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## ANNUAL COLLECTION

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

*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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## SUMMARY OF MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

**DCC** meeting was held on Monday 13th March 2017 in OLH.

**TT:** Work is ongoing in Dillon's Park and a name plaque for the park will be commissioned in conjunction with DLR. The existing signage around the town will be increased for the places of note. The beds at the end of Hyde Road will be tidied and given a makeover.

**NW:** There were 9 burglaries in the area during the period from 6th February to 13th March and the Gardai are following up definite lines of enquiry on most of them. A culprit has been identified for a number of the graffiti tags. There are serious consequences if charged with this offence.

**AOB:** The light on the library is not working and the lane is very dark. There are a number of bumps caused by tree roots on the Vico Road and a water leak on Castle Street near the newsagent. DCC will progress these complaints with the relevant authorities.

Congratulations to Dalkey Players as they have only one more win to collect and they will be off to Athlone to take part in the All Ireland Drama Festival. We wish them luck!

*The next DCC meeting is Monday 10th April 2017 at 7.30pm*

## DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE

**MAEVE BINCHY'S ACHES AND PAINS:** We are delighted to announce that we are presenting Maeve Binchy's 'Aches and Pains', adapted for

stage by Shay Linehan on Tuesday April 4th at 7.30pm.

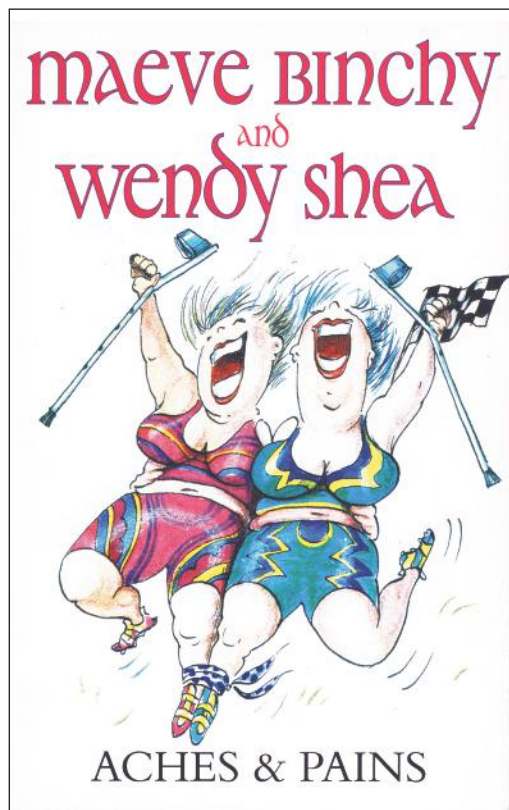
The show is directed by Margaret Dunne

and stars Margaret Toomey and Michael Heavey. Maeve wrote 'Aches and Pains' as a 'Cheer Up' book, a sort of survival manual giving her own humorous experience of a hip replacement operation.

**Maeve's advice:** In typically positive Maeve fashion, she offers hilarious advice on: baring your body in a nudist colony, motivating the patient in the next bed, terrific things to do when getting older, how to give up drink and many more unique and 'Maeviously' wonderful perspectives on life.

**Shay Linehan** has captured the essence of Maeve's book in this sensitive, laugh-out-loud adaptation. The play is set in a recuperation ward where two post-operative 'hippies', Ann and Stan, try to figure out the best way to tackle life, armed only with a plastic hip and a positive attitude.

"Aches and Pains is Maeve at her



wisest, funniest, and most tongue-in-cheek”.

### **Minding Frankie.**

Another of Shay Linehan’s adaptations of Maeve’s work ‘Minding Frankie’ will be performed in the Gaiety Theatre from 5th-17th June and in the Opera House in Cork. An earlier version was premiered in Dalkey Castle in a one man show performed to great critical acclaim by Michael Heavey and directed by Margaret Dunne. Shay has since re-worked the adaptation into a two



*Margaret Toomey & Michael Heavey*

person, longer show. It captures all the humanity of Maeve’s great skill as a writer and sublime story-teller. Booking at the Gaiety Theatre Booking Tel: 08 18 719 388.

**DLR COUNCIL’S SPRING INTO HERITAGE** As part of the Spring Programme, there will be eight council-sponsored free tours in Dalkey Castle, for locals on Sundays at 14.40 from 30th April –18th June. This is a fully guided visit of Dalkey Castle and St. Begnet’s Church & Graveyard.

**Dun Laoghaire Harbour** 2017 tours will have a special focus on the building of Dún Laoghaire Harbour from Dalkey granite in the harbour’s bi-centenary year.

**The Writers’ Gallery** in the Heritage Centre features many of the internationally renowned writers and creative artists from Joyce to Bono and Beckett to Maeve Binchy.

**Admission** for the DLR sponsored free tours must be pre-booked and early booking is advisable as numbers are limited. The tour will last 75 mins approx.

**CIE Tours** the award-winning tours will start back in April to Dalkey Castle and the town until the end of October.

Booking at [www.dalkeycastle.com/product/maeve-binchy-tribute-show-aches-pains/](http://www.dalkeycastle.com/product/maeve-binchy-tribute-show-aches-pains/)  
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As our days lengthen and our nights warm up, it's about enjoying 'These Precious Moments in Our Gardens, That Truly Is, what Matters'. April is, traditionally, one of the busiest times for seed sowing. The reality for so many of us, involves cramming our gardening activities into a dedicated hour or two of our well-anticipated and well-earned weekend, between chores and grocery shopping. Even so, most of us like to think of gardening as more of a fun activity that can help us to unwind, keep fit and encourage us to express our creativity.



*New strain Marigold 'Strawberry Blond', has great weather tolerance and long season flowering*

At present, it is such a busy time in the greenhouse with plants to be sown, seedlings to be pricked out and larger plants to be grown on. It is best not to water in the evenings, as nights are still cool and damp conditions could encourage fungal disease. It's so beneficial to leave doors open on a sunny day as air circulation will enhance and boost healthy growth. Some tough little flowers that are easy to sow are *Nigella*, (Love-in-a Mist), *Calendulas*, *Eschscholzas*, (California Poppy) and Sunflowers. You can sow them where you want them to flower but for best, most reliable results, sow them indoors in modular trays and then plant them outside when they are bigger. Cornflowers: few blooms are as blue as these dazzling *Centaurea Cyanus*. Sow them in April/ May in full sun, where they are to flower in high Summer. Raising plants from seed for some is simply exhilarating but some seeds are easier to sow than others....so, perhaps best to choose, plants that will thrive in your site and soil type. ....*Sichizonthus*, (also called Butterfly Flower or Poor-Man's Orchid), *Zinnias* and *Cosmos* can be sown on windowsills, indoors, now. My favourite flower grown from seed is Larkspur (*Consolida Ajacis*). They are an excellent cut flower for a vase, lasting a good two weeks and add height and a 'cottagey feel', to your Posy arrangement... Really, the joy of growing your own cut flowers is that, ultimately, you have the freedom to choose what you want to pick and arrange. So, isn't it important to consider how long a flower will last in a vase? It seems a shame to pick flowers that may last for weeks on the plant in the garden but once cut shed their petals within hours or overnight. Some flowers can have a vase life of up to a fortnight and some of these you can grow yourself and cannot buy in a supermarket or in a florist.

### **Did You Know?**

Did you know that Spanish Bluebells were originally grown as garden plants but they have been crossbred with many of our native Bluebells? The sweet scent of our native Bluebells is one of the ways to tell them apart, as the Spanish ones are unscented. Spanish ones also tend to be a paler shade of blue and their flowers grow all around the stem which has a broader leaf. Our native bluebells flower mostly on one side and tend to droop from the top.

### **Bee - Active and Think About**

Bees, from hefty buff-tailed bumble queens that look almost too large to fly, to tiny little species, (half the size of the print on this page) are vegetarians – eating only pollen and



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nectar, so they are absolutely dependant upon flowers, but they have different tongues and flight periods, flowers of the right shape need to be in bloom at the right time of the year. A bee will visit several hundred flowers in one day. “*Long-tongued bees need trumpet-shaped flowers, others with tiny tongues, need them flat-topped*”.

### MIGHT DO, MAYBE APRIL JOBS

There is still time to dig up perennials, pull them gently into pieces with roots and shoots.

