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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
the
Community
Games event
in
Athlone**

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SUMMARY OF DCC JULY MEETING



The DCC Monthly Meeting was held in OLH on Monday 1st July 2013.

A minutes silence was held for the late Peggie Comerford who died on 29th June last. Peggie was one of the earliest members of the Council and had remained a very active community worker until age forced her to retire. The Comerford Cup that DCC awards to the young achiever is in her memory.

TT: The public are reminded that household refuse should be placed in the grey bins and not discarded in public areas.

NW: It is important to hire reputable trades/garden people to work in the house or garden.

Planning: DCC has sent a submission in for the proposed Wind Farm.

The next DCC meeting is Tuesday 6th August in OLH.



DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE



Gordon Snell, Margaret Dunne and Bernard Farrell at Dalkey Castle

Photo: John Fahy

Dalkey Castle's programme of promoting the county's literary heritage **'Discover Dalkey's Literary Gems'** continued throughout July and will end on a high note on Friday, August 9th with a show based on the work of the sadly missed and much loved Maeve Binchy.

Scenes from **'Minding Frankie'** is an adaptation for stage by Shay Linehan of Maeve's famous novel, 'Minding Frankie'. It is full of humour, pathos and Maeve's inspiring wisdom. The play, directed by Margaret Dunne, premiered at the Dalkey Book Festival in the Heritage Centre. The performance by Michael Heavey was granted a unanimous standing ovation by the audience which included members of Maeve's family and many literary luminaries, including Maeve's London agent Christine Green. Don't miss the opportunity to see the show in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on Friday August 9th at 7.30pm. Early Booking is advisable. Admission €8.



Pat Kenny live from Dalkey Castle with David McWilliams and Olivia O'Leary

Photo: John Fahy

The Heritage Centre (and the town) has seen a big influx of American visitors since the First Lady, Michelle Obama and her daughters visited Dalkey and had lunch in Finnegan's. On the day, Dalkey was looking stunning in glorious sunshine, thanks in the main to Tom Byrne of DLR Parks Dept. and the ever hard-working Dalkey Tidy Towns. Her visit will make big difference to the American market for future years. We all owe a big debt of gratitude to Bono for inviting her to Dalkey. An increase in visitors will aid sustainability for the many restaurants and businesses that rely on tourism in the town.

The Heritage Centre has had its busiest July on record with visitors from all over the globe. The many marketing initiatives that the Centre has undertaken to win new tourism business for the Centre and the town are bearing fruit. The new interpretation system launched by Minister Deenihan at the end of May is working extremely well alongside the ever popular Living History tours provided by Deilg Inis Theatre Company.

Dalkey Town Hall is undergoing a major internal re-vamp under the watchful and creative eyes of DLR Architects Dept. When finished, it will be a most attractive venue for community events.

To book for **'Scenes from Minding Frankie'** on August 9th at 7.30. Contact info@dalkeycastle.com or telephone 01 2858366.

ATMOSPHERIC RAILWAY TERMINUS AT DALKEY

Does any reader have or know the whereabouts of a written description/image of the above in order to answer a research query as the only description quoted in most articles is 'platform / shed at Dalkey'.

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Dalkey was honoured to act as a host for a short visit by the First Lady of the United States of America, Michelle Obama, recently. She had lunch with her daughters, Malia and Sasha, and Bono and his wife, Ali and their children, Jordan and Elijah.



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Those involved in the Killiney red squirrel conservation project were very happy to find out in July that the researchers had identified two of the females as having recently lactated, meaning they had both given birth. Although too soon to be optimistic about the long term success it was a great relief after all the effort and expertise that had gone into the project to find two new red squirrel families were in the woodlands. More of the released squirrels may well have given birth but since their radio collars were removed their presence can only be ascertained by reported sightings.

All the latest findings had been announced at a very interesting talk in the Heritage Centre. Will Carr one of the researchers had said he would check inside the squirrel boxes using a Endoscope, a tiny camera at the end of a flexible lead which can be put into tiny spaces and will display the image on a laptop. This is ideal for putting into the entrance hole of nestboxes, which might be mounted eight or ten feet up a tree, without disturbing any potential inhabitants.

The following morning after the meeting I was walking in the wood hoping to get a glance of a squirrel but also checking out another secretive family living in the woodlands. A few months before my companion, Lucy, had spotted a nest above us in a small Douglas Fir tree with a tail protruding from it. At first we thought it might have been a Jay's nest but when we blew up a photo we'd taken we could see barring on the underside of the tail identifying it as a female sparrowhawk. Subsequently we watched the male coming in bringing food to the female as she sat on eggs, later watching her perched on the nest and evidently feeding small chicks.

A friend of ours had been in touch with a Wildlife Ranger from Wicklow who, along with members of a Raptor group, has been trying to ring the chicks of as many birds of prey as they can find nesting. They came out to the nest on Killiney Hill to ring the chicks. We were fairly sure there were four chicks in the nest and they were at the perfect age, big enough to have rings put on their legs but not developed enough that they might try to jump or fly out of the nest.

