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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

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- Living Crib at Archbold's Castle at 3.30pm
- Children's Storytelling 3.30pm in the Church.
- Christmas Carols in Church at 4pm
- Santa Arrives! at 5pm
- Lighting of Christmas Tree at 5pm
- Live music from car-park
- Santa's Grotto and Dalkey on Ice at Tramyard

Sunday 8th December

Your Area Representative: _____

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SUMMARY OF DCC NOVEMBER MEETING



The DCC Monthly Meeting was held in OLH on Monday 4th November 2013. The members welcomed Nicola Redmond who is representing Fairlawns on the Community Council.

NW: As the winter sets in we are reminded to keep a lookout for the senior citizens in our community and the Gardai are happy to check in on anyone that feels particularly vulnerable. There have been a number of road traffic accidents involving pedestrians and the Gardai strongly encourage the wearing of high viz jackets as it is so important to be seen.

Planning: The new swimming hut and toilet at Sandycove provoked much discussion. It is hoped that improvements of a similar nature will be carried out in more areas of the borough. *The next and final DCC meeting for 2013 is on Monday 2nd December in OLH.*



NEWS FROM DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE

Santa will make an appearance as part of each Christmas Tour this year at Dalkey Castle. The full tour will include Christmas games, surprises, interactive stories and traditions suitable for the young members of the community.

The special Christmas Tours will run on 4 dates over two weekends, on 14th & 15th and 21st & 22nd Dec. They will run hourly at 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00, & 16.00 hours. Cost €7.50 per ticket. Goodie bags for the children (Children must be accompanied by an adult).

Following on the success of our Hallowe'en tours which were completely booked out in advance, you are advised to purchase your tickets early as numbers on each tour are limited. You can book by credit or debit card over the phone or in person at reception.

During the week, we continue to cater for our visitors with the medieval Christmas traditions. Visitors will hear the origins of 'the Christmas Box', 'the Piggy Bank', 'Carol Singing' and the wearing of 'Christmas Holly'. Preparations are underway for the Christmas Feast prepared by our own resident Medieval Cook! : Mince Pies, butter and saffron basted Goose, traditional Humble Pies (from the umbles of deer), Boar's Head, Hedgehog Pie, and delicious Frumenty Pudding.

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Dalkey Town Hall: The beautifully re-furbished Town Hall by the Architects Dept of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo re-opened for the first community event, the Dalkey Players production on Nov 6th. There were very favourable comments and glowing compliments on the new works. The fresh, airy feel of the newly painted walls and ceiling with its feature LED lights were much commented upon. Great delight was expressed at the demise of the out-dated overhead gas fires, in favour of the new cast-iron radiator system. The maple sprung floor is beautifully restored and we hope to get afternoon tea dances going in the New Year.

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ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION



*Guest of Honour Chara Nagle
opening the Reception*



Some of the Exhibits



Enjoying the Reception

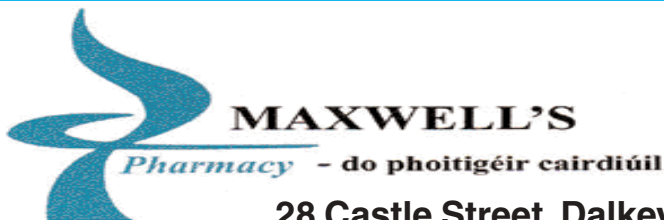


*Lena Feely and Colette Doody admiring
the work*



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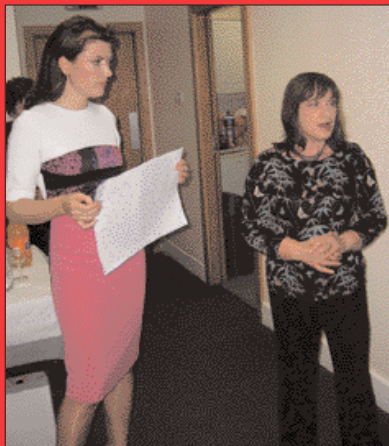
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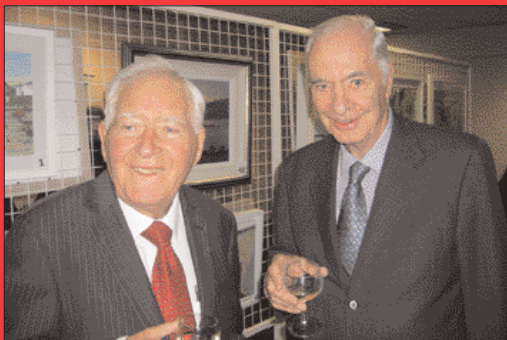
Mon. - Sat.

8a.m. - 8p.m.

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION



Dr Susan McDonnell welcomes Chara Nagle



Studying the exhibits



I hate being photographed!



Dee McLaughlin



Manning the drinks table



Rosaleen Callaghan

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Christmas is a crucial time in the retail and hospitality sectors in Dalkey. Many small-to-medium sized businesses depend on a good Christmas turnover to see them through some of the leaner months. Local businesses are feeling the pinch more than ever and any support given to them would benefit the whole area. Several studies have shown that when you buy from an independent, locally owned business, significantly more of your money is used to make purchases from other local businesses and service providers. This preserves jobs in the area and strengthens the local economy. Shopping locally brings benefits to the whole community. Our DBG members have a great variety of shops, pubs and restaurants here in Dalkey, offering fantastic choice to the local consumer.

DBG Dalkey Shops for Christmas Gifts and Food: Handworks, Irish Folk Art, Country Bake, Maxwell's Pharmacy, Paul Gill Opticians, Kerin's Pharmacy, Doyle's Butchers, Select Stores, Dalkey Photos, Thyme Out, Art Cards Ireland, Photogenic, Dalkey Pharmacy, On The Grapevine, The Banyan Tree and Dalkey Heritage Centre Gift Shop.

