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## EDITORIAL NOTE

This issue marks the fortieth year of continuous publication of the Dalkey Newsletter. It holds the record for the longest running, voluntary community-based free publication in Ireland. This is down to the selfless efforts of so many people on Dalkey Community Council over those forty years. All are volunteers.

The Newsletter has reflected the work of the Council over the years and has tried to reflect the activities of so many groups and organisations in Dalkey. Living in such a beautiful area the Council has always been conscious of maintaining the uniqueness that is Dalkey. Hence our activity with, for example, planning matters over the years. The Council is most supportive of the various sports organisations in the town. Added to those is support for the drama groups where possible. Tidy Towns has also been a beneficiary of the Council's efforts to enhance Dalkey. Also, the Heritage Centre has been a beneficiary of the Council's support. Our regular Contributors are a wonderful asset to the Newsletter. They consistently provide articles and images about their areas of interest for the enjoyment of our readers on a regular basis and subject to our production deadlines.

Finally, the Newsletter simply couldn't exist without the continued loyalty of our Advertisers whose support enables us to cover our costs and deliver a professional-looking publication to every household in Dalkey eleven times a year free of charge.

I see this as a Commemorative Issue which I hope you will enjoy. We always welcome any suggestions/comments for improvements to the Newsletter.

Many thanks for your continued support for Dalkey Community Council and for the Dalkey Newsletter. It is much appreciated.

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## SUMMARY OF DCC MARCH MEETINGS

The **DCC AGM** took place on Monday 3rd March. The Chairman addressed the meeting and gave a short summary of some of DCC main events over the past 40 years. The Secretary and Treasurer both delivered their reports. The new Executive was elected after the adoption of the reports and Susan McDonnell was re-elected as Chairman.

**The March Monthly meeting** followed the AGM.

**NW:** There are still a number of house burglaries in the area and the Gardai are warning the public to exercise care when withdrawing cash from an ATM.

**DTT:** The local An Taisce Spring Clean takes place on Sat 26th April meeting in SuperValu car park at 10am.

**AOB:** At the end of February DCC met with Mr. Jim Hayes Senior Engineer and his assistant in the Transportation Dept. of DLRCoCo. Many local issues in relation to parking were discussed and reviewed at this meeting.

The next DCC meeting is Monday 07th April in OLH.



*Display Area in Heritage Centre*

We congratulate Dalkey Community Council and its Newsletter on the 40 years of unbroken voluntary service to the community.

When Dalkey Community Council and its Newsletter was founded in 1974, Goat Castle, built in the 1390s, was the entrance into Dalkey Town Hall. The town hall hosted Feiseanna, public meetings, badminton and community theatre. It was also the Rates Office for the area and on occasion housed a library. The upstairs committee room was in constant use by the local community.

Moves to set up a Heritage Centre in Dalkey began in 1993. Dalkey was designated a Heritage Town, one of two in Dublin. To qualify for this designation, a town had to have a cluster of historically important settlements. With Dalkey Island, Dalkey (Goat) Castle, St Begnet's Church & Graveyard and Archbold's Castle, Dalkey had a heritage cluster. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo applied for funding to Bord Fáilte (now Fáilte Ireland) to build a Heritage Centre. The application was successful. The major part of the funding was secured and the remainder was raised by the local community and the local authority. There was additional funding from Bord Fáilte to the local authority for street improvements. Overhead wires were put underground and new footpaths and street lamps were installed.

The Heritage Centre opened on June 21st 1998. The historical script for the wall panels was researched and written by Alan Kennedy and given a literary style by Tony award-winning playwright, the late Hugh Leonard. Guests at the opening included members of community organisations, donors and local well-known residents such as Maeve Binchy, Gordon Snell, Pat Kenny, Brenda Jordan and Chris and Diane de Burgh.

In the early years, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre had limited opening hours. The staff, while small, was well supported by FAS. The current Manager was appointed in mid-2001.



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Among her early initiatives, was a plan to promote the Dalkey connection with Joyce on Bloomsday. The first Dalkey Bloomsday Festival was held on June 16th 2001. The next advance was to animate the heritage with live theatre performances. With the late Dominic Dowling, Solicitor, the Community Council representative on the heritage board, and personnel from Trinity College Drama Dept., the OPW and others, she founded Deilg Inis Living History Theatre Company in Dalkey. The concept of Living History Tours was introduced to Dalkey Castle. To this day, the living history element has grown beyond all expectations and is highly successful. The actors' stories are either widely generic for the worldwide audience, (archery, cookery, coin minting etc) or closely based on research in areas such as Dalkey Quarry, Dún Laoghaire Harbour and the burlesque tradition of crowning a King of Dalkey.

The Dalkey Castle living history method is used as a model of best practice for the delivery of historical information in a user friendly and memorable manner. Among others, three American Post Graduate Programmes send their PhD students to Dalkey each year for a summer semester to study the method of imparting historical information through the use of theatrical methods.

In 2012, Dalkey Castle secured funding from Failte Ireland and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co to install a new interpretation system in the Heritage Centre (pictured). In tandem with this, DLRCoCo upgraded both the entrance doors and the castle foyer. Through the glass doors, the layers of history have been revealed and can be seen in the exposed stonework. More recently, Dalkey Town Hall has been expertly upgraded. The new Heritage Centre interpretation system was launched by Minister Jimmy Deenihan in May 2013. There is a chronological timeline from pre-history -with the earliest settlers on Dalkey Island- through Early Christian, Viking, Norman and Victorian times to the present day. There are a number of interactive screens embedded in the time line (pictured). Historical information is available in 12 languages.

A Writers' Gallery (pictured) showcases the amount of creative and literary talent of the entire county. Walls of beautifully arranged black and white portraits of writers are intermingled with interactive screens. Here, the visitor can view information on the life and times of 45 writers and creative artists. Discreetly installed information panels are set into the large windows overlooking the church and graveyard. The scaled models of the transport systems have been refurbished. The upstairs room, (former living quarters of the castle) is an atmospheric setting for the living history presentations. All the implements of Medieval/Tudor cooking, Barber Surgery and Archery are dealt with there. The Murder Hole is activated for the schools' programme and the vagaries of the medieval toilet or Garderobe are demonstrated. Watch out if you hear a cry of 'gardez l'eau'!!

In addition to the daytime work of the Centre, as per the terms of the original heritage town concept, "evening entertainment linked to historic and literary themes" is staged on a regular basis. To date, the work of Hugh Leonard, Bernard Farrell, John Millington Synge, Flann O'Brien, James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, George Bernard Shaw and Maeve Binchy has been presented in theatre format as both lunchtime and evening entertainment.

Visitor numbers continue to grow. Numbers have grown from 3,200 in the first years to 34,534 in 2013. We are deeply grateful for the continued support of the local community and grant aid from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo.

We are open 6 days per week. We are closed on Tuesdays.

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**Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre**



## THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL



*President Childers meets some of the Steering Committee in Dalkey*

In 1973, the idea of a community council was introduced to a number of residents in Dalkey. It had sprung from a discussion in the committee of the Ladies Club, a large active organisation. Doris Smyth, a member of this committee, took the brief on behalf of the Ladies Club to explore if there was wider interest among community groups in the idea.

A public meeting was organised and took place in Epworth Hall, a small hall owned by the Methodist Church on Rockfort Avenue, now a private residence. I attended the meeting, representing the Dalkey Community Playgroup. Doris spoke about the general principles of a community council, the historical context inspired by Muintir na Tíre, and her own aspirations for a community council that would provide a network of support in which everybody had a right to discuss what was going on or what was needed in Dalkey. It was a time when new housing was being constructed and, with that, new people and new families endeavouring to engage and integrate into the life of the historical town.

The idea was well received but there was a call for further research and information. A Steering Committee was set up, with Doris as chairperson, myself as secretary representing the Dalkey Community Playgroup, and Robin Budd representing the Methodist Church, as treasurer. The other members of the Steering Committee at that time were Mai Kelly from Monte Villa, Germaine Creeson from Dalkey Avenue, and Frank Goughran from Dalkey Park. We recruited further members over time to spread the work load.

We spent an intensive period of nine months researching the interest of residents in establishing a Community Council, exploring the felt needs of the community and studying the structures of community councils in other areas, including Clondalkin, Ballybrack and Kilbarrack. A questionnaire was designed with much consultation and thoughtful deliberation. It was rolled off using an ancient but highly valuable Gestetner that had been loaned to us by the Lavelle family. The questionnaire was hand delivered and collected to and from every household in Dalkey. It was also circulated to each local organisation.

Another public meeting was organised with Paddy Walley as guest speaker. Paddy was known for his work with Professor Ivor Browne in the innovative unit they set up to respond to community needs in Ballyfermot at this time. Other guests included representatives from community councils in and around Dublin.

Collation of the questionnaires took place and confirmed there was sufficient interest in establishing a community council. A major task followed to familiarise ourselves with every part of Dalkey and divide it up into areas for election purposes. Elections were held to ensure democratic representation of these areas and of the local organisations.

Research on council structures had provided us with a blueprint to establish one that would be as close as possible to representing the diverse voices in Dalkey. Epworth Hall, by then under the management of Dun Laoghaire Corporation, was acquired by the Steering Committee to be used for community purposes. Elections took place in the hall using hand made ballot boxes and competition was rife. Jim Mackey, a solicitor from Railway Road, acted as an election adjudicator.

In March of 1974, the work had been completed. The launch was planned. President Erskine Childers requested an invitation. He had seen a letter in the Irish Times describing the intention to establish a community council. His wife, Rita, had a personal interest in community development, and it had caught his attention. The President launched the Community Council in what was then the Boxing Club's sports centre, now Cuala's GAA Club, on Hyde Road.

During the same week in March a tragic event took place. Thirteen members of the Howard family from Carysfort Road, including both parents, lost their lives and their home



*President Childers launches the Community Council*

in a fire. Two boys, badly burnt, survived. The Steering Committee acted swiftly to launch a fund that would contribute to the needs of the two boys. Dermot Smith, manager of the AIB agreed to act as trustee on behalf of the bank. The launch of this nationwide fund appeal was made from the platform at the launch of the Community Council.

