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Ann Flannery who retired recently from Hicks Butchers, Dalkey after more than fifty years.

See page 2 Photo: Alex Perry

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ANN FLANNERY RETIRES



Saturday, 28th November, 2016, saw the closing of a chapter in the history of the town of Dalkey as Ann Flannery cycled home from her work at Hicks Butchers for the last time. The Flannery sisters have enjoyed an association spanning four generations of Hicks which started when Ann's twin sister, Marie, took up employment with Jack Hick in Hick's of Sallynoggin in 1965. A few months later, Ann herself joined the shop in Dalkey under the employment of Eddie Hick, grandfather of the current owner, Donal Hick. Ann was then joined a few years later by her sister, Bernie. Although her sisters can claim to have worked decades in the respective shops, it is Ann who surely holds the record for the longest term in Dalkey, and possibly much further afield, having served the population of Dalkey for a period of fifty one years!

Over the years, the sight of Ann as she cycled to work and back in all weathers became synonymous with the history of Dalkey and she will long be remembered by all the neighbours – from elderly pensioners to local school children. Ann was always ready to greet young and old alike with her cheery smile and good humour and was the best person to talk to in the shop if you needed that extra special order or a few potato cakes put to one side!

On Ann's last day at work, and even in the few weeks running up to her retirement, many of the shop's customers dropped in with cards, flowers, and other gifts, to thank Ann and to wish her well in the future.

Although Ann has retired, no doubt the bike will still be put to good use and she will become no stranger to the streets of Dalkey. We wish her many years of health and happiness and look forward to meeting her over the Christmas period and beyond, when this year she can have time to relax and enjoy the festive season, far from the many years of hard work preparing the Christmas Morning Fry and hams for the residents of Dalkey and beyond.

Gillian Hick

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2016/2017

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

DARA CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The D.A.R.A. Choir Annual Christmas Concert will take place in the Church of the Assumption, Castle Street, Dalkey, on Friday, 9th December, 2016. Admission is free but there will be a collection for the Dalkey Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, if desired.

Your Area Representative is	
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Please note that all copies of the Dalkey Newsletter from 2003 to date can be accessed on our website. Simply go to **www.dalkeycommunitycouncil.com** and click on the link *Newsletter and Back Issues*.







Children's Craft Workshop & Storytelling in Our Lady's Hall at 3.00pm for 3 to 8 years olds

Live Crib in Archbolds Castle at 3.45pm

School Concert at 4.15pm in Church of Assumption

Lighting of the Christmas Tree by Santa himself at 5.00pm

Visit Santa in his Grotto at 5.30pm

(All events are free)

This annual community event is run by:-Dalkey Community Council & Dalkey Tidy Towns











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❖ SANTA CHRISTMAS CASTLE TOURS AT DALKEY CASTLE ❖

Santa will visit Dalkey Castle to meet the local children before Christmas. Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre will have Christmas themed living history tours in December. The tour will include Christmas games. surprises, interactive stories, Victorian Christmas traditions and a session with the main man himself! Santa's letter box: the children can post their letters to Santa in our foyer anytime up to when Santa leaves us.



Santa Comes to Dalkey

Photo: John Fahy

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The special **Santa Christmas Castle Tours** will run on 4 dates over two weekends, on **Sat 11th & Sun 12th** and **Sat 18th and Sun 19th Dec**. They will run hourly in the afternoons at 14.00, 15.00, & 16.00 hours. Cost €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 online **www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets**, by credit card over the phone or in person at Reception.

Have a Merry Medieval Christmas. During the other days in December (except Tuesdays), the visit 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 – who are engaged all year round at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre – will re-create the Nativity scene in Archbold's Castle on Sunday Dec 4th from 3.45pm. Later, Santa is expected to magic his way into Dalkey to switch on the Christmas Lights.

Shop Sale there is 20% off knitwear up until Dec 10th. We have beautiful, stylish, trendy knitwear from Tivoli Spinners, hats and scarves. Dalkey Handmade Soaps sets are popular too. We stock the talking Teddy 'Babóg' which teaches the young people to speak Irish! Children can quickly master how to press the buttons on Babóg to learn numbers, colours and shapes 'as Gaeilge'. We also have the range of coin cufflinks, assembled here in Dalkey. The Audio tour of Dalkey Llead on MP3 player would make a

Dalkey. The Audio tour of Dalkey Island on MP3 player would make a very nice gift for Dalkey people at home or abroad.

Closed for Christmas from Dec 22nd – Jan 5th 2017.

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Dillon's Park after Clean-ups

Photo: Dalkey Tidy Towns

Considering that all involved in our Dalkey Tidy Towns team are volunteers, their hours of blood, sweat and tears which they contributed to our community really paid off this year. Culminating in the Gold Medal achievement in our population category in the SuperValu Tidy Towns Awards ceremony, plus the Best Community / Business Engagement Award in the Tidy Districts Competition, it really was a very special year for all. Here are just a few of the many projects which made a difference.

DILLON'S PARK – Seeing President Michael D Higgins enjoying the vistas opened up by the enormous clearance work completed this year reminded us all of the beauty which surrounds us. Now we can clearly see and enjoy the views of Dalkey Island with its history dating back to 5,500 BC thanks to our Team effort.

