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April: Possibly named for Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love or from the Latin verb meaning 'to open' or the Greek word meaning 'the opening'. Greeks called the season of Spring 'the opening'.

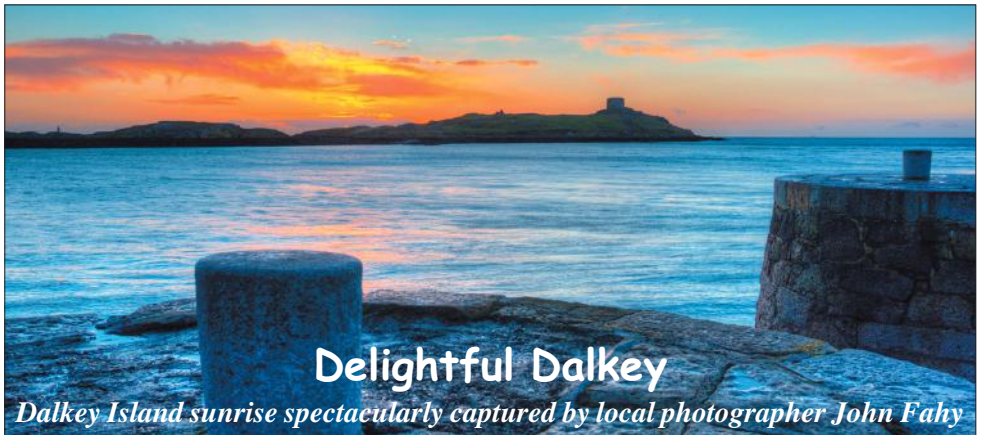
Flower: Sweetpea & Daisy



Winter's done, and April's in the skies,
Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!

Charles G.D. Roberts - 'An April Adoration' 1896

Cáisc Shona díbh ár léitheoirí go léir!
Happy Easter to all our readers



Delightful Dalkey

Dalkey Island sunrise spectacularly captured by local photographer John Fahy

DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL COLLECTION

Dear Resident,

With this issue of the Council's Newsletter you will receive an envelope for our Annual Collection. We would appreciate if you could put your contribution into it and return it to your Road Representative or simply pop it into the Community Council's post-box on the table in the front room of Our Lady's Hall.

Many thanks

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SUMMARY OF DCC MARCH 2015 MONTHLY MEETING



The DCC meeting was held on Monday 9th March in OLH.

The Chairman welcomed Blanaid MacGinty who has joined Community Council as the new Representative for Sue Ryder.

Treasurer: The DCC Annual collection is taking place this month and the contribution envelopes are included in this edition. Please refer to page 19.

TT: The Graffiti Presentation that was held in the Town Hall last month was very well attended and an action plan “*Dalkey Adopt My Street*” is currently being formulated.

Planning: A large number of observations have been lodged with DLR Planning Office relating to the PegasusLife proposal for 57 retirement apartments at Dalkey Manor on Barnhill Road.

The next DCC meeting is Monday 13th April 2015.



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Lady Aileen gives lessons to Princess Orlaith at Dalkey Castle Photo.: Jason Clarke Photography

On Yer Bike with Dalkey’s Writers: Post Grad students from Washington University enjoyed the performance of the show in March. We have on-going arrangements with a number of US universities to showcase how both the heritage and the literature of any area can be presented to those interested in developing tourism in their own areas. We are very fortunate in Dalkey to have plenty of scope to work on, in both of these categories.

Fr Desmond Forristal Tribute: The literary heritage will be to the fore again in the **Fr Desmond Forristal Tribute on April 17th.** We are involved with this tribute with members of the parish across the street. Fr Des, in addition to being PP in Dalkey, was a



highly respected playwright and member of the ground-breaking Radharc team in the 1960s in Ireland. He was also a passionate advocate of Cardinal John Henry Newman and wrote a booklet on Newman's time in Dalkey.

Fr Forristal's play '**Trial by Fury**' dealt with the trial of John Henry Newman for criminal libel in 1852. It concerned the reported dubious activities of ex-priest *Giacinto Achilli*. The incriminating documentation was mislaid and the outcome of the trial was in doubt right to the end. The play refers to Newman heading to Dalkey to open the Catholic University in 1854. Newman lived in Mount Salus while in Dalkey.

There will be a rehearsed reading of part of 'Trial by Fury' as part of the tribute evening. Admission, which is free, is strictly by ticket only. Tickets are available during opening times at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre.

Ireland of the Welcomes: Our *Living History* tour got a five page full colour very favourable spread in the Ireland of the Welcomes magazine, written by Rebecca Brennan. The article entitled '*Medieval Life in Dalkey*' can be read on line at www.harmonia.ie. The magazine is circulated widely internationally and in the US.

Schools Programme: The highly successful national schools programme has just finished and the programme for Transition Years is on-going.

Summer of Heritage: Dalkey Castle will once again be part of DLR Summer of Heritage programme in July and August. This was highly successful last summer. Hundreds of people from all over the county enjoyed free admission to set tours on Mondays and Thursdays, courtesy of DLR.

The Maeve Binchy and Literary Highlights Tour: Previously referred to, is well advanced and the award-winning CIE tours commence again in April.



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❖ TRIBUTE EVENT TO FATHER DESMOND FORRISTAL P.P. ❖

To mark the 30th Anniversary of the appointment of Fr. Forristal to the Parish of the Assumption in Dalkey, an evening dedicated to the performance of his works has been arranged in the Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on 17th April 2015 at 7.30pm.

Fr. Dermot McCarthy of Radharc and RTÉ, a colleague and friend of Fr. Des has kindly consented to present a selection of readings from the many books written by Fr. Des which will confirm him to be not only an author of outstanding ability, but also a man of compassion and insight with a unique sense of humour.

Mr. Peter Dunn, the director of the Radharc Trust and brother of Fr. Joe Dunn R.I.P. co-founder of Radharc with Fr. Des will show a thirty minute film from the ground-breaking Radharc Series. This series was first broadcast by Telifís Éireann in 1962. Fr. Forristal wrote most of the scripts, and his skill and wisdom contributed greatly to the success of the series, which continued to be broadcast by RTE until 1996.

After a tea break, Ms. Margaret Dunne, Manager of Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, will stage part of the play “Trial by Fury” which Fr. Des wrote here in Dalkey and which she directed at that time. The St Begnet’s String Quartet will provide music for the evening.

Admission is by ticket only. Tickets are free and may be collected from the Heritage Centre (closed on Tuesdays) opposite the church. Donations will be gratefully accepted on the night, to defray costs and to present a token in memory of Fr. Forristal to further the work of the Radharc Trust.

In addition to the many books written by Fr. Des five of his plays were staged to great acclaim in the Gate and Abbey Theatres. These were “The Horrid Popish Plot”, “Blackman’s Country”, “The Seventh Sin”, in which Christopher Casson played God, as well as his later plays “The Captive Audience” and “Kolbe”. Many of these were translated and performed abroad. “The Crozier and the Crown” a pageant, was commissioned to celebrate the Dublin Millennium in 1988 and was performed in the Pro-Cathedral to a full house each night.

With the display of such literary talent one might suppose that Fr. Des did not have much time for pastoral duties. However, on the night of his installation as Parish Priest in Dalkey, he assured us, that he was first and foremost a priest, and not just a playwright.

His time in Dalkey was extremely fruitful. In 1991 he supervised the complete restoration of the Church of the Assumption as well as supervising improvements to Harold Boys’ School. Likewise, Our Lady’s Hall, the Parish Social Centre, was extensively renovated under his direction. He also commissioned the rebuilding of the century old church organ. Frequently, the faithful who slipped into the church for quiet contemplation were treated to an impromptu performance on the organ by Fr. Des, an accomplished musician, and left spiritually and mentally restored. His work with the choir was greatly appreciated by choir and congregation alike. Also his meaningful and concise homilies were greatly valued by the Mass going Congregation.



