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SUMMARY OF DCC MARCH MEETING

Summary of the March Monthly Meeting held on Monday 07/03/16 in OLH

Tidy Towns: DTT has carried out major clearance work in Dillon's Park. This has led to a dramatic improvement in the park and enhanced the views of Dalkey Island.

NW: The burglaries still remain top of the crime list and householders are urged to lock up and report anything suspicious. Garda Cathy had leaflets on *Care & Repair* a program run by Southside Partnership DLR in association with Age Action Ireland to help the over 65's with small maintenance jobs. See page 53.

Planning: The Pegasus Group has withdrawn their application as they encountered too many planning difficulties.

AOB: Concerns were raised over the Japanese Knotweed that is currently growing near the DART tracks at Old Quarry. DCC will contact DLR to check out if they have a policy on its removal.

Next Meeting Monday 11th April 2016

DALKEY NEWSLETTER ONLINE

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DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE

The national schools programme has just finished for another year! Schools from all over the area and down into Wicklow and Wexford enjoyed our re-creation of all the eras (Early Christian, Medieval, Victorian) in a 100 minute programme tailored especially to the curriculum for fourth and fifth classes. The written feedback from the schools was very positive. Mt. Anville wrote "This is undoubtedly one of the best educational outing available. It is fun, informative and very well run. Congratulations to all involved." Next on the agenda, Dalkey Castle will be part of DLR Council's 'Spring into Heritage' initiative. This is an add-on to DLR Summer of Heritage when council owned sites are open to the public with free admission. As part of the Spring into Heritage we will have council-sponsored free tours, for locals on Sundays at 14.40 from March 27th to May 29th. Admission is free but must be pre-booked.

CIE Tours will start back the end of April. The numbers have increased this year to four coaches per week. In addition to two in the Leisurely Ireland series, there will be groups under the banners of: A Celtic Sampler, A British and Irish Voyager and a British and Irish focus. Holidaymakers come mainly from the United States. Visitors also have time to browse around the town, and feedback from previous years was that they were welcomed and well looked after.

In 2016, we are working with Dalkey Library and bringing those visitors taking guided walks in to see the Maeve Binchy Garden in the Library. This is an oasis of calm in a busy world. Local ceramic artist, Laura Hagan was commissioned by DLRCoCo to create a mosaic as a memorial to Maeve Binchy. Maeve had the saying that in her novels ugly ducklings didn't grow into swans but grew into confident ducklings! Laura has included the ducklings on the mosaic and other features beloved of Maeve such as Coliemore Harbour and Dalkey Island. The garden also houses the Rosa Gordon Snell (blooming in season) which Maeve had commissioned as a surprise for Gordon's birthday.



Shop local: the new spring colours in knitwear from Tivoli Spinners and Áine knitwear are proving very popular. Drop in and take a look if you are passing. Bookings for the DLR council sponsored free tours on Sundays at 14.40 can be made by emailing info@dalkeycastle.com; Telephone 285 8366 or by calling in to reception.



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

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Many thanks

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, Local Projects etc.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The design elements on the cover of this commemorative issue were kindly given by Mr Ronan King, Dalkey, based on his grandmother's records of the Easter Rising 1916 from a Dalkey Perspective. Ronan will be giving a presentation on this important local archive in the DLR Lexicon on Monday, April 25th at 7.00 p.m.



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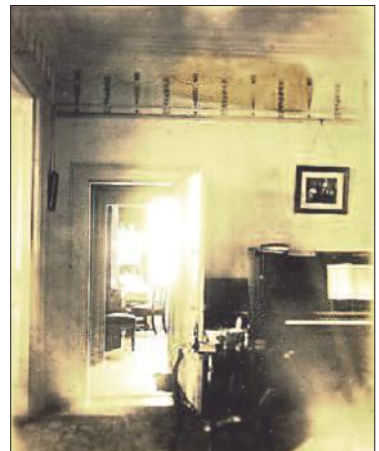


Mount Salus House

Kathleen King (Anastasia Leland Kathleen Murphy) was born in July 1893 to well-to-do Dublin merchant, Laurence Murphy and his wife, Brigid (*nee* Monahan). The Murphys lived at 21 Upper Merrion Street (now part of The Merrion Hotel), just around the corner from 144 Lower Baggot Street, where the family ran a prominent and successful drapery store. Kathleen was educated at Loreto College on the Green, and proved to be a top-grade student, winning national awards. She was also a gifted musician (cello), poet, artist and linguist.

Following her husband's early death in 1909 at 52, Brigid took over the running of the store, and despatched Kathleen and her sister Eileen to finishing school in an Ursuline Convent in Berlin. The family moved from the city-centre to the magnificently located Combre House at Mount Salus Road in Dalkey. On her return from Berlin in 1912, Kathleen became involved in Dublin theatre and music, moving in the same circles as Thomas and John MacDonagh, Joseph Plunkett, Edward Martyn and Máire Nic Shiubhlaigh. She was an early member of the newly-formed Irish National Theatre, and performed at Hardwicke Street. She was also a staunch supporter of the cause for Irish independence.

On 24 April 1916 - Easter Monday - while living in Dalkey, Kathleen learned of the launch of the Rebellion through a phone call from her brother Paddy Murphy. She began to record a daily record of "*Dublin's Eventful Weeks as We Heard Them*", which she subsequently transcribed for posterity into a simple copy book.



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Later that year, Kathleen became engaged to a young medical student, Edward King (1892-1933) from Limerick. They married in April 1918 and moved to 24 Ulverton Road in Dalkey, where Edward sought to practice as a GP. Due to his nationalist sympathies and activities, King was frowned upon by some members of the Unionist-leaning “Rathdown Guardians”, and initially struggled. However, the Kings’ fortunes changed with the establishment of a new Free State regime, and Dr King was the first Medical Officer appointed by the new Sinn Féin Government. He took up a position in Stillorgan,

and they moved to Westminster Road in Foxrock.

Kathleen lived there for 12 years until Edward’s death at 41 from typhoid in 1933. Kathleen was left to rear her four sons alone. She became increasingly interested in gardening and plants and went on to become Ireland’s foremost authority on bryology (the study of mosses and liverworts). Her published works and collection of over 4,000 herbarium specimens contributed greatly to the advancement of bryology in Ireland. She was also prominently involved in the leadership of An Taisce, serving as Honorary Secretary for many years.



Kathleen King died in 1978, aged 84. Her Diary of the 1916 Rising, written when Kathleen was aged twenty-two, was found by her family amongst her collection of photos, letters, playbills and memorabilia.



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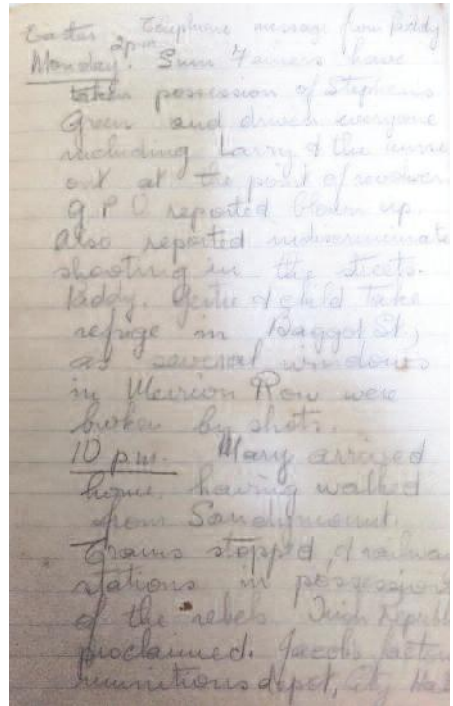
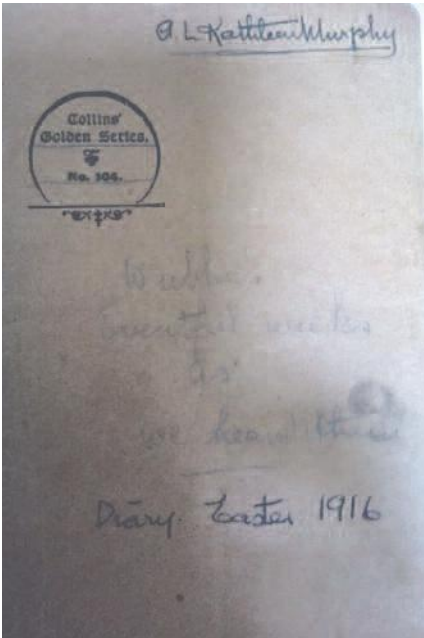
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KATHLEEN KING'S DIARY OF THE 1916 RISING



EASTER MONDAY (24 April)

2pm Telephone message from Paddy. Sinn Feiners have taken possession of Stephens Green and driven everyone including Larry and the nurse out at the point of revolver. GPO reported blown up. Also reported indiscriminate shooting in the streets. Paddy, Gertie and child take refuge in Baggot Street, as several windows in Merrion Row were broken by shots.

