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Dear Resident,

On behalf of the committee, I welcome you to the Winter '24/Spring '25 (Christmas 2024) edition of our newsletter.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the content, production and distribution of this magazine.

In our Spring/Autumn 2024 newsletter we marked the 25th Anniversary of the newsletter. Next year we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the association.

It's interesting to go back over previous newsletters and see what has changed and what has stayed the same. At the moment there seems to be a lot of change. There are a number of new businesses in the area. There are three major developments planned (see page 15) and developments outside the area, e.g. Living Streets, which impact us. But there are some things which don't change. This is still a great place to live.

The local elections took place in May. The details of the elected councillors for our LEA (local electoral area), Dún Laoghaire, are on page 16. We look forward to working with them over the next five years. Now we have a general election on the horizon. Our AGM will be four days before voting.

As usual we encourage our readers to support our local traders. It is especially important for them at this time of year.

I look forward to meeting you at our AGM on 25th November.

Liam Madden
Chairperson

Cover: "A Capriccio - Glasthule as it should be" by Fergal MacCabe. The Eagle and Fitzies have been relocated to the beach which would be a lot more convenient. The wavy roof profiles of Cavistons, Mitchells etc are repeated in the seals basking on the rocks in the Bay. A Dublin Bay 21 is sailing into the beach which is guarded by the two bathing shelters. James Joyce is going into St Joseph's Church - or is he coming out? The Harold and 'The Buildings' are included. Imogen's Stele stands over all.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will take place on Monday **November 25th at 8pm in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre.**

See page 18 for more details.

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Residents Meeting 27th May 2024

St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Glasthule 8PM

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

Richard Boyd Barrett TD Cllr Melisa Halpin
Sen Barry Ward Cllr Tom Kivlehan
Cllr Mary Fayne Cllr Justin Moylan
Cllr Lorraine Hall

OTHER LOCAL ELECTION CANDIDATES:

Orli Delgani (Independent)
Thomas Joseph (Labour)
Sarah Kelly (Independent)
Cathy Lynch (Independent)
Hugo Mills (Social Democrats)
Colette O' Sullivan (Fianna Fail)

APOLOGIES:

Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD, Cormac Devlin TD, Ossian Smyth TD.

Chairperson's address

The association chairperson Liam Madden welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then introduced the local election candidates and elected officials by way of a roll call.

He mentioned that this year was the 25th Anniversary of the newsletter and next year would be the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Residents Association.

Presentation of Sandycove and Glasthule Renewal Committee

Ritika Callow, representing the business group and traders, gave a talk on a new initiative investigating how to enhance Glasthule village. A group would cooperate to source funding, survey and look at ways to redevelop, renew, and upgrade the village.

The main concern (i.e. aim and purpose) is to improve Glasthule village, accessibility being at its core.

Some of the aspects to be considered are: Access / Signage / Parking / Loading bays / making the village safer – slow down the traffic, safe zone. It would also look at rates / Street cleaning / Christmas lights / Street lamps.

A survey is being drafted to capture the ideas from all stakeholders.

Open Forum

This section of the meeting provides residents the opportunity to bring up topics, raise issues and have those addressed by elected representatives in attendance (or other attendees).

The following issues came up for discussion.

1. Concerns were expressed about elderly neighbours living in Beaufort, with no family, looking for help to support setting up a committee. (Cllr Melisa Halpin and Cllr Tom Kivlehan offered to help).

2. A local resident from Coastal Concern Alliance expressed support for wind farms but not within 5 – 8 kilometres. They are looking to form a lobby group to move the wind farms far out to sea. Cllr Justin Moynihan suggested a marine contact come out and meet with the group. Impartial information is needed.

3. Question from the floor: Is the modal filter on Tivoli Road going to impact the new Glasthule business initiative? This led to many views being exchanged.

4. There was a concern from a resident regarding parking permits with a request to look at the old parking by-laws.

5. There was a concern from a resident regarding potholes, footpaths in poor condition and weeds along footpaths. This resulted in a call to action to the local election candidates. A forensic accounting exercise in the county council was suggested.

6. A question from the floor – “Can anything be done about the Dún Laoghaire Baths? We have no swimming pool. Is it too late?” Amplifying our voices was encouraged to demand our swimming pool.

7. A resident brought our attention to the low level grey bollards, on Link Road in particular. People are tripping over them.