DBG Dalkey Pubs & Restaurants Christmas Wining & Dining: Finnegan's, The Club, The Magpie Inn, The Queens, The Tramyard Cafe, Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Ouzo's Restaurant, Benito's, Jaipur, Thai House, The Corner Note Cafe, Borza's Takeaway, Wrights Dispensary and The Guinea Pig.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the Local Schools Christmas Carol Concert Dec 8th 2013 Richard Cullen 'The Jelly Bean Factory' and also Musgrave Marketplace Sallynoggin.

Dalkey Business Group would like to thank everyone for their custom over the year and we would like to take this time to wish all our customers, clients, friends and family a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Enjoy all the festivities. See you next year.



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GOAL JERSEY DAY

On the 11th October we had our annual Jersey Day. Everybody had to bring in €2 if they wanted to wear a jersey. Barry Andrews came in from GOAL with the mascot called Dave the Dog. It was a great turnout and most people wore a jersey, even the teachers! They took pictures with us and took separate pictures with people who were wearing Dublin and Leinster jerseys. They were very nice and friendly and everyone had a great time.

We raised more money than last year, the total was €267.50. It was a great day for everyone and lots of photos were taken. I really enjoyed it and so did my friends!

James Cody and Cal Doran

❖ DALKEY SEA SCOUTS NEWS ❖

The Dalkey Sea Scouts would like to welcome the 7 new Beaver Scouts that were Invested into our Scouting Troop on the 18.11.2013. A busy schedule has been planned by Leaders to keep these “Busy Beavers” interested in the great outdoors for the coming months- watch out for us over Christmas.

Marie Fahy
(Beaver Section Leader)



Photo: J. Fahy



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WINTER TALES DALKEY BOOK FESTIVAL AT CHRISTMAS

Saturday 7th December
2.00 - 22.00
Dalkey Town Hall

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 7th December - 10.00
St. Patrick's Church

Wednesday Club Christmas Fair
Santa arrives at 11.00

DALKEY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Sunday 8th December
Dalkey Town

See front cover for full details

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Have A 'Ferry' Festive Season:

As the festive season looms, we think of loved ones and how we can contact each other by making travel plans. Aviation maybe king for most people but that does not exclude the use on our doorstep of the HSS Stena Explorer, a familiar sight over the summer. The



Naomh Beagnait

fast-ferry is also to loom over the horizon by resuming Dun Laoghaire-Holyhead Christmas and New Year sailings albeit with a limited number of crossings starting on 20 December. Dalkey Sea Scouts New 'Currach': Naomh Beagnait is spending the winter season with Cumann Currach Áth Cliath at East Wall Sports Centre. The Dublin 3 facility is delighted to have the temporary use of the currach. A men's shed at the centre will carry out any maintenance during the winter months.

She featured in a short film for an American documentary on Parkinson's disease. The founder of the Irish charity Move4Parkinson's Mags Mullarney has taken to currach rowing like a duck to water!

On the weekend of 14-15 December there will be a fundraiser and also to celebrate Dalkey Sea Scouts new addition of the currach to their fleet. All from Dalkey are welcome to row Naomh Beagnait at the centre's Cumann Currach public sessions. Dress warmly, life jackets provided. For details visit www.facebook.com/CumannCurrachAthaCliathAtEastWallSportsCentre Naomh Beagnait returns to home waters as soon as Dalkey Sea Scouts are back on the water in 2014.

Afloat Jars: Since visual artist, Roisin Cunningham launched no less than 50 bottle jars for the 'Afloat' project off The Muglins in October, (*See last issue*), three of the numbered jars have been found washed ashore on the opposite side of Dublin Bay.

Jar No. 22 had the honour in being the first reported bottle which was found by a woman while walking on the beach at Sutton. Several days later a second jar No.24 drifted to this same stretch of coastline.

Photos of the jars were posted on the project's facebook page. The jars with their 'messages' also contained a paper boat cut-out and a numbered piece taken from a painting of the Muglins by the artist.



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Further along the coast Jar No.4 was swept ashore at Dollymount Strand, however, there is a twist... as this jar had no painting to be seen? It would seem the original founder must have put more value on the painting than the message. As for poor old jar No. 12... the journey was short as the bottle smashed! So where does that leave the remaining jars! Will any of them still make a Facebook appearance?

A selection of 'Maritime' Dalkey greeting cards (including a festive coastal snow scene of a Vico Robin) are available for sale in Dalkey News.

Words and Photos: (c) Jehan Ashmore, who is the Marine Correspondent for www.afloat.ie



The Muglins flashes a festive greeting



POSTCARD FROM FINLAND III



The days are definitely getting shorter up here in the High North! And the nights are longer, the darkness is sooty black and all-enveloping. But most days are still sparkingly bright, a nip in the early morning and the occasional soft seeping of drizzle to remind everyone of what is on the way!

The birds are still chirpy, lots of them, some familiar, others new to me. The sparrows are voracious feeders, hunting in packs and bullying the other species out of the way on occasion.

Everyone's step has quickened with the lower temperatures, fewer bicycles are in evidence, and fewer tourists around, as the cruise ships seek more temperate

southern destinations. There is an air of anticipation, reports from the far north that Lapland has had its first snowfalls, a good omen, it seems. It is as if everyone wants the snow to fall, as it inevitably will, to get on with it, to see the streets and paths newly painted in white and for the clouds, in between their winter work, to open up to that azure blue heaven above.

The well-travelled James Joyce exhibition has arrived in Finland, presently in the Swedish-speaking Abo Academy University in Turku and shortly to transfer to the University of Helsinki.

We are far from Bloomsday and a long way from his tower in Sandycove but the Irish connection continues to blossom here.