10pm Mary arrived home, having walked from Sandymount. Trams stopped and railway stations in possession of the rebels. Irish Republic proclaimed. Jacobs factory, munitions depot, City Hall, GPO and several other large buildings in possession of the Volunteers. Several people supposed to be shot and people held up coming from Fairyhouse. Clerys reported looted.

Railway line torn up as far as Merrion, also Howth train line

TUESDAY (25 April)

O'Hara told us he saw Clerys windows being broken, and O'Connell St. strewn with dead horses belonging to the Lancers who ran before the rebels. The East Yorks Regt (2000) also fled before them and the Irish Regt. refused to go out. The Volunteers entrenched in Stephens Green, around the Bank of Ireland and round the GPO (and holding the city).

No post or telegrams. Cable to England cut. Only local telephones.

Miss Lyndon told us they were shooting down people in the streets. Roe said no-one was shot but some soldiers and policemen. Martial law for city and county of Dublin. ~~Mother came home.~~

We set out for information, got as far as Kingstown by train. Stopped by military on Marine Road and sent back. We wanted to get to Blackrock as laundry boy had told us he

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had passed Volunteers there. We tried Queens Road and were held up by some Admiral person who curtly informed us we had no business there. We demanded a passage somehow away from the station, and a Mr. Carter told us to mention his name. This time another sentry on the Marine Road allowed us to pass. We walked as far as Williamstown, heard some guns but saw nothing. On the homeward path again held up on Marine Rd by military, and very impudent ones at that. Had to walk round a dirty lane so as to leave the strip of Georges St sacred to the use of the military inviolate.

Mother only stayed an hour in town. Firing going on all round Stephen's Green. Motor-car supposed to have been stopped by Volunteers on the Green and four occupants shot dead. The Citizen Army also out, and supposed to be looting all before them. Two Marlborough Street priests, Dr. Doherty and Fr. O'Flanagan reported ill-used and seriously wounded. A de la Salle Brother arrested for allowing Sinn Feiners on the roof. Several Dalkey people quite hopeful about rebellion. Cork and Limerick reported up. Kettle supposed to have been court-martialled and shot by Sinn Feiners and Casement reported prisoner in the hands of the British.

WEDNESDAY (26 April)

Telephoning allowed to hospitals and post to/from England.

O'Hara told us proclamation from the Lord Lieutenant (and he in Belfast) ordering the citizens to stay in their houses and that soldiers had spent the night bivouacked in the streets leading to Stephens Green (and shooting passers-by). But the Green was abandoned, as the military were round in all the houses, and had a machine gun on The Shelbourne. Eileen and Mother got in by Harcourt Street. Heard shooting in the Green. Liberty Hall blown up. Lawrences burned down. Military had the College of Science which the others had first. Soldiers also had Trinity College from which the Volunteers were trying to drive them. Military cordon round the centre of the city. Great firing at Phibsboro. Johnsons and Bolands Bakeries in the hands of the rebels and bread very scarce in town. Also other food not to be had as shops were all shut. Sinn Feiners attacked electric power station but failed to take it. They turned off water on the North side the night before. When Eileen and Mother tried to get home, they found stations closed and no more trains until further orders from the military. Heard great firing in Rathmines and saw soldiers coming down, driving the people before them. They just got out into Adelaide Road and finally found a cab-man to take them as far as Monkstown. Meantime food was reported to be running out in Dalkey. Butter very scarce, but managed to get 2lbs, and 1 st of flour. Troops pouring into Dublin from Kingstown.

Heard from Mother Prioress in Blackrock that Galway and Thurles were also reported up.

THURSDAY (27 April)

Heard that W. Martin Murphy is helping Sinn Feiners. Heard that Gresham was burned down. Got a Daily Mail from O'Hara, which led us to believe that the rebellion would last some time and that the Germans were at the back of it. Arrest of Casement confirmed. Great food fight in Dalkey. Reported that Kynock's was blown up and Arklow was in the hands of rebels from Wexford. Big ambush at Trim. Coll. Botanical Gardens. Cavalry first cut to pieces and infantry then caught. We heard fires in Dublin could be seen from Dalkey Hill the night before. We went up at dark and could see a fearful blaze. We also heard guns and saw star shells or rockets going up. The O'Hanlons told us there were sixty soldiers in Baggot St Hospital as a result of the ambush. Also that the manifesto was certainly signed by Plunkett, McDonagh and Ceannt. They saw a man brought into Baggot St Hospital with a hole in his front from an explosive or soft nosed bullet. Battle going on in Cabinteely. Great surmises as to where fire was.



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FRIDAY (28 April)

Military helpless. Fire was in Brooks Thomas timber yard. Spent most of day foraging for supplies. Heard that 10,000 (*or 70,000*) troops gone in with artillery, ambulances, field kitchens and a staff of nurses, also a cycle corps. Mother went down to Kingstown and found them worse off than here. Mr. O'Reilly told her he had walked round the city the night before. Very little damage done and very few people killed. Clerys untouched, Tylers, Nobletons, Knowles and Ryan and Frewens looted, also McInerneys.

A man, his wife and their servant arrested at Northumberland Road for firing on the military. Several boys and girls arrested for helping Sinn Feiners with food. Mother went to Bray foraging. Bertie came to tell us Dr. Garland was up from Barndarrig and that Arklow is perfectly safe. The military are everywhere. Bertie was stopped five times coming from Foxrock. They are standing with fixed bayonets outside Dalkey Station. They are all round the roads stopping people. Dr. McCready brought his sister into Blackrock in a motor and had to have a military pass, not to speak of two soldiers with fixed bayonets in the back of the car.

Food desperately scarce. No butter, bacon, flour, eggs, tea or sugar in Dalkey and meat and vegetables scarce and at famine prices. Fires still blazing away. Mother secured 18 eggs in Bray.

SATURDAY (29 April)

No news from town this morning. O'Hara was annoyed with the military for blocking up the roads. He had an altercation with one sentry. Another came along and asked him if there was any chance of a wash. He told him: "*If the government can't wash you, I can't*".

Military closed all the shops in Kingstown yesterday. James at the beginning of the week said the Sinn Feiners had forgotten there was "a Christian God" but now he changed his tune. He gave out all sorts about the military and their restrictions and hoped "those Irish fellows would wallop them to hell". No fresh provisions at all in Dalkey, except meat at fierce prices. We are on siege rations as far as butter is concerned and have very little bread and only one stone of flour. Dalkey Bakery has flour for a week.

Miss Washington told us the dead were lying in rows on the Canal Bank for identification. Reported that the Coliseum is burned.

6pm. News has got through that 500 Sinn Feiners have surrendered unconditionally. Also a food ship has arrived in Kingstown and a Govt. depot will be opened there on Monday. So the fear of famine is removed. The Unionists are going round in jubilation asking if we've heard the good news.

They are holding out still in the West and it is rumoured they have the line as far as Ferns

SUNDAY (30 April)

It seems to be all over, but everything is still at a standstill. It is rumoured that two men were arrested in Dalkey last night for Sinn Fein views. Mrs. Meade told us that Eimear O'Duffy did not sign the manifesto, but is out. She also said she heard that the Pope has excommunicated the rebels. We snorted in derision.

Afternoon Kavanagh told us there is still fighting in Dublin, that the GPO is still held, and that every road out of Dalkey is blocked by military. Also that Dublin was to be shelled. Mr. O'Hanlon says the five hundred who surrendered were those in Jacobs factory and the district around, and there were plenty of others still fighting. He heard that the GPO was in the hands of the military, and practically destroyed, and that Clerys was in ribbons. He had this from Lieut. Myers of the Fire Brigade. Also that besides those we heard of already that the D.B.C. and Manfields were looted.

7pm Eileen has left for the boat. She has to go to the police station and have self and trunks

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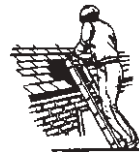
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examined, then be accompanied by a policeman down to the boat. A few more stories have reached us. There were battles today in Ballsbridge and Cabinteely. One tells us there isn't a sod turned in the Green, but Eileen saw the bushes rooted up, and a lady living next to The Shelbourne told her she could see at least 3 Volunteers lying dead. We were told of a British officer at the corner of York St. who potted a Volunteer. The man got up again. He hit him a second time. The man rose once more. A third time he fired, and this time the man lay still, but in the same moment the officer fell absolutely riddled.

We also heard how the GPO was taken. One of Thompson's cars was out on Saturday week gun-running. The ammunition was deposited in various little shops along the quays. On Monday morning, the owners of these got out their vans, loaded them, put on their uniform and drove to the GPO. Meantime others marched in and took possession, one man going straight to the telegraph room, and another to the telephone exchange.