8. A resident from the Sandycove Loop focus group talked about the dysfunctional traffic around the loop. They had good news to share. A meeting is due shortly with a senior traffic management employee of DLR. This is encouraging. They have received commitment that measurement will happen. They requested measurement of the traffic in Glasthule as soon as possible. Maybe there are projects underway in the area. More joined up thinking is needed.

As it was approaching 9.30pm, the chairperson brought the meeting to a close. But before that he gave an opportunity to the election candidates who had not spoken to introduce themselves and address any topic brought up at the meeting.

The chairperson expressed his appreciation to all those who made a contribution to the meeting and invited the attendees to enjoy a glass of wine or water and get to know the election candidates and fellow residents.

Dublin Canvas Boxes

The painting of utility boxes was started in Dublin back in 2015. The project was given the name Dublin Canvas and since 2015 the project has gone from strength to strength with now 890 unique pieces of artwork on utility boxes throughout County Dublin.

The project was one solution to the problem of graffiti in the city because there is an unwritten rule among artists that you don't 'tag' another artist's work – 'tagging' is the writing of your artistic pseudonym (or fictitious name) which you will often find on abandoned buildings or on the walls along the railway track.

The painting of utility boxes has reduced the tagging of them and has helped to brighten up many a street corner or boring intersection.

Glasthule has some fine examples of Dublin Canvas projects with none more dramatic than the portrait of Roger Casement which can be found on the corner of Adelaide Road and Hudson Road. This was painted by the artist who uses the 'tag' name Garlic Designs.

Dublin Canvas artistic alumni include baristas to

barristers, students to the active retired, renowned street artists to Sunday painters. An open call to anyone over the age of 18 goes out every March with a closing date in May. Applicants send in an image of the artwork they want to realise, with a title, description and a biography, as well as their preferred location. A judging panel takes a look and the successful artists start painting in August.

You're not exactly going to get rich painting junction boxes. Dublin City Council see it as a community project, but they do have a budget to cover costs. A team from the council prime the boxes to give you a good start, and participants get all their materials, plus €200 to cover expenses – or €250 if the artist uses their own paints. Paint choice is important as your work may be out in all weathers for one to three years and you need to make sure your colours aren't going to run in the rain, or flake in the heat.

Start dreaming now for 2025 and sign up at dublincanvas.com.

Germaine D'Alton



Heron

Our heron is a delicate silver-grey presence at the end of the Pier, instructing fishermen here to stillness, and us walkers to patience, calm. Watchful in this end-year light – every muscle ready for flight. And later inland, at dawn, from the river, bare trees, its unearthly screech – I see it through closed eyes: tongue of a new moon, first hint of guillotined night.

Louise C. Callaghan

Business Updates

Welcome to the following businesses which have opened recently in the area.

Sandycove Barbers

Based on Adelaide Road across from The Eagle, Sandycove Barbers is open 7 days a week:

Monday to Saturday 9-5, Sunday 11-5.

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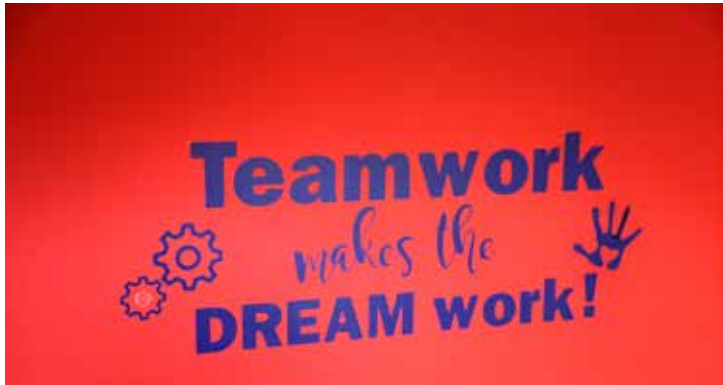


Harold School

In our November 2016 newsletter we welcomed Dervla Nic Mahthuna as the new principal of the Harold School. In that article I spoke about her energy and enthusiasm and that she was originally from Leitrim. Eight years on this is still true.



The school now has 650 pupils. There are 38 teachers, 9 SNAs (Special Needs Assistants), 3 office staff and one caretaker. There are 66 nationalities represented in the school.



Dervla relies on a number of groups such as the staff, the board of management, the parents council. There's a vibrant and engaged student council with pupils from 3rd to 6th class.



