

# Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association Newsletter

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James Joyce Tower Reopens

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 19th May 2014, 8pm**

**St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre**

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## RESIDENTS MEETING 23RD NOVEMBER 2013

### The Chairman's Address

Paul O'Callaghan, Chairman, welcomed all to the meeting, including Cllrs. Patricia Stewart, Melisa Halpin, Donna Pierce, Jane Dillon Byrne, and John Bailey. Apologies were received from Cllr Cormac Devlin, Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD, and Richard Boyd Barrett, TD.

Paul introduced the committee members. He thanked Liam Madden for the excellent production of the Association's latest **newsletter** and encouraged all to support local traders.

The **garden awards** were presented. Unfortunately due to a family bereavement Brendan Kenny and Jennifer Luby could not attend. Bob Waddell accepted the awards on their behalf. Bro Raymond accepted on behalf of Presentation Brothers.

Paul introduced a number of topics which would be discussed in the open forum which followed. He reminded us of the neighbours gathering on December 2nd.

The meeting was then opened to the floor.

### Open Forum

Paul described how the Otranto Place development was going. There was some issue with stone being found. There was good cooperation with the Parks Dept.



After a presentation to the arts committee, **Imogen Stuart's Sculpture** has got the go ahead. The cost is to be covered by community funding. There are a number of ideas for this: fund Raising, art auction of limited edition etchings, concerts, internet crowd sourcing.

In the **People's Park** the tea rooms are being rebuilt as well as covering over the railway near the metals.

There was widespread approval ("relief and delight") of the council purchase of the "**Pres field**". Congratulations to council and Owen Keegan. The view was expressed that it would be a facility for community and not for the exclusive use of one or more groups. It was hoped that there would be a perimeter path, a garden, a car park and changing facilities.

The **gas exploration** licence for Dublin Bay has been handed back. It was felt however that this is not the end. The Malaysian company Petronas has deep pockets.



*Bro Raymond accepting a garden award on behalf of Presentation Brothers*

From the previous residents meeting, Paul was mandated to submit an objection to the **wind farm**. This was done. It was felt that the Norwegian model should be the one to follow: greater than 22km offshore, high safety standards and minimal visual impact.

The **James Joyce Tower** will be closed until Feb 2014. Its operation will be transferred to the County Council. Reservations were expressed on this. It was felt that this is too important to let go. Running should be left to locals and there should be no entrance charge. A parallel was drawn to Malahide Castle which has been commercialised. We need to be vigilant. The Friends of Joyce Tower has Julie Beckett as chair and James Holohan as vice chair.

The **library** is taking shape. It has stopped growing but is a lot bigger than most people expected. The general view is that it is built now and we have to make the best of it and make sure it's the facility we expect. Concern was expressed not only on the building cost but the annual cost to maintain it.

The library will have 120 parking spaces, staff offices in basement, a performance space, toilets and a coffee shop. It should look smaller when the scaffolding is removed.

There were some **developments** of concern. What was Langan's Car park has signs for a flea market. It also has an ugly fence and falling hoarding. With the weeds on the tarmac someone observed it was like a dandelion market. Somerset House, Sandycove Ave. West: there has been a submission to enforcement. The long time derelict Elton Park site will see the building

of 4 houses.

To report **dog fouling** there is now a dog foul hotline (1800 251 500). This is an initiative of the four Dublin councils.

We were reminded that similar to snow, it is the householder's duty to remove **fallen leaves** from the footpath outside their house.

An enquiry was made on the location of the **O'Connor Crucifix**. The answer was given that it is being moved to a site in Moran park. The sculpture weighs 18.5 tonnes.

Thanks were expressed to the workers carrying out **road works** on Summerhill Road during the Summer. They were pleasant and hard working.

It was pointed out that the **Harold School Car park** is only open at Christmas. It's school property and one can get locked in.

Concern was expressed about the Dun Laoghaire **Harbour Board** transition. The attendees were urged to keep an eye on this.

A **changing shelter** is to be built in Sandycove harbour.

On 29th December 2013 there is to be a fundraiser in Leopardstown Racecourse for **the forgotten Irish**. Margaret Browne is involved in organising.