**Get More Next Year** – Liquid-feeding spring bulbs and dead-heading them as their flowers fade will help you get more blooms next year, as the bulbs channel their energy into future flowers instead of making seeds. Better not to tie up daffodil foliage until it naturally turns yellow, as the bulbs need to make food.

**Long-term container plants** can be given a well deserved boost by carefully, removing the top of compost and replacing with a layer of fresh compost with controlled and released fertiliser mixed in.

**Cut back Winter Jasmine.** (*Jasminum nudiflorum*) which can turn almost into an unsightly looking, ugly (though, never so !) bird’s nest, if left to its own devices; so cut hard as soon as it finishes flowering and remember, it is most forgiving.

**Instead of sowing annuals directly on the ground**, sow the seed onto a thin layer of washed sand, silver sand, not builders sand. This will stop weed seeds from germinating: So, you will only get the annuals you want and not the usual tangle of weed seedlings.

**Beat Slugs, the Easy Way** – Apply some Vaseline around plant pot rims. This will help slugs and snails keep at bay. They also dislike sliding over a layer of horticultural grit.

You can plant your *Gladioli* bulbs in one go as these flowers naturally don’t open, all at once.

■ Were you aware that Lily pollen, which stains badly, apparently, is also highly poisonous to cats.

■ There is a new pink – flowered strawberry with a unique sweet flavour, apparently, full of aroma and flavour, (Thompson & Morgan Seed.)

■ A breeding break through has created a new French Marigold with flowers in totally unique, russet/ pink, tones – , Marigold, ‘Strawberry Blonde’, has great weather tolerance and long season flowering, in beds, borders and containers. (*Tagetes Patula*).

**ENJOY EVERY APRIL DAY, FROM DAWN TO DUSK!**



*Scabiosa Astropurpurea*, is one of the longest flowering that you can grow from seed Photo. P. Thomas



*Brand new Pink-flowered Strawberry with a unique sweet flavour: Thomas & Morgan*

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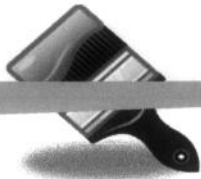
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## MILK AND THE MILKMAN

A particular sound can revive memories of events from the past. In my case two milk bottles clinked together as I opened the door of a cupboard lately and I remembered hearing that sound for the first time in Dalkey in 1971. The bottles clinked in the hands of Tommy Kenny back then, who was, **The Milkman**.

Milk and milk products have been staple foods for millennia. Irish folklore has a version of the Cattle Raid of Cooley that reveals Queen Maeve being mortally wounded by a skim milk cheese

flung from the sling of her nephew. Another legend tells of an attempt to kill St. Patrick with a poisoned cheese. The Brehon Laws said that a divorced woman was entitled to one-sixth of the produce of the churn after her husband left her! A report sent to the English Authorities in the 16th century advised that the best time to attack the Irish was in February because in summertime they would have plenty of milk “which is their chiefest food”.

By the late 19th century small family-operated dairies kept a few cows in urban yards, often in horrifically unsanitary conditions. The milk was sold loose, either over a counter or by a rounds man who called on his customers twice a day as there were no domestic fridges then. The horse drawn cart was king and the milk float was a common sight. The milk float carried one or two large churns or containers with taps at the bottom from which a large can was filled. Carried on the spout of this can were pint or half-pint measures, employed to decant the milk into the customer’s jug. The milk was untested and unpasteurised and a threat to public health. In the last two decades of the 19th century and into the 20th century professional dairies began producing milk to the highest standards. One of these was the Hughes Brothers.

James Hughes, with his two brothers, took over his father’s dairy herd in Rathfarnham in 1926 and was the driving force of the Hughes Brothers (H.B) bottle milk dairy. They made deliveries by horse and cart in south Co. Dublin. They invested in a pasteurising plant, becoming the first wholesale milk bottling plant to pasteurise milk. Within two years the brothers began producing ice-cream with surplus milk. Refrigeration was provided by generators imported from America. In 1966 Premier Dairies came about with the merging of Hughes Brothers, Dublin Dairies, Merville Dairies, Sutton and Lucan Dairies.

When Tommy started working in the milk business in 1954 he operated out of Mounttown, employed by Lucan Dairies. He was a Glasthule native and walked to his work each day for a starting time of 3.30am. He met and married Breda, a Kilkenny woman, in the 1950’s and they had four children, Angela, Raymond, Brian and Eugene. Thanks to her, I learned of Tommy’s working life.

After arriving at work he installed the electric battery that had been charging overnight into the car or float. The horse drawn carts had disappeared by now and had been replaced by these silent electric milk cars. Tommy’s delivery area was Monkstown, Dalkey and Killiney. He loaded up the milk crates, butter, cream, eggs and, as time passed, yogurt. By 9am he would have his deliveries completed, but his working day didn’t finish then. He had to keep accounts with Breda’s help. The amounts he took from the dairy each morning, the amounts he delivered to his customers and the amounts he returned to the dairy had to be



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reconciled and noted in his account books. He even delivered on Christmas day as customers wanted fresh cream on that day! His children helped him when on school holidays and at weekends. Friday evening was for visiting his customers to settle their accounts. He was accompanied by his large Alsatian *Queenie*, as his friendly security. I asked Breda, was keeping a lot of cash in the house a worry? She told me they had a large mat in front of the fire and Tommy put the money under the mat and *Queenie* sat on the mat. Safer than a safe! *Sheba* later took *Queenie*'s place as guardian of the cash.

When Premier Dairies came about in 1966 with the merging of different dairies, including Lucan, Tommy continued his work and lived in Dalkey on St. Patrick's Road from the early 1970's. So when I came to Dalkey and lived on Carysfort Rd from November '71 it was the clinking of the bottles on Tommy's silent milk car that I heard that winter morning. Later, when I met this much loved and respected Milkman and had the milk delivered to our doorstep, the clinking of full bottles arriving and empty bottles departing made early morning music on our road.

Tommy decided to retire in 1984 as Premier Dairies wanted their employees to own their own rounds. With all the resulting worries of being self-employed, he decided it was not for him. When Tommy died in August 2010 he had enjoyed life to the full with his family and, as Breda said, holidays in the sun gave added zest to his life. I met him on many occasions during his retirement and my mind would go back to the early mornings of clinking milk bottles, a rare and seldom heard sound nowadays in Dalkey.

*Thank you Tommy!*

*Seán Ó' Gormáin*



*Coliemore Harour - Photo: J. Fahy*

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*Minding the Cake Stall*

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***Cake Sale 2017*** – St. Patrick's PTA, along with 1st & 2nd class teacher Ms. Jenny Newton, organised & hosted our Annual St. Valentine's Cake Sale on Friday 10th February. It was a busy morning with lots of fabulous cakes and raffle prizes. We also had an area for the kids to design their own biscuits. All the money raised will go towards improving our Maths & Science Resources. Thanks to everyone involved, it was as always, a great success.

***Titanic Trip*** – 3rd & 4th Class have just finished learning about the Titanic and her sinking from their teacher Ms. Dawn Galbraith. What better way to end the project, than with a trip to Belfast to visit the exhibition. Following a guided tour of the exhibition, the children had a workshop on maritime communication on the SS Nomadic and a trip to the nearby Titanic Pump House and Dock. It was a long day but the children had a fantastic trip and really benefited from this wonderful experience.



*Photo: St. Patrick's National School*



## Castle Park Swim Academy & Sports Centre

### Easter Multi Activity Camp

Children aged 4 - 12 years will enjoy a wide variety of sporting activities, games and art & crafts. There is a fun swim daily and a visit from Roly our inflatable pool bear. The camp is fully catered by our onsite chef with children getting a healthy break, a hot nutritious lunch and a dessert each day. Camp will run from 9:30am to 3pm for 4 days each week of the Easter break (10th -13th APR & 17th - 20th APR). Daily rates are available. Early morning and afternoon daycare options are provided at an additional cost. Bookings are now open via our website [www.castleparkschool.ie](http://www.castleparkschool.ie).

