



Spring Newsletter 2016

FOXROCK AREA COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE LIMITED (F.A.C.E.)



You're invited!

Our Chairman would like to invite all residents to an information evening on 26th April 2016 in Foxrock Golf Club at 7:30pm



We are delighted to inform you that Foxrock Post Office will re-open in March. Elizabeth O'Brien will be our new post mistress and the new post office will be located between Hunters Estate Agent and Foxrock Optical Centre. The hours will be 9.00am till 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am till 1.00pm on Saturday. It will be great to have a Post Office in the village again. Keep an eye out for the official opening.



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FOXROCK CUP^{*} RETURNS TO LEOPARDSTOWN RACES JOIN US FOR THE NATIONAL HUNT FINALE AT LEOPARDSTOWN RACECOURSE

ON SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2016

First race: 2.30 pm, Foxrock Cup Race: 3.00 pm, last race 5.30 pm

SPECIAL PRICE ENTRANCE TICKETS:

€10 (normally €15) and free Race Card
on presentation of ticket (value €3).

Children under 16 FREE.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THOMAS'S OF FOXROCK

ALL-IN DINING/TICKET PACKAGES available from:

MICHEL'S: 'Special Race Breakfast & Ticket'

only €20 - phone Jan 01-2897550

THE GABLES: 'Race Dinner, Entertainment & Ticket'

only €40 - phone Jim 01-2892174

*Originally presented by Mr. Reggie O'Hara, uncle of Foxrock resident Mr. Des McGrane



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www.foxrock.ie & Facebook



FOXROCK COMMUNITY GAMES 2016

The Foxrock Community Games are now open for entries, so if you are a budding Artist, a Model Maker, or if you would like to compete in Athletics, Swimming or even enjoy playing Chess well then there is something for everyone. Anyone between the ages of 6-16 years is invited to get involved in this year's games.

However you must hurry up as closing date for entries is 29th February 2016.

Places are limited so get your application in early. (Entries may need to close before closing date due to demand & restricted guidelines for Health & Safety Procedures).



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FOXROCK COMMUNITY GAMES

For information and entry forms for events
Follow us on Facebook: Foxrock Community Games
or Email: foxrock@communitygames.info





FOXROCK TIDY TOWNS

Foxrock Tidy Towns Committee is back in action now Spring is here and have new plans for the area. They are supported by Doyle Landscapes and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCoCo) in their endeavours.

New Projects:

- Landscaping the corner of N11/Westminster Road opposite the corner that has been remodelled over last few years (i.e. left hand corner as you approach N11);
- Extending 'sleeper beds' outside Brighton Cottages to the front of The Barber Club, Fagan of Foxrock and Foxrock Dry Cleaners;
- Planting trees and installing wicker fencing on Brighton Cottages side of adjoining wall between cottages and Service Station to match similar landscaping on opposite side (Michels). This addition will provide symmetry and a more cohesive appearance.

Doyle Landscapes:

In commemoration of the 1916 centenary, Colm Doyle has offered to provide 'standard' trees in the middle of the two 'bio-diversity' beds on Joyce Avenue. This would further enhance this green space and provide more colour during the rest of the year when the wild flower meadows disappear.

Twice a year Doyle Landscapes sponsor the bedding plants in all the main areas in and around the village and this year are planning to plant geraniums in the spring with two thirds in an attractive mixture of purple colours and one third in white. They also sponsor the cyclamens which replace the geraniums in the autumn and the 16 ft Christmas tree on Beckett Green in December.



Annual Maintenance:

Doyle Landscapes have an annual maintenance contract with FACE to look after Beckett and Joyce Greens as well as the beds at the Westminster Road/ N11 junction, The Birches, Tresilian, Claremont Road, Hainault Road and Brennanstown Road. They also undertake to maintain the three lanes they cleared last year (off Gordon Avenue, The Birches and The Thicket) and are happy to cut back over-hanging branches etc once they are made aware of any issues.

If you notice anything that you feel should be taken care of, please email Foxrock Tidy Towns c/o email: facefoxrock@gmail.com

Daniel Kaczynski, our intern provided by DLRCoCo, continues to work two and a half days per week keeping the area clear of litter etc.

