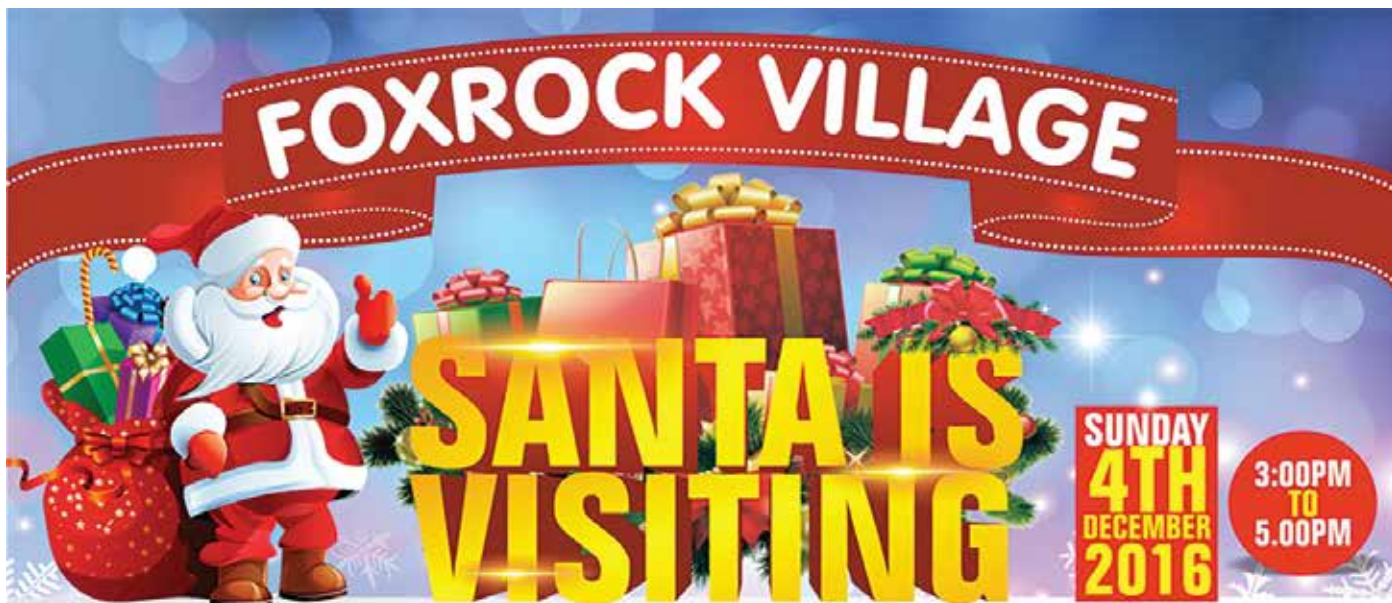




Winter Newsletter

2016

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Foxrock Village Car Park



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FACE is delighted to announce that the contract for the construction of the new Foxrock Village Car Park has been signed and works will commence on 7th November 2016 with a completion date of January 2017. This car park will provide 50 car spaces and 2 electric charge points.

Negotiations have taken nearly a decade and it is very positive for both residents and business owners that is finally happening. We wish to acknowledge the amount of work that has been undertaken by so many previous chairmen and directors of FACE, local business owners and residents. Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and our local councillors, particularly Barry Saul, together with Pat Keogh of Leopardstown Racecourse have worked together to overcome the various issues involved in this important piece of infrastructure for the village.

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FOXROCK TIDY TOWNS

Landscaping Projects 2016:



This year, Foxrock Tidy Towns undertook various landscaping projects during the year including:

New 'sleeper' bed with planting opposite Foxrock Dry Cleaners, Fagans of Foxrock and The Barber Club;

New 'sleeper' bed with photinia trees and plants at adjoining wall between Brighton Cottages and Texaco Service Station;

Grass verges on both sides of Westminster Road/N11 junction re-seeded;

Additional wildflower seeds sewn on beds on Joyce Green.