Sunday evening Miss Bailey told us that the GPO is very battered but not in ruins and still in the hands of the rebels. Much fighting still going on. Word apparently reliable came too that the five hundred surrendered with honours of war, on condition of lenient treatment. They had still plenty of food and ammunition, and very few men incapacitated, but they had begun to see how hopeless the struggle was. Also they were all Sinn Feiners and were rather tired of the doings of the Citizen Army. An amusing fairy-tale was that Larkin had come from America to Dublin disguised as a barrel. It seems true that Woolworths is looted. Miss Bailey with great difficulty and with the help of Halligan's man Lambert got past a posse of soldiers at Sion House crossroads, commanded by a miserable little rat of an Englishman, about five feet three. Everyone now who wants to get outside Dalkey at all must have a military pass from Kingstown Town Hall. There is a regular soldiers camp in Sion House grounds, with artillery, horses and c, and they have scoured the groves round Glenageary.

MONDAY, May 1st

Mary heard in Mt. Henry that only 9 volunteers surrendered in one house through lack of ammunition. The rebels are in Sellars Malt Stores and Browns Mills in Ringsend now. Everyone is expected to be in their houses by 7.30pm in these parts here. The Daily Mail says 707 prisoners, including Madame Markievicz taken in O'Connell St., GPO and Four Courts. P.H. Pearse, leader and President of the Irish Republic wounded and taken prisoner. Bolands Bakery taken by military with guns on motor-lorries. Rebel leaders in Wexford, Galway, Clare and Thurles ordered by Pearse to surrender. Leader from Enniscorthy refused to credit this and came to Dublin under escort to verify if surrender was unconditional. Alan Ramsey was killed in Dublin. Dalkey Station barred except for railway passengers and patrolled by 8 limbs of the law in khaki. No-one allowed out of Kingstown without a pass, and a thousand people are waiting in a queue for them.

No food has arrived in Dalkey. Papers 3d each, 1d a read.

The soldiers thought they were landing in France, and found we spoke very good English. One man was sadly disappointed to find that he was only in Sallynoggin, an outpost of Kingstown. They said they would make bits of the Dubliners, and were told it might be the other way about.

Saw Dr. O'Hara careering past on a bike with a Red Cross amulet. Saw a prisoner being taken off by military on a train. O'Hanlons gave us papers and told us Kingstown is like an armed camp. Another huge transport came in today. The quayside is lined with stacks of hay and straw and huge supplies of all kinds of food-stuffs. Hundreds of horses are being landed. There are two aeroplanes and scores of men from Flying Corps. Also ambulances, nursing staffs and doctors. Staff officers in brass helmets are rushing round. There is great difficulty about passes, and it takes about 15 minutes cross-examination to obtain one. We



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thought discretion the better part of valour and determined to stay within bounds in Dalkey, where a few roads are open to us. No money in Dalkey. Post-office can't pay the Separation Allowances and Old Age Pensions. Tramway men got half-pay. Some of the poor people have not a grain of food in the house. The Cabinteely baker was over, and there have been absolutely no disturbance there. We were fortunate in securing the last bit of meat in Dalkey, also a few vegetables. We needn't pluck nettles yet.

TUESDAY (2 May)

Permits issued in Dalkey today but great crowds waiting. Irish Times has great history of the whole disturbance today. Got first note from Ned for 9 days. Met Eddie O'Farrell on a bike. Hailed him. They've been having a fearful time in Rutland Sq all the week. He was able to tell me Baggot St. was alright. He looked like a ghost.

Rumours round town that Sir Thomas Myles was wounded in his own study and that Sir Horace Plunkett was shot at in a motor-car. Poor Charlie Hyland was shot dead in his own back garden.

WEDNESDAY (3 May)

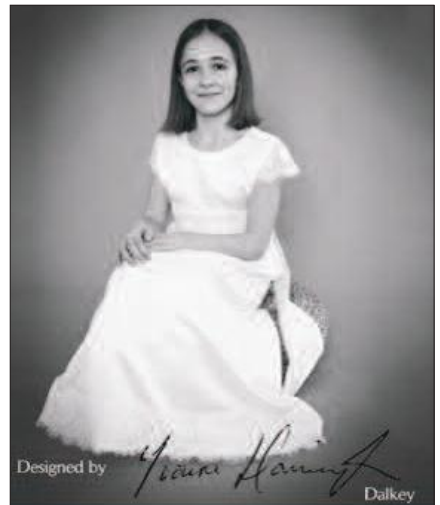
Mother got a permit for town without much difficulty. McDonagh, Pearse and Clarke shot this morning. Trial of others proceeding. BO'H tells us military in Dublin are in arrogant possession. He saw a major on horseback at the junction of Georges St and Dame St. slash a man across the face with a whip. The man had produced a pass but was told to go to hell out of this. What the —— did he mean by trying to pass without a proper permit. Another soldier who thought he was going to France said: "We thought we were going to fight men, not bl——— Irish swine". A man named D'arcy arrested by military in Dalkey today. He had been in the fighting, but managed to get home. Rumours flying round that Alick Conan has been arrested and Joe refused a permit because he is a brother. B'O'H also told us before that his office was searched. Some of the Volunteers had been there, and used it as a sniping post against the Castle. The walls are all pitted with bullets.

THURSDAY (4 May)

Joe Plunkett, Eamonn Ceannt and Sean MacDermott sentenced to 3 years penal servitude. Went down to Town Hall with Mary. After standing an hour and a half at last force an entry. Once within, no trouble as a loyal Unionist named Smyth whom I only knew by appearance spoke up and told the officer he knew "these two young ladies" and we were alright. So, much to our relief, we were asked no questions.

Police and military searched some houses in Dalkey today, Summers and Kavanaghs. Took no prisoners. Kavanagh was in the fighting and we heard stole back to Dalkey on Tuesday night. Learn from Evening Mail that Joe Plunkett and poor Willie Pearse were shot this morning with two others I didn't know. R.I.P. About 18 others got 10 years penal servitude.

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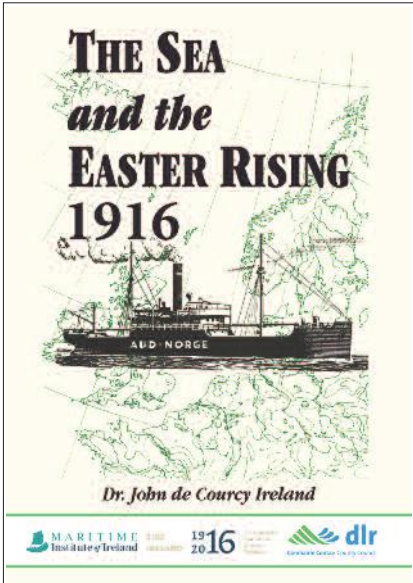
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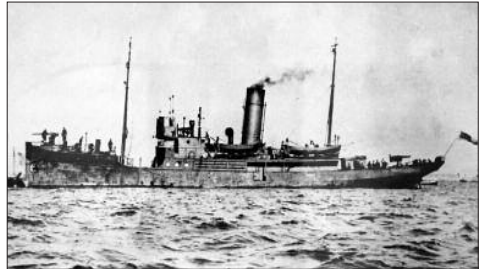


RESEARCHING ‘1916’ ROLE: – In this month of the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising, it was then that the Kingstown (Dún Laoghaire) Harbour-based British patrol boat

HMY Helga, which also served in anti-submarine duties during World War 1, and would later gain notoriety in the Rising in Dublin City. The ship was ordered to shell Boland’s Mill, Liberty Hall and the G.P.O. at that pivotal period of Irish nationhood.



Cargoship, Aud illustrates the book-cover of ‘The Sea and the 1916 Rising’



HMY Helga in 1916, seen at Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) Harbour. Photo: NMMI

The late Dr. John de Courcy Ireland (in whose memory this series is dedicated) a Dalkey native and renowned Maritime Historian, whose book

‘*The Sea and the Easter Rising 1916*’ was originally published by the Maritime Institute of Ireland on the Rising’s 50th anniversary in 1966.

De Courcy’s research had highlighted that two of *Helga*’s crewmen refused to assist shelling, marking a small yet significant act of mutiny that took place on the Liffey. To commemorate the Rising, a centenary edition of the publication is available to purchase from the shop of the National Maritime Museum of Ireland (NMMI), Dún Laoghaire.

