

# Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association Newsletter

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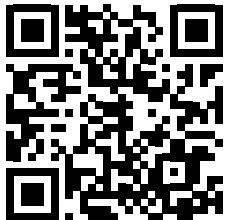
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Monday 28th May 8pm  
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## Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on **Monday May 28th 2017 at 8pm** in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre.

All members and prospective members are welcome.

An Garda Síochána will give a presentation on local issues. They will also take questions from the floor. Judging from their previous presentations, this will be well worth attending.



Dear Resident

I hope you enjoy reading our latest newsletter.

There's certainly a lot happening in the area at the moment. We have three Council developments ongoing: Hudson Road Field, Otranto Park and The Baths (at last).

The first objective of SAGRA (from our constitution) is: "to promote a sense of community and neighbourliness among residents of the area". With our three public meetings per year and our newsletters I hope we are doing that. Do come along to our Neighbours Evening on Thursday 27th September.

We continue to raise issues of local concern with our Councillors, TDs and the council on behalf of residents. For example in this edition we highlight seafront flooding and Otranto Park.

Thank you to our loyal newsletter distributors. Since January 1999 they have been delivering this newsletter into the homes and businesses of Sandy Cove and Glashule.

Unlike many resident associations we have a vibrant commercial village in our midst. I hope we continue to support them. Thank you to our advertisers - all local.

I look forward to meeting you at our AGM on May 28th. It's a great opportunity find out what's happening in the area, raise issues and to meet and chat with your fellow residents and Councillors. If you are new to the area, this is a great way of introducing yourself.

Regards

**Liam Madden**  
**Chairperson**

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.

## Subscription Renewal at AGM

Membership subscriptions are due at AGM time and valid until the following AGM. You will find an application form in this newsletter. A form can also be downloaded from our website.

Membership dues are unchanged: €15 for individual and €22 for household membership.

You can renew your membership at the AGM. You can also drop the form and payment into Eamonn's bookshop, Sandy Cove.

To speed processing on the night of the AGM, please have the form filled in and payment ready.

Payment by standing order will be particularly welcome.

Membership cards will be posted out after the AGM.

## Newsletter Distributors

Our newsletter distributors are a vital part of our organisation. If you would like to help out please contact any member of the committee. The time commitment is not big. You will only be called on twice a year.

## Email Communication

If you would like to keep up to date with SAGRA activities and local events please indicate on your membership application form.

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Our next newsletter will be published in November 2018 just in time for Christmas!

## Thank You

We'd like to acknowledge the support Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council give to our association.



# Residents Meeting 27th November 2017

Liam Madden, Chairman, welcomed all to the meeting.

**Present:** Richard Boyd Barrett, TD; Cllr. Patricia Stewart; Cllr. Ossian Smyth; and Cllr. Dave O’Keeffe.

**Apologies** were received from Councillors Cormac Devlin, Melisa Halpin and Mary Fayne. Apologies were also received on behalf of Mary Mitchell O’Connor, TD, Minister of State for Higher Education.

Liam introduced **Ruairi O’Dulaing, Senior Parks Superintendent**, dlr Co Co who presented a most interesting demonstration of the vast amount of work carried out by the Parks section of his Department. He gave us some fascinating insights into the work carried out by his staff, and showed us slides of unusual projects he had finalised before coming to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. He explained that this was a county with very little land to spare, so it was essential that all our parks, and green spaces, should be of the highest standard, and available to all. He explained the latest policy on removing old trees on suburban roads, and their replacement with trees whose root ball should not affect footpaths and streets. He answered some questions asked of him by the audience.

Liam welcomed all again, and thanked the **60 distributors** who had recently popped the Newsletter into letter boxes all around the area. This major task could not have been completed without them. He said that the Association’s website had recently been revamped, and all Newsletters were available on it.

He mentioned that there is a “**Letters to the Editor**” which can be used to get in touch online. The Newsletter is also available online. He asked all to support local businesses, and thanked those businesses who had advertised in the Newsletter. He acknowledged the support Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Council gives to the Association. He reminded the audience of our three meetings a year – the AGM on the last Monday in May, the Neighbours’ Night on the last Monday in September, and the second Residents Meeting on the last Monday in November.