Paul thanked all present and invited us to join in refreshments and chat at the end of the evening.

## Committee

**Chairperson:** Paul O'Callaghan  
**Secretary:** Liam Madden  
**Treasurer:** Caitriona McCarthy

Other committee members  
(in alphabetical order):

Patsy Ashe	Kay Gleeson
Sean Coakley	Mary Roche
John Conroy	Bob Waddell
John Elliot	



## Newsletter of the Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association

### Become a Member Today

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Application form with this newsletter or download from our website.

Pay at our AGM on May 19th or post form (address on form).

Membership runs from AGM to AGM (May 2014 to May 2015).

## Sandycove and Glasthule

The map below shows the boundaries of the area covered by the SGRA.



## Advertising

You will notice advertising at the back of this newsletter. This is an effort to defray costs and support local businesses.

If you are interested in advertising with us please email [editor@sandycoveandglasthule.ie](mailto:editor@sandycoveandglasthule.ie) or phone/text Liam on **086 8046938**.

Our next newsletter will be published in November.

Unless expressly attributed, the views expressed in this newsletter are based on editorial decisions broadly reflective of the policies decided by the committee of the Association and should not necessarily be attributed to any individual committee member.

## Annual General Meeting

Monday 19th May, 20:00

As well as the usual business there will be a section for the local elections. Each election candidate in our area will be given the opportunity to address the meeting.

We will ask each candidate to address the following:

1. What are the attributes and strengths which you feel qualify you to offer yourself as a candidate for election to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council?
2. In what areas have you achieved results which could be applicable and of value to your role as a councillor?
3. If elected, and with your knowledge of this ward, what are your aspirations and goals for the next five years?

Time allocated will be strictly controlled.

After each candidate has spoken, there will be an opportunity for questions (and hopefully answers).

## Newsletter Distribution

All our newsletter distribution is done on a voluntary basis. The newsletter is distributed twice a year and shouldn't take long to deliver.

If you would like to help, please email us or talk to any committee member at the AGM.

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## Get Involved

This is **your** residents association. Get in touch. Talk to us at the meetings or send us an email: [info@sandycoveandglasthule.ie](mailto:info@sandycoveandglasthule.ie)

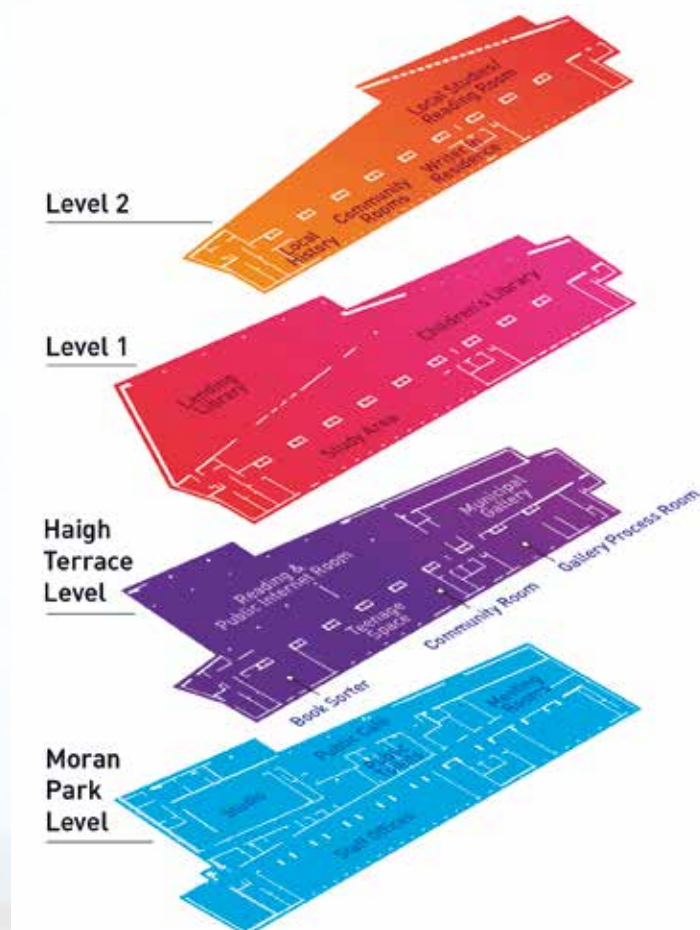
## Are you new to the area?

