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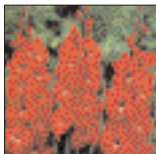
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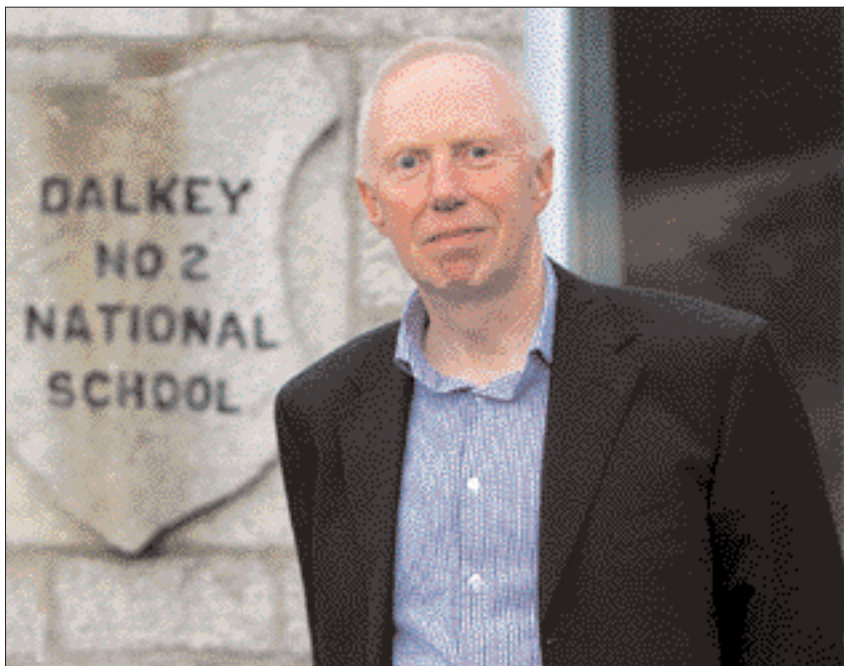
**Lúnasa (August) 2015**

**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.**

**Flowers:  
Poppy and Gladioli**



**Farewell to Philip Salter, Principal of St. Patrick's School**

*See page 37*

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## SUMMARY OF THE JULY MONTHLY MEETING



The DCC Monthly meeting was held on Monday 13th July in OLH.

**TT:** After all the hard work carried out in Dillon's Park the promontory has been destroyed again with graffiti. In addition the gorse was set on fire and unfortunately this has led to all the rubbish and waste being revealed. This is a senseless act of vandalism committed in one of our most scenic parks

**NW:** Burglaries are still ongoing in the area and owners should exercise care in securing their property. To protect oneself from unwanted callers a good limiter should be fitted to the door. All non bogus callers will leave their business card if the door is not opened.

**AOB:** Concerns were raised about the proposal to cut the number 7, 8 and 59 bus routes. The number 8 route is threatened with removal and this is a service used by many commuters from Dalkey both school children and those accessing SVUH. DCC will investigate this issue further. There is no meeting in August. See page 27.

**The next DCC meeting is Monday 14th September 2015.**



## DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE



Dalkey Castle & Town Hall was the winner of a 'Highly Commended Award' in the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland annual awards recently. The award was in the 'cultural building' category. DLR Architect Noelle Sweeney was presented with the award by Mr. Robin Mandal, President of the RIAI. We are delighted that the imaginative work of DLR architects Noelle Sweeney and Bob Hannan was so highly rewarded.



**Summer of Heritage FREE tours:** A free guided tour of Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is part of the DLR Summer of Heritage programme. The free tours for locals begin each Monday and Thursday at 10.40am. This time is set aside for this bespoke tour, funded by DLRCoCo.

The tour will last at least one hour and will include an overview of all the new interpretation systems with its extensive bank of historical information. The guides will lead visitors around the Early Christian Church & Graveyard, upstairs into the fortified Town House and onto the battlements. Back inside, they will browse the Writers' Gallery with 45 writers and creative artists from Joyce and Beckett to Binky and Bono and more. Numbers are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. There are many more DLR sites open and events planned as part of the Summer of Heritage programme. Free booklets are available at our Reception or in Dalkey Library.

**Heritage Week** Sat 22nd August -Sunday 30th.

**Coin Minting:** Make your own money! Coin Minting demonstrations will take place on both Sundays in Heritage Week 23rd & 30th August from 11.15 -1.00pm outside Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. Use your freshly minted coin to get €1 reduction on the Living History Tour.

**Free Talks: Advance booking essential for both talks.** The national theme for 2015 is "Ireland's Industrial and Design Heritage".

**Rob Goodbody** will talk on 'Dalkey Quarries: Source of Stone, Funicular Railway & Recreation Facility' on Wednesday 26th at 7.30pm.



*Architect Noelle Sweeney winner of a Highly Commended Award was presented with her award by Mr. Robin Mandal, President of the RIAI.*

*On right is Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre*

*Photo courtesy of RIAI*

Rob Goodbody is the author of *'The Metals...from Dalkey to Dún Laoghaire'*. He received an Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland award for 'outstanding publications on many aspects of industrial heritage'.

**Peter Pearson** will talk on **'Historic Design and Decoration in the Dún Laoghaire area'** on Thursday 27th at 7.30pm.

Peter Pearson is an historian, conservationist and artist. He has a life-long commitment to the protection and enhancement of Ireland's architectural heritage.

His work includes *'Between the Mountains and the Sea'* and *'Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County'* which details the architectural heritage of the county. His book *'The Heart of Dublin'* traces the origins and planning of Dublin's streetscapes.

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**Dalkey Island Guided Tours** on MP 3 players: these are now in stock for tours to Dalkey Island at €7.95. Ken (The Ferryman) and Dave will have them on the ferry also.

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is currently open every day until 6.00pm (except closed on Tuesdays).

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



### Day Trip to Inishtioge - Friday, 3rd July, 2015.

Once again, Sheila and Joe Quirke organised a day trip for DARA. We had a full itinerary which included something for everyone.

For me, the visit to Jerpoint Abbey was special. Our guide brought alive this ruined 12th century Cistercian Abbey, now declared a National Monument.

An excellent dinner was enjoyed at the Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey. Then, suitably dined and wine, we travelled back to Dalkey. This journey was enhanced by a selection of well-known songs.

Sheila and Joe even organised the weather as witnessed by us eating ice creams in the garden of Woodstock.

Many thanks to this talented couple.

*Valerie Hand, Dalkey*



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## A VERY SPECIAL CELEBRATION



*Mother Fidelia*

The best thing about the return to school after the summer holidays was the half day on the first day back. When the bell rang we dragged ourselves from the school yard into the classroom and clattered into seats beside our friends. But maybe this year would be different. There was a new teacher and the morning flew by as we introduced ourselves to her and she familiarised herself with her new pupils. We went home happy and we were all eager to get into school the next day and each and every day after that!

She had a way of making each subject interesting and simplifying difficult topics. The Outline Geography was ineptly named as we found countries, cities and towns that we never knew existed. History came alive and as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of 1916 we all knew the Proclamation and if we could we would have been willing to help the leaders in the

GPO. We did many of the subjects through Irish in preparation for scholarships and she gave us a real “*grá*” for the Irish language. We did a lot of sewing, knitting and we all learnt how to cook. Music appreciation was also part of the curriculum and many other life skills. We were so lucky to have this inspiring teacher and many of us had her for 4th, 5th and 6th class. She was a woman before her time. She had a great gift for communicating and inspiring the children in her classes. Some of her past pupils came together to celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday 27th June in the school hall at Loreto Primary School. We had a terrific time as some of us had not met in over 40 years!