Please acknowledge his efforts if you see him as it is a thankless task which he undertakes with pride – every week he collects over 3 large bags of litter from the main arteries to the village!

EARTH HOUR

March 19, 2016, at 8:30 p.m.

Every year, hundreds of millions of people around the world switch off their lights for one designated hour to demonstrate a commitment to fighting climate change during Earth Hour. So why not get involved and have a candle lit dinner !!!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN
WEEKEND:

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th
April, 10.00 am to 12 noon

FOXROCK TIDY TOWNS 'CLEAN UP' WEEKEND:
Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd May,
10.00 am to 12 noon



Take some stress out of life, get gardening and get growing!

The sun is out and the days are warming up! There is a sure feeling that spring is in the air and the taste of summer and dining Al Fresco is not far from our thoughts. St. Patrick's Day is a key date in a gardener's calendar to have certain jobs completed or to get out the door and dust off the winter cobwebs.

Advice for your lawns:

March is the time when the first grass cut of the year is recommended - weather permitting. It is very important to remember for the first cut not to cut it too short, raise the blades high as all you want to do is tidy up the grass and reduce the size of those woolly clumps that have grown faster than the rest of the lawn. I know it's hard to resist cutting the grass short but if you cut the lawn too short this early in the year it will weaken the grass, encouraging moss growth and giving weeds a better chance at establishing themselves, eventually overtaking your lovely green lawn making more work into the season. For the next cut drop the blades down a notch and by April you will be back down to your original height setting. Depending on the condition of your lawn it may be time to think about aeration, scarifying or adding lawn sand if there is a strong presence of moss and creeping buttercup. If the grass is looking very brown and struggling to compete with weeds, then give it a good feed with a slow release fertiliser/moss and weed killer granular or liquid fertiliser. If this all sounds like far too much work call us for a free no obligation quotation and you can enjoy the fruits of our labour!

DOG FOULING

Dog fouling is an issue that has been uppermost peoples' minds as the worst form of litter and has been one of the top issues of complaints from residents in the recent months. Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets in public areas but unfortunately some ignore their responsibilities and really should be ashamed of themselves. The Dog Warden has promised to visit our area in the next few weeks to police the area.



Here are some other important jobs to do in the garden this March:

- ✓ Lift and divide clumps of overgrown perennials
- ✓ Remove all weeds as they are actively growing again, dig flower beds using a fork for deep rooted perennials like dandelions and docks
- ✓ Dig over soil to aerate it and give your flowerbeds a fresh new well-kept look and work in an organic fertiliser like chicken pellet manure or fish blood and bone fertiliser
- ✓ Power wash or clean patios, decking and pathways removing mosses, lichens and algae built up over the winter.
- ✓ Plant summer flowering bulbs
- ✓ Cut back spring flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
- ✓ Finish planting bare root trees and hedging
- ✓ Prepare seed pots and trays by disinfecting them, good hygiene is key to germination rates and prevents diseases and fungal infections. Use fresh new seed and potting compost and follow instructions for each plant you wish to sow as they all have different sowing requirements. Sow tomatoes, summer salads and greens in containers on window sills. Tomatoes can be slow to germinate but once they do, they are very fast to get growing and well worth the effort
- ✓ Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes

A big thank you to Doyle Landscapes for the tips
Any questions, their help desk is open for answers at www.doylelandscapes.ie or Telephone: 01-2048020

Happy Gardening!



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FOXROCK

AREA CONSERVATION

One of the main objectives for FACE is 'To promote the preservation and protection of the environment, amenities and infrastructure in the Foxrock and surrounding areas'. Part of Foxrock is designated an Architectural Conservation Area which is primarily characterised by detached dwellings on spacious plots in a sylvan landscape setting. We endeavour to ensure that any developments within the area do not damage the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity. We do this by trying to influence planning decisions and oppose bad planning. In this regard we made a submission on the proposed Draft County Development Plan 2016 – 2022 to DLRCoCo.