He congratulated the **local businesses** of Cavistons Food Emporium, Mitchell & Sons, 64 Wine and Rasam who had all won awards in recent weeks.

He raised the question of asking the Council to move the **gym equipment** from Newtownsmith. He said that the Association had been told that this would happen, but it now seems that the Council intends to put single items of gym equipment in a different part of the Green at Newtownsmith, spacing them apart. This is not the result we thought would happen. Cllr. Patricia Stewart said councillors’ requests had been overruled by management in dlr Co Co, and as it was now an executive decision, she and other

councillors could do nothing about it. Several members of the audience raised the possibility of placing the equipment elsewhere, with Richard Boyd Barrett suggesting the Baths site refurbishment could be suitable.

Maurice Coleman raised the possibility of gym equipment being placed in **Hudson Park (Pres field)** also being the centre of anti social behaviour, and said this would unacceptable to all the residents and users of the new park. He also mentioned that there were several issues raised by local residents that had yet to be ironed out with the Council before the renovation works on the park commenced.

Brett McEntagart mentioned that with the closure of the concourse in the Council buildings, there was **no space for art exhibitions** that were held there on an annual basis. Cllr. Patricia Stewart said there was need for a new Council Chamber, and more accessible space for the public being constructed on that site. As far as she knew, alternative space for art exhibitions had been arranged, and suggested that he get in touch with Ms. Therese Langan, in the Council, to find out more details. Cllr. Dave O’Keeffe concurred.

The long running saga of **the Baths** was raised again, with several questions asked. Richard Boyd Barrett said pressure on the Council was still needed if we were ever to get a swimming pool on the site. He mentioned that Clontarf Baths were to be refurbished shortly.

Deirdre McGrath mentioned the **water quality at Sandycove**, and warned that high rainfall can bring a quick deterioration in water quality due to raw sewerage entering the sea. She asked that there be same day testing of water, rather than being a few days behind with warning notices.

Bob Waddell asked all to **support local businesses**, and mentioned that Santa Claus was due to arrive in the village on Saturday 9th December when he would visit all the shops before meeting the children.

Deirdre McGrath mentioned the roll out of the **Seniors Alert Scheme**, which supplies alarm pendants for those who need them. The scheme is administered by Pobal.

Liam brought the meeting to a close, and invited all for the usual refreshments.

## SAGRA Committee

**Chairperson:** Liam Madden

**Secretary:** Kay Gleeson

**Treasurer:** John Elliot

Other committee members (in alphabetical order):

John Conroy

Roger Courtney

Grainne Dempsey

James Howley

Maria O’Mahony

Mary Roche

## Glasthule Gallery to Close

Liz Allen, owner says: "We will close mid May. We have been here 4 very successful years and looking for a new home in the area!



In the meantime, we are still representing all of our artists and are contactable on [theglasthulegallery@gmail.com](mailto:theglasthulegallery@gmail.com) for queries regarding any of our artists and our hugely successful home consultation service."

Liz Allen outside the gallery

## Support Our Local Businesses

- Local businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into the local economy.
- Local businesses create more jobs locally.
- Local businesses help create local culture and community.
- Local stores help to sustain a vibrant, compact, walkable village attracting visitors.

## New Restaurant

Caviston's have had planning permission approved for a restaurant in 56 Glasthule Road. We look forward to developments.

## New Garda Scheme for Businesses

Business Watch is a crime prevention programme designed by An Garda Síochána and it is the practice of the business community and the Gardaí coming together to prevent and reduce crime.

Business Watch aims to:

- Identify specific risks and how they can be reduced.
- Prevent crime within the business communities by encouraging self and mutual protection.
- Reduce the fear of crime both within business and the community by highlighting the advantages of crime prevention.
- Increase the levels of detection and conviction of criminals and the recovery of stolen property.
- Strengthen communication links between neighbourhood businesses and the Gardaí.

Liaison Gardaí have been nominated to work with the business communities throughout the Dún Laoghaire region.

## T. O'Connor reopens

After being closed for several months around Christmas time and into 2018, it's great to see Tom O'Connor butchers open again.

Welcome back Tom.



Tom O'Connor

## Beauty at Eden Relocates

At the end of March, Beauty at Eden moved into their new home on Glasthule Road (formerly Florabunda).

