

# BALLYMUN

## REGENERATION NEWS

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#### HEALTH & SAFETY

If you see anything outside of working hours that you are concerned about on the building sites please contact Ballymun Gardaí at 01 666 4400



Dublin City  
Baile Atha Cliath



On Halloween night, hundreds of children and young people participated in the "Otherworld Festival" in front of a fire sculpture (pictured above) at the Shopping Centre car park. The "Otherworld Festival" aims to give young people an artistic focus on Halloween night and was organised by the Ballymun Festival Steering Committee who worked with schools, youth clubs and community groups since May. The festival was supported by The Arts Council for Ireland and community groups throughout Ballymun alongside Dublin City Council, Ballymun Regeneration Ltd and Axis.

## AXIS THEATRE FESTIVAL SUCCESS

'Borradh Buan', the first ever mini festival of Irish language theatre in Axis, was a resounding success and attracted much attention and praise from the Arts Council and from national media including TG4, The Irish Times and the BBC.

"If this first mini festival, held as part of the wider Dublin Fringe Festival, is a taste of the direction that Irish-language drama is taking we can rest assured that the form is no longer in a transitional phase but is alive and prolific." - The Irish Times.

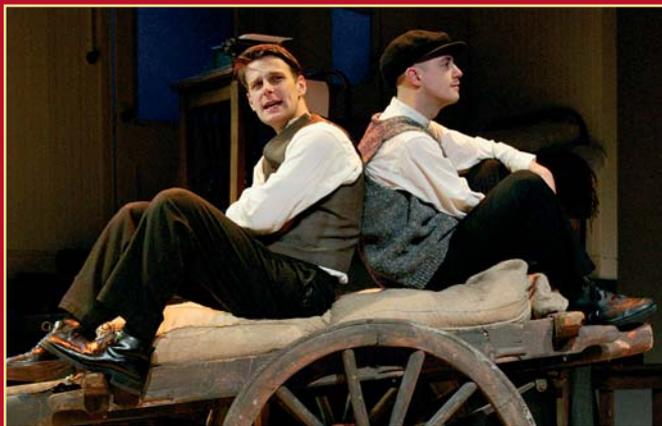
As well as being a cultural highlight in Ballymun's entertainment calendar, the festival attracted many new visitors to Axis who enjoyed the experience and will no doubt return for future performances. It also generated an interest in Irish language and drama in Ballymun.

Congratulations and well done to Ray Yeates, Director of Axis and all involved in the festival.

## Be entertained in Axis this Winter

Axis Ballymun has a fantastic programme of events to keep all ages and tastes entertained this winter.

- Upstate Theatre Company's hilarious recreation of 'The Green Fool' by Patrick Kavanagh on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th November.



A scene from 'The Green Fool' by Patrick Kavanagh

- 'From These Green Heights' is a journey through the lives of two Ballymun families over four decades, from the 1960s when Dessie, as a child, first glimpses the Ballymun towers amid the fields of North Dublin to the night in 2004 when he helps his young daughter pack to leave the flat that has been his family home ever since.
- There's a wide variety of activities including dance classes, acting classes, arts and crafts and much more.
- Santa is coming to Axis while the North Pole is being regenerated but he's afraid that the boys and girls won't know where to send their letters so come along to Axis in December and give your letters to Santa.

Here's a few of the highlights but there's lots more happening - to find out more contact Axis at 01 883 2100

## Get Active to stay younger

Active Living for Older People in Ballymun strives to promote a society where all older adults in the area are leading active lifestyles that contribute to their overall wellbeing.

Being physically active can prevent and help treat many of the most common chronic medical conditions associated with old age and physical activity is one of the most important steps older adults can take to maintain physical and mental health and quality of life. Growing older these days means keeping yourself interested and engaged in all that life has to offer.

For more information call Emma Byrne, Sports Development Officer, BRL at 01 222 5617.



The Active Living dancing class in Axis Centre

| Activity               | Day   | Location                    |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Bowling                | Mon   | St Pappins Hall             |
| Outdoor Pitch and Putt | Tues  | Erins Isle                  |
| Petanque               | Tues  | Albert College              |
| Arts and Crafts        | Tues  | Axis Centre                 |
| Walking                | Tues  | Albert College              |
| Swimming               | Wed   | Ballymun Swimming Pool      |
| Aerobics/Fun Exercise  | Wed   | Axis Centre                 |
| Bowling                | Thurs | Poppintree Community Centre |
| Indoor Pitch and Putt  | Thurs | Poppintree Community Centre |
| Line Dancing/Salsa     | Fri   | Axis Centre                 |

Active Living weekly activities



The Tuesday afternoon Active Group awarded certificates at the Active Living Halloween Tea Dance

## Construction progress update

### RECENTLY ON SITE

#### ■ Coultry Park starting on site

The first phase of the redevelopment of Coultry Park started on site during the week of 27th September 2004. The design was developed in consultation with residents from Coultry and Shangan. The improved park will provide the community with facilities for recreation, sport, leisure, activity, play and relaxation, along with CCTV cameras and public lighting. During the works, the football pitch is being temporarily relocated to Naul Park.