Welcome to Sandycove and Glasthule.

If you'd like to see what some of your fellow residents are like and what's of concern why not come along to our AGM?

This year you'll also have an opportunity to meet candidates in the local elections which take place four days later.

## The Library



*Watch the sun rise!*



*Watch the sun go down!*

## Joyce Tower Reopens - Again

After its temporary closure over the winter for renovations, the James Joyce Tower & Museum reopened to the public on Easter Saturday.

It is open every day from 10am to 6pm and admission is **free**!

The tower will continue to be staffed by voluntary members of the '**Friends of Joyce Tower Society**', a group dedicated to the preservation and promotion of this fabulous internationally renowned attraction.

The James Joyce Tower & Museum is a wonderful example of an early 19th Century Martello Tower built to defend Dublin against a threatened and imminent French invasion. It is also, of course, the location of the opening chapter of James Joyce's masterpiece - 'Ulysses'.

The museum houses a unique collection of artifacts, documents and books relating to the life of James Joyce and, in particular, to his most famous novel. It attracts visitors from all over the world – last year over 35,000 people came to pay homage to the great author.

From the point of view of the residents of Sandycove and Glasthule (many of whom volunteer with the 'Friends of Joyce Tower Society'), the tower represents a unique attraction to bring visitors to the area. Indeed, it is also an amenity to be enjoyed by locals, their families and their friends.

Lend your support to this great and important historic and cultural site by spreading the word of its reopening and by treating yourself and your family to a visit there in the near future.

**James Holahan**



*From L to R: Friends of Joyce Tower Society officers Sadie Delaney (secretary), Julie Beckett (chair) and James Holahan (vice chair) in the tower on the morning of the reopening.*



# Out and About



Congratulations to Gerard Maguire from 64 Wine on his successful campaign against a tax on street furniture - his SOS tax (Sit on Street tax).

There was a proposal to charge €125 per annum for advertisement structures and street furniture. This has been reduced to €50 as long as there are no more than two tables and seating for four people. Licensing will be subject to an assessment of the impact on pedestrians and other road users.



*Redundant phone boxes in Glashule. ET probably has a mobile.*



*Binoculars might be needed to see the writing on these signs!*



*The new changing area and shower beside Sandy Cove beach.*



*Dun Laoghaire as seen from the top of the James Joyce Tower*

## Quick Quiz. Where are these?



*The only place to go?*



*Not a pot of gold*





## People's Park Development

The refurbishment and extension of the gate lodge and the former shelter / tea rooms in the People's Park is now well underway despite many set backs, and it is hoped the two buildings will be completed and open before the end of the summer.



The steel frame has been erected for the new extension to the tea rooms, which will reopen as a high quality restaurant that will serve throughout the day. The chimney stack on the gable end of the lodge, taken down more than twenty years ago for safety, has now been successfully rebuilt. Once the site of a large granite quarry, the park was created after the quarry was closed and the void refilled. It was the unstable fill, on which the structures were originally built, that had caused them to settle so much over the years.

The architectural and conservation works have been designed by Howley Hayes Architects. The directors James Howley and Fionnuala Hayes are Sandycove residents. Their designs include: the restoration of the lodge for use once again as a dwelling, with facilities for park staff and new public toilets within an extension behind the restored lodge; the restoration of the tea rooms / shelter including the original rooftop viewing gallery, and a new glass extension on the back which will provide a new "window" into the park from the road side.



Society of St Vincent de Paul

**Glasthule**

If you need help or advice in any way - or would like us to visit you - perhaps you might be lonely - then please contact us in strict confidence by e-mail (anytime) [glasthulesvp@gmail.com](mailto:glasthulesvp@gmail.com) or call **086 3447631** between 9-5 Monday to Friday

## The Old and the New

In our November newsletter we listed a number of business in the area that are here some time.

Here are a few more long established local businesses plus one that has just opened.