There are a number of initiatives coming along and already here which will have an impact and bring some challenges eg. free books, "safe routes to school", hot meals (3 buildings, no lifts).

Only in the last month, an area for ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) pupils has been opened. This has space for 6 children from junior infants to second class. This has 1 teacher and 2 SNAs.



Apart from the standard subjects, there are a lot of activities in the school. There's a garden growing plants such as mint and sunflowers. There are 14 sports available.



The chair and secretary of SAGRA with some of the winners of the art competition organised by SAGRA

Dervla is aware that the Harold is a big part of the locality and is keen to forge links where possible. Earlier in the year SAGRA held an art competition for the pupils with the theme "The wonders of Sandycove and Glasthule". It was a great success with over 240 entries. We would welcome parents to get in touch to see how they can become more involved in the association.

She describes the school as a happy place, a place to learn and grow.

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Cuala Footballers Dublin Champions

Congratulations to the Cuala players and supporters who claimed their first-ever Clerys Cup, beating Kilmacud Crokes to win the Dublin Senior Football Championship title. Michael Conroy (son of one of our committee members) was part of the team.

At the time of going to print, Cuala have just won the Leinster quarter final in Newbridge.

There's more good news for Cuala: along with Dalkey United they have been allocated €4.6m for a new clubhouse.

Naval Vessels to be based in Dún Laoghaire Harbour

The Irish Naval Service's two new inshore patrol vessels will be based in Dún Laoghaire harbour. They will patrol the Irish Sea.

Want to join a choir?

Choir singing improves health (mental and physical), happiness – and is the perfect icebreaker

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- Experience the joy and fulfillment that comes from making beautiful music with others.

The following locally based groups welcome new members. All rehearse in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre or church.

Family Mass Group

Children from 1st to 6th class

Rehearsals Friday 7pm - 7.45pm

10am Sunday Mass

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St Joseph's Choir

Rehearsals Thursday 7pm - 9pm

11:30am Sunday Mass

Cuala Choir

Friendly community choir. No audition.

Rehearsals Sunday 7pm - 9pm

In Sandycove

I'm going back to Sandycove

To when I was a teen

For sixty years I'm going back

To memories so keen

To live again those times of joy

In Sandycove

The mummies with their babies

Playing on the sand

The brothers with their little sisters

Hand in hand

To mind them at the water's edge

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The bigger boys are doing bombs

And belly flops galore

Trying to attract the girls

Would be boyfriends, would be men

The girls are not impressed by them

In Sandycove

Those sunny days of hanging out

Those carefree days of fun

Those days of growing, days of early love

Confused and driven, days of watching

All the lovely girls

In Sandycove

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In memories so keen

To live again those times of joy

In Sandycove

Martin Swords

September 2024

Facebook Photos

Here are some images submitted to our Facebook group. Thank you to all who gave permission to include these wonderful photographs in our magazine.



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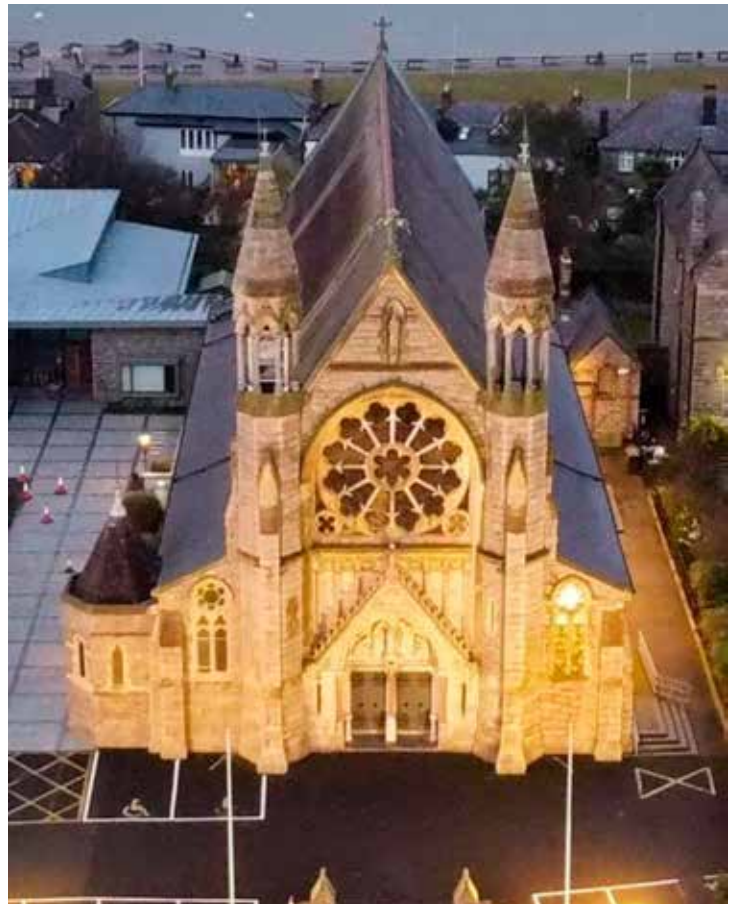


