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Mí na Nollaig agus Eanáir

December: From 'decem' which meant ten - the tenth month of the old Roman year. **Flower:** Holly & Narcissus

January: From the Roman god Janus who had two faces - to look both backwards into the old year and forwards into the new one at the same time.

Flower: Carnation & Snowdrop

SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER

- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Crib with Real Animals
- Carol Singing

Santa's Arrival
in Dalkey Church
Car Park - 4.30pm



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN DALKEY, 1942

The lady on the left is Bernadette Cullen. The lady on the right is unknown but we would love to know who she is.

Note the advertising banner in the window.



No television or internet advertising in those days! This shop was located where Dalkey Credit Union and O'Brien's Wines are now located. Photo: Courtesy Éilís Cullen

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SUMMARY OF DCC NOVEMBER MEETING



Summary of the DCC Monthly Meeting held on Monday 5th November in OLH. DCC held a short meeting and progressed through the various reports from the different groups. At 8pm Supt. Fitzgerald, accompanied by Insp. Condon, Sgt. Paul Roche and the two Community Gardai Marie Barry and Cathy Burke came to address the meeting on the policing plans and strategies for the area. They stated that it is very important to secure property to prevent theft. Supt. Fitzgerald also informed us that it is intended to set up a Garda Clinic in the town and details of this will be advertised nearer the time of its inception. The Gardai with the co-operation of the DBG will set up a Business Watch in the town. Finally it is important to report anything suspicious or out of the ordinary. **Tel: 666 5000.**

DCC thank Supt. Fitzgerald and his colleagues for participating in the meeting and look forward to further co-operation between DCC and the Gardai.

The next meeting is Monday 3rd December 2012.



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On Dec 1st a magnificent 6000 Sq foot Santa's Arctic Kingdom will open in Dún Laoghaire Shopping Centre.

Santa departs for a special trip by Harley Davidson at the Harbour Plaza to arrive for the official launch of Christmas at 5.15pm.

The Ice Slide

A magnificent 60-metre ice slide has been specially shipped in for an unforgettable experience for adults and children alike in Dún Laoghaire Harbour Plaza. Surrounded by hot chocolate and crepe stalls, the spectacle will be lit up from top to



bottom and will be surrounded by an amazing inflatable village, complete carousel and children's entertainment.

Live Ice Sculpture Carving – Dec 8th

Join the excitement outside IMC Cinemas on Dec 8th from 1 - 6pm when spectators will gather to watch the live carving (by chainsaw!) of a block of ice into a magnificent Ice sculpture. The mesmerizing spectacle will be an unforgettable experience for people of all ages.

Daring Ice Slide Ski performances – Dec 16th

Prepare for a fabulous family day out from 1pm on Dec 16th when the Ski Club of Ireland will give a series of exhilarating performances on the Ice Slide. Mini skiers will open the show and experts of all ages will perform daring tricks to delight spectators in advance of a fantastic fireworks display at 5pm.

Courtesy of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Co, www.dlrevents.ie



BRINGING HOME A GIFT



In October, Christmas is not usually on your mind. A few advertisements had sneaked into the T.V ad breaks but generally people dismissed them as “too early” and they made no lasting impression.

During those October days I was in a supermarket near where I live. As I walked up and down the aisles and I can't remember now if I was looking for anything in particular, I came to the canned food aisle. There it was on a shelf - steak & kidney pie in its familiar circular tin. I picked it up and I was immediately '*ar bhóithrín na smaointe*'.



In the early 80's this tiny dish, minus the lid, became the centre of pre-Christmas art & craft in the school. Who thought of the idea or who brought the idea into the school I have no idea. It remained a popular “must have” item for the Christmas season for a few years.

About mid-November the steak & kidney pie became part of the diet for each school-going boy in Harold Boys'! The now empty dish became the basic ingredient for creating the decorative masterpiece that would eventually materialise. Also required were small pine cones, a few holly leaves, one or two seashells and a red candle. Michael Kelly in Kelly's Hardware was the supplier of the final ingredient - hardwall, we called it our quick-drying cement, which was cheap and came in a large bag.

As the pre-Christmas weeks went by, the class, during art and crafts class, usually Friday afternoon, used powder paint to brighten and decorate the seashells and pine cones. The holly leaves were covered with a clear varnish which not only gave them an extra glossy green appearance but would prolong their freshness in the finished creation. Day by day each boy in the class eventually had the empty steak & kidney dish and painted the circumference red, as Christmas dictates. Everything was now ready for the final step.

Each boy knew and was 'warned' that when water was added to the cement it would set within minutes. Usually three cupfuls of the cement were put into each dish which gave a depth of half an inch or so as it was spread evenly over the bottom of the dish. I then poured a cupful of water into the cement which were mixed together with a pencil. As it began to harden, the shells, cones and leaves were put sitting artistically on the surface and then finally the candle was put standing in the now practically hard cement with the advice “keep a hold on the candle until it stands independently”.

Coming back into class the following Monday, each boy looked at what he had made and knew that he had a Christmas gift for his family.

