

Rathfarnham Republican



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DRUG WARNING

RATHFARNHAM SINN FEIN would like to take this opportunity to warn the people of Rathfarnham about the alarming sudden availability of various drugs throughout Rathfarnham. The drugs which are available range from HASH to GEE GEES, which are a substitute for HEROIN in a tablet form.

RATHFARNHAM REPUBLICAN are also amazed at the sudden increase in drug users in Rathfarnham. We advise local teenagers to, in their own interest distance themselves from drug users and not to occupy areas in which drugs are freely circulating. In doing this we can together cut off drug pushers from fresh feeding grounds. We also encourage anybody who is approached by a drug pusher or

anybody who witnesses a drug deal to contact us immediately. This problem is now rampant throughout Rathfarnham, but the local football grounds seems to be the main focal point for drug users and pushers. Witnesses have reported to us the comings and goings of strangers and unknown cars in this area. The names of some of the drug pushers are available to us and we will publish their names in

this newsletter unless they approach us and inform us that they have ceased their disgusting actions.

We advise all parents in Rathfarnham to be observant and vigilant from now on. Parents should try and monitor their childrens movements and whom they have friendships with. We have had drug problems before but not on such a wide scale, we call upon the people of Rathfarnham to act now, to stamp out this problem before it ruins more lives. If there is a drug pusher in your area, you should inform us immediately.

Tell tale signs of drug pushing are frequent weekend trips overseas, an increase in callers to ones house and a sudden new found wealth.

WHITECHURCH LOCALINK BREAKTHROUGH

FOLLOWING RATHFARNHAM SINN FEIN'S discouraging response from Bus Atha Cliath for Jack Crowes proposed bus route from Whitechurch to Nutgrove shopping centre, the Localink committee decided to write themselves to Marion Wilson of Dublin Bus. They too received a full stop reply from Dublin Bus on the grounds of unavailable finances. At a meeting a week later to discuss progress on the campaign, Jack Crowe proposed to take the campaign a step further by appealing to the Minister for Transport to make available the finances



HOUSING MAINTENANCE

While delivering the 'Rathfarnham Republican' door to door, a resident of Whitechurch complained to a Rathfarnham Sinn Fein member about the County Councils' failure to maintain homes in

the estate. We have known about this problem for a long time now and we have on several occasions raised the issue on this newsletter. The County Council has to date failed to act upon our demands in this area. The situation is now unbearable and totally unacceptable to some

people now. Jack Crowe, on behalf of the people of Whitechurch, has lodged a severe complaint on this issue again with the County Council, and is also demanding better services from them. Rathfarnham Sinn Fein would like to thank the person who approached us about this matter and we urge people with problems to immediately contact us and allow us to fight on your behalf.

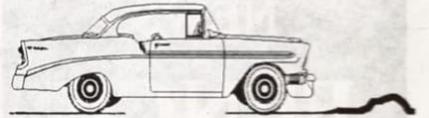
ROAD RAMPS

Following road accidents recently and over several years, we of Sinn Fein have decided that it is time the local authority acted to safeguard our kids' lives. Mountain View is treated as a mini

Mondello Park by people passing through and by show off yobbos!

Jack Crowe met with members of the community who have for several years unsuccessfully tried to solve the problem by introducing bollards. Jack Crowe decided that the reason they have not been successful is because of the lack of community support. "People will not support a change which is going to inconvenience them" he told RATHFARNHAM REPUBLICAN, but Jack Crowe suggested a slowing down system which will not

disrupt peoples travel routes. Mr. Crowe demanded that the council should introduce a series of road ramps which will slow down, but not inconvenience people. Jack Crowe twice delivered his suggestion to the County Council, but we still have had no reply from them. "We are acting in your best interest, we need the people of Mountain View to help and support us in this campaign, which could save your childrens lives".



CARRICKMOUNT AVENUE WASTE GROUND

Again and again we have published articles and leaflets about the underage drinking, criminal activities and unjustifiable unruly behaviour which is currently going on in this small area of wasteland.