THE WELL – The clearance work completed in Dillon's Park also revealed an ancient Well which happens to be directly in line with the ancient Scurvy Well over on Dalkey Island. Hidden gems are all around us.

BULLOCH HARBOUR – Working with the Bulloch Harbour Group and Dublin Port Co., our DTT team shared in the miraculous transformation which included the refurbishment of the slipway, upgrading of the boat storage areas, removal of the redundant crane, addition of new quay wall ladders, improved lighting, removal of the rotting "boat" flower bed and it's restoration, plus general strimming of the grass verges. This is still a work in progress for 2017

COMMEMORATION 1916/2016 – Clearing the summit of Sorrento Park to help all to enjoy even more of the spectacular views, also created an ideal spot for the placement of our humble granite 1916/2016 Memorial Stone. This was unveiled on a chilly Easter Monday morning with the reading of the Proclamation, some wonderful speeches and the singing of The Foggy Dew.

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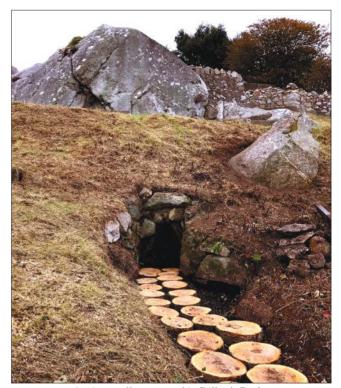
GRAFFITI – To date, 2.430 ugly Tags have been removed from this small area of Dalkey. While the frequency of damage has been reduced dramatically, the recent School breaks produced an increase. The vandals do not appear to be aware that as this is a criminal damage offence and prosecution can result in career damage and refusals of Visas to enter the USA. Australia, Canada, etc. ARDEEVIN ROAD - Who

would have thought it possible! Painting and scraping 350m of rusting railings was an enormous task - even for professionals. Thankfully, our neighbours on Ardeevin Road turned out in force on

four separate occasions to totally refurbish the entire railings. This showed people power at its very best!



Sample of Rubbish collected from Dillon's Park Photo: Dalkey Tidy Towns



Ancient well uncovered in Dillon's Park Photo: Dalkey Tidy Towns

LITTER ARMY – We estimate that our Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Litter Pickers removed something in the order of 400 sacks of litter, dog poo and carelessly discarded rubbish in Dalkey this year. What a difference that made to all our lives!

PLANTING – Yes, those beautiful hanging baskets put on display throughout the Summer months by our Dalkey Business community transform the Town. Our DTT team also created and cared for the many Traffic Island displays, common flower beds, roadside curbs and granite Dalkey entrance boulders.

FACEBOOK Our new Facebook Page (DALKEY TIDY TOWNS) now provides almost a daily diary of the ongoing volunteer work carried out and also covers many interesting news items. Do check it out.

Watch out for even more volunteer projects in 2017 and if you would like to join us at any time, you will be very welcome. Just come and say hello when you see us in action!

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Isn't there a stark beauty in a Winter Garden that has been frosted? It's almost like A Winter Magic Our Winter Magic in winter, is the bare bones of our gardens. Already in January, plants are responding to lengthening days with their first signs of new life. Who cannot but be thrilled by the detail of one simple crocus, miniature daffodil, clump of snowdrops or the small vet brave Winter Aconite (*eranthis hyemalis*) emerging from a frost glinted lawn or the way sunlight throws a warm glow behind a tree trunk? Each New Year brings a new canvas on which to paint our dreams.

There are 35 distinctively different Birch Trees, *betula*,



CHRISTMAS WREATH

Photo. P. Thomas

some with the most incredible bark. Maybe stop in your walking tracks and admire one up close. Sometimes, the most successful winter combinations are those with the most contrast, such as cream against dark ivy leaves, etc.

Purple – Did you know that the colour purple is associated with power and nobility since ancient times? Purple is a strong foliage colour and when carefully placed can add extra pizzazz to planting combinations, such as being placed near silvery or gold tinged foliage, ideally of different shape, size and texture, then, the contrast can be magical! Infusions of bronze or maroon and dark foliage can also play a trump or wild card in winter containers and create quite a masterpiece.

I heard someone say recently, that "Gardening teaches us to nurture and then nurtures us right back". We can be drawn by energy, love, obsession for we may be, plane simply, duty bound. How our plants are put together comes into sharp focus and our winter gardens rely mainly on the colour, texture and forms of stems and foliage, not forgetting scents and flowers, and an absolute winter beauty right now is *Daphne Bholus Jacqueline Pastill*, (Nepalese Paper Plant) from Nepal & South China, generally an evergreen shrub. It is intoxicatingly fragrant, with deep pink buds in January, followed by purple black berries, in fact its scent can travel for several metres. Imagine, following this most powerful scent as you walk, before you actually lay your eyes on it to admire this beautiful specimen?

