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Flower:
Gladioli

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



Ken Cunningham, The Ferry Boatman – see page 11

Photo (c) Jehan Ashmore

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Heritage Week events at Dalkey Castle:

Heritage week runs from Sat 23rd-Sunday 31st August. In addition to the usual programme of Living History tours and coin minting demonstrations, there will be a number of heritage talks at Dalkey Castle.

On Wednesday August 27th, Tim Carey, Heritage Officer, will speak on 'DLR and the Great War'. It will include references to people from the county who were involved in the 1914-1918 War. A free exhibition 'DLR and the Great War' continues in County Hall, until Sept 5th.

On Thursday, August 28th the talk will be on the Dalkey Islands, a must for all interested Dalkey residents. Dr Jason Bolton, Architectural Conservation Consultant, will be joined by Niall Hatch of Birdwatch Ireland and botanist David Nash, who will include rare species on the islands in his talk. Start time will be at 7.30pm. Admission is free but must be pre-booked as numbers are limited.



Roseate Terns on Maiden Rock

Photo: Michael Ryan

DLR Summer of Heritage whereby sites are open to the public with free admission (courtesy of DLRCoCo) continues throughout the month of August. Guided tours of Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre had capacity attendances during July. **The free tours will continue through August on Mondays and Thursdays at 10.40am.**

The structured part of the tour will last approximately one hour and will include an overview of all the new interpretation systems. As part of the tour, visitors will get to experience the popular living history live performance. Guests will meet and have fun with characters from Dalkey's Tudor past. After the tour, visitors can browse for more information at their leisure.

Ferry service to Dalkey Island: Dalkey Castle is working in tandem with ferry man, Ken Cunningham on trips to Dalkey Island. Visitors to the island can be oriented at the Heritage Centre before or after the ferry trip.

Contact Ken at Tel 085 242 6516.

Paddy Cole, Syl Fox and others will join George Hunter in a concert in the Town Hall on September 6th to raise funds for the Dalkey Community Care Unit across the road. The Le Chéile group will be selling tickets for the event at €20.



Tim Carey, DLR Heritage Officer with Margaret Dunne. Photo Jason Clarke Photography

Dancing in Dalkey Town Hall: Old style dancing with George Hunter and his Band will commence on Sunday Sept 21st from 7.00-10.00pm. The first hour will have an instructor if your dancing skills have become rusty. Admission €20 includes complimentary lesson.

Dalkey Book Festival: the fifth Dalkey Book Festival surpassed all expectations.

As the PR said, Dalkey had ‘global names in a local setting’. Huge congratulations are due to David and Sian on securing such a host of international names for Dalkey.

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is open 6 days per week from 10.00am to 6.00pm on weekdays and from 11.00 at weekends. Closed on Tuesdays.

Contact and Booking details for events: info@dalkeycastle.com. Tel 285 8366

Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BOATS AT BULLOCH HARBOUR

The Annual Blessing of the Boats Ceremony will take place at Bulloch Harbour from 3pm on Sunday 17th August. This is a Family Fun Day with a BBQ, refreshments, face painting, raffle and live music, which will follow the formal prayer ceremony on the pier. The Dun Laoghaire Lifeboat will come alongside and visitors will be welcomed on board to inspect the vessel. Please come along, meet the Lifeboat crew and support this local event. All proceeds raised will go to Dun Laoghaire RNLi towards their important work of saving lives at sea.

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*Juvenile Sparrow hawks**Photo: Michael Ryan*

We'd been looking at the terns on Maiden's Rock and thought we'd drive up to the Vico to see if we could spot the Whitethroats which had once again returned to nest in the dense bracken and gorse between the path and the railway line. But it wasn't the whitethroat that got us excited. We hadn't even pulled up before my companion, Lucy, exclaimed there were dolphins in the bay! Sure enough there they were, their dorsal fins breaking the surface as they lunged out of the water.

We thought for a while the little pod of three bottlenose dolphins which attracted so much affection and excitement in Killiney a few years ago had returned. But as we watched we realised there were four dolphins here and the more we watched them we came to realise that whatever they were, they weren't the bottlenose. Although they were breaching out of the water they weren't as dramatically exuberant as the bottlenose had been and their movements seemed slower and more deliberate. Although they were moving away from us we had the telescope and were able to follow their progress in it. The other marked difference from the bottlenose were these dolphin's dorsal fins which seemed much taller and sickle shaped. In fact for a few moments I actually wondered could we possibly be looking at Orcas, or Killer Whales. We weren't but it was the fact they resembled which was the clincher when I rang a knowledgeable friend and described them. He thought they might be Rissos dolphins and began to describe them saying they were often mistaken for Orcas. There had been regular sightings of a pod of Rissos along the east coast and from his description I'm certain that's what we were looking at.

As we watched them swim away they seemed to breach and dive in unison and looked like they were swimming four abreast, the four tall fins appearing out of the sea like a synchronised swimming team. A chap walked up from the beach almost in a daze with excitement after seeing them. he told us he'd never seen dolphins before and these had come in very close to the shore giving a great display. Haven't seen them since but it certainly makes a scan of the sea potentially more exciting and there's frequently porpoise passing by to have a look at even if we don't see any dramatic dolphins.