Planning Decisions:

- In our Winter Newsletter 2015 we reported that Castlethorn Development on Brighton Road had submitted a revised planning application to DLRCoCo for 36 dwellings on this site where a previous proposal for a greater number of houses was refused. On 8th January 2016, permission was granted for this revised proposal. The houses are all two-storey with a mix of 'detached' and 'semi-detached' and range in size from c. 111 sqm to c. 178 sqm gross floor area.
- Planning permission was refused on 19th January 2016, for a development of 6 detached two storey dwellings at 'Fairholm and Damson Lodge', Brighton Road.

Applications for Planning Permission:

Rockall, The Birches, Torquay Road

We also reported on a proposed development at "Rockall", The Birches, in our Winter Newsletter. Permission was sought for 46 apartments and a basement car park for 64 cars. Planning was refused for this proposal, and we reckoned a revised application would be made in due course. On 22nd December 2015 a new application was submitted seeking permission for the demolition of the existing Rockall dwelling house/outbuilding and the construction of a roughly "L" shaped building in two blocks linked at ground level accommodating 35 apartments, with a basement car park for 53 cars and 36 bicycle spaces.

Four Winds, Brighton Road and Claremont Road

Permission is sought for the demolition of Four Winds House and associated structures on the site, and the construction of a three storey over basement Nursing Home to accommodate 121 bedrooms and ancillary resident and staff facilities. The main car and pedestrian entrance will be on Brighton Road with a pedestrian and



service entrance on Claremont Road. Provision will be made for car and bicycle parking on site. This proposal raised a lot of interest with local residents resulting in ninety five residents along with FACE submitting objections and observations. We await the decision of DLRCoCo with great interest.

A big thank you to everyone for their vigilance and to those who have informed Cabinteely Garda Station **01 6665400** of any suspicious activity in the area. Don't forget to take registration numbers and descriptions of persons you believe to be suspicious. Please keep up the great work.



Are you receiving our emails in relation to Neighbourhood Watch and other activities in the area. If not please email facefoxrock@gmail.com with your name and address and we will ensure to add you to the mailing list.



Tulrow Church is a small community of families and friends who worship our Father's Word through many different ways and activities.

All are welcome to attend our regular services and if, for any reason, you are unable to be present, please feel free to contact the Rector or one of the Ministry Team, who will make arrangements to assist you. Everyone is very welcome to join us in worship, fellowship and friendship.

Holy Week Service:

Wednesday, Thursday and Good Friday at 8:00pm each evening.

Easter Sunday Services:

8:30am and 10:30am.



FOXROCK COMMUNITY

A small sub-committee is again researching the possibility of having CCTV installed in an effort to combat the on-going problem of crime in the area. The intention is that cameras would be placed at some ten strategic locations on the perimeter of Foxrock at entry/exit roads, with additional cameras in the village. Depending on the level of funding raised, further additional cameras could be placed at other strategic road junctions. The cameras will have high definition vision and the ability to read car number plates on a 24 hour basis. The system would be monitored by an independent security company and access to view recordings would be via the Gardai. Thus, FACE will meet all the obligations of the Data Protection Act and the Protocols laid down by the Garda Commissioner for use of CCTV in residential areas.

Currently the committee is in discussions with the Superintendent at Dun Laoghaire regarding a formal submission and DLRCoCo for permission to locate cameras on electricity poles and to access the power supply.

From initial quotations received we believe such a system is both feasible and viable. Cost will depend on support from the whole neighbourhood but based on 1000 households in the Foxrock area, the once off



installation cost for ten cameras would equate to approx. €60 per household with annual maintenance costs of approx. €15. We believe this cost to be very acceptable for the increased security it would provide for our area. In the event that people are prepared to pay more, then additional cameras can be installed.

For individual households wishing to view recordings following a crime, a fee of approx. €100 would be payable (we are attempting to get this charge reduced).

The sub committee and the Garda are of the view that the perpetrators of many burglaries need to bring vehicles into the area and believe the installation of cameras would be a major deterrent and greatly help to protect our homes. It is not a "cure all" but we believe it will send a very strong message to the criminal world that we are taking steps which will both considerably increase surveillance and the likelihood of the criminals being apprehended.

Further details will be conveyed at our Annual Information Meeting on 26th April in Foxrock Golf Club, but in the meantime feedback on the merits of the proposal would be welcome in order that we can gauge the level of support for this initiative on behalf of all local residents.