A 1916 exhibition and lectures programme about the lesser known maritime aspects of the Rising, is on display at the NMMI. Talks about *HMY Helga* and cargoship, *Aud* will be held in April and further lectures run to June, for details visit www.mariner.ie

HMY Helga in more peaceful times became the Irish Free State’s first research vessel, *Muirchú* and later served in the fledgling navy as *LÉ Muirchú*. In the 1960’s the state commissioned *Cú Mara* and

Cú Feasa, built for exploratory fishing for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

In 1970, *Cú Feasa*, for just ‘one week’ became the ‘only corvette’ in the Naval Service as other patrol vessels were unavailable to go to sea. At the same time the navy awaited their first



Cú Feasa on fishery research, late 1960’s

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custom built OPV, *LÉ Deirdre*. In the early 1980's I recall seeing the grey-hulled *Cú Feasa* at anchor in Dalkey Sound while training recruits on exercises for *An Shlua Muirí*, now the Naval Service Reserve.

Another research vessel, *Lough Beltra*, played her rôle for the National Science Council and currently such duties are in the hands of the Marine Institute's pair, *Celtic Explorer* and the smaller *Celtic Voyager*.

It also must be noted the work of the Geological Survey of Ireland, whose inshore fleet have also contributed in mapping Ireland's extensive seabed, including the Frazier Bank off Dalkey Island, (see image August 2012 issue).



Celtic Voyager in Dalkey Sound with backdrop of Lamb Island. Photo: Jehan Ashmore

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LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL

PUPILS VISIT GREEN SCHOOLS EXPO

The Green Committee, along with Ms Maxwell and Mrs Power, visited the RDS in Ballsbridge on Thursday February 25th to attend the Green Schools Expo. We were all very excited because we were going on the DART.

We got off the DART at Sandymount and walked up to the RDS. There was a huge queue outside the building but we didn't have to wait too long. We were given paper wristbands when we went in and then we proceeded to the stalls that were in the middle of the big space. Some schools were displaying the work they had done on the various themes of the Green Schools programme: Litter and Waste, Energy, Water, Travel and Biodiversity. We are working on the theme 'Biodiversity' this year so we were very interested in getting ideas for this theme. A funny man entertained us with stories about animals and nature.

We then noticed that a big crowd of pupils and teachers were over one side of the room taking a lot of photographs. At first we saw an army officer, the President's wife and then the President himself. President Higgins then addressed all the people at the Expo. His speech was about climate change, litter, saving energy and other issues about the environment.



We learned a lot at the Green Schools Expo and returned to school tired with much hope in our hearts for our work on the Green Schools Committee.

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I hadn't been out birdwatching at Rogerstown Estuary for years so when we did decide to go in late February we were fortunate to have one of the nicest days of the month which, though cold, was dry and sunny. There was enough heat in the air to provide perfect warm air thermals for soaring buzzards and we saw at least seven circling above us at various times. On the last time I'd been there I remember everyone on the Birdwatch branch outing getting excited by seeing a buzzard perched on a fence but now they've got so common in North Dublin they'd only generate interest if there weren't any present.

The land, a very substantial area comprising 220 acres, previously contained allotments and farmland where a number of tillage crops were grown but is now managed by Fingal Council and a lot of the area is managed for wildlife with over 40,000 trees planted by local children and fields sown with a mix of seeds to provide feeding for many species of finch and other birds.

In a fenced paddock beside the path a Kerry cow grazed in a field with chocolate brown sheep with great curving horns while curlew and herons wandered around. A Mistle Thrush serenaded us from the top of a nearby tree as we walked down past a recently created pool lined with reeds and populated by swans, moorhens and a recently arrived group of Gadwall ducks. Little flocks of Brent geese flew around moving around various feeding areas.

The path runs beside one of the aforementioned fields growing cereals for the birds on one side and a hedge with mature trees at the other side into which a big flocks of finches would



Male Stonechat at Rogerstown Nature Reserve. The Stonechat name derives from their call, compared to the sound of two stones being knocked together

fly before sweeping back down into the field. Dozens of Linnets and Chaffinches chattered in the trees. We'd been told a few Brambling, a winter visiting finch, had been seen among the flocks earlier in the winter but if they were there we didn't see any. Another bird we'd hoped to see, in what would be a perfect habitat for it, was the Yellowhammer but none of them to be seen either. As we neared the main birdwatching hide at the estuary our friend Brian scanned the area with his scope and spotted on top of a brick mound the head of a perched peregrine which looked like it was plucking a recent kill.

The hide used to look over the water at a council rubbish dump but that has long closed and the land it sat on is being restored so now a large grass covered mound is the only remnant of it. A flock of dozens if not hundreds of curlews fed on the grassy slopes, as big a number of this iconic wader as I'd seen all winter. Suddenly they were all gone, perhaps spooked by a buzzard which flapped across in front of them with powerful wingbeats. The hide is a converted shipping container which is placed on a raised base giving great views over the water and the hundreds of geese, ducks and waders which frequent it for the winter months. Volunteers from the local Birdwatch branch man the hide at weekends keeping a tally of the birds seen that

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day and offering assistance to anyone not too familiar with the different species. When we'd seen our fill of wildfowl we wandered back getting lovely views of a pair of Stonechat.

It was still relatively early in the day so we thought we'd stop off at Broadmeadow Estuary in Swords on our return journey. Another spot I'd once frequented regularly that I hadn't been to in years, Broadmeadow remains the same apart from the fact there are colossal stone pillars rising out of the bank to support the north and south bound lanes of the NI with a constant stream of traffic humming overhead. When the motorway's route was originally proposed there were fears the swans that frequent the estuary in large numbers might land on the roadway, especially in wet weather when the glistening surface might be mistaken for water, causing potential catastrophe on the road but thankfully that hasn't



A fluffed up male Yellowhammer near Broadmeadow Estuary at Swords

happened and lots of people still drive to the estuary to feed the swans especially on Sundays. We parked nearby and approached the waterside and as we neared a culvert bringing a stream underground into the estuary a blaze of turquoise lashed out, two kingfishers who are apparently regulars there. We spotted Snipe and watched Wigeon, Redshank, Dunlin, Black tailed Godwits and many more ducks and waders feeding ahead of the fast approaching tide. The sun had gone behind the clouds and we were feeling the sharp breeze so we headed back to the comfort of the car but as we began to put away our scopes Lucy spotted, a few yards away in a clump of trees the unmistakable vivid yellow glow of a Yellowhammer. As bright as any canary this particular individual added to its spectacular presence by having its feathers fluffed up so it looked like a small vivid feather duster. We spotted more on the other side of the road moving through the hedge while our 'dandy' stayed perched near us giving us great views. We'd got to see them after all.



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NEWS FROM HAROLD BOYS' SCHOOL



CONFIRMATION 2016

On February 26th pupils from Harold Boys' and Castle Park schools went to the Church of the Assumption to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. The choirs from both schools sang beautifully. The boys and girls went up with their sponsors to receive the sacrament. The Church was full with family members and friends. Monsignor Enda Lloyd celebrated the Mass and was assisted by Fr. Declan and Fr. Paddy from the parish. All forty-four boys and girls had a fantastic day. We had a wonderful day and really enjoyed the occasion.



Winners of the Harold Boys' N.S. Engineering Quiz

By Shane and Fergal O'Sullivan



SINÉAD'S WINE CORNER



Mendocino County on the north coast of California is noted not only for its distinctive Pacific coastline and Redwood forests but its wine production. It is one of the leading wine growing regions for organically grown grapes with 25% of its acreage grown organically and this is on the increase. Due to the popularity of organic vineyards, journalists refer to this region as 'California's organic mecca'.



The first vineyards were established in 1850's. Unfortunately these were completely eradicated by, you may have guessed...the enactment of prohibition in the early 20th century. The vineyards were ripped out and replaced by fruit orchards.

The oldest continually operating vineyard in the region was Parducci Wines and was founded in 1931 while Prohibition was still in place. They are still operating today and produce an interesting list of wines that are known as 'Wines That Rock'.

Rolling Stones 40 Licks Merlot- Flavours of raspberries and strawberries with black cherry and a spicy finish.

Grateful Dead Steal Your Face Red Blend- Black cherry flavours with a velvety vanilla and caramel finish.

Woodstock Chardonnay- Fresh flavours of pear, citrus and tropical fruit. Winemaker Mark Beaman describes it as 'sunshine in a bottle'.

The supplier of 'Wines That Rock' in Ireland are Classic Drinks and you can buy these wines in Mitchell & Son's Wine Merchants in Glashule, CHQ and Avoca Kilmacanogue. So do as the producers insist- 'Pop the cork, turn up the tunes, and enjoy the tastes of Wines That Rock.

Sinéad Tyrrell, Dalkey



CASTLE PARK SCHOOL UPDATE



Over the past two years our Green Schools focus has been on energy & energy saving. The Green Schools committee members have worked hard to identify areas where we could improve our energy efficiency and have even designed their own Energy Vampire stickers which have been placed on items that are perhaps consuming more energy than is ideal. Their motto urges all of us to take small steps towards the goal of achieving energy efficiency - "Little things we do add up – be energy aware to save the Earth!"