### Easter Swim Intensive Camp

We will focus on confidence, buoyancy and stroke technique across all levels. There are 8 different levels and children are grouped according to swim ability. Swim Camp is ideal for children aged 4 - 12 years. We highly recommend attending Swim Camp to improve swimming technique. There will be two 4 day camps on 10th - 13th & 17th - 20th April (3:15pm - 4pm). Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.



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### *Using Math Skills Outside School*

DSP is located in a residential area, where the volume of traffic and traffic management can be an issue. On a cool Thursday morning in February, 4th class had a challenge to see how observant they really are, and how their maths skills could be used in the real world. The children worked in pairs and the brief was to examine traffic in contrasting areas of our locality. They identified what works and highlighted any problems that they noticed. The children also used their skills to record the amount and indeed variety of vehicles, people and buildings that they saw during a given amount of time. The locations we focused on were the Glenageary Roundabout, Pearse Rd Sallynoggin and Pearse Park. We chose these to show the contrast of how busy some areas are compared to others. Plus this gave a chance for a quick play in the playground on the way back. On our return to the classroom, we analysed the data we had acquired which formed the basis for a very interesting conversation.



*Researching their project Photo: Dalkey School Project N.S.*

### *6th Class Reflect on their Final School Breakfast*

We recently had a Valentine's Day breakfast in our school to celebrate both the mid-term break and most importantly the feast day of love. We were very lucky to have parents come into our class to dish up a tasty breakfast including cereal, fruit, juice and other lovely treats. On that day, we were also celebrating our classmate Emily's birthday so it was a double celebration. It was such a fun and relaxing morning. We had music playing in all the classes and got to enjoy a nice breakfast all together in our last year in school. Thanks so much to the parents who helped and to the PTA for making our last Valentine's Day in DSP so memorable.



*Cheerful girls at Dalkey School Project*

*Photo: Dalkey School Project N.S.*



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### **Loreto's Trip to Dalkey Heritage Centre**

On Friday 10th February, the fourth class pupils of Loreto Primary School visited Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre. Our visit began with a tour of St. Begnet's Church and the graveyard. Our tour guide told us about the architecture of the church, including the archway windows, the roof made from wattle and daub, how the roof was constructed, the bell tower and the holy water font.

After the tour of St. Begnet's Church, we went inside and watched a short film about the history of Dalkey and Goat's Castle. We learned about the murder hole, the trip steps and the archers that guarded the castle up on the battlements. The castle was used to house imported goods that were transported to Ireland from different countries. Wine barrels were stored on the ground floor of the castle, and on the first floor, goods that could be damaged by water were stored, along with other precious items.

Next we looked at the writer's gallery. We saw famous writers, who have links with Dalkey, such as Maeve Binchy, Bono, and Bob Geldof. The gallery was interactive so we could click on a writer's name and find out interesting information about them.

The highlight of the tour was the living history production. During this part of the tour we met a Viking, a slave girl, the cook, Rupert the Archer, the rich merchant who owned the castle and the King of Dalkey. We saw how they would all have lived and worked in the castle. We learned about the food and how it was served, for example, the rich people ate their food off round pewter plates, the archer and warriors ate their food off square wooden plates (they had one "square meal" a day) and the servants and poor people ate off plates that were carved out of stale bread. We saw the barber surgeon's cart, and learned about how they practiced medicine during Tudor times, such as checking a patient's general health by drinking their urine and pulling sore teeth out with a pliers.

At the end of the tour we were awarded with certificates from the King of Dalkey. Our visit to Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre was fun and informative! We would definitely recommend it and we hope to visit again soon!

***By Ciara Houton and Hilary McTiernan***

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### Literacy Week at Castle Park School

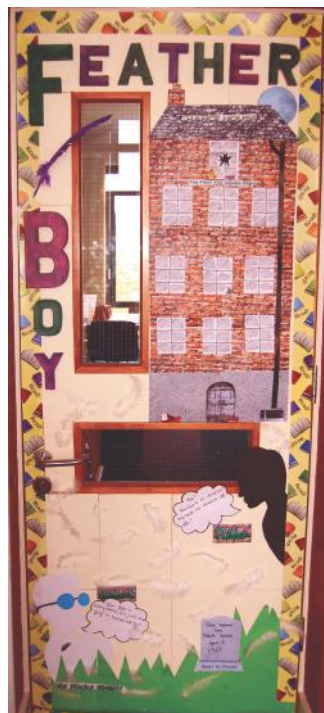
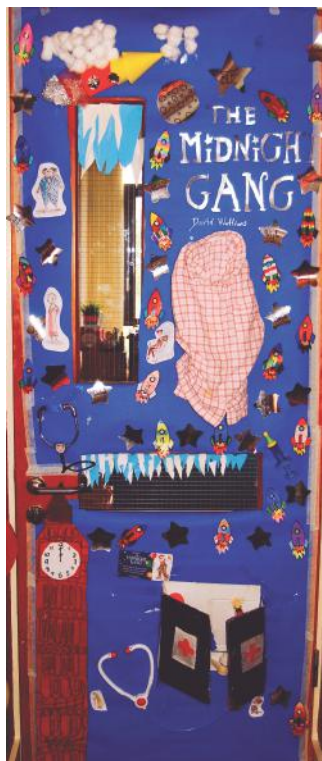
Our annual School Calendar at Castle Park incorporates Literacy Week, scheduled to include World Book Day which took place this year on Thursday 2nd March. A full week's programme of activities was organised for the children throughout the School, some of the highlights this year included a Read-a-thon; visits by authors and book illustrators; a performance of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" by the Miriam Lambert Puppet Theatre and Dress Up Day to which four sisters came along as Jo, Beth, Amy & Meg March from "Little Women".

To reflect the wide ranging ethnic and cultural backgrounds in our community we also arranged a morning of Parent Reading Stations. Fourteen reading stations were manned by parents who read aloud in their native languages from illustrated children's story books. This year we were joined by twenty two parents who read in fifteen different languages including Ukrainian and Kazakh. The children enjoyed decorating their classroom doors, either as a book jacket or themed to their favourite author. See if you can guess the inspiration behind these doors:

*Amanda Mollard, Castle Park School, Dalkey*



*Jo, Beth, Amy & Meg March*



*Classroom doors decorated*

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## NEWS FROM HAROLD BOYS' N.S.



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from the transmitter to Dublin Port! We learned a bit about Morse Code. For example, the letter C is '-.-.' in Morse Code.

There was also some history involved. We found out that in 1821, King George IV visited Dun Laoghaire and changed the name of Dun Laoghaire in his honour to Kingstown. There were some pieces of the Titanic in the museum. We also heard about the legend of Granuaile.

We all loved the museum and would recommend a visit there to anyone. We'd like to say thanks to the staff there who were very kind and thoughtful during our visit.

*By Jamie Brack and  
Tim Saunders*

This month, Sixth Class visited the Maritime Museum in Dun Laoghaire. When we were there we had a tour guide. He taught us about the Bailey Lighthouse, the largest lighthouse in Ireland and told us there were 82 lighthouses in Ireland.

Also the tour guide told us all about the first transmitter invented by Marconi and we got to listen in to a few messages



*Harold Boys' School winning team 1956  
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## BOTANIC GARDENS APRIL 2017 EVENTS



### **Saturday 1st April**

*Garden Workshop: 'Seeds & Cuttings'*

### **Saturdays, 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th April**

*Themed Guided Walk: 'April Fools'*

### **Wednesday 5th April – Wednesday 31st May**

*Exhibition: 'Secrets of the Fertile Rock'.*

### **Wednesday 5th April**

*Childrens' Workshops: 'Budding Artists and Hardy Annuals.'*

### **Saturday 8th April**

*Gardening Workshop: 'Summer Salads.'*

### **Sunday 9th April**

*Family Drop by Demo: 'Become a Windowsill Gardener'.*

### **Wednesday, 12th April**

*Family Event: 'Garden Bird Safari'.*

### **Thursday, 20th April**

*Evening Lecture: 'The Rôle of Urban Gardens in Pollinator Conservation'.*

### **Saturday, 22nd April**

*Gardening Workshop: 'Home Grown Herbs'.*

### **Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April**

*Dublin Orchid Fair*

### **Sunday 30th April**

*Workshop: 'Bryophytes and their Rôle as Indicators of Habitat Type'.*

### **Sunday 30th April**

*Family Event: 'Garden Bird Safari'.*

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**Q. My 6 year old son has been diagnosed with Asthma and has been prescribed a blue and a brown inhaler – what is the difference between these and why are they used?**

**A.** Asthma is a condition that affects the airway where it becomes over sensitive and causes occasional breathing difficulties. The main symptoms are wheezing, breathlessness, a feeling of tightness in the chest and coughing.