Hanging Baskets:

This year, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council installed hanging baskets on posts throughout Foxrock village. These have been very well maintained by the council and added wonderful colour during the summer period in particular.

National Tidy Towns Competition:

In its seventh consecutive year entering the competition, Foxrock Tidy Towns was awarded its highest marks to date – 290! It also won the 'Tidiest Small Town' (1,001 to 2,500 population) category in County Dublin, a major achievement. The overall winner was Skerries with 327 points.

The adjudication report was very complimentary about the overall appearance of Foxrock and specifically mentioned the topiary arches on Kilteragh and Hainault Roads in addition to the well-presented business premises in the village. To view the full adjudication report, see the website: www.tidytowns.ie.

The Foxrock Tidy Towns results for the last seven years are:
2010 – 211 points; 2011 – 230 points; 2012 – 241 points; 2013 – 250 points;
2014 – 273 points; 2015 – 282 points; 2016 – 290 points.

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Tidy Districts Competition:

Foxrock Tidy Towns was awarded 80 out of 100 points in this competition. It was also shortlisted for the "Best Community/Business Involvement" Award which acknowledges the excellent relationship between residents and businesses in Foxrock.



Acknowledgements:

Foxrock Tidy Towns wishes to thank Denise Kenny for her constant commitment to all our activities in the area. Our sincere appreciation also to Colm and Linda in Doyle Landscapes for their support of all the Foxrock Tidy Towns projects and maintenance programmes during the year and particularly for their donation of trees on Joyce Green in commemoration of 1916.

We also wish to thank Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, our local councillors and our DLRCoCo intern, Daniel.

Neighbourhood Watch



Having and being good neighbours is a vital component in the prevention of crime, in feeling secure and in reducing the fear of crime. This is particularly important for the older person. A good neighbour is someone who keeps an eye on their neighbour's property and calls regularly to see if everything is OK. You too can be a good neighbour, it's all about awareness of what is happening around you and keeping a friendly lookout for the person near you. Arrange a 'buddy system' with your peers to check on each other daily, and don't forget to call the Garda Station on **01-6665400** if you see anything suspicious.

Some top tips to keep you and your home safe.



A big thank you to everyone over the last few months who have been very vigilant and have been informing Cabinteely Garda Station 01-6665400 of any suspicious activity in the area.

- Secure all doors and windows.
- Light up your home and use timer switches on lights for when you are out.
- Store keys safely and away from windows and letterboxes.
- Record details of valuables and don't keep large cash amounts at home.
- Use your alarm, even when you are at home.
- Be wary of bogus trades people calling to your door and advising you that your roof needs to be repaired, gutters are blocked and need to be cleared, trees need to be felled etc.

Don't fall for anything that sounds too good to be true

Senior Alert Scheme

What is it?

Its purpose is to enable older persons of limited means to continue to live securely in their homes with confidence, independence and peace of mind by providing them with a free personal monitored alarm. It is administered locally by community and voluntary groups from your area.

How does it work?

Older people get a free personal alarm or pendant. The alarm can be worn as a pendant or around the wrist like a watch. When pressed it connects wirelessly to a base unit. Usually attached to a phone. The base unit immediately sends a call to a 24 hour monitoring centre.

Who is eligible for grant support?

The scheme provides assistance to older people. To be eligible you must be:

- Aged 65 or over and have limited means or resources
- Living alone or with someone who also meets the eligibility criteria
- Able to benefit from the equipment being supplied

How much will it cost?

It's free. The equipment is funded through the Department of Housing Planning, Community and Local Government and administered by Pobal.

However, there is a fee for monitoring the alarm which you will be asked to pay.

How do you get an alarm?

If you would like more information or would like to apply for a grant please contact facefoxrock@gmail.com or **Jeannette Mee - 0872210529** and she will be able to direct you to the correct people.



