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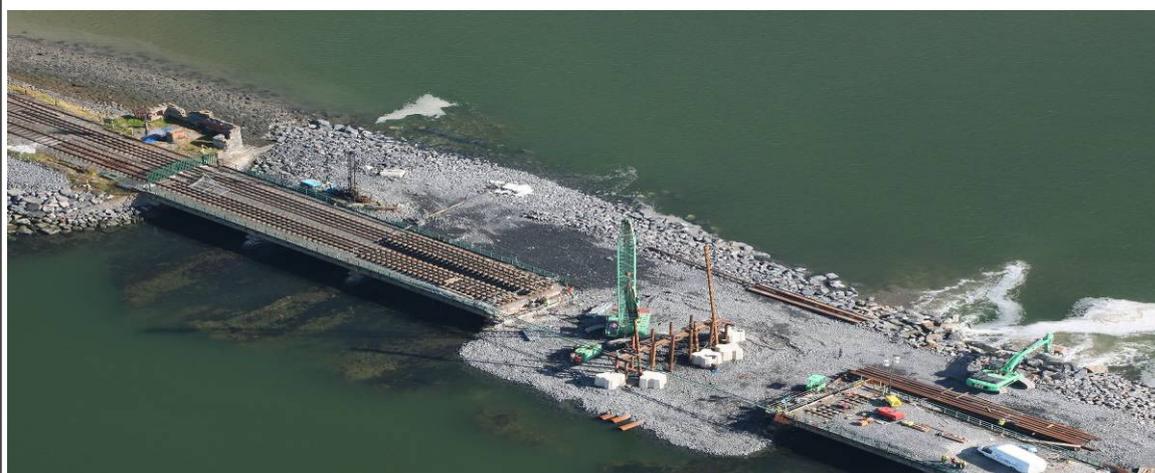
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Good Progress at Broadmeadows



Completion due by end of November

We shall never know how close we were to a major disaster on 21 August when two spans of the Broadmeadows viaduct collapsed. However we do know that steady progress is now being made on the repair and reinstatement of the bridge. The picture above was taken in mid-September.

One of the features of the viaduct is that its piers are constructed on top of a stone weir. The collapse of one pier was due to scouring of the weir and consequent scouring of the pier foundation.

In order to ensure the future integrity of the viaduct it is necessary to strengthen the weir against possible scouring action in the future. This work has been completed to the seaward side of the weir and is now underway on the estuary side.

A temporary access road has been constructed at the foot of the railway embankment to enable stone to be hauled to strengthen the pier and a compound area

has been created close to the railway bridge at Bissett's strand. On completion of work this area will be reinstated to the requirements of Fingal County Council.

Work has been completed on rebuilding the pier that collapsed and all the other piers are being strengthened.

It is expected that new bridge beams will be installed by the end of October and all repairs should be completed by the end of November enabling train services to return to normal.

A committee representing all the major interest groups in Malahide was formed immediately after the bridge collapse. This committee has continued to meet regularly with Iarnród Éireann and Fingal County Council to ensure that disruption from the repair works was kept to a minimum and also to provide regular information on progress.



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Shuttle Bus

Since the middle of this year a group representing Malahide Community Forum, Malahide Chamber of Commerce and the Transportation Department of Fingal County Council has been working to establish a Shuttle Bus which might alleviate the parking and traffic congestion problems as well as reducing the carbon footprint of our town.

The group quickly concluded that the key to success would be to service the morning and evening commuter peaks. We know that around 1,500 people take the train every morning from Malahide station, though we do not yet know how they reach the station. If a modest proportion of those would be helped by taking a shuttle, it could pay its way.

The group has discussed this matter with a number of private bus companies, and with Dublin Bus, and is satisfied that such a service can be implemented. It is now working with one company and is helping them in their application for a licence, which will take some months to process.

The service proposed would offer a bus every 15 minutes during the morning and evening peaks, charging €1 each way. The proposed initial route would cover the Coast Road from Robswall to the village and a circuit on the west side including Yellow Walls Road, Seabury, Estuary Road., Swords Road., Millview Road and back to the railway station. If this licence is approved and the service is successful, it would be extended to off-peak hours and to other areas as well.

Assisted Living

Another initiative of the Forum has been to establish a group of volunteers to research the possibility of establishing residential facilities for active living for the elderly in Malahide. This requirement was highlighted in last year's community survey. The group is currently looking at various models of assisted living which exist elsewhere in Ireland and abroad with a view to suggesting the most appropriate model for Malahide.

Medical Centre

Also highlighted by the community survey was the need for a comprehensive medical centre in Malahide. Planning permission for such a centre on Gas Lane was granted by Fingal County Council last June. However permission for a second centre was refused recently.

Non-sporting Activities for Young People

Malahide has many sporting facilities that welcome and encourage young participants. However we do lack non-sporting facilities for young people.

The Forum would like to establish a group of volunteers who might be prepared to research what is required in this area and make suggestions for its provision. If you are interested in joining such a group please contact our Honorary Secretary at curegmw@indigo.ie or telephone 845 2142.

Defibrillators

In our last edition we featured a request by a small group of Dublin Fire Brigade paramedics for a sponsor to cover the cost of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to be located in the Garda Station or Malahide Taxis. We are delighted to report that two private individuals and two groups are considering sponsoring an AED and paramedic Paul McEvoy is hopeful that they will be able to finalise this in the coming weeks.

The AEDs will be located in the Garda Station, Malahide Taxis, St Sylvester's School and possibly Malahide Castle grounds and we will publish a full list of locations in the next edition. Many thanks to all concerned for this very valuable initiative.

Museum of Childhood

The Museum of Childhood and Tara's Palace, located in the courtyard of Malahide Castle, will have a special opening for Halloween this year from Saturday 24 to Saturday 31 October from 12 to 4pm daily. The Museum will also open for group bookings (10 or more people) from October to March. For more details see www.taraspalace.ie. The Museum and Palace raised more than €20,000 for children's charities during the past season.

Bins in Castle

Bigger and more efficient recycling bins have now been installed in the Malahide Castle car-park as a result of lobbying from the Forum. We continue to monitor the situation and would appreciate any feedback from local residents.

Green Bin Collection

Some changes are being made in the Green Bin collection dates. The new collection calendar is available to be viewed on the Greenbin website www.greenbin.ie or the phone number (1890 342 342) can be called for information. However those affected should be informed by Greyhound Recycling directly.

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