



# BALLYMUN

## REGENERATION NEWS

December 2009 Issue 84

### INSIDE

- Brazilian legend Pele arrives in Ballymun to spread word of hope
- axis events
- The Garden Bird Survey (fun for all the family)



*Brazilian legend Pele (pictured with the Lord Mayor of Dublin Cllr. Emer Costello and FAI President David Blood) waves to the crowd at the BRL Umbro Arena on his recent visit to Ballymun. See page three for article.*

## FUNDING FOR FINAL PHASE OF HOUSING

**B**RL received a huge boost recently when the DoEHLG confirmed that funding for the final phase of replacement housing was secured. This was as a result of BRL having a series of meetings with the Department and making a submission on the Ballymun Housing Regeneration strategy for the future. The strategy sets out a programme of prioritisation for completing essential developments within Ballymun and safeguarding the investment already made in the area. It seeks also to create an attractive environment for future investment. Given the financial uncertainty nationally this is a major vote of confidence in Ballymun and the regeneration process.

Phase 4 housing schemes are now ready to begin the tender process and will be starting on site next year. These houses are designed to improved standards of insulation and energy efficiency and should reduce energy costs for the residents by €300 to €400 a year.



*Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year*

#### HEALTH & SAFETY

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



Dublin City  
Baile Átha Cliath

*continued page 2*

Continued from page 1

## SHANGAN 5

Shangan 5A and Shangan 5B will start on site in the second quarter of next year and it will take two and a half to three years to complete. This project will include the realignment of Shangan Avenue and the construction of 90 new houses and apartments along the new road. The new homes will be for the existing residents of the flats.

BRL have also secured funding for the upgrade of underground services and all the public areas in Shangan Gardens. This means that all the public sewers, road surfaces and public lighting will be upgraded and renewed. This will be the last construction project in the Whiteacre area and once it is completed residents can enjoy the finished product of the regeneration.

BRL and the Shangan Forum will be organising information events so that residents can be fully informed about the construction process. When the contractor is on site regular meetings will be held between the residents, the contractor and BRL. This has proved to be very useful in recent similar projects in keeping everyone fully informed on progress and provides a useful forum to resolve problems and address local issues.

## COULTRY 6A

Coultry 6A has also been given the go ahead. This project will go on site in the third quarter of the year. It includes 39 houses and apartments and a small section of Coultry Park beside the football pitch. It will take about a year and a half to two years to complete. The new homes will be for residents of the flats in Coultry.

BRL will shortly be developing designs, in consultation with the residents, for Coultry 6B and 6C. These projects will go on site after Coultry 6A is complete and they will include the demolition of the last blocks in Coultry, the final phase of Coultry Park and the road around the perimeter of the park. This will make access to the main street and to the park much easier. Consultation with the local forum and residents will commence in the New Year.

## PHASE 4

The remaining schemes in Phase 4 are Silloge 8, Silloge 9, Balcurris 6 and Balcurris 7A and B. All of these projects are due to be completed by the end of 2014 and further information on when they will be starting will be published here as soon as it is finalised. When these schemes are complete all the replacement housing will be finished and it will allow all the existing flats to be demolished.

## Leinster Rugby President Des Lamont launches Tackle Education

The Tackle Education Programme aims to make the important connection between educational attainment and participation in sport and physical activity. The Tackle Education Programme will be rolled out in Ballymun's Trinity Comprehensive College and Patrician College in Finglas in the coming weeks.

Attempting to help participants overcome barriers to the successful completion of their education, the programme will provide an out-of-school sporting and recreational focus (involving tag rugby) to complement their academic work.

Tackle Education is supported by Dublin City Council and Ballymun Regeneration Limited and in conjunction with Dublin City University (DCU) and the government's Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development (RAPID) initiative.

The official launch of the Tackle Education Programme took place on the DCU campus last week. Alongside Leinster Rugby president Des Lamont at the event were Unidare RFC youth coach Kevin Furey and president Pat O'Donnell, Rosie King from Ballymun Regeneration Ltd, DCC's Bruce McDevitt, RAPID's Larry O'Reilly and DCU's Yvonne O'Connor. Leinster Rugby Development Officers Niall Neville and Jack Hanratty were also on hand to present the programme to the assembled crowd.

Commenting afterwards, Jack Hanratty claimed the Tackle Education

Programme is an exciting new initiative which may interest school who are looking for a new challenge.

The programme runs for 10 weeks and includes an introduction to various elements of rugby as well as trips to DCU and the RDS, plus appearances from special guests. Schools interested in using the programme are urged to contact Leinster Rugby's Jack Hanratty @ 087 211 2817 or Niall Neville @ 087 263 4757 for more information.



Leinster Rugby President Des Lamont pictured with students from Trinity Comprehensive Ballymun and Patricians College Finglas

## Brazilian legend Pele arrives in Ballymun to spread word of hope

*"I worship the ball and treat it like a God."*

PELE, arguably the greatest footballer of all time, arrived in Ballymun at the BRL Umbro Arena on November 26th 2009 and it was all for the worthy cause of providing funds for his little princes programme for sick children, The "Goals For Life" campaign. This



*Pele at the BRL Umbro Arena, Ballymun*

campaign is centred on the 1283 goals Pele scored during his career which have now become a vehicle to generate funding for life saving medical research. A man revered around the planet for his remarkable ability to embody the aspirations, hopes and dreams of everyone who has ever considered kicking a football.