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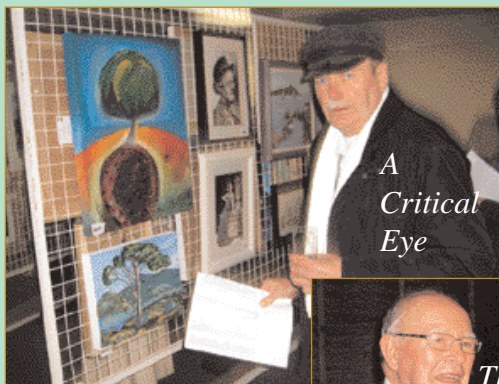
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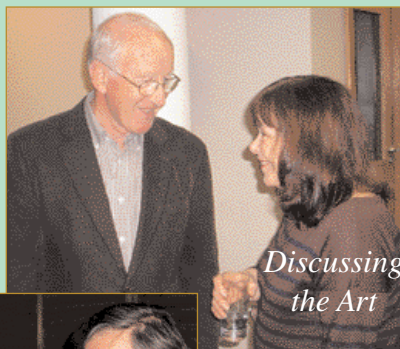
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with her
work*



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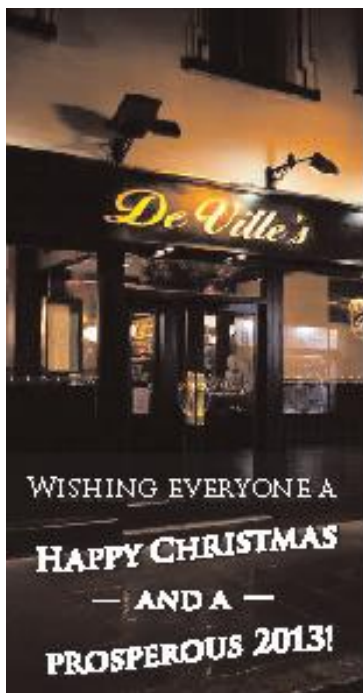
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After all the summer activity and excitement at winning prizes and awards, October was back to business as we devoted our attention to some 'out-of-town' projects. Two - right-of-ways at Torca and Knocknacree were so overgrown that in parts were impassable. Both were tackled by our team and a huge amount of overgrowth was cut down and removed by tractor. Both are now in a much improved state and many favourable comments have been received, especially by those who use these right-of-ways for regular walks. The Cats Ladder also got an Autumn clean-up, another popular spot for walkers. Other locations have been identified for 'make-overs' and will be tackled over the winter months.

The highlight of the month was the reception held by Margaret Dunne in the Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre to celebrate our success. We had a lovely evening with canapés sponsored by Killiney Castle, wine by On the Grapevine and a delicious cake from Country Bake. Atmospheric music was provided by Mal O'Brien and Lucy Stapleton. It was a great opportunity to thank all our supporters and helpers and keep people up to date with what we do. Many local dignitaries attend too, including TDs and Councillors. We would like to thank Margaret for her generosity.

Some of our members attended an interesting seminar on the theme of Waste Minimisation a subject in which we need to develop more expertise. S.M.I.L.E (Saving Money through Industry Links and Exchanges) is a scheme set up in Cork which provides a forum for business to exchange unwanted items, avoiding purchase costs for the receiver and removal costs for the donor, as well as reducing the amount of goods sent to landfill and providing a networking framework for business. It is a free service identified through networking events, an online exchange facility: www.smile.ie and a support team to assist. It has been endorsed by Dun Laoghaire County Enterprise Board.

Below is an example of one SMILE in action:

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TORCA RIGHT OF WAY



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You will hear more of this.....

Otherwise our **WEEKLY CLEAN-UPS** have moved to their winter schedule...

**First Tuesday and Third Saturday at Writer's Corner and
Second Saturday at Dillon's Park. Start 10.30 a.m.**

Blaithín O'Brien



LORETO DALKEY VISIT LEINSTER HOUSE



On the third of October 2012, Sixth Class were invited by the Ceann Comhairle to Leinster House. We took the DART to Pearse Street and walked from there to Leinster house. We met Seán Barrett's assistant called Gabrielle. She and another person escorted us into the viewing room above the Dáil. It looked so much bigger than on the television.

The TDs were firing questions at Ruairí Quinn about how he had given money to a hospital in his district. The Ceann Comhairle tried to keep the peace. We recognised Seán Barrett, Gerry Adams and Mary Mitchell O'Connor. We were given a guided tour of the gallery which held the portraits of all the former TDs, three of which are still alive.

After our visit to the Dáil, we were escorted to the Seanad. It was not as big or as interesting as the Dáil. The room had two fire places and three chandeliers. The members of the Seanad were talking about how to address the matter of suicide. There was no conclusion to the discussion.

Leinster House was originally built by James Fitzgerald for his family of nineteen children. There have been many extensions since then. We saw a copy of the Irish Proclamation. We were each given a copy of it before we left. In the entrance we saw portraits of Collins, Cosgrave and Griffith who supported the Treaty, and De Valera and Cathal Brugha who opposed it.



We certainly learned a lot from our visit to Leinster House and have a better understanding of how the Dáil works.

Caitriona Hosford





The warmest of our Seasons Greetings to everyone,Happy 'Seasonal Synergy' - by the end of this month, our days will again be lengthening as the sun rises in the sky, then our new garden season will be under way. December is our month of least growth as our soil temperatures fall below 6° Celsius. Mid winter is a time of transition, the tail end of one year and the first awakening of the next. Do you not think, just a few winter flowering plants, trees with interesting bark and berries, can make all the difference. Our winter offers its own special charms, one of which is the tracery of branches on deciduous trees. Some of our trees have an upright growth habit, while many are rounded and some have a weeping habit. Is it not a beautiful sight to see our skies behind our trees, here in Dalkey, being lit with morning or evening light as likewise, it can be, to witness a stormy sky too? Think, winter emphasises the unique naked beauty of the Himalayan Birch, *Betula Lillis Var*, then *Jacquemontii* with its dazzling white peeling bark and then again, its delicate tracery of leafless branches. So maybe it's time to pause and somewhat forget about our lush foliage and flowers and think, instead of structural plants, striking silhouettes and frosted coated beauty. Did you know that bitter cold weather can often intensify our plant colours, especially, some dogwoods, cornus, begonias, dark plumy tints of witch hazel, hamamelis ruby glow, etc. Perennial flowers can produce combinations of stunning beauty in winter, simply by means of their withered flower stems and foliage. Then a sparkle of frost or a sifting of snow can make it magical. However, hung-over roses, bedraggled grasses and piles of leaves, especially of fruit trees and roses can harbour troublesome diseases, though I have a friend who is happy to have the leaves of her hornbeam stacked up at the base of her shrubs. Then, again, just when it seems that everything in our gardens is winding down for this winter sleep, all our varied magnificent hellebores are waking up and their tight scrolls of new foliage unfurling, revealing handsome dark green shiny leaves with sometimes, the most conspicuously veined coloured flowers. At this time of the year, the less obvious is given a chance to reveal itself. Although growth has scaled back and the grip of winter has become tight in our greenhouses, there is still plenty of life under cover. Yes, there is a lot going. Seasonal plants, such as chrysanthemums, hyacinths, cyclamens, all, are coming into their own. Our gardens too, never truly go dormant; bulbs are pushing their noses even nearer the surface. Our trees and shrubs are making new roots in moist soil and our earthworms are making compost from our leaf "litter".