Microgreens – Sprouted seeds grown for a few days are easy to raise on windowsills and are a great way to pop up weary Winter Lettuce. Seed can be sown directly onto damp kitchen roll cut to fit the base of your tray. Sow approx every fortnight for a continuous supply. Maybe try fast growing oriental leaves such as Mizuna, fiery Mustards such as Red Giant and 'Sheuri-fong', pale green Mibuna and red frills – then Rocket, Water Cress, Kales such as Red Russian and Nero di Toscana.



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MIGHT DO, MAYBE JANUARY JOBS

January is usually a difficult month for garden wildlife as seeds and berries become scarce so continue feeding birds. Flashes of life, (birds) hopping from stem to stem, then the crunchy rustling sound of tossed leaves as our avian friends search earnestly for a juicy



earnestly for a juicy Parrot Tulips Flaunt Themselves so Glamourously Photo: P. Thomas worm, beetle, seed or wizened berry. If we encourage them in our arctic conditions we may well enjoy the reward with springtime nests of eggs and clutches of chirping birds – not to

talk of their incredible pest control.

Fascinating: Did you know that the most desirable spice, saffron is made from stigmas of beautiful autumn flowering *crocus sativus*, a species that can even grow in the UK and perhaps, Ireland too?

Many *houseplants* originate from brighter, more humid climates, so best now, not to overwater and maybe stop feeding as most plants grow little during winter, maybe use warm water.

Check *evergreens* in containers; do not dry out as cold winds desiccate some foliage. *Tulips* are one of the most cheerful of spring flowers as they flaunt themselves so glamorously. Maybe consider an early, mid and later flowering selection, then you'll get a good 6-8 weeks more of colour.

Definitely, a job for right now, indoors. Make newspaper or 'loo roll' *seed pots*. A great way of recycling, possibly more absorbingly suitable than plastic pots and then, ultimately saves those Euros.

As long as the soil is not frozen or water logged, bare root trees and *shrubs can be planted*. Watch out for signs of *downy mildew* and leaf spot on pansies and violas and remove affected leaves A.S.A.P.

Maybe, *move pots* to a more sheltered area and huddle them together for stability. *Soaking aconite tubers* for 24 hours may help but better to acquire growing plants and they grow ever so well under deciduous trees.

Best not to *leave indoor plants behind curtains* at night where cold air is trapped, even leaves touching glass can be damaging for plants.

If you want something quirky and colourful then you might consider *Ophiopogonin*, lily turf and small leaved, just love this plant. In fact at one such stage, I had this plant in a teensy very old Victorian terracotta $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. pots, sitting on vividly coloured felt mats, on each child's table in my Montessori Class. I had 383-6 year old children at the time and really wish I had a photo!

Warmest Christmas wishes to you and your family and wishing each one of you, every possible happiness for 2017!



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Dalkey Garden School won the Micro Business award in the Envirocom awards 2016 last week, sponsored by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Dun Laoghaire Chamber. Photo: DLRCC

CHAMPIONSHIP WIN FOR CUALA DALKEY



Championship win for Cuala Dalkey in the Dublin Senior Mens' Hurling Championship. They beat Kilmacud Crokes in the final.

Photo: Cuala Dalkey



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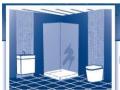
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SHARAVOGUE SCHOOL NEWS

Photo: Sharavogue

We have just completed the first term of the school year and have had lots of excitement. To mark Social Inclusion week, the children put on a super concert for their mums and dads and sang songs about including everyone. They finished with a great rendition of Michael Jackson's –'Man in the mirror' and Bruno Mars – 'You can count on me' leaving everyone in no doubt about the message they were sending.

We are all busy working on our Green-Schools Programme. This year we will be applying for our third flag for water. Our students, staff and parents have all made a pledge to save water and Our Water Watchers wanted to share their Top Five Water Saving Tips with you all.

- Have a shower instead of a bath showers only use half the amount of water.
- Take a shorter shower An average shower uses 10 litres of water per minute
- Turn off the tap when you are brushing your teeth Running taps can use up to six litres of water every minute.
- Always put a full load into your washing machine and dishwasher to save money and energy.

Use a basin in your sink if you are washing dishes by hand which can then be used to water your houseplants.

REMEMBER:

PLAY YOUR PART - BE WATER SMART!!

This year we are doing a lovely musical called the Peace Child for our Christmas play. We are looking forward to the Winter term and will be supporting our local Vincent de Paul Christmas food appeal. Last year, our contribution filled over 50 hampers which were given to families in our community.

Gillian Dawson



Christian Cooke Photo: Sharavogue



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'Dalkey Creates' invited Sixth Class to participate in a Calligraphy Workshop which was themed 'Swashbuckling Street Signs'. We were treated to a workshop by Sammy Jun designing and recreating place names and signs from fiction we had read.

GOAL Jersey Day was held on October 14th. Everyone was given the opportunity to wear a jersey of their choice rather than school uniform. Finnan and Kyle did a great job organising this event. The school managed to raise € 293.60 on Jersey Day. All the money goes towards a country that GOAL thinks needs it.

This week is the final week of the Liam McCudden Cup. 6th class are in the Division 1 cup final. It has been a very difficult division but we've had a very strong team! Our goalkeeper Adam has saved us multiple times and our strike force is scoring goals! 5th class are in the Division 1 shield final against Harold Glasthule 6th class so the best of luck to them. Hope both teams do well!