The beauty salon was originally on Eden Road (hence the name) and had moved temporarily to Dún Laoghaire.



Rachel, Rebecca, Fiona and Ursula

## Courtyard Gardener Closes

The Courtyard Gardener has left The Cowshed. We wish Colm Fagan well in his new venture.



### PARK SMART SECURE YOUR VEHICLE

22% of all thefts from vehicles are at Residential Locations.

33% of vehicles broken into are unlocked at the time.

12am to 7am is when over half of these thefts occur.

Driveways are the most common place for these thefts.



#### TIPS TO PREVENT THEFT

- Wherever you park your car or van, take your property with you.
- Ensure your vehicle is locked, alarmed and parked in a secure, well-lit location.
- Store your keys safely, away from windows and letterboxes.

## dlr Public Participation Network

PPNs came about with the passing of the Local Government Act, 2014. A PPN allows local authorities to connect with community groups.

The three main community groups are:

- **Community** - voluntary groups working in our communities. SAGRA would be one.
- **Environmental** - local organisations formed to protect the environment e.g. An Taisce.
- **Social Inclusion** - groups representing people who are socially excluded and whose voices are not heard in our society.

PPNs give citizens a greater say in local government decisions which affect their own communities. The aim of the PPN is to facilitate and enable the public and organisations to voice their views and interests within the local government system.

The secretariat consists of nine people (three from each of the groups above). It is the administrative body (like a board of directors) of the PPN and is elected by the members of the PPN every two years.

SAGRA is represented on the dlr PPN by **Kay Gleeson**. On April 25th she was re-elected to the secretariat. She was one of eight candidates for three positions. Congratulations Kay.

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

## Joyce Tower Weathers the Storm

'Rather bleak in wintertime, I should say' is how the character, Haines, described the Martello tower at Sandycove in the opening chapter of James Joyce's novel, 'Ulysses'.

And bleak it certainly was, when the 'Beast from the East' snowstorm hit Ireland, earlier this year, and the tower was forced to close temporarily at the height of the code red weather alerts that brought the country to a halt.

The Friends of Joyce Tower Society volunteers were extremely disappointed to have to break their commitment to keep the tower open 365 days/year as storms battered the East coast but, in the interests of public safety, it was deemed unsafe to remain open. In all, four days were lost to the weather.

However, the FJT volunteers are made of strong stuff and, as soon as the red alerts were lifted, these brave souls were back on duty providing visitors with their much lauded service at the tower.

On the Sunday immediately after the first warning was lifted the tower opened and, on that day alone, 170 visitors from all corners of the globe were given the opportunity to make their literary pilgrimages and to enjoy, once again, the wonders of our internationally renowned attraction.

We congratulate and thank the FJT volunteers for their continued dedication to the tower which they have developed into a major tourist attraction for this area. We especially applaud their determination to serve the community even in such adverse conditions.

We are eternally grateful to them for their ongoing promotion of the tower and for bringing over 40,000 visitors to Sandycove and Glasthule annually.

**James Holahan, Chairman Friends of James Joyce Tower**



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## St Joseph's Church Floor in need of Restoration

In recent times some of the worshippers at St Joseph's, Glashule may have noticed a certain spring in parts of the floor with one area towards the front of the church being particularly bad. This was investigated a few weeks ago when the carpet tiles and underlying hardboard were lifted to try to determine the cause of the damage.



On removing the carpet tiles and hardboard, that had been laid approximately thirty years ago, the timber floor was found to be riddled with a combination of wet rot and insect attack. Both the floor boards and the supporting joists were heavily infested and much weakened. The likely cause of this is the lack of through ventilation blocked by the laying of the hardboard and plastic backed carpet tiles.

Such was the poor condition of the area of floor investigated that it could not be put back safely and a large area in the church is currently hoarded off with plywood sheeting, the rotten floor having been removed. Other small trial areas were opened in different parts of the church and the damage found to have extended through all areas of timber flooring. In contrast, the central aisle and the floor of the sanctuary

and the area to the front of the church adjoining the altar rails is constructed in concrete and is covered with an old, linoleum tile laid in an attractive pattern.



