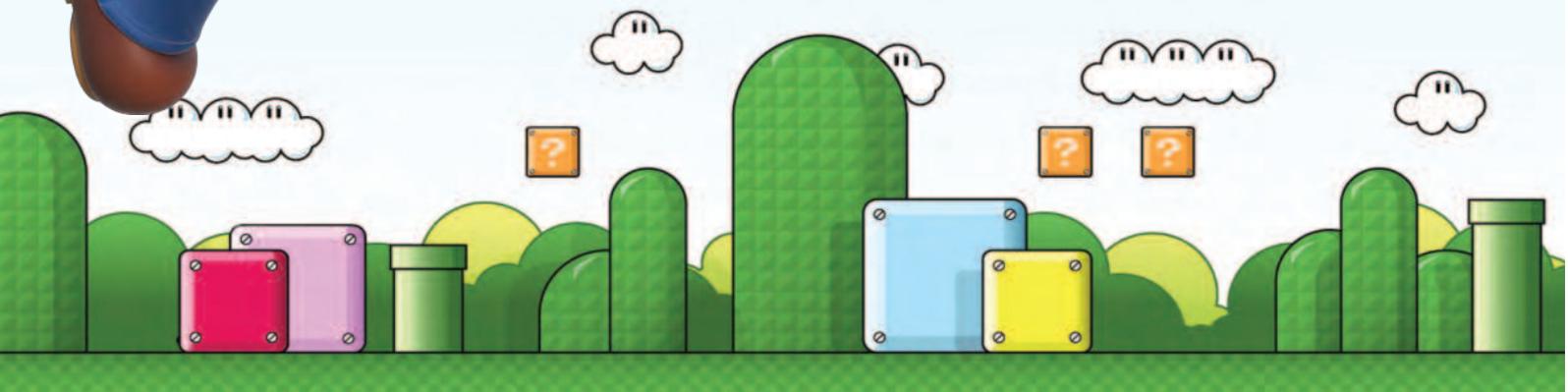
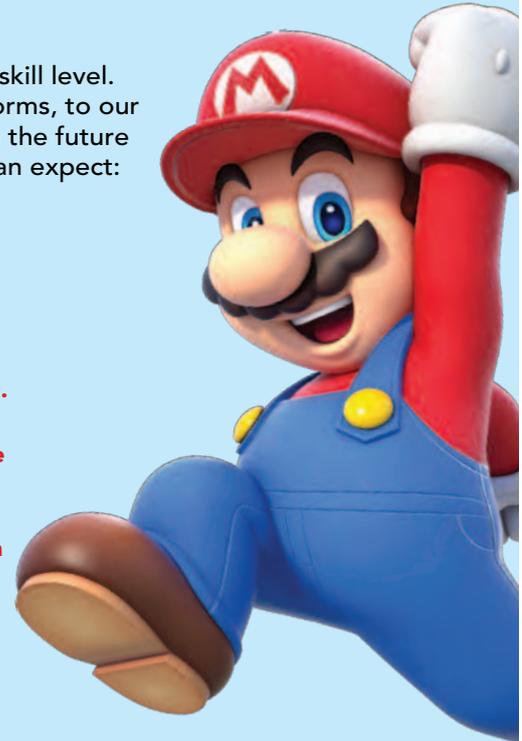
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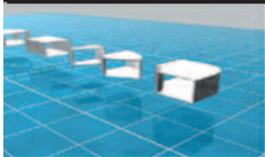


THANK YOU & FAREWELL FR. JOHN



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Mr Tilly's Christmas Lights Show in aid of the Hospice in Harold's Cross

For the last 15 years or so Mr Tilly has lit up his house and garden in Bath Avenue with a kaleidoscope of outdoor Christmas lights and decorations. During this time, he has raised approx. €80,000 for the Harold's Cross Hospice. The lighting up of the Tilly house on Bath Avenue has become an annual pre-Christmas tradition in the area delighting both children and adults of all ages from far and wide! This year's event was sponsored by the Bath in Bath Avenue and Santa was there giving out presents to all the delighted children. A great night was had by all and we would like to say a big thank you to Mr Tilly and the Tilly family for putting on this fabulous Christmas light show every year and bringing joy and delight to all of us both children and adults! And of course, a very big thank you for raising this much needed funds for the Hospice in Harold's Cross. We wish Mr Tilly and his family a Very Happy Christmas and New Year!

Story by Billy Ryan. Photos by Ivan Tonge.



The Christmas Tree Ceremony at Ringsend Church is organised by the local community and the Christmas Tree is kindly donated by Dublin Port. The Christmas Tree Ceremony at Sandymount Green is organised by the local community in conjunction with Dublin City Council.

These Christmas Tree Ceremonies take place in early December each year in a number of locations in the area in conjunction with Dublin City Council.

Photos: Billy Ryan



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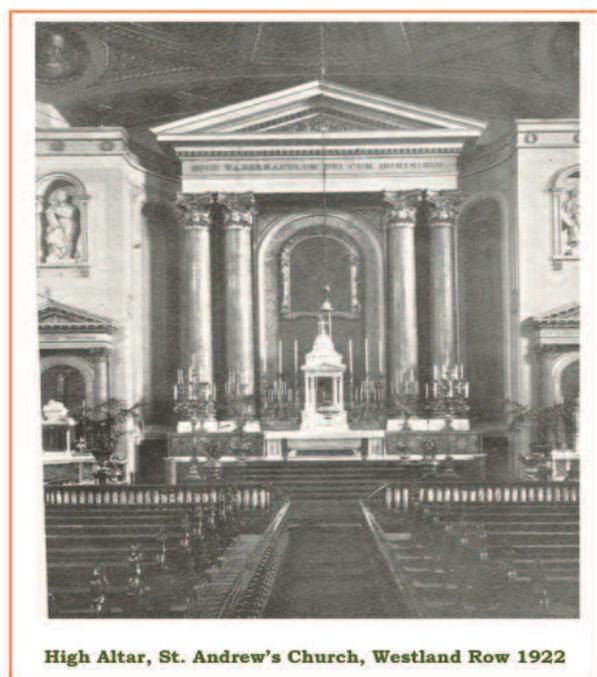
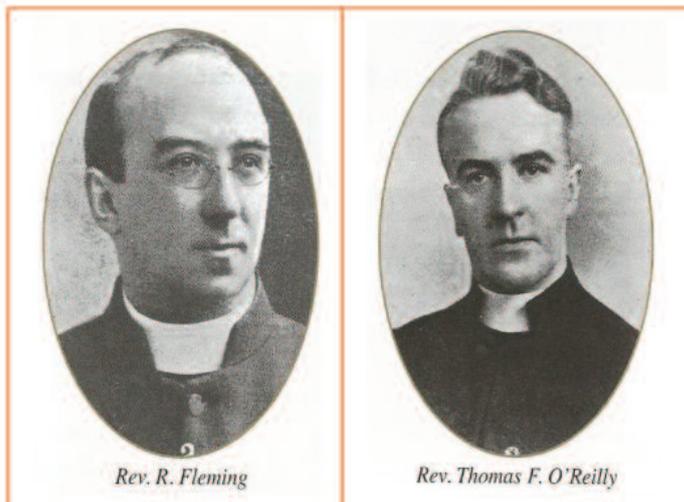
We welcome **Tan N Glo Tanning Salon** to the community and congratulate them on their sponsorship of **Windjammer FC.**



St. ANDREW'S PARISH HERITAGE WORKING GROUP



St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row found itself in the centre of the Rebellion of 1916. Close by were rebel holds at Boland's Mills, St. Stephen's Green, Mount Street Bridge and the GPO. Diocesan records mentioned that Fr. Fleming & Fr. O'Reilly, the then clergy of St. Andrew's Church, both risked their lives on numerous occasions, undertaking errands of mercy to those on Mount St Bridge and, under heavy crossfire, administering to the dying in Boland's Mill.

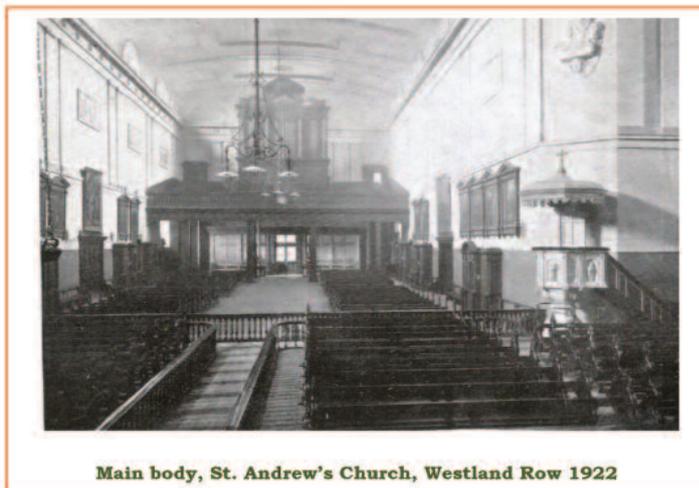


High Altar, St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row 1922

Westland Row, one of Dublin's prominent streets, also has strong connections to the Rebellion of 1916. Aside from the profile of the area Westland Row was the only Dublin stop for the Kingstown railway. In 1917 those who were imprisoned for their part in the rebellion returned via this Kingstown railway and were greeted by throngs of crowds on Westland Row.