The ranger arrived with her two companions with climbing gear and notebooks and equipment to record their findings. The nest was in a small tree and since the bird's wellbeing is always the highest priority one of the raptor group climbed the adjoining much bigger tree then lowered himself down a few feet above the nest. He reached in and plucked out the chicks one by one placed them in a bag and very carefully lowered them to his companion on the ground while he remained suspended from the tree.

The chicks were weighed and the disparate weights revealed them to be two males and two females, the females will eventually grow to be almost twice the size of males. Their wings and legs were measured and then the rings were placed on their legs a perpetual record of their origin if they are ever trapped again or recovered.

When all the recording was done they were put into individual bags. Although these little



Red Squirrel in Scots Pine Photo: M. Ryan

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Young Sparrowhawk - 9 days old

guys weren't distressed, birds generally calm down when in the dark and keeping them in separate bags reduces any chance of them inadvertently scraping each others eyes. The bags were put into a bigger bag which was raised up on the pulley and carefully replaced in the nest.

We watched them for the following days growing rapidly often standing perilously on the edge of what seemed a very small shallow nest. But thankfully they all survived and on this morning, they were all out of the nest and flying. They had been balls of fluff with a few adult feathers emerging when they were ringed only nine days before but were now full adult size. Although all young birds have a limited survival rate these looked as well as they could and have every chance of doing ok. Since only two sparrowhawk chicks had fledged last year for four to fledge this year was a great success for the parents.

I'd been looking at two of the young sparrowhawks perched close to each other on an

oak tree and minutes after I left them I met Will who had arrived in the wood with the endoscope and was checking out the nestboxes. I was able to join him while he checked out two of the boxes and in the second box, the one we had previously seen a red going into, we were able to look at an empty nest lined with moss that the adult squirrel had brought in as bedding. Will told me what sometimes happens is the mother squirrel will carry the young (baby squirrels are known as kittens) to another dray. Let's hope they're safe somewhere and we might yet see them moving through the branches.

As I walked back with Will we stopped to look where I'd seen the two young sparrowhawks and they were still there. Then we noticed the two other juveniles were in the same tree, four sparrowhawks sitting quietly in the same tree until mum or dad comes home with prey when they will set up an almighty racket demanding to be fed.

A sound I don't think I'd heard in years made a very welcome return at the beginning of the July heatwave. The sound of masses of buzzing insects, a sound almost confined to the past when we used get proper summers and the shimmering heat of midday would have its own soundtrack of thousands of humming bees and hoverflies. In this case though the humming was coming from above and not from a very traditional source either. A eucalyptus tree was in flower and these nectar rich flowers attracted a cacophony of buzzing bees who, at time of writing, had still been coming to the same tree for over ten days.

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Mother Sparrowhawk



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Dalkey enjoyed the fourth annual Book Festival in June. Many of the events were sold out in advance. There was special tribute to Maeve Binchy, who was an excellent supporter of the festival. We extend a big thank you to David McWilliams and Sian Smyth and a team of volunteers for all their expertise and hard work in ensuring a really successful festival. Many Business Group members were involved too, providing resources and venues. Pat Kenny gave Dalkey fantastic promotion when his programme came live from Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on the Friday.

Nicky Logue, General Manager of Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney, has taken over as Chairman from Kathy Irwin for the year ahead. Together with a very strong committee and the efforts of the business owners in the area, he hopes to improve Dalkey and, most importantly, bring in more visitors to the area which will benefit all businesses.

Nicky says "Dalkey has had representative business associations since the early 1900s. The current Dalkey Business Group is in its fourth year and has achieved a lot in that time and brought businesses together. There is a lot more we can achieve but we need your active participation and membership to do this. Much has been achieved and, as the saying goes, there is more to do!

For the year ahead, we have set the following goals:

- To Increase membership numbers
- To continue to support Festivals and add at least one more
- To promote Dalkey locally, nationally & internationally - with a strongly focused marketing plan especially in the US following the amazing Obama visit to Dalkey
- To get parking charges and terms and conditions lowered in Dalkey, particularly at weekends.
- To keep pressure on for a further reduction in DLR rates following last year's 2% decrease.
- To hold a Gathering event later in the year as part of The Gathering 2013
- To encourage a Christmas campaign to entice people to spend €10 more in Dalkey".

The next festival event coming up in the town is the Lobster Crab & All that Jazz Festival from 23rd-25th August. Sharon Shannon will be one of the big highlights. She will perform in the Church of the Assumption on Friday 23rd. Other big names secured at the time of going to print include: Paddy Cole and Paddy Sherlock. Sue Ryder Foundation on Coliemore Road is partnering with the festival as a venue. There will be a Celebrity Masterchef, Junior Masterchef, seafood cookery demos, market stalls and on street jazz buskers as well as Boat Ballet!

To join Dalkey Business Group or to get more information email
dalkeybusinessgroup@gmail.com



Summer is now in full swing and Dalkey is looking it's glorious best, putting forward a magnificent display for all visitors.

