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RATHMICHAEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The AGM will take place at 7.30 at the home of the Secretary 'Stone House' Ballybride Rd. at 7.30. on Tuesday 24 of April. This will be followed by our normal meeting at 8.00. All residents are invited, a useful exercise to find out what is going on in the area.

PEDESTRIANS

If anyone comes across any of the **Press Buttons at Traffic Lights not working, especially the audio ones**, would they please report them to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Co. Phone 2054700 and ask for the **Transport Section**.

CORRECTION

In the article Christmas in the Village, with reference to the choir who performed, it should have read The Brook Singers.

THANK YOU TO MOYRA

We would like to take this opportunity to Thank Moyra Garvey for all her hard work in the SCAN office over the past two years. She came on a CE Scheme and has been invaluable in the continual upgrading of SCAN. Anyone who phoned or called to the office have nothing but praise for her efficiency and welcoming manner. We wish her well in the future, she will be an asset to any new employer.

We would also like to welcome Deborah Keogh as a new member of the team.

BOOK SALE

Book Sale takes place on first Saturday of the month in the Old Folks Centre from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

All proceeds in aid of the Old Folks Centre.

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THOUGHTLESS PARKING

At a Confirmation service in St. Anne's Church recently **two cars were parked on the footpath** close to the Pedestrian Crossing at the main entrance to the church car park. This was thoughtless and extremely dangerous for people with disabilities and those pushing buggies. Luckily there were no accidents this time but if it happens again it will be reported to the Gardai and the cars might not be there when their owners return!

SCAN DEADLINES

The deadline for articles and advertisements for inclusion in the **MAY 2012** newsletter is **12th APRIL 2012**.

The editorial board does not accept any responsibility for any views expressed in contributions to the magazine.

Due to space restrictions publication of all articles cannot be guaranteed.

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SURPRISING LITTER

On Saturday morning the 10th March, A local resident was doing a stint of litter picking in and around the Dart apron and spotted an envelope complete with an unfranked stamp. The weather had removed any sign of a name or address from the envelope but, it was otherwise intact.

On opening, it contained a lovely pussy cat greeting card and a note from "Gran" telling her "Niamh" that she had been so brave and containing €20 to buy herself something nice.

We would love for this to be returned to its rightful owner.

Please contact the SCAN office. Ph: 086 1065264



A local Shankill resident, Mr Eamon Ryan found this three headed daffodil growing in his garden. As a keen gardener he has never seen anything like it before. Has any other Shankill resident had a similar experience?

Alvin Patterson.

CAR PARK AT BRIDES GLEN OR CHERRYWOOD LUAS STOP

Planning permission was granted to Dunloe Management Services under Reg. Ref. D10A/0701 for the construction of a public park and ride car park with 197 spaces on a 0.54 hectare site adjacent to Brides Glen Luas stop. The permission is currently on appeal to An Bord Pleanála with a decision due by 24th October 2011.

In the meantime the Council is processing other compliance issues with the applicant so that the development can proceed as quickly as possible in the event that the Bord upholds the Council decision.

(See letter to Editor page 32)

COUNCIL ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR PHASED DEVELOPMENT OF CHERRYWOOD LANDS

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has published a Draft Planning Scheme for the Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone, an area of 264 hectares of primarily green field lands at the end of the Green Luas line between the N11 and M50. The Scheme, which outlines the type, scale and nature of development that will be permitted in the area, goes out on public display today for 6 weeks. Copies of the Scheme are available for inspection in the Council Offices at the Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum.

The Scheme proposes 3 new villages surrounded by residential neighbourhoods, which will be served by a town centre and a major employment base with the potential to accommodate over 17,000 workers. In preparing the Scheme consideration has been given not just to existing infrastructure but to elements such as heritage, topography, biodiversity and employment. The plan also reflects National, Regional and County Guidelines and Policies on a wide range of issues including density, smart travel and retail.

While the scheme includes *high density* development, it is not high-rise development, as maximum heights of between 2-5 storeys are specified. The sequencing and phasing of development is based on the neighbourhood concept of bringing forward retail, schools, transport services in line with the development of residential and employment communities.

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CITIZENS INFORMATION NEWS



Money-lending in Ireland (Part 2)

REPAYMENTS AND COLLECTION

Many moneylenders will want to collect loan payments from customers by cash each week, and will charge a collection charge for this service.

Any collection charges that may apply must be outlined to the customer in his/her lending agreement before he or she signs it. If the moneylender is sending an agent to the customer's house, the agent must have written authorisation from the moneylender to do so, in practice often in the form of an ID card. The agent is only allowed to collect repayments and cannot initiate new loans.

Under law, the moneylender or their agent can only call to a customer's home to collect repayments at designated reasonable hours. These are usually 10am to 9pm Monday to Saturday, with collection not allowed on Sundays and public holidays. In certain cases, collection may be allowed between 8am and 10am on weekdays but the customer must have given permission for this on the lending agreement.

The customer must be given the option of paying at the moneylender's business premises to avoid the collection charge. This premises must be a separate premises that is not used as a residence by any person and the moneylender's licence must be prominently displayed at the premises.

A moneylender or their agent is prohibited from visiting or telephoning a customer at the customer's place of work or visiting or telephoning a customer's employer or relative without the customer's consent unless the moneylender has been consistently unable to contact the customer at home or if the moneylender is calling to serve notice of legal action.

Under **Section 11 of the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997** it is an offence to demand payment of a debt in a way designed to alarm, distress or humiliate. This also covers both blackmail and *extortion*. (Extortion means using intimidation or the threat of violence to obtain money, information or anything else of value from another person).

If someone is charged with this offence and it is tried as a *summary offence* (that is, in a District Court by a judge only) the maximum penalty is a fine and/or 12 months imprisonment. If tried as an *indictable offence* (that is, in the Circuit Criminal Court or Central Criminal Court before a judge and jury) the maximum penalty is a fine and/or 14 years imprisonment.

TOP-UP LOANS

Moneylenders are not allowed to offer customers 'top-up loans' or a second loan to pay off the first loan that will place the customer further in debt. Moneylenders are also not allowed to take an amount from the overall loan and treat it as a first repayment.

INTEREST

A moneylender's loan will generally have a higher APR (Annual Percentage Rate) than a credit union or bank loan. The APR is at least 23% and may be more in some cases.

As with all loans, consumers should look at the total cost of the loan. That is, the amount of extra money that has to be paid back over and above the amount of the original loan.

The amount you have to pay back on a money-lending loan stays the same no matter how long it takes to pay the loan back. This is because moneylenders are not allowed to charge any extra interest or charges over and above what they are licensed to charge and what they have stated they will charge at the start of the loan.

DEFAULTING ON LOANS

If a customer fails to pay one or more instalments due under the lending agreement, legal action may be taken by the moneylender to recoup the losses. If a moneylender is planning to take legal action against a customer, he/she must serve the customer with a notice in writing stating that legal action will be taken and giving an estimate of how much legal costs the customer may have to pay. The customer has 21 days after being served with the notice to pay the instalments before legal action can be taken, although if a customer persistently fails to pay instalments during the period of the loan, the moneylender may get permission from the courts to waive this waiting period.

MONEY ADVICE AND BUDGETING SERVICE (MABS)

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying off a loan, you should contact your moneylender as soon as you can. If you cannot resolve the matter directly with your moneylender, you can get help by contacting the Money Advice and Budgeting Service, a free and confidential service for people in Ireland with debt or money management problems. Trained Money Advisors in MABS offices around the country will help you deal with your debts and make out a budget; Examine your income to make sure you are not missing out on any of your entitlements; Contact your creditors on your behalf with offers of payment if you are not able to do it yourself; Help you decide on the best way to make the payments.

All contacts with MABS are in strictest confidence. MABS is located at **Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire; Telephone No. 01 2302002**. Details of other local MABS office are available in your public telephone directory or at any Citizens Information Centre.

The above is just a short summary of the information on Money-lending. Source: www.citizensinformation.ie

You can get further information from the Citizens Information helpline: 1890 777 121

OR - Call in to the **Citizens information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire** at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. **No appointment necessary**. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. **Citizens Information** offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of issues.