We would like to thank Ms. Corkery, Principal of LPS and the Board of Management for their generosity in letting us have the hall for this very special occasion. We wish Mother Fidelia many more years of good health and thank her for preparing us for our next step in life and making our schooldays some of the happiest!

*Áine Ní Mhuireasáin  
Deilginis*

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## UPDATE ON DALKEY PEREGRINE FALCONS



It became nationwide news last year when someone tried to poison the peregrines that nested in Dalkey Quarry, using tethered pigeons coated in poison. It was pure chance that a passer-by spotted the unfortunate pigeons which had been hung on a string suspended from the top of the quarry. Thankfully none of the peregrines were harmed and the adults went on to fledge four young. The four chicks had been ringed by a Wildlife Ranger while still in the nest and if it wasn't for the fact they had been ringed and were identifiable we wouldn't know the dismal fate of one of them. One of the four peregrines born in the quarry was found dead in Northern Ireland in May. It had been shot, then its body was thrown into a river along with another dead

peregrine, a horrible fate for such a beautiful creature. A fisherman, having spent a very pleasant day by the Blackskull River in County Down, was on his way back to his car when he spotted the birds, which were probably thrown into the river from a nearby bridge. Luckily the fisherman realised the implications and contacted the PSNI. The birds' remains were being analysed but there's a slim chance of anyone being caught. The Dalkey bird had travelled all the way north (the name peregrine actually comes from the Latin word Peregrinus, a name originally meaning "one from abroad", that is, a foreigner, traveller, or pilgrim. The bird is so named because they can travel huge distances) and possibly had paired up with the bird it was found with, though they wouldn't breed in their first year. The fisherman who was very upset by his find had actually posted photos of the bird's bodies in the water on a blog and they are a very distressing sight. Persecuted for taking racing pigeons, which is totally natural to them, it's shameful to see the fastest creature on earth suffering such a pathetic fate.



*A Peregrine*

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### ENHANCING YOUR LOCALITY

#### Major Improvements made to Approach Roads' Appearance:-

**Castlepark Rd. & Hyde Rd. junction** – A Tidy Towns initiative has transformed the appearance of this junction. With the support of DLRCC your Tidy Towns team cleared seedling sycamores, cut back overgrowth; removed the rather ugly and damaged metal barriers as well as the concrete supports plus some 50 metres of redundant piping left over after the drainage works.

Those approaching Dalkey now see the more welcoming shrub beds bounded by granite sets, and 'Welcome to Dalkey' & 'Fáilte go Deilginis' carved on granite stones (one on each side of the road).



BEFORE



AFTER

**Squareabout' Traffic Islands' Planters** – The positioning of bespoke planters, six in all, fabricated by the Tidy Towns, three planters on each of two islands at the junctions of the 'Squareabout' with Ulverton Rd. and Hyde Rd. have added a more pleasing appearance to this matrix of junctions.

Both of these projects have been largely funded from Dalkey Tidy Towns resources. We would acknowledge, with thanks, the support of the Local Authority in sourcing the granite stones and sets and for the provision of soil and removal of debris. We would also thank Darren Blackmore (landscaper) for his work on the Castlepark Rd. /Hyde Road jct. project. As part of our strategy to make the approach roads more attractive we also 'tidied up' the Barnhill Road & Avenue junction (there is still more to be done here) and put in some additional shrubs in the bed at The Rise/ Barnhill Rd. jct.

In addition to the above projects our team of volunteers have been particularly busy over past six weeks, patrolling three times a week, as well as:

- Weed spraying & removing weeds on 22 roads/streets
- 100 + graffiti tags removed (2,000 + tags have been removed over the past year!)
- Poles & planters painted
- Tended over 15 shrub beds

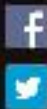
We thank those residents who keep the frontage of their homes in good shape, including the grass verges, and would appeal to all to support our efforts in ensuring Dalkey is well presented.

**Dillon's Park vandalised** – It is most disappointing, particularly after all the improvements we have made to this park over the past year, to report that large graffiti was painted on granite boulders in the Park and along Coliemore Road (where the telescope was also damaged). There were also a lot of broken bottles cans, food containers and plastic packaging left along the shore line.

Volunteers are always welcome.

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*White-tailed eagle*

*Photo: M. Ryan*

We had a week's holiday in early June and had initially thought to go to Donegal, possibly spending some time on an offshore island with the possibility of seeing, or at least hearing, corncrake and cuckoo. There would also be the very remote but possible chance of seeing one of the reintroduced Golden Eagles around Glenveigh although you'd have to be very lucky for that. But the forecast for the north-west wasn't great and we didn't go to Donegal, instead we decided to go the other end of the country and headed south to spend a few days in Glengarriff in West Cork.

In Bantry Bay and a few hundred yards offshore from the town, is Garnish Island and its famous Italianate style garden which I'd always wanted to see so we made that the first venue on our first morning and only had to cross the road outside our hotel to catch the ferry across. There are lots of little islets in the bay and one we were approaching on the ferry held a solitary dead tree. There was a bird perched on that tree which at first glance I presumed was a

cormorant but as we got closer we saw a large crouched body with a huge hooked beak. It was a White-tailed Sea Eagle, one of a pair that had made their way down from Killarney where they'd been introduced after being brought from Norway. The ferry crewman informed us this was the third year the pair had been nesting on Garnish Island. On the two previous years their nest had failed but the current nest contained one chick. The bird on the tree flapped its mighty wings and it was joined in the air by its mate, both of them flying to a group of pines on the edge of Garnish Island. Both birds were now perched near their nest, a formidable structure on the fork of a pine and we could actually see the head of the chick peeping out. We had got to see an eagle after all, three in fact, though sadly some weeks later we heard that the eagle chick hadn't survived, apparently having choked on the feather of a hooded crow its parents were feeding to it. But the nest was in a good position, the area of the island it was situated in wasn't open to the public and the ferrymen and garden staff were able to keep an eye on it so hopefully the pair might succeed in future years.

We were lucky to have arrived in Cork during a particularly lovely spell of weather and the clear blue skies and warm sunshine stayed with us that evening as we drove down the Sheep's Head peninsula. As the peninsula narrowed so did the road and it got steeper till we peaked one very dramatic stretch and came to, literally, the end of the road. We were too late to call into a fantastically situated cafe which looks out on stunning views of two inlets on either side but there was a track going further down the peninsula to the lighthouse which we were all set to head down until we met a local resident who told us it was a good 90 minutes' walk to get to the end. We decided we'd leave that till another time. Before we'd left for our short break I'd mentioned to the editor of this newsletter, Gerard Coakley, where we were going and he'd told me that was where he came from. His family had lived for generations in the very last dwelling house on the Sheep's Head peninsula. If you walked past his old home you'd eventually reach a lighthouse, then the ocean and next stop America. I mentioned Gerard to the chap we'd met who told us he knew him well and showed us the house he'd grown up in. On a balmy summer evening with the sun glinting



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off a flat calm sea it looked idyllic but you could imagine what it would be like in mid-winter with Atlantic waves crashing on the rocks below.

We looked down a dramatic drop to the sea and then we saw a bird calling from a ledge. It was a Chough, our rarest member of the crow family and (though the Jay might argue the point) one of the best dressed, with shiny black plumage and a curved red bill and red legs. Choughs are nearly always found on coastline cliffs. The name chough is supposed to derive from the sound of its call but I always think of their call as more sharp and metallic, almost a 'ping' sound.