The sun has brought everyone out to enjoy the town but also increased the litter left at our beauty spots. Please bring home your litter and dispose of it responsibly. Dalkey's beauty spots will not stay beautiful for long if they end up as dumps

The following letter was received from DLRCC and we would like to bring it to the attention of our residents. It is only for communal residential green waste. The committee have some reservations about the expectation by DLRCC that residents groups are expected to remove communal waste, but we are enclosing the letter as received:.

Dear Resident Associations,

I would like to clarify the procedure for disposing of Green Waste FREE OF CHARGE at the Ballyogan Recycling Centre.

The scheme operates in the following manner:

- Resident Associations can benefit from this initiative to a maximum of 5 car-loads per year.
- The attached application must be completed and returned via email to deaton@dlrcoco.ie or jpowderly@dlrcoco.ie (dmunter@dlrcoco.ie and pmaher@dlrcoco.ie) alternatively you can phone the Environment Department on 2054817 to request authorisation and to supply the necessary vehicular and delivery date details.
- Authorisation will then be confirmed via email (this may take a couple of days so please allow plenty of time)
- Once authorisation is approved (you will receive an email confirmation) you may take your car load of garden waste to Ballyogan Recycling Centre on the date requested. The staff on site will be in possession of the details supplied and will admit you to the site assuming vehicular details match those on the application form.

Please note: the waste must be presented in the **BLUE** community clean-up bags (which we supply) and the **BLUE** bags must be retained when the contents are emptied into the Green Waste containers provided.

This waste must be from Tidy District related work and not personal garden waste.

Any resident association who fails to receive authorisation prior to taking the waste to Ballyogan may have this offer withdrawn.

This new scheme is being operated on a trial basis and if successful will be retained, therefore we ask you all to adhere to the scheme as outlined above.

No green waste will be accepted on a FREE OF CHARGE at Ballyogan Recycling Centre without prior authorisation.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact Dean Eaton or John Powderly who will be delighted to assist you as best we can.

The Tidy Towns committee hopes everyone in Dalkey is enjoying all the advantages of Dalkey- sur- mer in the sun.

Litter patrols continue on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 10.30 am outside Select Stores and on Thursdays at Dillon's Park, also at 10.30 a.m . All are welcome.

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DRC skiff competes in Scotman's Bay

DALKEY ISLAND: The Dalkey Island Conservation Plan (Draft) 2013-2023 is currently available for public inspection and with consultation copies available in Dalkey Library. Copies also available from www.dlrcoco.ie/parks/dalkey_island_conservation.html OR Tel: (01) 2047974

Observations/submissions can be made about the plan to: Tim Carey, Heritage Officer, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin or email: tcarey@dlrcoco.ie. NOTE: the closing date of FRIDAY 9 AUGUST (and no later than 16.00hrs).

COLIEMORE HARBOUR: The consultants structural survey & safety report on Coliemore Harbour which had been expected to be published in June was deferred to late July.

DALKEY ROWING CLUB REGATTA: Due to space restrictions in previous issues, it has not been possible to cover all events, in particular the annual Dalkey Rowing Regatta which took place in Scotsman's Bay during an intensely hot day in early June and where East Club rowing skiff spectators crammed the shoreline and numerous bathers mobbed both Sandycove Harbour and the Forty Foot.

Having taken up a position atop of the world famous James Joyce Museum and Martello Tower (note free admission) this location afforded excellent views as skiffs competed across Scotsman's Bay on a course stretching off Dun Laoghaire Harbour's East Pier Victorian Band Stand-Shelter. DRC results: Novices (1st) Under 18 Boys (2nd) Jnr Lady's (4th) Under 12's (3rd) and the Mixed team performed well.

COAST IN ART: Have you considered swimming between Coliemore Harbour and the Forty Foot?...it's a mere 18-metres apart!... and better still in 31 degrees water! Just imagine that!...well you can in the luxurious surroundings of the Royal Marine Hotel's Pier Health Club & Pool. At each end of the heated swimming pool are impressive sandstone murals depicting Coliemore Harbour and the Forty Foot, the work of Co. Wexford-based Zocalo/now Conran International Tel:(053)9255811

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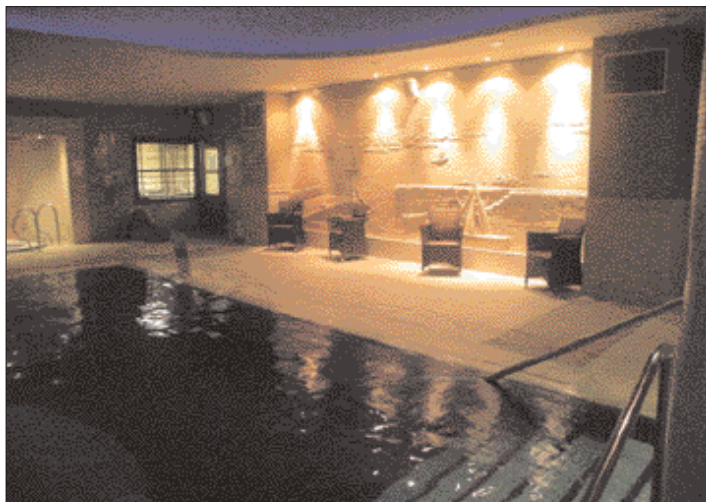
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Poolside Mural of Coliemore Harbour and the Forty foot

