



DALKEY - Deilginis ‘Thorn Island’ COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Irish Heritage Town

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August: *The Roman Emperor, Augustus, named the eight month August in honour of himself. He died 19 August 14AD. The Anglo-Saxons called August “Weod-Monath” or “Weed Month”.*

**August brings the sheaves of corn.
Then the harvest home is borne.**

*Flower: Poppy
and Gladioli*



Winning Dalkey Swimmers!

From left - Mark Fahy (won Silver in the under 12 Backstroke), Naoise Cautley (won Gold in the under 10 Backstroke), Philip Towns (won Silver in the Under 12 Freestyle) and Alex Hughes (won Silver in the under 10 Backstroke). All four boys also won Silver in the 100m Relay

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SUMMARY OF DCC JULY MEETING



The DCC monthly meeting was held on Monday 02nd July 2012.

DTT: Blue bags of litter were left ready for collection for DLR after the local clean up day held on 30th April and these were not removed for a few days. DLR was contacted and the bags were removed. Now that DTT has two men from the Southside Partnership scheme on a regular basis assisting in cleaning Dalkey there will be more bags for collection. DLR will remove these as soon as possible. DCC agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of the new signage for the town as the first phase of this joint project will be introduced soon and it is a shared venture with DLR, DBG and DTT

NW: The Garda station closed at midnight on Saturday 30th June and operations have transferred to Dun Laoghaire. While the Dalkey number will be in use for a while the number that should be used for contacting the Gardai is **666 5000**.

The next monthly meeting is Monday 30th July 2012.



DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE



Gerard Coakley, Editor of the Dalkey Community Council Newsletter, presented a bound set of the most recent year's (2008-2011) Newsletters to Dominic Dowling, DCC Representative on the board of the Heritage Company. The Centre has a complete set of newsletters going back to the Community Council's foundation.

Upgrade works: the invitations to tender have gone out to four companies for new state of the art interpretation system for the Heritage Centre. The works will cost close on €250,000. Funding has been secured principally from Fáilte Ireland and DLRC for all but €30,000 of this sum. So there are plans for a fundraising drive by the board. Meanwhile Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co will carry out advance works to include upgrading the entrance foyer and replacing the front doors. The Centre will be closed in November to complete the works.

Heritage Week occurs from Saturday 18th August - Sunday 26th August when national emphasis will be on exploring your local heritage. In addition to our Guided Living History Tours which will run as normal 'Discover the Secrets of the Dalkey Tudors', Dalkey Castle will host free coin minting demonstrations on Sunday 26th August from 11.00 - 1.00pm. The story refers to the hoard of Viking coins found in Dalkey in the mid-1800s, now in the British Museum. You can use your freshly minted Viking coin to get a one euro reduction per person on the Living History Tour 'Discover the Secrets of Dalkey's Tudors' on the same day.

To complement '**The Lobster, Crab and all that Jazz Festival**' in the restaurants and bars on 24th, 25th & 26th August there will be Free Guided Historical Walks from Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre on Friday 24th, Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th August at 13.00. Participation is free but advance booking is necessary. There is a maximum limit of 20 persons per group. To book see details below.

St Lawrence's Dramatic Society: The Heritage Centre was recently gifted some programmes and press cuttings relating to the St Lawrence's Dramatic Society which operated in Dalkey around 1912. We already have some good photos of the group taken after one of their productions. The Town Hall would have been in its infancy at that time as it opened in 1896. We are keen to gather more information on the early dramatic activities



Gerard Coakley, Editor of the Dalkey Community Council Newsletter, presenting a bound set of the most recent year's (2008-2011) Newsletters to Dominic Dowling, DCC Representative on the board of the Heritage Company and Margaret Dunne, Heritage Centre Manager. Photo.: John Fahy

in Dalkey. If anyone has further information please get in touch. We intend to have an informal meeting where those whose relatives were involved in St Lawrence's would share any memories they have with the existing drama groups in Dalkey: St Patrick's Dramatic Society and Dalkey Players.

American Colleges Final in the Aviva Stadium.

We are delighted to have secured the booking of a large influx of over 1,000 pre-booked Americans who will be in Ireland for the American Colleges Football game in the Aviva between Notre Dame and Navy. They have block booked all tours with us for four days at the end of August. We intend to ensure that they leave with very positive images of Dalkey.

Classes will resume in September:

Pilates: on Mondays in Heritage Centre: Contact Lizanne Barry 087 8572408.

Zumba Fitness classes: Dalkey Town Hall on Wednesdays. Contact Lukasz: 085 216 33 04; Email: info@zumbagalaxy.com

Dalkey Castle Tel 285 8366
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Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is part funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co, Dept SP (Pobal) & FÁS.



Right: Caoimhe Byrne - Gold Medal Winner U13 Walking at Dublin Community Games 2012

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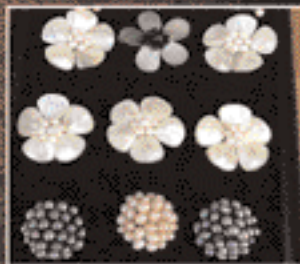
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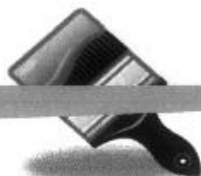
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Doesn't this dahlia take your breath away



Jolly Hollyhocks (Alcea Rosea - peach)



The colour combination in the flowers of Iris 'Katherine Hodgkin' is quite remarkable (a dwarf iris)