There were three other black crows further down the slope and looking through binoculars revealed they were ravens, probably juveniles and as they moved along the cliffs they were causing great distress to a pair of choughs who dive-bombed them from the air, probably fearing for their nest or chicks. Meadow Pipits flitted around the mounds beside the track and one landed close enough to us that we could see it was holding, crammed into its bill, at least 12 tiny caterpillars. It stayed in the same position, evidently having a nest nearby with hungry chicks and not wanting to betray their presence to us so we moved on and left it to its feeding duty. As we returned along the path a little group of choughs had lined up on a ridge, unbothered by our presence and giving us great views of them. This close you could see the black of their feathers was really a glossy iridescent like a magpies'.

A few minutes' walk outside Glengarriff is a nature reserve of 300ha which, after the oak forests of Killarney, is the second most important Sessile Oak woodland in the country. We had a couple of very pleasant walks through it, though a few thousand less midges wouldn't have been any harm. There were areas of old meadow, some holding large solitary oaks as well as areas of dense ancient woodland. Some of the paths ran beside a gently flowing river with large areas of dry shingle exposed beside the water. At places you could nearly jump over the water it was reduced to such a gentle trickle but evidently in winter, when the rain fills the mountain streams, it can turn into a raging torrent as signs warned the car park was prone to flooding and there were even life rings positioned around the reserve. Apparently a cuckoo had been calling in the reserve earlier that day. We didn't hear it but couldn't complain, it was such a lovely serene and magical place. Although only in West Cork a few days we were blessed with lovely weather to see such a beautiful part of the world.



*Meadow Pipit with caterpillars  
crammed into its bill*

*Photo: M. Ryan*

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The season is now well under way for the rowing club and the new boat 'The Coliemore' is doing a great job. Her maiden voyage, (along with the Intermediate ladies) was to Cork for the Ocean to City Race, where the ladies came first in their category.

The regatta season is also going well with a number of medals being brought home.

The Novice Ladies have got off to a flying start. By the end of the 4th Regatta in Bray they had a total of 3 golds and 1 bronze, for which they got 2 cups! The Novice Men raced in 2 regattas and got gold in one and bronze in the other. The Intermediate Ladies have won 2 golds and 1 silver and have received a cup. The under 16 boys also won bronze at St Patrick's' Regatta. Other crews rowing this year include the Mixed and the Junior Ladies and more crews are being formed all the time.

In June the rowing club hosted a fabulous rowing day for the cubs from the 5th Meath Kells Scouts. They all came down to Coliemore Harbour, where they took turns in going for a row. When they weren't rowing they were playing and having a picnic in Dillon's Park or nipping over to the island. It was a great day, which was enjoyed by both the rowing club and the scouts.

We'd like to say a big thanks to all our sponsors this year - the Corner Note Café, BAIT @ The Corner Note Café, Dalkey Taxis, Dominic Dowling Solicitors, The Irish Coastguards and Avolon. Each sponsor has their own crew who wear their logo with pride whilst out training during the week and on their racing tops when racing.

The postponed Dalkey Regatta is coming up on the bank holiday



*Novice Men celebrate*



*Novice Ladies receiving their trophy*

*Photos: Cliona O'Reilly*



*Under 16 boys look on*

weekend, Saturday 1st August. It starts at 11.00 down in Scotsmans Bay. If you're in the area come and cheer on *The Coliemore* and her crews! It's a great day out - particularly if the sun is shining.

As always, Dalkey Rowing Club welcomes new members, and anyone who wants to see if rowing is for them is welcome to come down any night to try it out. We take people from age 12 up. For further information go to Facebook or email [dalkeyrowingclub1@gmail.com](mailto:dalkeyrowingclub1@gmail.com)

***Jenny Dilley – Dalkey***

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*Harold Boys at Bank of Ireland*

### **Graduation 2015**

On Wednesday the 17th of June our 6th class had their graduation ceremony. We had the Mass in our classroom with Father Declan saying the Mass. We started off with a lovely reading from Conor Lagan then a reading from Jack Bridgeman. At the end of the ceremony Luke Thomas, Cillian Dunne, Liam Prior, Jake McCarthy, Diarmuid O'Súilleabháin, Donncha Murphy, Jack Roche, Rory O'Neill, Killian O'Connor, Jack

Layden all read memories of our time in the school. We all enjoyed a very nice evening. Thank you to the Parent's' Association for providing the refreshments afterwards.

*By James Dunne and Oscar Haughton*

**Debate** – On June 17th last our sixth class had a debate against Harold Glasthule. The topic was 'Footballers are not worth the money they make'. Harold Boys' N.S. were against the topic. Although Jack Roche from our school won the best speaker award we lost the debate by a narrow margin. We didn't mind too much as we had won the previous debate against them in May. Thanks to Harold Glasthule for a great competition! *By Eoghan Murphy*

**Bank of Ireland** – On Friday June 19th sixth class went on a tour of Bank of Ireland in College Green. First we went to the House of Lords and got our picture taken there. After that we went to the library. We went to the safe and vaults under the bank. We also had lunch there. It was a lovely day and thank you to Roberta and Ellen for organising it.

*By Seán Claffey*

**Leaving Harold Boys' N.S.** – As our class prepares to leave Harold Boys' N.S., we would like to wish you all a happy summer time and hope that you have enjoyed reading our articles as much as we have enjoyed composing them

*By Sean Claffey and James Dunne*

## 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 Gardaí are very keen that all suspicious activity is reported to them at the local centres which, for Dalkey is **Dun Laoghaire Tel: 01-666 5000**.

**The next Clinics for Dalkey residents will take place on Thursday 6th August from 11am to 12pm and Thursday 20th August from 11am to 12pm in Our Lady's Hall, Castle St., Dalkey.**



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 24-28 8/6/2015 to 10/7/2015

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

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

**Reg. Ref:** D10A/0362/E **Application Rec'd Date:** 11-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Home Again, 1, Tempe Terrace, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for a single storey 33m<sup>2</sup> shed to be located in the rear garden together with associated site works. This is a protected structure. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission

**Reg. Ref:** D15A/0390 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Sean & Giuliana Popplewell, 24 Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the division of the existing site and alterations to the existing dwelling to include demolition of the 2 storey bay to the side and single storey pitched roof extensions to the rear and the construction of a 2 storey pitched roof bay to the front and

part 2 storey pitched roof, part single storey flat roof extension to the rear, re-allocation of dwelling main entrance to the front, minor elevation revisions to the front and side and formation of a new vehicular entrance to Castlepark Road and all ancillary site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0391 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Sean & Giuliana Popplewell, 24 Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of the detached shed to the side of the existing dwelling and construction of a new part 2 storey pitched roof, part single storey 4 bedroom family dwelling and all ancillary site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0230 **Application Rec'd Date:** 17-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Stephen & Lorraine Cullen, 26 Carysfort Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for: A. Construction of new 23 sqm first floor rear extension for 2 no. bedrooms with hipped/pitched roof built over existing single storey rear extension. B. Internal alterations to existing first floor layout. C. New timber clad wrap around overhang/canopy at existing rear sliding doors from kitchen.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0235 **Application Rec'd Date:** 18-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Patrick & Alison Manley, Glenalmond, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for demolition of the single storey extensions to the rear, 2 no. rear chimney stacks, garage to the side and sheds to the side of the existing detached bungalow. Renovation of the existing dwelling, including alterations to the window and door opening on front, side and rear facades. Relocation of the main entrance door. Relocation of the roof lights on the side with new roof lights to the front and new dormer window to the rear.

