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Shandons newsletter

Shandon Sports Club / Pitch & Putt Grounds

As residents, we are all aware of the Shandon Pitch and Putt Club which is on the land enclosed by Shandon Park, Shandon Road, Shandon Drive, and Shandon Crescent.

What residents may not be aware is that land used by the Pitch and Putt club is leased from an organisation called the Shandon Sports Club (SSC). The SSC has an interesting history, established in 1936 to manage the purchase of the now Pitch and Putt grounds.

In 1936 residents were concerned that the land would be purchased for development which would not benefit the residents or indeed the area. Collectively Shandon residents purchased the land at a cost of £5 per subscription. In fact, the option of becoming a subscriber was opened to residents on at least two further occasions. There are currently 137 subscribers and the subscription is attached to the property.

In the 1960s the land was leased to the Shandon Pitch and Putt Club and it is wonderful to have such an amenity on our door

step. To manage the land the subscribers formed the Shandon Sports Association and formed a legal Trust to manage the land title. To manage its affairs the SSC has a committee, a constitution, holds annual AGMs and appoints Trustees who look after the land on behalf of the subscribers. In 2016 the SSC contacted the Shandon Residents Association toward the aim of establishing better links between the two bodies. In June 2016, a new SSC and includes a member of the Shandon Residents Association.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Thurs 22nd December 6.30pm

The annual carol singing is changing venue! We will be retiring to the Pitch and Putt Club for mulled wine and pies (please bring some if you can) after our round of carols around the Shandons. Meeting on the corner of Shandon Park and Shandon Road at 6.30. See you there! Fa la la la la...

REIMAGINING PHIBSBOROUGH UPDATE

Reimagining Phibsborough, a branch of Phizzfest focuses on the infrastructure and built environment of Phibsborough. It has been a busy year so far.

JANUARY TO JUNE

Design Review of the Shopping Centre and its Public Realm in association with the RIAI (Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland) involving input from representatives of community organisations. A Children's Design Review fed into this process. (The Design Review was supported by the family of the late Michael and Aileen Byrne who operated the family business of M J Byrne & Sons at 138/9 Phibsborough Road for 60 years from 1929 – 1989).

JUNE

Exhibition and Public Meeting of Design Review Presentations, Scout Hall, Phibsborough followed by an Exhibition of the Presentations in dark space gallery, North Gt Georges St.

A number of viewings of the Design Review at dark space were held during its run including meetings with the Head of Public Transport Investment and the Senior Project Manager at the NTA (National Transport Authority) and with DCC officials from Public Realm Strategies.

Irish Times article by Frank McDonald on Phibsborough and the Design Review – "Residents Fighting to Shape Phibsborough's Future".

SEPTEMBER

Parking Day outside Bang Bang (see photo)

ONGOING

Out Post Office – UCD School of Architecture Masters Programme 'Live Practice' module in collaboration with Reimagining Phibsborough.

LUAS CROSS CITY

There is no escaping the Luas works if you are living in north city centre Dublin. We should all be able to start going to town and even further afield to 'deepest south-side' by tram from late 2017 which is not very far away now. More information on Luas Cross City plus some great time-lapse videos of work in progress are available online at luascrosscity.ie.

OCTOBER

Hosted visit by Danish undergraduate students looking at how communities relate to their built environment plus a visit by Swiss students researching stadium design.

NOVEMBER

Meetings with and representations to DCC and local Councillors re tree planting and footpath widening outside Bang Bang to create a space for informal community gatherings.



No Wall No Way – 1600 signature petition and public rally protesting against the wall constructed as part of Luas Cross City, partially obscuring the iconic 1850 Great Midland and Western Railway Station at Broadstone. Following representations from Reimagining Phibsborough, other individuals and organisations, LUAS have agreed to a new design replacing the upper parapet with railings in keeping with the original planning permission.

Reimagining Phibsborough and members of the LAP monitoring committee have had two formal meetings with the developers of the Phibsborough Shopping Centre; Derek Poppinga, Peter Leonard and their design team, looking at and discussing early designs for the redevelopment of the shopping centre. They have committed to a public consultation before applying for planning.