As I write this piece, I am stirred by the unfailing commitment, enthusiasm, and energy of Doris, who kept the process on the road. It was a seed of an idea, but it was brought to germination and has grown and developed over these years to become an important and valuable community resource.

**Judy O'Mahony – Dalkey**



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Many bemoan the loss of the Garda station in Dalkey; they bemoan the loss of the guards, their friendliness and the sense of security they gave to the town. I endeavoured to discover when the station first opened, but the only mention I found in local history was in 1867 when rifles were issued to the then RIC in Dalkey to ward off a night attack on the station by the Fenians in the rising of that year.

The Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) came into being in 1822 under a government act of that year and continued under that name until 1919 when it was replaced by the Irish Republican Police and changed again in 1922 to An Garda Síochána.

Apart from a couple of murders and the usual illegal incidents, a retired member of the force told me that a posting to the Dalkey Garda Station was regarded as retirement' posting as many of the afternoons were spent bathing at White Rock on the Vico Road.

A well known resident of the town associated with the law was a barrister by the name of Horace Porter whose family, it is said, owned most of Dalkey. Needless to say, when he married, the wedding reception was held in Dalkey Town Hall.

Mr Porter was a generous man, noted for representing people free of charge in the Dun Laoghaire District Court.

He was also noted for buying the Director's Tram, one of the most famous trams ever built. The tram was unique, the only one of its kind in the world. The windows were cut glass from Waterford crystal, solid wooden interior, furnishings, cast iron trimmings around the



*The Director's Tram*

upper gallery. It was used exclusively for executive travel and staff inspections around the various depots in Dublin in its heyday. The Dublin United Tramway Company was a world leader in urban transport at the beginning of the 20th century and so in keeping with its international prestige, its directors had a special, lavishly designed tram built to take them on their obviously arduous tours of the extensive tramway network, for it had internal pillars carved as classical columns, its panels bore Celtic carvings, it had elegant lamps, curtains, carpets, armchairs and even a wine cabinet network. It was rarely used after the 1913 Dublin Lockout, however. Mr Porter purchased it in 1949 and put it in his garden on Barnhill Road; some say he lived in it for a while. Mr Porter kept pigs

and was often seen riding through the town on his Lambretta scooter collecting slops for them which he put in to the carrier attached to the back of the scooter.

Another Dalkey remarkable was Mrs Toppins who lived in Rocklands on Harbour Road. She was noted for the breeding of Dachshunds but what is of more interest is that she let out her house to Jack Doyle, popularly referred to as 'The Gorgeous Gael', at one time or another a contender for the British Boxing Champion-ship, a Hollywood actor and an accomplished tenor and married to the glamorous Hollywood actress, Movita. Some still remember seeing the couple walking arm in arm to the 'pictures' in Dun Laoghaire.



*Dalkey Garda Station*

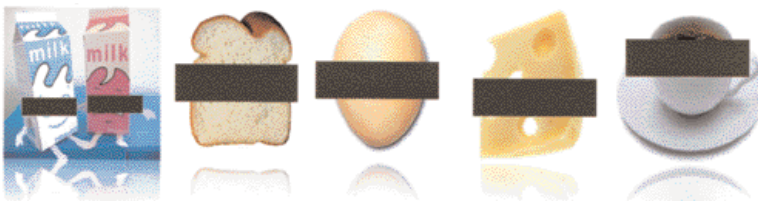


*Jack Doyle*



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Their marriage didn't last long, however, as Jack was a high spirited man in every sense of the word. Not content with a peaceful life of attending cinemas in Dun Laoghaire, amongst other escapades, he resided in Mountjoy for punching and knocking out a Garda in a Ranelagh Pub and served four months hard labour in Sligo Gaol for bouncing a cheque. All this must have proved too much for Movita, for she divorced him, returned to Hollywood and married Marlon Brando.

Not to be outdone for the unusual, Ma Toppins is also remembered for being buried in a lead coffin in the vicinity of the Kish lighthouse.

I heard of a man who too wishes to be buried at sea, but his problem, he says, is that he cannot locate a good gravedigger!

**WILLIAM BLACKALL**

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Teresa Ball who chose this

**A**mazing view of Dalkey Island.

**R**emember the teachers who helped us learn.

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*Loreto Primary School Bloomsday 2012*

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In raising a celebratory glass to commemorate the 40th year of this Newsletter with this month's edition, I would also like to raise a toast in memory of Dr. John de Courcy Ireland, in which I dedicate the Maritime Dalkey series to the former Dalkey resident and 'Father' of Maritime Ireland's history. Before embarking on some notable events over the last four decades, however, it is firstly worth noting that there is a present-day notable development, that is, to restore the ferry boat service from Coliemore Harbour to Dalkey Island this summer!

**Dalkey Island Ferry:** Since the last issue, significant progress has been made towards the restoration of a licensed boat service. Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Council officials are optimistic a service can start mid-May, following upgrading of island slipway and pier, a recommendation from Conservation Plan for the island and short-term work to improve safety conditions in Coliemore Harbour. Furthermore, the council are to carry out remedial work over medium-term on foot of harbour survey report.

A foreshore license to permit upgrading the island harbour was signed by the Minister of State for Housing and Planning, in late February, in the hope work be completed in May, weather permitting.

**Coliemore Harbour Action Group** wishes to express its thanks to all the various and wide-ranging bodies, community groups and individual experts who gave consistent support to raise the issue at official level. In addition, thanks also to local councillors for their solid rôle over the last two years and with the overall degree of support demonstrated by all, this was crucial to the present outcome.

**Maritime Dalkey** - made its debut almost three years ago in this newsletter, established in 1974, which also happened to be 'The Year of the Lifeboat' and coincided with the 150th anniversary of RNLI, where a major event which was held in Dublin Castle, site of 'Black Pool' and Viking settlement (*see, June 2012 issue*) and 'homecoming' to the Liffey of replica longboat Sea Stallion of Glendalough escorted by Deilginis a Dublin Port tug, since sold and working off Corrib Oil field!

The RNLI events are apt as Dr. Ireland for 26 years was Honorary Secretary of Dun Laoghaire lifeboat station. In 2008, RNLB Anna Livia was off Coliemore Harbour as Dalkey Tidy Town celebrated the life and works of Dr. Ireland and a daughter Moneen, who unveiled a plaque and binocular-scope (*see November 2008 issue*).

He was also a figurehead of the Maritime Institute of Ireland and its National Maritime Museum in Dun Laoghaire (*see, April 2012 issue*) and in the same year, was awarded 'most improved museum'. On display is a model of brigantine Asgard II, the state's first custom sail-training vessel as pictured in Dalkey Sound around 1984 (*see, August 2011 issue*). Also featured on a first transit of the sound the barque Jeanie Johnson under 'full sail' prior to a 2003 USA-Canada tour and in 2009, schooner Etoile de France laden very unusually with a 'commercial' cargo, that of wine while off The Muglins bound to Dublin Port and one thinks of Dalkey's medieval port status!

**DALKEY SOUND** has on three separate occasions seen the world's last ocean-going paddle-steamer, P.S. Waverley (*see, Oct. 2011 issue*) on excursion trips, the first in 1984. Arguably one



*Ms. Moneen de Courcy Ireland (Dr. John's daughter) at a ceremony on 6th October 2008 to unveil a plaque and binocular-scope to mark the Life and work of Dr. John De Courcy Ireland*

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reasonably frequent basis until the late 1990's was 'sludge' vessel, Sir Joseph Bazalgette, thankfully disposed beforehand at the spoiling grounds off Kish Bank. Dublin City Corporation sold her to become a 'water-carrier!' (see, Dec Jan.2011/12 issue). For back-issues in PDF format visit: [www.dalkeycommunitycouncil.com](http://www.dalkeycommunitycouncil.com)

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## ❖ DALKEY SCHOOL PROJECT NATIONAL SCHOOL ❖

### Top O' The Morning at Dalkey School Project National School

To celebrate St Patricks day the pupils of Dalkey School Project were invited to have a "green" breakfast together in school. It was a great success and the students thoroughly enjoyed it. The silence was deafening as the breakfast was served but the chatter soon increased as cereal was eaten, fruit was shared and green muffins were considered!

*"We wore our pyjamas to school and could sit with our friends and have breakfast together. Our parents served us at our desks. I had cornflakes and orange juice, green apples and green grapes. We listened to Irish music when we were eating our breakfast. I can't wait until we do it all again!"*



#### Anna 2nd Class.

Our enthusiastic team of parents chopped green fruit, baked mountains of green muffins, produced lakes of green milk, provided classroom decor and musical entertainment and made the whole event good green fun for all the students! And Popeye would have been very proud... The students (mostly unsuspecting;-) consumed over 2kg of spinach, for breakfast!!!! We would like to say a big thank you to



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*"We had green muffins made from spinach and bananas and green milk. They used spinach to colour them. I thought they were amazing. It was great to hang out with my friends while eating breakfast. We could wear pyjamas or something green, or even green pyjamas! Everyone loved the breakfast."* – **Cameron 4th Class.**



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Skiff rowing in Dalkey was passed down from the hobbler. Hobbler were men in the 18th and 19th century, who rowed fishing and pilot boats that guided bigger boats to their moorings. Whoever got to the boat first got the job! They rowed much bigger and heavier boats than the present day skiff. As work started drying up, towards the end of the 1800's, instead of racing to the boats they started having races between themselves and this is how it all started. The tradition is honoured today through the many skiff regattas along the coast during the summer months.

There is evidence of Regattas taking place in Dalkey as early as 17th August 1878. However, the club wasn't officially started until 1934. The founding committee included Patrick

White, John Doyle, who had the barber shop in Castle St, Fred Hill (father of Harry Hill and his brother 'Gutney' - both top class footballers) and Tom English of St Patrick's Road. The finance to buy the club's first boat was provided by the owner of a small aircraft that crash landed into the sea just south of Dalkey Island. The senior crew who were practicing in an old rowing boat called 'The Sarah', saw the accident and raced straight over. They successfully pulled both the pilot and the passenger from the plane - uninjured! In an act of gratitude the owner bought the club's first boat, which they named 'Blath na Farraige' or 'The Flower of the Sea'. Their first season was a huge success, with the senior crew winning many of the races and finishing the season as East Coast Champions. The senior crew was made up of Jim Foran, Mick Lambe, Thady Dowling and the coxswain was Mick Byrne.