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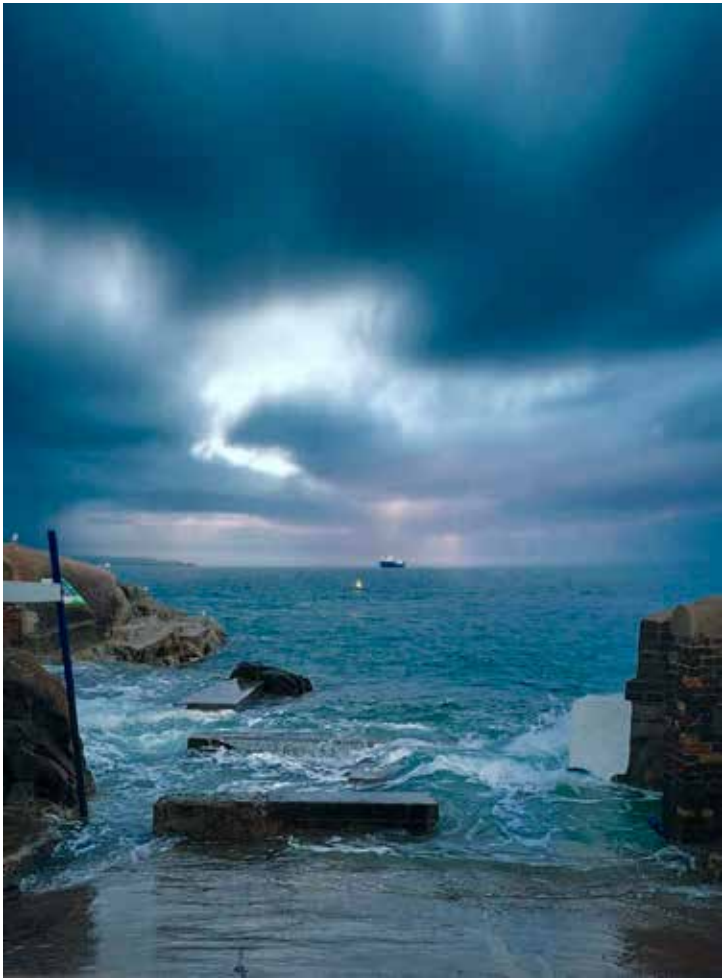


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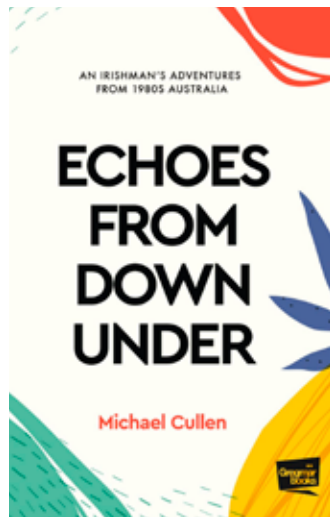
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Books

Here are some recently published books by local authors.

Echoes from Down Under is an Irishman's collection of stories and anecdotes from his time living in Australia in the late 1980s. Tales of friendship, adventure, joy, and tragedy. Michael Cullen recounts his experiences as a newspaper journalist covering the courts in the Northern Territory. He writes about drama on the high seas, the plight of Australia's First Nations' people, the wars fought at home and abroad, and the growing impact of climate change on the country. He interviews the redoubtable Clive James in Perth. He also recalls events from his days Down Under with throwbacks to his life in Ireland.