Fr. Desmond Forristal

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He formed the “Taize Group” about this time and they still perform at the Sunday evening Mass and the “Prayer Around the Cross” on Good Friday night. The Family Mass Group established by Fr. Des is still going from strength to strength. Children’s Prayer Groups and a Youth Group were formed by him, and for many years he brought some of the young parishioners to Our Lady’s Shrine in Walsingham in the South East of England to meet and pray with other young pilgrims from around the World. In his easy rapport with young children and teenagers we witnessed an unexpected gem among his many talents. Adult Prayer groups sprung up around the parish, fostered and encouraged by Fr Des’s attitude which was to let people show initiative in their spiritual lives and these groups were supported by his prayers and example. To those who did not know him well he may have appeared rather austere but, as many soon realised, he had a keen understanding and empathy with the human condition.

Fr. Des established a close friendship with the Reverend Ricky Roantree, then Rector of St. Patrick’s Church of Ireland parish in Dalkey. The relationship between the parishes and the respective communities has continued to flourish to this day.

His swift descent into Alzheimer’s meant that as a parish we never had an opportunity to show our gratitude to him for his dedicated ministry.

The late Phyllis Totterdell, his faithful housekeeper, continued to visit him every weekday in Shankill, driven there and back by a loyal band of parishioners. Many other friends continued to visit long after the essence of Fr. Des had gone.

The evening of April 17th will be an opportunity to show that gratitude to Fr. Forristal P.P.

May his generous soul rest in peace.

Morag O’Farrell



DALKEY MARKET IS BACK!



Make sure you check out the new Dalkey market opening soon at the Tramyard.

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Armelles Kitchen patisserie

To celebrate the return of our local market the TY team are running an **‘I Love Dalkey Market Because’** competition. Just complete the sentence and drop it into Dave or Sam in the Tramyard, or post to Tramyard Dalkey FB or Twitter accounts and you could be in with a chance to win lunch with a friend in the Tramyard café.

We are also looking for your help. If anyone has information on the Chrysanthemum market that was famous in Dalkey over 100 years ago and which was a national event - please email davetramyard@gmail.com.

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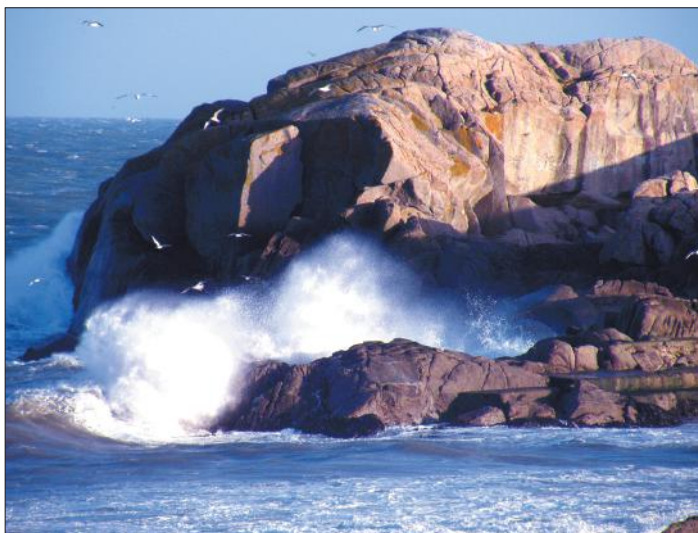
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Stormy seas batter Bulloch during late January

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Fast-Ferry Returns? As reported in the last issue, it was the end of an era for Stena Line's HSS Dun Laoghaire-Holyhead service with the final sailing last taken place on 9 September 2014, however the harbour company subsequently invited submissions before the end of February this year for a new operator.

In total, seven operators have expressed an interest to resume the seasonal-only service. DLHC cited that should a new suitable service operator reopen, it would not be running until at least 2016.

Dublin Bay Cruises: By default the closure of the historic Ireland-Wales link leaves Dublin Bay Cruises, as the only large scale passenger service, albeit as a coastal excursion company to remain using Dun Laoghaire Harbour. There are other operators but running smaller private charter craft and yachts.

Like last season, DBC will resume cruises on 1st April, 2015, linking Dun Laoghaire, Dublin City Quays and Howth Harbours. During the evenings, Dublin Bay cruise No.7 also reopens from Dun Laoghaire to Killiney Bay which includes transiting our most scenic Dalkey Sound.

Kayakers: For those who want to take to the water and through a more hands on approach is through Bulloch Harbour based Kayaking.ie, whose activities capturing the magic of Dublin Bay got the Fáilte Ireland 'Living Bay' Tourism Video Treatment.

The YouTube footage, etc. features kayakers hugging our rugged coastline and marine wildlife on Dublin Bay. For more information, there are a variety of kayaking firms, classes and tours in the Dublin area.

As for the video, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bIowEmhODU>

Readers may recall the photo of kayakers (August issue) enjoying a glorious summer's day spent in the Sound while ashore at Coliemore Harbour, local artist, Deborah Donnelly, had her class of students painting the island seascape under a baking sun!



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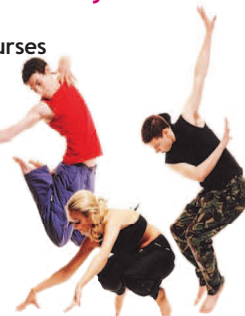
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As for the Aoife! – The former Naval Service OPV (see Feb. and Nov. 2014 issues) was in fact not put up for public auction but to be ‘donated’ to the Maltese Navy and a new career also in sunnier climes, but dealing with the harsh reality of people-trafficking.

Up to the time of this Newsletter’s copydate, this plan remained uncertain as to whether the veteran vessel dating to 1979 would indeed head for the Med. The Irish Department of Defence remained strong in the belief that their deal would proceed despite issues raised by certain Maltese military quarters as to her suitability.

Notably, the Aoife’s inability to easily deploy tender craft to deal with rescuing refugees and illegal migrants found amongst fragile boats fleeing North Africa.

D’Alton D-Day Veteran: As widely reported across mainstream media and online though www.Afloat.ie’s specialist sailing correspondent, W.M. Nixon who reported on WWII, Irish veteran Michael d’Alton from Killiney who served the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) on the Normandy Beaches 70 years ago and was honoured *Chevalier of the Légion d’Honneur*.

The nation’s highest military honour presented by French Ambassador to Ireland was held on board the naval tanker BCR Somme (A 631) during a visit to Dublin Port in late January. It should also be reported that further coverage of this notable item was published in the March issue of *The Obelisk*, the Killiney Parish Newsletter and where Holy Trinity Church News appears in this newsletter as a regular feature.

Words & Photos (c) Jehan Ashmore, who is the Ports & Shipping Correspondent for www.afloat.ie in addition to being a contributor to Irish & UK marine periodicals, among them Ships Monthly.



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Our last IWebs (Irish Wetland Birds) count for the Winter 2014/15 season took place on a lovely mild bright Saturday morning in early March. A linnet was singing from atop a bush beside the Booterstown DART car park. Male linnets had been singing for weeks before but another bird bursting into song a few minutes later was a pleasant surprise. It was a blackcap, the first time this year we'd heard one singing although both a male and a female blackcap have been constant visitors to our garden throughout the winter, feeding on fat balls, apples and occasionally sunflower seeds. I've mentioned many times how lovely their song is, earning them the name of 'Ireland's Nightingale'. Within weeks Dalkey and Killiney Hills should be resounding to the sounds of male blackcaps who have arrived from southern Europe or Africa declaring their territory but here in Booterstown it was still only March and almost certainly this bird wasn't a summer migrant but a bird that had spent the winter here and would probably soon be setting off to summer breeding grounds. Wintering blackcaps have been trapped and, causing no discomfort to individual birds, have had stable isotope analysis done on nail clippings and feathers which have revealed the birds originated in areas of eastern Europe including Germany and Poland. So our wintering blackcaps are from there but the ones we'll have breeding throughout summer will have migrated back to us from further south.