*A treasure trove of awards*



*Far left 'Gunger' (jnr) Hammond, -  
'Gunger' Hammond (snr), - ,  
Coco Brown*

They continued with their success throughout the 1930's with crew members that included the Foran brothers, William and Jim Browne, the Hammond's, the Holmes' and the Murray's. There were 2 other great oarsmen of this period called Mick (Hare) Lambe and Sonny Price. Sadly, they both lost their lives in the pacific, whilst enlisted for WWII, only



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*Four generations of rowers*

days after peace was declared. Mick never got to meet his twins that were born later that year.

In the late 1930's a ladies crew was set up. The crew, which included Gracie Hill, Greta Reilly, Maggie and Anne Brown won lots of races in 1940 and 1941 in the newly purchased boat - the St Malachy. This name is still used for the club's boat to this day.

The 1950's brought with it a new wave of successful oarsmen, which included Tony Delany, Dan Rafferty, Pat O'Brien, Wally Knowles, Willie Reilly, Mick Williams and Mick Mullen (snr). However, the crew made up of Tony Delany, JJ Banahan, Andy Kavanagh, Jimmy Hammond and coxswain Andy Delany were undefeated in the 1951 summer season and again finished winners of the East Coast Championship!

The 'Golden Era' for the Rowing Club really came in the 1970's when several East Coast Championships were won. The key oarsmen of this period were Colm Dermot, Michael Comerford, the Newbank brothers, Pat Dalton, Terence, Seamus and Brian Keogh, Com and Eoin Condon, Michael and Declan Mullen, Ken, Johnny and Gerald Cunningham. It wasn't just the men - the women enjoyed lots of successes too. Their key players were Michelle Brady, Eimear Comerford, Christine Walsh, Geraldine Greene, Helen Seix, Ann Golden, Linda Cunningham, Elaine Farrell, Jacinta and Tine Kelly, Carol Condon, Liz Bailey and Yvonne Rooney.

Arguably, one of the club's greatest achievements came in 1994 when the school-boys won the All Ireland Championship in Carnlough Regatta. The winning crew was David Cunningham, Colm Harper, Darren Hughes, Garrett Duffy and cox Frank Duffy.

Dalkey Rowing Club is and has always been a really inclusive club and it seems that everyone in the locality has been involved with the rowing club at one stage or another.



*Tony Brennan, Terence Keogh, Ken Cunningham,  
David Cunningham & Kevin Carroll*



*Wicklow Regatta 2004*

The current club was re launched last year after a few years of decline and is going from strength to strength. More people are showing interest in joining this season, which is brilliant. We continue to fundraise for a new boat and had a massively successful Quiz night in The Club Bar on the 6th March. We would like to say a huge thanks to Cliona O'Reilly for organising it, all the local businesses that supported it and



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everyone who came and joined in on the night. As you can see from the photo, the last boat DRC bought cost £75 - if only it was that price today!

The Rowing Club will launch the boats for the new season on

Saturday 12th April at Coliemore Harbour

from 2pm. It will be a

bit of an event (weather permitting) with some food and games as well as the opportunity to have a go yourself. Members of the Rowing Club will be taking anyone who fancies it, out for a row. Come along!



*'Dalkey Rowing Club 1934/5.'*



## DALKEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION



Dalkey Active Retirement Association would like to congratulate Dalkey Community Council on their Fortieth Anniversary. This is a great achievement. Their Newsletter is very well produced and has improved greatly through the forty years. It helps us all to keep up-to-date with what is happening in Dalkey. We thank you for that.

D.A.R.A. has been in existence for 23 years and is doing more activities every year. We have a membership of six hundred. We have two holidays organised every year and do everything from Aerobics, Bridge, Bowling, Book Club, Irish, French and Spanish Language Classes, Hill Walking, Flower Arranging, Garden Club, Line Dancing Group, Creative Writing and Theatre Outings. So, between Dalkey Community Council and D.A.R.A. there is a very vibrant community in Dalkey.

Long may you continue Dalkey Community Council to look after our beautiful town and produce our excellent Newsletter.

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*Dalkey Sea Scouts raise funds for R.N.L.I.*

The 41st Dublin (St. Patrick's, Dalkey), more commonly known as Dalkey Sea Scouts, have been in action since 1956, so we have been in operation alongside the Community News for many of those years. This is quite an achievement for both groups and celebrates a lengthy history within the community.

Dalkey Sea Scouts has an impressive set of Log Books which are a glimpse of social history, down through the years, similar indeed to the Dalkey

Community Council Newsletter. In that time many members, both youth and adults, have enjoyed many interesting scouting experiences and as a consequence have a treasure trove of memories and achievements to their credit.

Like everything, scouting has evolved through the years and nowadays modern scouting is all about getting out into nature, developing new skills such as sailing, swimming, hiking, practicing working in a team, nurturing leadership and for everyone to enjoy it. In some regards, nothing much has changed: the principles are the same!

Down through all the years helping scouts on your way in Dalkey Sea Scouts has been a team of adventurous and interesting leaders known as Scouters. These Leaders are there to assist youth members in planning and developing their skill base along the lines of what each member may be interested in. Nowadays, these skills are known as adventure skills and are delivered through a comprehensive training program called the One Programme.

Our Scouter team includes experts in kayaking, sailing, rowing, hiking, logistics, power boating, and camping to name but a few areas and the members of Dalkey Sea Scouts have opportunities to meet other people in the scouting world at bigger scouting events such as jamborees, national and international. At the moment we are currently planning for one youth member to represent our troop in the next World Jamboree in Japan in 2015, which is a pretty exciting opportunity.

Closer to home, one of our most important local links is with the RNLI. We were delighted to present a cheque to the RNLI recently for some fundraising which the Cubs did. It was a great opportunity to see what critical work the RNLI do and possibly set the seed for future volunteers among our young adventurous members.

Other significant local ventures include fundraising for other charities both local and national: visiting local nursing homes and bringing the Peace Light to Dalkey each Christmas. This is indeed a great honour for the troop because the light has travelled all the way from Bethlehem to our community courtesy of scouts worldwide. Every year, the troop also helps out at the Fête at St. Patrick's Church with a very successful burger stand!

Wishing the Community Newsletter many more years withstanding the test of time, just like scouting.

Yours in Scouting

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As one of Ireland's most established and respected amateur drama groups, St. Patrick's Dramatic Society has performed at many of the One Act Drama Festivals around the country en route to qualifying for the finals of the All Ireland One-Act Drama Competition and we have succeeded no less than eight times.

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### ALL IRELAND ONE ACT DRAMA FINALS

**2003 'The Spelling of Coynes'** by Jules Tosca.

Directed by Valerie Wallace. Qualified for finals in Ennis – 2nd place

**2002 'The Pushcart Peddlers'** by Murray Schisgal.

Directed by Nadia Quick. Qualified for finals in Virginia – WINNERS

**2000 'Him and Her'** by Lorcan Roche. Directed by

Nadia Quick. Qualified for finals in Tralee – 2nd Place

**1999 'Roman Fever'** by Hugh Leonard. Directed by

Judith Elmes. Qualified for finals in Kilkenny. Received the AIB bursary for best group in South County Dublin.

**1996 'Say Something Happened'** by Alan

Bennett. Directed by Nadia Quick. Qualified for finals in Ballyshannon – WINNERS - confined.

**1995 'Umjana Land'** by Gillian Plowman.

Directed by Nadia Quick. Qualified for finals in Kilkenny – 2nd place - confined

**1994 'In By The Half'** by Jimmie Chinn.

Directed by Nadia Quick. Qualified for finals in Cork – 2nd place - confined.



*Rough Justice Spring 2013*



*Murdered to Death Autumn 2012*



*End of Term Spring 2013*



*Importance of Being Ernest Spring 2011*





## THE CHANGING FACE OF HAROLD BOYS' N.S.



*Harold Boys' N.S. in the snow*

There have been many and varied changes in Harold Boys' N.S. since 1974. The curriculum itself changed in 1999. In maths, for example, the emphasis is now on real life problem solving and the use of concrete materials. In English every class reads a set of novels each year (rather than the old style "reader"). There is also a new emphasis on oral English.

Boys also write their own books and

take part in the All Ireland Write A Book Competition. In 2011 Scholastic published an Anthology of our pupils' poems called *We Are Writers*. Science is now a very practical subject with boys encouraged to ask questions, make predictions and carry out experiments. We have just won our 7th award of Excellence for Discover Primary Maths & Science. The boys also came first in the All Ireland Engineering Competition (with their proposed Swimming Pool Project at Dun Laoghaire Baths).

In PE, while the traditional sports of Hurling and Gaelic Football are still played, boys also receive coaching in Soccer, Rugby, Basketball and our Tennis Team now participates in a Dublin League.

Harold Boys' N.S. was delighted to welcome pupils with Special Needs to the school. We now have a full time Resource Teacher (for pupils with Special Needs), a full time Learning Support Teacher (for pupils with general learning difficulties in English and Maths) and three Special Needs Assistants.

Computers play an increasingly important part in school life. Boys take weekly computer classes in the Computer Room. Every class room has an interactive White Board and



*Harold Boys' School Confirmation Class 1979*



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several computers so that boys can work on their Literacy & Numeracy skills daily. The Popularity of after school activities has also increased. In addition to the sports already mentioned, boys now enjoy Drama (last year Harold Boys' N.S. won best performance by a National School in Stage Craft Youth Drama Festival), Chess and Guitar.