As I mentioned, we'd been watching the terns earlier that same evening and were heartened to see at least forty nesting on the rock. In May we'd taken out pebbles for them to use as a nest base and a replacement wooden nest box specifically designed for the rare Roseate

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Tern. We hadn't had any roseates nesting on the rock since 2012 when that pair had deserted the rock after their nest had been washed over by a north easterly storm. So when we went down in early June we were delighted to see movement inside the box and then a roseate appeared out of it and was joined by a companion. As we watched them they actually began to mate outside the box and we were able to take some grainy 'Paparazzi' style photos of them.

A few weeks later Stephen Newton from Birdwatch went out and reported there were two eggs in the box as well as many other Arctic and Common terns' eggs in nests on the rock. Our hopes were high for this year but on a lovely mild evening in early July we went down to have a look and were dismayed to find the rock seemingly completely empty of terns. We went down again later that night and could see just one solitary common tern sitting on a nest and that birds chances of raising young were very low if there weren't other terns around to keep predators at bay. Stephen had gone out earlier in the week and found nearly all the nests deserted and the roseate eggs cold in the box. We don't know what happened or why they left but it was sad after such a hopeful beginning.

I mentioned in the June issue we'd spotted a Jay's nest which was situated less than thirty yards from a Sparrowhawk's nest and despite their proximity to each other both pairs succeeded in fledging young, the jays a few weeks before the hawks. We could have picked up the first young jay we saw which was actually walking along the ground while the parents moved through the trees keeping a concerned eye on their offspring till it hid itself in a bramble patch. I'd seen this behaviour before a few years ago, a young jay walking rather than flying as it's siblings and parents moved through the trees and it seemed a very perilous thing to be doing. I contacted someone who'd done a thesis on jays and he said yes, he'd seen that a few times with jays he'd been studying. Maybe the young develop separately and the last one leaves whether it's ready or not. Anyway we saw at least four young jays a few days after and they were certainly very capable flyers and all doing well, one going into a squirrel feeder cage to help itself to the hazel nuts left to entice the squirrels.



Juvenile Jay on Squirrel Feeder

Photo: Michael Ryan

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The D.A.R.A. Choir performed two concerts in Loreto Abbey Concert Hall on the 28th and 29th June last. They also performed in St. Paul's Church, Glenageary, Dalkey Community Unit and also sang in St. Patrick's Church, Dalkey on the 4th July with a visiting American Choir.

I would like to thank our leader, Vincent Ryan, for all his hard work and endeavour. It was his idea to start a choir. He is retiring as leader after three years. It is thanks to him it has been such a success. A warm welcome to our New Musical Director, Derek Verso. Thanks are also due to our accompanist, Valerie Quirke. For our concerts we had a brilliant young pianist, Matthew Breen who is only seventeen years old. So continued success to the Choir. May they go from strength to strength.

Rosemary Pearson – D.A.R.A. Correspondent



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Sir,

Warmest thanks to Sheila and Joe Quirke who orchestrated a most enjoyable day for D.A.R.A. on Thursday 3rd July last. We started with a visit to the Zoo, followed by a stop at the Botanic Gardens and Glasnevin Cemetery. The day was rounded off by dinner at the National Yacht Club.

A round of applause for this talented team!

Valerie Hand – Dalkey

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the copy of Dalkey Community Council Newsletter!

I have skimmed through it, and it feels like it's a totally different world from what we live in. Not a hectic metropolis, but a friendly community which treasures its history and traditions.

It's somehow soothing to see articles about gardening, nature, church activities, local schools and castles, and not about swindling schemes, the war in Ukraine, and the eccentricities of notorious celebrities.

Thank you for this insight into the life of your home town! It was really enjoyable!

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FERRIES FOLLOW-UP: Further to last month's issue's photographic coverage of the official opening of the new island slipway and revived ferry boat service, these photographs were taken on Mid-Summer's Day.



Only two days previously, the service began coincidentally on the opening day of the Dalkey Book Festival.

As Ken Cunningham, the operator of the commercial licensed ferryboat, '*Lilly Rose*' is seen berthing at the new slipway behind the new yellow navigation marker, the 19 hour Dublin-Cherbourg route (as reported in the March issue), car-ferry '*Epsilon*' sails by offshore bound for France. (Ken's contact details are: Mobile: 085 2426516 (www.kentheferryman.com). A visit to Dalkey Heritage Centre beforehand is strongly recommended). Ferry service from 10 am to 6 pm with last visitors leaving the island at 6.00 p.m. latest

While the scene at Coliemore Harbour was busy too with locals and tourists alike, admiring Dalkey Island, it is also a setting noted for providing inspiration for accomplished and budding artists.

On that theme, a workshop group led by Deborah Donnelly complete with easels, lined along the harbour's granite waterfront wall. Deborah who had lived and exhibited in New York, is now home-based and for details of her outdoor workshops and gallery, visit: www.deborahdonnelly.com

Our beautiful coastline also provided a backdrop for a photocall and for a TV crew of one

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Salman Rushdie, who gave the keynote interview of this year's 5th Dalkey Book Festival, so congratulations to all.

