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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**



SUMMARY OF DCC NOVEMBER MEETING



The DCC meeting took place on Monday 17th November 2014 in OLH.

TT: The winter litter patrols are ongoing and the DTT committee is busy planning projects for 2015.

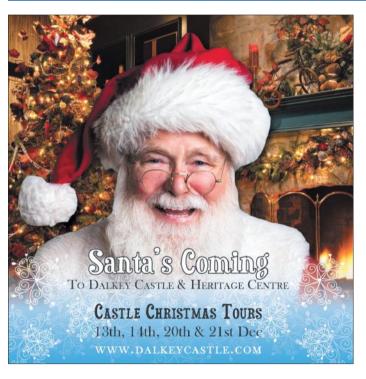
NW: As the Christmas season is here the Gardai urge vigilance and care with regard to our personal safety and protection of property. See page 45.

AOB: Parking in the town is a considerable problem and it is advisable to walk to the various events if at all possible.

The final DCC meeting for this year will take place on Monday 8th December.

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DALKEY CASTLE CHRISTMAS TOURS

As part of our Christmas living history tours, Santa will visit Dalkey Castle to see the local children before Christmas, Santa will be the climax of a tour that will include Christmas games, surprises, interactive stories and Victorian Christmas traditions. The special Christmas Castle Tours will run on four dates over two

weekends, on Sat 13th & Sun 14th and Sat 20th and Sun 21st Dec. They will run hourly at 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00, & 16.00 hours. Cost \in 7.50 per ticket. There will be 'Goodie' bags for the children (Children must be accompanied by an adult). Early booking is advisable as numbers on each tour are limited. You can book by credit or debit card over the phone or in person at reception.

Santa letter box: the children can post their letters to Santa in our foyer anytime up to when Santa leaves us on 21st December.

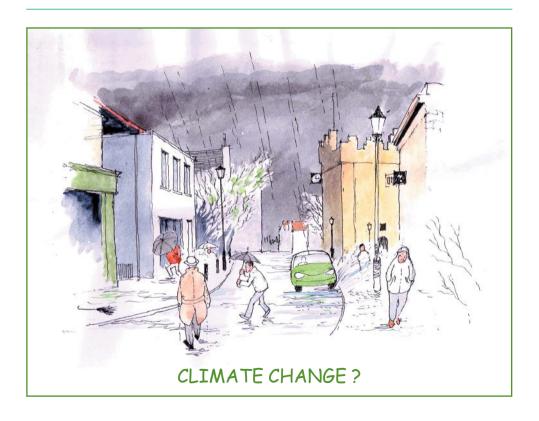
Have a Merry Medieval Christmas. During the weekdays, the tours will include

medieval Christmas traditions. Visitors will hear the origins of 'the Christmas Box', 'the Piggy Bank', 'Carol Singing' and the wearing of 'Christmas Holly'. Our own resident Medieval Cook is busy preparing for the Christmas feast. This will include Mince Pies, butter and saffron basted Goose, traditional Humble Pies (from the umbles of deer), Boar's Head, Hedgehog Pie, and delicious Frumenty Pudding.

Christmas Lights: Actors from Deilg Inis Living History Theatre Company will re-create the Nativity scene in Archbold's Castle on Sunday Dec 7th from 3.30pm. Later Santa is expected to magic his way into Dalkey to switch on the Christmas Lights. This is an annual event led by Dalkey Community Council and Dalkey Tidy Towns whereby all the groups in Dalkey combine to host a family-friendly Christmas event.

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DALKEY AND WORLD WAR I

DALKEY AND The Heritage Officer of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council held an exhibition earlier in the year called 'DLR and the Great War' as part of the Council's Summer of Heritage Programme. There were a number of Dalkey connections in the exhibition including:

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The famous Father Doyle, from Melrose House in Dalkey, whose letter from the front after the Battle of Messines in June 1917 describing the craters made by mines exploded under German lines, made specific reference to Dalkey.

'Later on I examined one of the mine craters, an appaling sight, for I knew that many a brave man, torn and burnt by the explosion, lay buried there. If you expand very considerably the old Dalkey quarry near the railway and dig it twice as deep, you will have some idea of the size of one of our mine craters, twenty of which were blown along the front of our attack.'

Another highlighted was Eric Betts who was one of the few people from this area who became a flying ace. He survived the war and become an Air Vice Marshal of great importance during the Second World War.

Carroll, William, Private. b. Dalkey, Co. Dublin. Son of Mrs Carroll, of Killiney View Cottages, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion. Killed in action France & Flanders, 01/07/1916 at age 20. Buried Sucrerie Military Cemetery, Colincamps, Somme, France.

Curtain, James. Private. Son of Mr and Mrs James Curtain, of Dalkey. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, "D" Company 1st Battalion. Died of wounds, France & Flanders, 09/08/1916. Age 25. Buried Bedford House Cemetery, Leper, West-Vlaanderen. Belgium.

Green, Frederick. Private. Royal Munster Fusiliers, 1st Battalion. Died of wounds, France & Flanders, 20/11/1917. Buried Croisilles Railway Cemetery, Pas de-Calais, France.

Rennix, Robert. Private. b. Dalkey, Co. Dublin. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Battalion. Killed in action, France & Flanders, Battle of the Somme, 01/07/1916.

Trollope, Henry. Rifleman. b. Dalkey, Son of Henry and Mary Anne Trollop, of St. Mary's Terrace, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. London Regiment, 8th (City of London) Battalion (Post Office Rifles). Killed in action, 16/06/1917. Age 26. Name on Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Barton, Vivian Alfred, Second Lieut. Son of Richard James and Florence Caroline Barton, of 8 Sorrento Terrace, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. "C" Battery, 162nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Died 22/09/1917. Age 34. Buried Reninghelst New Military Cemetery Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

DARA UPDATE

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Christmas Concert – DARA Choir is renowned for the summer concerts they have presented to a full house in the Loreto Dalkey Hall every June for the last three years. This year, for the first time, they will present a Christmas Concert in the Church of the Assumption which will include carols, Christmas songs and some of their own favourites. Put this date in your diary for a lovely local event at a festive time of year. Don't miss the warm up show for the arrival of Santa!

DARA Choir Christmas Concert – Friday, 5th December, 2014. 8.00 p.m.

Voluntary proceeds in aid of a number of local charities

TYPOGRAPHICAL CORRECTION

In the November issue of the Dalkey Newsletter an incorrect caption was printed beneath the top photograph on page 5. It should read: 'Tony Kelly and Lesley Morrison.' (not Morris).

Editor

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DALKEY BUSINESS GROUP & DISCOVER DALKEY UPDATE



We would like to wish all our members, customers and friends a Happy and Healthy Christmas and a joyful New Year. We look forward to a prosperous new year with several events in the pipeline including the return of the Lobster festival, a vintage festival and a really exciting initiative with the Globe Theatre in UK. We are working hard with the

Heritage Council and also working on a shop local campaign for 2015 along with the development of a web app for the town. All of these events are dependent on receiving grant support from the council which we have recently applied for. All of these initiatives will help to promote Dalkey and support local businesses in the town.