Returning to the Regatta in Scotsman's Bay, where also in June the Routes des Princes Race stopover took place which was reminiscent of last year's MOD70 trimaran race (See: October 2012 issue). Importantly, Scotsman's Bay, albeit a small bay, plays a big part in radio history, where wireless communications

pioneer Guglielmo Marconi (whose mother was Irish) conducted the first ship-to-shore telegraphic transmissions of a sporting event at the Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) Regatta in 1923. Results were received at the Harbourmaster's House, (Moran Park House) in front of the hotel from where Marconi was based and where a guest suite is named in his honour: www.royalmarine.ie

Not surprisingly an Italian cruise liner was also named after Marconi and on that note, Dun Laoghaire Harbour is to welcome for the second time, the NOT-to-be-missed five-masted cruiseship Wind Surf, on 31 August.

“AFLOAT” – As mentioned in the last issue, visual artist Roisín Cunningham, resident artist at Dalkey Rowing Club, Coliemore Harbour, continues with her project “Afloat”. She is at present gathering ideas, opinions and statement from ordinary people as part of this process. You can engage with the ideas on her page at www.facebook.com/roisincunninghamafloat

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Afloat project bottles

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We are now well into summertime and here at Dalkey Parish our work continues - albeit at a slightly slower pace. Our prayers have been answered and the sun continues to shine!

We have had another busy month in July with 3 weddings and 12 Christenings. There are now well over 150 people involved in Ministry in our Parish, who serve the needs of our whole Faith Community. These include Ministers of the Word (readers) and Ministers of the Eucharist, ably led by Lillian, the Welcoming and Funeral teams, Mary and her wonderful flower team, the Baptism team - who go to great lengths to meet new parents who are preparing for Baptism, Terry and the Altar team who keep the Church so spick and span, Michael - our own Monty Don! - not to forget the collectors, counters and all those who contribute to the day to day running of the Church. We also have some new members on our Bereavement team. Their role is to

provide support and a listening ear to anyone who has experienced a bereavement. Those who we support include not only those most recently bereaved but also those experiencing a loss for some time. In September we will also be offering a full bereavement counselling service on a donation only basis. So if you know of anyone who would like to avail of this service, please contact the Parish Office.

Sometimes our work serves not only our local community but extends to a much wider area and often to those visiting from overseas. The location of Church in the heart of the town makes it very convenient for people to call in at any time to reflect, to be quiet, to think and be guided. Our door is always open and everyone is always welcome!

This month Fr William returns to provide holiday cover. He continues to work with his charity 'Schools for Syria' who are supporting the education of children during the conflict there.

August 15th is our feast day and we will have a special service of celebration at Our Lady's Statue in the grounds after 10am Mass

We will also host some events as part of the Dalkey Lobster Festival on 23rd to 25th Aug in the Church grounds which will feature some of the seafood cookery demonstrations and competitions.

Finally, tee times are booking up for our golf outing to Killiney Golf club on 16th August. This is a fun social event and will include dinner at a cost of €30. If you would like to book a tee time (from 1.30pm), just contact the Parish Office.



Discussing strategy – Fr. Paddy and Mick

Caitriona Fogarty
Dalkey Parish Office.
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 24-28 10/6/2013 to 5/7/2013

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.: D13A/0287

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Jun-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Mr G Kelly, Site known as The Coach House, Victoria Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the following: refurbishment and conversion of the existing coach house and associated outbuildings (153.1m²), including demolition of existing single storey shed within courtyard (19.8 m²) and the construction of a single storey extension within the existing courtyard (139.7 dwelling with associated accommodation including all ancillary site development works and landscaping. The proposed residence is accessed off the existing driveway (previously permitted reg ref. D08A/0382).

Reg. Ref: D13A/0303

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Jun-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Brian Reynolds & Maura Howe Adjacent to 1, Old Quarry, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (a) Partial excavation and lowering of ground level with associated site works. (b) The construction of 1 no. detached 2 storey 4 bedroom house (gross floor area 150 sqm) with its own driveway which provides 2 no. off-street parking. (c) Installation of new foul and surface drainage runs to connect into public drainage.

Reg. Ref. D08A/0034/E

Application Rec'd Date: 25-Jun-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Barnhill Limited Partnership, Carn, 31, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: The development will consist of demolition of existing two storey dwelling and attached single storey apartment and to construct two semi-detached two storey three bedroom dwellings with off street car parking for 4 vehicles at front and additional vehicular entrance off Barnhill Road and all associated site works. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0317

Application Rec'd Date: 25-Jun-2013

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

Proposal: Permission for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Ref. D11A/0193 and D13A/0150, to House A only, for a change of house type from the approved two storey plus roof level accommodation five bedroom dwelling (305 sqm) with a second floor level terrace to a three storey with setback second floor level five bedroom dwelling (326 sqm), also with a second floor level terrace and ancillary works, including moving House A northwards by c.1.7 m.