Construction of a new single storey extension with roof light to the rear. Setting back gate and widening of vehicular entrance off Dalkey Avenue. Associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0415 **Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Warwick & Karen White, 1, Coliemore VIs, Coliemore Rd. Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for conservation and refurbishment works and alterations, consisting of: A. Partial lowering of basement level by 600mm. B. New insulated concrete floor to entire basement level. C. Damp-proofing of walls throughout basement level, including new wall and ceiling plasterwork. D. Removal of existing non-original internal stud walls. E. Formation of new window opening to front elevation at lower ground floor level with new painted timber sliding sash window with profiles and sections to match existing windows. F. Replacement of non-original casement window to front at lower ground floor level with hardwood sliding sash window. G. Alterations to door opening beneath front granite steps and fitting new door with granite step to same. H. Replacement of existing non-original external timber doors at lower ground floor level. I. Removal of existing timber floor to existing balcony to rear at ground floor level and installation of laminated glass floor to balcony. J. Alteration to existing internal door openings at

level. K. Addition of Master en-suite to front at first floor level. L. Forming new structural opening to rear roof plane and construction of new dormer window with glazed balcony. M. Addition of bathroom at second floor level. N. Installation of 4 no. heritage roof lights to front roof plane and 1 no. heritage roof light to rear roof plane. O. Replacement of gutters, downpipes and soil and waste pipes to rear. P. Conservation repair internally to wall and ceiling plasterwork, suspended timber floors, internal joinery and fireplaces. Q. Renewal of mechanical and electrical services, including all new sanitary ware. R. New granite steps, retaining walls and planters to extended Morning Terrace to rear. S. Landscaping to front and rear. T. All associated site works. A protected structure.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0427      **Application Rec'd Date:** 02-Jul-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Jennifer & Laurence O'Brien, 15 Dalkey Grove, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of existing single storey extension to side, removal of main roof and chimney stack. Construction of a two storey extension to the front and rear, new single storey extension to the front, side and rear, a new main roof (higher ridge) with a dormer window and roof lights. Alterations of fenestration to entire dwelling including attic and a new entrance position. New driveway and pedestrian entrance and all associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0252      **Application Rec'd Date:** 30-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** S & Y Vard, 16 Hyde Park, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the construction of a two storey extension to the side with bay windows and pitched roof to match existing, 3 no. roof lights on side and rear roofs and a single storey porch to the front of the house with zinc finish pitched roof.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0260      **Application Rec'd Date:** 2-Jul-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Emmet Chambers, 38 The Village Gate, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for alterations to previously approved planning permission D13B/0317, comprising: A. Changes to the proposed first floor extension to include an additional bathroom and partial conversion of the existing attic with new roof lights, all to the rear. B. Minor elevation changes to the side and rear at ground floor level and all ancillary site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0166      **Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Mar-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Siobhan Smyth, 54A Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for new dwelling house with entrance provided from Southwinds including driveways, landscaping, boundary wall, connections to drainage and services already provided and ancillary works at rear garden. Additional Information: 7-Jul-2015.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0275      **Application Rec'd Date:** 7-Jul-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Johnny & Helen Walker, Ard Na Greine, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for: 1. A single storey ground floor extension to the side of the house with a lean-to roof and 2 no. roof lights. 2. New lean-to single storey roof to extend and replace existing roofs over existing single storey elements to the side of the house. 3. ancillary site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0280      **Application Rec'd Date:** 9-Jul-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Karen Holmes & Gavin Byrne, 31 Corrig Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for demolition of the existing single storey extension and construction of a new single and two storey extension to side and rear. Permission is also sought for new window to front elevation, replacement of existing front door with window and provision of new entrance door and first floor window to existing side elevation.

### **Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of Strategic Infrastructure Development by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council**

#### **New Cruise Berth Facility**

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act as inserted by the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act, 2006 and amended by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2010 and the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011, Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for an eight-year permission for the construction of a new Cruise Berth Facility consisting of both maritime and landside development works including Quay / Pier Structures of approximately 435m overall length, a new deep-water dredge channel and turning circle, associated facilities, and all ancillary site development and landscape works, at St Michael's Pier/Marina Eastern Breakwater, Harbour Road, Dun Laoghaire Harbour, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin.

The proposed development will consist of the following:-

- Suspended Piled Quay/ Pier Structures of approximately 435m in overall length consisting of 120m long x 20m wide quay, 175m long x 9.1m wide access causeway, 140m long x 1.2m wide suspended metal access walkways, with a deck level +6.9m above Chart Datum (+4.39m ODM); ancillary infrastructure including piles, fenders and facing panels, 8no. 3m diameter monopile mooring dolphins, hand railings, feature lighting, 12m high quay lighting masts, emergency access ladders, bin storage area, maritime furniture and associated development;
- Provision of a navigation underpass beneath the proposed access causeway to cater for passage of low headroom vessels;
- Alterations and new piling to a section of the Eastern Breakwater, with new underwater scour protection concrete mattress plus rip-rap system;
- Minor repair of underwater masonry blocks on the West Pier Roundhead (a Protected Structure) and replacement with the parent masonry block retrieved from the sea bed, where practicable;
- Outside of normal cruise season, it is planned that the new berth could be used for a range of harbour and amenity related activities, including berthing of other vessels and boat storage;
- Dredging of an access channel from deep water in Dublin Bay to St Michael's Pier / Marina Eastern Breakwater, including an approximately 500m diameter turning circle situated outside the harbour mouth, an access channel of approximately 1,150m in length outside the harbour walls, and a channel of approximately 850m in length inside the harbour involving the removal of material, to a depth of -10.5m below Chart Datum (-13.01m ODM), total length of approximately 2,500m. The access channel outside the harbour will have a navigable width of approximately 120m. The total dredged volume is approximately 710,000 cubic metres. The proposal also involves the infilling of an existing underwater scour hole within the harbour with approximately 20,000 cubic metres of dredged material;
- A system of new navigation aids placed outside and within the harbour walls;
- An approximately 7m wide shared use pedestrian and private vehicle access zone located adjacent to the existing Marina connecting the Marina Eastern Breakwater to Harbour Road, together with a new approx. 5.2m wide pedestrian boardwalk with tiered seating parallel to this shared area and located between this shared area and the Marina;
- A new approximately 2.4m high boundary treatment along the revised boundary edge with the former HSS Yard area, including provision of gates;
- A new pedestrian footpath along a section of Harbour Road and provision of 3no. new pedestrian crossings;
- A 27 coach and mini-bus drop off/ pick up area and taxi parking area within a dedicated section of the existing HSS ferry marshalling area including a new approximately 6m wide raised pedestrian area;
- Reconfiguration of existing vehicle entrance to the coach parking area on Harbour Road, reconfiguration of existing terminal exit on Harbour Road for two-way traffic and removal of 1no. vehicle exit on Harbour Road;
- Re-configuration of existing pay-and-display car parking off Harbour Road resulting in a net increase of 9no. Pay-and-Display car parking spaces;
- Temporary closure during construction of the public pedestrian walkway to the Eastern Breakwater, with reinstatement on completion;
- A new single storey security kiosk and office building and a new security gate on the Eastern Breakwater; Re-use of the existing motorists' building for cruise meeting point, information centre, passenger welfare facilities and bin storage area;
- Works at Accommodation Road including modifications to an existing retaining wall and kerbing adjoining the car park and provision of a new pedestrian crossing, located adjacent to the Old Quay area, west of the Harbour;
- A coach overflow holding area within Accommodation Walk west of the Harbour;
- Relocation locally on the Eastern Breakwater of an existing monument and relocation locally at the Old Quay car park of an existing plaque;
- Demolition of certain harbour infrastructure including the boundary wall along the HSS Yard boundary, the motorist's administration building, a section of the Porte Cochere canopy structure, railings and gates; removal and replacement of existing pavements; removal / relocation of existing light poles and signage; and tree removal;

- Provision of new buried utilities and services, watermain connection, lighting columns, feature lighting and signage for vehicles and non-motorised users;
  - All ancillary site development and landscape works;
- All of the above on a total site area of c. 55.3 ha.