DECEMBER

'This Must be the Place we Have Waited Years to Love' Exhibition of architectural design and research examining connections between public realm, civic space and the private home in Phibsborough. Phizzfest Reimagining Phibsborough in collaboration with Masters Programme at UCD Architecture, running Dec – Feb, Richview Campus, UCD. For further information see Phizzfest facebook page.

Committee Members Shandon Residents Association

Cormac O' Sullivan, David Slattery, Brian Melaugh, Frances Collins, Alan Bray, Evelyn Conroy, Marcello Corsi, Veronica Crosby, Sarah Cremin, Maeve Flynn, Mary Murray, Johnny O' Regan, Abigail Sines, Dorothy Smith, Dohhnall Sweeney

BIG SHANDON CLEAN-UPS

A big thank you to everyone who participated in both the Shandon Spring and Autumn Clean-up days. In April around 40 people worked together to cut back the grass verges and re-turf the worn patches using recycled sods. Over 250 bags of green waste were sent for recycling by the City Council. The Leaf Gathering in November produced over 150 bags for the council to recycle. The SRA would like to acknowledge the contribution that many residents make again and again in maintaining their own area and that of their neighbours.

The improved look has had the secondary effect of discouraging illegal car parking on the grass and deterring heavy vehicles mounting the kerbs. Both clean-ups were concluded in Bang Bang with the SRA buying all workers a coffee or tea – all in all a very jolly affair giving some people a chance to meet their neighbours for the first time.