MARTELLO TOWERS: While the restoration of the ferry service from Coliemore Harbour to the new Island slipway is most welcome, it must also be noted, regrettably, that the centrepiece of this 'park', the Martello Tower, remains closed.

As outlined in the Dalkey Islands Conservation Plan (see last issue) the tower which is in local authority ownership, continues to have its door locked preventing public access.

Incidentally, the doorway is not an original feature, as the Commissioners of Irish Lights inserted this entrance only in the early 20th century. Prior to that access was only made by climbing a ladder to the rooftop.

The tower's interior is in disrepair however the rooftop gun platform remains in very good condition from where cannons which never saw action from a possible threat posed of a Napoleonic invasion of Dublin.

Among the Conservation Plans 'Heritage' Action Policies of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in conjunction with OPW and Department of Heritage is the conservation and repair work of the tower, St. Begnet's Church and Battery, leading to restoration and preservation.

The Plan adds, that following to making the Martello Tower safe and accessible, DLR propose to facilitate supervised access where possible. To download a copy of the plan go to: www.dlrcoco.ie/heritage/

Those this summer who still seeking a Martello Tower close to Dalkey, can visit the neighbouring Tara Hill Fortification and Martello Tower along Killiney Hill Road. This Heritage Site is new to this year's 'Summer of Heritage' organised by DLRCC. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays to 4th September, the four free guided tours are between 2-5pm. For more visit: www.dlrevent.ie

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For more information on this project please contact

- Panda area account manager Jeremy O'Connor : 087 910 6036
- Dalkey Tidy Towns: tidy@dalkeytidytowns.com
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Following the recent AGM, we are delighted to be elected to the new DBG committee for 2014/15. The aim of the group is primarily to promote Dalkey as one of the best places to visit in Ireland - either for locals or tourists.

Our intention is to work in partnership with all of the local groups to help keep our wonderful Heritage Town a special place to live, work and play.

In light of this we are inviting local and visitor alike to Discover Dalkey. This new brand gives us a platform to be inclusive of all and to work in alignment with Tourism groups and the Local Council. We have an exciting line up of events planned for the next year, with a themed event each month. We have reduced the membership fee to make the Business Group more accessible to all who have an interest in our town and wish to join.

At our recent launch night on Thurs 31st July, new chairman Bill Hastings said:

'The ambition of Dalkey Business Group is to be for everyone in Dalkey and for everyone interested in the Town and its future. It is only by believing in and supporting each other that we can succeed. As well as making Dalkey more vibrant in the present, planning for the future of Dalkey is vital; and there are opportunities for this provided by new legal provisions for the making of Local Economic and Community Plans, through engagement with the Local Authority in their preparation of the new County Development Plan, and through emerging links with Dublin City and with local communities in the Dublin Region.'

We welcome everyone's views. If you have any ideas for events or would like to get involved email dalkeybusinessgroup@gmail.com.

Regards,

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Tues. August 19th 8pm *Excavations at Trim Castle* - **Alan Hayden**. All welcome - admission €4.

Wed. August 20th 8pm – *Leo Swan Memorial Lecture* - The Leo Swan Aerial Photographic Project - **Katherine Daly**: Director. All welcome - admission €4.

Thurs. August 21st 8pm – *Excavation at Dundrum Castle, Co. Dublin* - **Dr. Elizabeth O'Brien**, FSA. All welcome - admission €4.

Fri. August 22nd 8pm *Excavations at Dundrum Castle, Co. Dublin* - **Finola O'Connor** All welcome - admission €4.

BRAY CUALANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS – All welcome - admission free

Sat. August 23rd 3pm St. Paul's Church, Main Street, Bray. *St. Paul's Graveyard Trail* - Leader **Brian White**.

Tues. August 26th 7pm Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. *The Shamrock Fund of World War One* - **Brian White**.

Wed. Aug. 27th 11am St. Paul's Church, Bray - *St. Paul's Graveyard Trail* - Leader **Brian White**.

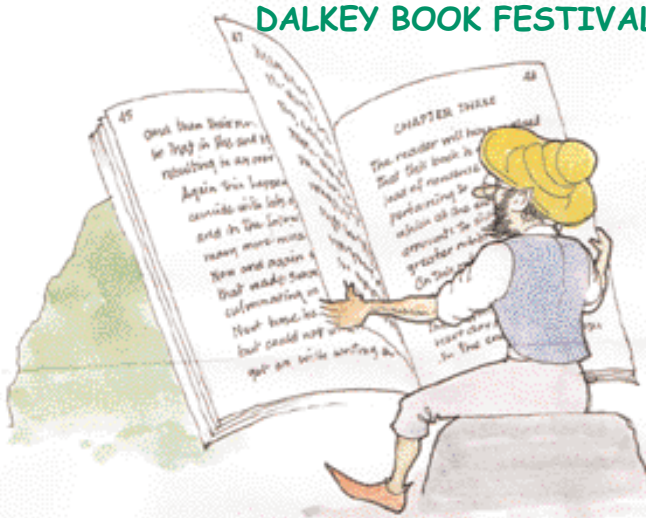
Wed. August 27th 6.45pm Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray - *The Week That Was in Co. Wicklow: August 23rd to August 31st 1914* - **James Scannell**.