Westland Row was lined with Irish citizens for the funeral corteges of Arthur Griffith and Countess Markievicz. St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row was frequently visited by Maude Gonne and Eamon De Valera.

The images above and on the right show how different St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, looked in 1916. The current layout of the church is compliant with the changes of the Second Vatican Council 1962. Some of you may recall that before 1962 Mass was celebrated in Latin, with the altar at a distance and the priest turned away from the congregation.



Main body, St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row 1922

St. ANDREW'S PARISH HERITAGE WORKING GROUP



**“Life springs from death and from the graves of patriot men and women
spring living nations” P.H. Pearse**



Grace Gifford



Joseph Plunkett



Kilmainham Chapel

The Plunketts lived on Fitzwilliam St. A devoutly catholic family; Joseph's father was a Papal Count. Joseph met Grace Gifford through Thomas Mc Donagh, Grace's brother-in-law. Grace was raised a protestant. She was a very talented artist and studied under William Orpen.

Through Plunkett, Grace became interested in Catholicism. She was accepted into the Catholic faith in April 1916 in time to marry Plunkett days later in Kilmainham Jail Chapel. They had 10 minutes of married life before Plunkett like McDonagh was executed.

I See His Blood Upon the Rose

Joseph M. Plunkett – Poet, Patriot & Parishioner

**I see his blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of his eyes
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.**

**I see his face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but his voice – and carven by his power
Rocks are his written words.**

**All pathways by his feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His cross is every tree.**



Willie Pearse

**“We stand at Rossa's grave
not in sadness but rather in
exaltation of spirit that it
has been given to us to
come thus into so close a
communion with that brave
and splendid Gael.” (P. H.
Pearse)**



Padraig Pearse

The Mother

P. H. Pearse – Poet, Patriot & Parishioner

**I do not grudge them: Lord, I do not grudge
My two strong songs that I have seen go out
To break their strength and die, they and a few,
In bloody protest for a glorious thing.
They shall be spoken of among their people,
The generations shall remember them,
And call them blessed;
But I will speak their names to my own heart
In the long nights;
The little names that were familiar once
Round my dead hearth.**

**Lord, thou art hard on mothers:
We suffer in their coming and their going;
And tho' I grudge them not, I weary, weary
Of the long sorrow – And yet I have my joy:
My sons were faithful, and they fought.**

The Pearse brothers Padraig and William (Willie) are closely connected to St. Andrew's Church. Residing in Great Brunswick St., now Pearse Street, they attended the Christian Brothers School. Both were teachers - Padraig skilled in law and poetry and Willie a gifted sculptor. Significant figures in the Rebellion of 1916, both were executed. On the night before execution Padraig penned -The Mother.

Willie carved the statue of “Our Lady of Sorrows” situated above the altar in the Mortuary Chapel. It was donated to St. Andrew's Church in the 1930s.

DUBLIN PORT COMPANY NEWS



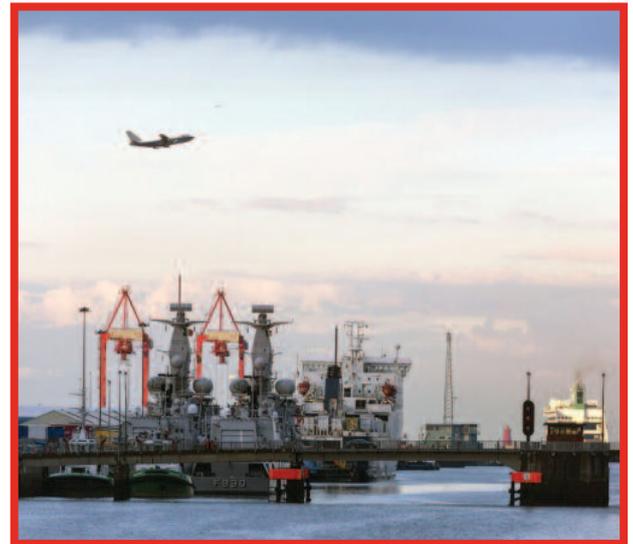
DUBLIN PORT TRADE INCREASES 6.8% IN FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2016



On 20th October 2016, Dublin Port has announced new figures showing a 6.8% increase in trade volumes for the first nine months of the year. The current pace of growth puts Dublin Port on course for a record year for the third year in a row.

Total throughput (imports and exports) for the nine months to the end of September was 26.0 million gross tonnes.

Exports moved ahead by 7.0% to 10.6 million gross tonnes in the first nine months, while imports climbed by 6.7% to 15.4 million gross tonnes, reflecting ongoing improvement in the domestic economy.



Summary of YTD September 2016 Trade Statistics

Gross tonnes	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	% change
Total Throughput	26.0m	24.4m	6.8%
Imports	15.4m	14.4m	6.7%
Exports	10.6m	9.9m	7.0%
Ro-Ro units	699,361	650,104	7.6%
Lo-Lo TEU	495,304	453,060	9.3%
Ferry passengers	1,460,585	1,453,530	0.5%
Tourist vehicles	400,949	399,008	0.5%
Trade vehicles	77,494	70,574	9.8%

Ro-Ro freight trailers and Lo-Lo containers are the mainstay of Dublin Port's business and they continue to show very strong growth.

Ro-Ro cargo arriving on trailer-trucks and lorries increased by 7.6% to 699,361 units, while Lo-Lo containers moved ahead by 9.3% to 495,304 TEU.

More than 77,000 new vehicles were imported through Dublin Port in the first nine months, up 9.8% on the same period last year as demand for new cars and commercial vehicles showed little sign of abating. Meanwhile ferry passenger traffic experienced a slight uplift by 0.5% as 1.4m ferry passengers and over 400,000 tourist vehicles passed through the port, as holidaymakers and Ireland soccer fans took advantage of direct routes to France and Britain.

Dublin Port's cruise business grew with 103 cruise calls in the first nine months bringing 152,000 cruise visitors to the capital.

Eamonn O'Reilly, Chief Executive, Dublin Port Company, said:

"At 6.8% growth in the first nine months of the year, we are now certain that 2016 will be the third record year in a row for trade at Dublin Port. We are seeing the re-emergence of exponential compounding growth which has characterised the business of Dublin Port for many decades."

**Dublin Port wishes the
Community a very Happy
Christmas and a
Prosperous New Year.**

DUBLIN PORT COMPANY NEWS

“In the period to September this year, we handled the same volume as we did in the whole of 2009, our lowest point after the economic collapse.”



“The pace of growth is so strong that if current growth levels were to continue into the future, Dublin Port’s volumes would double over the 12 years to 2025. Our challenge now is how best to create additional port capacity in sufficient time to stay ahead of this growth.”

“As part of our plans to maximise capacity at Dublin Port, we have purchased 44 hectares of motorway connected lands 14 km from the Port and we will develop these as an External

Port Logistics Zone over the next five years to increase the capacity of the Port to cater for future growth.”

“We are also preparing plans for the development of over 50 hectares of port lands on the Poolbeg Peninsula both within the area of the West Poolbeg SDZ and elsewhere on the peninsula. These plans are an integral part of our Masterplan 2012 to 2040 which shows how we will develop the Port to accommodate a doubling in throughput”.

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Dublin Port Company sponsors the Aware Harbour2Harbour Walk for a second year running

The Harbour2Harbour Walks take participants along some of Europe’s most scenic seafront routes. In Dublin approximately 2,000 people took part with a 26km route between Howth and Dun Laoghaire Harbours; Dublin Port Company sponsored the Dublin event for the second year running and provided a fun-filled halfway point at Berth 18, close to the Eastlink toll bridge in the capital.

Refreshments, ‘craic agus ceol’ was enjoyed by all.



DUBLIN PORT COMPANY NEWS

Cruise Dublin is the tourism marketing body for Dublin Port Company was officially launched on 3rd March 2016

Cruise Dublin actively market and promote Dublin as Ireland's cruise capital. They aim to significantly enhance the cruise passenger experience in Dublin by offering cruise companies and their clients a seamless, hassle free experience through quality stakeholder offerings.

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L-R: Pat Ward, Jim Keogan, Brid O'Connell, Eamonn O'Reilly

STARBOARD HOME – A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

Stars align for landmark Dublin Port commission with National Concert Hall and 12 leading Irish artists.