Reg. Ref. D13B/0230

Application Rec'd: Date: 03-Jul-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Imant & Barbra Kuda, 51, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission and Retention permission consisting of: development of a single storey extension at the rear east elevation, containing kitchen, dining and living areas (area 24m² and ridge height 4.2m above ground level) with new pitched roof extending over existing kitchen extension. Retention permission for a porch at front, west elevation (area 3.6m² and height 3.72m above ground level).

Reg. Ref. D13B/0232

Application Rec'd Date: 03-Jul-2013

Applicant Name & Location: P Murphy, 8, Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) Two new pitched roof dormers to the front of the existing detached bungalow. (2) One new pitched roof dormer to the rear. (3) New central ridge rooflight. (4) Elevational alterations to both side gable walls to include high level circular windows at roof level. (5) New window in the side elevation at ground level. (6) New roof projection over porch area and associated site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks. 24-28 10/6/2013 to 5/7/2013

Reg. Ref. D08A/0877/E

Decision: Withdraw the Application

Date: 21-Jun-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Barnhill Ltd. Partnership, Carn, 31, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Alterations to previously granted planning application for two new semidetached houses
Reg. Ref. D08A/0034, alterations to include sunroom to rear of each property at ground floor level,

additional bedroom at first floor level to rear of each property, internal layout modifications and new rooflights to rear over stairwells. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.D08A/1153/E **Decision:** Grant Ext. of Duration of Permission **Date:** 19-Jun-2013

Applicant Name & Location:David Crowley, 18, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Demolition of the existing rear and side single storey extension and the construction of a new single storey extension to the rear and side and for a new study at first floor level, with minor internal alterations to the existing house. Also for a slight reduction in the site area to the rear, a new connection to public combined sewer and all associated site works. Applic. Type: Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref.D13A/0214 **Decision:** Refuse Permission for Retention **Date:** 21-Jun-2013

Appli. Name & Location: Helen Stephenson, Martello Tower, No. 10 Bartra Rock, Harbour Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for retention for a change in the orientation of the external metal and glass stairs permitted under Planning Register Reference D00A/0744 (An Bord Pleanála Reference PL0

6D.121973) and Planning Register Reference D12A/0120, and all associated minor works. A Recorded Monument (DU 023-22) and a Protected Structure. Applic. Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.D13B/0141 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 21-Jun-2013

Applicant Name & Location: K & G O'Donovan, Ravello, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: the provision of a single-storey, rear, flat-roofed, ground floor extension (10 sqm). the cladding only of the existing two front-facing dormer windows in zinc. The provision of a zinc-clad canopy over the front door. Retention of the solid roof over the rear conservatory in lieu of the previously approved (D00B/0982) glazing.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0001 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 24-Jun-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Harvey Twomey, Seaverge, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which consists of; 1. Demolition for rear outhouses and partial demolition of existing two storey rear return. 2. Construction of a two storey flat roof extension to the side. 3. Construction of a two storey flat roof extension to the rear. 4. Construction of new lower ground level to match adjoining property. 5. Attic conversion including, dormer window to the rear, Velux rooflights to the front and new window in gable wall to the side. 6. Provision of vehicular parking to the front and ancillary siteworks including landscaping and shed to the rear.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0226 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 3-Jul-2013

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

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

Reg. Ref.D13B/0155 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 3-Jul-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Sarah Byrne, 18, Whites Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of a two storey extension at rear (area 28.5 sqm and parapet height 5.9m above ground level) east elevation, containing a kitchen at ground floor and a bedroom on first floor, 2 no. Velux roof-lights at rear (east elevation) on roof of existing house. A porch at front (area 3.0 sqm and ridge height 3.5m above ground level) west elevation and alterations to the front garden boundary wall with public road and associated drainage and site works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 24-28 10/6/'13 to 5/7/'13

Reg. Ref: D13A/0166 **Reg. Date:** 10-Apr-2013

Location: 36, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: Permission consisting of the demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling including removal of existing septic tank and construction of new 2 storey over basement house (497 sqm) with associated landscaping and new main drainage connection.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 20-Jun-'13. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 23-27 4/6/13 to 28/6/13

Reg. Ref.D12B/0392

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 28-Jun-2013

Council's Decision: Refuse Permission. **Location:** 29 & 30, Convent Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission 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 and NE side 3.195m) pitched roofed 'lock up' for domestic use together with all associated site works. The property to which this application relates is located between No. 29 & 30 Convent Rd. **Applicant:** Jimmy & Sheila Nicholson.



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Parade Photo of all the Dalkey Dashers

The Dublin Finals of the Community Games took place on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June in the Morton Stadium in Santry. This season turned out to be one of the most successful for Dalkey Dashers group with the largest number of children representing both Dalkey and Glenageary in Santry. It is very satisfying to see so many children taking part each week on the hockey pitch in Loreto. This can only happen with the huge efforts of the coaches and the work everyone puts in both on and off the pitch.