With some passionate gardeners their hearts know what they want and their feet will bring them there!

MIGHT DO, MAYBE DECEMBER JOBS

1. Around now, best to clean glass in greenhouse and clear away old plants in order to prepare for the oncoming new season.



*Betula Utilis var.
Jacquemontii*



*The Dunganstown holly, Ilex x altaclarensis
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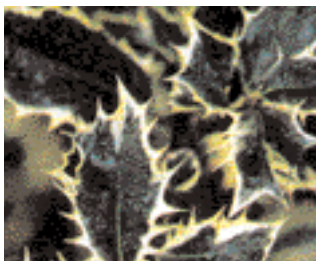
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2. Perhaps, collect colourful stems and berries, for your Christmas decorations.
3. This is an excellent time to plant ground cover plants because they will have a chance to get established before spring.
4. More than two hundred kinds of mosses and lichens grow in Ireland and many of these are familiar in gardens and not always welcome. Annual treatment, (of your desirable choice) is necessary to keep it under control.
5. Check your petals of house plants such as cyclamen, for the early stages of botrytis, remove affected flowers. Similarly, remove any leaves in greenhouse affected by grey mould.
6. It's a really good idea, to keep your house plants in brighter places in winter as light levels fall.
7. Much better to keep containerised bay trees out of cold winds, they love to feel sheltered.
8. Ensure, if you are buying a poinsettia for a friend this Christmas, that it is well wrapped before leaving the shop.
9. Something makes me, at this time of the year, use tepid, slightly warm water to water all our indoor plants.
10. Those little sachets of liquid food that come attached to our bunches of bought flowers, can be useful in summer to feed garden plants, and in spring to feed our indoor plants.



*Seasonal Mistletoe
Parasitic*

Mistletoe is a semi-parasite plant that grows on apple trees hawthorn and poplars. Though in other countries, it can grow on lime and oak trees



11. At this time of year - good artificial flowers can come into their own. Alas, they can get dusty and lose their 'realness'. I sponged down a few of my unusual ones yesterday, then put them in the

airing press overnight. Finally starched them with robin spray starch this morning, mixed a few 'new ones' in with them and some fresh ferns.

*L-R: Christmas Wreath
and Holly*

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DBG Chair Kathy Irwin made a presentation of a 2006 signed first edition hard copy of Seamus Heaney's '*District and Circle*' collection of poems to David and Sian McWilliams in recognition of all their hard work and efforts with the highly successful DBF 2012. David expressed their appreciation and thanked the DBG for their cooperation and focus on an annual basis. They are planning a great line up for next year as the festival continues to grow from strength to strength.

Many thanks to local travel writer Andrew Birbeck for his article on Dalkey in German wings magazine and we wish him continued success with his website and work. The article was mentioned and shown in last month's DCC Newsletter and apologies from DBG for not crediting Andrew for his work here.

New website development. A huge amount of work has been done since the last meeting by DBG Treasurer Margaret Dunne, most importantly the securing of funding from Failte Ireland to rebuild the ilovedalkey website. The brief is to build a platform to attract more visitors to Dalkey and to provide information on local attractions. The funding was secured on the back of the Dublin City Plus initiative which is looking at how Failte Ireland markets the Dublin Bay and Mountains area to overseas tourists. The ilovedalkey website will become a marketing resource as part of this plan to increase footfall into Dalkey. This is a pilot project. Failte Ireland have identified two key target markets: the '*social energisers*' and the '*culturally curious*' and we are in the process of developing itineraries to attract and keep them in the area.

DBG once more has contributed local business volunteers to assist with the December 2nd celebrations of Santa in Dalkey. We would like to thank in particular DCC, DBG/Dalkey Parish Council Secretary, Caitriona Fogarty, DBG PRO Oliver McCabe, Clem Keaveney, Fastway Couriers and Richard Cullen of the The Real Jelly Bean Company. Also many thanks to all the local children and parents of Dalkey's local schools who made the Christmas Carol Concert such a success.

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**Catriona Fogarty
and Oliver McCabe**



*Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney, Sian Smyth, Dalkey Book Festival, and
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Women's skiff training in Dalkey

NOTE: DALKEY ISLAND 'PROSPECT'

Because of contributor copy deadlines, it has not been possible in this article to comment on the Dublin Bay Concern meeting arranged for 13th November in Killiney Castle Hotel and Save Our Seafront's protest march scheduled for 21st November at Dáil Éireann.

DALKEY ROWING CLUB are making strenuous efforts to revive the club by boosting interest in East Coast 'skiff' rowing, a traditional and very worthwhile activity. During a Halloween Fancy Dress event held in The Club Bar, more than €600 was raised.

Further social fundraisers are to promote our 'coastal' community's participation in rowing skills which have been part of local heritage since the club was formed more than 80 years ago in 1931.