### Buckley Galleries

Buckley Galleries first opened in 1963. Michael & Sean's father opened business as Albert Estate in 1945. He initially conducted his furniture auctions from Burdett House.



Auctions are held at 2:30pm each Thursday.

### P.K. Connolly Barber Shop

Opened November 1937 by Patrick Connolly and now run by Pip Connolly, his son. A third generation runs a hairdressers across the road.



### Eamonn's Bookshop, Sandycove

Eamonn Buckley opened his bookshop in 1973. Eamonn buys and sells second hand books, record and DVDs and sells a wide range of stationery products. Great for browsing. Eamonn also carries copies of the SGRA newsletter.



### Topline Murtagh Hardware

Although new to Glasthule, Murtagh's is around since 1887. It is still family owned and operated by Colin Murtagh (3rd from right).



*The Topline Murtagh team with some locals*

Murtagh's longest serving staff member is Glasthule local Brendan Barry (4th from left).

## Trades Ads

We are looking at including a section in the newsletter with details of trades people in the area e.g. plumbers, carpenters, electricians etc. See map on page 3.

There would be a charge of €25.

If you are interested in being included please email [editor@sandycoveandglasthule.ie](mailto:editor@sandycoveandglasthule.ie) or phone/text Liam on **086 8046938**.





Following the success of our neighbours gathering 2012, our 2013 evening did not disappoint. The essence of these get-togethers is to give our residents an opportunity to get to know each other in a very relaxed environment. It promotes communication, friendships and a sense of pride in our special locality.

This year the evening had a 'Traders Theme'. Traders were invited to share their memories and reminisce on their experiences over the years. On the panel was Brendan Glennon (Glennon's Pharmacy), Margaret O Callaghan (Soul Boutique) and Brother Raymond (Presentation Community). We were richly entertained by their great stories and their insights into the locality.

The evening was superbly chaired by Susan Hedigan. Of course at some point the discussion broke into a sing-song, led by Brendan Glennon on his guitar. Tom Lyesett formally of The Punnet also added a song from the audience. Both panel and audience mingled over a glass of wine and some tasty bites (courtesy of the Butlers Pantry). Many thanks also to the Presentation Community for giving us the venue for this event. It was an evening to remember and we are looking forward to another Neighbours Gathering in December 2014. Don't miss it, and remember to support our traders. They are a very important part of our wonderful locality.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Bloomsday

**June 16th:** Have a look out for festivities in Sandycove and Glasthule - details in traders' windows.



### Some Events in Pavilion Theatre

**June 12th:** The Tailor of Inverness

**June 17th:** La Traviata - Live Screening from Bastille Opera House

**July 9th -12th:** My Brilliant Divorce

**July 21st - August 2nd:** Nirbhaya

**August 30th:** Lloyd Cole

**September 6th:** Nik Kershaw



[www.paviliontheatre.ie](http://www.paviliontheatre.ie)

### Dalkey Book Festival

**June 20th-22nd 2014**

[dalkeybookfestival.org](http://dalkeybookfestival.org)



### Glasthule Opera presents Summer Opera Gala

**Saturday 7th June** at 7.30pm



The programme will include well-loved selections from CARMEN - THAIS - THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO -RUSALKA -LAKME -EUGENE ONEGIN - PORGY AND BESS and SWEENEY TODD

Pavilion Theatre Dun Laoghaire

Also:

Opera Festival **September 18th-20th, 2014**

### National Maritime Museum of Ireland

Open 11:00-17:00 **every day.**

[www.mariner.ie](http://www.mariner.ie)

### The dlr Bay 10k

The dlr Bay 10k road race will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 4th August 2014.



[www.dlrbay10k.ie](http://www.dlrbay10k.ie)

### The Shackleton Endurance Exhibition

**Open until November 2014**

Ferry Terminal Building, Dun Laoghaire



[www.shackletonexhibition.com](http://www.shackletonexhibition.com)

### Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival

**September 12th-14th 2014**

[www.mountaintosea.ie](http://www.mountaintosea.ie)

### CoCo Market Dun Laoghaire

The People's Park **every Sunday 11:00 - 16:00.**





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