We would also like to thank all of our volunteers and friends who have helped with the Christmas lights and promotion, your help is greatly appreciated. If you would like to get involved with helping to run other events, please contact any of the committee or email dalkeybusinessgroup@gmail.com

Our meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month - at 6.30pm. Venues may change from time to time and everyone is welcome. So if you would like to hear about what's happening in your town or have any good ideas or suggestions pop along or simply drop us a line, tweet us @discoverdalkey or call Bill on 086 8097129.



Best wishes.

Bill, Padraic, Caitriona, Dave, Camillo, Sarah, Emmet, Nikki & John T.



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POSTCARD FROM FINLAND



Author's details with Editor. He is a Dalkey-man based in Helsinki on a work assignment for the next few years.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN FINLAND

FINNISH RICE PUDDING

Ingredients
1 ¹/4 cups of Rice
5 Cups of very hot Milk
1 egg well beaten
¹/3 cup of cream

²/3 cup of sugar 3 tbsp flour ¹/2 tsp of salt Cinnamon Cardamom



Wild Berries in Finland



Ainola, the Sibelius residence at Tuusula Lake

Method:

Cook rice in boiling water till just tender.

Strain and add 5 cups of very hot whole milk to rice. Boil slowly for 10 minutes. Then add the remaining ingredients (mixed together).

Cook at a slow boil for a few more minutes

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Harold Boys – Winner of The Liam McCrudden Cup

LIAM MCCRUDDEN CUP 2014

Liam McCrudden was a player in the Millennium Senior Cup final for Cuala in 1988. Unfortunately he has since died. Liam McCrudden was always up for a laugh even when spirits were low. He was very proud to be a part of Cuala GAA.

For the past few weeks 5th and 6th classes have been participating in the Liam McCrudden cup. All the local primary schools have been a part of it, such as, Johnstown Primary School, Saint Anne's Primary School, Dalkey Educate Together, Carysfort Primary School and of course (the best of the lot) Harold Boys' National School! Every team played four matches except Harold Boys' and Johnstown who played five matches because they played in the final. Harold Boys' N.S. had a comfortable win in the final but Johnstown never gave up. We really wanted to win because our teacher promised us homework passes! The captain for Harold Boys' N.S. was Cillian Dunne and the top scorer was Rory O'Neill. After the match the Johnstown captain presented us with our medals and Cillian Dunne presented Johnstown with their medals.

Rory O'Neill and John Maguire

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NATURE CORNER

Juvenile Peregrine on Killiney Hill - November Photo: M. Ryan

DON'T KILL THEM WITH KINDNESS

Last year UK's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds issued this warning:

'Fatten up garden birds this winter - but NOT with turkey fat.'

The RSPB is warning that cooked turkey fat is extremely dangerous to birds and is urging people not to put the leftover contents of their Christmas dinner roasting tins outside.

Many people (wrongly) believe that it is as beneficial to birds as other fats, such as lard and suet, but cooked turkey fat is dangerous for birds for several reasons.

It remains soft even when cooled, meaning it could smear onto birds' feathers and ruin their waterproofing and insulating qualities. Birds need clean, dry feathers to survive the cold and a layer of grease would make this virtually impossible.

The fat in roasting tins cannot be separated from other leftover elements like meat juices. This concoction can go rancid very quickly, especially if left in a warm kitchen for a while before being put outside and form an ideal breeding ground for salmonella and other food poisoning bacteria.

Birds are prone to bacterial infections at this time of year as their defences are low and their energy levels depleted with the cold. Also, many people add other ingredients to a joint of meat before roasting including rubbing it liberally with salt in order to crisp the skin. High levels of salt are toxic to garden birds.

The cooking juices from all other meats as well as turkey are equally as unsuitable for feeding to garden birds.

Richard James, RSPB Wildlife Adviser said: 'People pour turkey (or other Christmas joint) fat onto bird tables or mix it with seeds because they think it will give birds energy and nutrients as things like fat balls do. But this is a completely different kind of fat and could have catastrophic effects. Only pure fats such as lard and suet should be used to make homemade fat balls.'

What a Year

It's a fair bet at the end of the year we'll be told it's been the warmest one in decades. At time of writing it's cold and very, very wet and it's nice to reflect on those long warm days which lasted for months and now seem such a distant memory.

As well as a record year for the weather it's probably been a record year for ladybirds as well. I don't remember ever seeing as many as this year with what seemed like every second nettle leaf on the hill supporting at least one of the little creatures on some days.



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For All Your Business and Secretarial Needs Call Answering Service • Accommodation Address • Faxing • Typing • Binding • Laminating • Colour and Black & White Photocopying Although not so many around in early spring by mid to late summer there was a proliferation of butterflies on the wing, with Red Admirals, Peacocks and Small Tortoiseshells reaching and possibly surpassing the populations they had before a succession of dreadful springs and summers and decimated a lot of species.

Butterflies were still around well into late autumn and when we were in Waterford in October we counted 10 Red Admirals on one single ivy plant (ivy, though not so popular with gardeners is a great source of nectar for insects in the autumn) and there were still Red Admirals flying on Dalkey Hill in November.

Many birds began nesting earlier than usual, taking advantage of the mild weather and the abundance of insects to feed their young with. One result of early nesting I noticed was that Song Thrushes, which often sing well into late June and July after most songbirds have stopped, had themselves nearly all stopped well before midsummer, the males presumably having to take up parental duties and having to give up their long evenings serenading from tree tops.

Of course there were a pair of birds nesting in Dalkey which attained national attention, though for the worst possible reason when someone tried to kill them. I'd seen the Peregrines perched on Dalkey Quarry in late winter and spring but had hoped they were only roosting there and weren't going to attempt nesting there again after a pair (possibly the same two) had previously nested there in 2006. When I heard there was a nest with eggs in it my heart sank. Although the birds had successfully fledged two young in 2006 they were subjected to a great deal of disturbance, often inadvertent, but sometimes wilfully reckless with people climbing down to take photographs (peregrine chicks will jump out of a nest if frightened).

I never mentioned them in previous articles in the newsletter knowing they were frequently subjected to having eggs, chicks or adult birds destroyed but was still shocked when I heard two pigeons covered in poison had been tethered near the nest despite the crowds of people observing the peregrines and the fact they were actually being filmed for a RTE documentary. Thankfully someone noticed the pigeons and no damage was done. A very impressive number of four chicks fledged.

One of our highlights this year was seeing Sparrowhawks mating and immediately afterwards the male hawk flying to a branch on which they subsequently nested and hatched three chicks in late June. When a pair of jays had nested in a nearby conifer they

weren't to know they were going to get a pair of sparrowhawks as neighbours but both families raised young successfully.

We'd seen Treecreepers going into a split trunk on a beech tree and thought they might be nesting there and weeks later were lucky enough to see the whole family possibly on the day the chicks had left the nest. The young birds were bunched tightly together, motionless on a tree trunk like one single entity their wings overlapping, resembling a cohort of Roman soldiers in battle formation with overlapping shields held over their heads. When a parent bird would fly in with food the little heads would stick out with gaping beaks.