Among the clubs' founding families that go back through the generations were Tommy Foran, Sean 'Gunger' Hammond and Thomas Cunningham, a grandfather of Gerard Cunningham, current Chairman of the Dalkey Rowing Club and of the East Coast Rowing Council.

To assist increasing club members Ian Hall has been appointed as a recruitment officer. As for the rowing season this begins in April and culminates in late August, to include the annual All Ireland Regatta held on the Bank Holiday.

The Dalkey Regatta in 2013 is to coincide on 'Bloomsday' in Scotsman's Bay and where the club's Gareth O'Reilly Cup, is to be presented to the victor of the Senior Race.

Up to the late 1980's the event had taken place in Dalkey Sound but the expansion of the Dalkey Island Hotel (now apartments) restricted car-parking. It was also felt spectators could not see the full length of the race course once boats left the sound. Furthermore on occasions the strong swells and currents which gave an unfair advantage at the start of races subject to boat-lane allocation!

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Courcy Ireland memorial binocular-scope donated by Dalkey Tidy Towns (see Nov. 2008 issue). In total there are nine categories for men, women, including mixed crews and for boys and girls. Evening training takes place in Dalkey Sound using a pair of sleek 24ft 'skiffs', in design terms Scandinavian in origin.

Of the boats "Old Malachy" dates from the 1940's and is built of silver spruce which is much more water-resistant to her 2005 counterpart constructed of larch which 'absorbs' the water. Having said that, a fundraising campaign is to buy a new fibreglass boat so as to compete in more categories.

The origins of 'skiff' racing stem from the 'hobblers' (see Sept. 2011 issue) during the days when sailing ships still carried cargo. It was the role of 'hobblers' (then using a sturdier craft rigged with a sail) to use the oars and race against each other to an inbound schooner. The first hobbler to 'hook' a line onto the sailing cargo-ship, not only won rights to 'pilot' the vessel into the port of Dublin or to seek sheltered anchorage in Dublin Bay, but also claim the lucrative rights to unload the cargo.

For an apt photo of a skiff and schooner (see Oct. 2012 issue) and posted on the club's Facebook page. Details on how to join (and those in a supervisory capacity are also most welcomed) by contacting Gerard Cunningham on 087 278 1188

As for the Hobblers, there is a memorial sculpture (Oct. 2011 issue) beside Stena Line's berth in Dun Laoghaire, where the HSS Stena Explorer is to resume sailings during the Festive/New year season.

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❖ HAROLD BOYS' N.S. AND THE SHOEBOX APPEAL ❖

This year Harry Wall and I were put in charge of the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The Shoebox Appeal is where boys fill a shoebox with little gifts for poor children in other countries. We put in things like toys, soap, hats, pencils, copies and even toothbrushes and tooth paste! The boxes are delivered to more than 2,600,000 children in 21 countries. Our job was to go in and out of classrooms giving reminders and collecting shoeboxes. At the start it didn't look good! We were not getting enough shoeboxes. But on the last day we got lots which brought our total up to a high and mighty 85 shoeboxes, breaking last years record of 77! I would like to say thanks to all the boys and their parents for making Christmas special for a lot of children far away. Thank you. **Gareth Hughes - Rang 6**



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I was on the verge of tears each time I had to leave him when I went home. I always left a bone and food for him. But it was me he wanted to see. I think he cried too each day when I left. Then on November 5 2000 I drove through floods in a terrible storm to make sure that the Travellers were sheltering him - they weren't! When I arrived at the car park, he was under a bush sheltering from the rain. I opened the car door and he jumped in. That is how our life together started.

A terrible tragedy occurred two months later when the Travellers' caravan caught fire and a young girl and a dog perished.

Alexei was a nervous little fellow. He would cringe at the slightest sound; a spoon clattering on the kitchen floor, fireworks. And for the first four years of his life, he was plagued with tummy disorders. He would pass blood every six weeks or so until we discovered that he suffered from Irritable Bowel Syndrome - the result of his wretched puppyhood with the Travellers. Special food cured that. He was prone to accidents too. Every winter he regularly cut his paw needing stitches and antibiotics. Three times each year for three years. So I have to walk him with my pockets stuffed with bandages and ointment.

Alexei loved humans and had his special favourites. Seeing one he would run towards that friend, then run back to me as if saying: "Hurry, look who's here. Come on!!"

He knew each of them by name. For example, I'd say, "Look, there's Aimee." And he'd look up, spot her and race towards her.

Alexei loved the chase, under the illusion that one day he would catch a fox. He never did! But you could hear him barking all over Killiney Hill.

My heart was always in my mouth when he was off chasing a fox - what condition would he be in when he returned, would he get entangled in the gorse and not be able to get back? And then when I was close to despair, he would appear, panting, his tongue hanging out! It was in his nature to chase, and he wanted to do so even on last afternoon of his life.

Alexei had near approaches with death, like the time when we were staying in a country mill cottage and he fell into a well just before I came out into the courtyard to hang washing and heard him in the nick of time and pulled him out. Or the time we were in the West and he raced across the bog in the darkness of a Connemara night. I shone the beam of a strong torch into the distance and blew his whistle and after what seemed like an eternity, back he came trembling and soaked - he had obviously fallen into a bog hole and had trouble getting out. He was so frightened, he slept in my arms all night and we returned to the safety of Dublin first thing the following morning.

My most endearing memory is his deep sigh of contentment when I patted and stroked him on the chest.

Alexei coped with his pain so well that we didn't discover he had cancer until his last



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morning. I told his vet before his x-ray that if he was very bad and wouldn't have a good quality of life, to let him go. I loved him too much to do otherwise. In the last three months of his life, I told Malcolm Argyle, his vet, that though we were always devoted to each other, the bond between us was growing stronger and stronger. I realise now that it was that bond and our deep love and devotion for each other that helped him cope with the pain, for undoubtedly, I realise now, he was in pain. I am very grateful to John Bainbridge for giving him an injection to relax him, thus allowing Alexei to enjoy his last day on this earth.