Common triggers for asthma include allergens (such as dust, animal fur and pollen), other irritants (such as smoke, gases and cold air), exercise and chest infections. Using the right inhalers will relieve the symptoms and control the condition to minimise a flare up.

Asthma is considered to be well controlled if:

- There are no daytime or night time symptoms
- There is no need to use a reliever inhaler more than twice a week
- The patient has good lung function

Treatment of asthma is usually by means of an inhaler although additional therapies may be added if this is not sufficient. Step one of treatment is a blue (reliever) inhaler. This temporarily opens the airways by relaxing the muscles. This is used to treat the tightness in the chest on feeling the symptoms or before exercise to prevent it occurring. It should not be used routinely more than twice a week. They are generally very well tolerated with very little side effects.

The other type of inhaler used is the Preventer inhaler (usually brown but can vary in colour). This controls and dampens down inflammation and swelling in the airways which reduces the risk of a severe attack. They work best by building up in airways over time (up to 14 days) so it is important they are taken every day even when you are feeling well. They usually contain a low dose of steroids and the lowest effective dose is what is normally used. As they have a local action in the lungs very little is absorbed into the rest of the body which means there is no concern of the long term side effects of steroids. The main risk is of developing thrush in the mouth or hoarseness of the voice. This can be avoided by brushing your teeth or by taking a drink of water immediately after using inhaler.

If your asthma is still not sufficiently controlled (i.e. still needing reliever inhaler) you should contact your prescriber as they may need to add in additional medication.

An important aspect of asthma control is inhaler technique. Your Pharmacist or Doctor can observe you using your inhaler in case the technique is an issue. It is important the drug particles are delivered to the correct part of the lungs and not deposited on the back of the throat. Using a spacer device encourages the particles to deposit in the correct place and this is especially recommended with children.

If you experience an asthma attack – follow the five step rule:

Take two puffs of the reliever inhaler

Sit upright and stay calm

Take slow deep breaths

If no immediate improvement take one puff of the reliever inhaler every minute (up to 10 puffs in 10 minutes or for children up to 6 puffs in 10 minutes)

Call an ambulance if no improvement after following steps 1-4

**If you have any questions you would like answered please email us on [maxwellpharmacydalkey@eircom.net](mailto:maxwellpharmacydalkey@eircom.net) and put Dalkey Newsletter in the message subject line.**



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**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0110

**Application Rec'd Date:** 8-Feb-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Melmoua Devco Ltd. Lands at Dalkey Manor, Barnhill Road, Dalkey

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for development comprising 1) demolition of existing two-storey dwelling 'Dalkey Manor' (273 sqm) and ancillary single-storey outbuilding, entrance gates, piers and splay walls; 2) construction of 29 no. dwellings (18 no. four bedroom three-storey, 1 no. three-bedroom three-storey, 4 no. three-bedroom two-storey, 2 no. three-bedroom one-and-a-half storey, 2 no. three-bedroom single-storey, and 2 no. two-bedroom single storey); 3) 56 no. parking spaces and private gardens to each dwellings; 4) upgraded vehicular entrance on Barnhill Road, internal roads, footpaths, shared surfaces street lighting; 5) public open space, landscaping, tree planting and boundary treatments; 6) alterations to site levels, SuDS surface water drainage; foul water and potable water connections; and 7) all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development. All on a site of 0.935 hectares. The proposed development is adjacent to Dalkey Lodge, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin (a Protected Structure).

**Application Type:** Permission. **9-Feb-2017 : Declare Application Invalid.**

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0117

**Application Rec'd Date:** 10-Feb-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Melmoua Devco Ltd. Lands at, Dalkey Manor, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for development comprising 1) demolition of existing two-storey dwelling 'Dalkey Manor' (273 sqm) and ancillary single-storey outbuilding, entrance gates, piers and splay walls; 2) construction of 29 no. dwellings (18 no. four bedroom three-storey, 1 no. three-bedroom three-storey, 4 no. three-bedroom two-storey, 2 no. three-bedroom one-and-a-half storey, 2 no. three-bedroom single-storey, and 2 no. two-bedroom single storey); 3) 56 no. parking spaces and private gardens to each dwellings; 4) upgraded vehicular entrance on Barnhill Road, internal roads, footpaths, shared surfaces street lighting; 5) public open space, landscaping, tree planting and boundary treatments; 6) alterations to site levels, SuDS surface water drainage; foul water and potable water connections; and 7) all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development. All on a site of 0.935 hectares. The proposed development is adjacent to Dalkey Lodge, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin (a Protected Structure).

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0138

**Application Rec'd Date:** 17-Feb-2017

**Applic. Name & Location:** Martello Finance Company Ltd., Beulah, Harbour Rd., Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for development. Protected structure. The development will consist of the refurbishment and conservation of Beulah House including the refurbishment of existing windows, new mechanical and electrical services, some internal alterations and re-roofing. The demolition of a single-storey extension to the side of the house and single storey sheds. The construction of 180sqm. The construction of a garden room and plant room of 50sqm, an out-door swimming pool a tennis court with associated fencing and lighting. New landscaping including changes to ground levels and all ancillary site works and services. No significant trees will be affected.

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0921    **Decision:** Request Additional Information    **Date:** 13-Feb-'17  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home Ltd, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission for modifications to the development permitted under Reg. Ref. D14A/0547 for refurbishment works and a new 3-storey extension at the southeast elevation resulting in a reduction in total bedrooms from 59 no. as previously permitted to 58 no. overall. The revised development will now consist of: 1. Two storey pitched roof extension with part flat roof (c.1,627 sqm) to side and rear of existing building (southeast) with roof level accommodation and associated dormers and velux to provide 31 new bedrooms and associated ancillary rooms. 2. Internal refurbishment works to existing building to replace 2 no. bedrooms at first floor level with a treatment room. 3. New emergency access to/from Ardbrugh Road. 4. 17 no. surface parking spaces, site landscaping and all associated drainage and site works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0954    **Decision:** Request Additional Information    **Date:** 17-Feb-2017  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Tara Peterman, Lohengrin, Torca Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Planning permission for development. The development will consist of the: 1. Demolition of the existing front elevation, demolition of existing roof structure, removal of internal walls 2. Construction of a new flat roof over entire house with overhanging soffits and roof lights 3. Two storey extension to the front of the existing house 4. Flat roof extension to the rear at first floor level 5. Elevational alterations including new windows and external insulation 5. New roof terrace over existing single storey side structure with guarding 6. Elevational alterations to all sides of the property 7. The works will also consist of new pedestrian entrance on Torca Road, new entrance pillars and gates, drainage works, landscaping and ancillary and associated works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0152    **Date:** 23-Feb-2017  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Mrs. Mary Buckley, 8, Church Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of an existing single-storey extension to the rear of the existing house; construction of a new single-storey extension to the rear, conversion of the existing attic into a master bedroom suite, alterations and refurbishment of the existing house, construction of a new vehicle site entrance and provision for car-parking to the front of the existing house. The works will include associated site works, new external store, drainage and landscaping. **Application Declared Invalid** 2-Mar-2017.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0183    **Date:** 2-Mar-2017  
**Applic. Name & Location:** Peter & Fiona O'Leary, Site No. 4 Saval Pk, Saval Pk Rd, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for dwelling house with associated parking, drainage, water connection, landscaping and ancillary works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0185    **Application Rec'd Date:** 2-Mar-2017  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Shay Properties Ltd., Site at Nerano House (a Protected Structure) the listing which includes Nerano Sailor (a Protected Structure) and at its Gate Lodge all within the attendant ground of Nerano House, Nerano Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission for Retention and completion, consisting of; new granite steps from Nerano House to lower garden towards Nerano Road; new retaining wall and planter to include levelling of garden area to create new terrace and garden to south-east of Nerano House; Retention of new meter cabinet adjacent to Gate Lodge.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17B/0101    **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Feb-2017  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Alan & Michelle Bridgeman, 4, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought to convert and extend the attic of the existing two storey semi-detached dwelling house including a dormer window to the rear roof and rooflights to the front roof and all associated works to the existing dwelling house and the site.  
**Declare Application Invalid:** 2-Mar-2017.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17B/0107

**Application Rec'd Date:** 3-Mar-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Patrick & Orna Curry, 108, Hillside, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a) A combination of two story hipped and flat roof extension to the side and single story flat roof extension to rear providing 25m<sup>2</sup> to both ground and first floors b) associated internal modifications and site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0209

**Application Rec'd Date:** 10-Mar-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Peter Kane, 68, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the replacement of the back door with a sliding door and the provision of an additional window above at first floor level for this protected structure.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17B/0121

**Application Rec'd Date:** 9-Mar-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Colm Comerford, 30, Hillside, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the conversion of the existing garage to living room including the replacement of the existing garage door with a new window to match existing.