A Red Squirrel on a Douglas Fir on Killiney Hill October Photo: M. Ryan

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A Red Squirrel chewing - November Photo: M. Ryan

The Dalkey Tern project started off very promisingly with a pair of Roseate terns settling into a nest box on Maidens Rock and laying two eggs and lots of Arctic terns nesting on Lamb Island. Sadly all the terns on both locations seemed to have been disturbed and all deserted their nests.

Thankfully there are still Red Squirrels on Killiney and Dalkey hills. We saw a pregnant female in mid-summer and later saw two reds without the ear clips the researchers put on them signifying they were probably

this year's juveniles and hadn't been recorded yet. In November we were lucky enough to see two red squirrels, one of them building a winter dray in a scots pine. Although under constant threat from the ever encroaching grey squirrel, where there's life there's hope and hopefully there'll still be reds on the hill this time next year.



In December there will be a demonstration of Christmas floral arrangements and our Christmas party.

Please come along to Our Lady's Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

The first meeting for the New Year will be on January 15th and new members will be very welcome.

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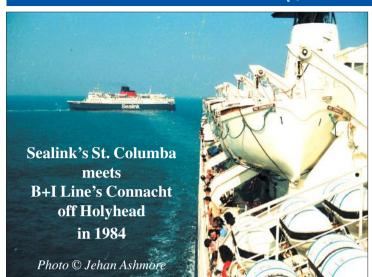
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Festive Fast-Ferry – In the October issue, it was reported Stena Line's Dun Laoghaire-Holyhead HSS fast-ferry service was to resume for the Christmas and New Year periods. This remains the case and sailing dates can now be confirmed for the 2 hour 20 minute service; these are: December 20-24, December 27-30 and for 2015, early New Year sailings are scheduled for January 2-5.

As reported in Afloat.ie in early November, Stena Line announced the Ireland-Wales route is notably to resume operating in the 2015 high-season. Despite the announcement, Stena Line remained tight-lipped over rumours that a larger conventional ferry will be introduced in early 2015 on their Dublin Port-Holyhead route and lead to the closure of the historic service from Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

The future of the loss-making Dun Laoghaire route has been the subject of much speculation given that for the past four years, the service has operated on a summer-only basis between April and September.

Maritime Memories – One of my earliest childhood memories while living along the Dalkey coastline, was of the Sealink/British Rail's car-ferry St. Columba, which served Dun Laoghaire-Holyhead from 1977 until it was replaced by the revolutionary fast-craft HSS Stena Explorer in 1996.

When the 2,241 passenger car-ferry neared the South Burford Buoy off Dalkey Island, one could be mostly confident as to the indication of time... that being teatime! As the 3 hour 30 minute sailing from Anglesey involved a final approach to entering the embracing harbour arms of Dun Laoghaire and arrive at 6.30pm alongside the Carlisle Pier; this is currently the site of a proposed Diaspora Centre.

As a budding 'ship-spotter' with the use of binoculars, it was great to observe head-on the ferry's bow wave and scenes of passengers lining the decks below the bridge windows that were reflected in a strong evening sunlight. I imagined the passengers' anticipation as they looked to shore, their expectations of holiday, visiting family and friends and such matters which are so acutely felt at this festive time of year.

In the October 2011 issue, St. Columba which is now the Massarah, was reported running the Muslim pilgrimage trade to Mecca on a Red Sea-Egypt-Saudi Arabia route. It is understood the veteran vessel has been operating erratically this year and spotted at anchor off Suez looking worse for wear.

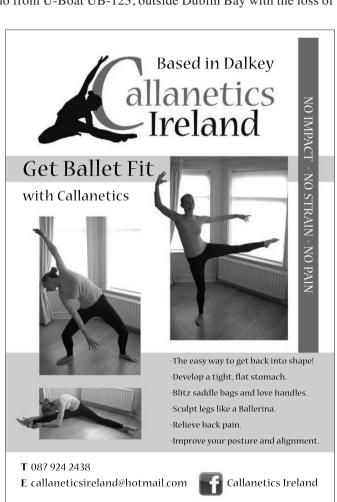
Another - albeit faint - memory was of a car ferry service to Fishguard!... yes, the Pembroke port in south Wales was linked with Dun Laoghaire when Sealink ran a summeronly service in 1978 served by the Lord Warden.

On another occasion in what I believed to be a Spanish Naval vessel with lights blazing while anchored on a balmy evening quite close to the foot of Sorrento Terrace. Her presence in Killiney Bay seemed exotic when foreign navies attended the Dun Laoghaire Maritime Festivals in the 80's.

WWI Wreck – Before the marking of the beginning of World War I a century ago draws to a close this year, Maritime Dalkey reflects on the tragic loss of 'Mailboat' RMS Leinster which was sunk by a torpedo from U-Boat UB-123, outside Dublin Bay with the loss of 501 lives in 1918.

In addition, there was a local incident fortunately without casualties - when HMS Guide Me II sank off The Muglins Lighthouse in 1915. There are conflicting reasons as to why the Admiralty hired a 100 tonnes drift-net fishing boat, converted into an anti-submarine coastal patrol-gunboat, had sank. She was either involved in a collision with an un-named vessel or she herself had struck The Muglins.

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REVIVAL OF THE CROWNING

ON Sunday, June 17th, Dalkey humour and likeable personality. O celebrates the Revival of the popular choice could have been made Crowning of the King of Dalkey. This old-time burlesque ceremony in and popular as a Dublin comedian. the old days afforded great pleasure Mr. Purcell generously refused any and amusement to the people. This remuneration or expense money and year the Organising Committee has has thrown all his ability into the function even more elaborate and entertaining than ever. Thanks to devote the proceeds to the Old to the facilities afforded by the Very the big day. A special word of historic and amusing function, We thanks is due to the Advertisers who are confident this will be done in an made this publication possible, unselfish manner,* and

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The Crowning being of an amus-ensure a really enjoyable and sucing character required a person with cessful "Coronation" Day.

Time Table of "Coronation" Day

2.0 p.m.-"Royal" Party, with Mounted Escort and Bands, starts for Dalkey from Dun Laoghaire Town Hall.

2.30 p.m.-Massed Bands greet Royal Party entering Dalkey and escorts the party to Collemore Harbour.

3.0 p.m - ne King's Party crosses to Dalker Island, to receive the Crown.

3.30 p.m.-At "Carrig na Greine" the King of Dalkey is feted and the Crowning Ceremonial takes place (by kind permission).

4.0 p.m,-"His Majesty" opens Fun Fair and Sports at Carrig











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Time Various

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Sundays for just $\in 3$. If you spend $\in 30$ on groceries at SuperValu in Dún Laoghaire Shopping Centre on Saturdays or Sundays they will give you $\in 2$ toward the cost of parking so you can park all day for $\in 1$.

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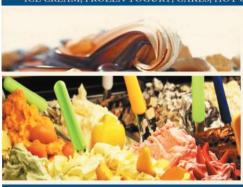
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ENERGY TIPS FROM SHARAVOGUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

We are all working very hard saving energy in Sharavogue Junior School. Our Green School Committee has collected some more bright ideas to help you save electricity at home.