Starboard Home Artistes

Invited guests and Dublin Port Company staff gather to attend the sold out two night concert (22nd & 23rd June) of Starboard Home at the National Concert Hall. The landmark concert of Starboard Home, a 12-piece song series inspired by the cultural history of the River Liffey and Dublin Port,

commissioned by the Dublin Port Company to mark *'2016: The Decade of Commemorations'*.



L - R Eamonn O'Reilly, Betty Ashe, Charlie Murphy

Dublin Port wishes the Community a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

DID YOU KNOW THAT SAMPHIRE GROWS IN DUBLIN BAY?

One of the plants covered by the tide on sheltered shores of Dublin Bay is Samphire (or Salicornia). It is a wild plant that has recently become a fashionable food in delicatessens. This is an annual plant, germinating on muddy sand and it is a pioneer for saltmarsh vegetation. You can see it from the causeway to the Bull Island and on the shore at Booterstown.

Text and photo by Richard Nairn, Natura Consultants



DUBLIN PORT COMPANY NEWS

New Lord Mayor of Dublin performs 'Casting of the Spear' tradition & the Officially Launches South Docks Festival

Monday, 11th July 2016. The new Lord Mayor of Dublin, Brendan Carr, today took to the waters of Dublin Bay to take part in the annual "Casting of the Spear" ceremony. The "Casting of the Spear" is a traditional ceremony dating back 528 years and the first official duty for Lord Mayor Carr as Honorary Admiral of Dublin Port following his investiture on Sir John Rogerson's Quay, where he received the ceremonial Admiral's hat, a two-cornered bicorne from Dublin Port Chairperson Lucy McCaffrey. The title of Honorary Admiral of Dublin Port has been bestowed on the Lord



L-R front row: Dolores Wilson, Lord Mayor of Dublin Brendan Carr, Betty Ashe, Lady Mayor of Ringsend, Edel Currie, - back row: Eamonn O'Reilly, Lucy McCaffrey, Kevin Humphreys, Pat Ward.



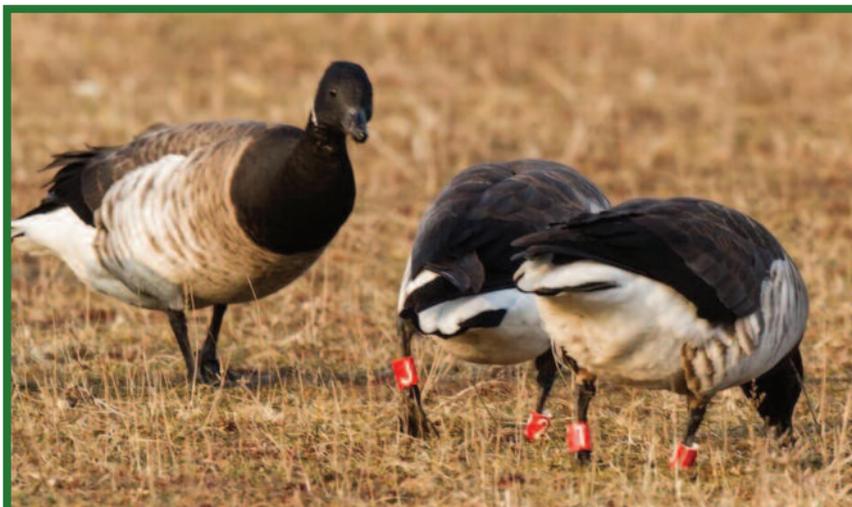
Mayor of Dublin for over 20 years.

There to witness the Casting of the Spear ceremony were members of the local port community enjoying the launch of the 29th annual South Docks Festival. The South Docks Festival is run by the St. Andrew's Resource Centre of Pearse Street in collaboration with a number of local clubs and groups, including Pearse Area Recreational Centre. It is a celebration of community and heritage, taking pride in the identity inherent in the South Dublin Docklands area.

Lord Mayor of Dublin Brendan Carr.

HAVE YOU SEEN A NUMBERED GOOSE?

In November the Brent Geese, that spend the winter in Dublin Bay, fly inland each morning to feed on public parks, sports pitches and other amenity grasslands.



Many of them carry coloured rings on their legs. These are part of a study of the movements of these important birds between Ireland and their breeding grounds in Arctic Canada. If you see one of these geese, please send the location, date and letter-number code to grahammcelwaine@btinternet.com.

Text by Richard Nairn, Natura Consultants.

Photograph by John Fox.

Dublin Docklands is continuing with the management and implementation of North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme. We have had a busy year with development in the Docklands SDZ area progressing fast. A number of sites are now under construction or due to come on site in the coming months.



Parade of Sail and Liffey River Cruise 2016



On Saturday 17th September 2016 for the second year running, Dublin City Council in conjunction with Dublin Port Company opened three bridges consecutively - the Samuel Beckett, Sean O'Casey and East Link bridges - over the River Liffey to allow the passage of yachts from Dublin Bay to the Custom House Quay area of the city. Boats made their way down the River Liffey through the three bridges turning at the Matt Talbot (Custom House) bridge and came back up the river where they docked at the pontoons outside the 3 Arena.



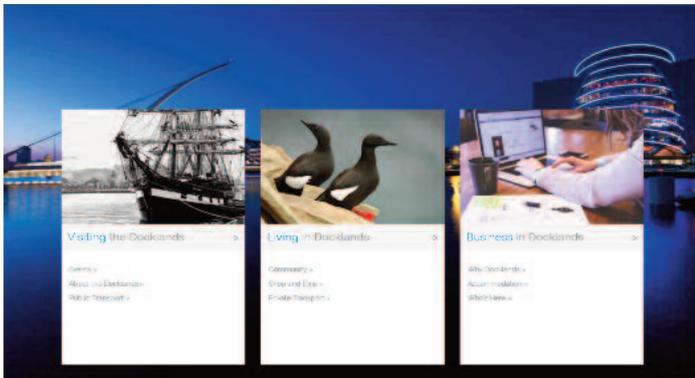
Vendée Globe Challenge and Atlantic Youth Trust Programme launch



On 10th October, Enda O'Coineen set off from Dublin Docklands on Kilcullen Voyager to compete in the single handed non-stop round the world sailing race, the Vendée Globe Challenge 2016. The 'Team Ireland Vendée Globe Challenge' sailing team will see the first ever Irish sportsperson compete in sailing's most difficult race. The race began on November 6th. The 10th October event also included the launch of a 14 week Primary School Educational programme in conjunction with The Atlantic Youth Trust.

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

A new website for Dublin Docklands



On 14th November this year, a dedicated website for Dublin Docklands went live. The website features 3 main themes- Living, Visiting and Business in Docklands and will include regular updates on both the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock and Poolbeg West SDZ Planning Schemes. Please visit us at www.dublindocklands.ie to find out more.



Culture Night



On Friday evening, 16th September Dublin Docklands and Oireachtas na Gaeilge once again staged a Currach racing event on the River Liffey as part of Culture Night 2016. Currachs set off from the pontoon by the Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship and raced for 2km up river to the Ha'penny Bridge and back while on land, there was music and Irish Dancing.