Why birds would sing in places they're not going to try and hold as territory isn't known for certain, maybe they're just polishing up their vocal abilities before they try to attract a mate on their breeding ground.

Nice birds to hear and we were still in the car park! But we had a count to do so we applied ourselves to the task and checked out the marsh. Little spouts of water shooting up from the shallow tidal flow were a cause of speculation as to their origin later with the general consensus being they were caused by shellfish, probably a razorshell expelling water. We dutifully counted the birdlife in the marsh, Black tailed Godwits, Redshank, Dunlin, Greenshank, Teal, Grey Herons and Little Egrets, feeding in the shallow water or sitting on the banks, heads tucked in as they slept, all beautifully lit in the low early sunshine.

But once all the clearly visible birds were counted we turned our attention down to the reedbed in the corner of the marsh. That's where the snipe are found. Always a treat to see, particularly since it's sometimes a challenge to actually spot them. Often if you're scanning trees or undergrowth you might mistake a leaf or a flash of light on a branch for a bird. With

snipe they're so well camouflaged to blend into their habitat you get almost the opposite effect, you'd be looking at a clump of reeds which would suddenly move to reveal it's a snipe. Sure enough there were snipe, basking in the sun at the edge of the reeds and three of them actually walking out in the open, prodding the mud at the water's edge. All the birds in the marsh are handsome in their own way but there's something very endearing about snipe, their ridiculously long bill, big soft eyes and that beautiful zig-zag plumage that shines gold when the sun hits it. We counted 22 and no doubt there were many more hidden within the reeds. Sadly the snipe that breed in



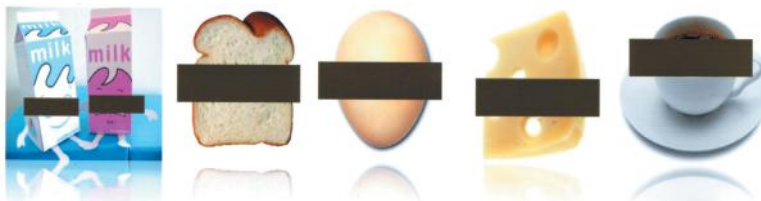
Male Teal

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Ireland are in serious decline and many of the birds that we see in the marsh are probably birds that are wintering here from Europe. Today would probably be the last time we'd see any till next winter so it was really nice to see so many in such good light.

Out on the strand, though the sea was choppy, there was real heat in the sun, so pleasant compared to counts in cold winds and lashing rain in December and January, even warm enough to leave off gloves. Disturbance can be a problem and when you're trying to count birds on the edge of the tide the last thing you need is a dog arriving whose idea of fun is bounding up and chasing them all as often happens, but today any of the dogs on the strand were content to wander along beside their owner or chase balls rather than waders, which seemed very considerate of them.

The group of Knot on the strand was reduced from its higher mid-winter number of over 2,000 but there was still a flock of over 700 which would suddenly take to the air and twist around in a dense flock like a swarm of bees. They were joined later by a flock of dunlin and all the birds bunched together on a rapidly disappearing spit of sand as the tide drew in.

We'd gone up to the footbridge to have a last look



Kingfisher

Photo: M. Ryan

over the sea and the marsh from an elevated point and were about to call it a morning when we saw a Kingfisher flash along the stream below us. We knew it had landed in some dense undergrowth but couldn't see at first it as kingfishers, though a spectacular mix of deep blues, orange and turquoise when the sun hits them, blend in incredibly well with the colours of a riverbank when they're perched and motionless. Eventually we picked it up, perched on the base of a branch. The female of many species of birds is much duller than the male, an adaptation to keep them safe from being spotted by predators when sitting on their nest, but since kingfishers nest in deep holes dug into riverbanks the female has no reason to 'dress down' and has the same spectacular plumage as the male with one significant difference which allows male and female to be told apart. The lower bill, or mandible, in the female kingfisher is orange whereas the male has a totally black bill so we knew this was a female we were looking at. What a treat, and a lovely way to finish the morning.



NATURE NOTES APRIL 2015



Tuesday 7 April: Tracking the Fortunes of our Greenland White-fronted Geese, by Olivia Crowe (BirdWatch Ireland). Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, 8:00pm.

Sunday 12 April: Outing to Avondale, Co Wicklow, to see (possibly) Woodcock, Goosander and Buzzard. Meet in the car park at Avondale House, Rathdrum, at 10:30am.

An Taisce

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Don't these lengthening days make this the perfect time to plan our gardens for the summer? So, let's get going now, unleash our creativity so that we can truly enjoy the fruits of our labour. Maybe, concentrate on transforming a dull tired area of your garden into a lush green paradise. Maybe choose from hot and tropical to shade loving to edible herbs, to summer flowering bulbs. What joy we find when we discover new plants that have self-sown; - imagine no soil preparation is involved, no cultivation necessary. Plants that do this readily are Feverfew (a perennial herb belonging to the daisy family), Cerinthes, Alchemilla Mollis, (Lady's Mantle), Aquilegia Vulgaris, (Granny's Bonnets), Meconopsis Cambrica, (The Yellow-Orange flowered Welsh Poppies), Forget-Me-Nots and Verbena Bonariensis. We can too, dig out, scoop up any of these self seeded seedlings and transplant or pot up to sell at charity tables or give to a neighbour or swap.

Again, isn't it such a therapeutic thing to keep our bird baths topped up with fresh water in order to encourage different species of birds into our summer gardens. Likewise, as we watch our various types of Roses develop their shoots and buds, let's remember that they are generally very greedy feeders and will greatly benefit from feeding as they come into growth.

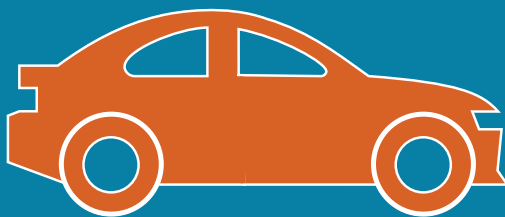
Rainwater – Honestly, I think there is no better quality water available naturally than rainwater. It seems to have magical properties. For some people, public water is treated with chlorine, fluoride and possibly some other chemicals so it can be a problem for tender seedlings and young plants. It's almost a bit similar to spraying a weak bleach solution on your treasured little darlings. Don't you feel sometimes, that when your garden gets a drenching, an avalanche of rain, (which has nitrogen properties) that it, simply comes alive in a totally different way to when we water with copious watering cans of liquid tomato food or seaweed fertilizer. It's like as if, with our April showers, that our various summer flowers are jumping up at us, waiting to be admired.

TWO IDEAS FOR APRIL

An Alpine Trough – How about making a miniature Alpine Garden in a trough or old sink? Using the right plants, soil and container, means that you'll never have to redo this container again. An Alpine trough can look sophisticated, almost like a small-scale landscape because it is filled with Alpine plants which are often miniature versions of popular perennials and shrubs. Choose perhaps Alpines with different habits, - Danglers, Pin-Cushions, Rosettes, Fluffy and so on. Best to use John Innes No 2 or 3 and



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horticultural grit. Use your favourite pebbles to decorate surface and remember to leave all your root balls standing slightly proud, in order to prevent rotting in winter.

A Bug Box – Maybe, make a Bug Box? It will cost you very little and will provide the perfect habitat for beneficial insects, such as Ladybirds, Lacewings, Spiders and solitary Bees. Best to use untreated timber, perhaps a pitched roof, leaving the front open. Cut hollow canes such as bamboos into short lengths to fit into your bug box making sure that the holes are different sizes in order to accommodate different insects. Place your Bug Box in the sunniest part of your garden in order to attract the widest range of insects.