Tip 1. Cover your Floorboards – Do you have bare floorboards in your home? If so, it could be costing you twice as much to heat up your house. We suggest you put down some rugs. Rugs and carpets help to retain heat meaning less electricity is used to heat your rooms.

Tip 2. Cooking Tips – When you are cooking try to match the size of your pot to the size of the plate/burner on your cooker. A huge amount of heat is wasted when small pots are used on large plate/burners. This should help to keep your electricity usage down.

Tip 3. Keep your Freezer Well Stocked – Don't be afraid to keep your freezer well

stocked. Believe it or not a full freezer uses less energy than an empty one. If you do not have a lot of food to freeze, fill up large bottles with water and freeze them instead. This will help you to reduce your electricity usage. Our school energy slogan is "Do the Earth a Favour be a Power Saver" so try our energy saving tips and save on your electricity bill this winter.

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Right now, I am sitting in the cottage painting a little wooden crib and chomping on some dillisk, a gift from Donegal. Outside on Coliemore Road or 'Coal-ee-more Road,' as the older folk of Dalkey call it, a high wind is blowing hard. It coughs the Christmas air right down the chimney and fires up the turves of turf like a natural bellows. The smell is powerful, i.e. Salty Bog. The mobile phone has being ringing all morning so I turn it off completely. Jesus, it's a restful experience or so I think.



Suddenly there's a knock on the door. An elderly man who I know to see is standing in the wind, the life sucked out of him. His face is Aspirin white with stress.

"Am I interrupting you?," he says timidly. I beckon him in. Once on the chair, he fishes out some sort of homemade wallet from his back pocket. It is an old empty, flattened packet of Knorr 'Chicken Noodle Soup.' He opens it carefully and shows me a photograph of a beautiful blonde girl in her thirties. She is smiling in a mischievous, twinkly manner. Quickly the tears fall.

"It should have been me...," he sobbed. "It should have been me!"

This lovely picture of his gorgeous dead daughter snaps both our heart strings. I know a thing or two about grief so I hold his lovely old hands, and listen.

Christmas can be rough. That's for sure. The dead are ever closer, but the ones we love are missing. The best of people are missing. It can be a very sad time indeed. We say a little prayer together. Then, after a marathon session of Barry's tea, the old man smiles weakly and disappears into the darkness. After he is gone, the cottage is quiet once more. I place a lighted candle in the window for all of those that have passed. On Christmas Eve. like millions before and after me. I shall do the same. The cosy light of the candle, a symbol of welcome to those seeking solace. A candle for the Marys and Josephs of this world looking for a place of safety. I will bake a loaf of Christmas bread bursting with caraway seeds and raisins and place it on the table with a jug of milk. The half door will remain unlatched for a little while, like Dalkey people did in safer times. Then I will close the latch, lock the door and saunter up to the Kings Inn to meet my magical friends for a Christmas pint!

> "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Is: 9.1)



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SINÉAD'S WINE CORNER



Christmas day, turkey and ham...and what to drink? Food and wine matching can be confusing so here are a few suggestions to make your Christmas dinner food and wine pairing easy.

Perfect Turkey Pairings:

- Carmenere- This grape has blackberry and plum flavours and leads to rich round tannins. I would recommend a young Chilean Carmenere.
- Nero d'Avola- Increasingly popular Sicilian grape. It is soft and robust. Sweet tannins and peppery undertones. Although this grape is widely grown in other countries now, I would suggest you go for a Sicilian Nero d'Avola.
- Tempranillo- Think of a cross between Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir. Deep colour and rich flavour from one and strawberry fruit from the other. Don't look anywhere else but Spain for that perfect Tempranillo.

Perfect Ham Pairings:

- Grenache Good Grenache has wild and unexpected flavours. Roasted nuts, honey, pepper, blackcurrants. No wonder it will pair well with ham and plenty of other dishes too. Cotes du Rhone are Grenache driven and are mixed with Syrah and Mourvedre generally but don't let this put you off as it will still match perfectly with your ham. Cotes du Rhone 2010 vintage is recommended this Christmas.
- Rosé- Lots of different grape varieties either by themselves or combined can make a good Rosé but if you want the best then you have to look into the Country and Region. Provence in France produces some of the finest dry Rosé that will happily pair with your ham and taste delicious.

Christmas wouldn't be the same without a festive drink. Yes you have guessed it...mulled wine - the vines version of a classic hot toddy:

Ingredients:

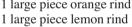
1 litre dry red wine

1 dessertspoon whole cloves

1 dessertspoon whole allspice

4 tablespoons sugar

2 (5cm) cinnamon sticks 1 large piece orange rind





Method: In a heavy saucepan over medium heat, combine the red wine, cinnamon, cloves, all spice, lemon rind and orange rind. Heat gently, but don't bring to the boil. Stir in 2 tablespoons of the sugar, and once dissolved, taste to see if you'd like to add more.

Keep hot on medium to low heat for 20 minutes to let the flavours infuse the wine. Serve your mulled wine hot in glasses or mugs with a festive mince pie.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 42-45 13/10/2014 to 7/11/2014

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0343 **Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Oct-2014 **Applicant Name & Location:** Athene Keatinge, Roncalli, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the Retention of a section of timber fencing on the rear boundary of the site (facing Burmagh Close). Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0349 Application Rec'd Date: 14-Oct-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Oliver & Josephine Tierney, Villa Maria, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for: Retention of an existing boundary fence (approx. 900mm high) to the side of the existing dwelling. Permission for new gate to side of the existing dwelling. All associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0275/E **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Oct-2014 **Applicant Name & Location:** Paul & Joan O'Loughlin, 57, Mapas Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for relocation of existing side conservatory to rear of existing house and changes to the approved development (Reg. ref. D07A/1152, Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.226816) consisting of: An increase in floor area at basement level and first floor level to the front of 31.7sq.m (total proposed new house area 230.7sq.m.) elevation changes and a revised lower roof profile and ancillary works. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0682 Application Rec'd Date: 22-Oct-2014

Applicant Name & Location: David & Evelyn Coulson, Shamrock Lodge, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for; (a) demolition of existing detached house and detached mews, (b) construction of 2 no. detached two storey 4 bedroom 189.25 sqm dwellings, (c) construction of 2 no. semi-detached two storey 4 bedroom 181 sqm dwellings, (d) 3 no. new vehicular entrances to Barnhill Avenue and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0688 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Oct-2014 **Applicant Name & Location:** H Montag, 6 Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Demolition of single storey extension to the rear of the existing detached bungalow. 2. Raise main roof level by 1400mm to create new first floor accommodation. 3. Construction of single storey and two storey flat roof extensions to the front, sides and rear. 4. Construction of a new flat roof entrance porch and steps to the side. 5. Elevational alterations to the front side and rear of the existing property. 6. Roof lights in the new main roof to the side. 7. New landscaping, drainage and associated site works, including widening of existing vehicular entrance.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0370 Application Rec'd Date: 31-Oct-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Al Lyons, 1, Summerville Terrace, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for attic conversion to habitable bedroom with en-suite including roof lights to front and dormer roof light to rear.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0807/E **Application Rec'd Date:** 7-Nov-2014 **Applicant Name & Location:** Anne Dolan, Topcliff, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for (1) subdivision of existing 1442sq.m site into two parts. (2) Erection of a new part two storey, part three storey dwelling with a total floor area of 190sq.m on the sub-divided site area of 460sq.m. (3) Construction of new shared vehicular entrance and closure of the existing entrance. (4) Modifications to the existing boundary wall on Ardburgh Road to improve sight lines including the erection of new stone boundary wall and associated site works. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0260 **Application Rec'd Date:** 6-May-2014