### PLANNING DECISIONS WEEKS 6-10 6/2/2017 to 10/3/2017

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0920 **Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 10-2-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Ecologic Design & Build Ltd, Clonlost House, Killiney Road, Killiney.

**Proposal:** Permission for the relocation of a bin storage area and the Retention of a unit substation.

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0923 **Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 9-Feb-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Jim & Ann Murphy, 10 Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the construction of a single-storey extension to the rear, partial covering of side passeway, new porch, new window at first floor level and widening of existing entrance.

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0921 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 3-Feb-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home Ltd, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for modifications to the development permitted under Reg. Ref. D14A/0547 for refurbishment works and a new 3-storey extension at the southeast elevation resulting in a reduction in total bedrooms from 59 no. as previously permitted to 58 no. overall. The revised development will now consist of: 1. Two storey pitched roof extension with part flat roof (c.1,627 sqm) to side and rear of existing building (southeast) with roof level accommodation and associated dormers and velux to provide 31 new bedrooms and associated ancillary rooms. 2. Internal refurbishment works to existing building to replace 2 no. bedrooms at first floor level with a treatment room. 3. New emergency access to/from Ardburgh Road. 4. 17 no. surface parking spaces, site landscaping and all associated drainage and site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0939 **Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 17-Feb-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Bernadette & John Gallagher, 7 The Rise, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for: 1. Demolition of the existing single storey side garage, demolition of existing roof structure, removal of internal walls. 2. Construction of a new roof at a higher level to provide accommodation at roof level. 3. New dormers and roof lights on both sides of new roof. 4. Extend existing house to the side, rear and front. 5. Single storey pitched roof extension to the rear. 6. Elevational alterations to all side of the property. 7. The works will also consist of widening of existing vehicular side entrance, new entrance pillars, drainage works, landscaping and ancillary and associated works.

<b>Reg. Ref.:</b> D16A/0954	<b>Decision:</b> Request Add. Info	<b>Date:</b> 17-Feb-2017
<b>Applicant Name &amp; Location:</b> Tara Peterman, Lohengrin, Torca Road, Dalkey.		
<b>Proposal:</b> Planning permission for development. The development will consist of the: 1. Demolition of the existing front elevation, demolition of existing roof structure, removal of internal walls 2. Construction of a new flat roof over entire house with overhanging soffits and roof lights 3. Two storey extension to the front of the existing house 4. Flat roof extension to the rear at first floor level 5. Elevational alterations including new windows and external insulation 5. New roof terrace over existing single storey side structure with guarding 6. Elevational alterations to all sides of the property 7. The works will also consist of new pedestrian entrance on Torca Road, new entrance pillars and gates, drainage works, landscaping and ancillary and associated works.		
<b>Reg. Ref.:</b> D16A/0976	<b>Decision:</b> Refuse Permission	<b>Date:</b> 24-Feb-2017
<b>Applicant Name &amp; Location:</b> Sam Lannin, 49, Castle Street, Dalkey.		
<b>Proposal:</b> Permission for development. The development will consist of a new a`family flat` in a single storey and two storey pitched roof extension to the side of the existing house, including roof lights, dormer windows/doors and a balcony additional drainage, landscaping and ancillary and associated works.		
<b>Reg. Ref.:</b> D16A/0988	<b>Decision:</b> Request Add. Information	<b>Date:</b> 23-Feb-2017
<b>Applicant Name &amp; Location:</b> Thomas Kelly, 10, Corrig Road, Dalkey.		
<b>Proposal:</b> Planning permission is sought for a development consisting of the demolition of the existing single storey dwelling and the construction of a 3 bedroom detached, dormer dwelling along with all associated site development and engineering, landscaping and boundary treatment works.		
<b>Reg. Ref.:</b> D17A/0012	<b>Decision:</b> Grant Permission	<b>Date:</b> 27-Feb-2017
<b>Applicant Name &amp; Location:</b> Dalkey United Football Club, Hyde Road, Dalkey.		
<b>Proposal:</b> Permission for: Construction of a new entrance porch and canopy. Internal alterations to the existing building. Alterations to the existing coffee shop facility. Alterations to the existing elevations including new window and door openings and provision for new signage to the external elevations. New external ramps for access, signage structure, steps to the front and side elevations. All associated site works.		
<b>Reg. Ref.:</b> D17A/0013	<b>Decision:</b> Grant Permission	<b>Date:</b> 2-Mar-2017
<b>Applicant Name &amp; Location:</b> David & Carol Lowe, The Kerries, Dalkey Ave., Dalkey.		
<b>Proposal:</b> Permission for the demolition of the existing detached dwelling (189m2), the construction of a new detached dwelling (252m2) and alterations to the vehicular entrance.		
<b>Reg. Ref.:</b> D17A/0016	<b>Decision:</b> Grant Permission	<b>Date:</b> 3-Mar-2017
<b>Applicant Name &amp; Location:</b> Castle Park School Ltd., Castlepark Road, Dalkey.		
<b>Proposal:</b> Permission for the extension of an existing playground by 193 sqm, comprising the removal of an existing 1.6m to 2.7m high embankment, the construction of a retaining wall, the infilling of the former embankment to the upper level, the relocation and extension of the perimeter fence and gates and all associated site works.		
<b>Reg. Ref.:</b> D17B/0005	<b>Decision:</b> Grant Permission	<b>Date:</b> 27-Feb-2017
<b>Applicant Name &amp; Location:</b> Emmet Chambers, 38 The Village Gate, Dalkey.		
<b>Proposal:</b> Permission for alterations to previously approved application D13B/0317 & D15B/0260, comprising internal alterations to the previously approved ground floor, changes to the previously approved first floor extension to include a third bedroom with associated elevation alterations and associated site works.		
<b>Reg. Ref.:</b> D17B/0024	<b>Decision:</b> Grant Permission for Retention	<b>Date:</b> 10-Mar-2017
<b>Applicant Name &amp; Location:</b> Brian Gardiner, 2 The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.		
<b>Proposal:</b> Permission for Retention of the following change to already granted permission Reg. Ref. D07B/0301. Replace permitted recessed balcony to front elevation with 6.1m2 additional internal floor area at 1st floor.		
<b>Application Type:</b> Permission for Retention.		

## Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wk.6 6/2/2017 to 10/2/2017

No Appeals notified for Dalkey

## Appeals Decisions by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 5-9 30/1/2017 to 3/3/2017

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0180 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 6-Feb-'17  
**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission. **Location:** Albert House, Victoria Rd., Dalkey.  
**Proposed Development:** Permission for development. The development consists of the construction of a 4-bed part 2-storey dwelling with new boundary and associated site works. **Applicant:** Donnacha and Pat O'Dea

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0303 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 10-Feb-'17  
**Council's Decision:** Grant & Refuse Permission. **Location:** The Breakers, 68 Coliemore Road, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** Permission for the demolition of existing single storey & part 2 storey extension (Gr Fl area 24.62sqm, 1st Fl area 8.89sqm) & erection of new part single storey and part 2 storey extension (Gr Fl area 38.94sqm, 1st Fl area 22.20sqm) including concealed roof terrace (area 10.44sqm), all to existing single storey semi-detached house (Total area increased from 82.87sqm to 109.81sqm). The works also involve alteration of vehicular entrance & front garden layout. **Applicant:** Heather Darling

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0645 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 17-Feb-'17.  
**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission. **Location:** 7, Knock-na-cree Park, Dalkey.  
**Proposed Development:** Permission for the demolition of single storey extensions to the rear and side, including flat roof side entrance structure to existing property and construction of 1. Two storey flat roof extensions to the rear and sides 2. Roof alterations for first floor dormer style extensions 3. Elevation alterations to the front and side 4. New side passage after demolitions 5. Associated landscaping, drainage and widening of existing vehicular entrance. **Applicant:** Catherine & Mark Taylor.