A separate Waste Licence, Dumping at Sea Licence and Foreshore Licence will be required.

An Environmental Impact Statement and Natura Impact Statement have been prepared and accompany the application.

The application documents including the Environmental Impact Statement and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for a period of 7 weeks commencing on 09 July 2015 at the following locations: The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. The Offices of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Civic Offices, County Hall, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin. The application documents may also be viewed on the following website: [www.dlcruiseplan.ie](http://www.dlcruiseplan.ie)

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (the Board) at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above mentioned period of 7 weeks relating to- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned, (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development if carried out (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on the 27 August 2015 and must include the following information: (i) the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to any correspondence relating to the application should be sent, (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

## PLANNING DECISIONS Wks. 24-28 8/6/2015 to 10/7/2015

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0080/E      **Decision:** Grant Ext. of Duration of Perm.      **Date:** 29-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Stephen O'Dea, 21, Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for change of use from office to residential (original) use at first floor (92sq.m) and ground floor (10sq.m). Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0305      **Decision:** Request Add. Information      **Date:** 29-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Colm & Valerie O'Rourke, The Old Pavillion, Leslie Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the change of use of derelict part 2 storey part single storey building to a family dwelling and permission is sought for a first floor flat roof extension to the rear and side, minor amendments to existing window openings, Velux roof lights, a first floor balcony facing east and the opening up and minor reconfiguration of the existing vehicular entrance to Leslie Avenue and all ancillary site works.

**Reg. Ref.** D15A/0323      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 29-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Sherry Fitzgerald Residential, 23, Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the following development: Formation of a new side shopfront window fronting onto St Patricks Road, alterations to existing shopfront glazing and provision of new signage to the existing fascias. Located in an Architectural Conservation Area.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0162      **Decision:** Grant Perm for Retention      **Date:** 29-Jun-2015

**Applicant:** Name Niall Power

**Location:** Heatherdene, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission for Retention of a single storey store room with mono-pitched roof and ancillary site works to the side of existing two storey house and construction of new 1.8m high front boundary wall and fence. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0165      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 29-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Emer & David Kelly, 41 Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for renovation and extension works to the existing house, to include: 1. Demolition of single storey extension and garden room to the rear. 2. First floor extension to the side (partly



cantilevered) and to the front (over the single storey original garage) of the existing semi-detached house. 3. New garage doors to replace the existing window to the original garage to the front of the house. 4. single storey extension to the rear of the house. 5. 2 no. new side windows to the rear extension to side passage. 6. Attic extension to the existing attic room with 2 no. new velux roof lights (1 no. to the side and 1 no. to the front of the house). 6. Ancillary site works.

**Reg. Ref:** D15B/0169

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 29-Jun-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Des and Lee Fahey, Lisheen, 1, Knock-na-Cree Park, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission to extend existing first floor Ensuite, matching existing roof profile and height (circa 7 metres) over existing ground floor utility room to side.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0176

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 10-Jul-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Brian O'Sullivan, 32 Knock-na-cree Park, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the conversion of the front basement (garden level) double garage to habitable space and the construction of a new enclosed two storey stairwell on the east (side) elevation to connect the basement level to the main house above.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0177

**Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention

**Date:** 7-Jul-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Kevin & Una Halligan, 3 Barnhill Lawn, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for Retention of attic extension providing extra bedroom accommodation and for Retention of new patio doors. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention

## **APPEALS NOTIFIED BY An Bord Pleanála Wks 24-28 8/6/2015 to 10/7/2015**

**Reg Ref:** D14A/0590 **Reg. Date:** 11-Sep-2014 **Location:** Former Tramyard, 15, Castle St., Dalkey.

**Development:** Retention permission for a 3 year period for development as follows: a) extension and change of use of previously approved single storey landscape studio (reg ref D12A/0071) to retail bookshop (8sq.m), b) extension to previously approved single storey coffee shop (reg ref D12A/0071) in 2 areas, including relocation of previous smoking area and incorporation of refurbished Tram as servery area (82sq.m total), c) external seating of 14. no. movable bench seats with associated 4 no. timber planter screens, d) external tarpaulin roof structure for use for future winter weekend market area covering, e) all associated site development and landscaping including timber decking; at the c.01ha site. The application site is located within an Architectural Conservation area and includes the Tram Lines, Gates and Entrance Piers which are Protected Structures (Refs. 1463 & 1471). **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission for Retention.

**Appeal Lodged:** 8-Jun-2015. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission.

**Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

**Reg Ref:** D15B/0089 **Reg. Date:** 25-Mar-'15 **Location:** 12 Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

**Development:** Permission for the demolition of an existing single storey extension to the rear, the construction of new two storey extension with roof terrace to the rear and removal of existing roof with new second storey extension also with roof terrace. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission.

**Appeal Lodged:** 10-Jun-2015. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

**Reg Ref:** D15A/0208 **Reg. Date:** 27-Mar-2015 **Location:** 36 Colliemore Road, Dalkey

**Development:** Permission for demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling, including removal of existing septic tank; construction of new 4 bedroom dwelling of 2 storeys over basement level and store; associated landscaping, site development works and services. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission.

**Appeal Lodged:** 17-Jun-2015. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission

**Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal

## **APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 23-27 2/6/2015 to 3/7/2015**

**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0716 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 5-Jun-2015

**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Location:** Apartments 1 & 4 Queenstown Castle, Colliemore Road, Dalkey.

**Proposed Development:** Permission for the removal of the existing conservatory at lower ground floor level and removal of the existing roof terrace at upper ground floor level, to be replaced by construction of new conservatories at lower ground and upper ground floor levels, all on the eastern elevation. A protected structure. **Applicant:** T Taylor



## DUBLIN BUS UPDATE



*This is the response received from DublinBus in respect of our query regarding proposed changes to their buses serving Dalkey:*

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed network changes in the Dún Laoghaire, Sallynoggin and Loughlinstown areas.

As part of its commitment to engaging with stakeholders Dublin Bus met with local councillors in the Dún Laoghaire & Rathdown area on Mon. 6th July 2015 presenting proposals to revise the current network of services in the South East area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The proposals will improve the public transport network in the area, providing dedicated access to Loughlinstown Hospital, helping combat traffic congestions and increasing service levels to key destinations (e.g. Cherrywood).

Dublin Bus is committed to meeting with customers and interested parties in regard to the proposed changes and will do so prior to finalising the proposals.