August is our month of triumph, our plants generally achieve their peak and self-seeding with 'some', begins. Our light too, changes in August and our gardens seem to take on a whole new suit of clothes. June and July seem to have a growing, swelling momentous, whereas August is different. Each day that passes by, is a bit of our summer Yet our flower borders seem to be an intensity of new richness of colour dominated by oranges, burgundies, purples and gold's. Rudbeckias, sunflowers, Verbena Bonariensis, dahlias, cannas, asters and the late flowering clematis are all a blaze. This is peak season for a wide range of garden fruits and vegetables, lots of

early potatoes, broad beans, peas, baby carrots, cabbage, cauliflower, early garlic, onions, French beans, lettuce, radish, kohlrabi, beetroot, courgettes, cucumbers, then summer fruits ripen, including plums, blackcurrants, raspberries, figs, gooseberries, etc., and later this month, our first apples. Using your vegetables while still small extends the picking season and their fresh taste. Preserve any you can by freezing or give some away to friends and neighbours. Again, the trick with French beans is to make sure to keep them picked As soon as they are allowed to develop the seeds, the plant hormones shut down flower production and now, few beans will develop. Beetroot, likewise, if allowed to become over-mature, it takes on a woodiness of texture and flavour that is not nearly as delicious.

One day last week a group of us went on a daytrip by coach to Co. Wicklow, where we visited the most amazing gardens, featuring lots of en-masse planting which seemed to add structure and continuity to the various back drops. I wasn't home two minutes, when firstly, I found a vine weevil crawling along my pillow case and then having removed the various plant tags/names from the special plants that I indulged in, in Wicklow, found each plant name tag chewed to pieces by a rather 'put out' King Charles I know exactly why Precious did all this. Simply to get my attention after his rather too peaceful day, and of course, to get out for his good long walk.

MIGHT DO/MAYBE AUGUST JOBS: -

1. Plants of thyme, sage, marjoram and tarragon can be trimmed back to allow some nice new growth, right now.
2. You can still sow rocket, spinach, chard and radishes to be used shortly in salads.
3. Take some lower leaves off your tomatoes and cucumbers to allow some air movement and to reduce the risk of grey mould.



Clematis 'Multi-Blue' - Its violet-blue, fruffled flowers, really capture the spirit of summer



One of the prettiest hardy geraniums is 'Johnson's Blue'. It is ideal for planting in the middle or front of a border. If cut after flowering, it often gives a second flush

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4. Thin and shorten rambling roses after they have finished flowering
5. Keep potted camellias well watered, this helps them form healthy buds for flowering, next year.
6. Inspect foliage regularly in glasshouse for white fly, leafhopper, red spider mite, mealy bugs and scale insects.
7. The movement of air through the vents or by opening the door of a glasshouse or tunnel can greatly help to reduce high temperatures.
8. This is a great time to harvest herbs either dry or freeze them for use in winter. A handy method is to use an ice cube tray, chop delicate herbs such as basil, parsley, mint, apple mint, and coriander into the tray. Fill with water and freeze. Then when needed, drop an ice cube or two containing the frozen herbs into the dish you're cooking.
9. There are two new morning glory seed packets available: -
 - (i) Black Knight - a fast growing, vigorous summer climber with masses of attractive purple - black blooms.
 - (ii) Morning Glory, light blue star. Each light blue bloom is enhanced by an exquisite, deep violet, five pointed star shooting out from its central white throat. Flowers all summer, climbing up trellis, fences or obelisks in containers. I'm just about to sow both packets!



Use beetroot while still small

❖ THE D.A.R.A. CHOIR ❖



D.A.R.A. UPDATE

The D.A.R.A. Choir, established in October 2011, performed their first concert in Loreto Abbey on 30th June last. It was a sell-out and thoroughly enjoyed by audience and choir alike. Many thanks goes to our Choir Master, Jimmy Byrne, and our Leader, Vincent Ryan. We are looking for new members, so if you are a member of Dalkey Active Retirement Association and enjoy singing, you would be most welcome.

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The 3rd annual Dalkey Book Festival was bigger and better than ever and kicked



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off on June 15th. For three days, books of every kind were celebrated and brought to life by their authors. This year, the line up included local writers and those who have a particular affection for Dalkey such as Maeve Binchy, Joseph O'Connor, Carlo Gebler, Dermot Healy, Martina Devlin, Robert Fisk and John Waters. We were delighted to offer festival-goers a chance to hear Seamus Heaney who, in his intimate reading style, confided in us some of his Nobel prize winning genius.



We celebrated Bloomsday with a special series of events including a musical

extravaganza, a guided walk, dramatisations, readings and a performance of the magnificent Joycemen by Eamon Morrissey. Maeve Binchy read her new short story, set in Dalkey and written specially for the festival.

There were also many children's events held on Sunday 17th June which Sold out with lots of joy and laughter.

Dalkey Book Festival Organisers David McWilliams and Sian Smyth gives warmest thanks to friends of the festival, partners and sponsors.

Dalkey Business Group would like to thank all DBG members and local business who pulled together once more to support the Dalkey Book Festival 2012.

SOME MORE DBG NEWS

- Photogenic Dalkey raised €5,045 this year for Happy Faces Day 2012.
- Country Bake Dalkey is celebrating 25 years in business, Congratulations Margaret, Ciara and Paula and to all the team and loyal customers.
- Bedroom Studio Dalkey is sadly closing its doors. A Closing Down Sale on now.
- Magpie Inn Dalkey was a Finalist for Gastropub 2012 at IrishFoodOscars RAI.
- Dalkey's Best Kept Secret is about to be revealed! – We can't wait to welcome you to beautiful Dalkey and the first

International Dalkey Lobster Fest 2012: - lobster, crab and all that jazz. Organised by local businesses the festival is running from Friday August 24 to Sunday 26 August. A fusion of local seafood and the best of current global jazz musicians with lots of fun events for all the family to enjoy.