Thurs. August 28th 7pm Bray Library - *The Babazons of Dublin & Wicklow* - **Brian White**.

Sat. August 30th 3pm Bray Library - *The Week That Was in Bray: August 23rd to August 31st 1914* - **James Scannell**.

Wed. August 27th 8pm **Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society**, The Kingston Hotel, Adelaide St., Dun Laoghaire - *Things from the Past in the Attic: Objects of Everyday Use around the House* - **Colin Scudds**. Admission €2

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 24-28 8/6/2014 to 11/7/2014

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

Reg. Ref. D14A/0365

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Jun-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Dermot & Mary Divilly, Saint Aubyns, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the construction of a new 2-storey house (214 sqm) with associated landscaping and main foul drainage connection in the North Western Corner of the garden to the existing house.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0373

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Jun-2014

Applicant Name& Location: T. Taylor & P Scully, Apartments 1, 4 and 6 Queenstown Castle, Colliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. A Protected Structure.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of; (A) removal of the existing conservatory on east elevation at lower ground floor level and of the roof terrace over the conservatory at upper ground floor level; (B) erection of winter gardens at lower ground floor, upper ground floor and first floor (all on east elevation); (C) provision of canopy roof over parking area for two vehicles and enclose bin storage area at the south west corner of site. Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0384

Application Rec'd Date: 18-Jun-2014

Applicant Name& Location: K & O Keating, Spindrift, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of amendments to existing planning permission D13A/0523 (under construction) to incorporate new pool house and gym to rear and side of house and associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0399

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Jun-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Joe Hughes, 28 Tubbermore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: 1. Demolition of existing 2 storey return to the side of the existing detached two storey property. 2. Construction of a two storey pitched roof extension to the side and rear with a raised roof to provide habitable accommodation at attic level. 3. Construction of single storey pitched roof extension to the rear with rooflights. 4. Construction of single storey pitched roof entrance porch to the front. 5. Elevational alterations to the front, sides and rear of the existing property. 6. New Velux style roof lights in the main roof to the side. 7. Widening of existing vehicular entrance landscaping and associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0404

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Jun-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Glencairn Flat Management Ltd. Glencairn Apartments, Harbour Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for 4 additional apartments (2 at new 3rd floor level and one at each of 1st floor and 2nd floor levels) and associated circulation and landlord areas, representing an increase of two units from previously approved application reference D10A/0614 (PL06D.239478). Also, revised vehicular gate position (as previously approved) to facilitate additional car parking spaces and general elevational modifications to entire building.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0418

Application Rec'd Date: 30-Jun-2014

Applicant Name& Location: John Power, 2 Vico Terrace, Vico Road, Dalkey (located within an Architectural Conservation Area)

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing sunroom over garage extension and the construction of a new two storey over garage extension. The development also includes 2 no. replacement dormer windows, alteration of fenestration and upgrading works to the main house, landscaping, drainage and ancillary works to facilitate the development.

Reg. Ref. D14B/0240

Application Rec'd Date: 4-Jul-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Catherine Deirdre Twomey, Linden House, rear of Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the construction of a detached single storey garden room (total GFA c.28m²) to the front of the permitted house in the north east corner of the site ancillary to the main family dwelling at Linden House, a development under construction (D12A/0423) to rear of Linden Lodge. The development will include all necessary site works and landscaping.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0434

Application Rec'd Date: 7-Jul-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Glasmount Investments Ltd. Site at Torca Road, Dalkey, bounded to the east by San Elmo Lodge, to the north by a right of way leading to Knocknacree Road and to the north-west by Torca Road

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the construction of a 4-bedroom, 2-storey dwelling house (gross floor area c.300 sqm) with south-facing balcony. New vehicular entrance onto Torca Road with off-street parking.

Reg. Ref. D14B/0246

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Jul-2014

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

Proposal: Permission is sought for house extensions and modifications which are to consist of: 1). Existing garage and stores of 26.8m² located to the west side of house is to be converted to an ensuite, dressing room, main bathroom and courtyard. The front facade is to incorporate a narrow floor to ceiling window. 2). A dormer window to attic store to rear, and two velux windows on side roof pitch. 3). Internal alterations. Application Type Permission

Reg. Ref. D14B/0247

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Jul-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Nihele Jabeur, Grange Court, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission for the construction of a single storey extension to the front in lieu of the permitted carport (Reg. Ref. D09B/0415), alterations to the entrance wall and associated works.

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Reg. Ref. D14B/0143

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 12-Jun-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Claire and David Rogers, Inniscorrig Mews, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for 2 dormer windows in the existing pitched roof to the Sth Eastern side of house.

Reg. Ref. D08A/1260/E **Decision:** GRANT EXTEN. of DURATION OF PERM. **Date:** 17-Jun-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Philip Bayfield and Liz White, 70, Castlepark Road, Sandycove.