*Coultry Park - Phase 1 highlighted*

#### ■ Shangan Neighbourhood Centre starting on site

The construction work on Shangan Neighbourhood Centre started on site on 4th October. The centre will be situated along Shangan Road close to Shangan Green.

#### ■ Two New Housing Developments on site in Poppintree

Two new housing schemes (Poppintree 5a and 5b) along Balbutcher Lane recently went on site, comprising 148 new homes.

- Work has commenced on Sillogue 3A, Poppintree 4 and Coultry 4 & 5.

### DEMOLITION

- Demolition contractors are on site at Ceannt and McDonagh Towers and are due to finish there in March 2005.

- Demolition contractors are also on site at Sandyhill where they are due to finish this November.
- Demolitions currently on site in Coultry and Shangan are due to be completed this December.
- Demolition contractors will start on site at McDonagh Tower in early November and are due to finish work there in March 2005.

### CONSULTATION

#### ■ Housing scheme at Sillogue

BRL architects are currently working on the Sillogue 6 scheme of 55 units adjacent to Sandyhill Gardens. We expect to hold an exhibition of the proposed design in Ballymun Civic Office at the end of November.

#### ■ Poppintree Park

The Poppintree Park designs have been considered by the North West Area Committee of Dublin City Council and it is hoped to have sketched proposals on display for public comment this November.



*Shangan Neighbourhood Centre*

### RECENT HANDOVERS

- The first 22 new units in the HAIL housing project were recently handed over
- All 87 homes in BRLs Coultry 3 scheme have been handed over
- LINX units will soon be handed over

## 'About the House' in Ballymun

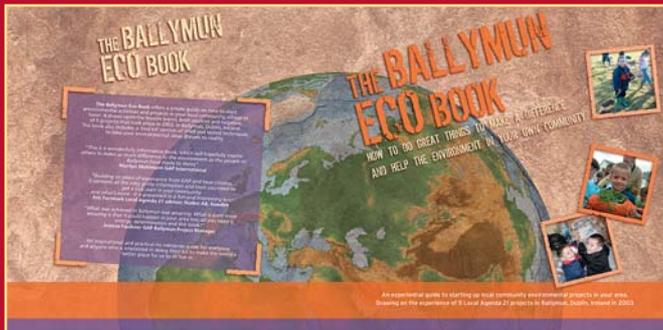
In November, Rosanne and Sylvester Cumiskey of 6 Whiteacre Court and Natalie Callery from 18 Whiteacre Crescent will feature on RTE's 'About the House'. Rosanne, Sylvester and Natalie show their new BRL homes to the TV cameras and talk about how much they like living in them. BRL Architect Ali Grehan talks about her aims when she first started designing the scheme of 87 houses in Forestwood. **About the House goes out on RTE ONE on Tuesdays at 8.30pm.**



*Rosanne and Sylvester Cumiskey being interviewed for 'About the House'*

## GAP launch and exhibition

**G**AP's Eco-Map Exhibit will be launched at 3pm on Friday 12th November in Ballymun Shopping Centre (opposite Tesco). The launch is open to the public and includes guided tours of the Eco-Map as well as music and dancing provided by BRYR's Youth



*The 'Ballymun Eco Book' is an experiential guide to helping people make a difference in their environment. Tried and tested community development tools from all over the world are detailed.*

Samba School 'Munch' and Brazilian group Oficina da Capoeira.

At 4.30pm the action moves to Axis Arts Centre where at 5pm there will be a Forum led by Eric Forsmark, founding associate of GAP Ballymun and Local Agenda 21 Advisor.

GAP will also launch its 'Ballymun Eco Book' detailing what was learned from 5 Local Agenda 21 Projects. The evening in Axis ends with an organic feast and live music and all are welcome.

A mural of Dublin City created by children from the Ashling Project in Balcurris will be displayed in Ballymun Shopping Centre from the 8th until the 19th November, as part of the GAP exhibition.

**To order your copy of the 'Ballymun Eco Book' contact Simon Cocking at GAP, 27 Shangan Road, Dublin 9. Tel: 01 862 5846 or email: [simon.cocking@gapballymun.ie](mailto:simon.cocking@gapballymun.ie)**

## Community helps to build new playgarden

**T**he relocation of the playground and creation of a playgarden, behind Connolly Tower facing Block 1 in Sillogue Road, was successfully completed in only six weeks this summer. These facilities provide children with the contrast of a traditional playground with swings and slides along with a natural play space and a community garden.

The project was implemented by BRL and supported by Ballymun Women's Resource Centre, Bennetts, Go-play

and Dublin City Council. BRL thanks all of those who made the project possible, especially the Sillogue, Gateway and Connolly Tower Resident Association, along with all of the children from the area who worked so hard. Well done!

**For more information call Debbie, Play Development Officer, BRL at 01 222 5609**



*Chelsea McGough enjoying the launch of the new playgarden*



*Matthew Tunnicliffe, Louise Norton, Rebecca Gray and Owen Gray at the launch*

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