Yes, Pip, not a bad time of year to be here at all...

(A Dalkey-man based in Helsinki for the next few years)



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By the end of this month of December, our days will be again, lengthening. As yet, another year thankfully rolls onto our horizon, though the growth of plants is at its lowest during this month, below our soil surface, there is lots going on. Bulbs are pushing their noses nearer the surface, earthworms are making compost from leaf litter and trees and shrubs are making new roots in moist soil.

Winter has its own special charm, one of which is the tracery of branches of deciduous trees. Every species of tree and shrub, has its own distinctive silhouette, some have thick, heavy branches, some have upright growth habit, some have weeping habits and so on. Twigs, branches and trunks of mature trees look so beautiful, presently. Isn't bark, a winter pleasure? Morning or evening sun or a stormy sky too, can give trees, all around us, some stunning silhouettes. One of the finest trees for bark is the Tibetan Cherry also called, 'Mahogany Bark Cherry' and 'Paper Bark Cherry', (can be ten metres high).

At this time of year, perennial flowers can look so elegant with a sparkle of frost on their seed-heads and stems. When I like a plant, I tend to, if I can, duplicate, though our garden is tiny. There is a companionship and a sense of achievement about gardening on a crisp, dry, bright winter's day, that is so therapeutic. Whenever, I'm worried, a good stint in the garden can put things into perspective and by the time I come back into our house, any problem, doesn't seem to be as bad.

HOUSEPLANT CARE IN WINTER

Winter conditions indoors can be challenging for house plants: central heating means dry air and already low light levels inside our houses are even dimmer in short winter days. When choosing plants for Christmas, choose their positions with care and ideally obtain plants that like the conditions you can provide in your home and to help raise humidity levels further, maybe group your house plants together.

KISS ME QUICK!

There is more to Mistletoe than an excuse for 'those might do' maybe, Christmas Kisses!! Mistletoe, *Viscum Album*, an evergreen parasite, has fascinated people for millennia. (see picture).

Viscum Album, the plant in the foreground shows male flowers. Behind, a female plant, has smaller flowers and the previous years berries. It is perhaps, our most mysterious plant, nothing else has pearly berries, perfectly symmetrical.



Mistletoe

MIGHT DO: MAYBE, DECEMBER JOBS:

1. Now is a good time to 'clean up' your gardening tools and equipment, sandpaper is great for removing rust from the blade of your spade.
2. Prepared bulbs planted up in autumn, can be brought indoors now, into a cool room, ready to flower for Christmas.
3. In cold conditions, plants grow very little, so buy enough good sized plants to fill your pot. Use a good multi purpose potting medium to sustain plants for several months.
4. Porous terracotta is most at risk in frost. As moisture in clay freezes, it expands and so can cause the pot to flake or crack. So choose containers described as frost proof; the higher the temperature of firing, the less porous the terracotta, so the more frost resistance it is.



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7. Cotoneasters are generally great value and berry well into winter. A large shrub/bush, can be pruned up from the bottom on one stem to make a small tree, a super specimen is John Waterer. *(see picture)*.

**Wishing every single Dalkey resident
a wonderful Christmas and every possible
Hope for our New Year**



GARDEN EVENTS



SOUTH DUBLIN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – Wednesday December 11th, 2013 at 8pm – Orla McGrane - Floral Demonstration. *Venue:* Kill O'The Grange Parish Centre. 'Christmas at Home' Raffle and Mince Pies. Visitors: €5

Irish Orchid Society – Monday December 2nd at 7pm – CHRISTMAS PARTY An informal evening of fun, food and drinks. Come and meet some other orchid growers and swap stories. *Venue:* Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin.

ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY – Dublin Group – Thursday, 12th December - 8pm – 'Christmas Miscellany'. *Venue:* St. Bridgid's Parish Centre.

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – Wednesday, 8th January, 2014 Peter Whyte, Landscape & Garden Consultant – "Spring Work in the Garden". *Venue:* Kill O'The Grange Parish Centre 8 p.m.

FOXROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB – Tuesday, 28th January, 2014 8p.m – "In Praise of Plants" Matthew Jebb, Director of National Botanic Gardens. *Venue:* Foxrock Pastoral Centre, Foxrock .

❖ AN IRISH SUCCESS STORY IN HONOLULU - Fiona McKenna ❖

My name is Ron Haskell and I am with the Hawai'i Pacific University Sports Information Department. We currently have a distance runner on our cross country team named Fiona McKenna who is from Dublin (Roundwood) - and a past pupil of Loreto Abbey Dalkey - and she is having a GREAT season. Fiona has been named the Pacific West Conference Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week for the third time this season. She finished as the third best Division II runner at the 2013 Charles Bowles Invitational hosted by Willamette University on October 7th.



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Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm

Thursday: 1.15pm - 8pm

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Saturday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm

Dalkey Library will be closed from Tuesday 24th December and re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2014. Dun Laoghaire, Deansgrange and Dundrum libraries will be open over the New Year period.