While we had many great runners each week we are restricted in that only two can go to Santry for each event. The final evening in Loreto with the medal presentations for all runners was a great success. In Santry itself there were some fantastic performances with many of the children getting to the quarter finals, semi finals and finals. There were 4 overall winners taking gold medals and perpetual cups and four other medal winners.

*Right:
Jessica Ellison U8 winner*





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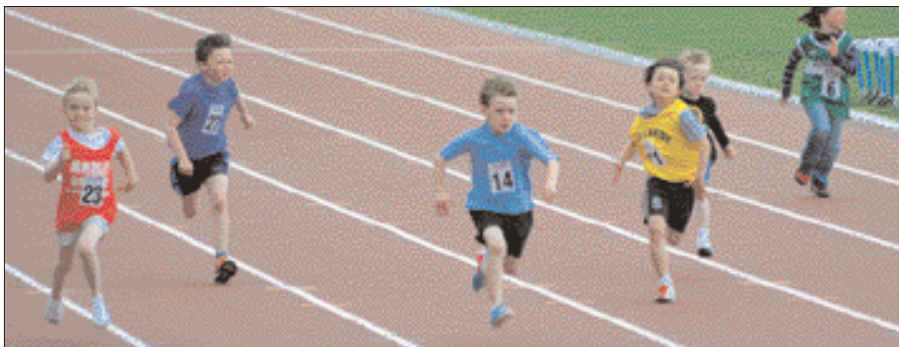
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Cormac Hurley being presented with the shield for the U14 Shot Putt by Dr Michael Woods.



Zofia Cautley in the U14 100m presented with her medal



Patrick Egan raising to win the U8 80m race

The medal winners were:

1st Place: Jessica Ellison (U8 80m), Patrick Egan (U8 80m), Cormac Hurley (U14 shot putt), Ava Tormey Murphy (U12 600m).

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3rd Place: Lillie Cunniam (U16 Discus)

4th Place: Zofia Cautley (U14 100m), Cillian Dunne (U13 900m walk).

Congratulations to all the children on their performances. It is great to see them all taking part at any level.

I would like to thank all the coaches for their efforts and hard work throughout the year. Without their help and dedication the Dalkey Dashers would not exist. I would also like to thank the Dalkey Community Council for their continued generous support and in particular Ann Perry and Elaine Feely. I would like to thank Mr Dunne, Principal of Loreto Abbey who makes the hockey pitch available to us each week for training.

Once again well done to all those who took part in Dalkey Dashers in 2013.

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DALKEY GARDA CLINICS



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

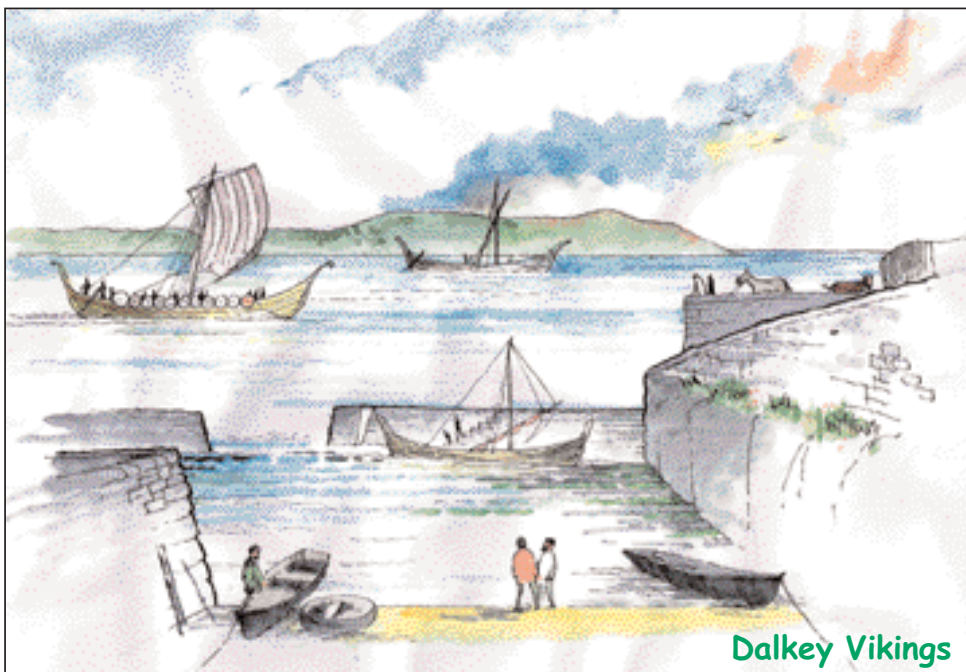
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August truly is a month of plenty and High Summer is when all our hopes, aspirations and desires invested in our past gardening year should be repaid: Of course, nothing quite always goes according to plan sometimes our recently bought plants fail to perform, perhaps due to our weathering agents, soil, pests and diseases, etc. But without these challenges, it wouldn't be gardening, would it? The other side of this is when cherished projects work out - our sense of achievement is overwhelming.