Throughout the School all pupils have been involved in working towards the common goal of energy efficiency and last week Dean Eaton, Green Schools Officer from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, visited the School to evaluate our work, making a detailed inspection of the initiatives that have been undertaken. For example, pupils in Fourth Class have studied different energy sources and how that energy makes its way to our homes. They particularly focused on renewable fuels and made some magnificent models of the Dalkey/Killiney area

with suggestions of how more renewable energy could be directed into the area, including identifying possible sources of hydroelectric, solar, tidal and wind generated power.



NATURE NOTES APRIL 2016



April Tuesday 5th – “Bird’s of the Lone Star state – an Irishman’s birding trip to Texas” by Dick Coombes

April Sun. 10th – Outing to Avoca for Red Kite. Meet at church at 10 am (**NB note time**)

Sunday 17th April – **An Taisce National Clean-Up**. Meet at Booterstown DART station at 2pm. Bring boots and gloves. Tea afterwards.

DUN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN

Clár Comórtha Céad Bliain/Centenary Programme. Check out www.dlrcoco.ie for the program of local events commemorating 1916.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 6-9 8/2/2016 to 4/3/2016

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. D16A/0077

Application Rec'd Date: 9-Feb-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Belgrave Capital Ireland Ltd. Site of c.0.09ha on lands adjoining Shelmalier, Victoria Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development. The proposed development shall provide for a two storey 4 bed dwelling house over basement level and garage area (total GFA c.586 sq.m) with associated terrace area; new garden store; new vehicular and pedestrian entrances from Victoria Road and all associated site services, landscaping and site development works.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0045

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Feb-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Siobhan & William Hamilton, 45 Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: Extensions and alterations to existing 2 storey semi-detached house to include, A. Single storey porch and bay extension to front of existing house. B. Single storey extension to rear of existing house. C. New door and window to side of existing house. D. Conversion of existing garage space to study. E. Internal modifications with reduction in floor level of 225mm. F. All associated site development works

Reg. Ref. D16B/0047

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Feb-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Matthew Lyster & Patricia Duignan, 1 Sorrento Lawn, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a 128 sqm extension to existing dwelling (consisting of a 2 storey extension to the rear, side and front of the dwelling including elevational changes) together with all associated and ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0759

Application Rec'd Date: 30-Nov-2015

Applicant Name & Location: David Whelan & Cathy Egan, 3 Tubbermore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the conversion of existing garage to living accommodation, replacement of existing garage doors with new window and widening of existing site entrance. **Additional Information:** 19-Feb-2016.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0796

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Dec-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Carole Crowley & Chris O'Grady, To the side of, 9, Castle Close, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing garage and shed and the construction of a detached dwelling of 202 sq.m in the side garden of the site; with 3 no. bedrooms at first floor level; living, kitchen and dining spaces at ground floor level; including all associated landscaping/ancillary works and incorporating the construction of a new vehicular entrance to the existing dwelling. **Additional Information:** 15-Feb-2016.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0076

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Feb-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Guy & Louise McDonnell, 8 Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for loft conversion and dormer extension to rear; for first floor addition to side and for front porch.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0130

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Feb-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Peter & Kerri Cullen, Kilderry, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of existing single-storey with dormer house and garage of c.175m² and construction of new single-storey/part two-storey house and garage of c.330m² and all associated site works including widening of vehicular entrance and provision of pedestrian gate from Ulverton Road.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0137

Application Rec'd Date: 3-Mar-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Dermot & Mairin O'Sullivan, 31 Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the Change of Use of the ground floor Dental Surgery to 2 no. one bedroom apartments and all associated site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks. 6-9 2016 8/2/2016 to 4/03/2016

Reg. Ref. D15A/0797 Decision: Refuse permission for Retention **Date:** 10-Feb-'16

Applicant Name & Location: Oliver & Josephine Tierney, Villa Maria, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention permission is sought for a decking area to the side of the existing dwelling and all associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0818 Decision: Grant Permission **Date:** 12-Feb-2016

Applicant Name: Stephen Murphy & Sophie Webb

Location: 15, Carysfort Villas, Carysfort Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the proposed erection of alterations to existing dwelling house consisting of raising a section of the existing flat roof by 1075mm, installation of 1 no high level window and 2 no. rooflights, (no increase in floor area).

Reg. Ref. D15B/0453 Decision: Grant Permission **Date:** 10-Feb-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Mark McGloin, 88, Springhill Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for: a) re-design of front porch, b) new patio door to front garden, c)100mm overall external insulation with smooth render finish, d) 8 m² single storey extension to the rear, e) attic conversion to include 2 no. Skylights to the front and 2 no. Dormer type window to the rear of the house, g) some internal alterations and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0699 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 15-Feb-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Robert Fisk, The Billows, Vico Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which is located within an Architectural Conservation Area. The development will consist of the following: Provision of a single storey extension of 79 msq. to the east side of existing main house, minor internal modifications to existing house on ground floor to facilitate connection to new extension, provision of new roof terrace to flat roofs of the single storey extension, relocation of existing drainage services, modifications to some external retaining garden walls, provision of new patio to rear and all ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0702 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 29-Feb-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Peter & Caroline O'Reilly, Bantry, Killiney Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a timber sliding gate to the front, shed to the side with front and rear access, all at ground floor level and 2nd floor room, all at upper roof level, with associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0832 **Decision:** Request Additional Info **Date:** 18-Feb-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Warwick & Karen White, 1 Coliemore Villas, Coliemore Road, Dalkey .

Proposal: Permission for amendments to previously granted/refused Planning Permission no. D15A/0415 comprising: A. Construction of new glazed painted hardwood Conservatory (additional 10 sqm) at garden level at rear. B. Re-location of kitchen from basement/garden level to main entrance level. C. Blocking up of non-original ope at first floor level at rear. D. Flush glazed roof lights to rear roof plane instead of previously refused dormer window structure. A protected structure.

Reg. Ref. D15B/0477 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 24-Feb-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Geoff and Liz McEvoy, 53, Hyde Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the part demolition of existing extension to the rear and construction of new extended extension to the rear and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0061 **Decision:** Withdraw the Application **Date:** 25-Feb-2016

Applicant Name: Ecologic Design & Build Ltd., Clonlost, Killiney Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for minor changes to House Type to gable end units 2, 10, 11 & 20 including window changes to gables overlooking open space as previously granted permission under planning register reference no. D14A/0033.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0005 **Decision:** Request Additional Info **Date:** 29-Feb-2016

Applicant Name & Location: David Murphy, 23 Whites Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of an existing 9 sqm single storey rear extension, the construction of a single storey 5.8 sqm extension to the front and 45.47 sqm two storey extension to the rear consisting of 25.15 sq metres at ground floor level and 20.32 sq metres at first floor level, the application of external insulation and all associated elevational and landscaping works. All on a site of 176 sq metres.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0014 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 4-Mar-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Brian Rowan, 30 Corrig Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a single storey extension to the front of the existing house.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 6-9 2016 8/2^o 16 to 4/3^o 16

Reg Ref D15B/0382 **Reg. Date:** 15-Oct-2015 **Location:** 12, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

Development: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing single storey extension to the rear and the construction of new two storey extension with balcony to the rear.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 23-Feb-2016. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 5-8 1/2^o 16 to 26/2^o 16

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April is a Showy Month with many Spring Shrubs and Flowering Trees in bloom, including Magnolias, Cherries and Rhododendrons. Our days are now longer than our nights and our light intensity is greater too and as a result, our plants take their cue and up their cycle, accordingly. So with our longer evenings and warmer temperatures, it is a time of excitement, adventure and colour. Our spring is revealing its fresh Irish beauty. Everything is waking up Everyday, plants are bursting into flower. This is the perfect time to start growing new plants from seeds, bulbs, tubers and seedlings. April really is the time to re-invigorate existing garden



Nigella (Love-in-a-mist)

plants by pruning and feeding to help stir up new growth and encourage early flowering. Maybe, grow a tree to mark a special occasion. Flowering trees can be a living symbol of a special occasion or person. Now is the time to apply the likes of organic matter around your perennials, trees and shrubs before our hot weather arrives. Feed trees, shrubs and hedges with a balanced slow-release fertilizer by lightly, forking it into the soil surface. Roses are greedy plants and will greatly benefit from feeding as they come into growth. *Honeysuckle* and *Clematis* will now be putting on growth, tie in new stems to train the plant along its support.

To Lift or Not To Lift – Some people hold that Tulips are the *Queens of Spring*. Did you know that early tulips tend to be short in size while later flowering tulips are generally taller? All tulips need to be planted in a depth of roughly three times the height of the bulb and all tulips need lots of light and well drained soil. Even after one year, flower quality is depleted if bulbs are left in the ground. Lifting or left in the ground, deadhead after flowering and allow the foliage to die back naturally.