Winter Tales

PM Saturday 7th December

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|------|---|
| 12 | Paul Howard aka Ross O'Carroll Kelly reads from Downturn Abbey |
| 1.30 | Pat McCabe talks to Miriam O'Callaghan |
| 3.30 | New Party, New Politics?
Pat Leahy, Lucinda Creighton, Dearbhail McDonald & others |
| 5 | Eamon Dunphy on Rocky Road with Sam Smyth |
| 6 | Frank McGuinness in conversation |
| 7 | Special Dalkey Books at Christmas event to be announced |
| 9 | Colm O'Regan: Ireland's Got Mammies |

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- commissioned and project managed all the new **HERITAGE SIGN POSTS** in the streets of Dalkey, in conjunction with the Council?
- conducted a **WEED SPRAYING** programme on every street and road in **Dalkey?**
- rejuvenated all the **BENCHES** on **VICO ROAD, HILLSIDE, BULLOCH HARBOUR, BARNHILL AVENUE?**
- restored the **WINCH** at **BULLOCH HARBOUR?**
- capped and re-pointed the **WALL** at **ULVERTON STEPS?**
- commissioned a new **DALKEY MAP** - see Church of the Assumption entrance? (more to follow)
- re-claimed **RIGHT-OF-WAYS** at **KNOCK-NA-CREE** and at **TORCA ROAD?**
- developed a programme to rejuvenate **BULLOCH HARBOUR** with Dublin Port Co.?
- rejuvenated **SORRENTO PARK**: cleared all the paths, painted the bandstand, all the gates and lamp posts and all the seats?
- reclaimed the overgrown **CAT'S LADDER**, all 237 steps?
- worked with the Parish Office to improve the entrance to the **CHURCH** of the **ASSUMPTION?**
- rejuvenated **DILLON'S PARK**: Cleared all the paths and all the weeds from the bandstand?
- worked with Irish Rail & DLRCC to improve the appearance of **DALKEY STATION** and its **FORECOURT?**
- painted the front of **OUR LADY'S HALL** in Castle St.?
- organised major Clean-Up Days with **DELL, SALESFORCE Inc, AN TAISCE, AMDOCS and others?**



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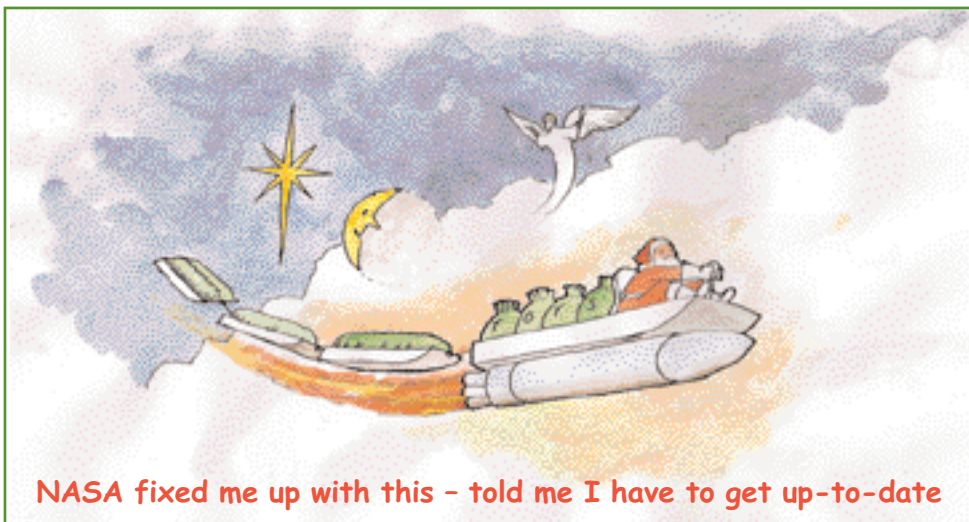
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NASA fixed me up with this - told me I have to get up-to-date

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.D07B/0615/E

Application Rec'd Date: 02-Aug-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Hannah Harris, Hillside Cottage, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a first floor extension over an existing modern 1 storey element to rear of cottage to form new dormer like cottage development providing for 4 bedrooms, a kitchen, living, dinning space, balcony and ancillary sanitary services. It also includes for changing an existing door to a window to match the existing windows. The slate roof is to be retained at the front but the chimneys will be removed in favour of one new chimney. The new structure will have a low pitched roof. A new entrance is to be provided to the side of the house through existing entrance at Hillside Cottage. **Applic. Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission
Additional Information: 10-Oct-2013.

Reg. Ref.:D13A/0523

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Oct-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Spindrift, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission for development to consist of demolition of existing 4 bed 2 storey dwelling and replacement with new 5 bed 2 storey dwelling and associated works.

Reg. Ref.D12A/0458

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Martin Doran, Firmbank, Dalkey Avenue, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for proposed development comprising of the erection of a 4 bed 2 storey dwelling and all service connections and associated siteworks all accessed via existing vehicular laneway from Dalkey Park. Additional Information: 21-Oct-2013

Reg. Ref.D13A/0555

Application Rec'd Date: 25-Oct-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Andrew & Erica Algeo, Torca Garth House, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the renovation of the existing dwelling. The works will consist of the renovation of the existing 2 storey structure, including: extension of the kitchen/family room (41.4 sqm approximately), extension to the ground floor master bedroom (10.1 sqm approximately), extension to the first floor, to form shower room and new stairs (8.8 sqm approximately) and to include the replacement and remodelling of the walls, roofs, windows, chimneys and roof lights. Also new glass house (6.6 sqm, 3m high approximately), solar panels at ground level, remodelling of external driveway, universal access ramps and general landscaping and two new entrance gateways. Approximate total area of extensions is 60.3 sqm.

Reg. Ref.D13B/0336

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Oct-2013

Applicant Name & Location:Des Pollard, Lilliput, 5 Mont Alto, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing lean-to extension and shed to facilitate the construction of a 2 storey extension to the rear and a first floor extension on the existing rear ground floor walls to include 3 Velux windows, the raising in heights of the existing chimneys and associated works.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0561

Application Rec'd Date: 31-Oct-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Chris & Angela Gavin, 103, Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) Ground floor extensions to both front and rear of house. (2) First floor extension to side of house. (3) Roof-light to the side elevation. (4) Widening of vehicular entrance and (5) Ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.D13B/0349

Application Rec'd Date: 30-Oct-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Nicholas and Orla Fahy, The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the extension of our existing split level dwelling. The extension will consist of a family games room . Permission for the work was previously granted under planning application D06B/0325 which has now expired. Permission for change of design is also sought for the extension that has previously been granted under planning application D09B/0462. The change of design will consist of the inclusion of additional velux roof lights to the front and rear of the proposed extension and new patio doors and canopy to the rear of the dwelling.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0576

Application Rec'd Date: 07-Nov-2013

Applic. Name & Location: Maria Sweeney & Andrew Heavey, St Heliers Lodge, Sorrento Rd, Dalkey,
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the replacement of existing single storey over basement bungalow with a single storey over basement larger dwelling house on the same footprint.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0577

Application Rec'd Date: 07-Nov-2013

Applic.Name & Location: David Coulson, c.01 ha site within the Former Tramyard, 15, Castle St., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention for a 3 year period for 6 no. timber structure market stalls (totalling c34.5 sqm). 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).