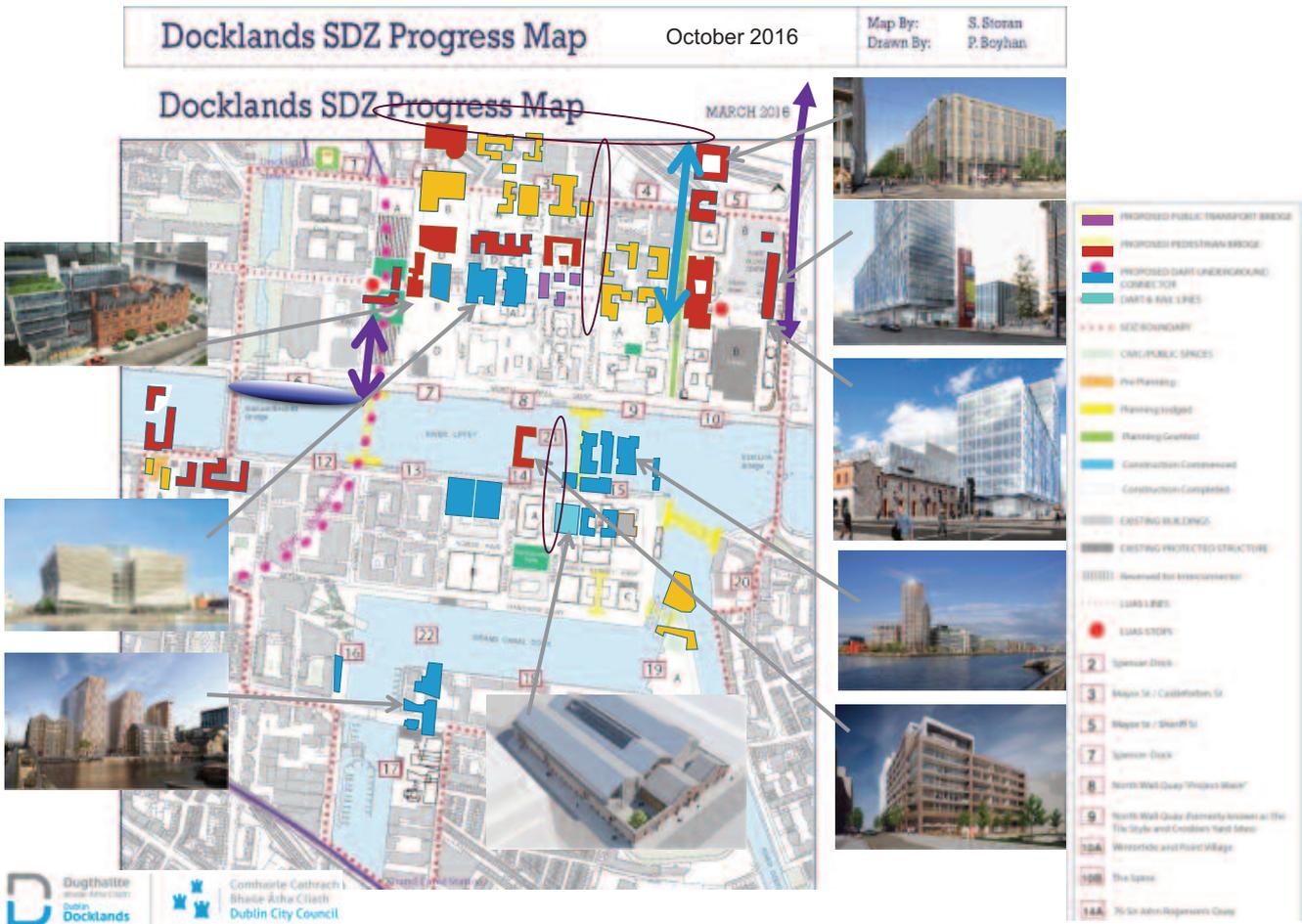


Poolbeg West SDZ



On 17th May 2016, the Government designated Poolbeg West a Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). These lands comprising 34 hectares (or approx. 84 acres) were deemed to be of economic and social importance to the state. The designated area in the Order is for a mixed use development which may principally include residential development, commercial and employment activities including office, hotel, leisure and retail facilities, port related activities and the provision of educational facilities, transport, infrastructure, emergency services and community facilities. For more information, please visit our website www.dublindocklands.ie

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North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Implementation

As development continues, things are beginning to take shape on a number of sites throughout the Strategic Development Zone.

Our office is putting structures in place with the major sites in the area to minimise disruption to residents during construction works including:

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

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Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum

A process is currently underway to appoint representatives to the newly established Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum. The Forum will consider and advise the Council and the strategic policy committees of the Council in relation to the formulation, development, monitoring and review of the Council's policy relating to the performance of the functions of the Council insofar as they relate to the Dublin Docklands Area and in particular in relation to enterprise and employment, education, housing, planning, the environment, including the natural and built environment, and the amenities of the area and the interaction of communities.

The Forum will consist of a Chairperson and 21 ordinary members, all of whom will be appointed by the Minister, and nominated as follows:

- An independent Chairperson to be nominated by the Chief Executive Dublin City Council, following consultation with the Council,
- the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council or his nominee,
- 4 Elected Members of the City Council nominated by the City Council from electoral areas included in the Dublin Docklands area,
- 5 members from among persons selected by not less than 5 prescribed* organisations which, in the opinion of the Minister, are concerned with or representative of persons engaged in community development in the Docklands Area, engaged in the promotion of the social, economic or general interest of communities in the Dublin Docklands area or represent the general interest of the residents in the Dublin Docklands Area,
- 5 members from among persons selected by not less than 5 prescribed* organisations which in the opinion of the Minister, are representative of persons engaged in the promotion or carrying out of economic activity (including employment) in the Dublin docklands Area,
- 1 member from among persons selected by a prescribed* organisation (or organisations) which, in the opinion of the Minister, is representative of persons engaged in the promotion or carrying out of educational activities in the Dublin Docklands Area and
- 5 members from among persons selected by not less than 5 prescribed* public authorities which, in the opinion of the Minister, are concerned with or whose functions relate to, any of the functions of the Forum insofar as these matter relate to the Dublin Docklands Area.

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

We would like to wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2017



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



CAUSEWAY YOUTH EXCHANGE – NOVEMBER 2016

This year our causeway exchange was with our friends from Liverpool *"The Shrewsbury Youth Project"*.

There was 30 young people involved, 12 from Liverpool and 18 from Dublin, all aged between 12 / 14 years.



They took part in activities like High-wire, rock-climbing, archery, go-karting, and hiking, plus lots of team challenges.



But the most important part of this residential was the two workshops on the *"No Hate Speech"* campaign and Racism.



Both groups had lots of views on these subjects and the debating will continue.

This is just the first leg of the program; the second leg will be held in Liverpool next April.

DRUGS AWARENESS WEEK

We recently participated in 'Drugs Awareness Week'. We hosted a night of workshops, discussions and activities based around drugs awareness. We had a great turn-out and an enthusiastic response to the program.



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HALLOWEEN FRIGHT-NIGHT-EVENT 2016

This year's (Surprise) Halloween Fright-Night-Event started out as a Halloween event for young people but quickly changed into a community event.

We had 30 young people taking part, and 22 adult volunteer leaders, all dressed in costume.

We took them to the **“Furry Glen of Hell”** (Phoenix park) where they had to find their way around a marked course that had many surprises waiting for them.

It was a truly frightening event for everyone.

We would like to thank the Community Garda who were a big help on the night.



STEPS TO SUCCESS

Steps To Success, a Youth Employability project attracted 6 young people, for 3 months, from September to December. Key skills developed included, cookery, modules in the Skills To Succeed Academy delivered by Martin Murphy from



Accenture, Music Production by Create, Spirit of Enterprise sessions by the Bank Of Ireland, Grand Canal: PALS programme by Bee Flanagan, Career skills with Jim Hargis, Make shop run by the Science Gallery, Holistic Massage by Veronica Lane, Drama by Act the Maggot Theatre company plus personal development, advice and recreational activities run by us.



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SUMMER PROJECT 2016

Amidst a month of rain, sun and everything in between, the Talk About Youth Project ran its summer project during the month of July, trying old and new activities. Working with over 50 young people from the community, we organised a mix of educational, recreational, sport and fun sessions.

Highlights included, a tour of RTE, where poor "Doug" from Fair City was almost kidnapped by our gang, horse riding, kayaking,

footee, dragon boating, the talent show and trips to the Maze, Lullymore, Hell Fire club, Sandycove, Malahide and an overnight to Larch Hill. Huge thanks to the young people, parents, staff, gardai and our volunteers. It was a truly frightening event for everyone.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

We brought a number of victims, I mean volunteers to the Cavan centre for Leadership training residential. Mixing both older leaders and juniors, we ran a series of sessions on youth work, programme planning and evaluation, with the centre staff providing an array of outdoor team building exercises. An incredible group, we hope to do further training with them in the New Year.



SKILLS TO SUCCEED ACADEMY:

The team have participated in no end of training throughout the year including among others, Minding your mental health, Drugs Education, Understanding mental health, Music and Sexual Health.

More recently, we have engaged with Accenture's "Skill to Succeed Academy". The Academy is the flagship for their global corporate responsibility portfolio. An online programme, it uses performance stimulations, CBT (computer based training), a series of activity packs, templates and checklists plus trained facilitator led activities to deliver a series of modules based on You and your career, Getting a job and Success in work. The team took part in their Train the Trainer programme and we are currently delivering it within programmes.





Gloucester Street Sports and Recreation Centre



NEW YEAR NEWS

We are delighted to announce that we are offering an **Operation Transformation Programme** to start on the 16th January in conjunction with City Quay National School. This programme is free of charge to all who wish to take part. Contact Mark here at the Centre on 01 6779322 or Claire in City Quay School on to book your place or for any queries you may have.

NEW LADIES ONLY CLASS

New ladies only class starting on Tuesday 10th January. The class will run in courses of 6 weeks and only costs €20. This class is very suitable for beginners. Phone Elaine in the Centre to register or for any enquiries.

MARATHON MAN MARK RAISES €50,000+ FOR BARRETSTOWN CAMP WITH TEAM JAMES

Congratulations to Mark on completing two marathons in less than a week. He completed the Dublin City Marathon in October while pushing young James in his wheelchair and then went on to complete the New York City Marathon six days later. I think you all will agree that is some achievement and dedication on his part. Mark was fundraising for Barretstown where young James attends throughout the year.



FOREVER FIT

Do you fancy getting fit, having fun and meeting new people? Then why don't you join us every Wednesday morning in St Andrews Day Care Centre we run a light exercise and mobility class for ladies 50 years young and older. It is suitable for every body as most of the exercises can be adapted to complete from a chair. The class starts at 10:30 for an hour and is free of charge.