Finnan Goff, Cormac Egan

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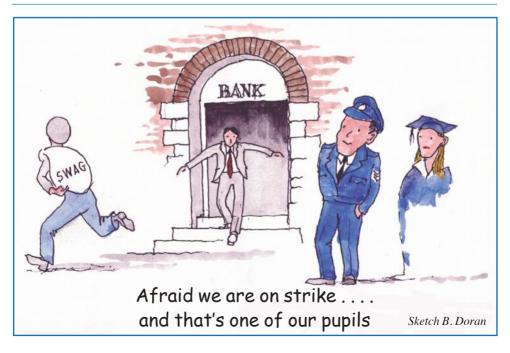


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VISIT FROM LORETO ARCHIVES





Image of Mother Teresa Ball

On Tuesday 18th October, Sister Kathleen, a Loreto nun, and Áine, who works as an archivist, came to Loreto Primary School to display and tell us about the Loreto Archives, which are kept in 55, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

We saw many primary sources of the Loreto order in Ireland for e.g. Teresa Ball's watch and rosary beads, as well as other artefacts, some of which were over two hundred years old. Sister Kathleen and Áine displayed school roll books, ink wells, a goose feather pen, dripping wax and baby grows. The roll book of 1916 listed the occupation of the children's parents. Some of the occupations mentioned were a cobbler, a carpenter, a blacksmith and a carter. The baby grows were made by past pupils of Loreto Rathfarnham for poor people who couldn't afford baby clothes. Sr. Kathleen demonstrated how the dripping wax worked and she showed us a letter from 1845 to a Ms. Lopez in Dalkey which had dripping-wax as a seal. We also viewed an inspector's report, which stated that there was over-

crowding in classrooms – there were 150 children in a single classroom! The Loreto Sisters first went to India in 1841, and Sr. Kathleen and Áine showed us books from the Archives from 1895 of nuns riding elephants!

Sr. Kathleen spoke to us about Frances Teresa Ball, who started the Loreto Order in Ireland, opening the first school in Rathfarnham in 1821. In the afternoon Áine read from the Annals. The Annals are diaries kept by each convent. Áine read passages from the St. Stephen's Green Convent and Rathfarnham Covent over the days of 1916. One passage told of a stray bullet entering through the window of a bedroom during the night, however, thankfully no-one was hurt.

The part I found most interesting about the archives was the nun's habit. They had no patterns or sewing machines, yet their habits had to be perfect, and they had to be exactly three inches off the ground.

I really enjoyed seeing the archives, and I hope I might be able to visit the full archives myself someday in Stephen's Green as we hope to do a project on the Loreto Order next term.

By Lily Mary Kate McKenna, Fifth Class Loreto P. S.



Roll Book of 1916

Photo: Loreto Order



We would like to wish everyone in Dalkey a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

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DALKEY SCHOOL PROJECT



Enjoying Halloween Disco Photos: DSP

Celebrating Autumn Harvest and the Arrival of Winter

With the wonderful sunshine throughout September and October it was hard at times to remember that winter is approaching. However, the Halloween preparations started which signified the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. Halloween originates from a Gaelic festival – Samhain – a time when it was thought that spirits could more easily cross into our world. On 28th October this seemed to be true as the school was overrun with spirits, ghosts, scary monsters and zombies all celebrating the start of mid-term at the annual Halloween Disco. The Halla was transformed into a spooky, scary dance hall of doom. Our wonderful children, and some adults too, were transformed into terrifying, frightening creatures from another dimension. What fun was had by all! - dancing, fortune telling, scary face & nail painting, terrifying tattoos, story-telling, plenty of

tricks and the occasional treat. There was something for everyone. We appreciate the effort put in by the team from the Junior Infant parents, only two months in the school, who

organised this event with the Senior Infant mentors.

During October, the pupils had the opportunity to sample some delicious autumn harvest. We were given a loan of an apple press and the pupils were asked to harvest apples from families and neighbours who have apple trees in their gardens. Each class had the opportunity to see how apple juice is made using an apple press – and the opportunity to taste juice they had squeezed themselves! It was simply delicious. Earlier in the month, 5th class harvested potatoes from our vegetable garden, and then got a chance to cook and eat them during the school day. Never has a plate of potatoes been scoffed so quickly!

Our final opportunity to celebrate was on the success of our GAA teams in the local schools competition. The boys team won the cup, and the girls team were narrowly beaten in the semi-final. Well done to all the participating teams who played so brilliantly.



Scary faces at the Disco Photos: DSP

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NEWS FROM CASTLE PARK SCHOOL, DECEMBER 2016

Maths Week 2016 - Castle Park School enjoy a 'STEM' Day

To mark this year's Maths Week, the pupils at Castle Park enjoyed a day that focused on the STEM subjects - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Many thanks go to Ms. Walsh (Numeracy), Ms. Prendergast (Science) and Mr. Shaughnessy (ICT) who coordinated the day's activities, along with lots of help from all the other teachers throughout the School.