Routes under consideration include 7/A/B, 8, 45A, 59, 63, & 111

Regards,

**Emma-Louise Brady**  
Customer Comment Desk, Dublin Bus,  
59 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1

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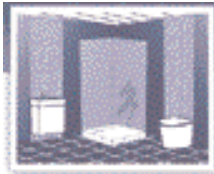
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### Blessing of the Teresa Ball Building at Loreto Dalkey

On Tuesday the 9th of June 2015, we celebrated the official opening and blessing of the Teresa Ball Building at Loreto Primary School, Dalkey. Ana Kennedy and Issey Power, both members of the Student Council, greeted the guests as they arrived and the First Communicants did a guard of honour. The girls looked lovely in their white dresses. Klavdia Wilson did a reading from the Corinthians and Síobhra Hurley, Robyn Kanani, Issey Power, Ana Kennedy, Sineaid Whelan and Siân Foley did bidding prayers. Miss O'Sullivan sang a lovely psalm called A Íosa. After that, the Communicants sang Our Father. Then Sr. Moira McManus spoke to us about Teresa Ball, the Irish foundress of Loreto schools, as she had written a book about her life. We found this very insightful. It was very interesting to hear the story straight from the author.

After the presentation of the gifts to celebrate Teresa Ball's life, Robyn Kanani, Lauren Murray and Miss O'Dea played an instrumental called Logan Water on the cello, harp and violin. Father Declan Gallagher blessed all the crosses from classrooms around the school and sprinkled holy water on the new classrooms. First class sang the Mary Ward Song composed by their teacher, Miss. Sheehan.

After the prayer service, the whole school witnessed the cutting of the ribbon and the unveiling of the plaque by Sr. Denise Harvey, the Chairperson of the Board of Management. We sang our school anthem to celebrate the event. A wonderful day was had by all.

*Rebecca Johnston, 6th Class*

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We plan to bring more expertise in financial management and human resources onto the board. Do you have experience in either of these areas and would you be willing to join us for a once a month evening meeting? To find out more, please contact me:

**Judy O'Mahony,**  
**Chair. Board of**  
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### DALKEY LADIES' CLUB UPDATE

The new Committee is working hard on a wonderful new Programme of Activities for year ahead. The Club will re-open on Thursday, 17th September next. New members are very welcome.

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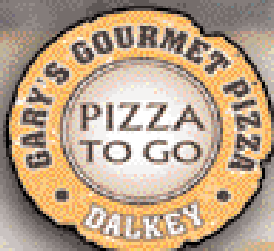
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**Final Say On Cruise Berth** – Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Independent Councillor Victor Boyhan in July called for an oral hearing of a planning application for the €18m major cruise berth terminal that was lodged also that month by Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company to An Bord Pleanála.

As previously reported in the last issue, the controversial development, comprising a 435m jetty would almost occupy the centre of the harbour. Such a development would potentially see even larger cruiseships than Queen Mary 2, for example the ‘*Freedom*’ class of 154,000 tonnes capable of berthing within the harbour instead of cruiseships which have to take anchorage offshore.

A previous public consultation period was held during Easter, however following a formal second planning stage application lodged with An Bord Pleanála in early July a seven-week public consultation began. There is still an opportunity for members of the public to make submissions /observations but only lodged to ABP no later than 5.30pm on 27 August accompanied by a €50 fee.

All documents including Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for the 7 weeks at locations listed:

The Civic Offices of the county hall of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on Marine Road and the Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

For details on all documents of planning application to An Bord Pleanála visit [www.dlcruiseplan.ie](http://www.dlcruiseplan.ie)

**Dublin Bay ‘UNESCO’ Biosphere** – In June it was announced that Dublin Bay had been designated as a UNESCO biosphere reserve. The welcome development sees the biosphere status expanded from Bull Island to cover the entire 300sq km of Dublin Bay, the capital and county and inclusive of Dalkey and island, all in which become the only such reserve in the world encompassing a major urban area.

Coinciding with the designation is the newly formed Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership, which seeks to promote greater “balance between people and nature” and future sustainability in an area that’s home to many protected species of marine wildlife.

**Water Wag Dalkey Island Regatta** – On Sunday 28 June, the world’s oldest one design dinghy class, the *Water Wag*, welcomed the introduction of its newest fleetmember, *Water Wag* No.46, at the Royal Irish Yacht Club. The honour of naming this newest addition to the fleet went to Carmel Winkelmann, doyen of the Dublin Bay Sailing Club, who launched the boat ‘*Mademoiselle*’ at the yacht club along the Dun Laoghaire Harbour waterfront. Her proud owners are Doug Smith and Carmel’s son Adam.

Following the naming ceremony that involved a customary champagne launch, *Mademoiselle* led the Wags on the annual picnic race to Dalkey Island and back, a tradition which dates to 1887. On the end of an ebb tide, the Wags made for exciting race down to the Island with *Mademoiselle* leading most of the



*Water Wags at close quarters*





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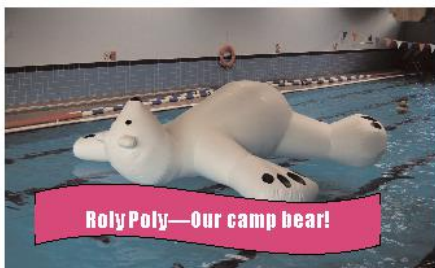
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way but overtaken by *Mollie* into Dalkey sound with David McFarland in third.

Having enjoyed the island picnic, the race class of 9 *Water Wags* boats wish to thank 'Thyme Out' and the Bretzel Bakery for sponsoring a fabulous lunch on Dalkey Island.

On the return home, it was No 1, *Ethna* sailed by Bill Nolan and Niamh Hooper that led out of Dalkey sound. As for *Moosmie* she had to go back as she was over the line but came steaming up the inside to take the win with *Ethna* 2nd and *Mollie* 3rd so taking the overall win!

The new 12-foot clinker *Mademoiselle* dinghy was built in France at Skol Ar Mor, in the south of Brittany. She follows a long historical heritage as the *Water Wag* was devised in 1886 and in the following year became formalised as a one design class in Ireland. The design (last modified in 1900) is still sailed to this day on Dublin Bay and is one of the most popular dinghies sailed on the capital's waters recording some notable turnouts of late.



*Water Wags*



*The above piece is a version originally published online courtesy of [www.afloat.ie](http://www.afloat.ie). Also special thanks to Cathy Mac Aleavey and photographers Owen McNally and Rory Westrup.*

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### Services for August 2015

**Sundays:** 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

**Midweek Services:** Thursdays at 10.30 am.

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

**Summer in Holy Trinity:** As part of the DLR Summer of Heritage 2015 Program the Church is open daily (Monday to Saturday 2-4pm) for 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.

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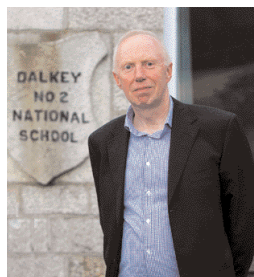
### Sunday Services for August 2015

2nd August	10.15a.m. Morning Prayer.
9th August	9.00a.m. Eucharist & 10.15a.m. Morning Prayer.
16th August	9.00a.m. Eucharist & 10.15a.m. Eucharist.
23rd August	9.00a.m. Eucharist & 10.15a.m. Morning Prayer.
30th August	9.00a.m. Eucharist & 10.15a.m. Eucharist.

(Please note that there is no mid-week Eucharist during July & August.)

**New Parish Logo**– As you will see at the top of this page we have a new Parish Logo! It is deep with meaning, from the waves of the sea representing creation, the open book representing God's Word, and also the people of God gathered around the church tower.