Pupils also design their own Christmas Cards which are then printed. We hold a History Week every year when boys bring in artefacts from home and this ends with a Historical Fancy Dress (everyone from Napoleon to Astronauts!) We give boys in Rang 5 cycling classes. This is followed in Rang 6 by a Cycle on the Road course. This is of huge practical benefit to the boys.

We have received 3 Green Flags to date. These are for Litter & Waste, Energy and Water Saving. We are currently working on our 4th Flag which is Travel.

Some things in Harold Boys' N.S. have not changed and one of those is our relationship with parents. Our Parents' Association is now larger and stronger than ever and we have worked closely with them over the years to make the school the wonderful place it is to learn and work in.

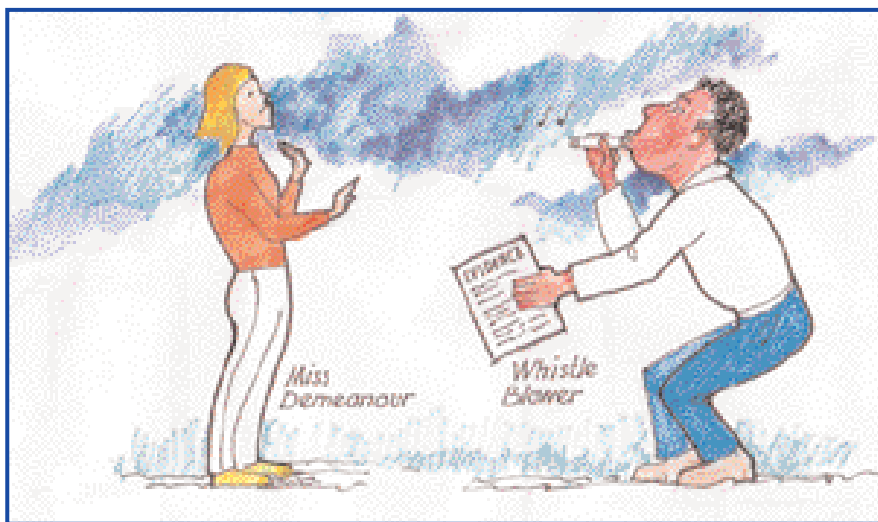
Harold Boys' N.S. has always enjoyed a close link with the Community. We warmly welcome past pupils to view the boys Art & Project work at our annual Open Day. The boys also enjoy participating in Dalkey Business group events. In 2011, Rang 6 won the Comerford Cup (The Dalkey Community Council Award for Youth Endeavour).

Pupil numbers dropped to 76 in 2009. In September 2014 we will have 130 pupils. This huge rise in numbers is a testament to the wonderful team who now work in the school.

In 2007 there was a complete refurbishment of the old school (built in 1901). In 2013 there was a modern extension added. This year there will be another extension to accommodate the rise in pupil numbers.

There indeed have been many changes in Harold Boys' N.S. We still strive for excellence both in the classroom and on the pitch. The staff of Harold Boys' N.S. would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Dalkey for their support over the years. Whatever changes may come our way over the next 40 years, the heart of our wonderful school will remain the same.

**Teresa Buckley – Principal**



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 7-10 10/02/2014 to 7/3/2014

*The material in the Planning Section of the Newsletter is based entirely on data taken from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's website. If you are concerned about a particular item it is strongly recommended that you examine the relevant file in the Council's offices.*

**Reg. Ref.**D14A/0066

**Application Rec'd Date:** 14-Feb-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Paul Murray & Sarah O'Brien, Iveragh, 21, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for alterations and an extension to include: (1) the widening of the vehicular access opening from the public road and replacement of the entrance gates; (2) alterations to the front entrance steps; (3) alterations to window openings and the relocation of a door in the front facade; (4) formation of steps to the proposed side entrance at ground floor level; (5) formation of a bay window in the gable wall of the first floor bedroom; (6) the construction of a ground floor extension to the side of the return at the rear; (7) the formation of a raised terrace and steps to the rear of the house and the carrying out of other ancillary contingent works.

**Reg. Ref.**D08A/0504/E

**Application Rec'd Date:** 04-Dec-2013

**Applicant Name & Location:** Oliver Kavanagh, 2, Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** A new detached two storey residential dwelling located to the rear of existing detached house consisting at ground floor of: 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, with living, dining and kitchen areas at first floor, including site boundary treatment, car parking for two vehicles with new vehicular entrance and gate to Harbour Road and all associated site works, including diverting existing public sewer. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission Additional Information: 18-Feb-2014

**Reg. Ref.**D14A/0074

**Application Rec'd Date:** 17-Feb-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** John & Heather Williams, C/o Miley & Miley Solicitors, 51a Castlepark Road, Glengearry, Co Dublin.

**Proposal:** Permission for development consisting of physical separation of existing houses number 51 and 51a. This division is to be achieved by the removal of the linking space between both houses to create a mews house at 51a. The access to the two houses remains the same and the existing garden is divided to reflect this new arrangement. Application Type: Permission

**Reg. Ref.**D14A/0077

**Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Feb-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Corinne Giacometti, Back of Moytura, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for a 180 sqm dormer bungalow with new entrance on Saval Park Road.

**Reg. Ref.**D14B/0061

**Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Feb-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** D Harris, Monte Guiseppe, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of existing front entrance porch and bay over, provision of new two storey extension comprising new front entrance portico and living accommodation over, replacement of existing first floor timber bay windows on either side of front entrance with new timber bay windows and associated site works. Application Type: Permission.

**Reg. Ref.**D14A/0098

**Application Rec'd Date:** 7-Mar-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Iris O'Malley, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for modification to approved plans, Reg. Ref. D13A/0317 PL06D.242469, to approved House A to construct a single storey side extension (39 sqm) and a garden store (10 sqm).

## PLANNING DECISIONS WEEKS 7-10 10/02/2014 TO 07/03/2014

**Reg. Ref.** D14B/0001

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 26-Feb-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Natalie & Kenneth Flanagan, 62, Springhill Park, Killiney.

**Proposal:** Permission for the conversion of existing attic space to habitable roof space; a dormer with 2 no windows to rear, a new window and gable at side and the partial demolition of existing chimney, along with associated site development works. Application Type: Permission

**Reg. Ref.**D14A/0004

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 4-Mar-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Gerard Ryan, 36 Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling, including removal of existing septic tank and construction of new 2 storey over basement house (478 sqm) with associated landscaping and new main drainage connection. Application Type: Permission.



## APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála - Wks 7-10 10/2/2014 - 7/3/2014

**Reg Ref:** D13A/0602

**Registration Date:** 15-Nov-2013

**Location:** Magpie Inn Public House, 115/116, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Development:** Permission for development consisting of: (1) Retention permission for a 19.5 sqm partially enclosed roofed area to the side and rear of the public house for use as a smoking area; (2) Permission for the erection of internal and external sound absorbing and deflection structures, including a 1.2m high sound barrier/deflector over the existing openings in the roof structure to the smoking area and a 2m high barrier in front of existing rooftop plant located to the side and rear of public house. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area.

**Council Decision:** Grant Permission. Appeal Lodged: 13-Feb-2014. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

## APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks 6-9 3/2/2014 - 28/2/2014

None for Dalkey Area

## APRIL 2014 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS

**Wed. April 2nd at 8 pm** – The Rathmichael Historical Society meets in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill. Susan Roundtree will present her lecture on ‘*Ranelagh*’. All welcome.

**Thursday April 3rd at 8pm** – The Mount Merrion Historical Society meets in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion. Christopher Sandes will present his lecture on ‘*Victorian Conservatories*’. All welcome - admission €4.

**Tuesday April 8th at 8pm** – The Genealogical Society of Ireland meets in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire. Brian Scott will present his lecture ‘*Maritime Matters*’. All welcome - admission - €4.

**Thursday April 10th at 8pm** – The Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Soc. meets in The Function Room, Glenalbyn, Stillorgan. Elizabeth Smith will present her illustrated lecture on ‘*Katy Doyle’s Postcards from New York, 1906 - 1908*’. All welcome - admission €3.

**Tuesday April 15th at 8pm** – The Foxrock Local History Club meets in the Foxrock Parish Centre at the rear of Foxrock R.C. Church. Moira Laffan will give a short talk on ‘*William H. Lecky - The Historian*’ while Prof. Sean Duffy will give the main talk of the evening on ‘*Clontarf 1014*’. All welcome.

**Wednesday April 16th at 8pm** – The Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society meets in The Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire. The AGM of the Society will take place and will be followed by a short talk on ‘*The Sketches of Mathew Kendrick*’ by Cormac Lowth. All welcome. Admission non-members €3.50; Retired €2

**Friday April 25th at 8pm** – The Military History Society of Ireland meets in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. Dr. Darren McGettigan will present his lecture ‘*The Battle of Clontarf 1014*’. All welcome.

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We send our congratulations to Dalkey Community Council to mark the 40th Anniversary of the commencement of publication of their Newsletter.

In looking back through our own archives to 1974 we noted that the Castle Park Old Boys' Society had been in place for 50 years that year and that the School itself was in its 70th year. The Old Boys (later called Old Cepians) celebrated with a dinner in the School attended by over 60 guests. Some of the Old Cepians in attendance at this 50th Anniversary Dinner were amongst the earliest pupils who had attended the School - Mr A K Palmer who left in 1912 and Mr T E R Morphy who left in 1913 but returned for two terms as an assistant house master whilst waiting to be called up to serve in the Great War in 1914.

The following year the Headmaster reported "I think that this year marks the final establishment of Castle Park as a co-educational



*Castle Park  
1st XI  
Cricket  
Team  
1974*

school. The numbers of girls have risen to 20 and this has been a happy change as far as the School is concerned. The girls have integrated well and take part in all activities except Rugby." In describing some of the outings that the pupils participated in that year, the Headmaster also commented "The Leavers spent a day seeing the Stock Exchange, Trinity College, Dublin and a conducted tour of Bulloch Castle. A group of seniors was fortunate to hear a very fine concert conducted by Colin Block, which was brought to Dalkey by the Community Council."

In the intervening years the School has become fully co-educational and almost doubled in size: we wonder what may happen over the next forty years - what will the current pupils have experienced by the time they reach fifty?