Foxrock Cup Hurdle Race Day February 2016



On Sunday 28th February, the Foxrock Cup returned to Leopardstown Race-course. The cup was originally presented by Mr. R. T. O'Hara, the uncle of Foxrock resident Des McGrane, and raced for until 1989 (it was won by the famous 'Foinavon' in 1965!). FACE was delighted to collaborate with Des and his family to re-establish this cup which was co-sponsored by Denis I Finn Solicitors and McGrane & Partners Architects. Not only did the sun shine all afternoon but the Foxrock Cup was won by Great Field owned by J.P. McManus who kindly participated in photographs afterwards. Sincere thanks to Pat Keogh and Vicki Moody of Leopardstown Racecourse who gave us tremendous support for this event.



*Best Dressed Lady:
Sponsored by Cassini
Boutique & Iconic Beauty
was won by Dorothy Van
Belle
Best Dressed Gentleman:
Sponsored by John Cody
of Atrium Wealth
Management was won by
John Howard*

*Best Dressed
Couple Sponsored
by Doyle
Landscapes
pictured with Linda
Kenny of Doyle
Landscapes: was
won by Ger
Madden and Brian
Priestman*



*Best Hat: Pace Boutique &
Santanna Hair Studio was
won by hat designer,
Rosalind Beere pictured with
Pat Keogh of Leopardstown
Racecourse*



Samuel Beckett Evening March 2016



*Caroline Murphy
(Samuel Beckett's niece)
pictured with the cast*



*Caroline Murphy
pictured with Frank
Hearne, Chairman of
FACE*

On March 3rd, a unique and wonderful evening of drama, poetry and prose took place in a 'packed to capacity' Tullow Church and adjoining Hall on Brighton Road. Actors Geraldine Plunkett, Marcus Lamb, Jennifer Lavery, Melissa Nolan, Cathal Quinn and Colm O'Brien performed theatrical extracts from Beckett's work, whilst organist Ronan Murray gave backing to singer Donal Kenny.

At intervals, Dr Feargal Whelan of UCD spoke on the connections between Foxrock and the Beckett family.

Samuel Beckett's niece Caroline Murphy unveiled a plaque in the church close to the pew where the family worshipped. A reception followed the event where there was a photographic exhibition related to Beckett's Foxrock.

Congratulations to Jane Bowe and her team for staging a wonderful production and to Reverend John Tanner for his enthusiasm and cooperation

FACE Information Evening April 2016



The annual FACE information evening took place on Tuesday 26th April at 7.30 pm in Foxrock Golf Club. There were over 120 in attendance, in-cluding An Cathoirleach Barry Saul and local councillors, the best turn-out to date. A wide variety of topics were discussed including Neighbourhood Watch, CCTV,



Tidy Towns/landscaping, Planning, Village Car Park, Security, Events etc.

The new directory of all businesses in the village and listing of important emergency numbers was launched on the night.

Summer Fete June 2016



The Foxrock Village Summer Fete took place on Saturday 25th June and was a fun day with lots of entertainment for families. In addition to the traditional face painting and balloon modelling, this year for the first time we also had the 'Anna Banana's Clown Show for children and Woodcock & Green - silhouette artists - created paper portraits. Shops in the village provided a complimentary bbq and refreshments as well as free tastings.

The day was a great success and was preceded the previous evening by a great night in The Gables. We are delighted to advise that €771.96 was raised for Laura Lynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice and thank everyone for their contributions to this annual event in the village.

Foxrock Community Games 2016



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The Foxrock Community Games Committee reconvened in February 2016 to start planning our local Community Games events.

In addition to the events offered in 2015 (art, athletics and swimming), this year we included model making and chess.

Art and Model making were held together on March 12th in the Foxrock parish centre and there was a super turn out. The children impressed judge Marian Gartland with their creative talents! Sincere thanks to Maeve and her colleagues and to the Parish centre for giving us access to the hall – it was the perfect venue.