Unfortunately the entire floor will have to be replaced and at a significant cost. Work is on-going to produce detailed drawings for tender and negotiations have taken place with the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to seek the necessary

approvals. The good news is that a grant of €20,000 has been procured from the Buildings at Risk Fund, operated through the local authority. But this will fall well short of the projected final cost that could amount to more than ten times the grant sum. A fund-raising operation is about to start to try to find the balance of the cost of the works that are likely to start in the summer.



The work is complex and will most likely be phased to try to keep the church in use. However, significant disruption should be anticipated and it is still possible that the church will have to be closed either for one long period, or a number of short periods to allow for the safe implementation of the works.

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## Flossie and the Beach Cleaners

In our November newsletter we spoke of 10 year old Flossie Donnelly cleaning the beach and fundraising for a Seabin, a floating bucket with a pump which extracts floating debris from the sea.

11 year old Flossie has spoken at the National Convention Centre in front of 1,700 people on behalf of Accenture on International Woman's Day. She spoke about beach cleaning and the Seabin. She did a fundraiser disco to raise the last bit of money for the Seabins. She also led a march through Dalkey which made the news. She was with lots of local schools and chanted 'Plastic Free Irish Sea'. Her banner was made entirely from plastic which was found on the beaches.

The Seabins have arrived. These are the first in the country. After it is decided exactly where they will be going in the harbour two pontoons will be built to house them. The official launch will be soon after this newsletter goes to press.

See [www.flossieandthebeachcleaners.com](http://www.flossieandthebeachcleaners.com) for more news.



*Flossie on the beach*

## New Tourist Map

Look out for the 2018 version of a brochure and map outlining amenities and listing of over 60 businesses in Sandycove and Glashule - handy to give to visiting friends.

The brochure also outlines a walk from James Joyce Tower along the seafront and back through Glashule and Sandycove.

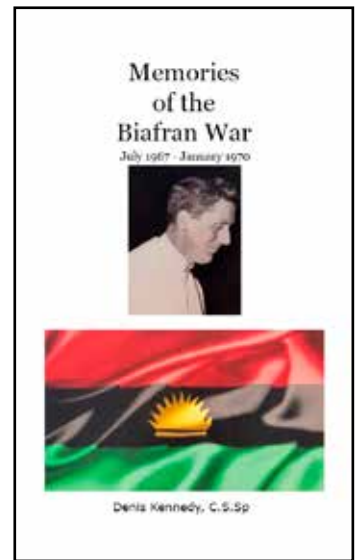
You can find it in local shops and in the James Joyce Tower.



## Fr Denis's Book Reprinted

An updated edition of Fr Denis Kennedy's memoir of his chilling experiences in the Biafran war has been printed. The reprint coincides with the 50th anniversary of Concern, formed in response to the famine which ravaged the breakaway state of Biafra, when the Nigerian government used starvation as a weapon of war.

The book is available in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre for €10.



## Dublin Place Names Quiz

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Church reptile                  | 8. Honest opinion                 |
| 2. Gravel in your pancakes?        | 9. A stormy retreat               |
| 3. Dispose of a biblical character | 10. Gritty inlet                  |
| 4. Chime's demise                  | 11. An outhouse for sea creatures |
| 5. See-through hammer              | 12. Single men don't run          |
| 6. Not warm underground            | 13. Assassinate leading pig       |
| 7. Sounds like it's falling down?  | 14. Mr Potter is irate            |

## Chemical Bond

Congratulations to Enda & Sinead from Sam McCauley's Pharmacy who got married in Ballymagarvey Village in Co. Meath on 13th April.



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## New Seniors Alert Scheme

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The scheme provides free equipment and free monitoring for the first year. After that there is an annual charge (currently €68).

The new scheme was launched last November with less stringent eligibility criteria & application information. It is administered by Pobal, and locally through Dún Laoghaire Garda Neighbourhood Watch. For more information and to apply, contact Margaret or Tony McCarthy 01 289 7213. For more information see [www.pobal.ie](http://www.pobal.ie).



## Dún Laoghaire Harbour to be taken into Public Ownership

Following a motion proposed by Councillors Melisa Halpin & Dave O’Keeffe at a special meeting of the DRLCC in March, a majority of the councillors voted to support the recommendation of Chief Executive that the best way forward for Dún Laoghaire Harbour was to dissolve the Harbour Company and transfer all assets and staff to the local authority.