NOTE – MABS (Money Advice and Budgeting Service) are now located in the same building. Private appointments with MABS can be made by phoning: 01 230 2002.



COOKERY PAGE

By Vivien Reid

Chocolate Biscuit Cake

vintage style!



At Easter time chocolate is a popular treat. This recipe for Chocolate Biscuit Cake is an old family favourite. It doesn't require cooking. It is not as rich or as sweet as some of the more modern recipes as it is made with cocoa powder. You can make it in a shallow tin (such as a swiss roll tin) for thin pieces or in a deeper tin (cake tin) for thicker chunks.

Have a go – it is easy. The kids will enjoy making it with you and just love eating it!

RECIPE

- 3 ounces margarine or spread
- 4 ounces sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 1 egg
- 1/2 lb. broken plain biscuits

Melt the margarine in a saucepan and add sugar and cocoa. Beat the egg a little and add in over a low heat, stirring all the time. Take off the heat. Add the broken biscuits and mix well. Grease a tin or line it with greasproof paper or cling wrap. Pour mixture in and press it down until evenly spread over the base of the tin. Cover and leave in a cool place or in the fridge to set – for 12 hours or so – before cutting it in to squares or chunks.

Tip:

- * Add chopped nuts or dried fruit to the mixture with the biscuits for extra flavour and crunch.
- * For a richer cake, cover with melted chocolate and allow to set before cutting it up.

Cocoa powder makes a tasty chocolate drink - if you use low fat milk and sweetener it will be low in fat and calories.

Lamb for dinner – Spring is here!

Lamb Chops with parsley and thyme

This is a delicious meal that can be cooked in the time it takes to steam some baby new potatoes!

Ingredients Serves 4

- 4 lamb chops, trimmed
- 1 tablesp. olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Fresh thyme leaves

Parsley and Thyme Dressing

- 1 tablesp. fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tablesp. fresh thyme leaves
- Juice and zest of 1/2 lemon
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 2 tablesp. olive oil

Place the lamb chops in a shallow dish, drizzle over the olive oil, then season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with fresh thyme leaves. Set aside for 5-10 minutes to allow the flavours to develop.

Heat a frying pan or barbecue and cook the chops for 3-4 minutes on each side, depending on thickness, until golden. Cook a few minutes longer if you like your meat well done. While they are cooking, make the dressing by whisking all the ingredients together in a small bowl. Arrange the lamb chops on warmed plates and spoon over the parsley and thyme dressing.

Serve with the bean and tomato salad (see recipe) or fresh vegetables and baby potatoes.

Bean and Tomato Salad with Mustard Hazelnut Dressing

- 200g green beans, trimmed and cooked until tender
- 250g cherry tomatoes, halved

- 70g roasted hazelnuts, skinned and coarsely chopped
- 1 tablesp. olive oil
- 2 tablesp. cider vinegar
- 1 teasp. wholegrain mustard

Blanch the beans for 2-3 minutes, then drain and refresh quickly under cold running water. Place in a bowl and fold in the cherry tomatoes, hazelnuts, olive oil, vinegar and mustard. Season with salt and pepper and mix gently to combine.

Recipe from Nevin Maguire on www.bordbia.ie

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Councillor Carrie Smyth

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CORBAWN DRIVE AND QUINN'S ROAD

REPAIR TO DAMAGED WALL at the pedestrian entrance/ emergency vehicle access at the green area.

As the area in question will be affected by the imminent installation of a pumped sewage pipeline from Bray to Shanganagh Treatment Works, we are reluctant to undertake these repair works at present. When the pipeline works are complete the wall will be repaired.

SHANGANAGH WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS

Shanganagh Waste Water Treatment Works is 95% complete. The processing plant is fully operational with the exception of the Sludge Dryers which are undergoing trials at present.

Final testing of the complete works has commenced and, subject to satisfactory performance in the tests, should allow for the issue of the Taking Over Certificate by May 2012.

Transfer Pipeline – The Pipeline is overall 50% complete. Pipelaying adjacent to Woodbrook Glen Stream and up to Shanganagh Park is complete. The Contractor has some chambers to complete before replacing walkways and making good the landscaping.

Currently work is ongoing on an undertrack crossing at Shanganagh Park and pipelaying along Quinns Road and Corbawn Drive.

The Storm Water Storage Tank at the old Bray Golf Club site is 80% complete and is making good progress.

All works are due to be completed on this contract in Quarter 3 2012.

AUGHMORE LANE

When did Aughmore Lane open after the refurbishment of the entire site (formerly Kiltuck)?

The former site (known as Kiltuck Park) was in extremely bad condition and did not meet any standards for accommodation. It was decided to completely re-develop the site to bring it up to current standards. The site now known as Aughmore Lane re-opened in February 2009.

How long the tenants lived there from the time they returned from Glen Druid to the refurbished Aughmore Lane (formerly Kiltuck)

There are currently three vacancies on the site. The tenants who recently vacated the site were there since the re-opening of the site in February 2009. Re-let works are currently being carried out and it is hoped to allocate the vacant bays as quickly as possible.

How much did it cost to complete the refurbishment of the entire site?"

The final agreed Budget Cost Approval with the DoECLG was €2,008,434. This covered the completed redevelopment of the site to provide 1 group house and 4 bays with day units, the cost included demolition, the realignment of the site, new foundations, rebuilding of the boundary wall, the installation of an upgraded sewage system (which includes large pump house) and other ancillary works.

What work is being carried out on the site at present and for the last couple of months and the cost of current site work?

Re-let works are currently being carried out at the three vacated units at Aughmore Lane, there was slight fire damage in one of the units. The cost of the re-let works is €28,721 (incl VAT).

Who will be housed in the site when it reopens and what is the expected date of reopening?

Aughmore Lane Halting Site has not been closed. There are 4 bays and 1 group house on the site and three of these are currently vacant. One of the tenants of the occupied bays has gone away for a short time and due to the number of vacant units on the site it has also been boarded up temporarily. Any new tenants for Aughmore Lane will be chosen from a list of applicants with due regard to the usual procedures of letting priority.

DLR BUSINESS PROMOTION GRANTS 2012

Background: Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has established a €100,000 Business Promotion Fund in 2012 to grant aid recognised business groups in each electoral area of the county (€15,000 per area). Grants of up to a maximum of 75% of proposed expenditure will be payable in respect of promotion and marketing activities aimed at generating and sustaining business.

Applicant groups are required to complete the official application form, which must be signed by the chairperson of the business group or the legal party acting on behalf of the group. The deadline for receipt of completed application forms is 16.00hrs on Tuesday, 17 April 2012.

Completed application forms should be submitted to: **Clare Kelly, HR & CDB Department, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire.**

Councillor Carrie Smyth

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Councillor Denis O'Callaghan

WATER SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ACT 2012

Registration: Under the legislation anyone who owns a septic tank or a waste-water treatment system needs to register before March 2013. After the 4 week public consultation period has been completed and the regulations have been published, a registration system will be in place by 31 March 2012. There will be an on-line registration system and a facility for written registration also.

Fee: The fee for registration before 30th June is €5 and from July 2012 to March 2013 it will be €50.

Inspections: The risk-based system of inspections will commence in 2013 and will be objective and evidence-based, i.e. unless there is evidence of endangerment of human health or the environment, the system in place will pass inspection. There is no question of applying the EPA's 2009 Code of Practice, to older on-site systems.

Inspection Failure: Where remediation is required, the local authority will issue an advisory notice to the owner which will set out the remedial works necessary to bring the system into line and the timeframe for carrying out the works. There is an appeals mechanism for re-inspection and right of recourse to the District Court.

RESURFACING OF SECTION OF ROADWAY AT ST. ANN'S PARK, SHANKILL

"The Road Maintenance Section has been filling potholes in the road at this location for some time. The Section of roadway needs to be re-constructed but there is no source of funding to undertake this work at present. The road will be maintained in as safe a condition as possible pending the availability of resources to undertake there-construction works required."