Athletics took place in Kilbogget Park, Cabinteely, on April 24th and thankfully the rain held off! To facilitate the smooth running of this big event, this year we invested in a much needed megaphone!

Approximately 45 children took part and even the tiny tots got to have a little competition. Much to the delight of both parents and children, local legend Dr. Ronnie Delaney gave an inspiring speech, presented medals and posed for photos after the races.

On to the Dublin games - Foxrock was represented by a panel of seven children in the chess competition, fourteen in the art and model making, one in swimming and twenty in athletics. These events took place on different weekends in various county Dublin locations.

The National Finals were held in Athlone over two weekends in August and this year we had a massive increase in the number of children competing from Foxrock compared to 2015.

Many parents, friends and team managers made the journey to support the 6 chess players, 1 swimmer, 3 artists and 1 javelin thrower who made it through to the National Finals and who gave it their all.

Foxrock took home silver medals in the U16 chess and a bronze in the girls U8 art. Well done to everyone who participated, supported and helped make this year's community games a great success!

Make A Wish Fundraising



MAKE-A-WISH
Ireland

On Saturday 17th September 2016, a group of inspirational young children took to Joyce green to raise funds for Make-A-Wish Ireland.

After spending hours of baking, making posters for the big day they were ready to sell. With some help from their mums, neighbours and great support from the Foxrock Community they raised €900.00 an unbelievable amount! Huge thanks to Hannah, Anna, Grace, Molly, Hannah, PJ, Grace, Anna and Sophia for helping make memories for the brave wish children.

If you would like to organise an event like this, please email rachel@makeawish.ie.



Tullov Church



The 16th October saw the launch of a new Tullov Parish Outreach Programme supporting the work of Down Syndrome India and Chennai in particular. We will raise funds to carry our live-saving surgeries on children born with Downs. When the occasion arises we will be advised by Down Syndrome India and the monies forward to the relevant hospital via Dr. Recka Ramachandran, World President of the Down Syndrome Association working out of Chennai. You can support this Out-reach Programme by contacting Joyce Buckley 0872988769 – either by donations, giving us your coppers or purchasing items from our Outreach Corner (inside Tullov Parish Church). The Parish currently has a number of other Outreach Programmes including Bray Women's Refuge (non-perishable food-stuff and new children's clothing) plus the collection of used batteries for the Laura Lynn Foundations. Call in to visit our vibrant Outreach Corner to see what is happening – You will be welcome.

Special Community Services over the coming months:

Sunday 13th November at 10:30am, a family Service for Remembrance Sunday.

Sunday 18th December at 7:00pm, Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Everyone is most welcome to all our Services.

Safety Message From Libby's

Libby's is our Local Montessori and they have been teaching the children about Road Safety.

We would like to remind all drivers to SLOW Down on the roads especially coming in and out of our Village



The darker days are upon us and we would ask everyone out walking to ensure that you wear reflective clothing/Vest of reflective bands to ensure that you are visible.

Wear high-visibility clothing so that you are seen by drivers

Important
DATE!

Have a Flutter in Foxrock!

25th November 2016

The Tullov Parish "Race Night" once again promises a highly sociable evening in Tullov Parish, Brighton Road, on November 25th.

With all the excitement of horse racing but on the big screen in the warmth of our local parish hall, we welcome friends and neighbours to come along and join us.

Back a horse or a jockey in advance, or just come and place your bets on the night. They will be under starter's orders from 7:30pm with 8 races on the card.