The Tidy Towns Competition was started in 1958. It was then run by Bord Failte in an effort to improve the appearance of Ireland's towns and villages. A little more than 50 entries were received that year and the competition was won by Glenties in Co Donegal. In 1995 it was taken over by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government and the emphasis moved from solely litter, painting and planting flowers to a more environmentally aware, conservation and eco-friendly model. It now has over 700 entries a year. Supervalu has been the major sponsor since 1991.



*Old aerial view of Coliemore with Dalkey Island Hotel visible*

In the early 1980's the Dalkey Traders Association decided to enter Dalkey into the Tidy Towns competition as part of an effort to visually improve the town. Paul Gill was one of the key people involved. In 1988, the organisation split into the Dalkey Business Association and Dalkey Tidy Towns. However the two organisations were always entwined. The Community Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co Council were also involved in many of our projects. Frank Mulligan from Systems Printing and Peter White from PD's Woodhouse were both very active Chairmen of Dalkey Tidy Towns in the 80's and early 90's.

While we have not yet reached our ultimate goal of winning the top prize, we are making steady progress in the right direction. In the early years individual shops in Dalkey won national prizes for the best shopfront. Railway Road was the star. Photogenic, Dalkey Arts (now sadly empty), Finnegans and Dalkey Pharmacy all won silverware as did Paul Gill's Opticians and the Queens on St Patrick's Rd. and Castle St. In 2004 Dalkey won the first County Award and in 2010 a Bronze achievement medal. In 2013 we added a silver achievement medal was added to our award collection.

Over the last 30 years the changes were slow and probably not immediately noticeable. However, over a longer period the changes are quite radical. Would anyone notice that a lot of the old ESB cables were removed and put underground? Does street furniture ever get noticed? New signposts and maps have appeared. Have you noticed how well the front of the DART Station looks, how clean and smart Bulloch Harbour is? The Car Park at the church got tarmacadamed. Look at Coliemore Harbour and the telescope on Coliemore Rd, the playgrounds, the seats. Who put new Heritage Signs at the entrances to Dalkey? Who runs Litter Patrols, tidies up all the derelict sites and plants trees and shrubs? Who is out there encouraging and promoting good design? All are Tidy Towns Achievements. All done with the support and encouragement of DLRCC, Dalkey Community Council and the Dalkey Business Group.

A review of the 1994 Tidy Towns report highlights mainly litter and weeds, derelict sites, superfluous advertising signs and street clutter. Sadly, the advertising hoardings and billboards which were highly criticised in 1994 are still criticised in the report ten years later in 2004 and, even sadder, will still be a target in 2014. St Patrick's Square gets praised in 1994 and is still being admired in 2004. New in 2004 is mention of our lovely Heritage Centre, working with schools to achieve Green Flag Status and praise for the high standard of shop fronts.



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The current chairman of Dalkey Tidy Towns is Paddy Rigney. The committee members are Frank Dillon, Malcolm Connolly, Terry Wheatley, Blaithín O'Brien and Dr. Susan McDonnell and Des Burke Kennedy. John Hickey, June Barnett, Sharon Goff and the late Tom Keating are ex committee members over the last 10 years and we really appreciate all they have contributed. Not to mention the weekly Litter Patrollers and Marius. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the decades and are open to support any appropriate projects.

**Blaithín O'Brien**

## DALKEY PLAYERS

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*Dangerous Liaisons*

In addition, the group runs regular workshops on acting, directing, movement and voice for its members. Previous workshop facilitators have included Pat Kinevane, Ena May, Scott Marshall, Chrissie Poulter, and Conall Morrison. Recent productions have been extremely diverse and have included works by Friel, Wilde, Miller, Shakespeare, Chekov, Carr, Behan, Leonard and Churchill. The group has extensive experience of the Drama Festival Circuit, both One Act and Full Length, and has won numerous awards over the years in all

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**Easter Sunday** 20th April (Easter Day)

**6.15 am:** Sunrise Service, The Obelisk, Victoria Park

**8.30 am:** Holy Communion

**10.45 am:** Family Communion: The Rector

On Easter Sunday we will have an Easter Egg Hunt, Festive reception and our annual Easter Bonnet

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**The Carry Hall** – The pledging has happily surpassed all expectations with over €30,000 already pledged. Thank you to all concerned! After careful thought and consideration it has been decided to amalgamate the April Fundraiser and May Social into one event. A Unique Social/Fundraiser: An evening of food, fun, memories and a unique opportunity for one person to win €1,000 (optional extra charge of €10 to enter this competition)

**When:** Friday 23rd May @ 8pm. **Where:** The Carry Hall **Theme:** 1950's (appropriate dress optional but preferred!). Entertainment provided, also includes luxury raffle.

**Cost:** €20 per person (includes 2 course meal) - Bring your own bottle! Places limited to 150, book early to avoid disappointment - Contact: Zandra Laing (0876308593)

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**Sheep Thrills** - Made in Ireland. Every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Hall. Anyone interested please contact Joan @ 0872460078. Admission €3-€5.

**The Y Club** (Killiney Men's Society)

The annual dinner will take place on Thursday 10th April in the Royal St George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire.

**Table Tennis** – The table tennis club meets every Monday at 8pm in the Carry Hall. All Welcome!

**Ladies Guild** – As a mark of respect following death of a former member (Olga Gale), the March meeting was cancelled. On the 8th April the Rev'd Canon Ben Neill retired

Rector, of Dalkey Parish will talk about his life as a Rector. The meeting will be held at 10.30 am in the Carry Hall. Visitors welcome.

**SILK** - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney

The next gathering of SILK will be on Wednesday 16th April. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

**Bible Study and Prayer Group** – The next Bible Study on Tuesday 15th April at 10.30am in the Carry Hall. All are very welcome to attend.



The Y Club



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*Wolf Blass Thematic Entrance*

### WOLF BLASS WINERY

It was a dull day in the Barossa so a perfect day for cellar door tastings. We arrived in Wolf Blass car park eager to see this iconic winery and taste some of their wines. The cellar door is a piece of art in itself so combining this with friendly staff and great tasting wines it is no wonder Wolf Blass has become an international sensation.

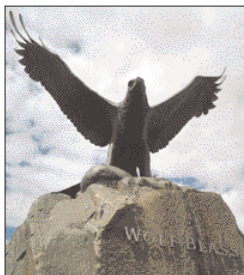
We met Hayley at cellar door who invited us to taste their huge range and answer the many questions I had on the

history of Wolf Blass, their many labels and their best...the Platinum Shiraz. The story of Wolf Blass began in Germany in 1934 with the birth of Wolfgang Blass. His family had a background in wine but Wolf was actually forced into getting his wine diploma. Little did he know he would ultimately change the face of Australian wine. Years later when his travels found him in London he was offered an opportunity to work in the Barossa and this is how he came to buy two hectares of land where the cellar door stands today. In his first vintage he made 3,000 bottles of Shiraz/Cabernet and now today Wolf Blass produces 30 million bottles. Wolf Blass is now owned by Treasury Wines Estate but Wolf still has a role as “statesman” in the Winery that bears his name. In his eighties now Wolf still ski’s two months of the year which leads me to believe that a glass of wine a day must be good for you!

Wolf Blass uses coloured labels to differentiate its wines. Starting with entry level red label through to yellow, gold, grey, black and their top level single vineyard platinum label. My favourite on their lower range is Red Label



*Wolf Blass Display Wall*



*Wolf Blass Eagle*

Shiraz/Cabernet which can be found in most off licences in your area at a very reasonable price. Soft and spicy with blackberry fruits and light tannins on the finish, it is a fantastic red that delivers real value for money. Unfortunately, as is almost always the case, their pricey Platinum Label Shiraz cannot be rivalled. Rich blueberry notes and complex elements of dark chocolate. Aged in 100% French oak this wine is superbly long on the palate and is made for a long life in the cellar. This wine can be ordered through the UK with a price tag of around £80 a bottle and can be sourced through [www.winesdirect.com.au](http://www.winesdirect.com.au).

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In 1974 the principal TV channels were RTE I (then Teleifís Éireann ), BBC 1, BBC 2, and ITV (UTV from Northern and HTV from Wales) all of which broadcast programmes in a mixture of black and colour and required a large roof top aerial through cable television from master aerials which offered better reception was becoming available .Today digital satellite television which also comes in HD and 3D formats, and Ultra HD soon to be available, is the norm though the proliferation of satellite dishes on buildings and domestic residents is another visual blight on the landscape.

Tea bags have replaced loose tea and convenience foods are now available in a variety of forms which can be cooked or reheated in a matter of minutes especially in microwave cookers, one of the more positive benefits to emerge from the American Space Programmes has been non-stick cook ware.

The World Wide Web (www) makes it possible to obtain information on nearly anything within seconds which formerly could take hours or days of searching through printed literature to find what one was looking for. E-mail makes instant communication possible including the sending of documents and images.

In 1974 Dalkey had a peak hour train service in the morning from 7.30 a.m. until 9.30 a.m. After which there were long intervals between trains until the evening rush between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. with the last suburban train leaving Dublin around 7 p.m. There was a very limited Saturday service and no trains ran on Sundays, except in July and August when trains ran at hourly intervals from midday until around 8.00 p.m. The arrival of the DART a decade later revolutionised suburban travel in Dublin and today there is only a 15 minute interval between trains from 06.00 a.m. with the last trains running around 11.30 p.m. Monday to Saturday. There is a 30-minute interval between DARTs on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 12-noon they then change to a 20-minute interval until the last 11.30 p.m. train.

When the DART was introduced Dalkey lost its signal box. This stood at the southern end of the town (to Bray) platform as well as a number of sidings that were formerly used to park other trains and rolling stock.

The C.D (compact disk) has replaced the 45 rpm single and 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> rpm LP (long play) record and it is now possible to download music from various sites, store it on a variety of electronic devices, and then play it back at one's convenience. In the same way the D.V.D (Digital Versatile Disk) has replaced the video cassette and like music, films and TV programmes can be downloaded on to variety of personal electric devices.