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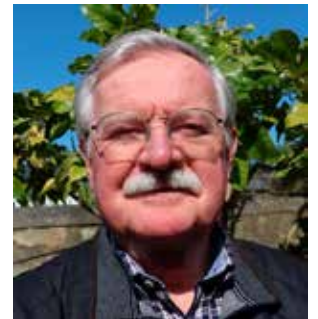


Iceapelago 3 by Peter Brennan is the final part of the Iceapelago climate fiction trilogy which starts with the melting of the Greenland Ice Sheet and the collapse of the Gulf Stream.

Describing the thirty islands covered and surrounded by ice that was once Ireland, Iceapelago is a creation and consequence of dramatic climate events.

As part of his research, Peter travelled to witness the shrinking glaciers on the west coast of Greenland within the Arctic Circle, and hiked along the calderas of the La Palma volcanoes. Walking the ground,

experiencing local conditions, and seeing the physical impacts of climatic events helped shape his narrative and storyline.



WORDS OF PRAISE

In Praise of full moon and high tide
of beach blistered by weed-of-sea
of waves shore-breaking with energy
of sands clean-washed but not always
of children castle-creating in mid-Sun sun
of Dry-Robed coffee-carrying sea-swimmers
(Particularly those who park properly, those precious few.)

In Praise of Glasthule the Generous
Of Baptisms from St. Joseph and sad farewells from Quinn's
of Buns by Baker, Cakes from Pantry, Fruit from Punnet, Meds from Pharma's
of Choice dresses, Rococo rarities, Rigger's rarebits, Daniel's dinners
of cold queues for Hatch, hot favourites from Daata
of pints fresh-poured from Fitzies or flying out of Eagle. Happy Out.
But sadly now, no more beef from butchers
(Still, there are bones to pick.)

In Praise of Bloomsday when the world and its mother
parades by Scotsman's Bay

While Ulysses sails serenely towards the Land of Leeks
Out away and Homer by end of day

In Praise of Caviston's Comestibles, 64 Bottles of Wine,
Mitchells Lovely Bubbly

of Greenway Grannies from Glenageary defying their
years on e-gears

refusing to give an inch to flying Mamils from
Monkstown

of Eamonn's bookworms and Blooming's beauties

of Vintage Classics and Cabello colours

of Barbers old and new, Phil still clipping away

of Sandycove Store & Yard, where Buckley Brother once
brought down the hammer.

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Developments in Glasthule

The last significant residential development in Glasthule was Seabank Court which went up in the 1970s.

There have been three recent planning approvals of note (all on the southside of the street) namely on the sites of Quinn's undertakers, Hank's, and Grace and Harvey.

Quinn's

D21A/0076

Approved 26 March 2021



Proposed construction of a 4-storey extension, including reconfiguration of the funeral home and an apartment development to the rear of Quinn's Funeral Home to accommodate:

At ground floor, three viewing rooms for use by the funeral home, entrance lobby, bicycle parking and bin storage for the apartment development;



At first to third floors, three 1-bed dwelling units and three 2-bed dwelling units

Hank's

D22A/0766

Approved 7 May 2024 (after appeal)



construction of a 5-storey mixed use building, comprising of two commercial units (cafe with outdoor dining area and workshop) at ground floor level and six 2-bedroom apartments and one 3-bedroom apartment, each with private balcony, at first to fourth floors.



Grace and Harvey

D24A/0651/WEB

Approved 14 October 2024 but currently under appeal to An Bord Pleanala.



The development will principally consist of: the demolition of existing single-storey and 2-storey buildings and the construction of a mixed-use development of two buildings ranging in height from one to four storeys.

The uses comprise: eight 2-bed later living residential units, a restaurant unit, a retail unit and a medical centre.

For more information on planning applications in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown see:

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/search-applications/>

Local Councillors after the local Elections on June 7th, 2024

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Aircoach

Last year we submitted a letter to the CEO of Aircoach about the disimprovement in the 703 route bus service to Dublin Airport.

We are happy to report that the changed 702 service, which now comes from Greystones, seems to be providing a much improved service. It runs approximately hourly and goes through the Port Tunnel. It is advisable to book in advance.

John T. Murphy Award

Congratulations to John T. Murphy who was named person of the year by the DLR Chamber of Commerce. John T. is involved locally in the Bloomsday festival as well as festivals in Dalkey. Back in the day he was chair of the Patton Flyer.



Colette O'Sullivan CEO DLR Chamber, John T. Murphy, Jill Lush President DLR Chamber



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For 50 wonderful years, the association now called the Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association has been a cornerstone of our beloved community. Whether you've lived here all your life, for decades or are new to the area, our association warmly welcomes you.