I feel greatly honoured, Alexei, that you chose to live your life with me.

You know you will always have a place in my heart, my dear, dear friend as you are in the hearts of many of your friends in Killiney Hill.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 41-45 8/10/2012 to 9/11/2012

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

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0330

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: W. & C. Earley, 21, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a two storey extension with pitched roof and roof light, comprising a 2.4 sqm. ground floor extension and a 20 sqm. first floor extension, both to the side of the house with associated alterations to the existing ground and first floor roofs in the affected areas including the relocation of the existing sola

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0337

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Gerry & Leanne Murphy, 1, Victoria Terrace, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a garden room with WC to be used ancillary to the existing dwelling, in the rear garden.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0250

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Jul-2012

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

Proposal: Permission is sought for a single storey, two bedroom house and associated site works with right of way and access off previously approved entrance (Reg. Ref. D95A/0259) on 0.0313 hectares at the front. **Application Type:** Permission. **Additional Information:** 6-Nov-2012.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0423

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Mrs. Catherine Deirdre Twomey, Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought on a site 0.2468ha for development which will consist of 1. New 2 storey detached dwelling of 285.7 sq.m to the rear of Linden Lodge (Reg. Ref. D12B/0188 under construction) accessed through the existing vehicular access off Castlepark Road. 2. Re-opening of closed up vehicular access off Castlepark Road to service existing Linden Lodge. The development will include all associated site works including new internal boundary treatment.

D12A/0250 Application Rec'd Date: 5-Jul-2012

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR Wks: 41 -45 8/10/2012 to 09/11/2012

Reg. Ref: D06A/1619/E **Decision:** Grant Extension of Duration of Perm. **Date:** 12-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Derek and Jean Jago, 54A, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Development of site consisting of land being part of the garden of 54a Ulverton Road. The development will consist of a detached two - story, two bedroom dwelling together with shared entrance gateway, shared entrance driveway, associated screen walls and site works, car parking and minor structural modifications to north - east corner of No. 54a.

Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0324 **Decision:** Refuse Permission

Date: 17-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Marie Donnelly, Donnelly Art Gallery, Vico Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought to change the use of the Donnelly Art Gallery Building from its approved use as a private art gallery with caretaker accommodation and residential use to use as a private dwelling house.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0326 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 18-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: L. Murphy, Tigin, Saint Patricks Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for (a) Change of use from residential to retail, (b) Internal alterations, (c) Alterations to front elevation, including new shopfront and signage and (d) All associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1081/E **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 22-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Penny & Paul Lannin, 49, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for amendments to previously granted planning permission Reg Ref: D06A/1413, including 13.3sqm second floor extension to family flat, to the side of the existing house.

Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0340 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 25-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Alan and Ann Kelly, 25, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission of development which will consist of the following: 1. Demolition of single/two storey structures to the side and rear of the dwelling. 2. Lowered ground floor level to the existing dwelling. 3. 92 sq.m ground floor extension to the rear, 54 sq.m first floor extension to the rear and 77 sq.m attic conversion resulting in an overall increase of the dwelling from 195 sq.m to 385 sq.m. 4. Elevational changes to the front, sides and rear including for revised roof profile. 5. Revised levels to the front garden. 6. Widening of existing vehicular access including new entrance piers and gates. 7. Incorporation and widening of Klobe, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin existing vehicular access including new entrance piers and all associated site development works.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0347 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 31-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. David Cowzer, 6, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the demolition of the existing commercial unit, bedroomed outbuilding, boiler house and shed with a total area of 138 sq.m and construction of a proposed new 86 sq.m single storey extension to the rear of the existing single storey end-terraced bungalow to include ancillary works. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0348 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 31-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Castle Park School Ltd, Castlepark School, Castlepark Road, Dalkey,

Proposal: Permission is sought for a minor amendment to the previously approved planning permission register reference D11A/0570 to include 2 No. school crest signs to the approved new main entrance gates at Castle Park School. This application relates to a protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0358 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 2-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Board of Management. Harold Boys School, Saint Patricks Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which will consist of a single storey extension containing two classrooms to the front of the existing school building constructed in two phases, with associated internal alterations, external signage and ancillary site works, including temporary site entrance at front boundary.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0363 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 8-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Iris O'Malley, 21, Dalkey Ave., Dalkey, (The White House)

Proposal: Permission for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Refs. D11A/0193, D11A/0389 and D11A/0454 to approved House C only to include minor modifications to window positions, sizes and fenestration patterning together with minor increase in dept of roof eaves, raising of height of chimney and increase in width of house by 300mm thus increasing its approved floor area by 8 sq.m.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0368 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 9-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Ms. Breda Keena, 90, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for demolition of existing modern single storey extension to rear, erection of new single storey flat roofed extension to rear accommodating new kitchen and dining area, new window ope to family bathroom, new opening casement windows throughout, conversion of existing attic space into store accommodating new dormer window to rear and Velux type rooflight to front.

APPEALS Notified by An Bord Pleanala Wks. 41-45 8/10/12 - 9/11/12

Reg Ref: D12B/0266

Registration Date: 9-Aug-2012

Location: 6, Leslie Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: Permission is sought for, front extension to line up with 5 Leslie Avenue with new window openings, garage conversion with new door, changing pitch of roof to be 550mm higher, frosted glass windows to the side and 1 metre double storey extension to the rear and single storey extension to rear and side. Attic conversion with small window in rear gable and 5 No. rooflights, new front boundary wall with sliding gate associated siteworks. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Lodged:** 15-Oct-2012. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D12A/0314

Registration Date: 15-Aug-2012

Location: 2A, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: Permission is sought for change of use of the ground floor from a shop (Presently deli and catering outlet) to Take-away & Delivery Pizza Outlet, with opening hours from 0900 hrs to 2400 hrs and new signage to existing shop front. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 25-Oct-2012. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala - Wks. 1/10/12 to 2/11/2'12

No Appeal Decisions for Dalkey Area

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A lot has changed since last year. As well as all the new children (who are settling in well), we have had a few changes of staff. Rachael has left to go and work in an Irish school. We wish her all the best and thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the Playgroup.