The children from First to Sixth Class spent the day rotating around the School completing various tasks and activities linking the STEM subjects, for example, they used their scientific and engineering skills to create their own marble runs using recycled materials.

Working in groups they tested and analysed their ideas trying to come up with the most effective construction. In the Sports Hall they moved around a circuit of timed action stations with investigations which challenged them to ten different activities; ranging from building the longest paper chain possible from one sheet of A3 card to moving paper cups with the help of a length of string whilst not being allowed to actually touch the cup!

ICT was to the fore all day long with the use of the Minecraft Education and Scratch Junior Apps when even our youngest children learnt some basic coding. Rob McHugh from Learnit provided a maths-based workshop for the Junior and Senior Infants which focused on force & motion, balance, stability and buoyancy and they wound up the day building

and testing models made of Lego. Magnets were also used to create a range of experiments as well as some floating and sinking activities which thrilled our very youngest pupils.

The children had been asked to wear a t-shirt to School that day in a specified colour. Later in the day when they assembled on the Astro pitch the reason why became evident as they arranged themselves to fill in a pattern laid out on the ground – they spelt out the phrase CP STEM 2016.

Castle Park School



Photo, Castle Park School

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NATURE NOTES DECEMBER 2016 / JANUARY 2017



Tuesday 6th December – Recent Conservation Efforts for Vultures in the Balkans: by Dr Ben Keatinge at 8pm in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney.

Sunday11th December: Rodgerstown Estuary. Meet at Turvey car park 10.30am. JANUARY:2017

Tuesday 3rd - Going Wild in South Dublin; A whistle stop tour of its wild life and the factors that affect it. Eanna Ní Lamhna

Sunday 8th – Booterstown Marsh. Get close to our winter waders. Meet at Booterstown Dart Station, 10.30 hours.

Dún Laoghaire Christmas Festival returns to Dún Laoghaire this Christmas season from Friday November 25th to Sunday January 8th.

The spectacular Ice Rink at dlr LexIcon will be the centre piece of the festival this year and is sure to attract thousands of skaters young and old to the town.

The festival market will be open on the Metals Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 7pm and every day on the week leading up to December 23rd.

Check out www.dlrevents.ie for further information.

DLR Christmas Tree Recycling will take place from Tuesday 3rd -**Sunday 15th January** 2017 inclusive between 9.30am and **3.30pm** at the following locations:

B/rock Park Main Entrance Cabinteely Park Car Park Killiney Hill Car Park

Marlay Park,

Grange Road Car Park DLR Parks Depot, Sandyford Road, (Near Kilcross Estate)

Shanganagh Recycling Centre Car Park

West Pier Car Park, Dun Laoghaire.

One Christmas tree per car will also be accepted free of charge at Ballvogan Recycling Park for the month of January 2017 except on New Year's Day when the facility will be closed.







A recipient of the Poor Locations Food Programme with Prishela

Christmas is just around the corner and it's time for me to say goodbye to Ireland for a while to go and do what I love doing the most during the festive season and that is doing the Poor Locations Feed Programme in the village of Mtendere in Zambia. This will be the third time that we will be doing these Feeds in this location and each year is exciting as the numbers of children we feed are increasing. This requires more hard physical work for myself and the team but every minute of these feeds is worth it just to see the look of excitement on the children's' faces while they eagerly wait for their plates of food. Most of you know from reading previous articles in the Dalkey Newsletter that Mtendere village in Lusaka, Zambia is an extremely poor location so certain things, especially food that you and I take for granted would be sheer luxury to the majority of these children. You and I can eat chicken, beef, rice, pasta, potatoes, etc., everyday, anytime we wish because we can afford it. Some of the children we feed may taste such foods once a year if ever. Whilst some of us throw away a lot of food, some of these children would be fighting for our leftovers! I always try to remind people (myself included!) not to waste food because somebody out

there is suffering from lack of food. We don't need to go too far for that. The streets of Dublin are filled with homeless hungry people during this festive season. Let's do our best not to waste food. Instead, could we not go out on the streets and give some of our food to the needy? I know a lovely lady in Dalkey who feeds the needy in the city centre.

For some of these poor locations, Christmas Day is just another ordinary day for them. No Christmas trees, No Santa, no 'Jingle Bells' songs, no Christmas Carols, no Christmas cake. Some of the children will be lucky if they get a balloon or a piece of chicken as a treat. Those we cannot reach will have vegetables with *nshima* (maize cooked into a pulp). So truly here in Dalkey we have a lot to be thankful for; food, running water, electricity, warm homes, a strong sense of communityyes, we may have different challenges but let's keep up that 'attitude of gratitude' during this festive season: - right into the New Year.

On a final note, my wonderful friends and I were bag packing in Dalkey SuperValu on the $23^{\rm rd}$ and $24^{\rm th}$ September. We were truly blown away by the amazing consideration of the 12year + Loreto Abbey pupils who came in to drop their contributions in our buckets as well as the young boys from Dalkey. One boy came in to give twice. My friend Jack kept shaking his head saying 'incredible' because he was as simply stuck for words as I was! A heartfelt thank you to the parents of these children who are teaching these children at such a young age to learn to be givers. You are giving these children 'hearts of gold' that will impact on generations to come. Thank you to all those who gave on our Collection Day. To all Dalkey folk a Merry Christmas to you all and a very Happy New Year! God Bless.