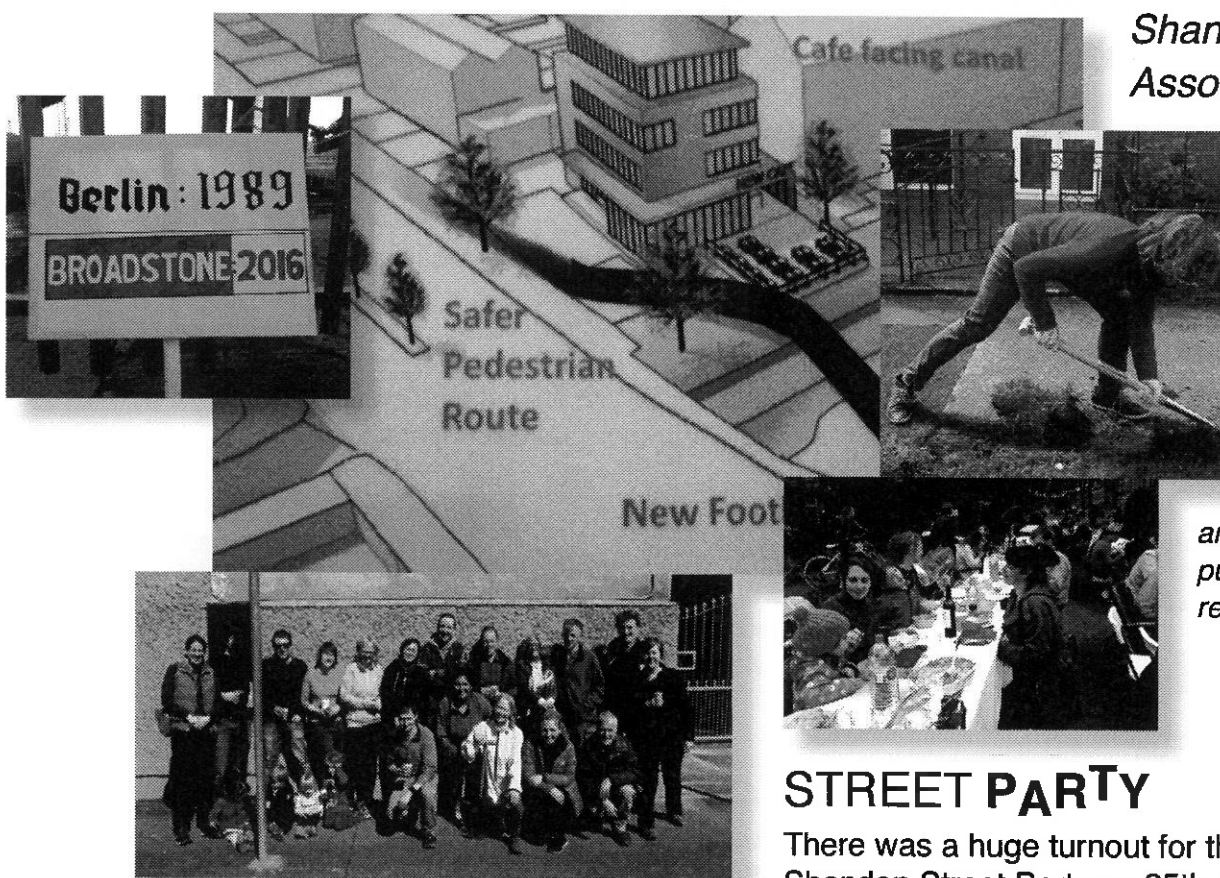
WOODSTOCK CAROLS

Outside Woodstock Monday 19th Dec 6pm – Phizzfest, Ciara Sidine and friends will be bringing some festive cheer to atmospheric rush hour Phibsborough - in aid of Focus Ireland. Mulled wine and mince pies compliments of Woodstock.

Any blocked drains will be noted and later reported to the City Council. Please note that the council offices will always provide you with blue bags for leaves or any other green waste gathered from footpaths and verges.

The Roads Department recently filled in the majority of the potholes in the area but we would encourage residents to contact the local City Council offices directly (01 2227440) and the local representatives to keep the pressure up for resurfacing the Shandon area or at the very least to repair potholes as they develop. The matter of replacing broken or lost kerbstones rests on the Parks Department and we are on their repair list. The Parks Department confirmed that residents may now plant small bushes on green verges that we judge are particularly vulnerable to car damage. The Residents Association would be willing to consider funding such planting schemes.

We are aware that there is a significant rubbish dumping problem in the back lanes. If you encounter this, ring the Free Litter Hotline at 1800-251500.



Shandon Residents Association AGM 2016/17

The power cut on Wednesday 7th December meant that the scheduled AGM could not go ahead. It will be rearranged for January and posters will be put up to inform all residents.

STREET PARTY

There was a huge turnout for the Annual Shandon Street Party on 25th June. Sports in Mt Bernard Park following by a feast and lots of catching up with neighbours on Shandon Park. And the weather was good!

Photos – Clockwise from left: Banner for Broadstone protest, A Design Review presentation, Shandon Clean-up in action, Shandon Street Party, Shandon Clean-up gang.

Phibsboro' Village Tidy Towns

This time two years ago Phibsboro' Village Tidy Towns had our first monthly Clean-up. Since then Volunteers have been meeting outside the library from 10am until 12 almost every third Saturday, followed by refreshments and a chat in St Peter's Court. We won first prize for the Dublin City Council Easter Team Dublin Clean-up. Other groups joined us afterwards for entertainment and refreshments in the Scouts Hall.

We are also 'greening' the area with help from volunteers and the business community. This summer we had

more flowers and plants in boxes and hanging baskets, including painted food cans planted with flowers. The Pop-up Gardens in September were to raise awareness of Phibsborough children killed in 1916 and children today suffering due to war and violence. This project is being further developed with the help of students from DCU.

Promoting our heritage is another aspect of Tidy Towns. We hosted a Pat Liddy Walk & Talk Event and researched and created a walking tour and information pack about the three Phibsborough boys killed during the Easter Rising.

There is more planned for 2017. Check us out on Facebook and contact us on phibsborotidytowns@gmail.com



PLAY AREA MOUNT BERNARD PARK

Discussions are under way with local resident groups and Dublin City Council to develop a natural play area in Mount Bernard Park. Some of the issues under discussion are protection of the area from dogs and the development of the play area in the context of a possibly enlarged park in the future. It is hoped that this will be developed in 2017.

THE MYSTERY OF GREAT WESTERN SQUARE



The Danish students hosted by Phizzfest/Reimagining Phibsborough were brought on a walking tour of the neighbourhood which included a visit to the fantastic community garden beside Great Western Square. They were very taken aback by this sign (see photo) which is on the gates into Great Western Square Park. Why they wondered would you not be allowed to cycle your bike, play a ball game or let your dog have a run about. They pointed out that there isn't even a bench to sit on. What, they wondered was the park for? We were unable to give them an answer.



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