Proposal: Part single storey, part one and a half storey extension (namely ground floor with limited accommodation on the upper level within the roof profile) of 152 sq.m to the rear of the existing dwelling. The works consist of (1) new extension to the rear of the existing house (ii) the modification of the existing roof and its partial reconstruction, (iii) all necessary resultant elevational changes to the existing house, (iv) demolition of existing garage, (iv) the various minor miscellaneous landscaping and services required to facilitate the development, and all necessary ancillary works.

Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref. D14B/0159

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 20-Jun-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Kevin & Sadie Carroll, 21, Hyde Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) The demolition of the single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing two storey end of terrace dwelling. (2) Construction of new two storey extension to the side. Part single storey, part two storey extension to the rear. Alterations to the window openings on the front and side elevations. Relocation of the entrance from the side to the front. Roof lights to the side and rear. (3) Associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D14B/0164

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 20-Jun-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Colin Rafferty & Aveen McArdle, 9 Hyde Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of modification of approved planning application D13B/0298 for a new pitched roof dormer window in the side of the new main roof.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0260

Decision: REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION **Date:** 27-Jun-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Allied Land Investments Ltd., Lands at Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a residential development comprising of 18 no. dwellings on this 0.59 ha site. The development will consist of 5 no. 2 bedroom houses (4 no. house type A, two storey over basement -141.5m² and 1 no. house type B1, part single & part two storey -137.1m²); 3 no. 3 bedroom houses (3 no. house type D, two and a half storey -142.4m²) and 10 no. 4 bedroom houses (2 no. house type B, part two and part three storey -205m², 1 no. house type C, three storey -278m², 1 no. house type D1, two and a half storey -171.6m², 1 no. House Type E, three storey -177.8m², 1 no. House Type E1, three storey -183.5m², 1 no. House Type E2, part three storey and part two storey over basement -222.7m² and 3 no. House Type F, three storey over basement -315m²). All houses are in terrace format. A basement car-park 370m² with 8 no. private and 4 no. visitor parking spaces and a shared

bin store, a public open space area external platform lift, 30 no. surface of 589m2 including an car-parking spaces -28 no. private and 2 no. visitor spaces, along with all associated and ancillary site and landscaping works. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref. D14B/0154 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION FOR RETENTION **Date:** 25-Jun-2014

Applic. Name& Location: Marian Reilly, Genazzano, 2, Bungalow, Grosvenor Tee, Sorrento Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to retain the attic conversion comprising of bedroom and bathroom including dormer roof to rear and 1 no. velux roof light to rear pitch and 1 no. velux roof light to side pitch.

Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref. D09A/0072/E **Decision:** GRANT EXTEN. of DURATION of PERM. **Date:** 1-Jul-2014

Applicant Name& Location: Suzanne and Vincent Finnegan, 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: The demolition of the single storey garage and two storey house and the construction of two, two-storey, 4 bedroom, semi-detached houses. House1: 193sq.m, House 2: 182sq.m, the widening of the existing access to 3.5m and new 3.5m wide access, both with entrance gates and piers, new boundary walls to both sides and between front and rear gardens of proposed houses, and all associated works. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref. D14A/0277 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 7-Jul-2014

Applic. Name& Location: Declan O'Donovan, White Cottage & Starboard Cottage, Nerano Rd, Dalkey

Proposal: Permission for minor modifications to the height of boundary wall as previously approved under planning register reference D13A/0506 (previously permitted development register reference D09A/0716).

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 24-28 8/6/2014 to 11/7/2014

Reg Ref: D14A/0151 **Reg. Date:** 26-Mar-2014 **Location:** Site of 0.1061 ha at 25 Dalkey Ave., Dalkey.

Development: Permission for development consisting of: (1) The demolition of the existing habitable dwelling on site (195 sqm). (2) The provision of 2 no. detached, 4-bed, 3 storey dwelling houses, as follows: 1 no. House Type A, 'Bayswater' 303 sqm, 1 no. House Type B, 'Anglesea' 326 sqm. (3) Widening of existing vehicular access, including new entrance piers and gates as granted under planning application ref.D12A/0340. (4) Incorporation and widening of Klobe, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin existing vehicular entrance, including new entrance piers. Permission will include all associated site works, including revised ground levels, hard and soft landscaping, associated parking provision, provision of foul and surface water service on site with connections to existing ones and the provision of water mains on site with connection to the existing water mains.

Council Decision: GRANT PERMISSION. **Appeal Lodged:** 16-Jun-2014. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref : D14A/0186 **Reg. Date:** 7-Apr-'14 **Location:** 26, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Development: Permission for Change of Use from retail shop to use as a café, including internal fitting out, redecoration of shop front and new external signage at ground floor. A protected structure.

Council Decision: GRANT PERMISSION. **Appeal Lodged:** 19-Jun-2014. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D14A/0192 **Reg. Date:** 9-Apr-2014 **Location:** Hawthorns, Barnhill Ln, Atmospheric Rd, Dalkey.