PRISHELA ROW - A Dalkey resident, originally from Malawi

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 41-45 10/10/2016 to 11/11/2016

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

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

Reg. Ref. D16A/0748

Application Rec'd Date: 13-Oct-2016

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

Proposal: Permission is sought to make design alterations to existing approved planning for the construction of a first floor extension over a single storey cottage. The development will provide 4 bedrooms, a kitchen, two bathrooms, a dining space and a lounge area. The design alterations include locating a bathroom on both the ground and first floors.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0753

Application Rec'd Date: 13-Oct-2016

Applicant Name & Location: James Dinniss, 22, Springhill Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a domestic extension and alterations to existing two-storey semi-detached dwelling. The extension and alterations are comprised of: single storey extension to rear; conversion of existing single storey garage to side to habitable use; two-storey extension to side; elevational changes; modifications to existing house; narrowing of existing entrance gateway; and all ancillary works.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0758

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Oct-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Lorraine & Gerry Park, Bella Vista, Coliemore Rd. Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of the existing single storey pitched roof property and construction of new detached flat roof three storey to the front and two storey to the rear house. The works will also consist of lift access to a recessed roof terrace, front balconies, gangway access to rear garden, roof lights, and new driveway entrance with landscaping and ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0333

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Jul-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Ronel & Darren Pickford, 5 Knocknacree Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development on this site. The development will consist of new single storey extension at lower ground floor to increase the size of two existing bedrooms, alterations to fenestration openings on rear and side elevations, new deck at rear ground floor over new bedroom extension with louvered screens on sides of new deck and associated works. **Additional Information: 14-Oct-2016**

Reg. Ref. D16B/0424

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Oct-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Mary Donohoe, 29, Corrig Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought. The development will consist of a new first floor extension to the side of the existing dwelling, new window to the front elevation, replacement flat roof on existing front porch and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0767

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Oct-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Pamela Rafferty, 48, Carysfort Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the following development: a) Proposed vehicular entrance and associated 2 number off street parking spaces, b) Partial removal of existing boundary wall, c) Dishing of pavement in line with the proposed access/egress, d) All associated site work.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0778

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Oct-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Marie Ryan, 46, Castlepark Road, Sandycove.

Proposal: Permission for development at this site. The development will consist of the

demolition of the garage and chimney to the side of the existing two storey semi-detached dwelling. The construction of a new two storey extension to the side, new part single storey part two storey extension to the rear, including roof lights to the front, side and rear, with new two storey bay window to the front. Replacement of the entrance canopy to the front, alterations to the main entrance door with new side windows. Alterations to the existing first floor rear window, new entrance door to the side passage. Enlargement of the existing vehicular entrance gate off Castlepark Road. Associated site works. Declared Application invalid: 26-Oct-2016.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0795 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Oct-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Declan Corrigan, Wavecrest, Vico Road, Dalkey, (located within an Architectural Conservation Area)

Proposal Permission for: A. Demolition of the existing garage area at road level to the front of the house, along with the removal of the existing pedestrian access steps, gates and all railings to the existing terrace area which is associated with the ground floor of the house. B. Construction of a new garage and retaining wall at road level to the front of the house, along with forming a new set of pedestrian access steps, gates, railings and piers to a terrace area which is associated with the ground floor of the house. C. All associated site works and landscaping Located within an ACA.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0802 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Oct-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Marie Ryan, 46 Castlepark Road, Sandycove.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of the garage and chimney to the side of the existing two storey semi-detached dwelling. The construction of a new two storey extension to the side, new part single storey - part two storey extension to the rear, including roof lights to the front, side and rear, with new two storey bay window to the front. Replacement of the entrance canopy to the front, alterations to the main entrance door with new side windows. Alterations to the existing first floor rear window, new entrance door to the side passage. Enlargement of the existing vehicular entrance gate off Castlepark Road. Associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0824 **Application Rec'd Date:** 10-Nov-2016

Applicant Name: The Select Vestry, St. Patrick`s Church, Dalkey

Location: The Rectory, Barnacoille Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for demolition of part single-storey and part two-storey extension to the rear of existing two storey detached dwelling house comprising pantry, garage, WC's and bathroom and construction of new two-storey extension to rear of dwelling comprising family room, utility room, WC's, bedroom, ensuite and bathroom at the The Rectory.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 41-45 2016 10/10/2016 to 11/11/2016

Reg. Ref. D16A/0618 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 10-Oct-2016 **Applic. Name & Location:** Gerry & Rose Muldowney 11 Castlelands, Hyde Rd, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for a two storey extension to side and rear of existing two storey detached dwelling; to include the demolition of single storey side shed; proposed ridge light to roof; changes to front fenestration; new porch and bay to front; widening of existing vehicular access; internal modifications and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0645 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 26-Oct-2016 Applicant Name & Location: Catherine & Mark Taylor, 7, Knock-na-cree Pk. Dalkey. Proposal: Permission for the demolition of single storey extensions to the rear and side, including flat roof side entrance structure to existing property and construction of 1. Two storey flat roof extensions to the rear and sides. 2. Roof alterations for first floor dormer

style extensions 3. Elevation alterations to the front and side 4. New side passage after

demolitions 5. Associated landscaping, drainage and widening of existing vehicular entrance