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

Proposal: Permission for a residential development comprising of 18 no. dwellings on this 0.59 ha site. The development will consist of 5 no. 2 bedroom houses, 3 no. 3 bedroom houses and 10 no. 4 bedroom houses. A basement car-park 370m2 with 8 no. private and 4 no. visitor parking spaces and a shared bin store, a public open space area of 589m2 including an external platform lift, 30 no. surface car-parking spaces - 28 no. private and 2 no. visitor spaces, along with all associated and ancillary site and landscaping works. Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds). Clarification of A.I.: 15-Sep-2014, 6-Nov-2014.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0365 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Jun-2014

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

Proposal: Permission for the construction of a new 2-storey house (214 sqm) with associated landscaping and main foul drainage connection in the North Western Corner of the garden to the existing house. Additional Information: 3-Nov-2014.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0716 **Application Rec'd Date:** 7-Nov-2014

Applicant Name & Location: T Taylor, Apartments 1 & 4 Queenstown Castle, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

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

PLANNING DECISIONS for Wks. 42-44 13/10/2014 to 7/11/2014

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0544 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 15-Oct-2014 **Applicant Name & Location:** Kevin Meany & Elizabeth Goodwin, 103 Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: (a) Demolition of existing 4 sqm shed to rear of property.

(b) Construction of 40 sqm ground floor extension to rear and side of existing dwelling. (c) Construction of 17 sqm first floor extension to rear of existing dwelling. (d) One number proposed window to existing dwelling -ground floor side elevation. (e) Opening up of existing window to first floor level rear. (f) Internal alterations to existing dwelling. (g) 3.0m wide vehicular entrance from Saint Begnets Villas. (h) All associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0547 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 15-Oct-2014 **Applicant Name & Location:** Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home Ltd. Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for refurbishment works and new extension to existing part two storey, part single storey pitched roof Nursing Home. Development to include: 1. Two storey pitched roof extension with part flat roof (1515 m2) to side and rear of existing building (south east) with roof level accommodation and associated dormers and velux, to provide 35 new bed spaces and associated ancillary rooms. 2. Single storey pitched roof extension (12 m2) to front of existing building (north) to provide new veranda and elevational changes. 3. Replacement of windows to front of existing building. 4. Internal refurbishment to existing building. 5. Landscaping to site generally. 6. Site works to include provision for 22 no. parking spaces (total), including 7 no. existing. Storage shed (20 m2) with flat roof. Associated drainage and site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0555 **Decision:** Request Additional information **Date:** 16-Oct-2014 **Applicant Name & Location:** Iarnród Éireann, Dalkey Station, Railway Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Permission the relocation of a ticket vending machine, removal of metal grilles, access gate and turnstiles in the station building to the north of the railway lines and their replacement with new turnstiles, windows and glazed doors. A new level access drain, new turnstiles to replace the existing turnstiles and roller shutter will be installed in the shelter to the south of the railway lines. The central handrail at the steps to/from the shelter will be removed. Located in an Architectural Conservation Area.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0558 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 17-Oct-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Enda Kearns, 9 Mapas Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to: (1) Construct a single storey extension to rear of dwelling. (2) Single storey extension with pitched roof to front of dwelling. (3) Conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation with first floor extension above. (4) Attic conversion with 1 no. dormer and 4 no. velux to side and front of dwelling and (5) Widening of front entrance from approx. 2.5m to 3m in width, the development will also include external

insulation and render to dwelling and internal alterations and associated site development works.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0246 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 17-Oct-2014

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0297 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 13-Oct-2014

Applicant Name & Location:: The Lucey Family, 4 Castle Close, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for retention for changes to an approved development (reg. ref. D13B/0310). The changes relate to the approved new extension only and comprise of, (a) the alteration of front elevation windows from two storey glazing with timber cladding between floors to a two storey bay window with cladding between floors, (b) the enlargement of an opaque window on the side at first floor level, (c) two additional ground level windows to the utility room to the rear, (d) the lowering of the cill height of the rear first floor bedroom window. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0310 **Decision: Grant Permission for Retention Date:** 17-Oct-2014 **Applicant Name:** Kevin and Grainne O'Donovan, Ravello, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to retain the following variations to previously approved (D13B/0141) works, namely the omission of the following previously proposed works (1) the cladding to the front dormer windows, (2) the provision of a canopy over the front door and (3) the provision of a rear ground floor extension (10sq.m.). The tiled roof over the side and rear conservatory to remain as approved (D13B/0141). **Application Type:** Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0338 Decision: Declare Application Invalid Date: 13-Oct-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Oliver & Josephine Tierney, Santa Maria, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for Retention of an existing boundary fence (approx. 900mm high) to the side of the existing dwelling. Permission for new gate to side of the existing dwelling. All associated site works.
Reg. Ref.D09A/0780/E Decision: Grant Extension of Duration of Perm. Date: 24-Oct-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Jennie and Andrew Power, Site at Ardeevin Terrace, Ardeevin Road, Dalkev.

Proposal: Planning permission for construction of partially sub-terrainian three bedroom two-storey-below-road-level detached house, with study, living, dining and kitchen, associated vehicular and pedestrian access, private car parking for 2 cars and ancillary site works. (Site model to scale submitted with application). Application Type; Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref. D14A/0384 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 20-Oct-2014

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

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

Reg. Ref. D14A/0565 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 22-Oct-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Siobhan O'Rourke, 1, Dalkey Grove, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to construct a single-storey, flat-roofed detached dwelling (114sq.m.) in the existing side, rear garden including separate vehicular and pedestrian entrances, all associated site works, off-street parking, and the provision of a front boundary wall to the public footpath.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0316 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 31-Oct-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Louise & Lawrence St John, Trentham, Nerano Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a new extension (floor area 9 sqm) at first floor level to the side of existing dwelling, with new window to the front and velux rooflight to the side and all ancillary works.

Applicant Name & Location: William & Anne McHugh, The Ardburgh, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission sought for alterations to front of existing dwelling house, work includes a two storey extension with balconies on both sides.

Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0590 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 4-Nov-2014

Applicant Name & Location: David Coulson, Former Tramyard, 15, Castle Street, Dalkey.

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

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 42-45 13/10/14 to 7/11/14

None for Dalkey area

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks 41-44 6/10/14 to 31/10/14

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0004 Appeal Decision: Refuse Permission Appeal Decided: 2-Sep-'14

Council's Decision: Grant Permission Location: 36 Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for the demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling, including removal of existing septic tank and construction of new 2 storey over basement house (478 sqm) with associated landscaping and new main drainage connection. **Applicant:** Gerard Ryan

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0192 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 9-Oct-2014

Council's Decision: Grant Permission.