The people of the area must know who these people are who are

doing this so also must their parents, but unlike them we in Rathfarnham Sinn Fein are not afraid to denounce these people and their unsociable actions. We call upon them to immediately cease these activities as they are causing immense hardship and suffering to local people. Jack Crowe has pressurised the County Council to build a high enforced wall to prevent access into the grounds but as yet the council has not acted in the peoples interest. Proof of escalation in this area comes from Councillor Tony Fox's involvement in the campaign for the erecting of a wall. We at RATHFARNHAM REPUBLICAN would like to know why Councillor Fox has not acted on this issue before, maybe this is because he was not personally effected by this before.

Jack Crowe told RATHFARNHAM REPUBLICAN, "The people of this area must take it upon themselves to retrieve their privacy back from these yobbs, they must back me up in my battle to have this area severely cordoned off once and for all. Their future is in their own hands, I am only their voice."

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REPUBLICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

**Contact O/C Dublin Batt,
Fianna Eireann, 44
Parnell Square, Dublin 1.
OR**

**Call in any Saturday
Afternoon at 1pm.**

NEW HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

THE COMMITTEE HAVE since received a letter from Seamus Brennan T.D, Minister for Transport and Tourism, the reply is encouraging for people of Whitechurch, but alas it lacks a definite and positive answer to the question of him making the finances available. Instead of taking a positive stance, Seamus Brennan said he approved and supported the idea and that he would contact John Browne of Dublin Bus and inform us of his reply in the near future. The letter to Seamus Brennan included a report of a meeting held about the problem of residents of Whitechurch estate. We of Sinn Fein outlined the difficult journey that faced people using the Eastern Health Board clinic on the Grange Road.

In his letter Seamus Brennan said that he was at the moment pressing for the construction of a "multipurpose Health and Community centre" in Whitechurch and that he was aware of the peoples problems. When asked of his opinion of this statement in seamus Brennans letter, Jack Crowe said this: "Seamus Brennan is as much in touch with the

people of Whitechurch and their problems as he is with Salman Rushdi, Seamus Brennan only became aware of Whitechurch's problems when Rathfarnham Sinn Fein pointed them out to him and demanded immediate action. As regards to him pressing for construction of a health centre, how could he when it is not in his department?"

THE LONG STRUGGLE

IN COUNTLESS articles and books written in the past and present, on Irelands struggle for independence and unity, justification for our struggle seemed to take the form of excuses. The practice of armed resistance in the struggle for self determination cannot simply be justified by excuses.

The fact that British armed forces are occupying six of Irelands counties today along with the British governments refusal to enter into dialogue with Sinn Fein or the IRA uncondi-

tionally, leaves the Irish people with no other alternative but to pick up arms. The present 26 County government cannot be trusted or relied upon to engage in discussions with the British, after all it was De Velera and Collins' treason in 1921 which led to the Irish Civil War and partition when they officially handed over a part of Ireland to the British forces. Again in 1985 with the signing of the Hillsborough Agreement the 26 county government proved it was incapable of acting on behalf of Irish republicans.

Republicans today do not need reasons or excuses to justify armed resistance, the true facts written in our history gives us all the justification we need. Britain is an aggressive and violent force and it is common knowledge that violence must be faced with violence for ones survival, if not we would be wiped out like the black people in South Africa, or the Indian

race in America. The blame for armed resistance today does not lie with the IRA, but it firmly falls on the shoulders of the British government for their stubborn refusal to leave our country in peace, or enter into dialogue with the republican movement unconditionally. Before talks will begin, the British demand a cessation of operations by the IRA, but they refuse to give a withdrawal date or even to cease British and UDR patrols and manoeuvres. Cease-fires and truces between the IRA and the British during talks in the past have always been broken by British actions or British instigation. The British have always used cease-fires in the North of Ireland as breathing spaces to gather intelligence and to introduce more repressive legislation to smash the republican resistance.

In 1969, Northern nationalists decided enough is enough and they rose from their knees to rekindle and light the fuse to the current phase of our struggle. But this war is not just a twenty one year war, it has been going on for 800 years since the

OUR ANSWER

Rathfarnham Sinn Fein sees Seamus Brennans reply as very encouraging but very vague. We feel, since he is the man in charge of transport, that he should have been able to have given us a definite answer. We feel that the time is now right to pile on the pressure. We are now fighting for a community centre as well as a local link bus service. We think we should strike now while the iron is hot.