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**High flyer** – Just past the Aircraft Beacon on top of Dalkey Hill a little bird moving through the gorse bushes looked different enough to warrant a closer inspection and through the binoculars I was able to see it was a male Stonechat. Not uncommon along the gorse beside the railway line and often seen near the Ramparts below the Vico I can't recall seeing one so high up before, although they used occasionally be seen and probably nested on the lower, middle level of the quarry. Handsome, Robin sized birds, with a reddish breast, white collar and the male developing a smart dark head in the breeding season, the stonechat's name derives from their call, likened to the sound of two stones being knocked together. This little area on the top of the hill with a few scattered trees and lot of gorse resembles raised heathland or mountain side habitats and in the past has attracted linnets and whitethroats and some years ago even having a meadow pipit displaying, flying upwards singing and then gliding down, wings outstretched in what is known as a parachuting display. The fact it is potential meadow pipit habitat might also be the reason why, when paying their infrequent visits, cuckoos have often called around this particular area, meadow pipits being their favoured host species in whose nest they lay their own eggs.

**After Doris Day** – On our first walk over the hills after Storm Doris we could see it had inflicted some serious damage around the woodlands with the trunks of a number of mature trees split in half and some very large branches brought down. We were concerned about the fate of the red squirrels, hoping their drays hadn't been dashed to the ground while they sheltered in them. One of the most reliable parts of the woods for seeing them in proved empty but then, as we emerged from that Scots Pine grove, tearing around a oak tree in front of us was a pair of reds. Whether they'd gone into the securely positioned nest boxes or

moved to the more sheltered side of the hill they'd survived the ferocious winds and later further up the hill we saw two more reds. After wind gusts of up to 120km a hour had lashed the country bringing down power lines and tearing tiles off roofs, up in the trees, still in place, were squirrel drays and birds nests which, although constructed only with a pair of claws and a mouth or beak, had survived the worst nature could throw at them.

**Running like clockwork** – Recently, when opening a webpage on the BBC radio site, a recommendation for a programme brought me to a very interesting wildlife programme, *The Countryside Hour*, a weekly feature from Radio Norfolk. Questions and observations about birds would be sent to this radio programme where a specialist guest would answer listeners' queries. One man had phoned in to say he often had Treecreepers visiting a tree in his garden. Treecreepers always move upwards on tree trunks, never down, in a spiralling movement using their stiff forked tail to brace them against the trunk as they extract insects,



*A Treecreeper: Its curved bill, open here, is the thinnest beak of any of our bird species and used to pry out insects or their eggs from little fissures in the bark of trees.*

*Photo: M. Ryan*

grubs and eggs with a slim curved bill. This listener had noticed any time he'd seen them they always circled the tree trunk in a clockwise direction, never anti clockwise, and he wondered was that always the case. This query totally bemused the ornithologist expert who admitted he had no idea as he'd never noticed but thought it a fascinating observation and was evidently going to pay a lot more attention next time he saw a Treecreeper. Next time I saw one on a tree trunk I watched but couldn't figure what way it was going up the tree. When it wasn't on the farther side of the trunk out of sight it was at the front going vertically up the bark. Some years ago a few members of the South Dublin Branch of birdwatch positioned some nest boxes for Treecreepers on a few trees on Killiney Hill. The Treecreeper boxes have a downward slanting front and a small opening on the side. When putting up nest boxes in parks it's always important to have them out of the reach of curious people. Any of the boxes we put up could only be accessed by ladder so I was never able to check them out to see if there was any signs of occupancy. I don't know if any of our boxes were ever used, traditionally there's a low take up of Treecreeper boxes, especially if there's any good natural sites and since putting up the boxes we've found a number of natural Treecreeper nests in the vicinity, one in a dead trunk and others behind the bark of older trees.



*Treecreeper moving up a trunk. Although having a snow white underside the cryptic plumage on its wings and back make for brilliant camouflage from possible predators.*

*Photo: M. Ryan*



*Jay bringing food to its nest.*

*Photo: M. Ryan*

**The Jay Way** – Birds will rub their beaks against branches to clean off remains of food but the jay I was looking at wasn't just cleaning its bill. It was too far away to see precisely what it was holding in its bill but it was either a fat insect grub or a caterpillar. As I watched, it meticulously wiped it backwards and forwards against the branch it was perched on as if it was cleaning it, sometimes laying it gently on the branch before delicately picking it up again, possibly turning it over before repeating the process. Some species of caterpillars have defences to make them

unpalatable to predators and are often brightly coloured to signal they'd be a bad choice for a meal. These caterpillars can be covered in urticating hairs, the word 'Urtica' is Latin for 'nettle' and these hollow hairs when broken emit the same painfully irritating fluid you'd get from a nettle sting. This should deter many predators and if they do ignore the discomfort and swallow the caterpillars the hairs are indigestible and have to be spat out. What many species of birds do and possibly what the jay I saw was doing, was brushing (or 'scrubbing' as it is known) a caterpillar against the bark to try and remove as many hairs as possible and make it more palatable before swallowing it. As they say with cooking, it's all in the preparation.

## POSTCARD FROM TASMANIA – Donal Denham



*Port Arthur view*

Flying into Hobart, the capital of the state of Tasmania, can be quite exciting on a Virgin Australia 737, passing between steep hills and swooping down to a short runway with a small apron and terminal (which is undergoing renewal and expansion).

Or you can always opt for the “Spirit of Tasmania” car ferry which leaves daily from Port Melbourne. Passing through “The Heads”, a narrow channel between the Portsea and Queenscliffe headlands which guard the narrow channel into Port Philip Bay with Melbourne and the river Yarra at the other end of it, the ferry quickly enters the notorious Bass Strait, by most accounts a wild and wonderful channel that separates Tasmania from the rest of the Commonwealth of Australia.



*River Shannon*

“Tassie” as it is affectionately known, has a population 520,000 in total, with an area approximately the same as Ireland, and is the most southerly point in this part of the Southern Hemisphere: next stop Antarctica! It is the 26th largest island in the world and over 45% of the island land mass is, remarkably, still today preserved as reserve, national park and heritage site. Its capital,

Hobart, on the southern coast and a former whaling port, contains almost half the island’s population with Launceston the other major conurbation, located on the opposite , northern coastline.

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subsequently part of the British Empire colony of New South Wales but was established as a separate colony in 1825 and renamed Tasmania in 1856.

Used as a convict settlement for repeat offenders from the other penal colonies, and for infirm and aged convicts, Port Arthur was the main prison settlement on the island, with up to 2,000 inmates at its peak in the 1840s. Inmates were prevented from leaving the narrow-necked peninsula by a continuous “dogline” of 9

ferocious animals - “Every four-footed, black-fanged individual

among them would have taken first prize in his own class for ugliness and ferocity at any show”- Herman Melville, 1840 (Crafts, please note!).



*Friendly wallaby in Wineglass Bay*

Jerusalem National Park, has fine views for those able and willing to scale the 1,200 metre crag; a close encounter with a Black Tiger snake on the way did not deter your intrepid traveller!

**Donal Denham**

*Photos: D. Denham*



*Port Arthur Dogline Memorial*

The last of some 75,000 convicts to be transported to Tasmania arrived in 1853 and the settlement finally closed in 1877. Among its most-celebrated inmates was the Young Irishman leader, William Smith O’Brien, who had his own cottage there, after an unsuccessful attempt to escape from Maria Island. Port Arthur remains a major tourist attraction with a well-preserved and presented UNESCO World Heritage historic site. It was, regrettably, also the location of a random mass shooting in 1996 during which 35 people were killed.

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## APRIL 2017 LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS



**Monday 3rd at 7.30pm:** Dr. Ros Ó Maoldúin will present his talk '*Ritual and religion in the Early Bronze Age: insights from Roughan Hill, the Burren, Co. Clare*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. All welcome.