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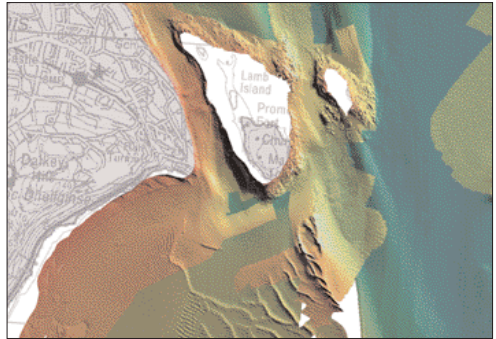
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A series in memory of the late Dr. John de Courcy Ireland

What Lies Beneath!...Effluence and Affluence? The response of the Dalkey community over two projects could not be more extreme. Firstly there was the Dublin Bay Project (see Dec.'11/Jan.12 issue) under phase 2 of plans to build a 9km sewage pipeline from Ringsend into Dublin Bay. Secondly there was Providence Resources project involving a potential oil field, possibly sited a mere 6kms off Dalkey Island (March 2012 issue). Also the manner in which both projects were dealt with in the public domain could not be more different.

The sewage pipeline project was addressed by a public consultation process hosted by Dublin City Council and held over several evenings last October in the Dalkey Heritage Centre.

The Providence Resources Dalkey Prospect application for a foreshore license and public consultation process was conducted through procedures meeting legislation, though it was the manner in how information was presented coupled with a timescale deemed inadequate that led to the public 'information' meeting in February with crowds overflowing onto Castle Street.



Frazier Bank off Dalkey Island

In contrast at the Dublin Bay Project consultations (ultimately paid by taxpayers), only a sprinkling of people turned-up, where representatives discussed maps and a screen presentation of wastewater-flow dispersal in the bay. They claim the treated effluent (incl. residual pollution) is 'localised' and away from Special Protection Area (SPA) incl. Dalkey Island.

As highlighted in that edition of 'Maritime' Dalkey, the 'rigs' in Dublin Bay (early 2011) had carried out preliminary pipeline site investigations, leading to a public misconception that oil had been struck! yet then, the media - incl. UK press - had reported about the Dalkey Prospect the previous year!

Incidentally in June a rig reappeared in the bay for further preliminary work for the sewage project while also this year Providence expects to start site, seismic-surveys and exploratory drills in waters up to 30m deep.



Killiney Beach, birthplace of 'Seismology'

At the Dalkey 'prospect' meeting the chairman made an apt observation that the inventor of 'seismology' was Dubliner, Robert Mallett who in 1849 carried an experiment on Killiney Beach, that proved that energy moving through sand and rock in waves could be measured. As seismology detects tremors, countless lives have subsequently been saved worldwide. The experiment was replicated in recent years for the BBC series 'Coast' which visited Killiney



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The GSI's survey RV Keary off Clare Rock,
Dalkey Sound

sold earlier this year, has since worked off Corrib and Ballinaboy Bay, near the site of an onshore refinery under construction.

Returning to the 'prospect' meeting held in Dalkey and also Dun Laoghaire and Greystones, it was shown the diversity of stakeholders involved among them: shipping (lanes), fishing (grounds) and leisure (tourism) operators that 'go sailing' to see the dolphins.

Ireland is "poorly" prepared for a major pollution incident, according to a consultancy study for the Government. The study adds that while staff at the Irish Coast Guard, have the necessary knowledge they do not have a dedicated pollution team that is site-specific with response plans and strategies. Minister for Transport Leo Varadkar said an action plan tackling "key deficiencies" is to be presented to government in October.

Not mentioned in mainstream media is that Ireland does not have a dedicated standby emergency towing vessel (ETV) and 'not just' for oil-related disasters. In the UK, only 1 of 4 ETVs remains in service (off Orkney) following the Tory/Lib-Dems government's spending review cuts last September.

Running costs of an ETV service considerably outweigh the consequences of environmental damage and economic impact.

Finally, it should be noted that the Marine Institute and Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) have significantly provided invaluable data about our seas (tenfold in size to our landmass, currently fuelling only 1% of GDP) and if managed sustainably and holistically, can bring huge economic returns.



Whelks caught in local waters

Beach.

In June an earthquake (magnitude 4) was detected off Mayo with an epicentre close to the Corrib Gas Field, though according to Minister for Energy and Natural Resources, Pat Rabbitte, all evidence pointed to the incident being a "naturally occurring earthquake" and emphasised "no link" to works at the Corrib field. As a precautionary measure, a 'visual' inspection was to be carried out at the site.

Interestingly, former Dublin Port tug Deilginis (Sept.11 & June 2012 issues)



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The groups were kept busy clearing, raking, shearing, clipping, litter picking and doing graffiti removal, and in spite of the poor weather leading up to the event, the rain held off throughout and did not put a dampener on the work carried out. The volunteers worked tirelessly in groups divided between all of the locations with everyone meeting again in Dillons Park at the end of a long day of hard work. "I would like to thank all of the members of Dalkey Tidy Towns Coastcare Group and Salesforce.com for linking in with the Clean Coasts Programme in An Taisce, and making this day possible. There was so much work done on this day between all of the different locations. Well done to all" Michelle O'Sullivan, Coastal Programmes Officer, An Taisce Environment Education Unit who co-coordinated the event. Dalkey Tidy Towns were delighted to have so many people helping out at any one time.

The An Taisce Clean Coasts Programme strives to improve the economic and aesthetic value of



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the coastline for community & visitors alike by involving local communities in beach management and encouraging them to be guardians of their coastline. Currently, the Clean Coasts Programme includes over 260 group's, stretching along the length of the Irish coastline. These groups work tirelessly to maintain and improve the environmental and amenity value of their coastal areas for all of our enjoyment. The Clean Coasts programme is owned and operated by An Taisce in Ireland and is funded by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government, Fáilte Ireland and Coca-Cola. To find out more about An Taisce's Clean Coasts programme please contact Michelle O'Sullivan, Coastal Programmes Officer, An Taisce on 01 4002228 or website: www.cleancoastsireland.org, Facebook: www.facebook.com/CleanCoasts.