We encourage the people of Whitechurch to write to Seamus Brennan and demand these amenities now!

Seamus Brennan T.D. Minister for tourism and transport:

Constituency office

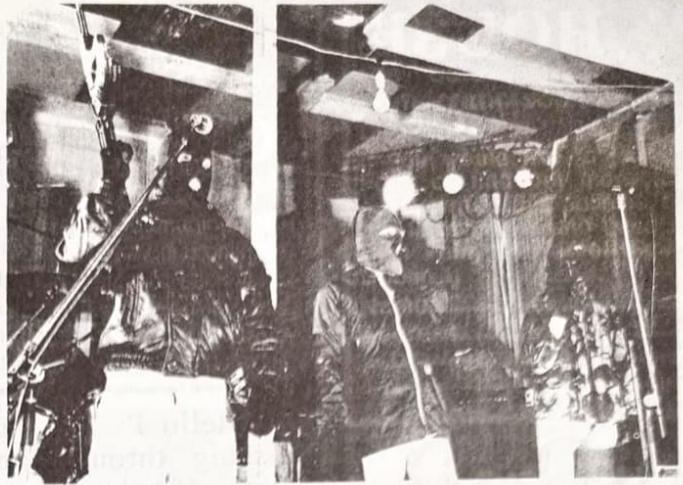
9 Braemor Rd,
Churchtown,
Dublin 14.

OR

Home

31 Finsbury Pk,
Churchtown,
Dublin 14

English Earl of Pembroke invaded Ireland in 1170. So we ask you, the people of Rathfarnham, before you condemn the volunteers of the IRA, and label them murderers and terrorists, to remember that they are also fellow Irish Women and Men. They all have loving parents, wives, husbands and children, and are forced, out of a love for their families and their country, to carry out actions they would not have to carry out if it were not for British occupation of part of our country. You must also try and put yourself in their position, living in Ireland patrolled by armed foreign soldiers and sectarian police, their young children constantly being stopped, searched, arrested and beaten by these foreigners. Employment being refused because of the religion of the area you live in. Constantly being told that you are British and not



Irish even though you have been born and bred in Ireland. Your home being raided and damaged by British soldiers and having guns pointed in through your windows as you sit and watch T.V. We ask you as free

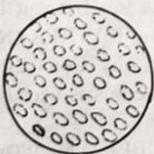
people living in a 26 county freestate (which was freed of British control by armed struggle), to consider these facts before condemning the IRA and the armed struggle to British occupation.

WHITECHURCH NEWS FENCE OFF PYLON

In the last edition of our newsletter we published an article demanding the County Council and the ESB to fence off the ESB pylon on Whitechurch Way. We have received no reaction from either on this issue. It is only a matter of time before somebody is seriously injured or killed in this area due to negligence on

behalf of the County Council and the ESB.

As the summer weather and the school holidays are now upon us, this danger to your children grows greater. This pylon must probably be the only unfenced pylon in a housing estate in the whole country. We again demand immediate action on this issue and we again call upon the people of Whitechurch to use their own initiative by phoning, contacting or writing to the ESB and County Council to fence off this pylon and protect their childrens' lives.



GOOFING GOLFERS



It has recently been brought to our attention by an angry resident of Whitechurch, the danger and damage people of Whitechurch have to face from stray golfballs fired by goofing golfers.

Dave Noonan of Whitechurch CLOSE has just replaced his rear window for the 12th time. He has now decided that enough is enough and that it will have to be stopped. We

know Dave Noonan is not the only person suffering, so Dave has decided to call upon other people who are being plagued by flying golfballs to contact him with a view of jointly demanding the EDMONDSTOWN GOLF CLUB to erect a catching net to prevent golf balls damaging property. It is terrible to say that children are in danger in their own back yard. Anybody whom is effected by this problem should contact Dave Noonan, 22 WHITECHURCH CLOSE.

JOIN SINN FEIN

Sinn Fein is dedicated to forcing a British withdrawal from the occupied Six Counties, the re-unification of our country and the establishment of a democratic socialist republic.

If you would like to join Sinn Fein, or find out more about our activities and policies, fill in the form below and send it to Sinn Fein, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

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