Breaking news, domestic and international, can be viewed on dedicated TV news channels and on a variety of personal devices. Even books, newspapers, and magazines are available in electronic formats.

Medicine too has made tremendous strides in diagnosing and treating various conditions with organ transplants now a routine procedure though a cure for the common cold has still yet to be discovered!

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*Dalkey fox now frequently seen*

We're all aware how our climate and seasons have changed over the last three or four decades with various effects on the environment. Drastic reductions in butterfly and insect numbers occurred during cold wet summers and though there was a slight reprieve with last year's record hot summer, butterfly species that were once our most common, like Small Tortoiseshell, continue to drop in number. But alongside the changes caused by climate, a lot of bird species have

themselves created the changes which affected their own circumstances.

In the last 40 years there has been a heartening increase in numbers of one of our most melodious singing summer warblers, the Blackcap. Once only considered a summer migrant they are now a frequent visitor to garden feeders in winter and a common summer breeding bird. The wintering blackcaps are birds that will return to breed in central Europe and have increased their survival rate by not migrating as far in the winter, instead coming to western Europe where the milder winters and abundance of garden food can help them survive and get back to their breeding territory a lot easier and faster than if they'd migrated to Africa. While the blackcaps that will be singing all around Dalkey and Killiney hills in summer are birds that will have wintered in Spain or North Africa before coming here. It's thought that these birds aren't migrating as far south either, the shorter return distance reducing the risk of loss on their return journey. Whatever the reason for their success, former Dalkey resident Dick Coombes, co-ordinator of Birdwatch Ireland's Countryside Breeding Bird survey told me that blackcaps have increased by a whopping 15.5% average annually (nationally) over a 13 year span. Whitethroats, another summer migrant member of the warbler family suffered a catastrophic 90% decline in numbers in the late sixties blamed on a drought in the western Sahel in Africa but have managed a substantial recovery since. One pair regularly nested below the Vico Road and a few years ago there were at least four male Whitethroats singing around the two hills.

Sadly, in decline is the most evocative sounding bird of summer, the Cuckoo. We've had male cuckoos calling on Dalkey and Killiney hills in recent years but they never seem to connect with a female and although some can be heard around Wicklow, they have declined nationwide leaving the west of the Shannon as their stronghold. Another summer visitor, the Swallow, has declined by 2.6% annually in the east of the country while Swifts have displayed a even more drastic national decline of 5.6% annually according to the Birdwatch CBS survey.

It is a fair assumption that 40 years ago nobody would have predicted that a number of previously very uncommon bird species would arrive and spread across the country. Two species of eagle, the Golden and White Tailed, as well as Red Kites have been reintroduced by human intervention but Buzzards have made their own way down from a tiny population in northern Ireland to spread all over the country. They are now seen in every county and driving north along the M1 they're a common sight perched on lamp posts or quartering fields beside the motorway. They are often seen locally over Loughlinstown, Cabinteely and Kilbogget parks.

What was once our most commonly seen raptor, the Kestrel, which used to nest in Dalkey Quarry and above White Rock beach, is sadly in continuous decline while Peregrine falcons, after years of persecution, are now doing reasonably well and can often be seen around the coastline.

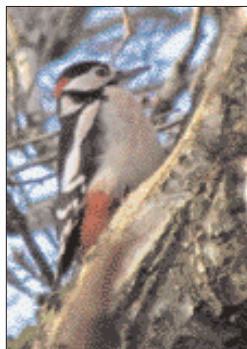
I still remember the first time I saw a Mediterranean Gull at Sandycove, another species, once rare, that now breeds in good numbers in Ireland and dozens can regularly be seen from the coastal footpath near the Forty Foot, roosting on the rocks. Another



*Mediterranean Gull*

bird that would have been a

newsworthy rarity forty years ago, the unmistakable snowy white Little Egret, is now a common sight and can be seen in Booterstown Marsh and virtually any local park that has ponds or streams and they are now a regular breeding bird in Ireland with nesting colonies in the south east. And of course one of the most spectacular birds to arrive in Ireland and successfully breed in counties Wicklow and Dublin is the Great Spotted Woodpecker. Once only ever seen as a very rare winter migrant



*Great Spotted Woodpecker*

their own arrival and natural spread across the country as a breeding resident in recent years was totally unexpected but very welcome. We've had an individual wintering on Killiney Hill and, who knows,



*Roseate Terns*

they may nest there in the future. Not so long ago Roseate Terns were one of the most endangered seabirds breeding in Europe but in the last couple of decades have managed to grow to a very healthy population in

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Ireland mainly due to wardening of the colony on Rockabill Island off the coast of north county Dublin, where over 2,000 pairs now breed every year.

Our own project on Maiden's Rock off Dalkey Island succeeded after a number of years in getting Roseates to breed but subsequently a succession of north easterly storms washed over the rock in the middle of the breeding season and no Roseates have nested there since 2012. Although it's sad not to have any Roseates there anymore if they have moved to a safer location to breed that's not too bad.

Many animals and birds have modified their behavior within the last forty years ago. Bird species such as Siskins, Linnets, Goldfinches and Bullfinches have become common visitors to garden feeders. Forty years ago seeing a suburban fox was rare enough, to see one in daylight was almost unheard of. Now they trot around fearlessly at any time of the day displaying very little fear of humans. Sadly hedgehog numbers seem to be in continuous decline possibly due in part to milder winters waking them from hibernation as well as the huge losses they sustain on busier roads. I've written many times about the red squirrels on Killiney and the way they are tenuously hanging on despite the influx of grey squirrels which first appeared in the Killiney parklands in 2005.

The boom years caused many wild areas to be removed and developed but at the same time with greater awareness and appreciation of nature many suburban gardens have become havens for wildlife and almost a separate habitat themselves. Twenty years ago Booterstown Marsh was coated in oil and only supported a handful of roosting birds while now the water is clean, supporting fish and invertebrates and providing feeding and roosting areas for geese and hundreds of other birds including Snipe, Kingfisher and Black tailed Godwits.

If anything can be learned about predicting nature, if you use the last forty years as a example, it could be that you probably can't predict anything about nature!

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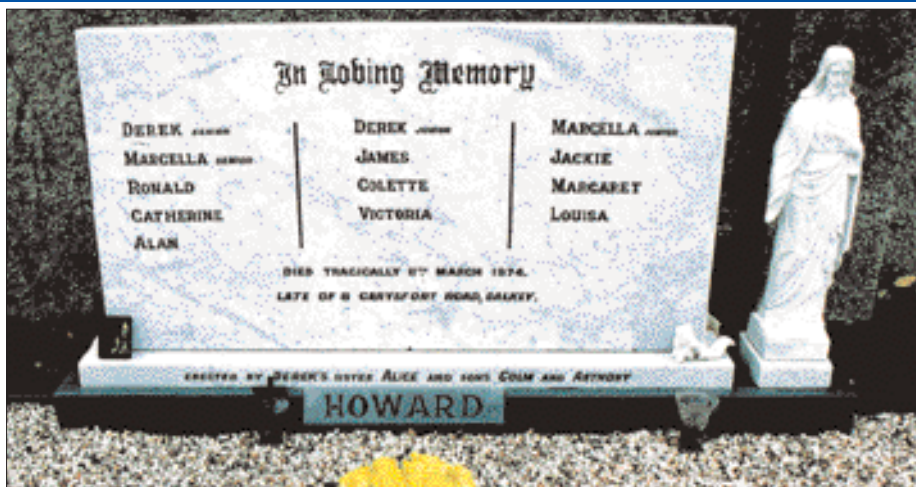
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### The Dreadful Tragedy of the Howard Family of Carysfort Road Dalkey.

No commemorative issue of the Dalkey Newsletter - such as this one - would be complete without mentioning the appalling tragedy of the house fire which took the lives of thirteen members of one family in Carysfort Road, Dalkey on the 11th March 1974. It is Ireland's worst domestic fire tragedy and the reverberations are still fresh in the minds of Dalkey residents old enough to recall the dreadful event.



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A short time ago the Editor of the Newsletter mentioned to me that 40 years had passed since the first publication of the Dalkey Newsletter in April 1974. An article for this special commemorative issue should focus on memories, changing times and interesting/curious happenings in Dalkey since that time. Two unrelated events helped me decide the topic on which I would concentrate and recall for Dalkey people.

Firstly I had read an e-mail from Máire Mhic Fheargusa about the schoolhouse “Tigh Mhichil” which had stood near Harold Boys’ School for over 90 years. She is the daughter of Diarmuid O hAimhain, who was principal of Harold from 1943 to 1971, and Tigh Mhichil was their home until 1971. Máire told in her e-mail of the love she and her family had for their home. My family and I had lived in the same house from 1971 to 1989 and loved it equally.



**Tigh Mhichil**

Secondly, my friend Richard Mooney sent me a photo that he took in 1990 looking from his house on St.Patrick’s Rd. and this showed a heap of rubble on the site which had been the lovely red bricked house called No.4 when built in 1900, then Leac na Si in the 1920’s, followed by St. Michael’s in the 1930’s and finally, Tigh Mhichil from the 1940’s until its demise in 1990.

When I came to write this, the above two events reminded me of a person I met at the school in 1980 and linked these events together. School had finished for the day back then and I went out from my room in the original school building and there was a lady standing on the corridor. It was clear to me that she was a nun from the headgear she wore. I don’t recall her name now but she told me her father Bernard Hughes had been principal of the school from 1914 into the 1920’s, and the family had lived in Tigh Mhichil. I now know from Máire that the house was called Leac na Si by the Hughes family. She wanted to see the entrance hall of the school where the staffroom is now. We were using it in 1980 as a storeroom. When we got to it she bent down to touch the red and black diamond shaped tiles and told me she and her sisters loved dancing on these tiles because of the echoing noise made by their feet. Then she wished to photograph the tree at the school entrance and as we looked at it she cried as she recalled herself and her sisters hugging the tree that was only not much more than a sapling in the 1920’s. As we went around the back of the school she asked me where the stile had gone to. She told me that where the door leading from the yard into Tigh Mhichil was, there used to be a stile that her father stepped back and forth over for many years. I told her I lived in Tigh Mhichil and asked her would she like to visit it again.