The Tidy Towns Judges are probably making their assessment any day now. Please be extra vigilant about keeping the town clean....pick up any stray litter rather than just walk on by. Also remember the weekly litter patrols every Tuesday and Saturday outside Select Stores at 10.30 a.m and at Dillon's Park every Thursday at the same time.

Blaithín O'Brien

The 22nd of June saw the invasion of the Dalkey and Killiney areas by 37 very willing Coastcare volunteers from Salesforce.com. as part of their corporate responsibility programme. The group joined up with Dalkey Tidy Towns Coastcare Group to undertake a cleanup and tidy up of Bulloch Harbour, Dillon's Park, Sorrento Park, the Ramparts and Killiney Beach.



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 24-27 11/6/2012 to 6/7/2012

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

Reg. Ref. D12B/0188 **Application Rec'd Date:** 8-Jun-2012 *(Omitted from last month's list)*

Applic. Name & Location: Donal & Inesa O'Gallagher, Linden Lodge, Castlepark Rd, Sandycove.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which will consist of (1) The demolition of the front porch and the rear extensions at ground floor and first floor of 'Linden Lodge', (2) Construction of a new 174 sq.m 2-storey, part single storey extension along the eastern elevation and rear of 'Linden Lodge' resulting in a new total floor area of 278 sq.m, (3) Renovation of the existing 'Lodge', (4) New solar panels to the sloped south facing roof of the new extension. The development will include all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D12B/0189 **Application Rec'd Date:** 11-Jun-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Conor & Gay Jones, 36, Gosworth Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for a 34 sq.m ground floor extension to rear and addition of 3 dormer windows to rear of roof at attic level.

Reg. Ref. D12B/0190 **Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Jun-2012

Applicant Name & Location: James Broderick, 73, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for a single storey extension to the side of existing dwelling. Extension to include new front entrance door, utility room, and bathroom with two number Velux windows to roof and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D12B/0191 **Application Rec'd Date:** 14-Jun-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. & Mrs. J. Fagan, 4, Mont Alto, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought to build a first floor extension on the existing rear ground floor walls and associated works to include 3 Velux windows and the raising in height of existing rear chimneys.

Reg. Ref. D07A/0035/E **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Jun-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Mr C Mahon & S Charlton, Yonder, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for demolition of existing 2 storey dormer style dwelling & the provision of 2no. detached part 2 storey/part 3 storey houses with separate vehicular access to Ulverton rd., together with all associated site works. **Applic. Type:** Ext. of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref. D12B/0202 **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Jun-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Joe & Ann McGouran, Chatswood, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a detached single storey store to front of dwelling house.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0243 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Jun-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Tony & Linda Corcoran, Ard Na Carraige, Green Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing terraced 2 storey over basement four bedroom house 280m2, and the construction of: 1 No. 2 bedroom dwelling of 154 m2 together with 39m2 of underground storage (House1), and 1 No. terraced 2 storey over basement dwelling consisting of a 4 bedroom house, 205 m 2 (House 2), both with external car-parking, roof mounted solar collectors and rainwater harvesting, with pedestrian and vehicular access from the Green Road, and associated landscaping and site works.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0248 **Application Rec'd Date:** 05-Jul-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Jimmy & Sheila Nicholson, 29 & 30, Convent Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought to (a) demolish 2 No. existing single storey flat roofed 'lock ups'. (b) Erect a single storey (dimension to eaves on SW side 3.925m & NE side 3.195m) pitched roofed 'lock up' for domestic roof together with all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0249 **Application Rec'd Date:** 05-Jul-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Ciaran & Tara Regan, 55, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the widening of existing vehicular entrance, associated revised landscaping of the front garden to allow an extra car space and revised stepped and ramped access to the existing house. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0250

Application Rec'd Date: 05-Jul-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Michelle Delaney, Front of Saval Park House, Saval Park Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a single storey, two bedroom house and associated site works with right of way and access off previously approved entrance (Reg. Ref. D95A/0259) on 0.0313 hectares at the front. **Application Type:** Permission

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks. 24-27 11/6/12 to 6/7/12

Reg. Ref. D12A/0156

Decision: Grant Permission **Date:** 21-Jun-2012

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

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for alterations and extensions to existing house comprising internal modifications, relocation of front door, new bay window to the front of house, part demolition of existing single storey extension and garage to the rear and side of house. The erection of a two storey extension to the side of the house and a single storey extension to the rear and side together with widening of existing vehicular entrance and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0063

Decision: Grant Permission **Date:** 29-Jun-2012

Applicant Name & Location: T. Bennett, 15, Springhill Park, Killiney, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which will consist of; 1. Demolition of single storey detached garage structure to the side of existing property and construction of, 2. Two storey pitched roof extension to the side with bay window. 3. New pitched roof single storey porch to the front. 4. Two storey pitched roof extension to the rear. 5. Conversion of attic with new rear dormer window. 6. New Velux rooflights in main roof to the side. 7. Elevational alterations including external insulation rendered with smooth finish. 8. New landscaping and driveway to the front including widening of vehicular entrance and ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref. D07A/0507/E

Decision: Grant Ext. of Duration of Perm.

Date: 4-Jul-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Peter Dempsey, Site at, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for a two storey dwelling and associated works and car parking.

Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0186

Decision: Request Add. Information **Date:** 04-Jul-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Mr Edward Doyle, Portion of lands to rear of 21, Castle St., Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the demolition of a derelict shed on portion of lands to rear of 21, Castle Street and the provision of a shop/retail unit at ground floor level on the existing footprint, together with a two storey office extension above this proposed shop in order to extend the existing office unit number 3 adjacent to the site at the rear of 20 Castle Street.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanala Wks 24-27 11/6/12 to 6/7/12

None for Dalkey Area

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala Wks 23-26 5/6/12 to 29/6/12

Reg. Ref. D11A/0551

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 14-Jun-'12

Council's Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Location: Atlanta, 37, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for (a) two-storey extension of area 48 sq.m at the rear of the house with 32 sq.m roof deck and 8 sq.m top floor balcony; (b) shed of area 8 sq.m on part of the site of the existing garage (area 18 sq.m) which is to be demolished; (c) ancillary works including reconstruction of existing external steps to rear of house. **Applicant:** Aidan O'Meara

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Despite the many dreadful days of torrential rain when it would be hard to imagine birds could find any insects many still managed to raise young. You can sometimes hear the high pitched tseep call coming from the undergrowth as adult birds call to their young and it's always a lovely sight seeing young birds perched mouths gaping wide and wings flapping frantically as the parent bird fires the food in. There were good numbers of Blackcaps on the hills, at one spot male birds sang within yards of each other from either side of a path which must have formed the borders of their territory and at least one family produced chicks. We had three juvenile Bullfinches coming to our feeders and as always the Wrens produced at least one, maybe even two or three broods. Whether the birds like Swifts or Swallows that rely on flying insect will do well isn't likely with early reports from monitored swift colonies reporting far lower eggs and chicks than usual.

For a long time the rabbits on Dalkey Hill didn't seem to be doing what rabbits were supposed to do, namely breeding like rabbits! Twenty years ago there used be hundreds, if not thousands on both hills scattering off to cover every time you'd walk along a path or over the hilltops. Then we started finding lethargic sick rabbits which wouldn't even attempt to run away. They had fallen victim to a strain of myxomatosis that subsequently decimated the local population. These outbreaks of a very unpleasant disease are very disturbing to witness but they rarely completely wipe out a population and a few individuals resistant to the virus usually survive with the populations usually recovering after a few years. But the recovery did seem very slow on the hills with any we did see, rarely more than one or two, nearly always in the same small area on the hill. Early some mornings we'd see one sitting up on the low wall around the aircraft beacon where it could easily hop inside the railings if threatened. A very sensible strategy since it would have to be a very thin fox or whippet that could fit through the bars in pursuit.

Happily though within the last couple of years the numbers of rabbits seem to have steadily increased and their range seems to be expanding. Like anyone else they seem to enjoy a bit of relaxing in the sunshine and often sit out on top of rocks among the gorse overlooking Killiney Bay. We were on the path below looking up at one, stretched across a rock its ears flattened against its head. After soaking up enough rays it got up and did a big stretch and a bit of scratching and preening before hopping off into the gorse. It's when you see other creatures having fun or, as in this case, relaxing you realise we're not that different from them although of course when we sit out in the sun we're not likely to be caught and eaten whereas the rabbit can never relax fully. After spending hours down a burrow this bunny must have thought it was worth taking a risk to get a bit of heat from the sun.

Of course it's not just rabbits and people that enjoy a snooze in the sun. Coming home from



Dalkey fox sunbathing in back garden

work on a rare sunny and warm evening I was met at the front door by our dog who strolled out a few steps then promptly flopped down and fell asleep in the sunshine. She'd have been very affronted to know that there was a large male fox doing the same on the back lawn. Looking out the window I watched him repositioning to make himself more comfortable, stretching, yawning and casting an occasional glance in my direction. His eyes would start to blink in the sunlight then gradually close and he'd nod off to sleep again. Eventually he got up and sauntered away but



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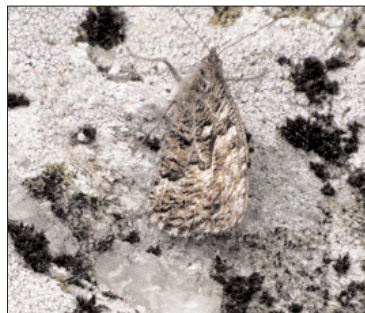


instead of departing the garden he only went a few yards and flopped down in the shadow of a small conifer bush, it had been too hot for him.

I'll issue the usual late summer alert to keep an eye on the sky especially on still, very warm and humid days when the air above might suddenly fill with gulls, swallows, house martins and swifts wheeling around making short sharp turns in the sky. They'll be catching ants that have grown wings and taken to the air to establish new colonies. Our garden wall and the pavement outside it becomes a busy little air terminal with little groups of ants fussing around the large winged female 'Princesses' and the smaller winged male workers preparing them for take off.

On the rocks on the Killiney side of the obelisk August is the time to see Wall and Greyling butterflies perching on the rocks, the latter folding its wings and leaning parallel with the rock face until its mottled underwing blends almost magically into the surface of the granite.

We were lucky enough to be passing under a tree when a sparrowhawk flew over us calling. It perched briefly then flew back into what we soon realised was its nest. We'd seen sparrowhawks regularly in the area over the years and knew they had nested there before.



Greyling Butterfly on Killiney Hill

A couple of years before in the same trees I'd been privileged to see the female being approached by the male sparrowhawk which kept its head bowed in a submissive manner uttering low mewing calls before the birds, very briefly, mated.

After the birds pair up in the spring they will prospect possible nest sites, leaving a twig on a branch, nearly always on the southern side of the tree, and apparently waiting to see if it is well balanced or if it falls off before proceeding to build. They are very discrete as to where they hide the nest and it was a stroke of luck we'd spotted it this time. Getting a bit of elevation we were able to get a better view of the nest, a big mass of twigs with the female sparrowhawk sitting in it. In the following days we saw two chicks, fluffy white bundles which quickly became more active stretching and flapping their wings and bustling each other alarmingly near the nests edge.