HISTORICAL WALKING PROJECT

Rathsallagh/Shanganagh/Clifton Estate Management Forum, Scoil Mhuire N.S, help and support with the creation of a historical walking project along the old Battery Walk leading to the sea at Shankill as a recreational and educational tour for residents and schoolchildren of the Shankill area.

A small environment scheme for Autumn 2012 is envisaged, which will increase local appreciation of this historic structure. This will involve physical improvement to the "Battery Wood" hedgerow, vegetation clearance, additional planting and a bark surface.

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

Local Authorities primary role in relation to fluvial flooding is to maintain the watercourses in the public ownership, to remove any obstacles that have the potential to cause flooding and to keep the screens free of debris.

STREAMS IN PRIVATE PROPERTY

A report in 2003 acknowledges that "There is no statutory duty on any State or other authority to prevent flooding and, given that flooding is a naturally occurring phenomenon, it would be inappropriate to try to impose such a duty."

In relation to riparian owners the report states that "property owners in general and riparian owners (i.e., property owners whose curtilage is either bordered or traversed by a

watercourse) have particular responsibilities in relation to the prevention of flooding and protection of their own property".

Our policy has been to inform the Riparian owners of their responsibilities in relation to flood prevention and there is no reason why the council should adopt a policy that disregards the conclusions of the report and incur expense that is the legal responsibility of others to undertake.

2012 ROADS RESTORATION PROGRAMME

(a) Re-Surface a section of roadway at the top of Assumpta Park Shankill

(b) Re-surfacing of Old Connaught Ave from the overbridge on the N11 to the triangle at Ballyman/Thornhill Road

These works are subject to the necessary funding being available. " I will work towards ensuring that funding is provided for these works"

WORKS ALONG RAILWAY BANK FROM SHANKILL DART STATION TO CLIFTON PARK

To ask the Manager to contact Iarnrod Éireann to arrange for them to carry out the following works along the section of railway bank from Shankill Dart Station to Clifton Park Estate:

(a) Cut back overgrowth, clear debris, rubbish etc.

(b) Have both sides of the railway banks treated for rodent infestation?"

Reply:

A letter has been sent to Iarnrod Éireann to ask that the necessary works be undertaken at these locations.



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BERTIE MESSITT

We, the family of the late Bertie Messitt, who died on the 18th February 201, would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised with us in our recent sad loss.

Thank you to all who attended the prayer service at the funeral home, the funeral and burial. To all who played a part in the ceremonies, to the singer, the musicians and to the priests of the Parish, especially Fr. Michael O'Dwyer.

Many thanks to those who sent cards and letters of condolence and floral tributes, to those who called to our family home and to all who travelled long distances to be with us and to pay their respects.

A heartfelt thank you to Una and Margaret and to the team at Shankill Health Centre, to the staff at Doc Martin's pharmacy in the village, to the Carers, the Community

Intervention Team, the Home Care Team and to Doctor Nicky Scaramuzzi.

Thanks to the staff of Leopardstown Hospital Day Care Centre, to Shankill Old Folks Association and to the staff of St. Columcille's Hospital Day Ward.

Many thanks also to members of Donore Harriers A.C., Shankill Football Club, to Mr. John Brady and his staff at Brady's of Shankill and to Mark Kinsella and the staff of Thomas Murphy & Sons Funeral Directors.

A special word of thanks to our extended family members, neighbours and many friends for their support. Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation as it would be impossible to thank each person individually.

BERTIE MESSITT

Appreciation by Jim Kelly

In the late 1960's Bertie was a founder member of the Shankill Youth Club, which met in the old St. Anne's National School. In time this venue proved inadequate and thanks to Dublin County Council a new wooden structure was provided and erected in the grounds of the present Gael Scoil.

Bertie was very anxious to promote sporting activities in the area for the teenagers. An application was made in the early 70's by the Youth Club to take part in the Community Games but was rejected by the organisers as it did not include all of Shankill.

With the help of Tom Twomey a meeting of interested parties was held.

The first committee members were:

- Andrew Bonar Law, Rathmichael Parish
- Pat Nevin, Scouts
- Bertie Messitt, Youth Club
- Tom Twomey and
- Jim Kelly, South Shankill Res. Assoc.



In 1975, heats for the participants were held on the field on Quinn's Road when the athletes were selected to represent Shankill. The competitors met at Stephens Green and paraded to Parnell Square. A coach then took them to Santry for the finals. This was the start of the Civic Week in the Village.



Bertie Messitt — A Tribute to a great amateur athlete

MEET OUR COMMUNITY

Interview with Bertie Messitt first published in SCAN/Loudspeaker in June 1999

When did you first become involved in athletics?

While in the army I was stationed in the Middle East, I came first in a cross-country race at Aqaba. This victory spurred me on to take part in other events. Between 1949 and 1952, I took part in road races in Gibraltar and track competitions in Germany.

I was a member of Donore Harriers from 1952 to 1966 and during that time I broke sixteen track records.

To what do you attribute your success?

One ounce of talent soaked in sweat and you'll be amazed how far you will go. This applies not only to athletics but to anything that you wish to achieve in this life.

Did you represent Ireland in any athletics events?

There were so many events I will just refer to a few. There was the first World Games in Finland, where I won a bronze medal in 10,000 metres. On seven occasions I represented Ireland in the International Cross Country.

In 1960 I took part in the Olympic Games held in Rome. In those days there was no such as sponsorship. My holidays had to coincide with the marathon and my fellow C.I.E., workers made a collection towards my expenses.

In what year did you become involved in the Community Games?

In 1967 I helped start a Youth Club in the village and out of that grew the community games. In the second year a local boy Joe O'Loughlin was a gold medal in the road race and as a result of this win he obtained a scholarship to the States, where he did very well. Unfortunately due to lack of support there will be no Community Games this year.

When did you run your last competitive race?

That was in 1988, when I was sixty years of age, I took part in the New York Marathon to raise funds for C.P.I.

How long have you lived in Shankill?

I have lived here for 46 years.

What is your favourite music?

I love rock and roll.

Which person in history do you most admire?

Down through the years I have always had great admiration for the late Noel Carroll. We were both

involved in the setting up of the first Business House Athletics Association, which was responsible for the launch of the first Dublin City Marathon.

What is your favourite sport?

At the moment I jog twice a week, play golf and of course the soccer which I enjoy very much.

How would you like to be remembered?

I would like to be remembered as a decent man.

What is your wish for the millennium?

I would love to see a running track in the Bray Area and an athletics club established here in Shankill.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Published in SCAN/Loudspeaker January 2001

December 5th was a day of great celebration for the village at the launch of the book "From Boghall to Bethlehem and Beyond – the Bertie Messitt story by Ray Messitt, held in the Royal Hotel Bray.

At the official launch of the book, Ronnie Delany commented on the fact that there was a great buzz in the function room as this was most unusual for the launch of a book. These are usually serious events. Ronnie said that Bertie was an inspiration to him and many other athletes at a time when there was no State funding or sponsorship available to sports people. He was an athlete at a time when there were only amateurs in sport. We have all heard people say that they must put their story in print but it usually comes to naught. Not so with Bertie Messitt. His son Ray has written this biography with the help and cooperation of his father. It is indeed a rare and great achievement and Ronnie wished him every success.

All Bertie's family as well as his many friends from Shankill were there for this wonderful occasion. There were many celebrities from track and field as well as radio and television personalities in attendance. A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to his wife Maureen, who is no mean athlete herself, as she takes part in the Ladies' Mini Marathon every year.

Ray Messitt thanked all the people who helped to make it possible to write, edit and publish the book. It is something he always wanted to do but admitted that it was a very big undertaking. There were times when he thought it would never be published. Nevertheless he was very proud to have written his father's biography.

Brid Meehan

OLYMPIAN BERTIE MESSITT LAID TO REST

Willie Smith, Friend, Neighbour and President Donore Harriers

The funeral of Irish Olympian athlete Bertie Messitt took place in St. Anne's Church, on Tuesday 21st February.