Since that meeting the Minister responsible for the port, Shane Ross, has written to DLRCC to confirm that he will implement the transfer as requested by the Council, and that this matter should be brought to a conclusion as soon as possible.

One of the first responsibilities will probably be the expensive repair of the East Pier.

The entire upper section of the East Pier was closed off for safety reasons since storm Emma in March when it suffered significant damage. Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company have repaired and reopened the first section up to the Sunshelter. They are working on a project to reopen the section to the Battery within the next 3-4 months.

The area around the Sunshelter itself may remain closed for 6 months or more as the damage is most significant here. Engineers are currently preparing specifications for the repair works.

## Defibrillator Update

It has been a year since a fundraising day organised by “Help To Save A Life - Remembering Larry Costello” culminated in buying six Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). The fundraising continues.

The AEDs are being maintained by Dalkey first responders who are actively looking for volunteers and donations are always welcome. They can be contacted via [www.dalkeycfr.ie](http://www.dalkeycfr.ie).

Separately, Sandycove Bathers Association have fundraised to provide an AED which has been installed at the lifeguard station at Sandycove beach.

So locally we now have public AEDs at:

- Link Road
- Eden Villas
- Sandycove Beach/40 Foot



AED at Sandycove Lifeguard Station

## Otranto Park

Readers of our newsletter of May 2017 will be aware that the association objected strongly to the proposed redesign of Otranto Park. We felt that the introduction of a large area of hard surfaces would be out of character for this lovely simple park that until recently consisted of a series of attractive grassy hillocks. All that was necessary was a resurfacing of the paths, tidying up of the planting and the reinstatement of the hill beside the Sandycove Baths that had been removed a few years ago.

The association also expressed concerns that the sunken hardstanding proposed for the middle of the park would become a focus for noisy, anti-social behaviour at night.

Unfortunately our remonstrations fell on deaf ears, despite two site meetings with representatives of the Parks Department and discussions with local councillors. Work has now commenced and during recent weeks a large area of reinforced concrete has been rising out of the ground, which does not look promising.



What is surprising is the lack of a Part 8 Planning Application, or any other public notice about the proposed works. Many local residents were unaware the work was even happening before our previous article on the proposal. Surely a formal planning process should have been necessary for works of this scale in this very special historic, seaside location.

Sandycove is much loved by tourists and locals alike and is also listed in the County Development Plan as an Architectural Conservation Area. It is very disappointing that so much effort and funding has been spent on a park that was already attractive and needed only a little upgrading and tidying up, while the entire seafront area retains its unattractive tangle of ESB poles and cables.

Clearly the council does not place as much value on their Architectural Conservation Areas as the residents who live there and the many outsiders who visit to enjoy the natural beauty and the wonderful amenity the area provides. We will of course hold off our final judgement until we see the completed scheme, that is only fair. But we will certainly question the council’s priorities in its efforts to improve the public realm of this popular area, and we are disappointed that the process has lacked the transparency and public consultation that these proposals and the area deserved.

## Dún Laoghaire Baths

At long long last, work is beginning on the baths! It is thanks to local campaigning that this is happening and that we do not have a ten storey private apartment block on this site as was previously planned.

The new Dún Laoghaire Baths, which has been designed by dlr Architects' Department, will see a new public café linked to an outdoor terrace with views over the Bay, along with studio workspaces for artists and new life guard facilities. New public toilet facilities at street level will be fully accessible for the mobility impaired and a new jetty and changing areas will provide access to the water's edge for swimmers and landing points for canoes, kayaks and other water sports equipment.



*dlr Co Co Cllrs and officials at the launch of the Baths building project*

The new Dún Laoghaire Baths will be a long-term, public amenity for the area and county. It will provide not only a connection between Newtownsmith and the People's Park, but will also link the town of Dún Laoghaire with its seafront. The project will breathe new life into the seafront and will attract more visitors to Dún Laoghaire town.

The development will take approximately 22 months to complete and will open to the public in the spring of 2020. The Council advise that there will be some disruption during the works but all effort would be made to keep this to a minimum. The contractors will have a compound in Newtownsmith for the duration of the works which will result in a reduction of a number of car parking spaces.