Poppy – Delicate silky petals, like its wild field poppy cousins . . . This Superb hardy annual, will thrive in any cultivated soil, setting seed in late Summer to produce lots of seedlings the following year.

MIGHT DO MAYBE APRIL JOBS

1. Keep an eye on your seedlings, as soon as they have their first true leaves; prick them out into pots or modules for growing on. Pinch out the tips of Fuchsia shoots and Sweet Pea plants to encourage bushy plants this summer and keep an eye on house plants because the warmer weather and longer light hours will encourage them to grow and more than likely, they will need more water.
2. Beware of late frosts and keep vulnerable plants and new shoots protected at night, if frost is forecasted. Don't be tempted - like me! in the past, to put out tender bedding plants until much later in this month.
3. Divide pot-grown Agapanthus, though they do like to be crowded but obviously it is necessary from time to time. *"Miracles only grow where you plant them"*

ANNUAL COLLECTION

The Community Council relies on your contributions to carry out the many activities we engage in such as making Representations to the County Council on all matters involving Dalkey, the Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Planning Matters, Sponsorship of local Groups, e.g. Community Games, Annual Garden Competition, Garden Outing, Annual Art Exhibition, etc.

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THE SINKING OF THE LEINSTER



John Ledwich was a postal worker. He is recorded in the 1901 Census as living at No 1, Dalkey Avenue - one of a row of small cottages now demolished - with his wife and six young children. The family later moved to a larger, 2-storey, house at No. 4 Coliemore Road, nearly opposite 'The Club'. The 1911 Census shows the addition of a seventh child.

John was not an ordinary postman: he was a Sorter of Mail. He worked for the Royal Mail and his employer operated two ships, - the 'Mailboats' - R.M.S. Leinster and R.M.S. Munster which plied between Kingstown and Holyhead carrying foot passengers as well as the Ireland-Britain mail.

A typical day began by taking the tram to Kingstown where he joined 21 colleagues in the Sorting Room on board the Leinster where they took charge of the bags of Britain-bound mail from all over Ireland. They worked for the duration of the nine o'clock sailing, handing over the sorted bundles to the crew of the 'Irish Mail' train en route for London. They had time for lunch before tackling the inward mail, to be sorted on the return sailing.

The morning of October 10th, 1918 was no different than any other. To start with - except for one thing: the upper decks were more crowded than usual with 592 soldiers - mostly young Irishmen in British uniform returning to their units in France and Belgium after a spell of home leave in Ireland. There were 180 civilian passengers and a crew of 77 on board as well.

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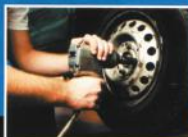
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German Intelligence was well informed on 10th of October 1918 and the U-Boat, UB 123, under the command of Captain Schmidt was directed to the Irish Sea to seek out R.M.S. Leinster, believed to be a troop carrier. About one hour out of Kingstown the second and third torpedoes struck the Leinster and she sank rapidly. The Sorting Room was at the point of impact and John and all but one of his colleagues perished. 37 crew members, including the Captain, also died, as did 115 civilians and 354 of the 592 servicemen.

A number of ironies emerged: a bitter epilogue to a tragic story:

Most of those 354 soldiers would have survived the war as just a month and a day later the Armistice was signed. It was all over; Captain Schmidt and his crew headed for Bremerhaven after their triumph expecting to be highly commended, but UB 123 struck a floating mine en route and all on board were lost.

It was, they said, the War to end all Wars, - yet just twenty one years later, the world was at war again. It was the heaviest loss of life on an Irish ship, ever.

Robert Lambkin – Dalkey



DISCOVER DALKEY



Discover Dalkey has been awarded a grant by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council towards a campaign to encourage locals to make more use of the facilities, shops and services that the Town of Dalkey has to offer.

The Dalkey area is an attractive place to live and work. However, for Dalkey to remain an attractive

place, the Town needs to thrive. Right now, Dalkey is not thriving as it should. The number of vacant premises in the town is testament to that. The ongoing narrowing of the range of retail in Dalkey is having a big impact on the character of the Town. A variety of retailers, including retailers selling clothes, books, hardware, art, and a variety of other goods, have moved away, or shut up shop altogether. If this process is allowed to continue, Dalkey will cease to be a viable town.

Discover Dalkey is actively promoting Dalkey as a tourist destination and is organising and supporting festivals that will attract people from the wider Dublin area and beyond. These are positive initiatives, but the viability of the Town of Dalkey is still mainly dependent on the support of the local community.

There are over 100 businesses and institutions along the main street of Dalkey and more in the immediate area, but it would seem that the people who live around Dalkey don't know what's in the town. The first job for Discover Dalkey in promoting a Shop Local message, is to make locals aware of everything the Town has to offer. This work is underway.

For Dalkey to regain its vitality, the people who live around Dalkey need to use the Town, spend money in the Town, support our local businesses and use all of our town's wonderful facilities.

If 10% more households in the area used the shops or services in Dalkey, it would make a meaningful difference. If each person who already uses Dalkey made an extra small purchase, that too could bring real benefits.

Discover Dalkey: Support It - It's Your Town.

Kindest regards –Discover Dalkey team.



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.

Due to variation in the publication dates by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, please note that the deadline for planning observations/objections may have lapsed when it is read in the Dalkey Newsletter.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0083

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Richard McCarthy, Ulysses, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for extension and renovation to existing dwelling house. More specifically: (i) demolish existing porch; construct front (south) extension comprising sunroom and entrance/porch to ground-floor, winder-garden and balcony above to first-floor. Iii) 2 no. new balconies to first-floor rear (north) elevation. (iii) Modification of window opes and doors and associated modifications of internal layout. (iv) New rooflights to rear (north) slope. (v) Existing front (south) boundary wall raised to height of existing timber plank fence, in line with height of neighbour's wall to west, with new sliding gate to existing access.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0088

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Name: Michael Hamilton, Site to rear of 28 Sorrento Road, Dalkey (also known as 8 Rockfort Avenue)

Proposal: Permission for: Demolition of 1.5 storey extension and single storey garage to the rear of existing dwelling; making good and alterations to the rear facade of existing property; demolition of boundary walls and gates along the laneway to the north; construction of 1 no. dwelling (part 2-storey, part single storey) with off-street car park space, drainage connection and all associated site and landscape works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0089

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Michelle Dolan, Topcliffe, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Demolishing existing dwelling house and 2. The construction of a new replacement fully serviced three storey dwelling house and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0092

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Paul & Kieran Aherne, 9 Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Construction of first floor extension to side over existing single storey part dwelling with new door to side. 2. Demolition of single storey shed to rear and construction of single storey extension to rear and altered first floor window design. 3.