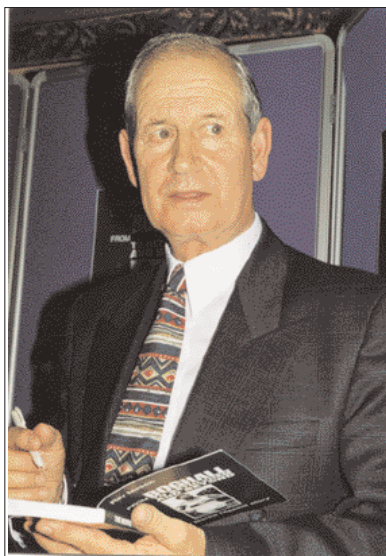
He died at his home in Assumpta Park, on Saturday 18th February at the age of 83 years.

He represented Ireland in the Marathon, at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games and at two European Championships in Stockholm (1958) at the 5,000 and 10,000 metre; and in 1962 in Belgrade in the marathon. He also won a bronze medal when finishing third in the 10,000 metres at the 1959 World Games in Helsinki. He won seven Irish Vests having competed in the International Cross-Country Championships - and would have won 2 more except injury ruled him out.

Albert (Bertie) Messitt was born on the 28th July 1928, to Thomas and Bridget Messitt at No. 15 Old Court, Boghall Road, Bray. After a normal childhood and following the end of World War 11, he and two friends enlisted in the British Army. He saw service all over the Middle East, Egypt, Gibraltar and then in Germany. He won many races and helped his regiment, the "Faughs" to win many inter-regimental trophies. After 6 years in the army, he decided to leave in September 1952. Prior to leaving he was awarded the "Eagle", a blazer badge, which was the regiments highest honour for sporting excellence. This award was not only for his running but also for basketball and hockey.

He returned home to Boghall Road and settled into civilian life. He joined Donore Harriers and immediately made an impression in cross-country running. Also around this time he met Maureen Kavanagh, from Shankill. Unfortunately there was no work available here and he emigrated to England and Maureen joined him also searching for employment. He and Maureen were married on 10th June 1954, in Manchester. While in England Bertie never ran. In early 1955 they returned to Ireland and settled in Assumpta Park. With the help of Maureen's father, James, Bertie got a job as a bus conductor, with C.I.E., stationed at the Donnybrook Garage.

He was eventually encouraged to re-join Donore Harriers and over a 9 year period, Bertie set 16 Irish Track records -



9 in 1958 - in distances from 3,000 metres to the marathon. He set many records in road races and relay races for the club. During this period he won many Irish Championships - 8 on the track, 4 marathons and 7 cross-county titles. He was also on 15 winning Donore Harriers teams in cross-country Championships.

While Bertie's records have been broken by different athletes over the years, no one athlete has achieved what he did. It will take a very special talented runner to emulate his achievements.

The foundation of his training was laid around the hills of Carrickgollogan and the "Big Chimney" as well as interval training on Rathmichael Road, along with long runs around, through Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue. When training for Marathon races, he would run the 8 1/4 miles (13.25 km) from his home in Shankill to Donnybrook and back again after finishing his stint on the bus. On his early shift, he would rise at 5.15 am eat a light breakfast and run to Donnybrook, shower, change into his uniform and on his bus at 6.30 am. When the early shift finished at 1.00pm he would change into his running gear and run home.

The work shifts alternated every week, so when on the later shift, he ran to the bus garage to be ready for the 4 o'clock bus. When his late work finished between mid-night and 12.30 am he ran home arriving about 1.15 am.

On one occasion Bertie was collected on his break at the garage, by a Donore official, Pat Mullally, who ferried him to Santry where he linked up with other athletes for the All Ireland cross-country championship over 9 miles. He duly won and was taken back to Donnybrook immediately after the race where he finished his shift, continuing going up and down the stairs of the bus! One news paper headlined - "Messitt - the Flying Bus Conductor".

I detail the above training regime in contrast to top athletes now-a-days, who are on sports grants, go for warm weather training etc. Bertie was a true blue amateur, who combined his running along with family life and work. He would not have been able to achieve all this, without the support of Maureen.

He ran his last International cross-country race on Leopardstown Race Course on 21st March 1964. At 35 years of age and Irish captain he was 3rd Irishman in 28th place.

In 1965, Bertie along with Dermot Lynsky, of Donore was involved in organising the Business Houses Athletic Association. In the first race over 6 miles in the Phoenix Park, Bertie won, and C.I.E., won the team event. Bertie decided to retire from competitive athletics in 1966.

On the 25th April 1967, Bertie held a small meeting in his home to discuss plans for forming a Youth Club in Shankill. Following further meetings, canvassing etc, a fund raising drive commenced, in order to build a new clubhouse. While all this was going on, the club was expanding rapidly, with soccer and basketball teams playing in their respective leagues. In 1970, the big day arrived when the clubhouse, behind Assumpta Park, was officially opened.

Bertie became involved in re-organising the Business



23rd November, 1958 Bertie set Irish record for 1 hour run (12 miles, 142 yards).



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Houses Athletic Association through C.I.E., Donnybrook and in February 1979, a committee was formed. This Association was to become highly successful and eventually led to the first running of the Dublin City Marathon on the October Bank Holiday in 1980.

Bertie resigned from C.I.E., in 1983 and prompted by the running boom, decided to open a retail sports shop in Bray. On 3rd December, Ron Hill, the famous Marathon runner and Olympian performed the official opening. The shop did well in the beginning but due to trading difficulties and the recession, Bertie decided to close in 1985.

Bertie continued with an active lifestyle, playing golf and jogging 3-4 times a week. He was also a life long supporter of Bray Wanderers. He was also Vice President of Donore Harriers.

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In December 2000, in the Royal Hotel, Bray, the Bertie Messitt story "From Boghall to Bethlehem and Beyond" was launched. This was written by Bertie and Maureen's eldest son, Raymond. It includes details of his army years, his running career with Donore Harriers, his community work in Shankill and his part in setting up the the Business Houses Athletics Association. He has also written poetry,

some of which is included in the book. These poems which he did not make public, until publication of his book, show a thoughtful and insightful person.

He was also a quiet, modest man, a gentleman who inspired those around him, a devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Over the past 7 years of his life, Bertie battled his illness with dignity. It was frustrating he never showed it or complained and always had a smile for everyone.

There was a large turnout for the prayers at Murphy's Funeral Home on Monday evening 20th February. St. Anne's Church was packed to over-flowing for his funeral Mass the following morning at 11 am. The large attendance included Olympic athlete Ron Delaney (Eamonn Coghlan attended prayers on Monday). A large turnout from Donore Harriers, which included former team mates, Tommy and Willie Dunne, Tom O'Riordan, Jim McNamara and Mick Connolly. Also former colleagues from C.I.E., and many from the sporting community, along with neighbours and friends.

Father Michael O'Dwyer was the celebrant. In his homily he paid tribute to Bertie and his family and following a short address by Bertie's son, Raymond, where he finished by reading a poem "Reflections" written by Bertie and dedicated to his Wife, Maureen. There was a spontaneous standing ovation. A piper led the cortage, with members of Donore Harriers providing a guard of honour, as far as the village, where it stopped for a moment, near Bertie's home. He was laid to rest in Shanganagh Cemetery, where after prayers, a bugler sounded the "Last Post".

He is survived by his wife Maureen, sons Raymond, Alan, Stephen and Nigel, daughter Lesley, 14 grandchildren and 8 grandchildren.

May he rest in peace.

BERTIE REMEMBERED

– Andrew Bonar Law

Bertie, in my book, was what one would term 'a lovely man' In the years I knew him I never heard him speak ill of anything or anybody. I got to know him through the Community Games and the early days of the expansion of the Youth Club and the formation of the Community Association. He was anxious that Shankill's youth should enter a team into the Country wide Community Games. There was however a problem in that entries to the games would not be accepted from individual organisations, only from community associations. I don't know how he did it but with the aid of Jim Kelly and Tom

Towmey, both living in the Quinns road area (it must be remembered that Corbawn, Rathallagh, Crinken, Castle Farms and others were still in the dreams of the developers.), the Shankill Community Association was formed and with their backing a team was raised and trained and competed with a certain distinction for a number of years in the Co. Dublin segment of the Community Games. During these years Bertie aided by Ambrose Connolly of St Ann's (whose son Alan competed with distinction) and other parents, prepared running surfaces, organised preliminary team selection heats and finally managed to get 20 or so kids out to Santry to compete for the best part of a week. It couldn't have been done without Bertie, and the whole village, as it was then, owed him an enormous debt of gratitude.