Location: Hawthorns, Barnhill Lawn, Atmospheric Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission to carry out alterations and extend an existing dwelling house, including demolition of an existing two storey extension on the northern side and construction of a new two storey extension in lieu and forming a new pedestrian access gate with associated site works.

Applicant: Imogen Murphy & Caroline Malone.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0151 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 28-Oct-2014 **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission. **Location:** Site of 0.1061 ha at 25 Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

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

Applicant: Alan & Ann Kelly

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0208 **Appeal Decision**: Refuse Permission **Appeal Decided:** 31-Oct-2014 **Council's Decision**: Refuse Permission **Location**: 51a Castlepark Road, Glenageary, Co Dublin **Proposed Development:** Permission for development consisting of physical separation of existing houses number 51 and 51a. This division is to be achieved by the removal of the linking space between both houses to create a mews house at 51a. The access to the two houses remains the same the existing garden is divided to reflect this new arrangement.

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Epimedium in Winter



Helleborus Niger

the garden Nothing could be further from the truth! Even in mild areas like our Dalkey, our winter usually gets much harder, more severe, after December So some of our plants are already responding to lengthening days. If you look closely, there are buds already forming at the base of our Hellebores. Sometimes, daffodils can come up very early even before Christmas. Enjoy,

enjoy, enjoy but be aware that they too, can succumb to fungal problems such as Narcissus Scorch. There is such promise out there despite what our bones might be telling us. December is not all spadework, though there are vines to prune, roots to take in and, sometimes, icy ponds to crack. Don't some of our trees look stunning in their winter bark, then their silhouettes, their branches and their twigs? Our Evergreens truly, come into their own, so too, do our Conifers and broad-leaved evergreen plants.

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MIGHT DO, MAYBE DECEMBER JOBS

- 1. Keep an eye on temperatures for some pot plants; one night can be fatal.
- 2. Maybe treat timber with suitable preservatives.
- 3. The pruning season is now upon us. Some woody plants can 'bleed' if pruning is left into the New Year. Acers, Birches and Vines love to be pruned right now. Remember to look and take time to study Acers and Birches particularly as their true elegance is in their delicate growth and it's rarely necessary to cut into the old wood.
- 4. If buying a living Christmas tree, it might be worth considering a container grown one as usually, containerised trees hold needles longer than cut trees. *Remember they are mulching on Killiney Hill in January*.
- 5. Better to remove ivy off tree trunks if it's beginning to climb.
- 6. Plant up containers for colourful and welcoming displays alongside your front door. Trailing Ivies, Pansies, Violas, Hyacinths and Miniature Bulbs, all work well. Watch out for mildew and black spot on winter Pansies and deadhead all bedding plants regularly in order to stimulate repeated flowering.
- 7. Honestly, it is well worth making sure now to clear leaves and debris from Alpines as



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Few realize that placing Graffiti tags on public or private property is a criminal act. Those identified, caught and convicted are likely to end up with criminal records. Convictions in turn often result in the vandals being denied visas to visit the USA, Canada, Australia, China, etc. This can have a lifelong impact.

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To address this scourge, over the past year, our Dalkey Tidy Towns' group set up an action team and worked closely with the Gardaí and DLRCC. An extensive



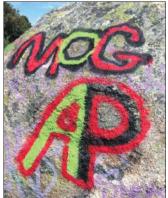
data-base of tags was compiled and is updated monthly with the Gardaí. Cameras have been installed as required. In just twelve months, over 1,300 tags have been removed from our small Dalkey area alone, usually within 24 hours. The volume of destruction was enormous. As a resident, you may not have realised this due to the speed at which they were removed. DLRCC has also funded the provision of expensive pressure washing services and materials where needed. Private houses, granite walls, street furniture and lighting, our lovely Parks, road signs, shop fronts, etc., have all been vandalised.

This more aggressive approach has now resulted in the identification of five Graffiti vandals to date - mostly Dalkey locals aged 14-18. They are being processed by the Gardaí. Some Schools have also stated that guilty vandals may be refused entry. In other words, this Graffiti scourge is being taken very seriously by our Dalkey community, the Gardaí and DLRCC. Seeing the destruction in neighbouring districts shows clearly that aggressive action is essential.

As the Graffiti scourge has continued, with the support of the Gardaí, the action being taken in Dalkey will be increased even further in 2015. Cameras will play a major role in convictions. We would like to thank all those residents who were so supportive this year and we hope that their lives have been improved even a little by the ongoing work of our Dalkey Tidy Towns team. We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful area. To keep it this way requires public support. A meeting is planned in the near future to gather further support from our Dalkey friends.

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DECEMBER / JANUARY 2014/15 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS

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Wednesday December 3rd 8pm Rathmichael Historical Society, Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill - '*Leinster's place in the world in the 7th Century*' - Dr. Colin Ireland. All welcome.

Thursday December 4th 8pm The Mount Merrion Historical Society, Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion - '*Lighthouses around Ireland*' - Brian Maguire. All welcome - admission €4/Student €2.

Friday December 5th 8 pm The Military History Society of Ireland, Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8, '*Australia*, & the First World War' - Prof. Jeff Kildea. All welcome.

Wednesday December 10th 8pm Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, The Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire '*Collectors / Treasure Night*'. Members €2.50; Visitors €3.50; Retired €2.

Thursday December 11th 7.30pm Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2 - Statutory Meeting - '*Rethinking Crannogs: The Drumclay factor*' - Dr. Nora Bermingham.

Thursday December 11th 8.30pm Enniskerry History Society, Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry Village 'Christmas in Co.Wicklow 100 Years Ago (1914)' - James Scannell. All welcome -Admission €3

Saturday December 13th 2.30pm Dublin Western Front Association, Lecture Room, Museum of Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7 - 'The Battle of Verdun, St. Mihiel and the Argonne: Same place, different years. different armies' - Trevor Adams. All welcome.

Friday December 19th 11.30am. The Bray Cualann Historical Society, Bray Public Library, Eglinton Road, Bray, 'Christmas in Bray 100 Years Ago (1914)' - James Scannell. All welcome - admission free.

Thursday January 8th 2015 8pm The Mount Merrion Historical Society, Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion - '*Monkstown - Dun Laoghaire*' - Tom Conlon. All welcome - admission €4 / Student €2.

Friday January 9th 8pm The Military History Society of Ireland, Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8 - 'Who became an officer? Irish recruitment to the British armed forces, 1922 - 49' - Dr. Stephen O'Connor. All welcome.

Thursday January 15th 8pm Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society, The Function Room, Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan 'Maritime Guinness: Ships, Yachts and Barges of the Guinness Family' - Eddie Bourke. Contribution €3.

♦ NATURE NOTES – DECEMBER 2014 & JANUARY 2015



Tuesday 2 Dec. West Coast Cooler: Why do so many birds arrive in the west of Ireland? by Anthony McGeehan (who will sign copies of his new book, *Birds of the Homeplace*). Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, 8pm

Sunday 7 December: Outing to Cabinteely Park. Meet in car park close to Cabinteely House at 10:30am

Tuesday 6 January: The Art of Bird Identification: A 40-year Perspective, by Killian Mullarney. Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, 8:00pm.