Another time I was watching the two chicks then saw some movement out of the corner of my eye. The mother sparrowhawk glided on to a nearby branch, checking out the surroundings before approaching the nest. She evidently considered I wasn't worth worrying about and flew into her small brood with some food. She held it down with her feet and tore it up, feeding bits to the chicks, all carried out in silence. When the chicks do begin to fly they'll be constantly calling telling their parents where they are and to bring them food in a hurry.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm from the U.S and was visiting Dalkey. My Great grandmother came from Dalkey and with a picture of the house I went looking for it. I thought I had found it but when I asked a man walking his dog to take my picture he said that was not it but he knew where mine was. After putting the dogs up he took me to the house in my picture. He then took me on a tour of Dalkey. A thank you to him and the highlight of my trip to Ireland."

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❖ AUGUST 2012 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS – James Scannell ❖

The Rathmichael Historical Society will hold its **38th Summer Series of Lectures** on the theme of ‘*Saints of Ireland (National & Local)*’ Stonebridge Road, Shankill, nightly at 8pm. Admission of €4 per lecture includes tea/coffee/biscuits after lectures.

Mon. August 13th – Discovering the Historical Patrick: ‘*Confessio, Epistola and the Hyperstack*’ - Roman Bleier.

Tues. 14th – ‘*Columba: Ireland’s other Patron Saint*’ - Dr. Brian Lacey

Wed. 15th – Leo Swan Memorial Lecture. The Making of ‘*A Dictionary of Irish Saints*’ and some insights into Finbarr of Killegar & Kilruddery and Brigid of Tully - Professor Pádraig Ó Ráin.

Thurs. 16th – ‘*Image and Idol: Devotional Statues in Medieval Ireland*’ - Dr. Rachel Moss.

Fri. 17th – ‘*Begnet, the daughters of Lenin and Others: the saints of Cuala*’ - Dr. Edel Bhreathnach. Enquires to Dr. Elizabeth O’ Brien, elobrien@eircom.net - call: 01-298 4897.

Sat. 18th at 3 p.m. James Scannell will present a Heritage Week lecture ‘*That Was The Week That Was In Bray 100 Years Ago (1912)*’ in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. Admission free.

Tues. 21st at 1.05 p.m. as part of the monthly ‘*Tales of Medieval Dublin*’ monthly 40 minute lunchtime lectures present ‘*The Slave’s Tale*’, in the Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, and will reveal what happened to the men and women who were sold on the Dublin slave market in the early middle ages. Admission free - all welcome. Organised by the Friends of Medieval Dublin, Paul Holm

Sat. 25th at 2 pm – Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, will hold a Heritage Week Afternoon Seminar on Maritime Dublin.

At 3 p.m. Brian White will present a Heritage Week lecture ‘*Supporting Two Bray World War I Hospitals - The Shamrock Fund*’ in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. Admission free.

Details of the **Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Summer of Heritage 2012** Programme which runs until September 2nd are contained in the special programme available from County Hall, Dun Laoghaire, branch libraries, or from www.dlrevents.ie.

Between 12 Noon and 5 p.m. on Saturday August 18th and Sunday August 19th The Model Railway Society of Ireland, in association with Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council will hold a **Model Railway Exhibition** in the Concourse of County Hall, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. Admission €5 for Adults; €2 for Children (Free if accompanied by an Adult).

A BOOK TO READ

The Men Will Talk to Me – Kerry Interviews of Ernie O’Malley

Edited by Cormac K.H. O’Malley and Tim Horgan and published by Mercier Press.

In the 1940s and 1950s, Ernie O’Malley, who wrote about his own experiences during the War of Independence in “*On Another Man’s Wound*”, and “*Rallies*” and those of the Civil War in “*The Singing Flame*”, all of which are currently available from Mercier Press. He interviewed more than 450 survivors of the War of Independence or Tan War as he called it and the Civil War at a time when the Bureau of Military History was engaged in similar work. Many of those who would not speak to the Bureau of Military History interviewers were prepared to speak to him and in the process collected a vast amount of information in his notebooks which were written down in his own unique style the manner of which is explained in this remarkable book.

The notebooks themselves are part of the Ernie O’Malley Archives in the UCD Archives, Dublin.

Eighteen O’Malley interviews focussing on Co. Kerry form the nucleus of this book and while the majority of those interviewed rejected the Anglo-Irish Peace Treaty terms, two reflect the views of those who accepted the Treaty terms and one who opted to remain neutral.

Each interview is reproduced in full, complete with blanks where sometimes O’Malley intended to insert further information and this means that at times sentences make no sense. The style of local phrasing has been included in the text which contain words and phrases no longer in current usage.

But these interviews provide the readers with a graphic picture of the problems that the I.R.A. in Co. Kerry faced in mounting War of Independence operations, the successes they had and the various tensions that arose between local commanders and H.Q. The section dealing with the Civil War reminds the reader how

bitter and bloody this conflict was in Co. Kerry where the National Army sometimes carried out reprisals and summary executions.

The footnoting is excellent as it explains items and people mentioned during the interviews (with corrections inserted where necessary by the editors) and are of great assistance to the reader who then knows what the interviewees are talking about and can subsequently cross-check references to these events and people in other books.

A biographic note with an accompanying photograph is provided on each of the eighteen interviewees and this excellent and engrossing book concludes with a Chronology of Significant Events in Kerry (1916 – 1923).



NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK PROGRAMME 2012



To celebrate **National Heritage Week** (18-26 August) the following historic sites will be open to the public - all free of charge (except Killiney Martello Tower):

Archbold's Castle, Castle St Dalkey: 14.00-17.00 Saturday 18 August, Sunday 19 August, Saturday 25 August, Sunday 26 August. This iconic late medieval tower house is normally closed to the public. Guided tours will be provided every hour on the hour.