Reg. Ref.D13B/0355

Application Rec'd Date: 05-Nov-2013

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

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the demolition of the existing return and construction of new single and two-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house, including all associated drainage, site development and landscaping works.

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Reg. Ref. D08A/0019/E **Decision:** Grant Ext. of duration of Perm.

Date: 14-Oct-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Barry Devlin, Summerfield Cottage, Summerfield Close, Dalkey.

Proposal: The demolition of the existing single-storey buildings, and the construction of a new two-storey residence containing three bedrooms, and associated living quarters, with two gardens at ground level and one off street parking space. The existing boundary wall to Dalkey Avenue is to be retained and extended in an identical rendered finish along the Summerfield Close, edge of the site, and to incorporate new sliding timber gates to the existing vehicle access.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0438 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 15-Oct-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Helen Stephenson, Bartra Studio, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for a two storey extension to the existing Studio and the separation of the existing studio from the main house at Bartra Cove with the formation of a new site, a solar panel to the existing south facing roof and all associated minor works.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0466 **Decision:** Refuse Permission

Date: 30-Oct-2013

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

Proposal: Permission for a new 4 metre wide shared vehicular access at The Flags to Houses B (currently under construction) and C; vehicular access to House A will remain at Dalkey Avenue; relief from condition no. 7 of planning permission Reg. Ref.: D11A/0193 and ancillary site development work.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0469 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 31-Oct-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Aine & Phillip Sharpe, 18, Castlepark Road, Sandycove.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of renovation and extension works to existing 2 storey semi-detached house to include demolition of existing single storey extension to rear, 2 storey bay window to end gable and single storey garage to side, removal of existing window to ground floor level of south elevation and replacement with two new windows and construction of new 2 storey and single storey extension to north, east and west facing elevations to provide new front entrance, hall, living room, kitchen dining room and den with ancillary accommodation on the ground floor with 2 bedrooms and bathroom/ensuite accommodation over. Revised landscaping to front and rear gardens, revised parking area and proposed set back of existing corner vehicular entrance gate and piers.

Reg. Ref.D13B/0298 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 31-Oct-2013

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

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) demolition of single storey extension to the side of the existing semi-detached two storey property. (2) construction of a two storey pitched roof extension to the side of existing with dormer style window at attic level to the rear. (3) construction of single storey pitched roof extensions to the front, side and rear of new two storey extension. (4) elevational alterations to the front side and rear of the existing property. (5) new 'velux' style rooflights in the existing and extensions. (6) landscaping and associated site works including widening of existing vehicular entrance and new pedestrian entrance.

Applic. Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.D07B/0615/E **Decision:** Grant Ext. of Duration of Perm.

Date: 6-Nov-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Hannah Harris, Hillside Cottage, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a first floor extension over an existing modern 1 storey element to rear of cottage to form new dormer like cottage development providing for 4 bedrooms, a kitchen, living, dinning space, balcony and ancillary sanitary services. It also includes for changing an existing door to a window to match the existing windows. The slate roof is to be retained at the front but the chimneys will be removed in favour of one new chimney. The new structure will have a low pitched roof. A new entrance is to be provided to the side of the house through existing entrance at Hillside Cottage. **Applic. Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 41-45 7/10/'13 to 8/11/'13

None for Dalkey Area

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 40-44 30/9/'13 to 1/11/'13

Reg. Ref. D13B/0155 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 7-Oct-2013
Council's Decision: Refuse Permission. **Location:** 18, Whites Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Proposed Development: Permission for development consisting of a two storey extension at rear (area 28.5 sqm and parapet height 5.9m above ground level) east elevation, containing a kitchen at ground floor and a bedroom on first floor, 2 no. Velux roof-lights at rear (east elevation) on roof of existing house. A porch at front (area 3.0 sqm and ridge height 3.5m above ground level) west elevation and alterations to the front garden boundary wall with public road and associated drainage and site works. Applicant: Sarah Byrne

Reg. Ref. D12A/0423 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 30-Oct-2013
Council's Decision: Grant Permission **Location:** Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.
Proposed Development: 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. Applicant: Mrs. Catherine Deirdre Twomey

Reg. Ref. D13A/0166 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Decided:** 29-Oct-2013
Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** 36, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.
Proposed Development: Permission consisting of the demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling including removal of existing septic tank and construction of new 2 storey over basement house (497 sqm) with associated landscaping and new main drainage connection. Applicant: Gerry Ryan.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0234 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 1-Nov-2013
Council's Decision: Grant Permission **Location:** Starboard Cottage, Nerano Road, Dalkey.
Proposed Development: Permission for development consisting of the retention of the demolition of the former single storey two bedroom detached dwelling; and the construction of a new detached four bedroom dwelling with terrace over part basement to rear, that will read as single storey to the front and two storey to the rear. The roof will include 10 no. velux windows across the four pitched roof elements, including 2 no. on front, 5 no. on second, 2 no. on third and 1 no. on rear roof element. The development will also include a new vehicular entrance (3.6m wide) off Nerano Road to service 2 no. car parking spaces rebuilt front boundary wall and associated landscape and site development works. Applicant: Simon Boucher & Lucinda Shaw.