Sunday 11 January: Outing to Rogerstown Estuary. Meet in Turvey car park at 10:30am.





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Lieutenant Vincent Fox MRCVS

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Visitors to Belgravia House, Horseferry Road, may care to spend a few minutes studying the impressive carved oak memorial commemorating those Members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons who lost their lives in World War I. Sited on the stairwell leading to the lower ground floor, there is significant history attached to the memorial, described in *Veterinary History* (Volume 16, No 2, 2012), and which was unveiled on 7 April 1921 by the then President of the College, Professor O Charnock Bradley. The memorial commemorates the 67 veterinary surgeons who died whilst serving with British and Empire forces during the conflict. As we reflect on the centenary of outbreak of the 'War to end all

Wars' it is a fitting tribute to the profession to describe the stories behind some of the names that appear on the memorial.

A closer examination of the 67 men detailed on the memorial reveals that 34 died of disease, 24 died of wounds and 9 were killed in action. Of the latter group, the first to die was Lieutenant Vincent Fox MRCVS, whose obituary appeared in the *Veterinary Record* of 3rd October 1914, and simply read: *Vincent Fox, MRCVS, Lieut AVC, Dublin: December 1911*.

It is only recently that the full story of this veterinary surgeon's life, and the circumstances of his death, have come to light.

Vincent Richard James Fox was an Irishman, who after his death was described as a man 'of the kindliest and sunniest nature.' He was born at Hacksballscross, Carrickastuck, County Louth, some 6 miles west of Dundalk, on 9 December 1889, the youngest of 10 children born to Patrick James Fox, a farmer and his wife, Anne (neé Cummisky). Vincent's father died in 1890, his mother in 1908, and the 1911 census identifies that the family, now headed by the eldest son, Patrick (born 1871), had left Carrickastuck and were residing at 25 Quay Street, Dundalk.

Vincent entered the Royal Veterinary College in Ireland in 1907, and graduated MRCVS in December 1911. He initially worked in Dundalk, but in May 1912 he sailed from London to Calcutta. Here he worked for RS Hart Bros, described as a 'Royal Horse Repository and Veterinary Infirmary' by its owner Robert Spooner-Hart MRCVS. The work was varied, ranging from veterinary surgery to horse breeding and dealing, but the company also acted as consulting veterinary surgeons to the Calcutta Turf Club and HE the Viceroy (Lord Hardinge). Spooner-Hart died from cholera in March 1914, and about that time Vincent Fox returned to Ireland where he worked for the Department of Agriculture; although it was predicted he would have done well as a veterinary surgeon in the department, he was keen to pursue a military career.

As the storm clouds of war gathered over Europe in the summer of 1914, Fox received his commission, in the rank of Lieutenant, on probation, in the Army Veterinary Corps, on 31 July 1914. He was one of four veterinary surgeons whose commission was listed in the *London Gazette* of 14 August. His entrance into the army obviously moved at quite a pace, since by 22 July he had obtained his uniform from W T Castle, Military Outfitters of 23 Saville Row, London, for which he was invoiced a total of £22 18/-.

Vincent Fox was one of the very first veterinary surgeons to depart to France with the British Expeditionary Force (BEF), serving as Brigade Veterinary Officer to 8 Infantry Brigade. (The brigade was part of 3 Division, itself part of II Corps, the latter commanded by General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien). 8 Infantry Brigade was based at Devonport,



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Plymouth in August 1914 when orders were received to mobilise for war. One of Fox's first duties may have related to the horses supplied to the brigade; it was recorded that:

Some of the heavy draught horses supplied were 3 years old and appeared never to have been broken to harness. The unsuitable horses were exchanged.

The brigade arrived in Boulogne on 14 August, and were deployed north into Belgium, and by 22 August were at Mons, facing the advancing German army. The position of British troops was such that there was a real risk of their being cut off by the two pronged advance of the Germans. On 22 August, the Commander in Chief of the BEF, Field Marshal Sir John French, ordered the retreat from Mons. Over the following days the British forces attempted to withdraw. By 25 August 8 Brigade were positioned in the town of Audencourt, to the east of Le Cateau. Here Smith-Dorrien deployed the bulk of his troops around Le Cateau to provide support for the men of I Corps as they retreated on his eastern flank. He was 'advised' by French to withdraw but informed the Commander in Chief that he was unable to move any men, and that he had decided to stand and fight. In many regiments the order was made that 'gentlemen, we will stand and fight.'

The Battle of Le Cateau took place on Wednesday 26 August, and the headquarters of 8 Brigade were initially sited in a farm in Audencourt, with their vehicles parked in the farmyard. The brigade diary reported that:

No field ambulance and no medical officers being available, the wounded were taken into a church, a very solid stone structure and here Lieut V Fox AVC took charge and dressed the wounded.

At about noon brigade headquarters came under a sustained artillery barrage and it was decided to move south, moving the horses to a nearby orchard. The wounded being treated by Lieutenant Fox were to be left in the church, since it was deemed to be strong enough to withstand shell fire, although it was believed that the Germans would not fire on the building. At 2.30pm the Germans commenced to shell the town of Audencourt vigorously, with disastrous consequences. Shelling of the orchard led to the death of all the horses held there. The order was given to start to retreat, but in the late afternoon the church was shelled. Witnesses described how the spire was hit, followed by an explosion and the building caught fire. At last one high explosive shell entered the building, causing substantial damage and destruction, resulting in the death of Lieutenant Fox. His family were later to receive reports that his dead body was found, 'without a mark or scar on it', features indicating that he died as a result of primary blast injury.

Fox was buried in the Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery at Caudry (British Cemetery) which contains the remains of many other men who died at the Battle of Le Cateau, including 2nd Lieutenant Ronald Ross, the son of Sir Ronald Ross, Nobel Laureate, who served with 2 Bn Royal Scots Regiment.

Vincent Fox died whilst treating human, not animal, patients, and in doing so clearly demonstrated his commitment to the treatment of the sick, regardless of circumstance or species. Although so little was written about his actions at the time in the veterinary press, an obituary in his local paper, the *Dundalk* Democrat, described that he was:

British firing line. A man could not well die a nobler death.

Killed whilst in pursuit of his humane duty behind the An inspection of the memorial at Belgravia House reminds us that many veterinary

surgeons paid the ultimate price of service for King and Country over the four years that followed Vincent Fox's death, and for several their stories remain largely untold to the veterinary profession.

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Services for December '14 Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

The Carry Hall – As I write things are beginning to pick up the pace. The new heating systems have been installed, painting is underway, the new doors and windows have arrived (from Estonia!) and new drains have been laid. The building committee are now meeting weekly with the project manager and builder and there are numerous emails being exchanged between times. We are delighted that things are progressing according to schedule and within budget. As mentioned last month it is planned that the first 'public' event in the new centre will be the Christmas Sale on the 6th December, 11am-1pm.

We invite everybody to come along and see the Carry Centre on the 6th!