**Wednesday 5th at 8pm:** Rob Goodbody will present his lecture '*Dublin Bay*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill. All welcome – Admission €4.

**Thursday 6th at 11.30am:** James Scannell will present his lecture '*Easter 1942 in Bray, Co. Wicklow*' in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray. All welcome – Admission free.

**At 8pm** Neal Doherty will present his lecture '*The Complete Guide to Statues and Sculptures in Dublin*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome – Admission €4 / Students €2.

**Friday 7th at 11.30am:** James Scannell will present his lecture '*Easter 1917 in Bray, Co. Wicklow*' in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome – Admission free.

**At 8pm:** Tom Burke will present his lecture '*From Malahide to Messines: Letters from Flanders of an Irish soldier to his Mother*' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

**Wednesday 12th at 6pm:** James Scannell will present his lecture '*The Light That Failed: the 1957 Dundrum Railcar Collision*' 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 13th at 8pm:** David Doyle will present his lecture '*The Reverend Thomas Goff, 1772-1844: Property, Propinquity and Protestantism*' to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society in Glendalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome – Contribution €3.

**Tuesday 18th at 8pm:** Liam Clare will present his lecture '*Aviation in North Wicklow – South Dublin*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock. Ken Kinsella (or a Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association member) will give a short talk on '*Newtown Fife and Drum Band*'. All welcome – Admission €5.

**Thursday 20th at 7.30pm:** Kevin Mulligan will present his lecture '*Brave Monuments: the Buildings of County Monaghan*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. All welcome.

**At 8pm:** Tom Conlon will present his lecture '*Victorian Kingstown – A Town Divided*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All Welcome – Visitors €5.

**Tuesday 25th at 6.30pm:** The Dalkey Library Local History Group meets in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. All welcome.

**Wednesday 26th at 6pm:** Michael Fewer will present his lecture '*The Life and Times of J.B. Malone, founder of the Wicklow Way: Map-maker, Soldier, Historian and Author*' to the Old Dublin Society's in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – Admission free.

**Thursday 27th at 8pm:** Des Smyth will present his lecture '*The Fitzwilliams of Merrion – the Last of the Line*' to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Admission €3 – Swan Centre Car Park Evening Rate €2 (Total) from 6 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.



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At the Monday 28 August 1911 sitting of Kingstown Police Court before Mr. M.C. MacInerney, a Mr. Charles Gordon, Albert Avenue, Dalkey, was summoned by Constable John Dillon for '*for having at Newtown Avenue, Blackrock, on the 27th July, driven a motor bicycle without an identification plate.*' Constable Dillon gave evidence of stopping the defendant on the date in question for having no registration [number] plate on his motor cycle. In his defence Mr. Gordon said that at the time he was stopped he was returning from Warrenpoint and that when he had reached Dublin, he noticed that the plate was missing but that is too late to obtain a replacement. Mr. Gordon was fined 5s. [From January 1st 1904 vehicle registration was introduced with all motor vehicles required to display a vehicle registration no. plate].



## A BOOK TO READ



'*Dun Laoghaire Journal No. 26 – 2017*', published by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society ISSN 0791-3680) €6.

Variety of content is the feature of this year's journal in which Brendan McGovern provides a brief history of '*Bellevue Park*', better known today as Cluny Convent, a house built in the 1830s, as well as details of some of its residents.; Brian Smith in '*The Election of TDs for Dun Laoghaire*' looks at those who served as TDs ; Anna Scudds contributes a brief history of '*Beeches Lawn Tennis Club, Glenageary*'; Séamus Cannon looks at '*Some Local Place Names and Street Signs*'; Rosaleen Hicks highlights '*Hicks of Dun Laoghaire – Celebrating 90 years in Business*'; James Scannell continues his long running article '*Dun Laoghaire – Prelude to the Emergency*'; Mary Grogan recalls the important role that The Gas Company Theatre, Dun Laoghaire contributed to drama in '*The Gas Company Theatre, Dun Laoghaire*';

Cormac F. Lowth provides a fascinating biography of his great great grandfather in '*Inspector Thomas Lowth, D.M.P.*'; while Colin Scudds in '*Dun Laoghaire's Iron Age*' looks at the various type of ornamental metal work that can be found throughout the town. Copies are available from local booksellers, or from the Society at its monthly meetings in the Royal Marine Hotel, or via their web-site:

[www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com](http://www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com).

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*James Scannell*

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**RANT No. 2**

I was walking along Hyde Park – Dalkey, Co. Dublin – not in Hyde Park – London, on my way to meet a friend, when the thought struck me- “What a good sort he is, entirely reliable”. Gerry had promised the week before to give me a ring, and set up a Luncheon date.

He had done just that – ‘phoned and we agreed to meet for the lunch

I was heading towards. Nothing remarkable in that, you might say.

But I disagree. I think it remarkable that an Irish man or woman for all that, kept his word – not once but twice in the one action.

Be honest, ask yourself – how many times have you parted company with the words, “I’ll give you a ring “and never do so. How often have you met someone who says “I must give you a call – what is your number?” “It’s in the book”- “Great I’ll get it so” – of course the book remains unopened. A modern version of a like encounter brings the question “Have I got your Mobile?” You know they haven’t – give it and silence will reign. It is a classical “put-off”

“You must visit us” - “You must call in for a glass of wine” – “I’ll have the neighbours in to meet you” – “I’ll see you at the races/the show/the church/the funeral/the pub/the club, etc. etc.” all of these phrases – for they cannot be considered as invitations, which are in common use in Ireland. They all have one common element– insincerity.

I used to think that the Oscar for insincerity belonged to the Americans – “So nice to meet you” and the classical “Have a nice day”, but on reflection, it is the Irish who are the masters of unreliability and insincerity. “I’ll be with you in 10 minutes” can stretch from a punctual 15 minutes to an average half-hour.”

Try living in that mode in Germany – commercially you’d be dead, socially ignored.

There is a contradictory honesty with such words in France. Nobody speaks the truth so the game of disbelief and second guessing is intriguing – yes the French love intrigues.

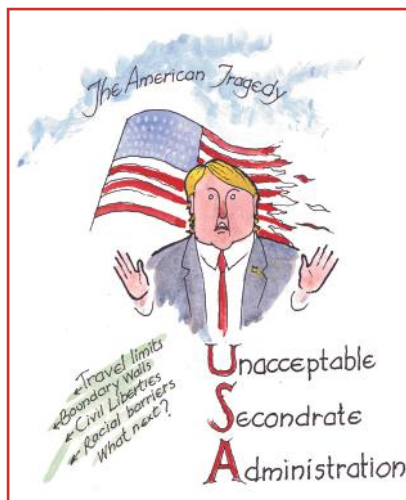
In the Arab world, deception is prized especially if the deluded one is a gullible Christian.

And so it goes around the world, does anyone mean what they say? What do the Canadians mean by “You bet”? Yet for all the varied Nationalities I have met, some mentioned above, if an invitation is issued, it is meant and will be honoured.

So, whether it is to a neighbour, or to a distant friend, we Irish, so noted for our hospitality, the moment we issue the invite “You must call”– we silently hope that it will not be taken up. This is modern Ireland. It is a sad reflection on the past when our ancestors did earn the reputation and plaudits for Hospitality, often in very poor circumstances.

The insincerity, and unreliability of the affluent 21st Century Ireland is, I aver, an insult to the past. “Would anyone care for a Jar?”

**Brendan Flood – Dalkey**



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### SERVICES FOR APRIL 2017

**Sun:** 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45am Morning Service **Midweek:** Thurs. at 10.30am

**From the Rector** – As we continue our journey through Lent and Holy Week towards Easter, I encourage you to take note of the services that are being held during this period. I am delighted that Bishop John McDowell will be joining us during Holy Week as we meet in the local cluster of churches. Full details below. A happy and joy-filled Easter to you all!

**Holy Week & Easter:** All services in Holy Trinity Church, Killiney, posted in the church or in The Obelisk magazine.

**Easter General Vestry** – The Easter General Vestry will be held in the Carry Centre on Sunday 2nd April following morning service. The Easter General Vestry is in essence the AGM of the parish. Every three years (this being one of them) important appointments are made. The Rector invites all to attend this important event in the life of the parish.