No doubt we all have our own triumphs, right now, but remember nothing stands still. Bulbs can be sown now, for 'Autumn Glory'. Why not choose one peculiar specimen, - something that you know nothing about; therein lies mystery, hope, life - perfection. I bought a few unusual bulbs at Bloom, last year, various Gingers and Araseemas, etc.

They did zilch, simply nothing, last summer; however, this year, right now they are all growing pretty well in their various terracotta pots (that have loads of crockery at their bases), I can only imagine, next summer, they should develop into much stronger and more exciting plants.

So, from soothing greens to zingy, magenta, burgundies, bronzes, oranges, etc., colour can change the whole mood of a garden. Many of our late summer flowers have a special richness and depth of colour. Then the odd brash, gaudy even gawky flowers almost say, 'please look at us'. Fuchsias, Hydrangeas, and Hypericums, then Phlox, Penstemons. Campanulas are slowly giving way to all those yellow daisy-like flowers and smoky browns. Our summer bedding containers Borders and Roses are all at their peak.

Did you know that the dark heavy weight of summer foliage on our trees and shrubs traps the sunshine in order to make buds and flowers for next spring and then ripens this years seeds?

At present, vegetables and fruits are ripening including Blackcurrants, Plums, Raspberries, Grapes, Tomatoes, Peppers, Chillies, Aubergines, Cucumbers and our first Apples later on this month. There is still time to sow quick developers, such as Radish, Rocket, Lettuce, Chinese Cabbage, Spinach, White Turnips, etc. Make sure to thin as early as possible to give seedlings a chance to grow rapidly: every single day counts.

The skill and fun of managing any garden is in trying to make it look good every single day of the year. This can be tricky on a very wet dark December day but very possible at every



Planting honeysuckle on a wooden fence, pergola or old tree stump, is pretty idyllic for the simple needs of this twining climber or woodbine.



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The super evergreen blue-grey leaves of Kniphofia Caulescens, (one of our red hot pokers)

hour of an August day - its best to cut back hard untidy herbaceous perennials - not to cling to the last lingering flowers. It's better to create space so that a second flush can flourish, sooner.

Shape and form are the unsung heroes of the garden. Yes, flowers can hog the limelight - wooing us for perhaps a few short weeks with their darling faces, however there is a whole new world out there if you so wish to decide to appreciate foliage. There is harmony, drama and peace in beautiful foliage. Spikes are definite and make a statement, don't they invite our eyes to rise and fall, preventing us from flashing haphazardly across our borders, Irises, Daylilies, Red Hot Pokers, the super evergreen blue-grey leaves of Kniphofia Caulescens look so marvellous, presently. Pot them, dot them, group them or weave them they will always stand out from the crowd. The recent trend towards tropical and Mediterranean style planting has brought some amazing plants into focus. Some of these plants look as if they've landed from another planet, - almost alien like! The bold, sculptural Agave Americana can be seen in many a pot. Each fat succulent blue leaf is edged with sharp barbs and ends in a dagger-like needle, that are highly dangerous. A

brightly jewelled bead could be threaded through the tip to ensure safety. There are so many leaf types to choose from such as Phormiums, Cordylines, Yuccas, Beschorneria Yuccoides, has no sharp points. Astelia Chathamica or Silver Pear, its foliage is ribbed and thickly textured and its leaves are coated in a 'silver' dust, almost like a metallic effect, it is so dramatic.

Finally, the scent of our native woodbine is one of the glories of high summer. The late Dutch Honeysuckle, Serotina is one of the best cultivated varieties, it flowers from July to mid-autumn, red on the outside and nearly white within, its fully hardy and not fussy about conditions and has a gorgeous scent: a valuable deciduous climber to locate wherever you walk or sit in your garden, so that you can fully avail of its magnificent scent to bees, some plants are like fine wines and this climber is definitely one of these!

TIPS

1. When Lavenders go out of flower, clip over lightly in order to retain its neat shape.
2. Pansies and Violas can be cut back hard in order to encourage new growth.
3. Why not collect seeds from your favourite flowers; many kinds germinate best when sown fresh at this time of year.
4. A good way to encourage children into the garden is to build them a den and give them



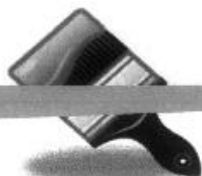
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a space that they can call their own, planting around it would make it more private for them. Maybe, choose robust plants that they can run through and brush up against, such as Phormiums and Bamboos. Choose carefully, to ensure no damage to their little eyes.

5. Too much watering in late August can lead to grey mould.

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Thank you to Harold Boys School for hosting the event, and particular thanks to all the parents for their support and who made this possible.

Thank you also to our Adjudicator Ivan Baburin who declared a win for Castlepark School. Ivan and his father, Alexander, who is a Russian-Irish International Grandmaster of chess, teach locally.

Thank you to another chess enthusiast, David McWilliams, who presented the trophy and suggested that chess be considered 'an international language' by the young players.

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- David Snook will speak on “*Irish and British Maritime Records*” to the Genealogical Society of Ireland at 8 pm on Tuesday August 13th in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome - contribution €4.