Reg. Ref. D16B/0368 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 24-Oct-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Malcolm Fraser & Shirley Halpin, 8 Barnhill Rd., Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for alterations and extensions to existing split level four bedroom detached dwelling resulting in an increase in habitable floor area from 236.44 sqm to 241.87 sqm. The proposed works comprise the following elements: A. Part demolition and remodelling of existing single storey structure to rear at lower ground floor. B. Modification to existing windows at ground floor level to side and rear elevation. C. Internal and

Reg. Ref. D16B/0376 Decision: Grant Permission for Retention Date: 28-Oct-2016

Applicant Name: Des & Lee Fahev

Location: Lisheen, 1 Knock-na-cree Park, Dalkey.

elevational alterations. D. All associated site works.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of a larger dormer window to rear, to that as granted per Planning Reg. Ref. D15B/0169, an additional high level window in gable wall of new extension, over cladding of existing brick on east and west gable wall of main house with external insulation and render finish and replacement of existing flat roof to front dormer with pitched roof.

Reg. Ref.: D16B/0333 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 9-Nov-2016

Applic. Name & Location: Ronel & Darren Pickford, 5, Knocknacree Rd., Dalkey

Proposal: Permission for development on this site. The development will consist of new single storey extension at lower ground floor to increase the size of two existing bedrooms, alterations to fenestration openings on rear and side elevations, new deck at rear ground floor over new bedroom extension with louvered screens on sides of new deck and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D16B/0385 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 7-Nov-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Una Walsh, 6 Corrig Road, Dalkey

Proposal: Permission for Retention of a stone wall at the pedestrian gate to the house (Ref. EMC8516). Planning permission for the construction of a first floor extension (84 sqm) to the existing house (140 sqm). The development will consist of 3 bedrooms, shower room and en-suite bathroom at first floor level along with associated internal modifications to the existing ground floor plan. The existing mature screen planting and gardens etc. are unaffected by the proposed development.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 41-45 10/10/16 to 11/11/16

None for Dalkey Area

Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks 40-44 3/10/'16 to 4/11/'16

None for Dalkey Area

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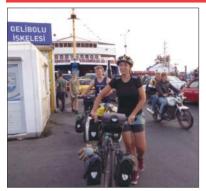
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Have a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Editor

BIKE BACK HOME - FINAL EPISODE





Arriving at Gallipoli

So, that's it. We have now biked back home. We're here, it's all over, we finally made it! We cycled home from South Korea. The last few months seem to have gone by in a bit of a blur, and all of a sudden it's over. So here we are, back in Dublin, surrounded by all things familiar and comfortable, and the rose-tinted glasses are firmly affixed to our faces, remembering all the good things and times, while the difficulties all conveniently slip from our minds!

We arrived into Dublin port on Saturday the 15th of October to a right hero's welcome. All our family, and loads of our friends, were there at the port waving banners and ready to cycle the last few

kilometers with us up the quays to the city centre. We couldn't have asked for a better arrival home. We left Holyhead in the rain but by the time Dublin was in sight the sun was shining and the sky had totally cleared. Cycling up the quays surrounded by familiar places and faces was a feeling I won't forget in a hurry. The magnitude of the journey, the long road home, slowly began to sink in and I'd be lying if I said I didn't shed a tear or two as my little heart swelled with pride at what we'd achieved.

After the highs and lows of central Asia, followed by the intense heat of Iran in August, Turkey and beyond through Europe all seemed like a bit of a doddle. Meeting my folks, who'd driven out from Dalkey, in Turkey helped us feel like we were almost home too - or at the very least, on the home straight! Eager to get home at that stage, and with a slight cooling off of the weather in September, we gunned it and cycled from Greece to England without a day off! I had been dreading cycling through England if I'm honest, in much the same way that I hate flying through Heathrow – so close to home but still so far away, but the sun shone for us, the roads were quiet, the drivers were very respectful of bikes and the relief of finally being able to speak English without slowing down or gesticulating wildly was a very welcome change. The availability of beans and sausages for brekkie was no

small part of the enjoyment of the place either and the fact that we had friends and family dotted along the way didn't hurt. We very quickly adapted back to modern living with all the comforts we usually take for granted but had been so long without. It wasn't a hard transition let me tell you!

For now, our fundraising page is still open https://give.everydayhero.com/ie/bikeback

home#/ and will remain so until January. We have now raised just under €24,000 for our nominated charity, Jigsaw, which does fantastic work for youth mental health, and are completely blown away by



Meeting Steph's parents in Turkey

the support that we have received from everyone around us. Our blog is still up and running too so you can read more about our trip there (http://bike-back-home.blogspot.com) but be warned, we are currently still in Turkey on it! Give us a few weeks and we'll have it fully up to date.