Brendan has taken over as manager and is perfect for the job. Brendan is loved by kids and parents alike and we're sure will be a great asset - good luck Brendan!

We also have two new Play Leaders, Tracey and Annette. Both have settled in really well and we welcome both of them to the Playgroup.

Soon we'll be starting to do all our Christmas stuff. It is the best place to be in the run up to Christmas, the children just love all the Christmas songs and stories, and we do a lot of Christmas arts and crafts (we started early this year!), which they always enjoy. For many children, this is the first year that they really start to 'get' Christmas and it is a pure pleasure for the staff to watch all that excitement for the first time.



❖ **“THE DUBLIN RIVIERA” – AN APOLOGY** ❖

‘The Dublin Riviera’ – October Newsletter

We omitted to credit local Dalkey Travel Writer and Author Andrew Birbeck for this feature which originally appeared as a 7-Page Spread in **German Wings Magazine** October/November 2012 edition. It is estimated that the piece will reach in excess of 1.8 Million readers.

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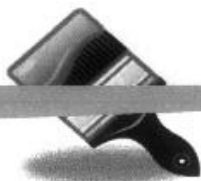
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Red Squirrel eating Sycamore seeds

The year began with us getting very worried about Killiney's red squirrel population, not having seen any for months, at a time of year when the short days and leafless trees is usually the best time for sightings. But good news came in May when it became known at least one was surviving when a adult female was recovered in a trap, alive and very healthy. Without that one resident red squirrel survivor of the original population of the area, a licence couldn't have been granted by the Parks and Wildlife Service for the very ambitious reintroduction programme which began in mid August when fifteen red squirrels were brought from Wexford and placed in pens on Killiney Hill. When the squirrels were released a few weeks later some of them ventured far afield with one heading down to Military Road near the Holy Child school where it seems to have taken

up residence while another one headed over to Killiney Golf Club while three more make frequent sorties across the road into a housing estate but then returning to join the rest of the squirrels which have remained in the woods on Killiney Hill.

In late October we saw one of the released reds on top of a sycamore tree chewing on a little bunch of winged sycamore seeds, something I'd never seen a squirrel doing before. I mentioned this to Flavel, one of the researchers, and she said she'd also recently seen grey squirrels eating sycamore seeds, normally such a poor food source they wouldn't bother with them but due to the failure of seed crops on native trees after such a bad year they're getting desperate. In Britain the RSPB has said there's a big influx of greys moving in to gardens to feed on bulbs and bird seed due to a shortage of their natural food.

The Dun Laoghaire Rathdown biodiversity officer is organising a group of volunteers who will help manage sightings from the public, carry out transects, assist with raising awareness and fund raising in the future. If you wish to get involved in helping the reds you can contact Mary Toomey at: mttoomey@dlrcoco.ie

One of the red squirrel researchers who comes up to the parkland every week to radio track the released squirrels reported seeing a Great Spotted Woodpecker on the trunk of a ash tree on the slopes of Killiney Hill in October. A couple of days later we heard the woodpecker making its short sharp alarm call. The characteristic tapping sound associated with woodpeckers which is a territorial display is usually done in spring or early summer but

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sometimes they will hold a winter territory and then you might hear the deep resonant hammering echoing through the woodlands.

So for squirrels we went from possibly none to at least 16, the introduced ones plus original survivor, but at time of writing there still hasn't been any sightings since July of the creatures that brought such elation to anyone who watched them, the three bottlenose dolphins that frequented Killiney Bay for over two years.

I hope they went away by their own choice and not due to the malicious harassment by humans in speedboats that was reported by a number of people.

After the cool sodden 'summer' we had it's ironic to recall that before we went away for a few weeks at the end of March I was worried that after the unseasonal long dry spell we'd been having during winter and early spring we might get gorse fires on the hills just as birds were nesting. There was a fire below the DART line at White Rock but the big problem for most birds wasn't fire but rain, soaking nests and keeping insect numbers low. Bound to have been a bad year especially for swifts which rely totally on airborne insects.

Two other possible threats to wildlife came this year with the announcement that permission for exploration for gas and oil six miles offshore had been granted and then the news that Ash Fungal Disease had been found in parts of Ireland. Another irony is that ash trees are one of the few native trees that aren't susceptible to ring barking damage by grey squirrels since the bark is so hard even those rodent incisors can't break through it!

Some might think it was one benefit of the cold wet summer but I've never seen fewer wasps as this year especially in early autumn when they normally start becoming a big nuisance when they've left their nest and they come into houses.

A few butterflies took to the air in late summer but the sustained low temperatures and heavy rain which would stop them flying and feeding must have sent numbers crashing.

But it wasn't all bad. A cuckoo sang on Dalkey Hill within a year and a day of singing the previous year. The sparrowhawks nested late and only produced two chicks but they were very obliging by nesting where they could be easily seen and watched as the chicks developed into noisy juveniles. And then there's the possibility of a woodpecker joining the dawn chorus next year.



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❖ DECEMBER 2012 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS – James Scannell ❖

Saturday December 1st at 11 a.m. the Quarterly Meeting of the Medal Society of Ireland takes place in The Teachers' Club, 36 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1, and will be followed by a Medals & Militaria Fair from 12 Noon to around 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday December 4th at 8.30 p.m. Peter Pearson will present his lecture '*Painters Views of Wicklow through the Ages*' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow - entry donation €3.

