

IHAI BULLETIN



Season's Greetings to all our members at home and abroad! What an (un)forgettable year it has been but with mass vaccination about to be rolled out, hopefully we'll see the back of Covid-19 next year and get back to normal.



Despite the on/off lockdowns, there's still plenty happening on the industrial heritage front, and much of it is accessible on-line. This month's *Bulletin* reviews some of these 'virtual' happenings which you can access yourself - assuming you haven't gone off the Internet entirely due to over-Zooming!

The Pumphouse Presents Theatre lovers have a second chance to catch a series of five original performances, both new and previously staged, which were filmed live this summer at the Pumphouse beside the Graving Docks on Alexandra Road, Dublin.

Lar Joye, Dublin Port Heritage Director, said: "The response to the premieres over the last number of weeks has been fantastic. We are delighted that so many people are engaging with the performances and getting to see inside the Pumphouse for the very first time. We are running all five productions again as a Winter Festival to give audiences a chance to connect with theatre at a time when so many venues are out of reach. We hope they will inspire and entertain as people plan for a different Christmas period.



Lar continued: "Pumphouse Presents is a continuation of Dublin Port Company's commitment to supporting the arts, and to integrate the Port with the City under DPC's Masterplan 2040. When the world returns to 'old normal', the Pumphouse will feature prominently, as works to restore the venue at the heart of a new heritage zone for exhibitions, museum and performances are realised over the coming years. In the meantime, I'd encourage people to take the opportunity to join us for the Festival and enjoy the wealth of talent encapsulated across all five productions."

For further information on each play, go to: <https://www.dublinport.ie/second-chance-catch-winter-festival-plays-dublin-port-featuring-works-anu-fishamble-axis-ballymun/>

The performances can be viewed on-line between 19th and 23rd Dec - so **act now** if you're interested. To book free tickets go to: <https://axisballymun.ticketsolve.com/products/regular>

Brian Goggin It is with great sadness that we report the untimely death of Brian J Goggin, doyen of Ireland's inland waterways, on 21 October 2020. His wife Anne posted the following appreciation on his website: <https://irishwaterwayshistory.com>.

"Today we have lost a much loved husband, father and grandfather, the author of the material on this website, Brian J Goggin.

Brian was dedicated to his research work on the waterways and loved to share the material he discovered. This website is the fruit of that labour, and it contributed to many friendships and interesting conversations over the years. He was an entertaining speaker and loved to share his knowledge



with those who he hoped would share his passion for the history of the waterways.

Some of you may have met us as a family while we were on the River Shannon on our barge, *Knocknagow*. Brian loved to chat to everyone he met, particularly if they had stories about canals, boats, and related history.

He was curious about the minutiae of the world in a way few are. He read widely, always diving deeply into other points of view and always broadening his knowledge. Even in his final days he was devouring books – and leaves behind a hefty collection that his family may one day read 2% of!

We'll miss him for everything that he was, and everything that he helped the people around him to be. We'll remember his constant encouragement, and his quiet efforts to help others succeed. We'll remember his love of the waterways, and the times we shared with him there."

Boland's Quay

RTE's Business Editor, Will Goodbody, reported in his on-line post of 19 November that Google is to offer 46 apartments at its new Bolands Mills complex in Dublin to key workers in the area at reduced rents. The tech firm is to partner with a not-for-profit approved housing body to roll out the plan.

Google, the new owners of the recently-refurbished Bolands Mill at the Grand Canal Dock (aka Silicon Dock) also occupies a large number of the office buildings in the surrounding area.

This project will target eligible individuals, and their families, who work in jobs that are critical for the well-being of the community such as public safety employees, nurses, teachers, and front line service workers. However, Google's presence has led to some criticism that the area had become too expensive for locals or people on average industrial wages to live there.

Jennifer Kelly, Global Vice-President of Real Estate and Workplace Services at Google said "We are working with our neighbours to ensure that Bolands Mills meets their needs and that it provides retail, business and leisure facilities that benefit the people that live here, and those that travel to work here every day."

The complex is set to open to retail tenants in the middle of next year and to the public from the end of 2022. It will have 40,000 sq feet of publicly-accessible mixed use space, including a 5,000 square foot community and cultural space. There will also be mixed retail, recreation and food outlets.

Bygone Days The picture in October's *Bulletin* was correctly identified by member Ruth Delany, who emailed: "The photo was taken on our trip to Carlow and Teagasc Headquarters at Oak Park in May 2013. It features Dr Michael Conry showing us an example of a Carlow fence. This simple Quaker-style granite fence is a unique feature of the Carlow landscape - found nowhere else in the world".

This month's teaser was taken on another of our field trips within the past ten years. But where was it? Hurry now!