Under the supervision of Derryman Don Mullan, Co-ordinated by Derek O'Neill & Des Tomlinson of the FAI and supported by Paddy O'Reilly, Trinity Comprehensive and Rosie King, BRL, a number of young clubs collected their medals from the man himself. First up was Katie Carr from Borrisokane, County Tipperary. The lads from the Brazilian Soccer School Dublin South-West (Futebol de Salao) presented Pele with one of their shirts. And both the Kinnegad juniors and the gang from The Gingerman pub seemed untypically overawed.

**The positive energy created by this world-class celebrity was captured in the scope and passion of press and broadcast coverage. Once again, Ballymun held its head high and showed what it is capable of.**

## The Garden Bird Survey (fun for all the family)

Between December and February each year, Bird Watch Ireland ask members of the public to keep note of the highest number of each bird species visiting their garden every week. We also ask for information on the size of the garden being surveyed, the kinds of food, if any, being offered to the birds. Taking part is fun, easy and an ideal way to get to know your garden birds better.

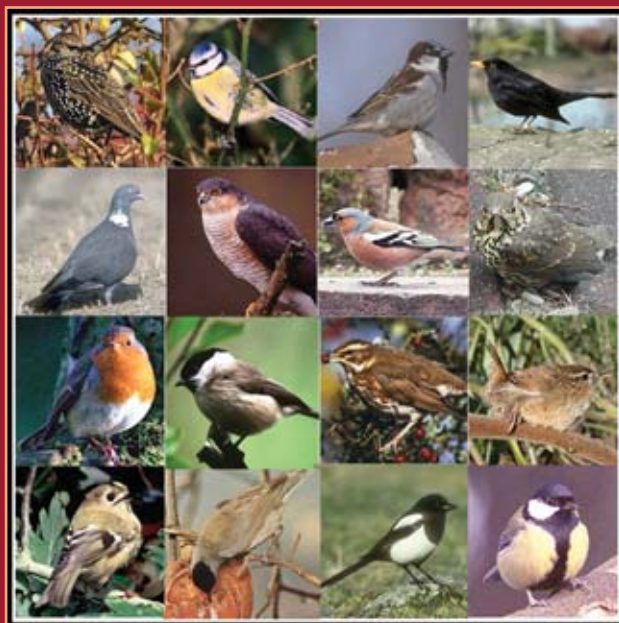
There are two ways for you to send Bird Watch Ireland your records:

1. Download the Garden Bird Survey Form and fill it out over the course of the winter and return it to Bird Watch Ireland by post or fax on or before 1st April 2009.
2. The survey can also be completed online. Simply go to Bird Watch Ireland Online Surveys section and register your details.

The survey records received back from the public will be available to both Bird Watch Ireland and the Ballymun Biodiversity Steering Group (BRL, DCC & GAP). This information will show us how important gardens are for our birds and indicate signs of threats or problems that they may be facing.

This initiative is being included with the Bio Diversity Action Plan. For more details on this and other aspects of garden bird care log onto [www.birdwatchireland.ie](http://www.birdwatchireland.ie).

**If you do not have access to Internet please contact Roger Warburton @ 01 222 8526.**





## axis events

It's panto season at axis and the local Ballymun theatre company "Holding Court" will take to the stage with their now infamous annual pantomime. It's always a very busy time for them so to avoid disappointment we advise you book early. They are just in the middle of confirming the new season of events (Feb-May), so watch out for their new programme events due to arrive in axis at the end of January. If you would like to receive a copy of the new brochure call 01 883 2100 or email your address to [info@axis-ballymun.ie](mailto:info@axis-ballymun.ie). Alternatively you can download a copy from their website, where you can also get up to date news and more information on upcoming events. Classes in axis also resume this month with classes in Irish Dancing, Aerobics, Hip-Hop, Taiko Drumming, Drama, Art, Singing, Guitar, Drumming and Piano, there is something for everyone.

### Season Highlights @ axis:



#### Mother Goose

**Dates & Times:** 7th - 24th January @ 2.00pm (Sat & Sun) & 7.30pm (Thurs & Fri)

**Tickets:** €12/8 (All tickets for Thursday performances are €6)

#### More Info:

The recession has hit the village of

Ganderland and Mother Goose is struggling to pay the rent. To her surprise, a goose mysteriously arrives on her doorsteps - and it lays golden eggs!

Mother Goose needs saving - from herself. Greed and vanity consume her. Can she get help before it's too late? Join us for the annual pantomime full of song, comedy, music and dancing. A great day or night out for all the family.

**Booking & Information:** 01 883 2100 or [www.axis-ballymun.ie](http://www.axis-ballymun.ie)

#### House of Fun: Maeve Higgins

**Dates & Times:** 29th January @ 8.30pm

**Tickets:** €15

#### More Info:

Starting off the new-year comedy madness we have Maeve Higgins bringing her unique dry wit to axis' stage.



Since beginning stand up four years ago, Maeve has performed at comedy festivals around the world, including Edinburgh, Melbourne, Adelaide and Kilkenny. Maeve rapidly rose to an uncomfortable level of notoriety on Irish television in the past three years, on the most watched comedy show in the country, RTÉ's 'Naked Camera'.

In her 2006 debut show 'Ha Ha Yum', at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Maeve did stand-up while her sister Lilly made cakes. This is a perfect example of her quirky style of comedy and the reason why she is one of Ireland's best-known comedians.

**Booking & Information:** 01 883 2100 or [www.axis-ballymun.ie](http://www.axis-ballymun.ie)

Ballymun Regeneration Ltd (BRL) Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 9  
Tel: 01 222 5660 Fax: 01 842 1443 Web: [www.brl.ie](http://www.brl.ie) Email: [brl.comms@dublincity.ie](mailto:brl.comms@dublincity.ie)