Wednesday December 5th at 8 p.m. Edmond O'Donovan will present his lecture 'The Duibh Linn(ers) Tale' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin - all welcome.

Friday December 7th at 8 p.m. Andrew Smith will present his lecture '*Learning from history: the Afghan Wars, 1839 - 1919*' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome.

Monday December 10th at 8 p.m. a guest speaker will present a lecture on '*A Garden City: Dublin Corporation's Housing Scheme at Marino*' to the Clontarf Historical Society in the Resource Centre, St. John the Baptist Church, Howth Road, Dublin 3. Admission €4.

Tuesday December 11th at 8 p.m. Ms. Natasha Nearne will speak on '*The Archives of the Royal Dublin Society: Some Recent Developments*' to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Contribution €4.

Thursday December 13th at 8 p.m. James Scannell will present his lecture '*Going to the Pictures in the 1950s and 60s*' to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow.

JANUARY 2013 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS

Wednesday January 9th at 8 p.m. Richard Dolan will present his lecture '*Some Earlier Financial Scandals*' to the Killiney & Ballybrack Historical Society in the Upstairs Lounge, The Graduate, Rochestown Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin. Admission €3.

Friday January 11th

At 8 p.m. Dr. Timothy Bowman will present his lecture 'Carson's Army: The Ulster Volunteer Force, 1913 - 15' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. Admission free. Contribution €4

BOOKS TO READ

“THE CIVIC GUARD MUTINY” by Brian McCarthy, *Published by Mercier Press.*

In "*Michael Collins and the Civil War*", by T.Ryle Dwyer, published by Mercier Press, that author gave a very graphic account into how lawless the country became during the January to June 1922 period due to the absence of a organized police force, other than the untrained IR. police in some areas, to replace the R.I.C. which was scheduled to be disbanded under the terms of the Anglo-Irish Peace Treaty.

In the Spring of 1922, recruitment for the Civil Guard, later An Garda Síochána, commenced by the Provisional Government with training taking place in the R.D.S. Dublin until recruits transferred to the Kildare Barracks and it was here on 15 May 1922 that over 1,000 recruits broke ranks and raided the armoury with Commissioner Michael Staines and his staff withdrawing. Over the next 7 weeks Michael Collins, chairman of the Provisional Government tried to settle their differences as the possibility of Civil War became a reality

In this fascinating and engrossing book, the author explores the reasons for the mutiny, caused in part by the decision by Collins to recruit senior R.I.C. men to senior position in the new force and whose presence was resented by many recruits who had formerly served in the I.R.A. Rumour and speculation abounded with the Anti-Treaty I.R.A. formenting dissent within

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recruits as the countdown to the Civil War continued with the situation not being helped by the reaction of the Provisional Government and some of their decisions.

A Commission of Inquiry unearthed the various causes behind the Mutiny and produced a series of recommendations, one of which resulted in Staines resigning as Commissioner as he was a sitting T.D., and his replacement by Commissioner Eoin O’Duffy who began sending members of the force into the Irish countryside from September onwards to enforce law and order in keeping with the view that the force would not succeed by force or arms or numbers but on their moral authority as servants of the people, a legacy that still endures.

A truly fascinating book providing the reader with a very clear and concise account of this incident, the reasons for it, and the eventual outcome.

“THE TRAINS LONG DEPARTED” by Tom Ferris,
published by Gill and Macmillan.

Tom Ferris is the author of a number of books covering different aspects of Irish railway History, published by Gill and Macmillan. In 1834, Ireland’s first railway only ran from what is now Dublin Pearse to the west pier of Dun Laoghaire harbor, yet 80 years later the railway network covered nearly the entire island. From this network coverage peak, successive decades saw a dramatic cull of the network with this book telling the story of these lost railways. Essential for those interested in railway history.

“A CITY IN TURMOIL - DUBLIN 1919 - 1923”
by Pádraig Yeates,
published by Gill and Macmillan.

In this sequel to his earlier work “A City in Wartime, Dublin 1914 - 18”, also published by Gill and Macmillan, the author reveals unknown aspects of the Irish Revolution, including the role that Bank of Ireland played in keeping the city solvent, and how many Dubliners found it easier to sympathise with the fight for the Republic rather than participate in it.



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Christmas comes but once a year and, if you are lucky, so do the sprouts. Wine as always is an important component to a successful Christmas dinner. It is not always easy to pick up the perfect wine for your dinner when there is so much choice out there. It can become even more confusing with all those special offers and incentives. So let's try and make it a little easier this year.

Most supermarkets and independent retailers will have wine open for tasting so always take advantage of this. If there are no tastings don't be tempted to pick up a case just because it is on special, instead, buy one bottle to bring home and try first this will save a lot of hassle on Christmas Day.

It is always a good idea to have a few bottles of dry crisp white wine in the fridge especially when people are popping in during the Christmas period. I would recommend the old reliable - Pinot Grigio. It is a perfect match for any snacks and nibbles you may be serving.

No Christmas Day would be complete without that extra sparkle. So don't forget to pick up some bubbly. You don't have to spend a fortune either as there are many reasonably priced sparkling wines out there. Prosecco has become very popular in recent years and is a fraction of the price of Champagne. Prosecco is a dry sparkling wine produced in the Veneto region in Italy. You can also pop a strawberry into the glass which is delicious and looks great when served. It is a perfect match with smoked salmon which many of you will no doubt be having on Christmas Day.

For the main event, the Christmas turkey, it comes down to your individual preference.

Red or white wine? For the red drinkers out there a good Pinot Noir is a great partner for turkey, it is low in tannins and will not overpower it however, if you are not a fan of pinot noir then a Beaujolais is just as good. Beaujolais is produced in the Beaujolais region just north of Lyon, France, and is made from the Gamay grape.

For the white drinkers, pick up a Sauvignon Blanc from the new world, or an un-oaked Chardonnay such as a Chablis. Steer clear of oaked chardonnays as it will just overpower your turkey.