Construction of single storey front porch. 4. Conversion of attic to study room with roof lights to front, side and rear. 5. Widen vehicular access, solar panels to side roof and associated internal alterations.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0028

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Kenneth & Heather Brown, The Cottage, Vico Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a 7.55 sqm dormer extension of length 8.35m and height 2.575m to the sea-facing roof slope of the house.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0131

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Donal McBrinn, Plot 1, 60 Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing single storey dwelling & garage. Construction of 1 no. 2 storey dormer style detached dwelling (142.65 sqm). Relocation of existing vehicular access and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0132

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Parliament Property Ltd. Plots 2 & 3, 60 Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing single storey dwelling. Construction of 1 no. 2 storey dormer style detached dwelling (254.03 sqm) on Plot 2 and 1 no. 2 storey dormer style detached dwelling (266.80 sqm) on Plot 3. Provision of 2 no. new vehicular access entrances and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0137

Application Rec'd Date: 02-Mar-2015

Applicant Name & Location: RCGB Ltd, The Magpie Inn Public House, 115-116 Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to construct a new single storey 2 bedroom apartment (87.72 sqm gross floor area) over existing first floor to Public House, including provision of west facing balcony, courtyard area and stairway access etc. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area. A concurrent application for Retention Permission for an existing 2 storey apartment is also to be lodged with this application.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0138

Application Rec'd Date: 2-Mar-2015

Applic.Name & Location: RCGB Ltd. The Magpie Inn Public House, 115-116 Coliemore Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of Change of Use to residential use of 2 storey 2 bedroom apartment (81.20 sqm) gross floor area) situated over ground floor to Public House and Retention for associated roof garden and also permission for new enclosed fire-protected access/egress routes to serve apartment. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area. A concurrent application for Permission for a new single storey apartment is also to be lodged with this application.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0056

Application Rec'd Date: 3-Mar-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Ross & Elizabeth MacMahon, The Coach House, Vico Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for change of design of first floor window serving bedroom no. 5 (at left hand end of sea facing/south east elevation), which forms part of the development (not yet constructed) granted permission under Register Reference no. D14B/0117.

PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED Wks. 7-10 2015 to 9/2/2015 to 6/3/2015

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0792

Decision: Request Additional Information

Date: 9-Feb-2015

Applic. Name & Location: Adrian Lynch & Louise Gallagher, 4 Victoria Ttc., Dalkey Ave, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the reconfiguring of existing rear extension, including the addition of 11.3 sqm at first floor level to accommodate an en-suite bathroom and dressing area and for the remodelling of existing rear dormer window at roof level and for associated site works, including widening the front gateway.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0797

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 12-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Suzi Cooke, 19 Whites Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the addition single storey extension to the front with a slightly pitched roof containing roof lights associated minor alterations and ancillary site work. The property is in an Area of Architectural Conservation.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0799

Decision: Request Additional Permission

Date: 10-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Donal Gallagher, Site of 0.1571ha at Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for reopening an existing vehicular entrance onto Castlepark Road and installing new entrance gates. Development to include all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0812

Decision: Grant Permission for Retention

Date: 13-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Michael McShane, Station House, Sorrento Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of the construction of 75 sqm basement office, retention of signage and retention of modifications to north elevation as granted per Reg. Ref. No. D00A/0922. Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0555

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 16-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Iarnród Éireann, Dalkey Station, Railway Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Permission the relocation of a ticket vending machine, removal of metal grilles, access gate and turnstiles in the station building to the north of the railway lines and their replacement with new turnstiles, windows and glazed doors. A new level access drain, new turnstiles to replace the existing turnstiles and roller shutter will be installed in the shelter to the south of the railway lines. The central handrail at the steps to/from the shelter will be removed. Located in an Architectural Conservation Area.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0841 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 18-Feb-2015

Applic. Name & Location: Deborah O'Neill & Brian Lehane, Woodfield, Dalkey Ave., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of: part single, part two storey extension to the rear, demolition and re-construction of single storey storage space to side of house, widening of vehicular entrance, internal alterations, and associated site and landscaping works to front and rear.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0434 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 17-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Joe O'Shea, Roslyn, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a rear single storey house extension of 52.19 m2 with flat roof, external courtyard garden and access link.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0436 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 16-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Mary Smith, Moytura Lodge, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for alterations and additions to front of existing 2-storey (plus attic) house, as follows: Single storey extension (35 sqm), new roof light over existing entrance and 2 new dormer windows at attic level.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0450 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 18-Feb-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Harry Slowey, Merdon, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the following works:-construction of a 12sqm ancillary garden room in the rear garden.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0001 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 2-Mar-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Kevin Nowlan & Kirsty Foynes, 26 Castlepark Road, Sandycove.

Proposal: Permission for alterations and extensions to existing house comprising internal modifications, relocation of front door, demolition of existing garage to the rear and side of house. The erection of a two storey extension to the front and side of the house and a single storey extension to the side, together with all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0002 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 3-Mar-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Ruth Loughrey, 15, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for extension to existing roof to form a gable wall, attic conversion to habitable use (36.5 sqm), dormer windows to rear, roof lights to front and rear, garage conversion (12 sqm), bay window (2.1 sqm) and porch canopy to front and widening of existing site entrance and ancillary site works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 7-10 9/2/'15 to 6/3/2015

Reg Ref: D14A/0733 **Reg. Date:** 13-Nov-2014 **Location:** 2, Vico Terrace, Vico Rd, Dalkey.

Development: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing sunroom over garage extension and the construction of a new two storey over garage extension. The development also includes 2 no. replacement dormer windows, alteration of fenestration and upgrading works to the main house, landscaping, drainage and ancillary works to facilitate the development. (Located within an Architectural Conservation Area). Council Decision: Grant Permission.

Appeal Lodged: 11-Feb-2015. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission

Type of Appeal: 3rd Party Appeal

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks6-9 26/1/'15 to 27/2/2015

None for Dalkey Area



Daffodils and crocuses in bloom at the new landscaped Ormeau Drive/ Castle St. open space, a project undertaken by Dalkey Tidy Towns last year

‘Enhancing our locality’

Great Dalkey response to widespread graffiti vandalism:

The special February 18th Dalkey Town Hall Presentation was proof that our Dalkey neighbours will just not tolerate a continuation of the level of Graffiti damage being done to our Heritage Town. A total of 77 residents attended our meeting. To-date, 25 have already joined our ***Adopt My Street*** programme to take responsibility for cleaning their immediate area. Others are welcome to join. The Gardaí and DLRCC are actively involved. Cameras are in place. Our intention is to clean the damage quickly, identify the culprits and assist the Gardaí in taking action. Several have already been caught. A conviction may result in a criminal record which in turn can make it impossible for the vandals to obtain Visas to visit the USA, Australia, Canada, etc.

The DART station has been severely impacted by graffiti in mid- March but we are liaising with Iarnród Éireann to rectify this situation.

Approach Roads: Part of our focus this year is on the approach roads to Dalkey. Basically, to make them more attractive so that the initial impression of visitors to the town is a positive one. Our intention is to place planters on two of the pedestrian/traffic islands at the ‘Squareabout’ (e.g. the junctions of Hyde Rd. & Ulverton Rd. -close to the Topaz station). Part of our programme for this year also includes putting in shrub beds at the Hyde Rd./Castlepark Rd. junction; also to improve the shrub bed at The Rise/ Barnhill Rd Jct. We have already partially tidied up the Barnhill Ave/ Rd junction.

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a multi-phased project. As part of this project we continue to engage with Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Co.Co. to replace the unattractive and outdated large direction signs (which, incidentally, were erected in 1952 !) at the ‘Squareabout’. There is also the issue of getting a Dalkey presence on the M50 signage.

You can help us. As the efforts of our volunteers can only stretch so far we would appeal to all householders, residents’ groups and businesses to ensure the frontages, including grass verges, of their house or premises are neatly presented. The Tidy Towns Adjudicator last year visited ALL roads, streets, and estates in the Dalkey area so every effort, no matter how small, contributes to the overall standing of Dalkey and our sense of pride in the Community.

The Annual Spring Clean Day is scheduled for Saturday 25th April. We meet in the SuperValu car park at 10.00 a.m. and would welcome anyone interested in giving a few hours of their time to help with ensuring Dalkey is presented in the best possible light.

‘FROM THE HILL TO THE HARBOURS’

Malcolm Connolly



NEWS FROM HAROLD BOYS’ NATIONAL SCHOOL



CYCLING

On 6th February, 6th class of Harold Boys’ N.S., Dalkey started cycling. The instructors’ names were Noel and Mike from the Cycling Safety & Skills School in Celbridge, Co. Kildare. Our first week was in the yard. Then on the second week we went on the road. We learned the rules of the road. 5th class also cycled but they did it in the yard, whereas we did it on the road. Noel told us to bring our own bikes, but if you didn’t have one you could borrow one from him. We cycled around Dalkey. We learnt a lot and enjoyed the experience.