The current development is the first phase of the development of the baths. Phase 2 still includes the provision of a pool. The recent plans for Baths in Clontarf show that these would not cost the earth as was previously believed.

## Newsletter Content

We are always keen to hear what kind of articles would be of interest. If you have any ideas please let us know.

In our November newsletter we would like to do an article featuring Glashule and Sandycove through the ages. If you have any old photos please get in touch.

## Commemorations of the Sinking of the RMS Leinster

RMS Leinster was a vessel operated by the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company. It served as the Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire)-Holyhead mailboat until she was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine UB-123 on 10 October 1918, while bound for Holyhead. She went down just outside Dublin Bay at a point 4 nautical miles (7.4 km) east of the Kish light. Over 500 people perished in the sinking – the greatest single loss of life in the Irish Sea.

The official death toll was 501, out of a total of 771.

For more information on the RMS Leinster see [www.rmsleinster.com](http://www.rmsleinster.com).



*The anchor of the RMS Leinster in Dún Laoghaire*

The official commemoration of the RMS Leinster will take place in Dún Laoghaire on Wednesday, 10th October 2018.

The programme will comprise a significant cultural element as well as a formal commemoration and wreath-laying ceremony with participation by members of the Defence Forces.

This is the date on which the vessel will come under the protection of the National Monuments Acts, which covers all shipwrecks over 100 years old.

The National Maritime Museum ([www.mariner.ie](http://www.mariner.ie)) will also have a number of RMS Leinster events in October:

- RMS Leinster Open Day – Mon 8th October
- Dublin Welsh Male Voice choir – Mon 8th October
- RMS Leinster Open Day – Tue 9th October
- RMS Leinster Seminar – Tue 9th October
- RMS Leinster Talk – Tue 9th October
- RMS Leinster Open Day – Wed 10th October
- Ecumenical Service – Wed 10th October

Last November the book "The Last Voyage of the Leinster" was launched. It was published by the Mail Boat Leinster Centenary Committee with assistance from dlr County Council.

# 150 Years of St Paul's

St Paul's church in Glenageary was consecrated on 8th July 1868. It is one of seven churches that were built in the mother Parish of Monkstown.

The parochial hall was built in 1912.

Rev Gary Dowd has been Rector of St Paul's since 2005.

He is originally from Rostrevor in County Down. He trained in the Church of Ireland Theological College, beside Mt Carmel in Churchtown. He is 30 years ordained.



St Paul's



Rev Gary Dowd

He has overseen the building of the new Parish Centre which was opened by President McAleese in 2007.

He also saw church restoration work costing €1.5m. The church was closed for 10 months and reopened in March 2013.



The inside of St Paul's

He is a keen golfer and is a member of the Britain and Ireland team in the Cranmer Cup, the Anglican Church version of the Ryder Cup. They won in Wales in 2016. We wish Rev Gary well in the next Cranmer Cup which will be held in Canada in June this year.

# Connecting is good for you

Dozens of studies have shown that people who have satisfying relationships with family, friends and their community are happier, have fewer health problems and live longer.

One study among men who had survived a heart attack, found that those with strong connections with other people had only a quarter the risk of death within the following three years as those who lacked social connectedness.

In fact, researchers found that those with close social ties and unhealthy lifestyles (such as smoking, obesity and lack of exercise) actually lived longer than those with poor social ties but more healthy living habits. However people with both healthy lifestyles and close social ties lived the longest of all.

You might have heard in the media recently of the health (both physical and mental) and social benefits of singing in a choir.

There is improved cardiovascular fitness as well as improved mood and general alertness. This often includes a feeling of being spiritually uplifted.

Because singing involves many different areas of the brain acting together, there are often associated cognitive benefits.

There are also social benefits. Singing in a group can improve a person's sense of belonging and of being socially included.

In older people, singing can bring a stronger and more positive sense of identity where there is often a sense of loss of control due to the challenges of aging. There are also musical and cultural benefits as participants gain skills, knowledge and understanding of the nature and place of music in their lives and the lives of others.

So eat your veggies, get some exercise, get involved in your community- come along to our neighbours evening, join a choir.

# Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society 40th Anniversary



Birthday Cake

The Society celebrates its 40th Anniversary, founded in April 1978. They have hosted 40 years of lectures/walks and annual outings. This year they have produced the 27th edition of their history journal, containing social and built history of Dún Laoghaire and its environs.