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, 30th November: 10.45am -

A Service for Advent

Sunday 14th December: 10.45am -

Children's Gift Service

Sunday 21st 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

Sunday 28th December: 10.30am A

Service for Christmas

4th January: 10.45am A Service for

Epiphany

Sheep Thrills - Made in Ireland Every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre. Reconvenes January 2015! Our community based textile group continues with great enthusiasm and with lots of new ideas already put into operation. Sheep Thrills products will be sold locally and given to selected charities for the homeless both at home and abroad. So anyone interested please contact Joan @ 0872460078. Admission € 3-€ 5.

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society) – In December a dinner will be held in the Club, Dalkey on Thursday 18th at 8pm. All Gentleman are very to attend. More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

Table Tennis – The table tennis club meets every Monday at 8pm in the Carry Centre (from 8th December). If you are interested in trying out table tennis, you would be very welcome (and we



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Ladies Guild – The Guild will meet next on Tuesday 9th December in the Carry Centre, for their Annual Members Christmas Lunch.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney – On Wednesday December 17th there will be a Christmas Dinner at 8pm. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

Bible Study and Prayer Group – The next gathering will be on Tuesday December 16th at 10.30am in the Carry Centre.

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Sunday Services for December 2014

7th December 9am Eucharist 10.15am Hanging of the Christmas Greens.

14th December 9am Eucharist 10.15am Christingle.

21st December 9am Eucharist 10.15am Eucharist. 7pm Community Carol Service.

25 th December 9am Eucharist 10.15am Christmas Day Eucharist.

28th December 9am Eucharist 10.15am Readings & Carols for Christmas.

Sunday Services for January 2015.

4th January 9am Eucharist 10.15am Epiphany Carol Service. 11th January 9am Eucharist 10.15am All Age Family Worship.

18th January 9am Eucharist 10.15am Eucharist.
25th January 9am Eucharist 10.15am Morning Prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER / JANUARY

Community Carol Service – Will take place in St. Patrick's Church at 7pm. on 21st December. Everyone is welcome at our annual Dalkey Community Carol Service. Please feel free to join us...and bring a friend! Mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards in the Northover Hall

Children's Programme – In St. Patrick's Parish we have a Children's Programme jammed full of events throughout the year for you to enjoy, Christmas and the New Year being no exception.

Christmas Disco on 19th December 7.00pm - 9.00pm Entry fee is \leq 5 per child. Please encourage children to bring change for purchasing snacks and drinks if possible rather than notes. Come along and hear the DJ spinning and mixing retro floor fillers from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 00's with the latest pop tunes guaranteed to get you moving and grooving.

Christmas Cinema Night on 22nd December, come along and try something from the tuck shop and watch the movie on the silver screen. The first Cinema Night for the New Year is on 17th January.

The on 31st January you can come along and try out the Karaoke, please warm up the vocal cords before arriving, no warbling allowed, earplugs not supplied. There will be a break for pizza at half time.

All of our Children's Events take place in the Northover Hall, usually starting at 7pm. Full details can always be found on our website www.stpatricksdalkey.com

Parish Fair – Our annual Wednesday Club Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, 6th December in the Northover Hall, at 10am. All the usual excellent items will be on offer,





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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION



We would like to wish all of parishioners, friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas full of love and joy, and a healthy New Year. We welcome home all of those returning to Dalkey for Christmas, and look forward to seeing you in our Church this season.

Christmas is a time of birth and rebirth and the birth of the baby Jesus symbolises the re birth of love in our hearts - for ourselves and those closest to us. Christmas can also be a stressful time for many with extra demands placed on family. Put your trust in the Lord

and pray 'O Sacred Heart of All Powerful Jesus I place all my trust in you.' When you let go and let God take over in your life - wonderful things happen, just trust and believe in the power of God's unconditional love for each and every one of us.

We welcome all of the children from our local schools for the annual schools carol service which takes place on Sunday 7th December at 4pm in the Church. This year they are joined by the DARA choir and afterwards we look forward to the annual lighting of the Christmas tree and the live crib in Archbolds Castle, which is such a popular event each year.

Dalkey Active Retirement Association's Choir is renowned for the summer concerts which they have presented to a full house in Dalkey's Loreto Hall each June for the past three years. We are delighted to announce that they will present a Christmas Concert here in the Church on Friday 5th December at 8pm, which will include carols, Christmas songs and some of their own favourites. Don't miss this warm up show for the arrival of Santa! Voluntary proceeds in aid of a number of local charities.

We also welcome three couples whose weddings will take place in our church over Christmas and the New Year. We wish them joy, love and happiness in their future together.

Christmas Arrangements are as Follows:

Sacrament of Reconciliation Communal Rite is on Monday 15th December at 7.30pm and individual confessions on Sat 20th, Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th Dec after 10am Mass.

Christmas Eve Masses are at 6pm for Vigil and 9pm 'Midnight Mass' preceded by carol singing at 8.30pm. On Christmas Day we celebrate with mass at 8.45am, 9.45am (Family Mass), 11.15am and 12.30pm. There is no evening Mass on Christmas day and Masses are as normal from St Stephen's day.

We thank especially all in our faith community who participate in the life of the parish and all who give so generously through their ministries, A vibrant community depends on the generosity of those serve in any way and though you are too numerous to mention here, we are eternally grateful.

May the peace and love of the infant Jesus find a home in your heart this Christmas and throughout 2015. Please join with us in celebrating the birth of Jesus in our Parish.

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Dalkey Community Pre-school Playgroup Play in OLH	Sat 6 Dec
Christmas tree Ceremony Celebration	Sun 7 Dec
December DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon 8 Dec
St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal	Sat & Sun 13-14 Dec
January 2015 DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon 12 Jan
Sorting February Newsletter	Thurs 29 Jan

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6-9pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

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St. Patrick's Dramatic Society: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Road from 8pm-10.30pm Mondays & Thursdays or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information.

The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. Call 086-8391839 Cuala Set Dancing Classes: Every Sunday from 8-10pm. €6 per night. All welcome.

Pilates: Classes Monday evenings in DHC at 6.15 pm 7.15pm .8.15 pm. Bookings please Contact Lizanne Barry STOTT Instructor on 087 857 2408 or See Facebook Page Lizanne Barry Pilates Classes for details.

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

DLRCoCo Christmas tree Recycling will take place from Friday 2nd –Sunday 11th January 2015 in the following venues: Killiney Hill- car park, Blackrock Park – main entrance, Cabinteely Park - car park, Marlay – Grange Road car park, DLRCC Parks Depot- Sandyford Road (by Kilcross Estate), Shanganagh Recycling Centre & West Pier Please note Ballyogan Recycling Park will accept **one** Christmas tree per vehicle free-of-charge during these dates.

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

In 2011 Mary Curtis was appointed RTE Director of Digital Switchover, and was to oversee the switch from Analogue to Digital TV (Saorview). Ms Curtis had been with RTE for many years, and has now joined UTV Ireland as Head of Channel. As mentioned in last month's article the new Channel is on schedule for launch in early January (on the Saorview network), and some viewers will need to re-scan their Saorview receivers in order to receive the channel.

Finally as always this time of year, I would like to wish everybody a Happy Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year

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