Máire Mhic Fheargusa tells of a Sr. Florence calling to Tigh Mhichil in the 1960’s whose father had been principal of the school years before. It seems certain she was Bernard Hughes’ daughter and a sister of my visitor. This lady told me as we walked into the garden that she had 5 sisters and all of them had become nuns and she was living in Australia. My deepest regret now is that I didn’t ask enough questions. She noticed then the tall pine tree that stood to the right of the house in the garden bordered by Carysfort Rd and St.Patrick’s Rd. “I wonder could it still be there?” she whispered to herself. We went over to the tree and she stooped down to a spot on the trunk about two feet from the ground. “It’s here, it’s here, my God!” and there in very faint, old lettering worn by age and weathering, was the name “Hughes”. “We loved this place and it was a paradise for us” she explained through her tears.

Inside the house she kept touching the walls as if this helped her recall the memories of her childhood and her parents. We were only a few years in the house then and watching this lady demonstrate her love for the place and the treasured memories she had, made a lasting impression on us. We felt the same about our time there, as did Máire. When Richard’s photo arrived, I knew a precious memory linked us all to a treasured home that was gone.

**Seán Ó Gormáin**



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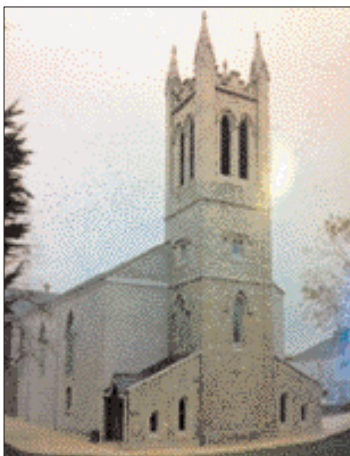
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for worship and was in fact part of the pilgrimage that was undertaken at that time. You can find out more about St Begnet at the icon inside the church and more about the history of our Church on our parish website.

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On 26th September 1991 we celebrated the 150th anniversary of the opening of the present church. The church renewal was a job which started off small and just got bigger and bigger! Initially, it was decided to fix the damp, then creaky, floorboards and then the flying



*The Inside of the church Summer 1990*

### THROUGH THE YEARS

Congratulations to DCC Community Newsletter for 40 years in publication! It's a wonderful resource and a very important part of the fabric of our community keeping us informed each month.

When we look back at the last 40 years in the history of our Church we have a lot of important memories - both happy and sad ones. Whilst it is impossible to include all of the many wonderful parishioners and people who have been involved in the parish over the past 40 years, we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for the legacy they have left in our community.

Dalkey Church has been central to our community for 173 years, since 1841. However, the old Church of St Begnet in the graveyard opposite the present church dates back to the 7th century! Dalkey Island was at that time linked to Glendalough as an important centre



*The packed reception at the Cuala Centre  
26 September 1990*

slates which hurtled to the ground during storms. After expert analysis it was clear that patching up was no longer enough and that the church needed serious repairs. The matter was discussed at every level, finance committee, parish council and annual parish assembly. Parish land was sold, including the former PP's house, and the remainder came from the generosity of the parishioners, the total cost came to £1M! The works then began in the autumn of 1989. At Easter 1990, when it was clear that the congregation would have to find a new home, arrangements were made with Dun Laoghaire Corporation to lease Dalkey Town Hall and it became the parish church for the





*Finished interior of church*

months of May, June, July and August. It was open not only for the usual Masses but also for private prayer and devotion. Even the First Communion ceremonies for that year took place in the temporary church. On 20th September the works were finished and the week of 22nd - 29th September was a week to remember as celebrations began!

These lasted a full week and had a double purpose, to give thanks to God for a century and a half of prayer and worship in Dalkey and to mark the completion of this massive programme of restoration. Sadly, the joy of the week was soon to be overshadowed by sorrow with the sudden death of Fr Seán Malone, who was the Curate at the time (1987 - 1991) and was one of the main 'drivers' of the redevelopment works.

If you are interested in finding out more about the details of the renovations, you can pick up the booklet 'Jubilee' which was written at the time, in the Church.

Dalkey parish has had 21 priests in the last 40 years, 3 of whom were Parish Priests; Fr John Meagher (1974 - 1990), Fr Des Forristal (1985 - 2000) and Fr John McDonagh (2001 - 2010). During that time they performed 3,905 funerals, 1,835 weddings, 3,801 baptisms. However those ceremonies were attended to by only 2 sacristans during the period; Mr Des Swords and our present sacristan, Finbarr Madden who apart from being the reigning King of Dalkey has also served 27yrs in the parish!

Dalkey Parish Council was formed in December 1986 and was the first Parish Council to be appointed in Ireland! Archbishop Ryan celebrated his first Confirmation Ceremony as Archbishop of Dublin in the Church in 1972 and 3,298 young people have been confirmed in the 40 years since.

The three presbyteries replaced the old rectory in 1988 and the car-park was built (on a greenfield site) in 1969. There were lots of unusual fundraising campaigns to pay for the cost, including a 30ft high tightrope walk from the top of the church across the car park. Something which we don't think present day health and safety regulations would allow!

Dalkey Parish welcomes everyone - whether a president or politician, teacher or pupil, builder or baker ....all walks of life have passed and will continue to pass through the doors of this special place of worship. Tá Fáilte Romhat!

**Caitriona Fogarty** – Dalkey Parish Office

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## ❖ GARDEN EVENTS APRIL - 2014 ❖

### FOXROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

**Wednesday 16th April** - Day trip to Altamont Gardens and the Delta sensory garden (both in Carlow), and Burtown House (near Athy, Co. Kildare). More details to follow. (This trip was originally scheduled for April 9th and has now been confirmed for the 16th April).

### NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS GLASNEVIN

**Monday 7th April 2014** – Workshop: *Beginners photography 3*, with Eamon O'Daly of the Outdoor Studio. The 3 day workshop will cover all the basics of digital photography, how to understand your camera and take better and more creative photographs.

**Time:** 10.30am-3.30pm, meet at the Visitor Centre. **Cost:** €100.

Book online at [www.skerriesphotography.com](http://www.skerriesphotography.com) For more information email: [eamon@skerriesphotography.com](mailto:eamon@skerriesphotography.com) or call 01 8492572.

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The earliest known business group in Dalkey can be traced back to the 1860s. At that time, the Dalkey Town Commissioners (the business group of the day) were comprised of notable residents. They held meetings in the Queen's Royal Hotel where the EBS is located at 42 Castle Street today.

In the late-1860s, the foyer of Goat Castle was refurbished and turned into a meeting room. The Dalkey Town Commissioners re-located there. The minutes of their meetings are in the archives of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown

County Council. They concerned themselves mainly with issues of health and sanitation. The group ensured that Dalkey was connected to the Vartry water supply. There are complaints in the Minute Book about disruption to trade when works were going on in 1896 as the pipes were being laid. It can be surmised that tram tracks were also being laid, as the first electric trams arrived in Dalkey in 1896. Other schemes included organising to have new pillars built at Coliemore which were completed in 1869. The Commissioners assisted with the acquisition of the Vico Road for public ownership. They were involved in having the Town Hall built from 1891 onwards. The Commissioners became Urban District Councillors in 1890s. Dalkey amalgamated with the other local townships in 1930. The combined organisations became the borough of Dun Laoghaire.

In 1940s, local man John Fitzgerald was a founder member of the 'Dalkey Development and Protection Association', a local traders' organisation. He took a keen interest in Shaw and felt that he should be commemorated in Dalkey. He corresponded with Shaw and a plaque in Shaw's honour was unveiled on Torca Cottage in 1947. There were other incarnations of business groupings working for Dalkey's best interests from the 1970s onwards. A Dalkey Business Association was involved in the setting up of the Heritage Centre from 1995-1998.

The current Dalkey Business Group (DBG) was formed in 2010. Its objectives are "to promote the development of business and entrepreneurship in the town of Dalkey through various methods including, but not limited to, marketing, hosting of events, and liaison with local, national and international bodies."

DBG works closely with other business groups on issues of common interest. It supports the work of Dalkey Tidy Towns, Dalkey Community Council and festivals such as the Dalkey Book Festival and Dalkey Lobster Festival. Working together, and in association with Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo, they strive to improve Dalkey as a place to live, do business or to visit.

We wish to congratulate Dalkey Community Council on its 40th anniversary!

**MARGARET DUNNE on behalf of Dalkey Business Group**



*Nicky Logue, Chairman DBG with Mary Mitchell-O'Connor, T.D. and Margaret Dunne, Treasurer DBG*

*Photo: John Fahy*



## NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH



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### PARISH HERITAGE

Our church has a prominent setting, built in 1843 at the top of a quarry used by the Ballast Board (now Dublin Port Company) to cut granite for Dublin's quay walls, shipped from Bulloch Harbour. The church stone was also cut on the site, and some of that quarry face now forms part of the 1868 Rectory garden, which is also used for our popular annual Fête (Sat 10th May this year).

Charles Leslie, a very generous benefactor to the parish, presented the handsome gate lodge and first schoolhouse as a gift to the parish in 1870, again using granite from the site. He lived at Carraig na Greine (now part of the Sue Ryder complex), and Leslie Avenue carries his family name in perpetuity. He often allowed his extensive grounds overlooking the sea to be used for parish and community events. Architect Edward H. Carson, father of politician Sir Edward Carson, designed the lodge and later designed the new chancel. As Carson's drawing shows, it had a fine pinnacled tower, which sadly was removed after storm damage in 1961.

**Parish Development** - The various extensions to the church and original school show the growth of the parish. A third gallery was added to the church in 1853, and the chancel and organ chamber added eastwards in 1879. The main hall and enlarged school was built in 1883, and still retains its original roof beams and ceiling.

In 1964 a major school modernisation added larger windows, meeting rooms, office and kitchen. Unfortunately the restored tower in the architect's drawing was never built.