At the moment we are working on our Green School’s Travel Flag. As well as cycling, the whole school is encouraged to walk, scoot or Park and Stride (driving half the way and walking the other half) on a Wednesday. We hope we will be awarded our Travel Flag soon!



6th class boys enjoy their cycling course

Written by Jake McCarthy and Jack Roche



Recreation & Physical Activity in the Community Category Winners for 2014

Seventy five Community Groups were represented at the Council's 19th Annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday 27th November 2014. Dalkey Devils Volleyball club were declared overall winners in the category for Recreation & Physical Activity in the Community at the annual Community Awards where community groups from around the County were formally recognised for their valuable contributions to community life. Now in its 19th year, the Community Awards acknowledge the positive work of community groups in communities throughout the County. This year, An Cathaoirleach of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Cllr Marie Baker presented the Award to the Dalkey Devils. Speaking on the night, Cllr Baker commended all of the groups represented at the awards and said *"We all know it is very easy to talk about what we would like to see done in our communities, but getting out and doing it takes great energy and commitment and displays a great sense of community leadership. Be assured that the work you do does not go unnoticed in your communities even if it's not always explicitly acknowledged"*

This was Dalkey Devils first time entering for this Award and as you can imagine we are all so grateful and overwhelmed that we actually won!

It was amazing to see how many people are actually involved in community groups from around the County and we feel very proud to live in such a wonderful place!

Dalkey Devils Volleyball Club was established in May 2011. We provide competitive play through our ladies' team, which is in the National League - Division 2. Along with this we cater for recreational players of both sexes and of all ages! We offer players of all abilities a place to train, compete and socialise, in the state of the art Castle Park School Sports Centre, with coaching provided by Luca Viganoti.

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NEWS FROM CASTLE PARK SCHOOL APRIL 2015



Confirmation at Church of the Assumption, Dalkey – Many congratulations to the pupils from Form VI who were confirmed at the end of February along with pupils from the Harold Boys' School & St Patrick's National School. Msg. Enda Lloyd was the main Celebrant, along with the more familiar faces of Fr Declan and Fr Paddy. With wonderful singing from the combined choirs of Castle Park and Harold Boys', the different stages of the ceremony flowed prayerfully and smoothly. We wish all our Confirmation candidates all the very best on this next stage of their personal faith journey.

Rainforest Explorers – Our youngest pupils, age 3 to 6, in the Early Years Department, have been undertaking an in-depth study of the Rainforest as part of their environmental studies modules this term. Some fantastic artwork was produced to illustrate the different animals that were studied and then a visit from Jungle Dave with his collection of exotic animals was deemed to be the highlight of the children's Rainforest experience.

World Book Day – Our celebrations for World Book Day did indeed take on an international dimension when an invitation was extended to parents whose native language is not English to come to School to read to the children. Children's stories, about five minutes long, were read to the children in Mandarin, German, Italian, Japanese, French, Spanish, Dutch, Gaeilge and English. Groups of children moved from native reader to reader experiencing the language, intonation and presentation of oral literature from many diverse cultures. We have also mounted a big display at School to mark World Book Day, showing photos of the children reading books in unusual places, such as whilst surfing, on top of a wardrobe and on horseback!



A Mollard

Jungle Artwork



NEWS FROM LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL APRIL 2015



Heritage Ireland visits Loreto – Eric Dempsey, one of Ireland's leading bird experts, came to Loreto Primary School, Dalkey on February 10th. He is a listed Heritage Specialist and his visit to our school was sponsored by Heritage Ireland.



Eric Dempsey speaks to Loreto pupils

He was really interesting and told us lots of fascinating facts. We learned a lot about swallows including that at six weeks old they migrate to South Africa for the first time. For those who survive the journey, they return to Ireland in early summer and their photographic memory allows them to come back to the exact location where they were born. Their distinct tails make them easy to spot and we are all going to take five seconds to look at the first swallow we see this year.

Eric brought in an owl's wing and demonstrated how it is completely silent when it flaps, in



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contrast with one swan's feather which made an audible swishing noise. Despite their excellent hunting skills, there is only one pair of barn owls left in Dublin as they often catch rats that have been poisoned.

He also brought in a huge selection of smaller birds' wings and feathers and showed us lots of photographs that he took, as bird photography is a passion of his.

It was a fantastic workshop packed full of facts, and we can't wait for "The Bird Man's" next visit on March 10th when he will talk to us about sea birds.

5th Class Loreto PS Dalkey



ASK THE PHARMACIST



Q. I suffer with a lot of joint pain especially in my knees and was wondering if there is anything I can use to help this? My doctor has told me it is likely it is osteoarthritis and I would prefer to avoid taking painkillers

A. Osteoarthritis is caused by wear and tear on the joints where there can be a reduction in cartilage which results in pain, swelling and stiffness.

The main treatments for osteoarthritis include lifestyle measures, medication to relieve your pain, and supportive therapies to help make everyday activities easier. Lifestyle measures would include maintaining a healthy weight and exercising regularly. Regular exercise builds up muscle which strengthens the joint, improving the symptoms.

In some cases, where these treatments have not helped, surgery to repair, strengthen or replace damaged joints might be necessary.

There are numerous alternative supplements that can help to relieve the osteoarthritis. These include Glucosamine, Chondroitin, MSM and Hyaluronic acid.

A combination of Glucosamine and Chondroitin has been shown to provide structural and significant relief in knee osteoarthritis.

Glucosamine is one of the most researched substances in relation to joint health. It is a compound that is naturally made in humans and it provides the raw material to make the molecules that form cartilage. It also appears to stimulate collagen production and help with cartilage repair and reduce breakdown of the healthy cartilage. Most of the clinical trials used a daily dose of 1500mg.

Chondroitin is one of the major structural components of cartilage, tendons and bones. It helps the cartilage to hold onto water which improves the joints shock absorbing properties.

MSM is a source of organic sulphur which is needed to make connective tissue. It also seems to relieve pain by lessening the nerve impulses that transmit pain and providing anti-inflammatory properties.

Hyaluronic Acid is found naturally within joints, especially in the cartilage and the synovial fluid which lubricates and cushions the joints to keep them working smoothly. In osteoarthritis, hyaluronic acid levels decrease and its ability to protect the joint is reduced. It can also help to reduce the pain caused by osteoarthritis.

Always consult your Doctor or Pharmacist before starting any alternative or herbal remedies to ensure they are suitable for you to take.

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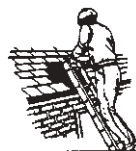
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DALKEY LADIES' CLUB NEWS



We have had some very successful evenings; one with a wonderful actor reciting many renditions from Irish writers and a successful fund raising Auction for our charity this year which is for a hi-tech machine for Neuroblastoma at Temple Street Children's Hospital. After Easter the club re-opens on April 16 with a talk about the old Theatre Royal. In early May we are going for a tour of Aras an Uachtaráin. The following week we will have a Spring Fashion Show and the following week we have an end of year celebratory dinner.



DALKEY ROWING CLUB LAUNCHES NEW BOAT



Dalkey Rowing Club is delighted to announce the launch of their new boat. A massive thanks to everyone in Dalkey who helped with the fundraising; it could not have been done without the support of the local community. The new boat is being launched in time for the new season so, we hope, which will help our crews win a few new medals to add to the ones we already have!

THE BLESSING – Local priest, Father Declan Gallagher, will bless the boat on Sunday 26th April at 2pm in The Tramyard. A celebration party will follow from 2-6pm. There will be a BBQ, drinks and music as well as face painting for the kids. All welcome!