DALKEY GARDA CLINICS



The idea of the Garda Clinic is to assist the local community who may not be able to travel to the Garda Station with matters such as form stamped/signing or any community policing matters which arise. The Garda Clinic is not designed for crime reporting, however, the Garda are very keen that all suspicious activity is reported to them at the local centre which, for Dalkey, is **Dun Laoghaire Tel. 01-6665000.**

The next Clinics for Dalkey residents will take place on

Thursday, 5th December 11 am to 12 noon & Thursday, 12th December 11 am to 12 noon

Thursday, 2nd January 11 am to 12 noon & Thursday, 16th January 11 am to 12 noon

VENUE: OUR LADY'S HALL, Castle Street, Dalkey



A SILENT ORGAN BRINGS SILENT NIGHT



It is probably fair to say that relatively few people know the story of how the most famous Christmas Carol ‘Silent Night’ came about and even fewer might know that a mouse was involved in the necessity for its composition!

In the mid 1990’s I was using an Irish reader with my 6th class which had the story of how this iconic carol came about. The story took us to Austria to an alpine village called Oberndorf. It was Christmas Eve 1818 and the local priest Joseph Mohr had a problem. It happened that a mouse had eaten through the bellows of the church organ in the days before and Fr. Mohr feared that the church would have no music at the Midnight Mass.

He had in his possession a poem he had written two years previously called “Stille Nacht”. He then thought of his friend Franz Gruber, a teacher and composer who lived in a village nearby called Arnsdorf who was also the church organist. He went to see him and asked for his help as he handed him his poem. Within hours,

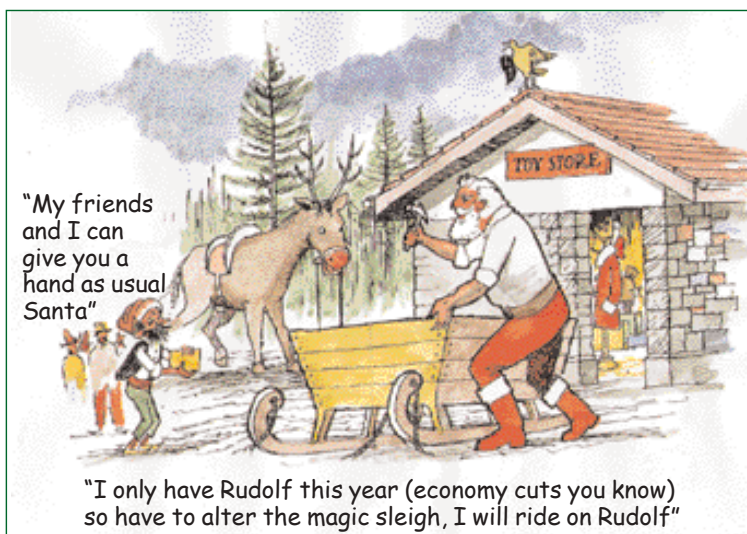
Franz had composed a melody with a simple score for a guitar and incredibly was ready in time for Midnight Mass. The two men sang Stille Nacht in the church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf that Christmas Eve as Franz played his guitar accompaniment.

In 1863 John Young translated Stille Nacht into English and over the years it changed to the version we have. If you travel to a village called Hallein in Austria today you will see the grave of Franz Gruber and in his house, which is a museum you will see his guitar and his teacher’s desk where he composed his music for the famous carol. Seventy kilometres south of Oberndorf is the town of Wagrain where Fr. Mohr is buried.

The original wooden church in Oberndorf is gone now but on the site is a beautiful oratory where every Christmas Eve at 5pm two men sing the original arrangement to a guitar accompaniment.



Oratory at Oberndorf



“My friends
and I can
give you a
hand as usual
Santa”

“I only have Rudolf this year (economy cuts you know)
so have to alter the magic sleigh, I will ride on Rudolf”

In my class in Harold in the 1990’s the boys were delighted to know the background to a carol they knew and loved. We stood and sang Oiche Chiuin in memory of the two men who created this unforgettable Christmas Carol.

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If you would like to know more about Dalkey Island Probud, please phone, without commitment, Ernest at 2802576 or Paddy at 2850466. www.probus.district1160.org



DALKEY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERT



FRIDAY DECEMBER 6th 2013 at 7:30 pm at LORETO ABBEY DALKEY

A concert to showcase the exceptional talent of the youth from the schools participating in The Festival of Lights – Classical, traditional, jazz performers, soloists, ensembles.

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The Festival of Lights regrets any confusion that has arisen from the Dalkey Business Group's (Electric) Christmas Lights campaign and the DLRCOCO Children's Lantern Parade for their Christmas Fair and Market. The Festival of Lights is a non-profit, non-commercial, ecumenical volunteer group not connected to these other organisations"

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Alongside this the afternoon sporting programme



Paper Sculpture

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Bethany is a family owned and run estate in the beautiful Barossa Valley of South Australia established in 1852. I was lucky enough to meet Geoff Shrapel a few years ago at a wine tasting and even have my own bottle of Bethany G6 Shiraz signed by him. Geoff and his brother Robert are now labelled "The Barons of the Barossa" and are fifth generation descendants of Bethany.