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SHANKILL BOWLING CLUB



Our indoor team are flying the flag for our club with their brilliant achievement in winning their league and gaining promotion to the higher 3rd Division. Our congratulations go to them and to indoor captain Joe Gregory for all the



effort they put into this victory. We are very proud of the team and they are shown in the photo.

Top, right to left: Jim Kelly, Bea Tyner, Susan Farrelly, Paddy Pegman, Richard Fogarty. Bottom, right to left: Shirley Nicholson, Eileen Hopkins, Margaret O'Neill, Pat McCann.

The Allweather league was won by St. James Gate with Meath r/up. The singles Champion is Richie Leonard the current British Isles Champion and who only narrowly beat our Paddy Pegman in the semis. The r/up there was P. Kavanagh, Leinster.

Preparations and team selections etc. are now under way for the coming Summer Leagues, both ladies and men, which will be starting near the end of April. The men have their new, brighter jerseys and hope to get off to a

good early start led by Pat O'Toole, the Mens Captain and Joe Byrne the vice-capt. The Ladies will have their work cut out in doing well in the Division 1 but should not be overly concerned as they are very good bowlers and are capable of winning against most if not all of their opposition.

New members are welcome especially this time of year and again I would request our members to ask someone they know who might be available, to try out the game and see if they like it.

Lady Captain Nuala Shortt, herself an Irish International bowler, is leading her team in an extensive coaching course and getting large numbers in attendance. The course is being given by Christy Shortt a qualified bowling coach and includes all the basics of the game, plus the stance; the delivery; the line; the weight; and how each player can find their own individual style. There will be no beating them at all after all this training!

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St. Brendan's College Transition Year

Easter

by Cian Buckley and
John Doyle

Did You Know?

The name "Easter" originates from Eastre, an Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolises the hare and the egg. In Medieval times, a festival of egg throwing would be held in the local church, during this the priest would throw a hardboiled egg to one of the choir boys, it was then tossed from boy to boy and whoever held the egg when the clock struck twelve would retain the egg and was declared the winner.

Unknown Facts:

For many children the biggest part of Easter is getting the chocolate eggs that the Easter bunny delivers, it has been found by a study set in the US that there is a percentage of children who are scared of the magical holiday figure that lays eggs.

Some Other Facts:

- Americans celebrate Easter with a large Easter egg hunt on the White House lawn
- 90 million Easter eggs are made for Easter each year

In conclusion, Easter is a very important time for some and not so for others but either way it is celebrated but just in different ways.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

As Transition Year students in St. Brendan's, we volunteer ourselves to help out around Bray.

We volunteer every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00. The primary school which I go to is St. Cronan's BNS. I help out around school, help out the teachers and help the children doing their homework. In Earls Brook Nursing Home we help out the nurses helping residents get comfortable and set-up the bingo and give out the cards and highlighters.

Royce Doronila

EASTER by James Malone

Obviously Easter is a very important religious event which is at the very heart of Christianity. We all know the religious significance. This article is going to answer some of the questions about Easter which I never really thought about before sitting down to type and those which were always on my mind. It's not a religious article, but religion is interwoven in the history of this festival. Why does the date change each year? How do we calculate the date? And where do eggs and rabbits fit in?



Everyone knows the date of Easter changes each year. This is because the Gregorian calendar, which we use now, is based

around the sun. However the Jewish calendar is based around the phases of the moon. The resurrection of Jesus took place around three days after the Passover. The date for the Passover was fixed by the first full moon after the spring equinox. The Christians wanted to keep the feast day as close to the original as possible. As the solar year, lunar year and Gregorian year are all fractionally different to each other, no definite fixed date can be set even with modern astronomy.

There is another thing to consider when dating Easter; much of Eastern Europe still use the calendar instituted by Julius Caesar i.e. the Julian calendar. Western Europe abandoned this calendar in the sixteenth Century because it was inaccurate by 10 days. To this effect, Pope Gregory issued a new calendar. The Gregorian calendar is far more accurate than the Julian calendar. Britain was wary of changing their calendar and didn't do so until 1753.

The final Easter mysteries which I'm going to unravel are the eggs and the rabbit. The idea of giving eggs comes from a Medieval Lenten observance. During Lent eggs were forbidden. Any eggs which were laid were preserved. This made them ideal presents for children and servants. The egg was also a sign of fertility and new life. This is also how the rabbit fits in.

— Pics by James Malone and Eoghan O'Reilly



MUSIC by Anthony Quill

As a second level student and musician, it can often be difficult balancing the two. Thankfully though for most students there is the choice of Transition Year after sitting the Junior Certificate exams. It's a truly wonderful year. We have the chance to partake in activities both inside and outside of school and we mature into young adults.

Music has a huge impact on our society, even just in our day-to-day lives. Everyone likes a bit of a jingle in their day! In the coming weeks I'd ask you to try turning into a music station on the radio or play a CD or old record. Bring music into your home and brighten up your day.

As part of our Transition Year curriculum, one mandatory area we had to cover was the Mini-Company project. This is a project in which different groups get in touch with their entrepreneurial side to sell either a product or a service and create a mini-business. I am always open to different tastes and as a result of this, three of my classmates and I decided to provide a service: Music lessons. We opened the lessons up to students from our school and Loreto, Bray. We named it *After-school Notes* and we taught two instruments, guitar and drums at two different levels, beginner and advanced. The business turned out to be a wonderful success. It was in fact such a great success that we actually won the mini-company competition in our school and we are going on to represent the school in the Leinster finals! *Happy Easter everyone!*

St. Brendan's College Transition Year

A YEAR IN TRANSITION

Transition Year has been a great experience for us. Having the break from exams and studying was nice. Transition year has also been a fun year from going on our weekly trips on Friday afternoon wherever it may be, hiking up the side of a mountain or visiting great



places in Dublin like the National Art Gallery, Kilmainham Gaol or St. Michan's Church to see the underground vaults and the mummified bodies.

One of the other great experiences which I took from Transition year was our chosen work experience placement that you do for three weeks. This really helped us to make up our minds about what career we would like to pursue in the future, especially if one was stuck between two different careers.

During our time in Transition year we also got the chance to see what it would be like owning our own business. This started at the beginning of the year where we took an idea and tried to make it into a profitable product or service for students in our school. After six months of hard work the winners are chosen from our school and entered into the regional finals in Dublin. Another great competition to get involved in was the



AIB Build-A-Bank. This is where a handful of students, picked by AIB out of Transition year, were given the job of running a bank in the school for students. After months of hard work they were entered into the finals for the chance to win up to €10,000 for the school.

Another fun thing we did in Transition year was the ceilí with Loreto Bray (most of us hadn't a clue what we were doing and of course I ended up with a professional!). We had another ceilí for Seachtain na Gaeilge with St. Killian's in March.

In Transition we have the option of doing the ECDL Programme. This is a computer course which is highly recognised by employers all over Europe. Another course we can do in Transition year which is really useful to have is the car maintenance course. This is on at the same time as ECDL and is a good option for you if you are not the best with computers.

In-between all these fun programmes and experiences we have our core subjects like Maths, English, Irish, Science and a Foreign Language.

In the end I and a lot of my fellow Transition year students found the year to be both great fun and a great experience.

By Shane Gilroy Pictures Dónal Tuohy

S.O.P.A

On the 29 February 2012 Minister Sean Sherlock signed the controversial S.O.P.A (Stop Online Piracy Act) Bill. S.O.P.A gives the entertainment industry the ability to choose what websites should be blocked but only if the website is definitely hosting pirated software.