Killiney Old Church Marino Avenue West, Killiney: 14.00-17.00 Saturday 18 August, Sunday 19 August, Saturday 25 August, Sunday 26 August. The site of this early church and burial ground is normally closed for public access. A guide will be on site to provide information for visitors.

Martello Tower Number 5 & Gun Battery Restoration, Killiney Hill Road: 10.00-17.00 every day from Monday 20 - Tuesday 28 August with guided tour. Also 087 2885522 to view by appointment. Groups welcome. Admission €5 for tour.

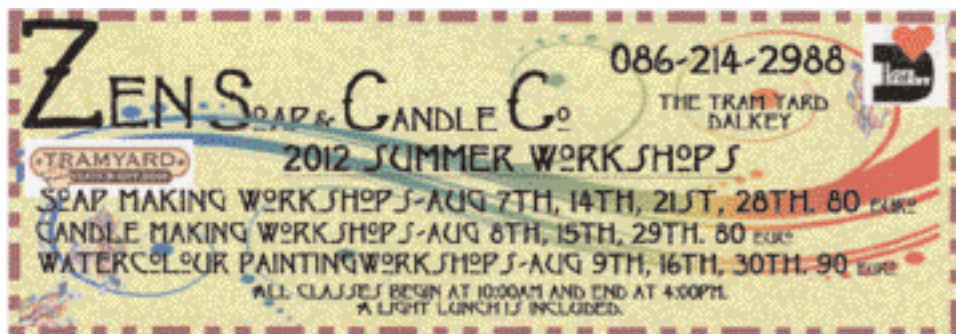
St Patrick's Church of Ireland Dalkey opens with a special exhibition from Thursday 23 August to Sunday 26 August from 12.00 to 16.00 each day. The exhibition of photos, drawings, plans & extracts from the parish archives relates to the history of the entire curtilage of parish buildings (church, rectory, gate lodge, hall & school) dating from 1843 to the present.

NEW THIS YEAR: WALK & TALK! - For 2012 we are arranging a series of free guided walks taking in some of the main heritage sites in and around Dalkey. All walks depart from Dalkey Plaza (Writers' Corner), adjacent to AIB Bank - except walk 4 Beyond the Pale which departs from Cherrywood LUAS. Full details of walks are available on our website at: www.dalkeycivictrust.com

1. Dalkey's Medieval Townscape 17.00 Saturday 18 August also on Friday 24 August (2 Hours)
2. Maritime Dalkey and the Island 15.00 Sunday 19 August (2 Hours)
3. Beyond the Pale - Dalkey's Turbulent Borderlands 15.00 Saturday 25 August (3 hours)
4. St Begnet's Way - Reviving a medieval pilgrim path - 14.00 Sunday 26 August (4 hours)

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❖ DALKEY DASHERS - DUBLIN COMMUNITY GAMES. ❖

Dalkey Dashers achieve fantastic success at Dublin Community Games Finals in the Morton Stadium in Santry

Dalkey Dashers - Dalkey Community Games had one of its most successful years ever at the Dublin County Finals held in the famous Morton Stadium in Santry on 16th and 17th June.

Each Wednesday from late March until the end of June over 150 children trained to get the opportunity to represent Dalkey at the Dublin Community Games Finals. As the season came to a close we held races for all the children with everyone who attended getting a medal on the final night.

This year once again Dalkey had one of the largest contingents at the Dublin Finals with nearly 50 boys and girls participating in Santry. There was strong competition from local communities all over Dublin.

As the weekend progressed we witnessed fantastic performances from all the Dalkey representatives with many getting through to the quarter, semi and final stages. By the time Sunday evening came around the happy bunch of Dalkey competitors came through victorious with 4 Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze medals. Each person competing for Dalkey in Santry received a medal from their coaches as they finished their final race.

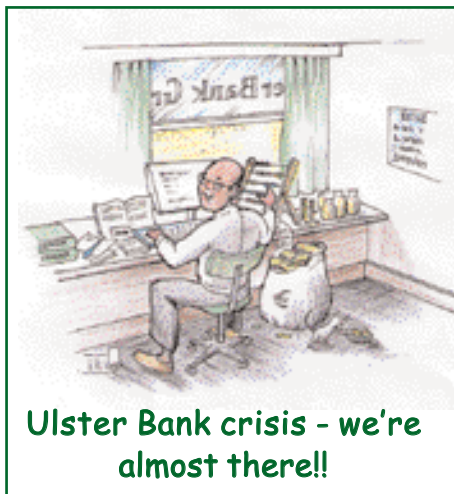
Three Dalkey competitors, Sarah O'Hagan, Mapas Road (80 metres Under 8), Harry Kenny, Barnhill Grove (60 metres hurdles Under 10) and Roisin Healy, Ballinclea Heights, (200m Under 10) will represent Dublin in the National Community Games Finals to be held in Athlone on 25th and 26th August. The other gold medal was won by Caoimhe Byrne in the 900m Walk Under 13 which is a Dublin only event. The full list of medals winners is as follows:

Girls U/8 80m: Sarah O'Hagan Gold, Jessica Ellison, Bronze. **Boys U/10 200m:** Peter Duffy Bronze. **Girls U/10 200m:** Roisin Healy Gold. **Girls U/14 100m:** Mollie O'Reilly Silver. **Boys U/10 60mH:** Harry Kenny Gold. **Girls U/14 80mH:** Ali Cassidy Bronze, Jessie O'Regan Bronze. **Girls U/13 Walk 900m:** Caoimhe Byrne Gold. **Girls U/14 Relay** Silver Alex Perry, Jessie O'Regan, Lillie Cunniam, Mollie O'Reilly. **Mixed U/10 Relay:** Silver Sebastian Crotty, Leah-Rachel O'Hagan, Peter Duffy, Roisin Healy. **Ball Throw:** Lucy O'Sullivan, Bronze. **Shot Putt:** Alannah Carney, Bronze

Dalkey Community Games are very grateful for the support of the Dalkey Community Council and in particular the help and efforts of Ann Perry and Elaine Feely. We also wish to thank Mr. Dunne, Principal for Loreto Abbey Dalkey, for the use of the hockey pitch for our training sessions.