New Northover Hall entrance and school designed by David Jordan, 1999

By 1999 the school facilities were again deemed inadequate, and a new four teacher school was added to the Church Road end of the building. This was partly funded by a major bequest from the late Peter Northover, also a very active member and Chairperson of Dalkey Community Council. The parish renamed the Northover Hall in his honour, now used as a multi-purpose space for the school and parish hall, without the school desks which had cluttered it previously. A covered link corridor to the church was added, and an enclosed playground was provided at the Church Road entrance, allowing the unspoilt lawns in front of the church to set off the view from Harbour Road.

**Organisations** - A number of long-established organisations continue to use the Northover Hall, including the Dalkey Sea Scouts (founded 1956), St Patrick's Dramatic Society (founded 1961) and our Parish Indoor Bowling Club (founded 1966). We also host a weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Community Council committee meetings and several DARA activities including bowling and line dancing.

**Dalkey People** - Some well-known parishioners included Marjorie Griffin who served 40 years as our Hon Secretary, and was present to celebrate her 100th Birthday at the church by planting a hawthorn tree; Harry Latham, the local historian who published several booklets on Dalkey, and on the 150th anniversary of our parish; and much loved King of Dalkey, Larry Wilmott, who fulfilled many functions in the parish, most notably as a long-serving member of our choir.

We mount historical displays during National Heritage Week, and will repeat this again during the last week of August 2014 (More information about our parish heritage available on website above).



*Dalkey United Football Team 2003*

The members of Dalkey United AFC congratulate Dalkey Community Council in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the DCC Newsletter. Well done DCC!! Since our own forming in 1953, Dalkey United has been part of local community, training and organising soccer teams of our local players at

the club facilities in Hyde Park. Legendary international player Paul McGrath began his football days with Dalkey United in the 1980s and today the club continues the strong tradition with over 330 players from under 5 years old through to under 21 years old. Now governed by a club constitution, and managed by a committee elected annually from the club membership, the goal of the club is to promote sport across our local community for all through non-league early age development to high performance youth, adult men and women's teams. Director of Coaching, Franco Georgescu (UEFA B qualified) lives by the principle of "improving the player to improve the team"; Franco has worked patiently and energetically to establish a structured football development academy with a robust pathway growing skills and gradually introducing the mental discipline and commitment needed to succeed in sport and in most things in life. We place a great deal of emphasis in the early years on improving player skills and our young teams play non league games until reaching under 11 years old. Franco reaches out to local primary schools with coaching visits and the club organises soccer camps over the school holidays at Easter and Summer breaks.

We are open to new players, boys and girls, joining at most ages.

**Please visit our website [www.DalkeyUnited.ie](http://www.DalkeyUnited.ie) or call Donal Norton on 087 669 3991 for more information on the club.**

**DONAL NORTON**

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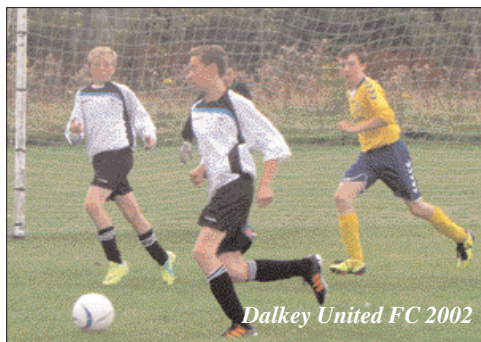
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*Dalkey United FC 2002*



## DALKEY LADIES CLUB



The Dalkey Ladies' Club opened 54 years ago and has met every Thursday for all those years. The original venue was the old Coliemore Hotel, later Epworth Hall and since then in Our Lady's Hall. One of the Club's major accomplishments was the suggestion to start a Community Council in Dalkey. This came about from a speaker who visited the Club and said one of the best ways to overcome difficulties within the community was by having the voice of a larger group. From simple beginnings.....!

In the past the Club had a choir that entered choral competitions around the country. They also had a vibrant drama group with costumes



that would be the envy of the Abbey, all made by the members of the group. Each Thursday the Club still meets and has had the most interesting speakers including authors, actors, historians or, last week, a lady, already a grandmother, who had visited India three times as a helper teaching English and embroidery in a community centre where she was the only white person.

**Rosaleen Callaghan**  
*Ladies' Club Correspondent*



## DALKEY GARDA CLINICS



The idea of the Garda Clinic is to assist the local community who may not be able to travel to the Garda Station with matters such as form stamped/signing or any community policing matters which arise. The Garda Clinic is not designed for crime reporting, however, the Garda are very keen that all suspicious activity is reported to them at the local centre which, for Dalkey, is **Dun Laoghaire Tel. 01-6665000**.

**The next Clinics for Dalkey residents will take place on**

**THURSDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 11 am to 12 noon**

**VENUE: OUR LADY'S HALL, Castle Street, Dalkey**





## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Dalkey Dashers commence training on the hockey pitch at Loreto Weds. 2 Apr

DARA Annual Art, Floral Art, Craft & Garden Exhibition in Our Lady's Hall Fri. 4 - Sun. 6 Apr

DCC Monthly Meeting in OLH at 8pm Mon. 7 Apr

DCC Annual Dinner in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel @ 7:30 Fri. 11 Apr

Sonrise Service, The Obelisk, Killiney Hill @ 6:15am Sun. 20 Apr  
Sorting of May Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm) Thurs. 1 May

An Taisce National Spring Clean- local clean up meeting at 10am in SuperValu car park Sat. 26 Apr  
DCC Public Meeting- All residents of Dalkey are welcome to attend Tues. 6 May

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Karate** sessions for all age groups @ 6-9pm. Tues. & Thurs. Tel: Wayne Deegan 086 857 2546  
**Dalkey Players** The Carry Hall Killiney from 7.30-10.30pm Tues. & Thurs. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or check [www.dalkeyplayers.ie](http://www.dalkeyplayers.ie) for details.

**St. Patrick's Dramatic Society** Dalkey Northover Hall (in the grounds of St. Patrick's Church) from 8pm-10.30pm Mon. & Thurs. Contact Judith Elmes 087-2396673 or check [www.stpatsdramsoc.com](http://www.stpatsdramsoc.com) for further information.

**The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society** meets monthly in Dalkey. Please call 086-8391839  
**Cuala Set Dancing Classes:** Every Sunday from 8-10pm. €6 per night. All welcome.

**Pilates:** on Mondays in Heritage Centre: three classes at 6.15pm, 7.15pm and 8.15pm.  
Contact Lizanne Barry 087 8572408

**Zumba Fitness classes:** in Town Hall on Thursdays: at 7pm & 8pm . Contact Lukasz: 085 216 33 04; Email: [info@zumbagalaxy.com](mailto:info@zumbagalaxy.com)

**Scrabble & Afternoon Tea** in aid of Barnardos every Wednesday at 3pm in Derrymore, 35, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Call 285 0593 for more information.

**Nature Notes for April** – Indoor meetings take place in Royal Marine Hotel in Dún Laoghaire, at 8:00pm on the first Tuesday of the month from September to May. Free parking for all attendees in the hotel. **Tues. 1 April:** Butterflies of Ireland, by Jesmond Harding.

**Sun. 6 April:** Outing to Cruagh Wood, Rathfarnham. Meet in the car park at 10:30am.

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## *Oh! How Television (and Radio) has changed over the years . . . .*

*The BBC's Director General Tony Hall has announced the closure of BBC3 television. Apparently 60% of viewers (in the UK) watch the channel on-line, so from the autumn of 2015 the channel will only be available (on-line) to viewers in the UK. The closure will save the BBC £50 million, of which £30 million will go into BBC Drama, the void created by the closure will be filled by BBC1+1. The proposed changes will of course have to be passed by the BBC's Board of Trust, which will take several months. (Previously the Board rejected proposals to close both BBC Radio 6 and The Asian Network)*

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Chairman: Peter Northover.

Secretary: Miss Mai Kelly, 2 Monteville, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

APRIL 1974

### NEWSHEET NO. 1.

At last, the news you've been waiting for - your Community Council is now established! You may have been wondering what has been happening. Well, an Executive Committee has been formed, and at a meeting on 24th March 1974 the following were elected to serve on it:

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Peter Northover	Chairman
Mrs. Doris Smyth	Vice-Chairman
Mr. Martin Kennedy	Vice-Chairman
Miss Mai Kelly	Secretary
Miss Eithne Dooge	Assistant Secretary
Mr. R. Budds	Treasurer
Mr. Jack Kelly	Assistant Treasurer
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Mr. Richard Blake	Assistant P.R.O.
Mr. Robert Lambkin	
Mrs. V. Loughran	
Mr. J. Mackey	
Mr. Des Swords.	

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A full list of the Council members is displayed in Brian Dunne's shop window at 26 Castle Street.

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#### CONSTITUTION

A Constitution for the D.C.C. has been drafted and the Council hopes to have it passed at its next meeting in May.

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#### THE HOWARD FUND FASHION SHOW

Don't forget, this fashion show will be held on Monday, 6th May at the Dalkey Sports Centre. Tickets £1 each. This event is being organised by the Dun Laoghaire Lions Club in co-operation with Dalkey Community Council. A trust deed is being set up to administer the fund which is now standing at £1,000.

Your Area Representative is.....

Telephone:..... E-Mail:.....

It was said by many living beyond the boundaries of our town that those of us living in the Kingdom of Dalkey think we need a visa to leave, as so few if any, ever want to move away. Well one thing is sure you don't need a visa to visit, and Dalkey Community Council extends a thousand welcomes to you. We hope you enjoy this sample of past and present life in our town. Like the vibrant town it is, it continues to grow and change as reflected on our Dalkey Home Page - [www.dalkeycommunitycouncil.com](http://www.dalkeycommunitycouncil.com)

Visitors a cautionary note, as you stroll around, do not be reckless and mention the term "village" with regard to Dalkey. You will be told, in no uncertain manner, that Dalkey is a town, by the grace of God, always was and will continue to be.



“When I die Dublin will be written in my heart.  
James Joyce