**Retirement of Philip Salter as School Principal** – St Patrick's turned out in numbers to say farewell to Philip Salter and to thank him for his 14 year's service as Principal. Each of the school organisations had their own way of saying thanks to Philip. The Board of Management together with the Select Vestry and invited guests held a reception in Killiney Golf Club. This event was proceeded with a round of golf for which Philip demonstrated his skills and love of this game. Undoubtedly he will enjoy improving his handicap even further in his retirement. Following the End of Year Concert in St. Patrick's Church, the PTA held, what can only be described as a big party, in the Rectory garden. While Philip may be retiring from St. Patrick's at a relatively young age, we know he is moving to a new chapter in his life and we all wish him every happiness and success in whatever he decides to do in the future.



**New Teacher for Junior & Senior Infants** – We are pleased to announce the appointment Ms Rebecca Waugh to teach Junior and Senior Infants from September. Ms Waugh was born and bred in Bunclody, Co Wexford before moving to Co. Wicklow with her family. She attended Wesley College and after secondary school completed a degree in Banking and Finance in UCD. After working in the financial sector for four years she entered the Church of Ireland College of Education.

**Independence Day Concert** – There was another Independence Day Concert in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 4th July at 8pm. by Los Robles Master Chorale from Southern California. The programme included Tallis, Byrd, Tavener, Purcell, Stanford, Folk songs and American Spirituals. This concert was in aid of the Children's Unit of the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dun Laoghaire and the Parish Restoration Fund.

**Upcoming events for August** – The August Wednesday Club Parish Outing takes place on Saturday 15th August to Collins Barracks and Phoenix Park Visitor Centre. Both venues include attractions for children and adults alike, so bring the whole family. We meet in St. Patrick's Church at 10am and travel together in cars. Please contact Becky Jungmann (086 845 5443) for further details.

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## AUGUST HISTORY LECTURES



**Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council** has published details of its '*Summer of Heritage 2015*' programme of free guided tours which take place until September 6th. Copies available from Dalkey Library, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown library branches, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Dun Laoghaire Tourist Information Office or downloaded from - [www.dltrevents.ie](http://www.dltrevents.ie).

**South Dublin County Council** has published details of its 'History and Heritage 2015' programme of free guided tours and lectures events which take place until the end of September 2015. Copies available from South Dublin County Council library branches or downloaded from - [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie).

**National Heritage Week** takes place this year from Saturday August 22nd to Sunday August 30th. Copies of the national programme will be available from public libraries and tourist information offices.

**Rathmichael Historical Society Summer Lecture Series** – Nightly at 8 p.m. in Rathmichael N.S., Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill. Admission per lecture €4. The theme this year is '*What Have History and Archaeology Ever Done for Us?*' Further information from 01-2853960.

**Mon. August 17th** – '*History: has it become a funeral parade of yawning facts?*' - Ciaran Brady, Professor of History, TCD.

**Tues. August 18th** – '*Archaeology: is it useful?*' - Franc Myles, consultant archaeologist.

**Wed. August 19th** – The Leo Swan Memorial Lecture - '*History, archaeology and the past: what Donegal has taught me*' - Brian Lacey, early medieval archaeologist / historian.

**Thurs. August 20th** – '*Experimental archaeology: science, art or Disneyland?*' - Aidan O'Sullivan, Professor of Archaeology, UCD.

**Fri. August 21st** – The Rathmichael Summer School / History Ireland / Archaeology Ireland Hedge School- '*History versus archaeology: is it like Neanderthal versus Homo sapiens?*' Tommy Graham, Editor of History Ireland magazine, with Franc Myles, Tom Condit, Séan Duffy and Robert Chapple, will discuss the proposition that '*The difference between History and Archaeology is the difference between Neanderthal and Homo sapiens*'. The latter is more technically advanced, and the former, although casually misunderstood, nevertheless boasts a bigger brain. Yet it is hard to imagine one without the other. (Bethany Dean, an archaeology undergraduate at the University of Winchester)

**Sat. August 22nd - 11.30am to 12.15pm** – **Bray Cualann Historical Society** Talk: '*The Week That Was in Bray; August 22nd to August 30th 1915*' - James Scannell. Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome - free admission.

**Mon. August 24th - 7pm to 8.30pm** '*First World One Trail*'. Walk, led Brian White. Assemble at Christ Church, Church of Ireland, Church Road, Bray. All welcome. Admission free.

**Wed. August 26th - 10.30am to 11.30am** Guided Tour of the Church & Crypt of St. James' Church, Crinken, led by Brian White. Meet at St. James' Church of Ireland, Bray Road, Shankill. All welcome - admission free.

**Wed. August 26th - 6.45pm to 7.30pm** Talk: '*The Week That Was in Co. Wicklow: August 22nd to August 30th 1915*', James Scannell. Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray. All welcome - admission free.

**Thurs. August 27th - 7pm to 8.30pm and Sat. August 29th - 2.30pm to 3.30pm.** Guided Tour of Bray Seafront led by Brian White. Meet at the Boat House at the southern end of the Seafront. All welcome - admission free.

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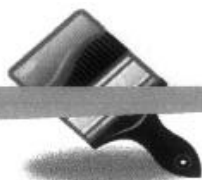


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**Cost:** Free

**Outdoor Movies in the Park – Date:** Sat. & Sun August 8th/9th, **Location:** Marlay Park **Time:** 3pm, 5pm and 8pm each day. **Cost:** Free.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE Visit [www.dlrevents.ie](http://www.dlrevents.ie) for further information.

**Exploring Nature – dlr Biodiversity Events – Date:** Saturday 8th August **Location:** Dun Laoghaire Intertidal Ecology **Time:** 11am-.3:00pm. Meet at the sailing boat sculpture beside the Dart Station in Dún Laoghaire. The Shoreline in Dún Laoghaire is a combination of rocky shore, sandy beach and harbour, which all have their own assemblage of inhabitants. There's a nice selection of seaweeds, molluscs, crustaceans, polychaetes and birds, so lots to see! This is an easy walk but bringing raingear and wellies is advisable.

**Leader:** Laila Higgins **Booking:** Contact Laila Higgins on 086 3284279 or email [laila.higgins@gmail.com](mailto:laila.higgins@gmail.com)

**War of the Beach Sculptures – Date:** Sunday 16th August, **Time:** 11am-12.30pm. **Location:** Killiney Beach. Meet in the main car park off station road. Come along and join a team before setting off along the beach in search of unusual items to make a beach sculpture/monster. Legs, arms, webbing, the imagination can go wild. The winning team wins the bragging rights (and sweets) for being the best beach sculpture team of 2015. A fun event on the beach for the whole family. **Leader:** Andrew Fleming (Mouse), OWLS.

**Booking required:** Contact Andrew on 087 3299936

**Teddy Bears Picnic – Date:** Tuesday 25th August, **Time:** 11am-12.30pm. **Location:** Cabinteely Park. Meet in the main car park. Bring along your favourite teddy and join the owl leaders as they take a stroll through the wood before sitting down for a picnic and a story. **Leader:** Andrew Fleming (Mouse), OWLS. **Booking required:** Contact Andrew on 087 3299936

**Marley Park Bat Walk Date:** Friday 28th August, **Time:** 8.15pm. Marley Park. Meet in the main car park (off Grange Road). Ireland is home to nine species of bat, an important mammal that consumes large quantities of insects each night. They are nocturnal hunters, and while not blind, they rely on high-pitch ultrasonic noises to fly around in the dark. Join bat conservation Ireland on a bat walk and enter the mysterious world of bats.