Development: Permission to carry out alterations and extend an existing dwelling house, including demolition of an existing two storey extension on the northern side and construction of a new two storey extension in lieu and forming a new pedestrian access gate with associated site works. **Council Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION. **Appeal Lodged:** 23-Jun-2014. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D14A/0208 **Reg. Date:** 11-Apr-2014 **Location:** 51a Castlepark Road, Glenageary.

Development: Permission for development consisting of physical separation of existing houses number 51 and 51a. This division is to be achieved by the removal of the linking space between both houses to create a mews house at 51a. The access to the two houses remains the same the existing garden is divided to reflect this new arrangement. **Council Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION

Appeal Lodged: 2-Jul-2014. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks 23-27 1/6/'14 to 7/7/'14

None for Dalkey area



A photo from 1912 hanging on a school wall and a scrapbook or album of memorabilia collected between the early 50's and 70's were found to have a surprising connection.

The framed photo that hangs in the corridor in Harold Boys' was given to the school by Mrs. Betty



Houton (nee Glynn) in 1994. It shows a group of 31 schoolboys with their teacher. A slate with "Harold Boys' Dalkey 1912" written on it is held by a boy at the front. Betty told us the teacher's name was Mr. Barrett but knew nothing else about him. Her Dad, Noel Glynn, stands in the back row, second in from the left. He was born on the 10th of December 1898.

I checked the school register and it shows that Noel was first registered

along with 30 other boys on the 8th of January 1906. It is possible that all those boys registered then are in the photo of 1912. (See list of names at the end of this article). Also, it is clear that the photo was taken in the schoolyard with what was then a turf-shed at the rear, which was later known as the bicycle shed. To the right of the picture is the wall of the outside toilet with a washbasin on the wall.

In an article I wrote for the newsletter in July 2006, I had found out that Mr. Barrett came to Harold in 1911 and left in January 1918. Then he just seemed to have disappeared!

Proinsias O Maoláin, a teacher in Harold from 1941 had collected articles in an album from the early 1950's. These articles were about Gaelic Games in Primary Schools, in particular about his own teams in Harold. They were written in the Evening Herald by a sports journalist who used the moniker C.P. About a month before he died in 1984, Proinsias asked Harry Roberts to visit him. He presented Harry with the album of articles. He knew it was in safe keeping with him as Harry had played hurling and football with Harold Boys' and later played a starring role as player with Dalkey Mitchells and Cuala for many years.

I became aware of the existence of this album only a few weeks ago. I read it with great interest as it is part of the heritage of the school. I came across an article written by C.P. in the Evening Herald of August 20th 1957 and Mr. Barrett of the 1912 photo had re-appeared!

C.P. had reported earlier that Gaelic Games hadn't existed in Dalkey pre -1920. It was then he received a letter from John Barrett. He was living in Co. Laois and had been County Secretary of the G.A.A there. He wrote that he had taught in Harold from 1911 and as he said "had stayed a few years". He went on to congratulate Proinsias and his teams for their great successes since the early 1950's.

He then mentioned that he had G.A.A. Teams during his years in Harold and had taken part in a South Dublin League and great games had been played at many venues like Bray, Cornelscourt and The Kill. He recalled the names of players that were mostly from The Hill like Reillys, Ned Burke, the Mullens, Paddy Darcy, Frank Kelly and Paddy Keyes. In concluding he said he had a treasured possession - a photo of himself taken with his class in 1912. Finally he wrote "those were good days". We can see and appreciate in 2014 the connections linking two people with a place they loved and we remember them.

Sean Ó Gormáin.

List of Pupils – Michael Waldron, John Devlin, William Farrell, Richard Cullen, Desmond Ryan, Henry Dowd, Christy Bailey, Leo Doyle, Patrick Darcy, William Richardson, Bertie Harte, Louis Kennedy, George Archbold, Maurice Kinsella, Thomas Greaves, Thomas Flynn, John J Farrell, Michael Smyth, Thomas Mullen, John Doyle, Joseph Connor, Edward Drew, Joseph Flynn, Thomas Farrell, John Rowe, John Donnelly, John Henry, Edward Dixon, Charles English, Henry Murphy.



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Lia Moloney (Left) came fourth in the Under 14 80 Metre Hurdles and Saoirse O'Donnell (Right) who came Third in the Under 14 80 Metre Hurdles

*Peter Duffy
on Podium for Under 12 600m*

We want to wish every success to both Peter Duffy u12 600m and Iona O'Sullivan, U12 Ball Throw as they represent the Dalkey Dashers in the National Community Games finals in Athlone in August. Both Peter and Iona recently won the Dublin titles in Santry against very tough competition.



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 **Dun Laoghaire Tel. 01-6665000**.

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The mention that William Blackhall found in local history which stated that in 1867 rifles were to be issued to the then RIC in Dalkey to ward off a night attack by the Fenians is incorrect as the RIC never policed the town. Dalkey was under F Division of the Dublin Metropolitan Police established in 1840 by 1 Vic. C25 and by proclamation of the Lord Lieutenant and council dated 7 March 1840 and called the Kingstown Division. This Division had police stations in Blackrock, Booterstown, Kill-o-the-Grange, Kingstown and Dalkey.