SCHOOLS PROGRAMMES

We work with the local primary and secondary schools all year round running PE programmes. Mark and Amanda ran some Healthy Eating Classes with some of the schools which was a great success. The aim of this was to teach the pupils how quick and easy it is to make tasty and healthy food. We look forward to continuing to keeping the children of the community Fit and Healthy. Check our list of classes on our Website www.gloucesterstgym.com and download our App available on Google Play for Apple and Android phones. All our classes are suitable for the complete beginner so book in now and be greeted with a warm welcome and a smile.



We would like to wish all our clients and the Community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

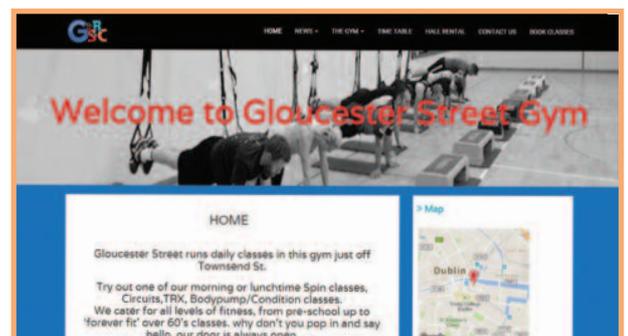


TIMETABLE

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



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www.gloucesterstgym.com.

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MR. & MRS. STEPHEN MURPHY



Caroline & Stephen Murphy who got married in Westland Row Parish.



MR. & MRS. JOHN HEVEY

John and Edel Hevey who got married in City Quay Parish.



VERSCHOYLE PARTY TIME

Congratulations on Dublin City Council on organising such a great party. A great time was had by all.



Christmas Plum Pudding

Plum pudding is easy to store, great fun to make and delicious to eat. These simple steps will have you all set for Christmas dessert ahead of time.

Prep time: 60 minutes

Cook time: 120-300 minutes

Servings: 10 people

Method 1

Cream margarine and sugar until light and fluffy
 Add the lightly beaten eggs and mix well.
 Stir in the sieved flour, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and mixed spice. Next add the raisins, sultanas, mixed peel, cherries and ground almonds.
 Mix well. Finally, add the breadcrumbs and bottle of stout. Stir well, cover and leave to stand overnight.
 Transfer to a 1 1/2 litre/3 pint greased pudding bowl.
 Cover pudding with greaseproof paper and secure with string or tinfoil.
 Place pudding in a saucepan with water half way up the side.
 Cover and steam for 5 hours or longer.
 The longer the pudding cooks the richer and darker it becomes.
 Top up saucepan with boiling water as required and don't let it boil dry.

Method 2

To steam pudding in the oven follow these steps
 Put two long strips of tin foil crosswise on work top.

Place roasting tin on foil. Sit pudding bowl into the tin and fill with boiling water to within 2cms/1" of top of tin.

Then bring tin foil around to form a parcel, which should be airtight to prevent any steam escaping.

Place in preheated oven at 150°C/300°F/Gas 2 for the same length of time as above.

There is no need to top up with water during cooking.
 Steam pudding for 2 hours and serve.

Ingredients

75g Odlums Self Raising Flour
 175g Shamrock Light Muscovado Sugar
 175g Margarine
 3 Eggs
 1/2 teaspoon Cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon Nutmeg
 1 teaspoon Mixed Spice
 Pinch of Salt
 225g Shamrock Raisins
 225g Shamrock Sultanas
 125g Shamrock Mixed Peel
 100g tub Shamrock Cherries
 100g packet Shamrock Ground Almonds
 175g Breadcrumbs
 1 bottle Stout (300ml/1/2 pint)



GARDA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Last year Pearse Street Garda Community Section organised a excellent Christmas Party in The Alexander Hotel, Fenian Street. All Stops were pulled out, top comedian Doc Savage, Jim O'Callaghan T.D., and Chris Andrews Cllr. attended, even the Horse Section joined in the Party, indeed as the pictures show, a great time was had by all. Roll on this year!! – *Photos and Story by P.McG.*



GARDA CHRISTMAS PARTY



SIR PATRICK DUN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

In December 2015 Santa made a special visit, as he usually does every Christmas to Sir Patrick Dun's to see Eileen Kilkenny and Tommy and their fantastic crew who care for all their clients, also Greenore / Rostrevor Choir sing their hearts out and generally entertain everybody. They also visit wards and entertain the patients who are most grateful and join in with them. Looking forward to this year's entertainment and laughter - *Story and Pictures by P.McG.*



SIR PATRICK DUN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

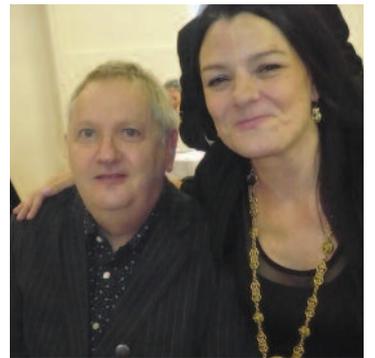


ST. ANDREW'S CELEBRATING JAMES JOYCE'S BLOOMSDAY

PHOTOS BY P.McG



ST. ANDREW'S CELEBRATING JAMES JOYCE'S BLOOMSDAY





In Memory of the Gardener by Sonny Kinsella

The following poem you are about to read is about a very good friend who worked in the same factory as I did for many years. His name was Tom Hickey and he was a professional landscape gardener having served his time in Kew Gardens, London. C.P.C. Ireland was an American Corporation food factory. I worked in the Maintenance Department while Tom was responsible for keeping the grounds in excellent condition. The grounds consisted of four car parks and a nine hole pitch and putt course, a football field and huge lawns and flower beds to the back and front of the factory and offices.

In the front of the main entrance was a lovely rose garden with a tree on each side of it. Tom kept them all in excellent condition throughout the whole year and at Christmas time he would have both trees decked out with the Christmas lights. The grounds were a great credit to him. Tom was the most liked person you would ever meet, always happy, and could be heard singing Irish ballads throughout the day – he never missed a day out of work and was never in bad humour. He enjoyed every minute of his work, especially in the summer. On rainy days you would find Tom in his stores cleaning and sharpening his gardening equipment, even his lockup stores were kept tidy. I often dropped over to see him for a chat and he'd stop, light up a cigarette and it was then that he would tell me many stories and yarns of his past life which were very interesting and sometimes funny. I hated having to leave him because of the great way he had of telling these stories. Unfortunately there was sadness in them too, he told me that his wife never settled down in London and wanted to move back to Dublin and so reluctantly he had to leave Kew Gardens in London and head back to home to Dublin. It wasn't too long till he got the job as landscape gardener in C.P.C. Ireland, as their gardener was retiring. For many years Tom carried on until one day he didn't show up for work. As he had never missed a day from work this was very strange and it was later the next day word came in that Tom had been taken to hospital. This surprised us as he was the picture of health and a strongly built man. After two months Tom came back to work, but he was the opposite to what he had been. This time he looked pale and had lost weight. We were all glad to see Tom back, but it was to be only temporary. Within six weeks Tom had to give in his notice as he couldn't cope any more. The Company gave him a good send off and the whole staff was sad to see him leaving for the last time. It was a few weeks later that word came in that Tom had died from cancer on the 27th of November 1990 at 6 o'clock in the morning, peacefully, and as a tribute to this old Dubliner, I decided to write the following in his memory.

“Don't Sing Sad Songs For Me”

*This time I write with a heavy heart
No joy, no laughs, no stories
For Tom our friend for many long years
Has been called to higher glories
The year of '90 took its toll,
It was to be our friend's last year
And we never believed that when it came
We would lose a friend so dear
He fell sick, late in that same year
And to hospital he was sent,
For weeks he lay in his sick bed
His time was nearly spent
But no one know, not even Tom
That death was drawing near
For a man so fit and healthy
Worked hard and knew no fear
A character no doubt he was
A Dubliner through and through
The stories and the yarns he told
Could be matched by very few
No books has told of Tom's exploits
No recorded tapes for us to listen
When he sat down to tell those yarns
His eyes would often glisten
The rare ould times has lost a pal
For he was a part of Dublin
And when St Peter opens the pearly gates
Tom will set the heavens bubblin
He will tell the angels and the saints
All the yarns he told down here
And it won't be long till heaven has
The friend we loved so dear
So goodbye old pal, God guide you home
You'll be sadly missed by all of us
Your tales and yarns no more we'll hear
For now, you've caught your last bus.*

Tom died 27th November 1990 at 6.00am RIP

By Sonny Kinsella

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





YOSEIKAN/SHOSHINDO NEWS by P.McG.

Instructor Heather Downes was awarded with a trophy for her dedication and commitment to the Club.

Indeed Heather has worked hard in preparing Darragh Brady for his Yellow Belt to which Darragh passed his test with flying colours.