Shhh . . . The name of the boat will be kept secret only to be revealed on the day! Members of Dalkey Rowing Club have been voting on their favourite from a list compiled by local residents. If you want to submit your suggestions, email it to dalkeyrowingclub1@gmail.com before 19th April 2015.

Dalkey Rowing Club welcomes all novices and experienced rowers to come down and get involved in this exceptional sport – Traditional Irish skiff rowing in Dalkey Town.

Members are welcome to be as involved as they want, if you want to train hard and be part of a competitive crew we will do our best to accommodate that or if you just fancy a nice row on a beautiful sunny evening that's fine too.

To find out more, please feel free to come to the launch and meet the current members. Alternatively if you would like to try out skiff rowing, drop down to Coliemore Harbour on a Monday from 6.30p.m. till 9p.m. (depending on light and weather) and have a go, our new season starts Monday 27th April. All welcome!

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APRIL 2015 LOCAL HISTORY LECTURES



Wednesday 1st at 8pm Susan Roundtree will present her lecture '*Ranelagh in pictures - a place in history*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Tuesday 7th at 8.30pm Tommy O'Rourke will present his lecture '*Wicklow Hedge Schools*' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in The Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany. All welcome - admission €3.

Thursday 9th at 8pm Peter Sobolewski will present his lecture '*Crime in Stillorgan 1780-1840*' to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society in The Function Room, Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. Contribution €3.

At 8pm Michael Lee will present his lecture '*Gallipoli*' to The Mount Merrion Historical Society in The Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome - admission €4 / Student €2.

At 8.30pm Frank Tracy will present his lecture '*Irish Poets of the Great War*' to The Enniskerry History Society in The Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry Village. All welcome - contribution €3.

Friday 10th at 8pm Tom Brace will present his lecture '*The command and staff structure of the IRA, 1918-21*' to The Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome.

Monday 13th at 7.30pm Connleth Manning will present his talk '*Hervey Montmorency Morres: '98 Rebel, Antiquary and Impudent Genealogist*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2.

Wednesday 15th at 1pm Hugh Oram will present his lecture '*A History of Ballsbridge from my view*' to the Ballsbridge, Donnybrook & Sandymount Historical Society in Pembroke Library, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. All welcome - admission free but booking recommended - call 01-6689575.

At 8pm The AGM of the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society takes place in The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire and will be followed by a talk by Colin Scudds on '*Repairing the Ravages of War, the Story of a Dun Laoghaire WW1 Red Cross Nurse*'. Admission €3.50 / Retired €2.

Thursday 16th at 8pm – Dr. Fearghal McGarry will present his lecture '*Countdown to 1916: A Year to Go*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10, Quinsboro Road, Bray. All welcome - admission €4.

Tuesday 21st Liam Clare will present his lecture '*Loughlinstown Workhouse*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Pastoral Centre, beside Foxrock R.C. Church. Martin McCarthy will present a short talk '*History / Atlas of South County Dublin*' before Liam Clare's lecture. All welcome - admission €5.

Friday 24th at 8pm Dr. Mark Phelan will present his lecture '*Gallipoli, 1915 - the First Phase: the April Landings*' to The Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome.

Monday 27th at 8pm Henry Fairbrother will present his lecture '*Mount Jerome: A Protestant Cemetery*' to the Clondalkin Historical Society in Arás Chronáin, Watery Lane, Clondalkin. All welcome.

Thursday April 30th at 8pm Henry Fairbrother will present his lecture '*Mount Jerome - a Protestant Cemetery*' to The Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Admission €3 - Car parking available in the Swan Centre - €1.50 (Total) from 6pm to 12.30am.

Countdown to 2016 Reading – '*With the Dublin Brigade: Espionage and Assassination with Michael Collins' Intelligence Unit*' by Charles Dalton, published by Mercier Press, recalls his memories of the War of Independence in the Dublin area and the various operations he took part in.



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Rector's Surgery: Holy Trinity Rectory every Tuesday from 7-8 pm.

Services for April: Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service
Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

From the Rector – I want to thank in advance all those who are making preparations for the Parish Fete. Everyone will have an opportunity to support this community and family event in the grounds on Glenageary-Killiney National School, Wyvern Estate on Saturday May 16th from 11am - 3pm. If you are free on the day, join us a day filled with fun, laughter and excitement. The theme this year is 'Pirates and Princesses' - appropriate dress is encouraged!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2015

Guest Preacher (Tuesday-Thursday): The Most Rev'd Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath & Kildare
All services in Holy Trinity Church, Killiney, unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 29th March (Lent VI, Palm Sunday), 8.30 am: Holy Communion; 10.45 am: The Liturgy of Palm Sunday

Monday 30th March (Holy Monday)

Tuesday 31st March (Holy Tuesday)

Wednesday 1st April (Spy Wednesday)
Holy Communion each morning at 7:15 am

Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday)

7.15 am: Holy Communion
10.30 am: Holy Communion

8.00 pm: The Lord's Supper

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday)

7.15 am: Ante Communion & Litany

Saturday 4th April (Easter Eve)

9.00 pm: Easter Vigil, Christ Church Cathedral

Sunday 5th April (Easter Day)

6.45 am: Sunrise Service, The Obelisk, Victoria Pk,

8.30 am: Holy Communion

10.45 am: Family Communion: The Rector
(service followed by Egg Hunt & reception).

Sheep Thrills - Made in Ireland. Every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre. Sheep Thrills products will be sold locally and given to selected charities for the homeless both at home and abroad. So anyone interested please contact Joan @ 0872460078. Admission €3-€5.

Table Tennis – The table tennis club meets every Monday at 8pm in the Carry Centre. If you are interested in trying out table tennis, you would be very welcome (and we will even lend you a bat!). For more information contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

Ladies Guild – Next meeting 14th April at 10.30 am in the Carry Centre. Visitors welcome.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney The next gathering will be on Wednesday 15th April at 8pm in the Carry Centre. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society) Saturday April 25th - Day trip to Howth. All Gentlemen are very welcome to attend. More information from: Paul O'Brien, Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

Bible Study and Prayer Group – The next Bible Study on Tuesday 28th April at 10.30am in the Carry Centre. All are very welcome to attend.



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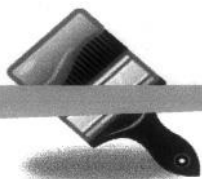
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We are looking for some assistance to help fund the protective case for the defibrillator which will cost €600 - if you are able to help please contact: info@DalkeyCFR.ie



Dalkey CFR volunteers took part in the launch of CFR Ireland, The National First Responder Network. This is an exciting new development for all CFR groups around the country and it is great that Dalkey CFR are getting involved from the beginning. The first event of CFR Ireland was the National First Responder Conference, **'Respond 2015'**, on March 7th which some of our responders attended.

This was a great day of information and advice being shared among the responder groups around the country, as well as talks from preeminent medical professionals.

Dalkey CFR are always looking for new volunteers, if you are interested in getting involved as a volunteer responder or on our committee in an administrative rôle please do not hesitate to contact us:

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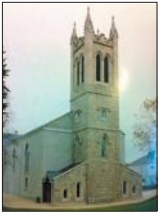
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A Different Day – Easter Sunday ‘feels’ different. It is impossible to express exactly what makes up that ‘feel’ - a sense of new life, a new beginning, a freshness. Whether the day is wet or dry for me it always evokes memories of daffodils, bright green grass, pussy willows, brightness and whiteness.

Daffodils and green grass, they are easy to understand. But ‘pussy willows’! because of childhood memories of going down a country lane with all the family to collect pussy willows to bring them home and put them in a vase. They were and remain, magical things - silky, compact, new, yet comfortable.

Why brightness and whiteness? Since childhood I’ve always had the image of Christ rising from the tomb surrounded by light, dressed in glowing white robes. And there, ultimately you have it.