Up to 1814 policing in Ireland was undertaken by Baronial Constabularies which had only limited impact but that year Sir Robert Peel created a body known as the Peace Preservation Force for deployment in those parts of the country suffering from agrarian unrest. In 1822 a national body known as the Irish Constabulary was established and this organisation was merged with the former to create the centrally controlled Irish Constabulary which had the title Royal added to its name for its role in putting down the 1867 Fenian Rising. This force was operated nationally except in the Dublin metropolitan area where from 1836 policing was carried out by the Dublin Metropolitan Police (DMP) which was modelled on the London Metropolitan Police.

Dalkey was policed by the DMP which also enforced the by-laws of the Dalkey Township Commissioners, later Dalkey Urban District Council, until its absorption into Dublin Laoghaire Corporation in 1930 as part of local government re-organisation in the Greater Dublin Area.

During the War of Independence the RIC was targeted in rural Ireland by the IRA and forced to evacuate parts of it and as they did so, the role of policing was carried out by the I.R. police.

As rank and file members of the DMP in general took no action against the IRA in the Dublin metropolitan area during this conflict, they were not targeted except for members of G Division which was concerned with political matters and whose members assisted the Crown forces in hunting down IRA members and to find, then arrest or kill Michael Collins, as at one stage there was £10,000 bounty on him, dead or alive.

Under the terms of the 1921 Anglo-Irish Peace Treaty, the RIC was disbanded in March 1922 and the police barracks then occupied by them were taken over by members of the IRA acting on behalf of the Provisional Government.

In 1922 the Civic Guard, subsequently An Garda Síochána, was established by Provisional Government, as a national police force for the state outside Dublin and whose members took up their posts while the Civil War was in progress and for the most part were left unmolested and allowed to bring some semblance of law and order to the country. Early members were glad to receive advice and training on legal procedures from former RIC members who had joined the force. One legal historian has noted that up to 1929 An Garda Síochána was still using RIC forms and documents over stamped 'An Garda Síochána'.

In 1925 the D.M.P. was absorbed into An Garda Síochána and whose members still wore their distinctive helmets adorned with the An Garda Síochána badge.

As William Blackhall correctly observed, Dalkey was a 'retirement' station and was also used a posting for those members of the force who had no further prospects of promotion or advancement. It was also where David Nelligan, Michael Colin's 'Spy in the Castle' was posted to when the authorities in Dublin Castle became suspicious about his work for Michael Collins and saved him from being unmasked.

James Scannell



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THE “DALKEY SET” BEASTIES HAVE ARRIVED!

Helen Crawford, the Beastie Creator, is one of six craftspeople who have taken over the quirky little gallery space opposite Mugs Cafe in Castle Street. They are part of a group called Creative Collective, a merry band of passionate small scale Craft producers who just love the process of creating and making unique Irish handmade crafts.

Ann Turpin creates sumptuous hand dyed silk scarves and other textile pieces. Katie Woollett makes jewellery featuring natural stone beads, pearls and silver. Victoria Groom hand pours her scented soya wax candles, while Grace O'Reilly creates unique delicate jewellery combining wire, Swarovski crystals and semi-precious beads. They have just been joined by Laura Whelan whose individual fascinators are a delight.

Rumour has it that some Viking “Beasties” are soon to invade the shop!!!

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The Carry Hall – After a setback in July, the project continues at a steady pace albeit slightly behind schedule. Thank you to all those who are supporting this venture. For more information visit www.carrycentre.ie

New Caretaker – Nicholas Wall joined Holy Trinity in May and we are delighted to have him working with us. Welcome Nicholas!

Summer in Holy Trinity– The church has been open daily for the month of July and it is hoped to continue this through August. If you are interested in volunteering with this, please speak with the Rector or put your name on the sign-up sheet in Church. Many thanks to all those who have already volunteered.

Calling All Golfers - GOLF OUTING POSTPONED!

For many various reasons there were not enough people available to play in the above which was arranged for May. Rather than cancel it altogether it has been re-scheduled for **Monday 22nd September** in Killiney Golf Club. Anyone interested in playing please contact Helen Irwin or Pam Clarke.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



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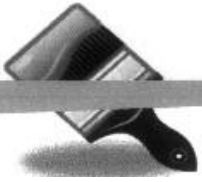
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‘Everything in its time and Mackerel in August’. As the old Greek proverb suggests there is a time for work and a time for rest and a time to enjoy the fruits of the sea. August is traditionally the time when we stop and take a rest to enjoy the lovely summer weather in this beautiful place we are blessed to call home.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our Parish Church during the summer months. Whether this is ‘passing through’ time, or rest and relaxation time, family or friendship time, may it be a restful time and bring you peace. May it be a time of Blessing for you as you visit our Church.

We realise the need for prayer in our lives and it is a comfort to know that our parishioners are with us to support us in a time of need. If you wish to include an intention for prayers at

Mass time, please enter the intention or name of the person you wish to pray for in the book at Our Lady’s Altar. These intentions will be remembered in prayer each Sunday during the Prayers of the Faithful at all Masses.