Please email facefoxrock@gmail.com



Foxrock Pastoral Centre, which is located behind Foxrock Church, is managed by Maeve Carrick. A brand new building was opened in June 2009 replacing the old Community Centre and hall.

It's a beautiful building which has 4 main rooms and a small counselling room; these rooms accommodate groups from 2 to 200 people! In fact the centre is so popular it is used by over 100 groups on a regular basis, comprising equally of parish, community and commercial groups.

Maeve works part time and is assisted by Brid Begley, both Foxrock residents. There are many wonderful and generous volunteers who help to man the coffee dock and reception desk on a rota basis. The centre would be totally lost without their input and are very grateful for it. Extra volunteers are always welcome so call in and chat to them if you have some time to spare.

The groups in the centre cater for Foxrockers Young and Old! From baby massage, baby yoga and play school, to Active Retirement, Zumba Gold and Gentle yoga for the young at heart. Details on all groups can be found on www.parishcentre.ie. The Coffee Dock is open from 10.30 to 12.30 every weekday and is a lively place full of noise and chatter as old friends meet up and new friendships are formed.

In fact many volunteers remark on how many new friends they have made through volunteering in the centre, and have even got to know neighbours that they have never met before!

Every Friday morning a craft group meet in the coffee dock and with their knitting, crochet and other crafts to share patterns and fun. Always a great day!

Sunday mornings in the mass cafe are even busier as the main hall is opened for free refreshments after 10am and 11.15am mass. Even the children get free juice and chocolate biscuits - can't be bad.

As part of the Foxrock community, Maeve would love to see you all enjoy the centre as much as we do so if you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know. You can contact Maeve on **01 2895650**, foxrockppc@gmail.com or why not call in?



FOXROCK ENTERPRISE



From Farm to Foxrock

The Scarlet Heifer is an award-winning family-owned and run business, by brothers Michael and John Collins. Michael and John are third generation farmers from the heartlands of County Meath. Between them they have over 40 years' experience in the meat industry, and are dedicated to providing real quality.

By using their own beef and lamb as well as carefully selected partner producers, they can tell you exactly the field which your animal came from. They are dedicated to providing their customers with the best tasting meat and the full traceability of the Farm to Fork philosophy. The Scarlet Heifer is unique in this time of mass production and you will not find many establishments purveying beef and lamb who can boast the same.

The Scarlet Heifer concentrates on using traditional beef and lamb breeds such as Angus, Herefords and Suffolks. By using these breeds, coupled with traditional farming methods in a modern day system, The Scarlet Heifer produces a product that has an abundance of flavour and taste. Their beef is hung for 21 days and their lamb

for 14 days to allow it to mature naturally which enhances the tenderness of their products. Their dedication to the process guarantees a product that is of the highest quality for cooking and eating.

The only thing that's tough in their shops are the Butchers!

Their pork products are also sourced locally in County Meath from their extended family. This provides them with the raw material to produce their award-winning breakfast and artisan sausages, not to mention their infamous rack of pork.

The Scarlet Heifer supply some of the best restaurants in Dublin, such as restaurant FortyOne in Residence, the luxurious members club on St. Stephen's Green, and Beefiro in Dundrum Town Center to name just two. Beefiro has received rave reviews from top critics, such as from Lucinda O'Sullivan in the Sunday Independent for its beef dishes.

"Beefiro Dundrum lived up to its proud boast as purveyors of quality meat" – Lucinda O'Sullivan, The Sunday Independent.



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THE BOUTIQUE AGENCY

Hunters Estate Agency opened in Foxrock Village in 2012. It was Ireland's first 'boutique estate agency'.

As Hunters has grown, opening a second office in Dalkey in 2013 and in early 2014 opening its smart new city centre premises on the corner of Baggot Street and Waterloo Road, attention to detail and customer care is at the forefront of the Hunters ethos, being prepared to go the extra mile and delivering 110 per cent.

Rowena Quinn, founder and Managing Partner says 'Our approach is clean-cut across the board. From the outset, we wanted people to trust us, and to be utterly transparent'.