In the International Wine and Spirits Competition this year (IWSC) they claimed two well-deserved gold medals. Their 2012 Eden Valley Riesling receiving one and their Bethany 2008 reserve Shiraz the other. The Riesling is fresh and crisp, a very easy drinking style as the lemon and green apple fruit does not overpower. The Shiraz is outstanding, bursting with ripe blackberry and plum characters however be aware that it is 14.5% ABV; I don't want to be blamed for any sore heads in Dalkey this Christmas! These wines are special enough to enjoy with Christmas dinner and our reasonably priced. Riesling is €18.49 and Shiraz €20.49 (prices in stores may vary). Wishing everyone in Dalkey a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

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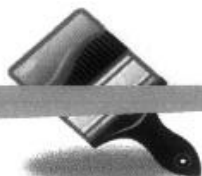
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SUNDAY SERVICES

1st December: 9am Eucharist, 10.15am Advent Carol Service.

8th December: 9am Eucharist, 10.15am Christingle Service

15th December: 9am Eucharist, 10.15am The Hanging of the Christmas Greens

22nd Dec.: 9am Eucharist, 10.15am Morning Prayer, 7.00pm Community Carol Service

24th Dec.: 11.15pm A Service of Light on The Eve of The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

25th December: 9am Eucharist, 10.15am Festival Holy Eucharist

29th Dec.: 9am Eucharist, 10.15am A Service of Favourite Readings & Hymns for Christmas

Midweek Eucharist: Each Thursday at 10.30am including special prayers for the sick, followed by coffee.

Parish Fair.

Our annual Wednesday Club Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, 7th December in the Northover Hall, at 10am. All the usual excellent items will be on offer, including a Raffle, Deli Food, Cakes, Christmas Crafts, Bric-a-brac, books and toys. Please do come and meet your friends for coffee/tea, mince pies and other delicious refreshments. Please note, Santa is scheduled to arrive at 11am.


Open Call for all little drummer boys and girls ages 9 - 16 yrs.

PRACTISES: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm on Saturday November 30th, Saturday Dec 7th, Saturday December 14th and Friday December 20th. Location: Northover Hall, St. Patrick's Church, Harbour Road, Dalkey. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Just high energy and enthusiasm! Must be available to lead the procession on Saturday Dec 21st 6 pm.

Songs of Hope – A concert of joyful music sung by Susan Haddon and Jimmy O'Byrne (Musical Director of DARA choir) on Saturday 1st February, 2014 at 7.30 pm. Tickets €15 from Parish Office 2845941, Dalkey News or 2806852. Please do mark this date in your diary.



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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2013

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

Advent & Christmas in Killiney – In addition to our normal service pattern (listed above) there will be some different services in the coming weeks to mark the Advent/ Christmas/ Epiphany Season.

Advent Sunday, 1st December: 10.45am - A Service for Advent

Sunday 8th December: 10.45am - Children's Gift Service

Sunday 22nd December: The Annual Community Carol Service will be held at 7pm in Holy Trinity, followed by a festive reception in the Carry Hall.

Christmas Eve: The 1st Holy Communion of Christmas will be celebrated at 11.15pm.

Christmas Day: 8.30am Holy Communion / 10.45am Family Parish Communion

There will be no mid-week Holy Communion on Thursday 26th December

Sunday 29th December: 8.30am Holy Communion / 10.45am Morning Prayer

5th January - Eve of the Epiphany: 10.45am A Service for Epiphany

Saturday 7th December – **Christmas Sale in The Carry Hall** from 11am to 1pm. The usual stalls will be present along with the addition of a grotto for a very special guest who will be arriving at 11:30! At the sale there will be a hand crafted Nativity Set made by Cliodhna Middleton. This will be auctioned by silent auction (min. bid €100). All are very welcome to join us.

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society) – On Thursday 19th December at 8pm a dinner will be held in the Dispensary, Dalkey. All our Gentleman are very to attend. More information is available from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

SILK (Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney) – On Wednesday December 18th there will be a Christmas Dinner in the Dispensary, Dalkey at 8pm. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159.



JAMES SCANNELL RECEIVES AWARD



THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY MEDAL, which is awarded annually to recognise excellence in both research and presentation, was awarded this year to our regular contributor, James Scannell by the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Oisín Quinn.

Left: James Scannell pictured with the Lord Mayor Clr. Oisín Quinn



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❖ **DECEMBER 2013 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS – James Scannell** ❖

Wednesday Dec. 4th – The Rathmichael Historical Society meets at 8pm in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill - Gabriel Cooney will present his lecture “*Axes from islands: the importance of island lithic sources in the Neolithic period.*” All welcome.

Thursday Dec. 5th – The Mount Merrion Historical Society meets at 8pm in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Ms. Fiona O’Kane will present her lecture “*William Ashford’s Mount Merrion.*” All welcome - admission €4.

Monday Dec. 9th – The Dundrum & District Historical Soc. meets at 8pm in Dom Marmion House, Sandyford Rd. car park, Dundrum. Dr. Elizabeth O’Brien will present her lecture “*Contacts between Ireland and Britain in the Iron Age/Late Medieval Ireland.*” Admission €2.

Tuesday Dec. 10th – The Friends of Medieval Dublin and Dublin City Council will host a 40-minute Milestones of Medieval Dublin lunchtime lecture at 1.05pm on “*1534: Silken Thomas and the Siege of Dublin*” presented by Stephen Ellis. Admission free.

At 7 pm The Tallaght Historical Society meets in The County Library, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Professor Pádraig Ó Riain will present the Leo Swan Memorial Lecture on “*The Irish saints and their Feast Days: The Tallaght Contribution.*” All welcome.

At 8pm The Genealogical Society of Ireland meets in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire. Eric Booth will speak on “*The resources of Ancestry.com as a support for the genealogist.*” All welcome - admission €4.

Wednesday Dec. 11th – The Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society meets at 8 p.m. in The Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire. The Society will hold its annual “*Collectors / Treasure Night.*” Adm. €3.50.

Thursday Dec. 12th – The Irish Railway Record Society meets at 7.30pm in their Dublin Hueston Station, premises. Tim Moriarty will present his lecture “*The Folklore of the IRRS.*” Members and their guests only.