**Glenageary Killiney National School** – On Friday 7th April the annual Easter service for the school will be held in St Matthias' Church.

**Ladies Guild** – The Guild will meet next on Tuesday 11th April in the Carry Centre at 2.30pm. All Welcome.

**SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney** – On Wednesday April 19th the Ladies will meet in the Carry Centre. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

**Bible Study and Prayer Group** – The next gathering will be on Tuesday April 25th at 10.30am in the Carry Centre. We continue with our study of figures from the Old and New Testaments.

**The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society)** – The club meets next on Thursday 27th April at 8pm in the Carry Centre. More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Teggin or the Rector.

**Table Tennis** – The table tennis meets every Monday at 8pm in the Carry Centre. For more information contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

**Sheep Thrills** - Made in Ireland, Every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre.

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**The Carry Centre** – A full programme of activities and events is now available – please visit [www.carrycentre.ie](http://www.carrycentre.ie) for more information.

**Fete** – Plans are underway for our Fete on May 13th. Helpers, donations and raffle prizes would be very gratefully received. Please contact the Rector if you would like to find out more and thank you to the committee for their preparations.



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## ❖ EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH continued from p51 ❖

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**Dalkey Ukulele Klub** starting very soon upstairs at The Club, Tuesdays. Free Ukulele Jamming session. All are very welcome. Call Debbie 087-2350726 for more information.

## ❖ NATURE NOTES MARCH 2017 ❖

**Tuesday 4th:** The Hen Harrier: aka "The Silver Hawk" By Barry O'Donoghue of NPWS.  
**Venue:** Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney @8pm.

**Sunday 8th:** Walk by the Dodder; for Kingfisher, Dipper, and other river and woodland birds. Meet at The Dropping Well pub car park, at 10.30 am.



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### Sunday Services for April

2nd April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
9th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Ages
16th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist & Egg Hunt
23rd April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
30th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Celtic Eucharist

**Midweek** – Every Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

**Our Lady's Manor** – The Eucharist will be celebrated on 11th and 25th April in Our Lady's Manor at 2.30pm.

**Holy Week** – For the past few years we have combined together with four neighbouring Church of Ireland parishes in Holy Week, and we take it in turns then to visit each other's churches during the week. This year it is St. Patrick's turn to host the service on the Tuesday evening 11th April at 8.00pm, we welcome as our speaker the Bishop of Clogher Rt. Rev. John McDowell. Further details of the rest of the week are available on our parish website.

**Dalkey Inter-Church Lent Talks** – Many thanks to all who supported the Lenten series this year: entitled 'God's Heart for Migrants', especially those who put so much hard work in behind the scenes.

**Ash Wednesday Soup Lunch** – The Ash Wednesday Soup lunch was a delicious affair. The soup itself was really good and it was nice to see so many people supporting this important initiative.



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**Choir Practice** – The choir meets to prepare the music for the Sunday Service each Wednesday of the week at 7.30pm in the church. New members are always welcome.

**Bible Study** – Come and enjoy conversation and spiritual growth as we study the Bible together. This group includes people familiar with the Bible and those new to the Holy Scriptures. It takes place in the Gallery Room of the Northover Hall on Thursday 6th and Thursday 27th of April from 7.00-8.00p.m. The readings we look at are those for the coming Sunday, from the Revised Common Lectionary. Bibles are provided along with some study notes. All are welcome, including newcomers!

**Dramatic Society** – The Spring Production ‘*Happy Birthday Dear Alice*’ takes place from 5th – 8th April at the Studio, dlr Lexicon, Dun Laoghaire.

**APRIL** — *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’. The Greeks called the season of Spring ‘the opening’.*

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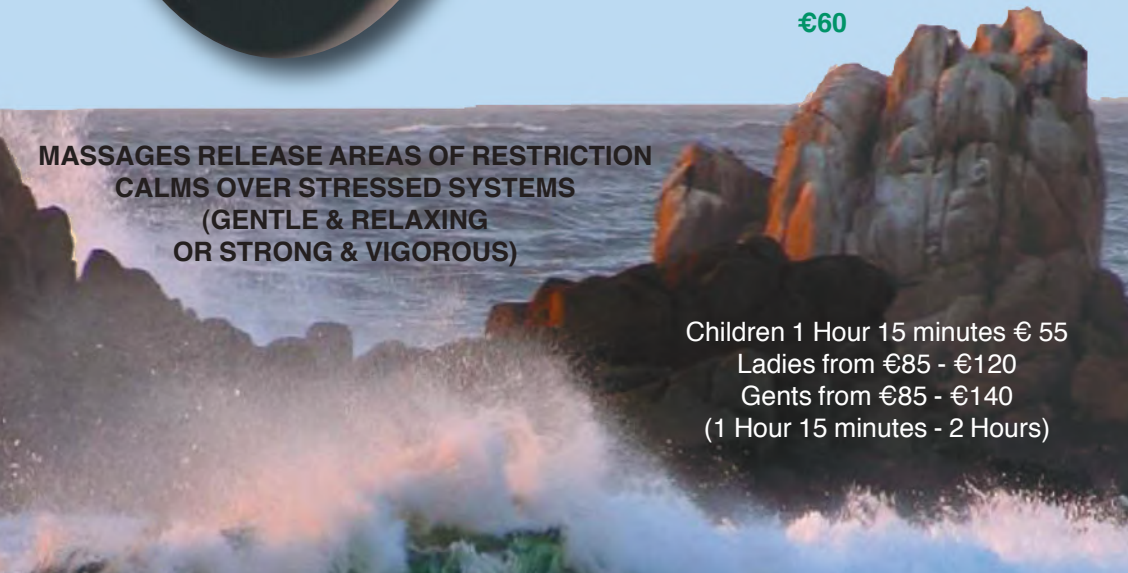
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St. Patrick's Dramatic Society presents "Happy Birthday Dear Alice" in dlrLexicon at 8pm	Weds 5 – Sat 8 Apr
Hervé's Smiles for Miles "The Kube" fundraiser in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel at 8pm	Fri 7 Apr
DARA Art Floral & Craft Exhibition in OLH (10am-5pm)	Sat 9 – Sun 10 Apr
DCC April Monthly Meeting	Mon. 10 Apr
Sonrise Service at The Obelisk 6:15am	Easter Sun 16 Apr
Easter Ceremony in Sorrento Park at 12 noon	Easter Mon 17 Apr
DLR Spring into Heritage ( <a href="http://www.dlrevents.ie">www.dlrevents.ie</a> ) commences	Mon 24 Apr
Sorting of April Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs. 27 Apr

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Karate - all age groups** in Town Hall 5-9pm Mondays & Wednesdays  
**Boxing/Conditioning Classes** – Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334  
**Dalkey Players:** Rehearsals Tues. in **Harold Boys School** from 7.30-10.30pm Tues & Thurs. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or [www.dalkeyplayers.ie](http://www.dalkeyplayers.ie) check for details. All welcome.  
**St. Patrick's Dramatic Soc.:** Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Rd. 8pm-10.30pm Mon. & Thurs, or check [www.stpatsdramsoc.com](http://www.stpatsdramsoc.com) for further information. New members welcome.  
**The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Soc.** meets monthly in Dalkey. 086-8391839 - **NO Texts.**  
**Cuala Set Dancing Classes:** Suns. 8-10pm. €6 per night. All welcome.  
**Scrabble & Afternoon Tea** in aid of Barnardos Wed. 3pm in Derrymore, 35, Coliemore Road. Call Di Fitzpatrick - 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 Park.  
**Further Events** - see page 46.

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*Late last year Sky announced that it will no longer be manufacturing Sky+HD boxes, and will now focus on the new SkyQ boxes (which the customer will never own, unlike previous Sky boxes). Rest assured that the current Sky HD boxes will still be around for many many years, and there is no need to rush out and sign up for a new SkyQ box (especially as there are plenty of technical and software issues with these receivers which have not yet been resolved). On a different note YouTube announced that it plans to launch YouTube TV (initially in the USA), and has signed a deal with some of the major networks to cover major sporting events.*

*Industry sources suggest that the channel will launch in Europe sometime next year.*

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