Admission of €5 at the door will include refreshments

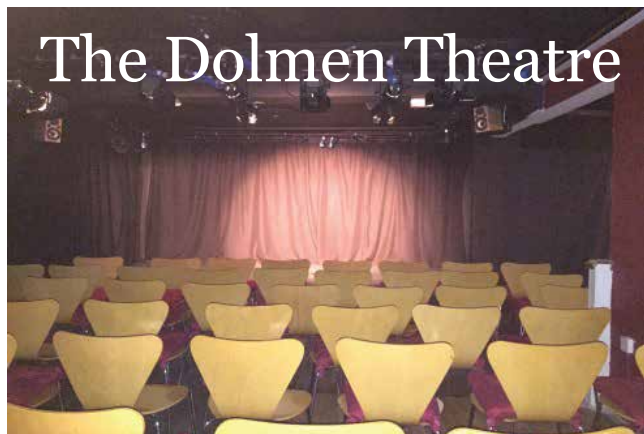
"You might just pick a winner!"

Thanks to our local businesses for generously sponsoring this event. All proceeds will go to sustaining and developing Tullov Parish in the community.

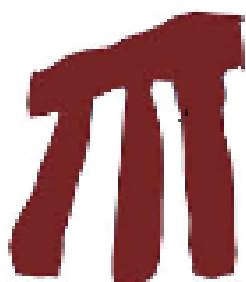
Please contact Nigel Swanwick (0879094698 or nigel.swanwick@gmail.com), for further details, or for sponsoring or advertising opportunities, etc.



The Dolmen Theatre



1st-12th November 2016



Back with a BOOM!

The hit show BOOM! returns to our local Theatre with an all-star line up. Selma Mae Isobel Mahon (who wrote the play) seems to have the perfect life, beautiful home, children, architect husband... but when Carmel Maria McDermottroe, her social climbing mother arrives to help her to organise a party to launch her new state-of-the-art extension, it soon becomes clear that all is not as it seems. The fact is, Selma Mae has just been released from a spell at a psychiatric hospital (a fact that her mother is anxious to hide), her husband has just walked out and she's asking the question 'Who's life is it anyway?' As the motley collection of guests arrive, glamorous neighbour Chloe, Claudia Carroll, tough-talking sister Maeve Clelia Murphy and the eccentric Bernie, Rose Henderson disaster ensues and the perfect façade, not to mention the extension itself, begins to crumble...BOOM? is a comedy set at the height of the mythical economic boom, the people who live the fantasy and those who fall through the cracks, hopefully into something more real and more sustaining. This is a play for anyone who ever had a bad hair day, may never own a helicopter and knows the difference between an abstract sculpture and a bicycle helmet.

Tickets €15. Booking: **0871018202** www.dolmentheatre.ie

Foxrock Local History Club

Our History Club Talks are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 20:00 in the Parish Hall of Foxrock Church. The format is a short talk of about 20 to 30 minutes, followed by a main talk of 50 mins to 1 hour. Then there is tea and a chat after for anyone who wants to talk to the speakers etc.

The admission is €5.00 for non members and free to members. (Membership is €25.00 which covers 8 meetings from September to May). We are always looking for new members as this helps in keeping the club active and allowing us to find talks suited to our membership.

In May-June we have two evening or weekend walks around an item of local interest - this year we had a guided tour on a Saturday of the 1916 related graves in Deansgrange Cemetery and an evening walk and talk in Blackrock village, looking at the various historic houses and hearing the stories of the people who lived in them. Also in June we have an all-day outing to a location of interest, this year we visited Mellifont, Carlingford and a trip along the Tain Bo Cuailnge trail route. Coffee and lunch stops along the way.

Main Talk - 15th November 2016

The Reverend Thomas Goff (1772-1844) of Carriglea.
By David Doyle
AGM will take place after

Christmas Themed Night - 13th December 2016

Main Talk - 17th January 2017

History of the development of Traditional Irish music and song
By Siobhán Uí Chonoraín

Main Talk - 21st February 2017

Manning Robertson and the 1936 Dun Laoghaire Survey and Plan
By Michael Cregan

Short Talk: Nelson Family
By: Michael Richardson



FOXROCK ENTERPRISE

Cassini boutique

Our Autumn/ Winter 2016 collection is here!