Well done to Heather and Darragh. A special mention to our longest serving member, Jack Boland who is at present working towards his Brown Belt.

Other members Ella and Sam, J.J. and Reece are all doing well. Many thanks to our patron, **Shane in the Windjammer Bar for all his support.**

Also thanks to Ann Maher for her support.

A Very Happy Christmas to all our members and Community.



Jerry Browne and Heather Downes.

RINGSEND COLLEGE

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



1st YEAR INITIATIVES 2017

- Ringsend College's first iPad Initiative
 - Digital Books = no more heavy bags!
 - Education Apps to help students learn in new and exciting ways
 - iPad payment in instalments
- 1st Year Activities Programme

All 1st Years take part in a dedicated extra curricular programme 1 hour per week (separate to PE hour)
- Sports and Performance Arts
 - Dance, Drama, Music
 - Singing Group
 - Gaelic Football & Hurling/Camogie
 - Soccer, Basketball
 - and more..

SPORT

We encourage all students to participate in a wide variety of sports including Camogie, Hurling, Gaelic Football, Soccer, Badminton, Basketball, Swimming.

MODERN UPDATED FACILITIES

- PC Rooms
- High Speed Broadband and wi-fi
- Gymnasium
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- Home Economics, Art and Music rooms
- Metalwork, Technical Graphics, Woodwork Rooms
- Science Labs

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MEMORIES



Back Row: Austin McKenna (Manager); Tomo Nolan; David Wallace; Sam Healy; Eddie Ryan; Ray McCormak; The Bishop; Noel Gannon; Alan? Front Row: Noel Mathews; Shay Pullen; John Griffin; Fran Hopkins; Ado Daly; Gerry Cassidy.



Class 3B Mount Street Tech.



St. Andrew's Communion 1972. Note: Behind pupils the Coffee House (at the back of St. Andrew's).



Dixon's Soap Factory – August 1937

Willie Tighe, A. Cummins, E. Cowzer, E. Smith, Nicky, N. Brian, J. Harrison, P. Reilly, A. Nolan, J. Wall, R. Lynch, M. McDonnell, L. Melia, M. McManus, B. Sexton, E. Walsh, K. O. Cuffe, C. Doyle, P. Kavanagh, J. Tighe, F. Boon, P. Donnelly, M. Duffy, P. Gorman, M. Finselly, P. Kavanagh, B. Larkin, C. Hankey, B. O'Connor, J. McGann, S. Green, M. Brigman, P. McCoy, G. Kirwan, M. Luger, B. Burke, B. O'Toole, Moorhouse, M. Robinson and G. McCoy.

MEMORIES



**Deep Sea Dockers
Dress Dance in
Clery's Ballroom in
1962**

Left to Right: Georgie Mac and Rita; Harry Kearney and Marie; Johnnie Freeman and Helen; Shay Bradshaw and Marie; Shay Kenny and Lilly; Paschal McNevin and Breedine; Sean Sweeney and Maura; Martin Mitten and Dena; Willie Mcdermott and Betty; Paddy Nolan and Marge

Apologies to anybody not mentioned as we don't have any further information



Back Row Left to Right: Christy Bradshaw; Willie Bradshaw; Seamus Bradshaw; Mary Bradshaw; Jack Charters; Bridget Bradshaw; & Rosie Bradshaw. Front Row Left to Right: Esther Bradshaw; Thomas Bradshaw and Eddie Bradshaw. The Bradshaw Family are from 16P PearseHouse.



Mrs. Kinsella and PARC team 1985.



Back row l-r: Rose Kenny nee Lawless, Peg Clarke nee Berrigan and Ester Donnelly. Baby on left: Ned Kenny. Middle row l-r: Sean Kenny, Padraig Donnelly, Joseph Donnelly. Front row l-r: Jim Donnelly, Pat Clarke, 27 Pearse Square. Photo taken 1953.

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Why not visit
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*Shane and Staff wish
their Customers and
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TRIBUTES & ANNIVERSARIES



In Loving Memory of our dear sister Eileen Ryan (Ello) R.I.P.

From her heartbroken son, Stephen, Jen, granddaughter Belle and Brendan.

From her heartbroken sisters and brothers – Breda, Ann, Shay, Joan, Geraldine, Bernie, Kevin and Billy. And all her loving relatives, in-laws and friends.

Gone from us much too soon – Always will be remembered.



Well Ross!!!

Another Christmas and your not with us, but I know you will be having a great time with everyone in Heaven

Have a great party with all the young people who were taken too soon, Please give all the older generation ear muffs or better still play a few oldies for them they will show you all how to party

From everyone down here, who are missing all their loved ones can you let them know that they think of them every day and they love and miss them

You were a brilliant Son, Brother, Boyfriend and Friend

You are not an Uncle yet, but I'm working on that, not doing so good so if you can help out please do

Happy Christmas Ross – Love and miss you always from all your Family and Friends xxx

Christmas Thoughts In loving memory

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new
I think of you every day since you have gone away
I think of you in silence as I often speak your name
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame
Your memory is my keepsake of which will I'll never part
God has you in his keeping; I have you in my heart

Love Betty



BREDA FINLAY



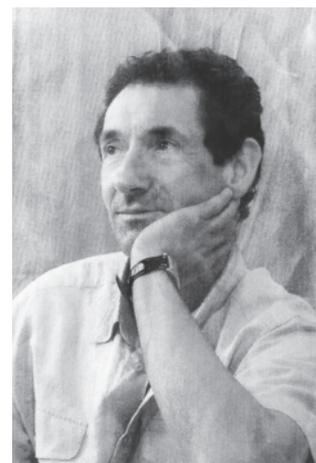
CHRISTY WOODS

Christmas Thoughts (Woods Family)

In loving memory of our Sisters and Brother

Mary, Carmel, Breda, Alice, Marion and Christy
We hold you close throughout our lives
So rest in peace dear loved ones until we meet again
God has you in his keeping; We have you in our heart
Always remembered

Loving Brothers and Sisters



BERNARD BYRNE R.I.P. (1953 – 2016)

Late of Eblana Villas,
Dublin 2

Our lovely brother Bernard died tragically on the seventh day of June, a very sad day for all who knew him.

Bernard was a very sincere, honest and the kindest person who walked this Earth. Bernard was always referred to as a "Gentleman" and a very gentle man he was.

Bernard was very lucky to have great friends and neighbours, who were true to him to the end. Thank you so much to you all.

To the Gardaí from Pearse St. Garda station, Father John Gilligan, St Andrew Church Westland Row - To Nichols Funeral Directors Lombard St, St Andrews Community Centre, all who offered sympathy and to those who thought of us on that sad day. Thank You All.

Bernard's Sisters Betty, Mildred and Margaret, his brothers Paddy and Andre, extended family, friends and neighbours and his faithful dog McGregor, who is now with his Aunty Margaret and well looked after, we will all miss Bernard very much, however Bernard will live in our hearts forever.

May Bernard have eternal peace and serenity now.

"Lord grant me the courage to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can And Wisdom to know the difference"

Also remembering our lovely brother Paul Who passed away in October 2015 May they both rest in peace.

Slan Abhaile



TRIBUTES & ANNIVERSARIES



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

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

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



Also remembering
Catherine's ever-loving
sister Ann Birmingham



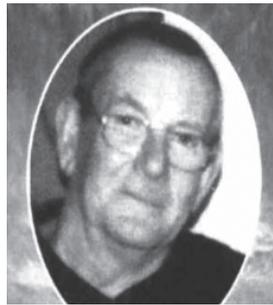
Denise Fitzgerald, R.I.P.



Terry Dillon



Anthony O'Brien



Thomas (Gerry)
O'Brien



**MICHELLE HEVEY-
HORAN**



**NELLIE HARRISON -
14th Anniversary and
84th Birthday 25th
December**

So many things have happened
that we wanted you to share
So many times we needed you
and wished that you were there.
Your memories are so precious,
your presence missed so much.
You will always be remembered
and missed by all of us.
Patrick, Sandra and Sean.

**Also remembering my
Da, Paddy**

Also remembering **Pat Gilligan**
neé Rankin at this time
(3rdd Anniversary 3rd February
2016)

*She was one of a kind
Never to be forgot*

Patrick, Sandra and Sean



**Remembering our beautiful wife and daughter, Michelle
this Christmas time on her third Anniversary on
16th January 2017**

*So go and run free with the Angels
Dance around the golden clouds
For the Lord has chosen you to be with Him*

Lovingly remembered by her husband Keith and children.
Her Mam and Dad, Sisters and Brothers and her
extended family.



**BRENNAN – Edward, Bridget
and Michael**

Sending Christmas kisses to
Heaven for my
Mam and Dad and Brother,
also my Mam's
Birthday on 7th January
Our thoughts are always with
you
Our memories never fade
We treasure all the years we

shared
And all the love you gave
We'll always loved and miss
you
With every passing day
The longing just to see you
Will never go away

**Love and remembered by
Theresa, Stephen and
Family.**



TRIBUTES & ANNIVERSARIES



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

**9th Anniversary –
May 17th 2016**

Happy 69th birthday Peter,
and a very Happy Christmas

from your ever loving family.