Without the assistance of the parents who are prepared to coach the children each week the Dalkey Community Games could not continue or achieve the success it does. I would like to thank all those coaches who work with the children each week. These are: Marguerite O'Leary, Mary Flanagan, Leon Ellison, Sinead Cunniam, Anna Brady, Ann Grennan, Paula Kearns, Andrew Patton, Conor O'Reilly, Sonya Hogan, Jane Cummins, Cliona Duffy, Olywn Dunne, Joe Healy, Lisa McKenna, Mary Pat McAlarey, Orla Tormey, Lucy Cautley, Greg McDowell and Cameron Cunniam.

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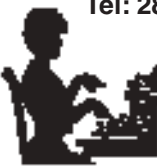
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The red squirrel population in Killiney has declined in recent years as a result of the spread of the North American grey squirrel and the species is now near to extinction. The same pattern has been observed over much of Dublin.

The Council is seeking the support and assistance from local residents in conserving our native red squirrel. There are a number of ways in which you can help:

- 1) Report squirrel sightings (both red and grey) spotted in your garden or local green spaces
- 2) Consider planting trees which are beneficial to red squirrels in your garden and local green spaces
- 3) Assist with the management of the grey squirrel population which is threatening our native red squirrel
- 4) Join the Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Group

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Red squirrel collecting bedding



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by Sinéad Tyrrell



Margaret River is located in the South West of Western Australia. Roughly, it is three hours South of Perth City. It boasts World class surf beaches, towering forests and one hundred and thirty eight wineries. No wonder they receive half a million visitors annually. Being surrounded on three sides by the Indian Ocean gives it a Mediterranean climate with mild winters and relatively cool summers in comparison to many other parts of Australia.

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The region produces many grape varietals but their Cabernet Sauvignon was the first to win acclaim for its consistent high quality. They have often been described as "powerful" and "elegant" as you get a big hit of juicy red currant fruit and then a lovely smokiness with a rounded smooth finish. This wine deserves a good steak or meaty stew to accompany it.

I will shortly be joining the half a million visitors this year to sample some of those delicious Cabernets so my next issue will be my personal experience straight from Margaret River.



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If you get your TV through an aerial, you need to do one of the following in order to continue receiving Irish TV channels:

- **Get Saorview:** Either get a Saorview-approved set-top box (one-off cost of about €60+) or get a Saorview-approved new TV (most TVs bought within the past 3 years are suitable for Saorview - you can check on the Saorview website or with the manufacturer's instructions). You can install it yourself, or get a friend or TV installer to help. You still need your aerial: very few people need to get a new one. In some cases the aerial may need to be pointed in the right direction. If so get a local TV installer to do this work.
- **Get Pay-TV** with a monthly bill from a provider such as Sky, UPC, etc.

Southside Partnership DLR is working with community groups in order to provide information to people about how to make the switch. We are particularly keen to help people who might otherwise be unsure about what to do, such as older people. If your community group would like to have somebody from the Digital Outreach team at Southside Partnership DLR come and talk to them about the switchover to digital television, please phone 087 - 7384055 or email digitaloutreach@sspship.ie

Further information is also available from:

- The Digital Switchover helpline: 1890 940 980
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Sorting September Newsletter

Thurs. 30 Aug

DCC (September) Meeting in OLH

Mon. 3 Sept

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6-9pm Tues. & Thurs. Wayne Deegan: 086 857 2546.

Dalkey Players Theatre Group - Season begins early September. Enquiries welcome.

Contact Caroline Hickey 086-8092850 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey. Contact Deirdre 087-9566460 or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information.

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

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

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown (check www.dlrevents.ie for further events) Sat. 18th August, Join us for a night of "FFF", FABULOUS FOOD & FIREWORKS! "The Pavilion Quarter is the prime viewing area for the first "Summer is a Festival" fireworks display. 8-10pm.

DLR Biodiversity Events – Let's Catch Butterflies – Sun. 5th August from 3pm-5pm meet in Cabinteely car park. Booking required: contact Andrew. Tel: 087 329 9936. Email: info@owls.ie

Insects and Plants in Dillon's Park. Sat. 11th August from 2:30pm-4:30pm in Dillon's Park, Coliemore Road. No booking required.

Seashore, Seahow – Sat. 18th August from 2pm-4pm meeting at Sandycove Beach. Booking required: contact Andrew. Tel: 087 329 9936. Email: info@owls.ie

An Evening Bat Walk – Sat. 18th August at 8.45pm meet in the main car park in Cabinteely Park. Booking required: contact Paul. Tel: 086 384 9967. Email: dublinbatgroup@gmail.com

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

On the 10th of July RTE changed frequencies for Saorview viewers in the Dublin area. This change meant that viewers lost the new Saorview channels, and the only way to receive them again was to enter the set-up menus and get the saorview receiver to rescan. This in my opinion is far too complicated, and in most cases we had to call to the customers house and do it for them, as they could not manage it. This frequency change is due to take place again on transmitters in Dundalk and Wexford on October the 24th, which is the date the entire analogue service is due to be switched off. On a different note Channel 4 launched its new channel 4seven in early July, and it's available via satellite (free of charge)

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