Don't we all like to after a damp cold winter get out and snatch a few golden moments on a warm patio. Well, our houseplants are really no different. They just love to sit together, even to be bathed in a mist of a warm misty rain shower it's almost like natural vitamins for them. Most houseplants originate from tropical like regions so if night temperature forecast is low, they will need to be brought in. Too much water or food is just as bad for houseplants as too little, so water according to individual needs. Moving an indoor plant from an indoor environment and exposing it to outside elements too quickly, can make it become stressed. 'Hardening them off,' is the best way to lesson the stress.

A Touch of Glass – I have a pretty disjointed collection of old glasses and bottles, anything really, that I simply like. Sometimes, I display one single flower in each. A flower worthy of your favourite movie, person, whatever! Sometimes, the most ordinary flower can seem too pretty to be real, especially when isolated in a suitable container/bottle. Succulents, too, have such curious shapes, they can, with some sphagnum moss, make a fresh alternative to flowers and being compact won't get in the way of trays of food or a good conversation!

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back door where her various bins are. Best to choose a compact variety as some can grow very large. Jasmines, top the pole for me. There are so many worthwhile varieties and some of them have the most gorgeous scents.

Herbs – I think the key to a successful salad is its simplicity and quality and of course this is where the home-grown leaf will always triumph. I can never get enough rocket, basil, parsley, chives, watercress and Little Gem (lettuce). Rosemary, too, is such a valuable culinary herb. Maybe, plant it so that you touch its aromatic leaves as you pass by. It

tolerates sea winds and draughts. The prostrate group trails beautifully down rocks and retaining walls. Remember, most herbs hate waterlogged soil, so the first thing to do when planting up a herb pot is to put adequate drainage material in the bottom. Sometimes, potted plants from a supermarket are a group of seedlings crammed in, rather than single plants. So, here's your chance, divide these clumps, and pot divisions to grow, separately.

MIGHT DO, MAYBE DO, APRIL JOBS

Check for root-bound plants in containers. Gently, remove the root ball from the pot and don't worry if some roots are lost in the process. Then, re-pot in a container that is one size larger.

If your houseplants are sitting on saucers remember that the water collecting them is perfect for mosquitoes to breed in, so maybe get into the habit of draining them after watering.

An upside-down used orange half, left in the border overnight will collect slugs and snails.

Chunks of broken oasis are a good way of providing drainage for your pots.

Epimediums are some of the best ground cover for dry shade. They are slow to establish but generally, unstoppable with any other competition within their boundaries.



Epimedium flower



DALKEY LADIES' CLUB UPDATE



The Ladies Club closed for Easter after a very interesting and varied three months. We had a healthy start with a talk about walking "correctly". This was followed by a visit from an auctioneer who was accompanied by an interior designer and a solicitor who informed us on Power of Attorney and Wills. Females featured in several talks, one about artists – some of who we all knew and others quite unknown, women celebrated in songs and poems from 1916 and then to the theatre to see *Jane Eyre*.

Oliver McCabe gave us the low-down on producing a cook book and treated us to samples of a starter, main course and dessert - all featured in his new book "*Fuel Food*". We had a wonderful dinner in Killiney Golf Club and the following week a talk by songwriter, author and broadcaster, Dave Kenny, who discussed his recent book about his Grand Aunt who was an Abbey actress, member of Cuman na mBan and who led the Rising in Jacobs Biscuit Factory after cycling from her home in Glashule.

New members welcome for our opening on **April 14th**.

Rosaleen Callaghan – President



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Saturday 2nd, 10am to 1pm: The Old Dublin Society will hold a 1916 Seminar ‘*Remembering 1916*’, a morning of short talks by members, in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse St., D. 2. All welcome – admission free.

Tuesday 5th at 8pm: Peter Pearson will present his lecture ‘*Houses and Landscapes of South Dublin and Wicklow*’ to the Kilmacanogue History Society in The Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany. All welcome – admission €3.

Wednesday 6th at 8pm: Charles Doherty will present his lecture ‘*Kingship in Ireland*’ to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Thursday April 7th at 8pm: Enzo Farinella will present his lecture ‘*St. Columbanus and the Irish Monks in Europe*’ to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome – admission €4.

Wednesday 13th at 6pm: Ken Finlay will present his lecture ‘*1916: Inside the GPO*’ to The Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

Thursday 14th at 8.30pm: Brian White will present his lecture ‘*1916 Connections to North Wicklow*’ to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms and Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village. All welcome – admission €4.

Saturday 16th at 2.30pm: Marie McCarthy will present her lecture ‘*Irish Nurses in World War One*’ to the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) in The Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, D. 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

Tuesday 19th at 6.30pm: Tim Pat Coogan will present his lecture ‘*1916: The Morning After: From the Court Martials to the Tribunals*’ in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. Admission free but booking required – call 01- 285 5317 or Email: dalkleylib@dlrcoco.ie.

Wednesday April 20th at 8pm.: The AGM of the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society takes place in The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, and all members are requested to attend. John Holohan will give a short talk ‘*The James Joyce Tower in Sandycove*’. All welcome – admission €3.50.

Thursday 21st at 8pm: Neale Doherty will present his lecture ‘*The Statues and Sculptures of Dublin*’ to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in The Kinsale Room, Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All welcome – admission €4.

Tuesday 26th at 7.30pm: Cormac Lowth will present his lecture ‘*The AUD and the HELGA in the 1916 Rising*’ in the National Maritime Museum of Ireland, Haig Terrace, Dun Laoghaire.

Wednesday 27th at 1pm: Paul Murray will present his lecture ‘*Herbert Park, Bram Stoker and the Origins of Dracula*’ to the Ballsbridge, Donnybrook & Sandymount Historical Society in Pembroke Library, Ballsbridge, D.4. Admission free – booking recommended – call 01-6689575.

SPRING INTO HERITAGE

The 2016 ‘Spring Into Heritage’ DLR programme of events runs from 21 March to 29 May and this year features free tours of Marlay House, Cabinteely House, Deansgrange Cemetery 1916, The Oratory, the Maritime Museum of Ireland and Dalkey Castle. See brochure for details or www.events.dlrcoco.ie.

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Due to pressure of space last month we were unable to include the entire list of people who contributed so much to Prishela Row's Malawi Mission. Prishela said:

It is not possible for me to finish this update without thanking some of the wonderful people close to my heart who have stood with me in these endeavours.

Father Declan Gallagher C.C., Church of the Assumption, Dalkey – For your support from the very beginning with our Church Gate Collections which has proved so helpful to the Malawi Missions. Thank you most sincerely.

Tony Kelly R.I.P – Words fail me. Thank you my 'brother' and friend. **Rosemary Pearson** – My 'Right Arm' in the fundraisers. A solid faithful friend. Thank you for giving me TIME!

Anne Cooper – My friend for 'All Seasons'. You have been absolutely amazing. Thank you for your care and patience. **Mairéad Donoghue** – Thank you for always accommodating me with your loving arms open and ready to help us. **Jetta Jordan** – For spoiling me always and the beautiful open home I can come to at any time of the day. Thank you. **Imant and Barbara Kuda** From my heart I thank you. **Linda Dible** – You never cease to amaze me. Thank you for being you. **Ken Boyle** – Thank you for your selfless enthusiasm in helping the Malawi Missions work.

David and Sian

McWilliams – Heartfelt thanks for your relentless love, care and support in my business promotions and for Malawi Missions. I appreciate you both!

John & Gina Mullins – Heartfelt thanks for all your support with the Malawi Missions work. **David and Evelyn**

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Margaret O'Toole Country Bake – For your generous cakes and time.

Mugs Café – A special thank you to you for always accommodating us joyfully on the Sundays of the Church Gate Collections. Thanks to Craig and colleagues!

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progressively been lost over the years. Weeds, brambles and many sacks of beer cans and rubbish were removed from amongst the undergrowth. Previously unknown giant boulders were uncovered during the work.



More work is planned for this month. Drop down and enjoy the new-look Dillon’s Park. And many thanks to all our volunteers who braved icy north winds and showers on behalf of our Dalkey community!



Our Spring-Clean day in association with An Taisce takes place on Saturday 30th April this year. Contact us if you need advice on how to take part and “spring clean” your neighbourhood.

Dr. Susan McDonnell



WHO WE ARE

Nick and Stef or StifNeck Dorsell!

Background – We are Stef Russell and Nick Doran, also known as ‘Stifneck Dorsell’! We are an Irish couple living in South Korea. We have been teaching English here since November 2011, and it was here that we first discovered cycle touring. It was on our first trip, around the Korean Island of Jeju, that the idea came to us to cycle home to Ireland. Having recently gotten married, and after what will be over 4 years in Korea, the time has come to start thinking about what’s next. For us, that’s what we’re calling ‘our big cycle’ or ‘*Bike Back Home*’!