Come along to one of our twice yearly meetings. These are held on the last Monday of May and November. You can find out more on page 18.

What is SAGRA about?

From our constitution here are the objects of the association.

- to promote a sense of community and neighbourliness among residents of the area;
- to promote the preservation and improvement of the area as a suburban residential area;
- to monitor issues and problems affecting the area;
- to promote public interest and participation in issues affecting the area;
- to provide a forum for open discussion of issues affecting the area;
- to make representations in the interests of the members of the Association as a whole to all levels of government, other public authorities, organisations and persons whose decisions and actions may affect the area;
- the publication from time to time of a newsletter for purpose of informing members and residents generally of matters of common interest;
- to co-ordinate the activities of the Association with organisations having similar objectives;
- to promote cultural, educational and recreational activities for the residents of the area.

Membership Subscriptions

Since 2003 the annual membership subscription rates for the Association have been €15 per member and €22 for two or more members who are members of the same household. The Committee has reviewed these rates and unanimously agreed that the rates should be simplified from next year by changing to a single rate and that this rate should be €20 both per member and for two or more members who are members of the same household or, in other words, a flat €20 per household. If the rates had kept up with inflation the €15 rate would now be over €21 and the €22 rate would be over €31. The change will result in a real terms reduction for all members as compared with 2003. The new rate will particularly assist payments in cash which can be made with a €20 note which is readily obtainable from ATMs and this should avoid the need for the Treasurer to hold stocks of notes and coins for change. Changes to subscription rates must be approved at an AGM and so it will be proposed as a motion at the forthcoming AGM. See page 18.

SAGRA Social Media

X/Twitter

We recently launched a SAGRA Twitter account. The handle is @SAGRA_DLR. We have 141 followers! Do follow us.

Facebook

Our Facebook Group - called **Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association** is growing apace and now has over 6,000 members. It is active every day and is undoubtedly one of the great successes of the Association. Frequent types of posts include the following:

- Residents Association notices
- Community events locally and nearby
- Lost and found
- Local issues
- Photos of local scenes taken by members. Have a look at page 10 and 11 for a sample of local photos submitted in the group. st

We are delighted that the tone of debate is nearly always very civil, which is of great credit to the members of the community. As you would expect, we do not approve of profane language or offensive remarks.

If you are not already a member, we would encourage you to join. Link from our website or through this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sagra.ie>

Please, keep it kind, keep it relevant, keep it local.

Dates For Your Diary

SAGRA Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will take place on **Monday November 25th at 8pm** in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre Hall.

The Annual General Meeting is one of two residents meetings held each year by the Sandycove and Glashule Residents Association. The other is a residents meeting which is on the last Monday in May at the same time and in the same venue.

An important part of the meeting is an open forum where attendees can raise issues of concern in the area. We will be joined by several of our elected representatives (Councillors, TDs and Senators) so this is a great opportunity to get their views and move issues forward.

The minutes of our last meeting in May are on page 4. Some issues addressed then were: Parking, potholes, Dún Laoghaire Baths, wind farms, Tivoli Road modal filter.

The formal meeting will be followed by a more casual setting to socialise with other residents over a glass of wine (or water). It's also a chance to talk to our elected representatives on a one-to-one basis.

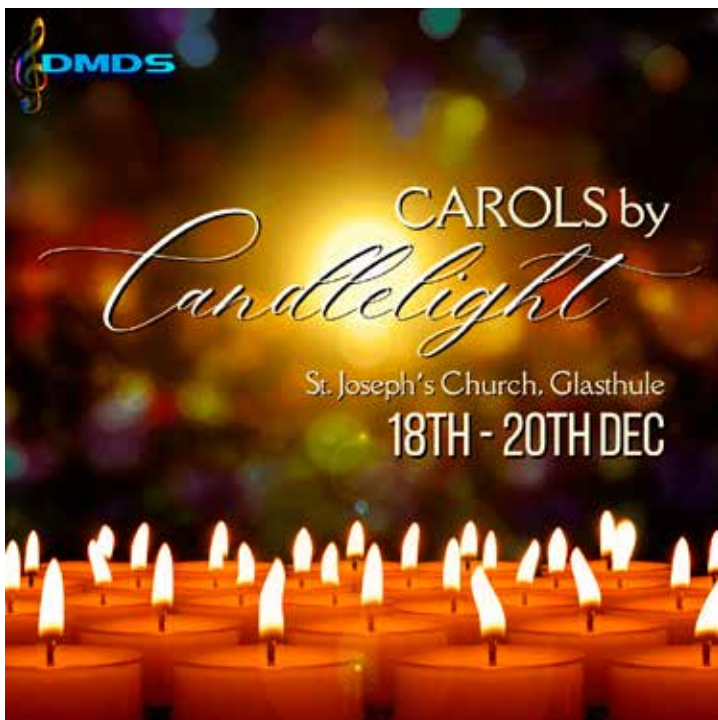
If you are new to the area this is a great way to introduce yourself and meet fellow residents.