Personal contact is one of the key ways in which Hunters level of service is different. As Hunters has grown, Rowena Quinn has built a strong team around her, including Foxrock Branch Manager, Paul Aherne, and she can guarantee that if you take on Hunters, you won't just be meeting her and her colleague on the day they pitch, Rowena stresses that she will be there all the way looking after you. Rowena and Paul both realise the importance of proper communication, accepting that selling or purchasing a property can be a stressful time and that proper and timely communication is essential to avoid unnecessary worries.

Personal contact is carried through to potential purchasers. The Hunters team keep in regular contact with potential purchasers, as without purchasers, after all, there will be no sales.

Caroline McArdle, Lettings Manager with Hunters is on hand to offer advice on the rental market across Dublin and has many corporate and private tenants currently seeking premium properties to rent.

So if you are considering a move, or seeking some advice on property matters, the Hunters team would be delighted to meet with you.



The Foxrock Branch Manager, Paul Aherne, is contactable on
01 289 7840 or
087 290 4061 or
paul@huntersestateagent.ie

The Foxrock Branch, in the heart of the village, is open 9.00am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

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Beckett in Foxrock



"BECKETT IN FOXROCK", an evening of drama, poetry and prose to recognise and honour Samuel Beckett, Nobel Laureate and one of the world's most influential writers, will be held on Saturday 5th March at 8.00 pm in Tullow Church, Brighton Road.

This will be a unique event in a special location as Beckett and his family regularly attended services in Tullow Church and his local experiences were ultimately woven into many of his later works. During the evening, a plaque in Samuel Beckett's honour will be unveiled in the church by members of the Beckett family.

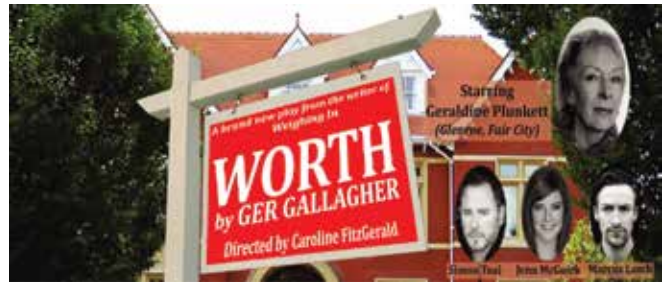
Actors Geraldine Plunkett, Marcus Lamb, Jennifer Laverty, Melissa Nolan, Cathal Quinn and Colm O'Brien will perform theatrical extracts, poetry and prose produced by Mouth on Fire Theatre Company. Organist Ronan Murray and singer Donal Kenny will perform Schubert, while Dr. Feargal Whelan (UCD) will connect Beckett's work to the Foxrock area.

A reception will follow the event in the adjoining hall and a photographic exhibition related to Beckett and Foxrock will be on view.

Booking is essential due to limited capacity. Tickets €30 (restricted view €20). Order online at: <https://beckettinfoxrock.wordpress.com/>

DOLMEN THEATRE

Ger Gallagher one of the founding owners of The Dolmen Theatre is opening her new play this week, it runs up to the **27th February 2016** and everyone is extremely excited about it with rehearsals taking place over the last few weeks.



It's called **"WORTH"** by Ger Gallagher, starring Geraldine Plunkett, Marcus Lamb, Jenn McGuirk & Simon Toal. A play about family, conflict and how we can lose sight of the values that really matter.

For two nights only **March 3rd & 4th 2016**, Maxine Jones brings her show **"Now we are Sixty"** Maxine has featured on BBC's Woman's Hour and RTE's Arena.

With only a few days to go, Maxine Jones is bewildered and a bit bothered by the prospect of turning 60. Time's speeding up so quickly that it now seems like bin day every day, and people have started to apologise if they swear in front of her.

"Witty, warm and polished" - The Brighton Review



The Fabulous Luan Parle with Clive Barnes takes place on Saturday 12th March 2016

Meteor Award Winner Luan Parle is currently taking her latest tour around Ireland, Europe & the US accompanied on guitar by the wonderful Clive Barnes.

Parle whose recent singles 'Day Is Done' & 'Roll The Dice' topped the iTunes chart was also nominated for a PPI & Stellar Shine Award in 2015.

All shows start 8pm. Booking **0871018202**.

www.dolmentheatre.ie

Keep an eye on our website for further updates. Pre theatre dinner available in The Gables.