The way they plan on "blocking" these websites is to change the URL link of the website to the IP address which the website is running from. This is still censoring the internet. An example of censorship is that the website mega upload was taken down and the creators were arrested just because some of the

users of the site were posting copyright material. The signing did not go into a vote in houses of the Oireachtas. And worse still the Minister chose to ignore not only the several protests in Dublin city centre ranging from 100 to 200 people each time but also the protest online which has over 80,000 signatures.

A group that has formed on Facebook and Twitter called Resign Minister Sherlock thus far it has over 3 thousand members and growing each day. The second is that Minister Sherlock has released a survey asking for the opinion of other parties. The third is that the hacking group Anonymous has officially set itself against S.O.P.A and two other bills of the same nature which are P.I.P.A (Protect IP Act) and A.C.T.A. (anti counterfeiting trade

agreement). This makes Ireland a target for Anonymous, however if they decide to do the same type of thing they did to America it will not affect the citizens of the country. In America Anonymous took down C.B.S and F.B.I websites so it will most likely not affect the civilians of Ireland because Anonymous exist to protect the freedom of civilians on the internet according to themselves. In conclusion there may be two by products if nothing is done about this bill. The first is that the internet will be severely censored in Ireland and the second is that major computer companies who employ a lot of people in Ireland could potentially pull out of Ireland and move their business to other countries.

— By Sean Butler

LOUGHLINSTOWN HOSPITAL

Reply from HSE re: Car Parking

Dear Mr Nolan

I refer to previous correspondence in connection with the imposition of parking charges during Sunday Mass Times.

I am pleased to advise that Euro Car Parks, who manage parking in the hospital grounds, have been instructed not

to clamp cars between 08.45am and 09.45am on Sundays.

Please note that the regular parking charges will apply outside of this time.

In your letter of 13th February 2012 you referred to the lack of a ticket machine near to the entrance to the church or mortuary. In this regard it should be noted that there is a machine situated at the entrance to the former convent building just beyond the church

Yours Sincerely
Tom Mernagh
Hospital Manager

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STONEBRIDGE MASTER PLAN

STONEBRIDGE AMENITY PARK – MARCH 2012

As reported previously, two grass pitches are being laid out at Stonebridge Road – a GAA pitch and a soccer/ hockey pitch. The layout is designed so that the GAA pitch can be sub-divided to make another soccer/ hockey pitch. Work on this very welcome development was suspended in November due to the wet conditions. It is expected to start again soon and finish by the end of April/ start of May. The pitches cannot be used for 12 – 18 months to allow the grass to fully establish itself and so will be available for use by the community in autumn 2013.

The Parks Department of DLRCC is drafting a Master Plan for the park which will be available for inspection and comments. Currently, no public funding has been allocated for additional development of the park. The troika may be asked, but we assume that the local community and clubs will need to help finance any development in the near future.

After canvassing views from the local schools and some residents, a submission was made to DLRCC covering the following topics:

1. Parking. Very important for safety. Stonebridge Road should not become a hazard due to cars parked all over the road and the pavement. Another benefit is that a car park could become a meeting point for walkers on the Dublin Trail.
2. Access for groups from Rathmichael NS and St Anne's

NS. A gate at the N11 bridge end of the park and a path leading to the pitches.

3. Storage/ Changing Facilities and Utilities. A part of the site should be allocated for storage/ eventual changing facilities by the national schools (and other clubs). Access to relevant utilities is obvious.
4. Playground/ board park. A children's playground would attract more people to the park and a skate board park would attract older children.
5. Tree cover and nature reserve. The Tidy Towns group is seeking to offset Shankill's carbon footprint by planting thousands of trees. The perimeter would be a potential site for these, with the advantage of breaking up the prevailing winds from the North West and noise from the motorway. A nature reserve would be used by the schools for field trips.
6. Perimeter / pitches. A running track or jogging trail would increase the numbers of users of the park. Netting needs to be put in place for to prevent sliotars raining onto the motorway - and other users of the park.

The community will need to play a strong role in establishing facilities in the park, so the more input that is provided for the master plan, the better. Make a submission or provide feedback to ensure we create a great amenity for the village.

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Wednesday April 4th

At 8 p.m. Dr. Barbara Walsh will present her lecture 'Woolworths in Ireland' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in the Burton Hall, Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin - all welcome.

Thursday April 12th

At 8.30 p.m. John Lennon will present his lecture 'St. Naithi's

Church, Dundrum' to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow - admission €3.

Thursday April 19th

At 8 p.m. RTE Cameraman Geoffrey Graham will present her lecture '40 Years Behind the Lens' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce., Quinsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €4.

At 8 p.m. Michael O'Flaherty will present his lecture 'RMS Titanic - Locked in History' to the Maritime Institute of Ireland in the Stella Maris Seafarers Club, Beresford Place, Dublin 1. All welcome - voluntary donation at the door.



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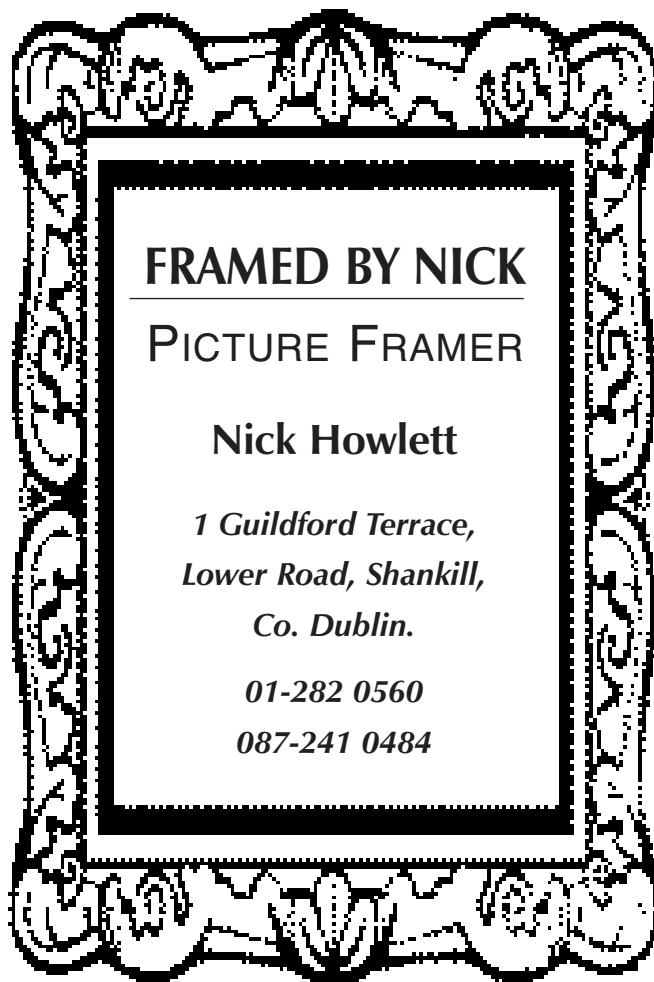
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REMEMBER, EVERY NO ANSWER IS A THREAT TO YOUR HOME SECURITY.