For this meeting we will be asking members to vote on the following motion:

“That the annual membership subscription rate from 2025 onwards shall be €20 both per member and for two or more members who are members of the same household.”

For more details on this motion and on membership in general see page 17.

We hope to see you there.



Fior Ceili with Tara Ceili Band

St Joseph's Parish Pastoral Centre

Tea served. Bring a friend. Please wear soft shoes.

Friday 13th December, 8pm - 10pm, €10.

Advent Talks

St Joseph's Church

Mondays

December

2, 9, 16 at 7.30pm



Monday 2nd December

Fr. Kevin Kiernan - Capuchin Day Centre

Monday 9th December

Christina Obaro - Story of a Migrant

Monday 16th December

Richard King - Crosscare



Harold School Christmas Pageant

St Joseph's Church

Wednesday December 11th, 7:30 pm.

New Year's Festival Dublin 2024

An outdoor event with music and fireworks at Newtownsmith, Sandycove on 31 December 2024, as part of New Year's Festival Dublin 2024, is being promoted by Failte Ireland in association with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Sandycove and Glasthule Residents Association wrote to the Planning Department to communicate observations on the application by the appointed event manager, MCD Productions, for a licence to hold the event.

Firstly, we welcomed Newtownsmith Green being used for public activities. The green expanse is lovely and it is good to see the wider community being able to enjoy this wonderful amenity. Naturally, there is local interest in the announcement and we noted particular aspects of the application that warrant attention:

- 1 The crowd management plan to be developed with the Gardai and the County Council.
- 2 The positioning of barriers, stewards and gardai at key access junctions.
- 3 The sanitary facilities, including the number and type of toilets, to be provided.
- 4 The security personnel to be provided.
- 5 That disruption to local residents will be kept to a minimum.
- 6 The full time residents liaison to be employed with a dedicated phone line on the event day.
- 7 The days and hours allocated for installation and removal of festival infrastructure.
- 8 That a detailed traffic management plan is to be formulated following consultation with the Gardai,

the National Transport Authority and the County Council to facilitate traffic flow around Newtownsmith, Sandycove and Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

9 The detailed plans attached to the application, including the locations of particular parts of the infrastructure.

10 That the event is to be a family friendly festival for all ages.

We have placed special reliance on these aspects of the application and trust that the County Council will require that these aspects, in particular, will be conditions of any licence granted and will be actively and effectively enforced by the County Council notwithstanding that the event and related works coincide with a holiday period.

In addition, we requested that the following will be conditions of any licence granted:

1 Considering that the relevant period may coincide with significant rainfall, suitable temporary ground surfacing must be used to prevent damage to the grass by vehicles used in connection with the event.

2 Considering that the location has a complex underground irrigation pipe system, all works must be carried out only after taking proper account of a detailed and current official drainage plan.

3 Considering the potential for fireworks to distress household pets, prominent publicity must be given to the precise time and location of the fireworks to enable pet owners to plan the care of their pets.

At the time of this newsletter going to print no notice of a decision on MCD's application has been received by the Association.



Pavilion Theatre

1 Dec Andrea Bocelli 30: The Celebration

5 Dec Liza Pulman & Joe Stilgoe

6 Dec The Happy Pear

11 Dec Dublin Story Slam

17-18 Dec Small Things Like These by Claire

Keegan

19 Dec The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker

20 Dec-5 Jan The Very Hungry Caterpillar Christmas Show

7-8 Feb Jason Byrne

14-15 Feb An Evening with Michael Harding

19-21 Mar Eddi Reader

8-12 Apr DMDS presents "Made in Dagenham"

For a full listing of events see www.paviliontheatre.ie.



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