We at Cassini boutique are delighted to be starting our third year of business in the heart of Foxrock Village. This year is going to be full of new and exciting things happening in our store!

We are delighted to present our Autumn/Winter 2016 Collection which is currently in stock, we have fabulous key wardrobe essentials as well as some beautiful occasion wear pieces and a wide range of accessories, we are delighted to present the new collections from all our much loved labels Luisa Cerano, Marc Cain, Rabe, Badoo, Crea, Marina Rinaldi, Le Comte.

We are thrilled to announce we will be launching the new Rabe collection and as always the eagerly anticipated new Season stock for Luisa Cerano - there are fantastic new colours and styles which we are sure you are going to love. In addition we have also begun to stock a wonderful label called Penny Black so as you can see in the coming months Cassini is continuing to expand its already successful range of labels.

Our website is www.cassiniboutique.com and we will be bringing you all our news weekly on our Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter accounts as well as updating you via email and text.

We would love if you would call in to visit us and browse all of the new season AW2016 collections, we always love seeing our regular loyal customers as well as new faces.

The New Foxrock Post Office

Foxrock Post Office closed at the end of March 2015 and after endless hurdles, reopened 4th April 2016. It has been moved to the other side of Brighton Road - opposite Texaco and between Hunters and Foxrock Optical Centre. The new premises is bright, fresh and not as quirky as the previous one! What it lacks in individuality, it makes up for in warmth and comfort!

There is a small desk available to facilitate people who would otherwise be leaning on the bonnet of their car to fill in the details. Between forms for foreign currency PostFX cards, Prize Bonds, savings 'Blue Book' accounts, Solidarity Bonds and Certificates, Passport applications, 'Mail Minder' holiday services, Mail Redirection and posting Actual Things, no ink is being spared in Foxrock Post Office. Standard Post and Registered Mail, Express and DHL Couriers are available to most destinations. (Syria and certain other countries are dreadfully inaccessible right now for obvious reasons, which unfortunately hampers people's commendable and magnanimous intentions.)

Mail collections are at 4:30pm and 5.30pm Monday to Friday and all the post boxes in the village are emptied then too. The opening hours for the post office are: 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday. Some people might want to get organised for Christmas early: rolls of 100 national stamps are available, books of ten national stamps, books of ten international stamps and a guide to postal rates. You can pick up a Guide to Postal Rates, some stamps and declaration forms for packets or parcels going within Europe and to other destinations, and organise your Christmas mail at home or in work if that makes life easier.





FOXROCK ENTERPRISE



Fox Framing is a bespoke picture framing service. We offer timeless, functional, well designed, quality picture framing solutions. We strongly believe in the concept, Buy Once, Buy Well, providing options for our customers that will last a lifetime.

We recommend visiting us in store to explore all our framing options for your artwork. We have carefully selected ranges of premium hard and soft woods to choose from, as well as advice with colour and design options. After consultation, every frame is tailor made to your specifications. All our materials are conservational and acid free, while using archival framing techniques to ensure your artwork will be protected and presented in the best possible manner.

Fox Framing Opens

Fox Framing was warmly welcomed to Foxrock Village this August when it opened its doors. Nestled in heart of the village, tucked into the central row of shops, you will find our lavender filled driveway leading to our bright little studio.

We offer a wide range of framing solutions for all mediums such as watercolours, oils, acrylics or fine art prints as well as sports memorabilia, 3d objects and collections.

We welcome you to call in or visit our website to discover what our custom service will be able to provide for you and all your picture framing needs! Look forward to seeing you soon!

Jane Giffney, Fox Framing, 2A Brighton Road, Foxrock Village, Dublin 18

Foxrock Service Station Offers Fine Choice



It's hard to believe that we demolished and re-built Foxrock Service Station in 1999 after taking it over from Ken's parents in 1990. That was 17 years ago and whilst the shop changed internally several times we decided it was time for a significant change and to affiliate ourselves with a strong brand. We listened to what our customers wanted and we felt the Spar brand was the right fit for us. We're very pleased with the transformation of the shop. Spar are an international brand but with a very local community feel about them. We believe that by partnering with Spar we can continue to give our great commitment to service but also offer value and quality with our wide range of goods, covering all your local needs.