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

Never Forgotten



**In loving memory of
CHRISTOPHER WARD** late of
Boyne Street, who died 4th
September 2016 aged 75 years.
*So sadly missed by his broken
hearted wife (idie) & sons,
daughters, sons-in-laws and
daughter-in-law grandchildren
here and in Norway & Iceland.*

*God saw him getting tired, and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around him and whispered,
"Come to Me."*

With tearful eyes

*we watched him suffer, and
saw him slowly fade away.*

*Although we loved him dearly, we could not make
him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands
put to rest. God broke our hearts
to prove to us,
He only takes the best.*

In Memory of a special Brother

Today is full of memories of a Brother laid to rest
and every single one of them is filled with happiness.
For you were someone special always such a joy to know
and there was so much pain when it was time to let you go.
That's why this special message is sent to heaven above
for the angels to take care of you and give you all my love.
**From his loving sister Maura, Niece Aisling, Nephew
James and Brother-in-Law Jimmy.**

On his first Christmas away from home. Sending our love.
R.I.P



**In loving memory of
HARRY HOWARD &
KAY HOWARD, late of
Pearse Grove.**

So often since
you've gone
Mam and Dad
I've wished I
could bring

you back down from Heaven just to
spend one more day with you.

To hear your voices once again, to
talk to you and laugh with you, to
give you one more hug and one more kiss.
To have one more chance to say I love you....

Remembered and missed always – **Marian**



Joe Delaney



Nan Masterson



Dinny Tompkins



Margaret Fitzgerald



Betty O'Farrell R.I.P.

The family of the late Betty
O'Farrell would like to thank the
following:

Fr. Pierce Walsh of City Quay
Church; Marian Roche; Jerry
Browne; Gus and the staff of
Nichols Funeral Directors; John

Fitzsimons and all the management and staff of St
Andrews Resource Centre. The O'Farrell Family would
also like to thank the O'Farrell and Doyle Families; Also
a special word of thanks to Blackthorn House Nursing
Home and St Vincent's Hospital. The O'Farrell Family
would also like to thank all Betty's old neighbours and
friends for their kind support during this sad time.

**Thomas O'Farrell, son, Anthony and daughter,
Catriona and grandchildren.**



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.

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 emergency services can find you quickly when necessary.

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.

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Medical Cards – Finglas: Phone: 01-8343644	Estate Management Phone: 01-2222098
Ringsend & Irishtown Primary Care Centre Phone: 01-6608629 / 01 - 2320600	Bin Charges (Domestic) Phone: 01-2221000
Dr. Niall O’Cleirigh / Dr. Gilroy Pearse Street Primary Care Centre Mark’s Lane Off Lombard Street Dublin 2 Phone: 01-6427700	Community Development Phone: 01-2222231
Social Welfare Local Office: Apollo House Phone: 01-6369300	Housing Welfare Phone: 01-2222233
P.A.Y.E. Enquiries Dublin: Lo-Call: 1890 333 425	Dublin City Council: Block 1 Floor 2 Civic Offices Christchurch Dublin 8 Allocations & Transfers Phone: 01-2223510
Pearse Street Garda Station: Community Garda Juvenile Liaison Officer Crimecall Freephone: 1800 405 060 Irishtown Garda Station: Community Garda Juvenile Liaison Officer Crimestoppers: Freephone: 1800 250 025 Garda Confidential Line: Freephone: 1800 666 111 Emergency: Phone: 999 or 112	Threshold: Housing Advice, Information on Housing and Homelessness Phone: 01-6786096
Parentline: Phone: 01-8733500	A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous): Phone: 01-8420700 AI – anon / Ala – teen: Phone: 01-8732699
Victim Support: North Central Lo-Call: 1850 661 771 Phone: 01-8603877	St. Vincent de Paul: Phone: 01-8550022
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AMEN: (Confidential advice line for male victims of domestic abuse) Phone: 046-9023718	Office of the Ombudsman: Phone: 01-6395600 Lo-Call: 1890 223 030
Family Mediation Services: (Free Service) to couples separating Phone: 01-6344320	Financial Services Ombudsman: Lo-Call: 1890 882 090
AIM Family Service: Phone: 01-6708363	The Pathways Project: Helping Prisoners & Ex Prisoners Re – educate and re – integrate Phone: 01-8726499
The Equality Authority: Lo-Call: 1890 245 545	Bereavement Counselling Service: Phone: 01-6768882
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Roscrea Co. Tipperary: Phone: 0505-24126	CYC Catholic Youth Support Service: Phone: 01-8725055
CHILDLINE c/o ISPC: Freephone: 1800 666 666	City of Dublin Youth Service Board: Phone: 01-4321100
RAPE CRISIS CENTRE Freephone: 1800 778 888 Phone: 01-6614911	Crosscare: The Crosscare Programme operated in this area is based in St. Brigid’s Food Centre in Holles Row for Homeless people – also Meals on Wheels Phone: 01-8360011
Focus Ireland: Emergency Accommodation advice to homeless People and anybody who needs advice regarding accommodation Phone: 01-6712555	Citizens’ Information Call Centre: Lo-Call: 1890 777 121
Barnardos: National Children’s Resource Centre Phone: 01-4549699	M.A.B.S. Money Advice & Budgeting Service Phone: 01-6706555
	Women’s Aid: Freephone: 1800 341 900
	Homeless Persons (Oisín House) Freephone: 1800 724 724
	St. Andrew’s Parish, Westland Row: Phone: 01-6761270 Fax: 01-6763544
	City Quay Parish: Phone: 01-6773073
	HOSPITALS: St. Vincent’s Hospital Phone: 01-2214000 Dental School & Hospital Phone: 01-6127391 National Maternity Hospital, Holles St. Phone: 01-6373100 St. James’s Hospital Phone: 01-4103000 Childrens’ Hospital, Temple St. Phone: 01-8784200
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Contact: **Christine Reynolds or Geraldine O'Brien**



*Pat Smith and Nuala Fitzgerald celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with Michael Bishop and Frances Gleeson.
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ST. ANDREW'S DAY CENTRE NEWS

We have had an eventful year here in St Andrew's Day Centre with our regular activities such as games afternoon, knitting club and Bingo! And of course our now famous Community Breakfast on Friday mornings. We also had many parties and outings to such far flung places as Bray and elsewhere! This year we have had parties for Valentines, Easter, Summer and Halloween and are looking forward to a very busy Christmas party season.

Many thanks to our regular supporters such as AdRoll; the local Community Gardaí and HSBC bank for their continued support. A huge thank you to Iain from AdRoll who took part in a sponsored cycle during the year and selected us as his chosen charity. Also we would like to thank Shay and Garry of SW Ventilation and Insulation Ltd. for their continued support.



The Day Centre is open from ten in the morning till half four in the evening (unless we are partying then later!). As well as our regular timetable we also have events as Keep Fit with our resident instructor from Gloucester Street Sports Centre, Elaine Kenny.



Elaine is currently running classes on how to keep your circulation going well in the cold weather.



Hope you enjoy the photos from the year and look forward to meeting you.



Happy Christmas and a safe New Year to all, Elaine, Paula and all the gang in the Day Centre.



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



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ITAS is contactable 7 days a week on **1890 365 700**.

Opening hours are: Monday to Saturday 10am-6pm and Sundays and Public Holidays 12pm-6pm.

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'Shels fan writes a history of Shelbourne FC, and presents a copy to President Higgins, at a reception in Aras an Uachtarain'.

The formal launch took place in the club's premises in Tolka Park, Dublin 9.

Appreciating the club's southside Dublin origins and continuing support, a second launch took place, very successfully, in Pearse Street Library, Dublin 2, where the club has an archive.

Following upon the launch of the book on the history of Shelbourne Football Club, author was invited to a reception in Aras an Uachtarain (the official residence of the President of Ireland), to present the President with a copy.

President Michael D Higgins is one of the few elected public figures in Ireland who supports local/League of Ireland football, attending local matches often. It was a lovely occasion, thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. The President spoke extensively of his love and enthusiasm for local/League of Ireland football and it's history.

The book

'Shels, a Grand Old Team to Know, a history of Shelbourne Football Club since 1895', is on sale, at 20 Euro, from the Shelbourne FC club shop in Tolka Park, Drumcondra, Dublin9. Further details from the club website on; www.shelbourne.ie or by email from; johnfraser@live.com or info@shelbournefc.ie. Other sales outlets will be posted on club website as arranged.

Author-

Noel C. Sands MA (Hons), writing as Christopher Sands.