- | | Yes | No |
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| 1 Are all your external doors properly fitted and equipped with appropriate secure locking systems? (i.e. 5-lever mortice locks for wooden doors, multi-point locking for uPVC doors etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 If you have glass panelled doors – are they reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 5 Since moving into your home (where there may have been a previous occupier) have you had the locks changed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Are your spare keys kept with a trusted neighbour and never left under an external mat, flower pot etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Do you lock your external doors when away from home, no matter how short a time? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Do you lock the doors out of your view when working in the garden / yard? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Have you installed an additional lock(s) to your sliding glass / patio doors? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Can you close and lock your garage / outhouse doors | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 Are the garage / outhouse doors protected with quality locks or deadbolts? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 Do you close and lock your garage / outhouse doors? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 Are all your windows secured? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 Can the window openings be restricted for ventilation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 Do you check to see if all windows are secured when you leave your home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 1 Do you ask for identification before allowing unknown servicemen / callers into your home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Do you avoid leaving cash at home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Have you automatic timers on some lights when your house is vacant? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Does your home always look like someone is at home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Have you recorded serial numbers of your valuables? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 6 Have you, for identification purposes, photographed your valuables especially items for which you have no serial numbers such as jewellery, china, crystal, paintings, antiques etc? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Are your car / house keys kept in a location not visible from the outside? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 1 Is your house number visible from the street? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Is there sufficient illumination around your home to allow visible inspection of any dark areas around it? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Is there sufficient external lighting outside every door to illuminate visitors? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Do neighbours and passers-by have a clear view of your home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Have you trimmed all hedges and shrubs so they can't hide a burglar at work on the windows and doors? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Have you ever walked around your house looking for ways a burglar might be able to get in? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Do you keep tools or ladders etc. in places inaccessible to potential burglars? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Are machines, tools and other high value items stored in garages or shed securely padlocked or chained to prevent removal? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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News from St. Anne's N.S.

There has been plenty of creativity in the air in St. Anne's of late. We are particularly proud of our beautiful Butterfly creation which graces the ceiling in one of our corridors. This display is a 50th birthday present, which every child got to take part in it. All funds raised (€1100) went to the Laura Lynn Foundation – hospice for sick children.



The children can now turn their attention to the Art Exhibition where every child will have a work of art on display and this will happen in late April.



The children in our school community often display an ability to think outside of themselves. We tackled the topic of cancer head on – quite literally when we held a fund raising 'shave or dye' event. Our appreciation goes to the extremely plucky Mrs. Joyce Owens (who made the wise decision to dye her hair pink rather than shave!) and was very pleased to raise €427.77 for this event. Our daffodil day was also very well supported and our thanks go to the Parents Association for their help.

The school is 100% behind the Shankill Tidy Towns initiative and the children got off to an early start to tidy up the school grounds just before the school Easter Holidays. Some of our 5th class children represented the school on a nature trek during National Tree Week and brought valuable information back to the rest of their class. The school's frontage is getting a revamp with the repainting of the railings – many thanks to the energetic

Ogie and the generous parents who assisted him.

Our friendly soccer matches between Scoil Mhuire and St. Anne's were a big hit with all pupils.

Best selling author Sarah Webb came in to inspire children with readings from her books and questions & answers session to give all budding young authors a few tips. The school also held a 2nd hand annual book fair giving us all a chance to recycle our books and also to raise funds for a school in Africa.

Preparations are ongoing for our end of year concert...more next month. Orla Doyle gave a very good account of herself in the Spelling Bee competition, which took place in Dundrum on March 8th, we are very proud of her. She is also the only female member of the hurling team, which win or lose has brought honour to the school.

The Confirmation of our 6th class on March 10th as always was a very dignified and inspiring ceremony. It was a privilege for all present to witness this milestone in our children's life and as always, the school choir did us proud.



Just a quick reminder for parents who are under pressure in the mornings that our breakfast club, providing a healthy breakfast, is up and running and able to take children from 8 a.m. in the morning. Contact the office on 2825565 for more information.

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SCOIL MHUIRE NEWS

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The theme for this year's National Tree Week was "Trees for the past, trees for the present and trees for the future".

The children of Scoil Mhuire held their own tree-planting for 'Tree Week' and were well tutored in this year's theme by their teachers and by the co-ordinator of the project, Home School Community Liaison



Teacher, Ms. Mary O'Sullivan.

The trees were provided by our friends in DLRCC and in keeping with the theme, the tree for the

'past' was planted by two grandparents of pupils, Eamon Davy, (our caretaker) and Angela Carter who also works in the school.



The tree for the 'present' was planted by pupils from our Second Classes.

The tree for the 'future' was planted by incoming pupils from Ladybirds' Playschool which is based on our school grounds.



The children of Scoil Mhuire also took part in The Annual Tidy Towns Tree-planting with the other two primary schools in the village.

98 FM COOL SCHOOL RUN

There was great excitement when one of our 3rd Class pupils came to school with a great fanfare from 98FM. Everyone was excited and 98FM got a great welcome from the whole school.



THE BEGINNING OF AN ORCHESTRA?

All Senior Infants and First Class pupils are being taught violin each week as part of their music programme. We have high hopes for the future!



H.S.C.L.C. NEWS

FREE CLASSES for adults in computers and art will commence after Easter. For information and registration please contact the school at 2823507.

SCOIL MHUIRE REGISTRATION

The school is now accepting enrolments for new pupils for September. Application forms may be obtained by ringing 282 3507 or by calling into the school.

CUALA GAA CLUB

Cuala GAA/SSIP SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE EASTER CAMPS 2012

The season is up and running for all teams, the academy, the juveniles, the adult teams. The camogie teams have been back playing over the last few weeks and the ladies football teams have also been very busy.

Best of luck to all our teams for 2012 and those players that will be representing the club on various county teams from juveniles to adult teams.

Remember the 18th of September 2011 and Michael Fitzsimons climbing the steps of the Hogan stand and the Dublin senior hurlers winning the league. "No pressure this year!!"

When visiting Shanganah Park you will see various Cuala teams in action, training, or either playing hurling, football, or ladies football, camogie. Saturday, Sunday mornings are very busy in the park and shortly the summer training plans will go into action, with teams training every evening.

GAELIC 4 MOTHERS

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RATHMICHAEL NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

STORYTELLER NIALL DE BURCA

Niall de Burca came to speak to the whole school. He gave two talks, one to the older children followed by another to the younger children. He brought alive books and stories with his animated, live interaction with the children.



INTERNET SAFETY TALK - PATRICK MCKENNA

We had a very interesting Talk from Patrick McKenna of Child Watch, to our 5th and 6th Class pupils and their parents. This opened everyone's eyes to face book, chat rooms and other avenues our children are faced with these days. It was a very pleasant evening followed by refreshments.



SIXTH CLASS SALE

Sixth Class held a classroom sale. This is an annual event which the whole school enjoys. All children from Junior Infants to 5th Class get a chance to go to the sale to play games and purchase goodies and cakes.

It is a valuable opportunity to practice their skills with money and change.

The money will be put towards some event for 6th Class in their final term.



BOOK FAIR

This is a bi-annual event. It took place in March 15th-22nd. For a week books were displayed in our concourse area and parents had an opportunity to come in and buy books for their children. A percentage of this money went back into the school to be used for resources for the teachers.



TREE PLANTING

Three students from Wesley College, including a past pupil from Rathmichael, Hali McGuinness, entered a competition with Sustainable Energy Ireland. They had to think of 'One Good Idea' that will help to sustain energy. They decided to plant a tree with Junior Infant Classes in local schools. They came to our school and planted a Silver Birch Tree with the children. The class now have to watch it grow and take care of it. The three students brought worksheets with them and continued their work in the classroom with the children. This was an excellent project. We wish them the best with it.



EXPLORING NATURE

DLR BIODIVERSITY EVENTS

Sunday 1st April - Who Dares Wins - 2pm - 4pm.

Killiney Hill; meet in the main car park.

A family event of challenges including hold the worm and camouflage. An event focused on having fun and feeling comfortable within the wood.

Leader: Andrew Fleming (Mouse), OWLS. Booking Required: Contact Andrew on 087 3299936 or Email info@owls.ie.

Saturday 7th April - Easter Egg Hunt - 2pm - 4pm.

Shanganagh Park; meet in the main car park.

Join us as we follow the trail of the Easter bunny searching for eggs. Includes games and activities for the whole family.

Leader: Andrew Fleming (Mouse), OWLS. Booking Required: Contact Andrew on 087 3299936 or Email info@owls.ie.

Saturday 14th April - Marlay Park Woodland Walk - 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

Marlay Park; meet in the main car park.

Join us for a nature walk through Marlay Park woodlands to explore the trees and plants. Woodlands come alive in Spring, as ground plants begin to grow and trees come into leaf. Bring along a magnifying glass or hand lens if you have one.

Leader: Declan Doogue, experienced local naturalist. No booking required.