Our Tasty Deli is proving very popular and we've extended the opening hours to 6pm on weekdays. The hot food counter is now open at the weekend together with our usual range of breads and pastries freshly cooked in store each day. With two Insomnia Coffee machines and two cup sizes the choice of coffee, tea and hot chocolate is all yours.

We're very excited to announce the opening of our full Off-Licence, the first one in the village of Foxrock. We stock a wide range of Wine, Beers and Spirits all very competitively priced. Alcohol can be sold up to 10pm and remember to take it as a compliment if our staff ask for your i.d!!!

We continue with our Car Cleaning offering a top-quality hand wash with the option to have a chamois dry and tyre dress. External car valeting is still available, check in-store for details. Booking is advisable for the valeting service.

With Winter coming we will have a large stock of coal, briquettes, firelogs, firepacs and gas for the outdoor heaters. Make sure to keep an eye out for our fuel specials coming soon. We'd like to thank all our customers over the years and we look forward to welcoming new customers. We know we're lucky to have you and we hope we can deliver the shopping experience you deserve.

Ken & Fiona O'Connor - Cornelscourt 01-2893360, Enniskerry 01-2768886, Foxrock 01-2893881 & Rathfarnham 01-4937275.



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Volunteers Award

Frank Hearne, Chairman of FACE, receiving his volunteer award from An Cathaoirleach Barry Saul under An Cathaoirleach's 'Celebration of Volunteering' Awards Scheme which recognizes individuals who have contributed their time and effort to help their own communities.

The Future of FACE – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

FACE has concerns about being able to continue with the wide range of activities that we are currently involved in which is clearly illustrated within this newsletter. We all enjoy giving our time voluntarily, however, to maintain the number of endeavours we are currently engaged in we urgently need your help to avoid having to scale-down these activities, which would be regrettable.

If you would like to help and have some time available, we are looking for assistance in relation to some light secretarial work, help resolve maintenance issues, community activities etc.

We are not looking for a significant or regular time commitment but if a few more residents would like to get involved, it would greatly help spread the work load and ensure that we can keep progressing.

Please contact us by email at facefoxrock@gmail.com or on mobile: **087-2210529** and we will arrange for you to meet with us over a coffee in the village and see how you can help.

Useful Contacts:

Cabinteely Garda Station: **01 666 5400**

Gas Network Ireland : **1850 20 50 50**
(If you smell Gas)

Foxrock Church: **01 289 3492** (Parish Office)

Tullow Church: **01 289 3154** (The Rectory)

Foxrock Medical Centre: **01 289 6155**

Christmas Appeal



The Inner City Helping Homeless has launched its annual Christmas shoebox appeal. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, Inner City Helping Homeless will distribute boxes to homeless people and families sleeping rough in Dublin city along with those in hotels, B&Bs and hostels. The homeless charity is calling upon individuals, schools, businesses and colleges across Dublin to take part in the city's biggest appeal ever, and to make Christmas 2016 a little bit better for Dublin's homeless.

How to help: Get a shoebox and fill it with:

- Warm clothing including hats, gloves, scarves and underwear.
- Toiletries including toothpaste and a toothbrush, roll-on deodorant, soap and showergels.
- Non-perishable foods including chocolate, sweets and cereal bars.
- Christmas cards and gift vouchers.

Individual shoeboxes can be dropped into Hunters Estate Agents in Foxrock Village. For large amounts of shoeboxes please email facefoxrock@gmail.com or otherwise you can bring directly into the Inner City Helping Homeless, 72 Amiens Street, Dublin or call them at **01-8881804**.

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council: **01 205 4700**

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Afterhours: **01 677 8844**

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