At 7.30pm The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland meets in 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2 - Statutory Meeting: Dr. Niamh Whitfield (in memoriam Prof. Etienne Rynne) will speak on “*The Making of the Ardagh Chalice.*”

At 8pm The Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society meets in The Function Room, Glenabyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Open Night - Short talks by members. All welcome. €3.

At 8.30pm The Enniskerry History Society meets in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry. James Scannell will present his lecture “*The 1957 Dundrum Railcar Collision.*” All welcome. Admission €3.

JANUARY 2014 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS

Wednesday Jan. 8th – The Rathmichael Historical Society meets at 8 p.m. in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill. - AGM & short presentation by Rob Goodbody “*Frank Aiken’s Mill*”. All welcome.

Thurs. Jan. 9th – Mount Merrion Historical Society Mt. Merrion Community Centre, Mt. Merrion - The Little Ships in Ireland’s History - Pat Sweeney. All welcome - admission €4.

Friday Jan. 10th – The Military History Society of Ireland meets at 8pm in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. Dr. Mark Phelan will present his lecture “*Italian fascists and Irish rebels - Ireland & Italy 1920 - 1922.*”

Tuesday Jan. 14th – The Tallaght Historical Society meets at 7pm in the County Library, Tallaght. James O’Brien will present his lecture “*Vintage Postcards.*” All welcome.

Monday Jan. 27th – The Clondalkin History Society meets at 8pm in Áras Cronáin, Watery Lane, Clondalkin. Seamus Cullen will present his lecture “*Who do you think you*

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are? Sinead de Valera, and Brigid Cosgrove.” All welcome.

A BOOKS TO READ

“WITH THE IRISH IN FRONGOCH” by W.J. Brennan,

Published by the Mercier Press, this book explores what happened to all the participants in the 1916 Rising taken prisoner by the Crown forces who were interned in the Frongoch camp in North Wales from April to December 1916 and provides the reader with a fascinating glimpse of daily life and the on-going battles of wits between the internees and the camp authorities who failed to break their spirits and did not realise that the internees



DALKEY IN THE OLD DAYS – Part III



Dickie Ryan, Tim Ryan's uncle, attired as a Drum Major in the Dalkey Pipe Band

For me our Civil War of 1922/23 was an event shrouded in an impenetrable mist. Like many another, it was barely touched on in my school curriculum, or indeed later in university. I imagine that it was still too fresh a wound in too many people's mind. I heard little beyond the fact that one of my granduncles was shot and killed in County Clare. No mention was made of which side did it or why.

The War of Independence and the subsequent Civil War came alive for me while doing research for my novel, *INSURRECTION*. Reading copies of the newspapers of the period in the National Library in Kildare Street was a revelation as it brought the reports of the ambushes, killings and burning more immediate. Immediate too was the information in the Irish Times that “Ladies are wearing wider hats this season.” A paradox surely?

Life apparently continued in a form of ‘normality’ after the bombardment of the Four Courts and the ending of the occupation of the north side of Sackville Street, presently O’Connell Street, by Irregulars who were opposed to the Treaty of 6th December 1921. The siege of Dublin effectively ended on July 5th July 1922.

The following day The Irish Times reported that Sackville Street was a mass of flames while on another page there was an advertisement for a moving picture starring Mary Pickford in the Corinthian Cinema. The

paper reported that tram services were resumed from Dalkey to Nelson Pillar - up to then they had terminated at Haddington Road because of the fighting; that Kingstown was peaceful throughout the previous day; that “What Women Love” was showing in the Kingstown Pavilion.

But all was not quiet in Dalkey, however, as a number of shops were raided by an armed band of Irregulars in an ‘occupation’ of the town that lasted for three-quarters of an hour. Provisions including cigarettes were taken from Findlaters (at present Eurospar) and O’Reillys, (at present the Dalkey Library), O’Gradys, (at present The Magpie), and boots, caps and clothes from Finn’s Clothiers – (does anyone know what that was?). They were later captured in Bray and taken to the brigade headquarters of the National forces in Kingstown. (For some reason best known to the Irish Times the paper still called the town Kingstown even though it was changed to Dun Laoghaire in 1920.).

(25/07/22) There was fighting later that month in and around Loughlinstown Hospital when Irregulars attacked a small group of National troops who were stationed there. Heavy machine gun and rifle fire was exchanged for about forty minutes until the Irregulars were repulsed and they retreated along the railway line.

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The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger. A short time later, an accident took the life of the little child. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there.

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Christmas Carols –

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Christmas cards beautifully designed by local artist Biddy McLoughlin are now on sale in the Parish Office. All proceeds to ALONE.

Many thanks to the Community Council for donating our Christmas tree in the Church, to Leo McCabe for supplying it and Jack Murdiffe for installing it.

We also thank Cathal McDonnell for managing the crib each year. Even though the figures are still in good condition they are in fact over 100 years old, having been gifted to our parish before 1913! Did you know that an old Irish custom says that if you are fortunate to get a piece of straw from the crib it can bring you luck for the year ahead - but please leave some for the sheep and donkey!



Fr Paddy Devitt, Rev. Bruce Hayes, Fr Declan Gallagher and Dermot Deverell – Secretary St. Patricks, Dalkey



Finally, **Christmas Mass times** are on Christmas Eve at 6pm and 9pm and Christmas Day at 8.45, 11.15am and 12.30pm. On behalf of Fr Paddy, Fr Declan, Finbarr and myself, we would like to wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas.

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Dalkey Community Pre-school Playgroup		Jan. '14 DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon 6 Jan
Christmas Fair 10am - 1pm in OLH	Sun 8 Dec	Sorting February Newsletter	Thurs. 30 Jan

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DLR BIODIVERSITY EVENT

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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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