**Leader:** Tina Aughney. **Booking** required: Contact [dublinbatgroup@gmail.com](mailto:dublinbatgroup@gmail.com) and [info@batconservationireland.org](mailto:info@batconservationireland.org)

**The Birds of Cabinteely Park Date:** Sunday 30th August, **Time:** 10am-12pm. **Location:** Cabinteely Park. Meet in the main car park. Join us on a stroll around Cabinteely Park observing the different bird species. Experts will be on hand to regale you with numerous interesting facts. **Leader:** Members of BirdWatch Ireland, South Dublin Branch. No booking required.

**Dun Laoghaire Intertidal Ecology – Date:** Sunday 30th August **Time:** 5pm-7.30pm. **Location:** Dún Laoghaire. Meet at the sailing boat sculpture beside the Dart Station in Dún Laoghaire. The Shoreline in Dún Laoghaire is a combination of rocky shore, sandy beach and harbour, which all have their own assemblage of inhabitants. There's a nice selection of



seaweeds, molluscs, crustaceans, polychaetes and birds, so lots to see! This is an easy walk but bringing raingear and wellies is advisable. **Leader:** Laila Higgins. Booking required. Contact Laila Higgins on 086 3284279 or [laila.higgins@gmail.com](mailto:laila.higgins@gmail.com). Many events require pre-booking so please contact the event leader where stated. For enquiries please call Dean Eaton (Asst. Environmental Awareness officer) 01 204 7900 email [deaton@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:deaton@dlrcoco.ie) Individuals and families are welcome. Please dress appropriately for outdoor activities and the weather on the day. Events have been organised by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in association with a variety of charities, clubs and individuals whose primary interest is natural history and nature conservation. All events will be led by experienced naturalists from these organisations.



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### God's Miracles: "Falling in Love with Orchids"

Just what is so intriguing about orchids', I ask myself? To me, they are the most erotic, exotic and fascinating of all species in the entire plant kingdom. With their magnificent, majestic blooms, they are the singers, dancers and entertainers of the indoor plant world. Collectors pay small fortunes for rare species, people have (quite literally) killed for them and they've been the inspiration for many blockbuster films - amongst them, the wonderful 'Adaptation' with Nicolas Cage and Meryl Streep, in which Orchids are referred to as 'God's Miracles' - Superstars in pursuit of unembarrassed passion but put under the spell of an Orchid. Here in Ireland, the Phalaenopsis has to be the superstar of Orchids, but don't believe the very common misconception; it's no prima-donna and demands no extra special attention. Back in 2007, when I started a plant shop in the Habitat Furniture Store, I called the shop Ed-Orchid, because I wanted people to share the fascination... with the 'Ed' stemming from Education. Even today, I am still mesmerised by their ability to adapt and survive where others would perish.

A charming example of this 'adaptation' happened recently in a well-known Dublin Supervalu shop, to whom we supply and deliver flowers and plants, and it happened quite by accident! An Orchid had fallen down behind the shelving unit and wedged itself upside down between the shelves and wall, but crucially, right beside the large outer shop window - giving it just enough adequate light to survive. Its days would have been numbered if it were a Begonia or a Hyacinth! But just like Nicolas Cage (who, despite wilting occasionally on our screens, keeps re-flowering in some other guise) our superstar Orchid re-adjusted to its new 'gravity challenged' circumstances. Its leaves and flowers continued to grow, albeit upside down and the whole scene was highly amusing when it was discovered some time later by the cleaners. Don't think for a moment that the shop isn't cleaned regularly; on the contrary it's spotless! But the plant shelving unit is isolated at the shop entrance and a freak accident allowed for a little bit of magic in nature here! In the 'natural world' genuine adaptation takes time, the kind that would test the patience of a real saint! However, to love our Orchids and bring them back into flower we must have patience. Possibly up to 12 months of it too, if the flowering stem has died back. Don't move it around thinking it will flower quicker or better on this window or on that stand and avoid the want to overwater. Bright filtered light is needed here in Ireland, so any bright window with a net curtain is an ideal spot. Chosen for its beauty, quality and adaptability, 'God's miracle' is sure to be the star of the show in your window!

**Pat Keville, Plant Store, Dalkey**  
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## POSTCARD FROM FINLAND



This year's summer here has already been noted as the coolest and wettest in 100 years, since records began. But it hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of the large numbers of tourists to Helsinki at least, many of whom arrive for a one-day stop-over via the fleet of cruise liners that are in and out both of the West and market harbours that mark the city out as a major port of call.

In fact, the parade of ships never fails to fascinate, with the liners coming and going at regular times, often criss-crossing the harbours literally with the daily ferries that ply their trade between Helsinki and Tallinn and Helsinki and Stockholm.



I am told these behemoths of the sea are governed by on-board computers and digital navigational systems which judge to the *n*th degree the width and depth required to navigate the narrow channels between the skerries (rocky outcrops) that dot the shoreline of the Gulf of Finland and beyond.

There seems, moreover, to be a strict etiquette or sequence to letting go the myriad hawsers that tie up these ships to the quayside; each vessel requires between 6-8 extremely large ropes at the bow and again, at the stern. It is quite interesting to arrive at the quayside in time to watch the "ceremony" of casting off these ropes, usually watched by a crew member standing on a small, fin-like platform which opens up from the side of the ship close to where the hawsers are stowed.

Most fun of all, a nostalgic memory of earlier times in Dun Laoghaire's chequered maritime history, is the sonorous toot-toot of the ship's horn as she moves away from the quay. Recently, a Disney Company cruise ship, appropriately decorated along her sides with cartoon characters, left the port of Helsinki to the tune of "When you wish upon a star..." blasting away on her horn! Neighbouring small craft did not seem fazed....

All of which leads me to believe that there could be a mutually beneficial future for Dun Laoghaire and its hinterland from encouraging such cruise ships to avail of its harbour as a port-of-call and refuge. For too long, the commercial value of the harbour has been neglected- and left to the yacht clubs to monopolise this amenity. As the Helsinki example clearly demonstrates for me, these ships bring people and prosperity; they take away hopefully happy memories and spread the word of Dun Laoghaire, Dublin and Ireland as a tourist destination. And such visits bring a bit of colour and excitement during the all too brief summer months. Local authorities estimate E38 million earned by Helsinki from cruise ship visits last year.

This is my final postcard as we will be returning to Dalkey shortly and, I hope, to an active life there again.

*The Author is a Dalkey-man based in Helsinki for work purposes*



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An Taisce Booterstown Nature Reserve -Bird and Ecology talks & walks

start @3pm. Meet at the viewing area opposite Trimleston Avenue

Sun 23 Aug

Sorting of September Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)

**Thurs 27 Aug**

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Karate sessions & Boxing/Conditioning** Classes are breaking for the summer but will be resuming in the autumn.

**Dalkey Players:** After another terrific 2014/2015 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 there will be a production Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" in the autumn.

**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:** on summer holidays but will resume in autumn.

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

**Baby & Toddler Group.** All pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome on Tuesdays from 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., Dun Laoghaire. €2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608

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## Oh! How Television has changed over the years . . . . .

*In a recent press article Comm Reg announced that it may make frequency changes to the Saorview Network. If the changes are implemented all Saorview television sets and Saorview set-top receivers will need to be re-tuned yet again, and in some (rare) cases the roof top aerial may also need to be changed. The proposed change to the (Saorview) network is to benefit mobile phone operators, as it frees up frequencies otherwise used for Television (saving the mobile operators millions of Euros). It's anybody's guess as to which way the decision will go.*

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