St Gerards School

BERG'S BACON

Berg's Bacon is a small, private business set up by 5th year students Aaron Berg, David Beamish, Cian Mulcahy, Luke FitzGerald and Charlie Williams of in Bray.

The concept behind Berg's Bacon is as simple as it is commercially viable: the production of a variety of bacon-based snacks, with their Candy Bacon as the flagship product.

Candy Bacon is made by taking strips of bacon, glazing it in sugar along with a closely guarded ingredient and baking them. It is a high energy, inexpensive snack that has exploded in popularity across the world. Yet despite this, there is no supplier of this new snack in Ireland. Earlier this year, the company entered the Green Dragon, a competition to find the up and coming entrepreneurs with sustainable business proposals. After a tough battle to qualify in Athlone in February, the company beat off dozens of other businesses to

proceed to the finals off the competition, which takes place on March 28th in Croke Park. The top prize is 7000 euros of funding, and due to highly successful sampling and sales of the product and great drive, the company is aiming to walk away with all of it. Aaron Berg is suitably optimistic, having won the All-Ireland mini-company "Get Up & Go" competition with his Transition Year company last year. The future looks bright for the team behind Berg's Bacon, and they hope that within a matter of months, their bacon snack will be in a shop near you.



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Better to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Your readers may be interested to know that the Draft Planning Scheme for the Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) has been placed on public display by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The Scheme is available to view on the Council's website and in their offices. Submissions are accepted until **11th April 2012**.

The Draft Planning Scheme identifies the parameters for the projected development of the 264 hectare Cherrywood site. The Planning Scheme provides for:

- Up to 10,000 residential units
- 4 primary and 2 post primary school sites
- 3 village centres with a mix of retail and other uses
- A town centre including primary medical centre, library, a large supermarket and other commercial uses
- Up to 350,000 sq.m. of high intensity employment uses accommodating over 17,000 workers

The Draft Scheme phases development of each new neighbourhood based on the delivery of certain infrastructural requirements such as internal roads, sewer networks and improvements to water supply. There is also a requirement for schools, parks and other amenities to be provided in tandem with residential and commercial development.

The Draft Scheme states that the Cherrywood area is totally dependant on water supply from the existing reservoir at Rathmichael but that this supply is inadequate given its reliance on the Roundwood Water Treatment Works. Development of any significance at Cherrywood cannot be serviced until the water supply difficulties have been remedied. It is an objective of the Draft Scheme to reach agreement with Dublin City Council on measures to reprioritise water allocation to Rathmichael reservoir. The Draft Scheme also includes a stormwater network to address surface and groundwater issues, along with flood management measures for areas within the Scheme where studies indicate flooding is predicted.

With regard to traffic and transport, the Draft Scheme includes policies in line with the County Development Plan such as upgrading the Loughlinstown Roundabout and supporting an extension of LUAS Green Line to North Bray.

Readers should be aware that the planning process for Strategic Development Zones is different to the standard application procedure. Once the Scheme is adopted, 3rd parties are not entitled to appeal any future planning applications within the SDZ boundary once they are considered in line with the Scheme. It is therefore crucial at this stage to review the contents of the Draft Scheme and raise any concerns by way of a submission to the Planning Authority.

If you have concerns relating to the proposed Planning Scheme for Cherrywood SDZ, the input of a Chartered Town Planner can be invaluable in ensuring that the matter is addressed efficiently and effectively. Brock McClure Planning & Development Consultants have a clear understanding of how the planning system works and are experienced in dealing with Local Authorities and An Bord Pleanála in

relation to SDZ Schemes. If readers would like to use our professional services to make a submission on the scheme, please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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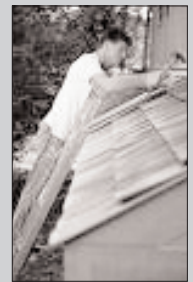
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NOTICE from SCAN re PLANNING APPLICATIONS

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but feel that our readers wish to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you feel that they could be of interest to you, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Town Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D12B/0041 SEEKING PERMISSION 9/2/12

Mr Michael Duncan, The Quarries, Quarry Road, Rathmichael

Erection of a split 2-level extension with pitched roof having an area of 142 sq.m to the existing cottage, together with alterations to the cottage and 2 surface parking spaces.

D12B/0042 SEEKING PERMISSION 10/2/12

William & Julie McCluskey, 139 Shanganagh Cliffs, Shankill.

Demolition of existing boundary wall and garage to side of existing dwelling. Construction of 2 storey side extension with garage at ground floor, and single storey rear extension.

D06A/0234/E GRANT EXTENSION OF DURATION OF PERMISSION 15/2/12

Cheverall Ltd., Wyndhurst, Falls Road, Shankill.

4 detached, 2 storey dwellings, detached garages, access road etc.

D12A/0065 SEEKING PERMISSION 23/2/12

John Cussen & Sinead Doocey, 1A Eaton Brae, Corbawn Lane, Shankill

Change of use of existing living room to a sessional Montessori school.

D12B/ 0056 SEEKING PERMISSION 20/2/12

Rita McAuley, Saint Catherine's, Falls Road, Shankill.

Construction of single storey extension to front of existing house, alterations to front entrance gable and roof, new bay window, new pitched roof to existing garage etc.

D11B/0382 PERMISSION GRANTED 24/2/12

James & Niamh MacCarthy Murrogh, 67 Quinn's Road, Shankill.

Single storey rear extension.

D12B/0071 SEEKING PERMISSION 1/3/12

Declan McDonald, 24 Shewsbury Road, Shankill

Alterations to front of existing dwelling, consisting of cantilevered canopy, new velux roof light within the roof to front, etc.

D12B/0006 PERMISSION GRANTED 1/3/12

Andrew & Patricia Byrne, 50 Corbawn Glade, Shankill.

2 storey extension to rear of existing dwelling with new tiled roof to match existing tiled roof with roof lights, windows to side gable wall, external finishes to match existing finishes etc.



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To provide a Specific Local Objective on Map 10 for
a Park and Ride Car Park at Shankill Dart Station

PLEASE NOTE:

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
5.00pm WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL, 2012

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Director of Planning,
County Hall, Marine Road,
Dún Laoghaire.

or

by e-mail to variation@dlrcoco.ie



SHANKILL F.C.

SHANKILL FC under 10 F off to a Flyer



Shankill under 10 F team has started the second half of the season in fabulous form, they have played three, won three. The lads are playing some great football and it has been a real team effort. Their coaches Tony and John have been putting in a lot of hard work on the training pitch and it is paying off as the results are starting to come. The team has beaten Broadford Rovers away 4:0, Esker Celtic at home 2:0

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and played out a real humdinger of a game with local rivals Cabinteely running out 3:2 winners in what was a great game of football real end to end stuff.

MATCH REPORT FROM THE CABINTEELY GAME

Shankill 10 F had another great win in a local derby at home to Cabinteely FC. Having already won their first two games of the season the Shankill boys went into the game against Cabinteely in great confidence and were captained on the day by Conor, making a welcome return from injury. Conor formed a solid defensive partnership with Philip to restrict Cabinteely to few opportunities in front of goal. Cabinteely looked like they were going to take the lead early in the first half with a powerful shot from outside the box, but Paul got across his goal to produce a fantastic fingertip save. Midway through the half Stephen broke free on the right and when his cross into the box was handled by a Cabinteely defender, Stephen calmly stepped up to blast the resultant penalty high into the roof of the net for a 1 - 0 lead.

Just before half time Stephen broke free again and when the Cabinteely keeper pushed his shot onto the post, Jude followed up to score on the rebound, with his second goal in two games, to give Shankill a 2 - 0 lead. Cabinteely staged a magnificent fight back in the second half and deservedly got the game back to 2 all with 10 minutes left to play.

Play was end to end at this stage and either side could have won the game. Shankill eventually scored the winner 5 minutes from the end of the game when a run from Conor Round caused havoc in the Cabinteely box and Stephen Kelly eventually forced the ball home to give Shankill a 3 - 2 victory which was enough to send them top of the league.

What a great start to the new league for the team. Let's hope the good form continues.



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