Group picture shows, left to right; Third from left, Author's daughter Rhonda Sands Murphy (Rathcormac, Co Cork), her husband Mark Murphy, their son Owen Murphy, President Higgins, author Christopher Sands, his grand-daughter Aishling Sands Cashen (Huntstown, Mulhuddart), her partner Tyrone Williams, their children, Jasmine (9), Seaierra (7), and Zara (5).

St. Andrew's Heritage Project "1916 The Local Connections" – Exhibition and Booklet

It is hard to believe that it is nearly eight months since the launch of our "1916 Exhibition and Booklet" in St. Andrew's Church Westland Row, on 24th April this year. Over 150 people signed the visitor's book with over a thousand people attending the Exhibition. The Exhibition was originally meant to be displayed for only two weeks, but was extended to four weeks to cater for the increasing interest and numbers of people visiting. The Exhibition is a lasting visual record of our local connections with the 1916 Rising: Boland's Bakery, Battle of Mount Street, and Pdraigh Pearse, who was born in Pearse Street and who was a central figure in the 1916 Rising. Some very important pieces were sourced from "Westland Row CBS", including Willie Pearse's Tunic which was on loan to us for the duration of the Exhibition. The Exhibition was launched after 11:30am Mass by Fr John Gilligan, who spoke about Pdraigh and Willie Pearse's contributions to the 1916 Rising. During the Mass Father John also announced that Bill Taylor was retiring after 20 years of service to the community. We all wish Bill the very best of health and happiness in his retirement. After the Mass, Bill Taylor officially opened the Exhibition in the side corridor of the church, cutting the ribbon to launch the Exhibition. Bill was also the editor of the 1916 Booklet and the Exhibition was dedicated to Bill, reflecting his many years of great service to our community. We sincerely thank all those who contributed to the success of the exhibition and it remains on view in St. Andrew's Resource Centre, in Room 3, until early 2017.

On behalf of the Saint Andrew's Heritage Project we wish everybody young and old a very Happy and Healthy Christmas Season and every good for the New Year.

Paul Graham
Heritage Co-ordinator

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William Bligh and the Dublin Connection

by Michael Rossiter

Michael Rossiter

As we approach the festive season of 2016 most of us if not all will be making plans for how we will spend the Christmas holidays. Many will travel, walk, visit the cinema etc. However if like me you like to walk then you could do no better than to take a few hours and travel down to the Great South Wall. Many locals from Ringsend and surrounding areas will know this by its local name The Shelly Banks. The Shelly Banks has been a favourite of locals and visitors for generations. It is a beautiful area of the city and if you visit especially on weekends you will be one among thousands who do the same. However, this area including the South Wall has a very interesting history, as many years ago Dublin bay had an ongoing problem with the build-up of sand (silt)...



Gura Murphy

This was a problem to the British authorities who then decided to solve this problem. They decided to reclaim land, which ran from the City to Ringsend in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. After years of primitive dredging a wall was proposed to run from Ringsend to what would eventually become known as The Poolbeg Lighthouse which was completed in 1761. The granite for this project was sourced from the quarry in Dalkey and shipped across the bay. Later the British added a gun Battery and what is now known as the Pigeon House Fort. Further up river Sir John Rogerson paid for the construction of a massive quay which was later was to be the site for the

employment of many locals from Pearse Street, Ringsend, East Wall and surrounding areas. The wall and the various facilities that the British added later are not the only interesting fact. How many people have heard of Mr. William Bligh of Her Majesty's Navy?

Well most of us who are old enough have probably seen the famous film *Mutiny on the Bounty*. The Captain of this ship was one William Bligh;



however, he had another qualification, and that of a marine surveyor. Bligh was born in Plymouth in 1754 and in 1800 he was invited to come to Dublin and survey the bay. It is reported that he allegedly stayed in The Pigeon House Fort during his stay. It was decided by Bligh after he finished his survey to construct the Great Bull Wall. These two walls are what keep the channel clear so that shipping can flow easily in and out of our main port, bringing much needed commerce and jobs to our city. For many residents of Ringsend, Irishtown and Pearse Street their working days were spent along Sir John Rogerson's Quay for the various stevedore firms that operated along this quay and other parts of the docks. In my own family my mother's brothers Ned and Mickser Brennan were dockers along with their father my Granada Michael Brennan. Although with the passing of time many Dockers have passed on to Fiddlers Green, many still remain like Mickser Brennan, John Hawkins, Noel Gura Murphy, John Gidda Murphy and Louis Doyle. So when over the yule tide period when walking along either the North or South bull walls spare a thought for William Bligh, the once alleged Ringsend resident and friend to the Dockers of the City of Dublin.



Remembering Margaret Keogh - Stella Gardens - 1st Commemoration. Photo by Fr. Ivan Tonge.



Book Launch "1847" A Chronicle of Genius, Generosity and Savagery" by Turtle Bunbury in the CHQ Building.



The Spellman Centre celebrate 21 Years of Service

by Tom Crilly

Ringsend and District Response to Drugs (RDRD), the board of management of the Spellman Centre held their Annual Event on Thursday 9th. June in the Clanna Gael Hall. According to their chairperson Tom Crilly RDRD was established in 1995, marking 21 years of providing an important service to the south inner city. The following year in 1996 following pressure from inner city communities and a major rise in drug crime the then government established the C.A.B., the National Drugs Strategy and a structure called the Drugs Task Force that linked communities with government agencies.

The Spellman Centre is a family and addiction support service and much more as this issue cannot be dealt in isolation away from other related issues in the local community and in the wider society. These issues can include mental health, education, homelessness, funding to youth facilities, suicide, unemployment, policing and crime. Therefore as a community based project linked to the South Inner City Drugs Task Force we network with a range of other community, political, voluntary groups and the state agencies; from the Ringsend Forum Network to the Irishtown Gardai, from the Merchants Quay Project to the Junior Minister responsible for the National Drugs Strategy.

Many thanks to all who attended including Senator Frances Black who officiated, supported by Junior

Minister for the National Drugs Strategy Catherine Byrne T.D., also our three local Councillors Sonya Stapleton, Chris Andrews and Dermot Lacey..also Cllr. Daithi Doolan,,also Jim O Callaghan T.D... Thanks to all the local community groups and the voluntary groups for putting up an information stall around the hall on the night and also to our sponsors Dublin Port Company.

After all the presentations, awards and interesting talks we relaxed and listened to good music from the BeerMats. Well done.



Spellman annual awards - school poster competition winners with Community Guard Anthony Kelly

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Sunday **Christmas Day:**
December 25th **Mass: 11.30 a.m.**
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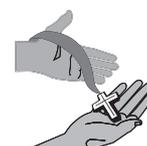
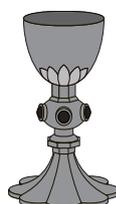
Monday **Mass at 10 a.m.**
December 26th

Sunday **Mass:**
January 1st 2017 **11.30 a.m.**
 & 4.00 p.m.
 as normal

May the peace and love of the infant Jesus find a home in your heart this Christmas and always you are invited to celebrate the birth of Jesus in our parish.

Fr. Pearse Walsh, Sr. Goretti and the Parish Team.

Happy Christmas.



**WESTLAND ROW PARISH
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2016**

May the peace and love of the infant Jesus find a home in your heart this Christmas and throughout 2017. You are invited to join with us in celebrating the birth of Jesus in our Parish.

Best Wishes – Fr. Enda Cunningham, Adm., Fr. Egidijus Arnasius P.C., Fr. Anthony Hou, P.C. and Rev. Dermot McCarthy, Deacon wishing the Community a very Happy Christmas.

The following is the timetable for our Church Christmas Celebrations:

Monday **Mass: 10.00a.m. & 12.45p.m.**
19th December

Tuesday **Mass: 10.00a.m. &**
20th December **Penitential Service at 12.45 p.m.**

Wednesday 21st Dec. **Mass: 10.00a.m. & 12.45p.m.**
Thursday 22nd Dec.
& Friday 23rd Dec.

Saturday **Christmas Eve:**
24th December **Mass: 10.00a.m. followed by**
 Confessions 10.30a.m. to
 11.00a.m.

Christmas Carols: **8.30pm**
Christmas Mass: **9.00p.m.**

Sunday **Christmas Day:**
25th December **Masses: 10.00 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.**
 Chinese Mass: 12.30p.m.
 Lithuanian Mass: 2.00p.m.

Monday 26th Dec. **Weekday Mass: 10.00 a.m.**
to Monday 2nd January 2017

Saturday **Masses: 10.00a.m. & 6.30p.m.**
31st December

Sunday **Masses: 10.00 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.**
1st January 2017

Normal Weekday Mass Schedule from Tuesday
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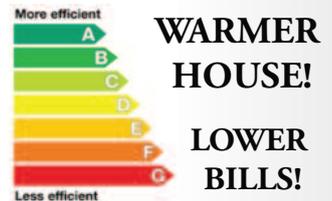
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Wishing the Community a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.