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Wednesday August 14th – Leo Swan Memorial Lecture: “*Corporeal Relics, Tents and Shrines in Medieval Ireland*” - Mr. Cormac Burke.

Thursday August 15th – “*Dalkey Island in the Early Medieval Period: connections and boundaries*” - Mr. Ian Doyle.

Friday August 16th – “*Archaeology Ireland Magazine, 25 years, 100 issues*” - Mr. Nick Maxwell.

- **National Heritage Week** runs from **Saturday August 17th to Sunday August 25th**; special programme booklets listing all the events taking place available from public libraries and tourist offices.
- “*1913 - 2013 Dun Laoghaire and the 1913 Lockout*” takes place from **Thursday August 23rd to Sunday August 25th** with the National Maritime Museum, Haig Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, hosting a special Exhibition ‘Dun Laoghaire and the 1913 Lockout’ which will be on view daily until January 2014.

ANNUAL HERITAGE WEEK

On Sunday August 25th the Maritime Institute of Ireland will host its **Annual Heritage Week** lectures on the theme of The 1913 Lockout - Dun Laoghaire & The Marine in the Dun Laoghaire Club, 3 Eblana Avenue, Dun Laoghaire. Donation requested. The day’s programme is -

12 Noon	“ <i>Kingstown - Portrait of an Edwardian seaport town</i> ” - Peter Pearson.
1 p.m.	“The 1913 Lockout - International context” - Colin Whitson.
2 p.m.	“Women in the 1913 Lockout” - Mary Muldowney.
3 p.m.	“Dublin Dock Communities and the legacy of 1913” - Joe Mooney
3.45 p.m.	“Dun Laoghaire in 1913 - Stronghold of Unionism or frontier of new Unionism?” - Padraig Yeates.
4.30 p.m.	“Patrick Moran: Trade Unionist, Sportsman and Patriot” - May Moran.
5.15 p.m.	“Edward Lee - The ‘ Model ‘ Employer” - Mike Lee.

EDITORIAL NOTE: NAOMH BEAGNAIT CURRACH

Photo Credit Acknowledgement

In the last issue (July: See pages 34 and 35) photographs depicting the Dalkey-built currach Naomh Beagnait seen carried through Castle Street and at launch in Coliemore Harbour. We would like to acknowledge these photographs were taken by local marine correspondent and photographer Jehan Ashmore.



We had two sell-out concerts in Loreto Abbey on the 29th and 30th June. It was a very enjoyable experience for the choir. The audiences were fantastic and very encouraging and supportive. There was a wonderful feeling of community between the choir and the audiences. So a very big thanks to our wonderful audiences.

ROSEMARY PEARSON

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Chenin Blanc can be found all over the Margaret River region and Voyager do it well. It is a beautiful easy drinking wine that is full of tropical fruit flavours which gives this wine excellent character. It pairs perfectly with Asian cuisine or fresh seafood. This wine is more reasonably priced coming in at under €20. If you ever wish to buy any of Voyager Estate wines you can order online at www.voyagerestate.com.au or just browse through their extensive wine collection.

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DLR SUMMER OF HERITAGE 2013

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This year the program has been expanded and new attractions include a Dun Laoghaire Lockout Tour - commemorating the centenary of the 1913 Lockout and a historic tour of Blackrock. This year the Council is delighted to welcome new partners in Summer of Heritage. The Society of Friends who will open their cemetery at Temple Hill for tours and the congregation at Killiney Hill Church who will also open their church to visitors throughout the summer.

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EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6.00-9.00pm Tues.& Thurs. Contact: Wayne Deegan 086 857 2546.

Dalkey Players Theatre Group - New season begins early September but enquiries welcome. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society New season commences September check www.stpatsdramsoc.com

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

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

DLR Biodiversity Events – Sat. 3rd Aug. - Rock Pooling for Families. Meet at Sandycove Beach at 4pm. A family event looking at life amongst the rock pools. Bring along a bucket & spade. Leader: Andrew Fleming (Mouse), OWLS. Booking required: Contact Andrew 087 329 9936 or email info@owls.ie **Sat. 10th Aug.** Life along the Seashore. Meet in the main car park off Station Rd - 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Explore the seashore to find the plants and animals that live in this habitat & survive difficult conditions. Bring along a magnifying glass or hand lens. Leader: Niamh Lennon. **No booking required.**

Holy Trinity Killiney – The Church will also be open Mon-Sat, 2-4pm for the month of August.

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

I collected a very interesting unit from my suppliers some weeks ago. This unit (which I am testing at the moment) is connected to a satellite dish, and then connected to a typical wireless router, it then sends satellite channels to any portable “Wi-Fi” device within range (lap top, iPhone, Smart phone etc...). The system can support four different “Wi-Fi” devices at any one time, with the ability to record TV, pause live TV, and schedule recordings. There is an “app” which needs to be downloaded (at a cost of €1), and there are variations available for almost any type of “Wi-Fi” device. Test results in next month’s issue, and should they prove positive we will be providing this system as an alternative way to watching satellite television.

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