## Congratulations Cuala



Last year the Cuala senior hurlers became the first Dublin team to become All-Ireland club hurling champions.

This year they've won it again!

After an exciting draw in Croke Park on St Patrick's Day against Na Piarasaigh, they travelled to Portlaoise a week later. They prevailed after a very nervous (for the fans) final ten minutes.

## Competition Time!

Thanks to Pavilion Theatre Dún Laoghaire we have 2 tickets to give away to **Brian Friel's 'Lovers: Winners and Losers'** on **Tue 12 June, 8pm**.

To enter, answer the following question:

What's missing?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Here I Come! By Brian Friel

Email (with subject "SAGRA Competition") your answer to [lisa@paviliontheatre.ie](mailto:lisa@paviliontheatre.ie) by Friday June 1st.

Winner will be chosen at random and contacted directly by the Pavilion. Best of luck!

Congratulations to Kieran McBride who won the competition in November's newsletter.

## Useful Numbers:

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Samaritans: (01) 872 7700

St. Vincent de Paul: 086 344 7631

Citizens Advice: (01) 284 4544

DL Doc: (01) 663 9869

St Michael's Hospital: (01) 280 6901

Dlr CoCo (01) 205 4700

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Emergency Services: 112

## Neighbours Evening 2018

Last September we had a very enjoyable evening where we highlighted outdoor clubs in the area. (See our November 2017 newsletter.)



For this year's Neighbours Evening we are going to put the **indoor activities** in the spotlight.

If you're involved with any indoor club or activity in the area that you think should be represented please get in touch.

Put the date in your diary now:

**Thursday September 27th at 8pm** in the Presentation Brothers Hall.



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 **087 2552589** between 9-5 Monday to Friday

# Recent Flooding on Marine Parade

The residents concerned have heard argued by Council staff that this is a once-off event and that therefore the problem should be viewed accordingly. Unfortunately this argument is factually incorrect. The road and one property have been badly flooded on numerous occasions. For other residents the water level has prevented access to their property even when wearing wellington boots and their properties have incurred small flood damage.

Many of the residents have lived on this road for over 50 years hence they have a wealth of knowledge of living on the sea front. They advise us that they regard the problem that they face as a man-made problem specifically created by the Council approximately 18 years ago when they closed in the wall and critically filled in the 'Gut' - the natural run off for the water that allowed the water to run back into the sea.

This image below right shows that historically on Marine Parade, there were two walls. The lower front wall had a number of planned breaks. At the top of the second wall there were steps down to the lower sea front walk. This created a continuous walk that

linked up to the lower sea front walk just before Marine Avenue. The residents advise that their properties didn't previously flood because irrespective of whether the water was coming from a storm or from rain water the water would run through the gaps in the first wall and down the steps onto the lower sea front walk and then into the sea. This is indicated by the arrows in the photograph.

In a letter to the Council we have asked them to consider:

- Re-opening the 'Gut' and allowing as before the water to naturally run into the sea.
- Altering the topography of the green to slope the glass fall from the road to the sea.
- Repairing the drains on Marine Parade Road.
- Investigating the provision of temporary flood barriers that can be erected.

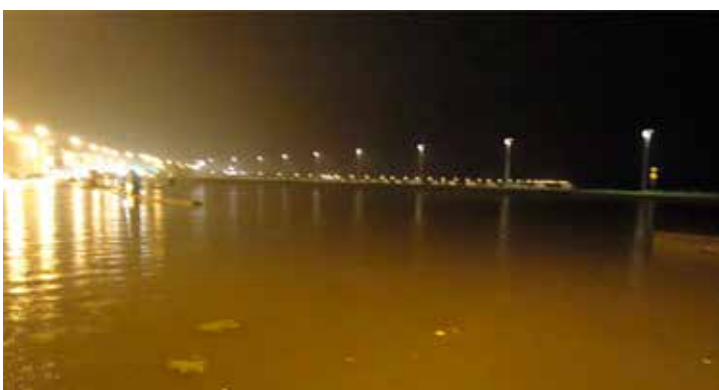
The perfect solution for the residents would be to re-open the 'Gut' or to find a new engineering solution to take the water back into the sea.