Wishing all of Dalkey a wonderful Christmas and Happy New year. Eat, drink and be merry!

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Sharavogue Junior School Children

We have all had a great first term in Sharavogue with lots of learning and extra activities leading up to our mid-term break. The Senior Class have had trips to the Pavilion for the Mountains to the Sea Festival, the Maritime Museum and also really enjoyed the very educational Ernest Shackleton Exhibition. All the students are enjoying Drama, French & Music, Multi-Sports, Swimming and also the Young Einstein Science Club which is proving to be a great hit.

We are continuing in our endeavours towards leading Sharavogue nearer to the Green School Status and we will keep you informed of the continued progress.

The Hockey season has started and the Junior school children are enjoying the hockey training which we take part in with the students from St. Nicholas School ensuring everyone is getting a good workout and improving on the drills and skills for use in forthcoming matches. The Senior Class recently went to watch an International hockey match in UCD between India & Scotland in the quarter final of the Challenge Cup and thoroughly enjoyed watching the professionals in action.

Election of Head Girl and Prefects – We recently held a very democratic election for Head Girl in Sharavogue. The candidates were all from 6th class and each ran their own election campaigns drumming up support for votes with posters and networking among their fellow students. Congratulations to Gráinne O'Reilly who was elected Head Girl.

Sharavogue Website – Sharavogue has recently updated its Website and we are delighted with the new look. We will be adding a news section to it shortly so you can check online for current news and upcoming events.

Check it out at: www.sharavogue.ie

Cheerios Breakfast Together Week – Sharavogue took part in the Cheerio's Childline Breakfast together on the 12th October. All the Montessori and Junior school children had their breakfast in their groups together on this morning and had Cheerios as an extra treat. The older girls had croissants and hot chocolate! We raised €65 for the ISPC.

Social Inclusion Week The Senior Class took part in social inclusion week and prepared a wonderful art display throughout the school on the causes of homelessness



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They all formed a big train to load the presents into the van which has just started to get us all into the Christmas spirit.



LORETO VIST TO DALKEY LIBRARY



On the 15th of October, Sixth Class, along with Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Shanahan, were invited to Dalkey Library as part of Children's Reading Month. It was a complete surprise as none of us knew that we were going! The library was newly renovated. We were welcomed by the author, Sarah Webb, and then introduced to another author called Anna Carey.

Anna has written two books called *The Real Rebecca* and *Rebecca's Rules*. She told us a little bit about her books, and how she used some characters in her stories from real life – like Mrs. Kelly who was her teacher in secondary school. We found this very funny! She also spoke to us about how she got some inspiration for her books by using other people's ideas and making them her own. She liked the idea that girls were doing what they wanted to do in their life, like she chose to become an author after wanting to become an artist and an actress.



Anna also spoke to us about other Irish authors who write for children, including Noel Streatfeild who wrote *Ballet Shoes*, Deirdre Sullivan who wrote *Prim and Proper* and other children's authors called Hilary Macay and Pat O'Shea. She said that there were not many Irish authors when she was a child. She recommended that we read some of their books.



We learned a lot from our visit to Dalkey Library. It has inspired us to read more books and to consider becoming an author in the future!

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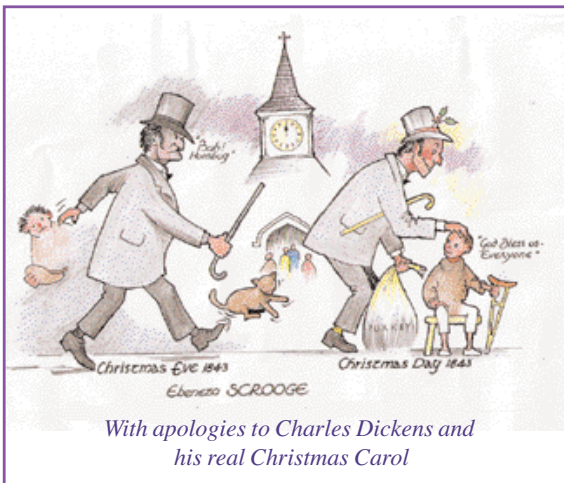
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Tues. 4 December: Birds of Costa Rica by Robert Busby, and Orchids of Belize, by Wyn Beere. Kingston Hotel, 8:00pm.

Sun. 9 December: Outing to Broadlough, Co Wicklow. Meet at Murrough Road car park, 10:30am. Directions: Before entering Wicklow (north), take new road sign posted 'Port.' Just before bridge, take a right ('Industrial Park') and follow road to end.

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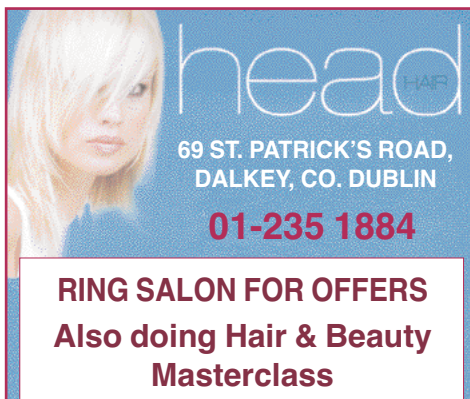
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January 2013 DCC Monthly Meeting Mon 7 Jan
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Earlier in the year I mentioned that the BBC has to cut their budget by £70 million, well those cuts will apparently be talking place before Christmas. BBC HD will be dropped altogether, and will merge with BBC2, which will now become BBC 2 HD. The smaller regional BBC's will no longer broadcast via satellite, and BBC 3 and BBC 4 will (yet again) be moved to different frequencies. This will mean that the vast majority of viewers that watch BBC via satellite will have to re-tune their receivers in order to keep watching the BBC's . . .

As always this time of year I would like to wish all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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