The resurrection can make sense of all things, take it away and there is no sense being a human being at all. On Easter Sunday, I always feel sorry for those to whom it is just another day, for those children to whom it means only Easter eggs or Easter chickens or God help us, the Easter bunny. For Christian people it is the core of our beliefs and the very wick of our lives.

Even the psychiatrists and psychologists tell us that those with a deep religious faith can best cope with the joys and sorrows of life. Let’s get back to Easter, joy and hope.

The above passage was written for the parish newsletter Easter edition 1995 by Fr Des Forristal PP. It is with great fondness we remember Fr Forristal - playwright, biographer, television producer, Co-Founder of the *Radharc* series (running for more than 30 years) television script writer, talented pianist and organist - all these, but as he said himself, but priest first and above all else. We thank Morag O’Farrell and her team who have organised a Tribute Evening for Fr Des in the **Heritage Centre on 17th April 2015 at 7.30pm**. Presented by Fr. Dermot Mc Carthy it will feature a *Radharc* film and excerpts from Fr. Des’s literary works. Admission is free but, due to demand, entry is by ticket only - available from the Heritage centre. All are most welcome.

Moyross – In March we visited the parish of Corpus Christi in Moyross Co Limerick to see for ourselves the wonderful work being done there. Fr Tony from Moyross visited our parish in January to speak about the work he and his team are doing to raise funds to establish a range of effective and therapeutic interventions that seek to enhance the abilities and self efficacy of parents in Moyross and to help children deal with personal and social barriers that prevent them for engaging more fully in school life. This appeal resulted in over €5k being raised to help support the programme and established a partnership between our two parishes. We look forward to building upon this partnership in the future.

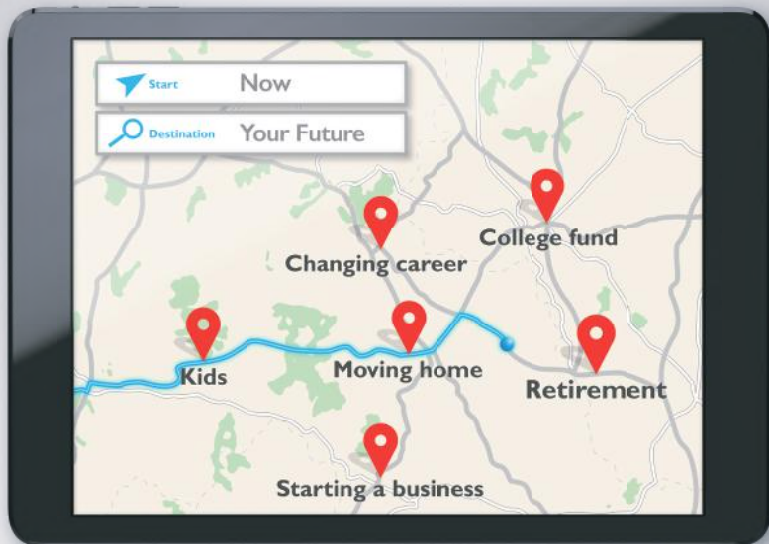
THANK YOU’S! – Many thanks to John Fahy who provided us with a beautiful image for our Easter Card. His skill at capturing the beauty of our wonderful town and surrounds brings a new appreciation of the landscape in which we are blessed to live.

Many thanks also to those who expressed an interest in joining and establishing our parish Gospel choir. We are still looking for a leader! If you would like to get involved either as a leader or singer, please email office@dalkeyparish.ie.

Dates for Your Diary – **Parish Golf Outing Friday 19th June** - Killiney Golf Club. To book a tee time or dinner after golf, contact the parish office. **August 29:** Parish Day of Reflection. **September 13:** Parish Picnic.

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Sunday Services for April 2015

5th April (Easter Sunday)	9am Eucharist	10.15am Parish Eucharist.
12th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age Family Worship.
19th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Parish Eucharist.
26th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

Children's Programme – Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place in the Rectory garden on Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday), immediately after the 10.15am Service. Also St. Patrick's Football Club is on Saturday 18th and 25th April at 5pm in Castlepark where new football players and trainers are always welcome.

Wednesday Senior Circle Film Socials – Our next film, on Wednesday 8th April, will be the 2006 comedy drama *"The Devil wears Prada"*. All welcome! Come for some entertainment, a cup of tea and the opportunity for a chat, in the gallery room (upstairs in the Hall) at 2.30. A smart but sensible new graduate lands a job as an assistant to Miranda Priestly, the demanding editor-in-chief of a high fashion magazine. Starring: Anne Hathaway, Meryl Streep, Adrian Grenier. There will be an "intermission" for refreshments.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2015

This year the Holy Week Services are shared between the local churches within the area.

Monday 30th March (Holy Monday) 8.00 pm: St Patrick's Church, Dalkey ~ Compline

Tuesday 31st March (Holy Tuesday 8.00 pm: St Paul's Church ~ A Late Evening Office

Wednesday 1st April (Spy Wednesday) 8.00 pm: St Matthias's Church ~ Tenebrae

Thursday 2nd April (*Maundy Thursday*) 10.30 am: St. Patrick's Church ~ Eucharist
8.00 pm: Holy Trinity, Killiney ~ Eucharist

Friday 3rd April (*Good Friday*) 8.00 pm: Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire ~ A Liturgy of the Cross

Sunday 5th April (*Easter Day*)

6.45 am: Sunrise Service, The Obelisk, Victoria Park

9.00 am: St. Patrick's Church ~ Eucharist

10.15 am: St. Patrick's Church ~ Eucharist (service followed by Easter Egg Hunt).

St. Patrick's Parish Fête - 9th May 2015

Preparations are well underway for our Annual Garden Fête which takes place in the grounds of the rectory and school, and in the adjoining Northover Hall, on Saturday 9th May, beginning at 10.30 am. Please do mark this date in you diary for what promises to be a most enjoyable event for the whole community.



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Sonrise at The Obelisk @ 6:45am	Sun 5 Apr
DCC April Monthly Meeting	Mon. 13 Apr
Fr. Forristal Tribute Evening in HC @ 7:30pm	Fri 17 Apr
St Vincent de Paul Coffee morning in aid of Rehabilitation Hospital, Rochestown Avenue 10am-12pm in OLH	Sat 18 Apr
Local Spring Clean - meeting SuperValu Car park @ 10am	Sat 25 Apr
Sorting of May Newsletters in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs. 30 Apr

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups in Town Hall @ 5-9pm Mondays & Wednesdays

Boxing/Conditioning Classes - Also available. Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334

Dalkey Players: Rehearsals in The Carry Centre from 7.30-10.30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or www.dalkeyplayers.ie check for details.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Road from 8-10.30pm Mon. & Thurs. or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information.

The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. Call 086-8391839.

Cuala Set Dancing Classes: Every Sunday from 8-10pm. €6 per night. All welcome.

Pilates: Classes on Monday evenings in DHC at 6.15pm, 7.15pm, 8.15pm. Bookings please Contact Lizanne Barry STOTT Instructor on 087 857 2408 or See Facebook Page Lizanne Barry Pilates Classes for details.

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

The So & Sews in aid of Alzheimer's on Monday's at 3pm with afternoon tea in Derrymore, 35, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Call Jasmine on 275 1876

Baby & Toddler Group: All pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome on Tuesdays from 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., Dun Laoghaire. €2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608

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

By the time this article reaches your letter box RTE will have made yet more changes to the Saorview channel list. RTE1 plus 1 will be moving to a different channel number, and in most cases viewers will have to manually re-tune their television sets or set-top receivers to continue receiving this channel. Some receivers are straight forward to re-tune, while some are not, and in some cases (due to software issues) viewers can expect to receive 20 or 30 blank stations added to the channels list while attempting to re-tune their system. I was hoping that these problems would have been sorted out by now, but it's still on-going, as RTE and some Saorview receiver manufactures keep passing the buck !

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