Recent flooding on Newtownsmith and Marine Parade



The 'Gut' as it used to be with Arrows showing flow of water



Flooding in 2009 due to rain water.

## Quiz Answers

1. Chapelizod	8. Fairview
2. Stoneybatter	9. Windy Arbour
3. Killester	10. Sandycove
4. Ringsend	11. Dolphin's Barn
5. Glasthule	12. Bachelors Walk
6. Coolmine	13. Kilmainham
7. Crumlin	14. Harold's Cross

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Events in Pavilion Theatre

**Fri 1 Jun** Kevin McAleer: Guru (Comedy)

**Sat 2 & Sun 3 Jun** A Spoonful of Sherman: The Songbook of Your Childhood (Music/Family) -

**Wed 6 Jun** Pdraig Potts' Guide to Walking by Seamus O'Rourke (Theatre)

**Thu 7 Jun** From Under the Bed by Seamus O'Rourke (Theatre)

**Fri 8 Jun** Iarla Ó Lionáird & Steve Cooney (Music)

**Tue 12 - Sat 16 Jun** Lovers: Winners and Losers by Brian Friel (Theatre)

**Fri 6 & Sat 7 Jul** I Hear You & Rejoice by Mikel Murfi (Theatre)

**Wed 11 - Sun 15 Jul** The Gruffalo's Child: Live on Stage! (Family)

**Sun 23 Sep** Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin (Music)

**Wed 26 Sep - Sun 7 Oct** A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce (Theatre)

**Tue 16 & Wed 17 Oct** Nina: A Story about Me and Nina Simone (Music)

For a full listing of events see [www.paviliontheatre.ie](http://www.paviliontheatre.ie)



### dlr Glasthule Opera presents

Pavilion Theatre Dún Laoghaire **Friday June 22nd at 7.30pm**

Favourite arias and ensembles for a Summer Evening with the best of Ireland's emerging opera talent.

### Monday at the Monastery Talks in May

**Monday 14th May:** 'Our Lady of Lourdes and the story of St Bernadette', Mr Morgan Sharpe in the Presentation Brothers House at 7.30pm

**Monday 21st May:** 'Our Lady of Knock and the Blessed Eucharist', Rev Fr Richard Gibbons, Parish Priest of Knock with celebrate Mass and preach the homily in St Joseph's Church, Glasthule at 7.30pm

**Monday 28th May:** 'The apparition in Medjugorje and repentance', V Rev. Ruairí Ó'Dómhnaill Adm Carlow Cathedral in the Presentation Brothers House at 7.30pm

### Alpha Course

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. The next Alpha course will begin in the Presentation Brothers House on Tuesday 18th September at 7.30pm. For further information call Andrew @ 086-1522160

### The Oratory, Library Road

**Until 26th May**, no booking necessary.

**Wed:** 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm



**Sat:** 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm

Tour Duration: 40 minutes

### Joyce Readings

Readings of the works of James Joyce

Fitzgerald's Pub, 11am-1pm **each Wednesday.**

### Lexicon Events

See: [libraries.dlrcoco.ie](http://libraries.dlrcoco.ie)

### Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society Events

**Wednesday 20th June** Historic Walk, Kelly's Ave, George's Place, and the Municipal Buildings. Guided by Colin Scudds.

**Wednesday September 19th** The Sinking of the Leinster, speaker Cormac Lowth

**Wednesday October 17th** "Watsons Nursery, Clontarf to Killiney 1884-1967 Speaker Bernadine Ruddy.

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

### St Paul's Summer Fair

A wide variety of stalls and entertainment at this annual fair in the St Paul's Parish Centre and church grounds.

Adelaide Road

**26th May 10:30 - 14:00**

### Bloomsday Festival

**Bloomsday, June 16th** is on a Saturday this year.

See traders' windows in Sandycove and Glasthule for more details of events in the area.

There will be free events daily in the James Joyce Tower from **Saturday 9th until 16th June.**



### Red Bull Flugtag

Dún Laoghaire Pier

**20th May**

Participants "fly" homemade flying machines off a 9 metre high flight deck.

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

### The dlr Bay 10k

The dlr Bay 10k road race will take place on Bank Holiday **Monday August 7th**

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