Nick Doran: Hi, I’m Nick. I’m from Dublin, Ireland, but I currently live in South Korea with my wife, Stef Russell. I have always been fairly bananas about adventure since I was pretty young. Throughout college I took every opportunity I could to travel in the name of adventure, usually with a kayak over my shoulder. Also, since primary school in Ireland, I have always cycled everywhere and biking has played a huge part in my life, both in commuting and adventure. The inspiration to cycle through life came from my mum; who cycled me everywhere before I could move my feet in circles; and, from my late granddad who, in his youth, was a champion cyclist. His stories, photos and trophies enthralled me. Eight years ago I was lucky to meet and fall in love with Stef, who has also always cycled. Together, with our love for adventure and cycling, and after what will be a total of 4 years spent in South Korea, we will undertake a joint adventure to travel back home to Ireland by bicycle.

Stef Russell: I was born and raised in Dublin, but for as long as I remember I’ve always been lost in thoughts of my next adventure. I finished studying in May 2009 and have been travelling and working abroad ever since. Cycle touring is a relatively new thing for me



but since our first trip in August 2012 I’ve been hooked. For me, half the fun of anything is in the planning, and I think it’s safe to say I’ll get my fair share of planning with this trip! Experiences have always meant a lot more to me than material things and I value my time and energy over material wealth, tending to live by the rule “work to live” rather than “live to work”. After over four years living in South Korea, our minds and hearts had begun thinking about what next, and when the idea to cycle back home came to us, we knew immediately that we wanted to do it. So here we are, itching to get started, and as soon as our contracts in Korea are finished at the end of February, we’ll be on our way!

Friday, 29 January 2016 – *One gigantic list, slowly getting smaller!*

This week has been spent in a constant state of motion. We have lists coming out our ears of things to do so we’ve been steadily working through them before I head off to the Philippines on Monday, leaving poor ol’ Nick here to hold the fort!

We have lists of things to buy, things to organise for our fundraiser in Daejeon tomorrow, things to check on the bikes, things to ship home, things to sell, vaccinations to get, visas to organise, people to contact...and god knows what else.

Once I get back from the Philippines we’ll have to go straight to the Chinese Embassy and

apply for our visa. With over 4000km to cover in China alone we want to get as long a visa as possible, preferably one for 90 days. The embassy here is renowned for only issuing 30 day visas but another couple of cycle tourists, *'The Twisting Spokes'*, managed to secure themselves a three month visa so we're hopeful!

To apply, you have to have proof of entering and exiting the country (i.e. flight tickets), a detailed itinerary of where you intend to go, accommodation bookings for several of your destinations, as well as the usual application form and copies of your passport!

That's all grand except that we don't have flights, we plan on camping and therefore don't have accommodation booked and our route isn't one the Chinese authorities are mad about tourists taking! So we've faked it. All of it. We have written out a detailed - but untrue - 85 day itinerary, we've booked accommodation along the way (that can be cancelled once we get the visa!) and we are looking into travel agents who will provisionally book us flights that can then be cancelled once the application has been completed! All a bit of a rigmarole, but with the help of the Twisting Spokes and how they went about it, the itinerary they used, etc. - we're pretty hopeful that we'll get a 90 day visa. Even a 60 day one would be grand because it's pretty easy to extend it once you're in the country.

The next hurdle then is figuring out how to ship home our road bikes. After hours and hours of enquiring with various shipping and courier companies, it now looks like we can just take them to a normal post office and as long as the box they are in is less than 20kg it should be fine. The girl Nick was talking to said it would cost KRW60,000 (about €45), which if it's true seems like a really good deal. Now all we have to do is disassemble them, box them up and get them to the post office.



For now though, I'm off to wash, dry and de-tangle my hair one last time before it gets the chop tomorrow! I have an envelope addressed and ready to go to a Cancer Charity here that I'll pop my pony tail into before the rest all gets buzzed off, turning me into a human tennis ball! Photos and hopefully a small snippet of video footage will be up here soon. I'm just glad I'll be on a beach somewhere and won't have to see them!

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VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

In February the PTA hosted a Valentine's Breakfast to celebrate love. Everyone was encouraged to wear red, pink or their PJs. Pupils, Staff, Parents and Guardians all joined in the fun

A super morning was had by all, with the children having a choice of cereal, followed by fruit (red of course), juice and a special baked treat. They loved having breakfast with their buddies, loved having their parents serve them, and getting to wear PJs all day was a bonus!



Children enjoying the breakfast

Our special thanks goes to Rushe's Supervalu, Killiney who donate all the food for this event. It is great to work with a local business who are so active in the community.

BOOK WEEK – Early March heralded the arrival of Book Week which was packed full of visits from authors and adventurers, which stimulated a great interest in books, stories, authors, writing and creativity.

We partnered with **The Gutter Bookshop** in Dalkey for our book fair. As a local, independent shop, they were delighted to work with a local school and introduced the children to some new and exciting books. The children saved up in Money Pigs made in class from recycled materials, which taught them how to budget for their books.

Finally, to close the week on a high note, all dressed up as their favourite literary character, showing a lot of creativity as well as interest in a wide range of books.

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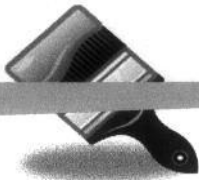


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Sunday Services for April

3rd April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
10th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age
17th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
24th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer

Midweek

Every Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

Craft Group – Sensory Lap Quilts or Fidget Quilts are produced by our Tuesday Craft Group. These are then given to people suffering from Alzheimer’s, Dementia or Brain Trauma. These quilts are small patchworks made with a variety of fabrics of different textures and colours, and with sewn on accessories, which provide comfort and occupation for agitated hands. Hence the name fidget quilt. If you would like to drop in and see us at work, or if you would like to lend a hand, then you will find us in the gallery room of the Northover Hall any Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. The chat and the cup of tea is always good too.



The chat and the cup of tea is always good too.

Wednesday Club – Back in 1960 a parish group was established to provide a vehicle for talks and social functions on Wednesday evenings. This was the Wednesday Club. Time moved on, the format changed, but the title stayed. The current format was developed by Peter and Mary Northover, who personally planned, tested and organised summer Saturday afternoon outings for all ages and especially families to join in. The outings continue, but are organised by individuals – supported by a committee. The “Club” in the title is for camaraderie, friendship and doing things together – NOT for exclusivity. No membership - all are welcome. Nevertheless, it operates within a loose structure and has one formal meeting a year, so if you’d like to come along and get involved the AGM is on Sunday 17th April at 11.15am in the Gallery Room in the Northover Hall.

St. Patrick’s Annual Fête – The Fete this year is scheduled for Saturday 7th May, with festivities due to begin at 10am. Please remember to tell your friends about the Fête, encourage them to come along and to bring new faces, both young and old, to our fun packed family day. If you would like to help, you’d be most welcome, just give the parish office a ring and leave your name and number.

IWCD Concert – The International Women’s Club Dublin are having their spring concert in St. Patrick’s Church on 30th May at 8pm. Further details are available on the parish website.

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April – *‘There is no glory in star or blossom till looked upon by a loving eye; there is no fragrance in April breezes till breathed with joy as they wander by’*. William C. Bryant. Can we give ourselves a moment to stop and enjoy the beautiful aspects that we are surrounded by, the glorious blossoms, the wonderful expanse of sea and the rugged quarry that protects our town. How blessed are we to live in this beautiful place, may we never tire or take it for granted.

In this Year of Mercy we continue to follow the wisdom of Pope Francis, @Pontifex via his daily messages on Twitter.

One of his latest tweets advised ‘The Jubilee of Mercy is a propitious occasion to promote in the world ways to respect life and the dignity of the person’. We thank all who organised and attended our Year of Mercy “24 hours of prayer and meditation” in March and we continue our ‘friendship cuppa’ each Tuesday morning from 10.30a.m. to 11.30a.m. in Presbytery No 2. All are welcome, just pop in for a cuppa and a chat and to meet your neighbours, old and new.

Moyross – The Parish partnership with Moyross in Limerick continues to grow and flourish. Fr. Tony O’Riordan, Moyross School Principal, Tiernan O’Neill and Fr. Paddy would like to express their deep gratitude to the Parishioners of Dalkey for their support. €8,000 was contributed from the Church Gate Collection and a further €5,000 from parish funds to support the work of Corpus Christi N.S. in providing essential resources for the children of Moyross. In addition to financial support there are opportunities for third level students to spend one, two or three weeks in Moyross in May/June this year. These opportunities will be of interest to students of Social Science, Psychology, Economics, Politics, Journalism and trainee teachers but are not confined to these students. In addition, there are opportunities for employers to employ young people from Moyross during the Summer months. Their accommodation will be provided. They would be particularly interested in employment in catering, retail, manufacturing, gardening etc. Enquiries relating to both of these opportunities should be made to office@dalkeyparish.ie.