Our annual Parish retreat and day of reflection to Glendalough will take place on Sat 30th August – check out the Church porches or parish website for more.

We also look forward to Dalkey Vintage Day on the 14th September, with a Vintage car show in the Car park on Sunday. All proceeds for the Vintage Day to Down Syndrome Centre. Come along and enjoy - lots of fun for all the Family.

Compline continues each Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Church when both local parishes (St. Patrick’s and ourselves) join together for evening prayer. Come and join us, everyone is welcome.

The Bereavement Counselling Service, which is free and non denominational, offers confidential counselling on a one to one basis by trained volunteer counsellors in Presbytery No.2 (behind the Church) every Tuesday night from 7-9pm. Just call 01 8391766 for an appointment on donation basis. Due to demand this service has recently been expanded so if you feel you would like to talk to someone, please call.

PS Follow us on twitter @dalkeychurch for regular updates!

PPS If you are new to the Parish, call in and say hello, we’d love to meet you.

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Sunday Services for August

3rd August 9am Eucharist

10th August 9am Eucharist

17th August 9am Eucharist

24th August 9am Eucharist

31st August 9am Eucharist

10.15am Eucharist.

10.15am All Age Family Worship

10.15am Eucharist.

10.15am Morning Prayer.

10.15am Celtic Eucharist.



Independence Day Concert in St. Patrick's Church

A special USA Independence Day Concert was held on Friday 4th July at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church, featuring the Southern California Children's Chorus CONCERT CHORUS & ENSEMBLE SINGERS Directed by Lori Loftus. Also in concert was the DARA CHOIR, the Dalkey Active Retirement Association Choir, directed by Derek Verso. This concert was in aid of the Children's Unit of the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dun Laoghaire and St. Patrick's Church Restoration Fund

New Children's Programme Announced

A new programme of events for kids of National School age, has recently been announced. Details of all the events can be found in a handsome leaflet available from the back of church or from the parish office.

The events which begin at the end of August and run right through to the beginning of July 2015, should include something of interest even for the most particular! The programme includes football which will be held on the astro turf at Castle Park School, a BBQ &

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Bouncy Castle Party at the end of August (to celebrate the return to school!), cinema nights in the Northover Hall, a Disco, a Karaoke, a cookery class, a week away and much, much, more. To register for events please visit the Parish Office.

St. Patrick's School

Our school re-opens on Wednesday 27th August. We hope that all staff and pupils have had a enjoyable summer break and are refreshed for the new school year. We also welcome all new pupils who will be joining the school for the first time and hope they will have a very enjoyable time in St. Patrick's.

St. Patrick's 1st Annual Hog Roast

Will take place on Sunday 31st August at 5pm at the Rectory. As well as a fantastic menu, there will be a bouncy castle for the kids. There is no charge for this event, it is simply an occasion to celebrate the last day of the summer in the company of friends. Please bring your own drinks and a picnic rug.

To give us an idea of numbers expected please RSVP to the Parish Office by 20th August.

Wednesday Club Outings

The August outing will take place on Saturday 16th August to the Little Museum of Dublin and Masonic Hall, Molesworth Street. Picnic in Courtyard and guided tour in afternoon. Our annual Wednesday Club coach trip is to Armagh City on Saturday 13th September including tea and scones en route, tour of St Patrick's Cathedral, picnic in orchard and a show at Planetarium. An evening meal at Carrickdale Hotel will be provided on the way home. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

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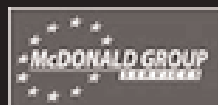
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| Blessing of the Boats at Bulloch Harbour at 3pm | Sunday 17 August |
| National Heritage Week | Saturday 23 - Sunday 31 August |
| Sorting of September Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm) | Thurs. 28 August |
| DCC Monthly Meeting in OLH at 8pm | Mon 1 September |

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6.00-9.00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

Boxing/Conditioning Classes - Mondays - Thursdays Tel: Wayne Deegan at 086 857 2546

Dalkey Players: After a fantastic 2013/2014 Season Dalkey Players are on holidays. We will be meeting up again in September for our Autumn/ Spring program. Hope to see you all then and of course newcomers welcome!

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey: are taking a break for the summer but the newly formed youth wing will be performing in August.

The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey.
If interested please call 086-8391839

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

Pilates: in HC has finished for the summer. Bookings being taken for Sept. session. Pilates on Friday mornings in Glathule Parish Centre:
Contact Lizanne Barry 087 8572408

Zumba Fitness classes: finished until September.

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



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Last month I mentioned a product that can connect to a HD screen and transform it to a Smart TV. After receiving this unit, and testing it I soon realised that it was not what I was expecting, picture quality was poor, internet speeds were very slow, the unit would not work with certain types of routers, the wireless connection had a very limited range, and the unit would not stream video content from a home PC / Laptop to the screen. I was very disappointed with this unit, and will not be recommending them, there is however similar products available from different manufactures, and in time I will try testing a different unit, in the hope that it does what it says on the box !

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