A Day on Meditation – A Christian Meditation Day will be held on Saturday 23rd April. Participants will be introduced to the practice of meditation and how it relates to the Christian way of living. The practice of meditation has its roots in the Christian ways of mediation. Led by Dr Josephine Newman it will be held in Loreto Secondary School in Dalkey from 10am to 4pm. Tea and coffee will be provided but you may want to bring a packed lunch. Contact parish office to reserve your place.

Save the Date – Our annual Parish Golf Outing will take place this year on Friday 1st July. Everyone is most welcome. To book a tee time or dinner after golf, contact the parish office.

We continue to be a vibrant, busy Parish and thank all of our wonderful parishioners for their ongoing help in keeping the Spirit alive. If you would like to volunteer to work in the Parish or help out for a few hours please contact Caitríona in the Parish office.

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Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am

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

Congratulations – To Stefanie O'Brien on her engagement to Peter and to Trevor and Judy Jones on the birth of a Granddaughter.

Holy Week & Easter – The liturgies were inspiring and it was great to be able to worship together during this solemn week of the year. Thank you to those who supported the retiring collection for the Dining Room, Dun Laoghaire (over €1,000 collected).

Easter Sunday events began with the *Sonrise* service on Killiney Hill and concluded with a festive reception in the Carry Centre after the Parish Communion.

Many thanks to the choir, flower arrangers and caterers who made the day very special!

World Day of Prayer – This years' service was held on Friday 4th March. We thank all those involved in the preparation for the event, in particular Ishbel Lee who co-ordinated things for Holy Trinity.

The Carry Centre – A full programme of activities and events is now available – please visit www.carrycentre.ie for more information.

Confirmation – Two candidates Kai Deacon and Daniel Fives from Holy Trinity joined candidates from St Paul's for a service of Confirmation in Glenageary on Saturday 27th February. The Rector wishes to thank the Rev'd Gary Dowd for preparing these young people and organising the service.



World Day of Prayer

Sunday Club – Will next meet on Sunday 17th April.

Easter General Vestry – The Easter General Vestry will be held in the Carry Centre on Sunday 10th April following morning service. All welcome.

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POSTCARD FROM MELBOURNE



Before we return to Dalkey, I thought you might like a short follow-up on our Aussie adventures. As I wrote in the previous issue, Port Melbourne is a little jewel of a district within the city itself. Its main thoroughfare is Bay Street, with lots of interesting little shops and some very good eateries....sounds familiar?!? With some very warm days in the past few weeks, reaching mid- thirties on



Bay Street Port Melbourne

occasion, the temptation to swim off the beach at the end of Bay Street was one even St. Peter would battle with! The beach front is fine sand and the water temperature in mid-twenties. It is shallow and safe, and very refreshing. And, as with most Melbourne suburbs, it supports an attractive Cricket and Aussie Rules oval (one season starts as the other ends) where the pleasing “thwack” of ball on bat can be heard across the city on a summer Friday evening and Saturday afternoon!



Village Cricket

In contrast, a visit to Wagga Wagga, about five hours drive (all journeys here seem to be measured in time rather than in distance) from Melbourne along a seemingly endless straight and increasingly

dusty road, leads to a flat, fertile farm landscape and the second city of New South Wales after Sydney itself. Wagga is just over the State border from Victoria and was founded in the mid-1800s as an agricultural supply depot. It is situated on a bend of the Murrumbidgee River which flows into the more famous Murray River further downstream. Wagga Wagga means “place of the many crows”. It now boasts two large military bases and a population of some 80,000 people. And it is the main campus of the Charles Sturt University, a technical university which has a well-respected Viniculture faculty and even its own semi-commercial winery! Beyond that, Wagga seems a fairly typical inland mid-size Australian population centre. Returning to Melbourne, another of the highlights of our stay this time was a trip to the Royal Botanic Garden located on the outer rim at Cranbourne about a 40 minute drive from the city centre. On a 200 hectare nature reserve site, the centrepiece is 12 acres set out on all aspects of *The Australian Garden* and featuring a spectacular *Red Sand Garden* among others. Other plantings include a significant *Eucalypt Walk* and a *Peppermint Garden*. Entry is free and a visit repays the effort of getting there which includes access by rail. Anyone who has been to Melbourne will acknowledge the impressive public transport system the city proudly maintains which could easily engender pangs of jealousy!

If I may, I would like to mention two final items before I leave here. One is the ‘University of the Third Age’, a simply magnificent initiative, begun in France and developed further in the UK a number of years ago and now embraced all over Australia. Put simply, it provides everyone over 65 with the opportunity to engage in a vast spectrum of academic studies and associated activities at little or no cost (€30 euro per annum which includes a month-long Summer School) through the



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year. I would ask anyone even vaguely interested to take a look at the U3A website for the one in which I enrolled and to see the 80 or so courses available, www.u3ahawthorn.org.au and also the general website, <http://worldu3a.org>. I would love to have feed-back and to discuss the possibility of establishing one in our area. The organisation is entirely volunteer run and depends on people who present on subjects they are interested in and knowledgeable about. For example, I enrolled in two weekly courses, one on Current Affairs and the other on (Australian)Maritime History, both of which I am sure, would be areas of general interest to DCC members.



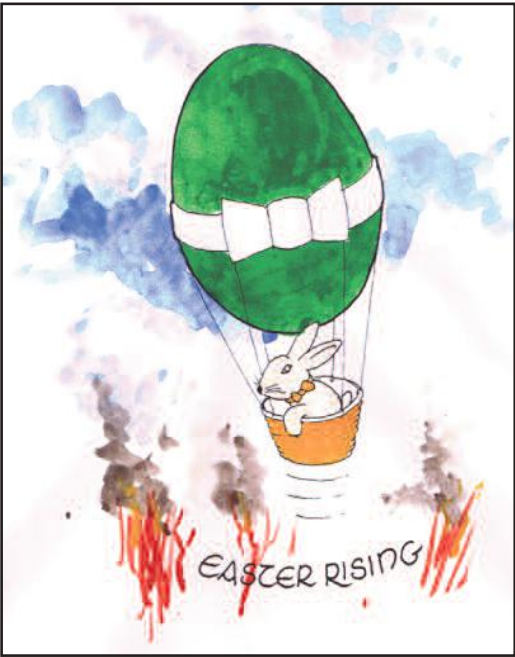
Melbourne Skyline



Red Sand Garden - Royal Botanic Garden

Last but not least, I was fascinated to discover that local boroughs here provide twice yearly “hard rubbish” collections for each and all house occupiers, free of charge and without any significant content limitation. Imagine! (Yet another intense pang of jealousy!) Back to reality soon.

Donal Denham





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❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

DCC April Monthly Meeting Mon. 11 Apr
 A presentation of the Diary “Dublin’s Eventful Weeks – as seen from Dalkey” at the dlr Lexicon at 7pm by Ronan King Mon. 25 Apr
 Sorting of May Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm) Thurs. 28 Apr
 An Taisce Local Spring Clean-up day Sat. 30 Apr

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí na hÉireann is hosting the Dublin Fleadh (Fleadh Baile Átha Cliath) in Dalkey with music events in the town and competitions in Loreto Abbey.

Mon 9 – Sun 15 May

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups in Town Hall from 5.00-9.00 pm Mondays & Wed.
Boxing/Conditioning Classes - Also available. Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334
Dalkey Players: Rehearsals every Tuesday in **Harold Boys School** from 7.30-10.30pm Tues. & Thurs. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or www.dalkeyplayers.ie check for details. New members welcome.
St. Patrick’s Dramatic Society: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Rd. 8pm-10.30pm Mon. & Thurs. or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further info. New members welcome.
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.
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.
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
Parkrun - Every Saturday at 9.30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Parks
Dalkey Library Local History Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month in Dalkey Library starting at 6-6:30pm. All welcome.

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

As expected BBC 3 TV has now left the airwaves and is only available on-line to residents within the UK. If the BBC push ahead with their plans most of the smaller regional channels will also stop transmitting via satellite (saving the BBC millions per year in satellite fees), the larger regions (Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland and England) will keep transmitting as normal.

“Yesterday” which was a pay channel and part of the Sky package has now become a free channel via satellite, the channel broadcasts mainly high quality documentaries and is available to anybody with a suitable satellite system, for those who know how to tune their system here are the details to receive the channel: 12129 – V-- 27500 -- 2/3

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of the rebels. Irish Repub
proclaimed. Jacob's factory
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