Thanks so much to everybody for all the support, be it in donations to our chosen charity,

Jigsaw, or emotional support in the form of messages and kind words, or just by taking an interest in the two of us and our little



Nick and Steph letting off steam in Dublin

adventure that was Bike Back Home.

The purpose of this trip is to raise money for an Irish charity. HEADSTRONG, which helps young people with mental health issues in Ireland.

Stef Russell

ASK THE PHARMACIST





Q: I have itching blisters on the left side of my waist and feeling tired and have a temperature. A friend mentioned that I might have shingles. What are the symptoms and how should I treat it?



A: Shingles typically appears as a rash that is confined to one side of the body and develops into itchy blisters. These can appear for up to a week and then develop into a scab. There is often pain

associated with the rash. It can affect any part of the body but the chest and abdomen are the most common. It is caused by reactivation of the Chicken Pox vaccine and typically lasts around two to four weeks.

Symptoms may be evident before the rash develops and these include: • Headache • Burning • tingling, • numbness or itchiness of skin in the affected areas • A general feeling of being unwell

Shingles can only develop in an individual who had chicken pox in their childhood as it is a reactivation of the virus that has been lying dormant in the nervous system. The exact cause of the reactivation is not known but it is thought to be linked to a lowered immune system. This is more common as you get older as your natural immunity can wane over time. Stress and receiving treatment that affects your immune system can also increase the likelihood of developing shingles.

It is not possible to catch shingles from someone with shingles as it is a reactivation of the virus; however it is possible to get Chicken Pox from someone with Shingles if you have never had Chicken Pox before. It is contagious until all the blisters have developed and scabbed over. Caution should be taken with sharing towels or bedlinen and the blisters should be covered over if others can come in contact with them.

To treat Shingles it can be recommended to take Anti-Viral medication that is prescribed by your GP which will reduce the severity of the infection as it prevents the virus replicating. Painkillers such as Ibuprofen, paracetamol and/or codeine can be used to manage the pain caused by the

The main complication of shingles is the post-infection neuropathic pain where the rash leaves a pain on the nerve that can last for several months. There are specific nerve pain killers that can deal with this so it can be helpful to discuss this with your GP or Pharmacist.

A shingles vaccine is available which is licenced and recommended in those aged 50 years and over. It is not 100% effective at preventing the infection of Shingles but does reduce the severity of the symptoms and the post infection complications such as nerve pain. This is available from GPs and Pharmacists and there is currently a charge for the vaccine.

If you have any questions you would like answered please email maxwellpharmacydalkey@eircom.net and put Dalkey Newsletter in the message subject line.





NATURE CORNER

One of the red squirrels born this year, high in a tree top stripping the scales off a Scots Pine cone to get at the seed.

Photo: M. Ryan

We'd gone down to Booterstown for our October count of wintering waders, waterfowl, geese and gulls. The day hadn't started very promising, the rain had been fairly pelting down earlier but at 7.45 it seemed to be easing off. The other counters had been sitting in their cars waiting for the rain to clear so we all prepared ourselves and crossed over the DART line down to the strand. Behind us to the west the sky was a very ominous curtain of black from cloud to ground. We hoped it was rain moving away but unfortunately it wasn't, it was coming towards us and we'd barely started to count the birds on the strand before it started to torrent down on us. We splashed back to the

shelter of the covered pedestrian bridge over the DART station. Out of the rain and being able to see through the telescopes again we resumed the counting and were looking down on the marsh with its little flocks of Black Tailed Godwits, Redshank and Dunlin when Lucy drew our attention to a drama taking place on the other side of the railway line. A raptor was diving down on a shallow stretch of seawater near the tidal wall. Through the rain we couldn't figure out for a minute or two what it was then realised it was a fairly bedraggled Peregrine, a bird usually seen scything through the air to get its prey but here it was diving on a Bar Tailed Godwit wading in the pool. Every time it dived the godwit, itself quite a tall wader, would duck down under the water, completely submerging itself. Perhaps the peregrine was trying to get the godwit to take to the air where it could probably snatch it more easily but the godwit had no intention of going anywhere but underwater. There was a Oystercatcher in the pool as well which seemed indifferent to the life and death struggle going on a few feet away. Maybe it knew it was too heavy for the peregrine to carry away and it barely registered any reaction. Between the peregrine's dives the godwit edged closer to the oystercatcher till it was standing right beside it. Don't know what the godwit's strategy was, did it think standing beside the oystercatcher would make it a more difficult target. It looked like a desperate attempt to save itself and you couldn't help but pity the godwit. The peregrine kept diving, the godwit kept ducking while the oystercatcher stood immobile. The peregrine broke off its attack perching on one of the metal posts on the DART station platform where hooded crows harassed it.

We had to return to counting birds in the marsh but when we looked back a few minutes later the peregrine was gone and we were delighted to see the godwit had survived and was striding around the pool poking its long bill into the mud for food. The name godwit is a derivative of 'good to eat' from the time when they used be hunted for the table but this particular individual had no intention of being the peregrines delicacy this particular morning.

I often mention that Booterstown Marsh is a fantastic place to see wintering Snipe although, since they're usually at the edge of the reeds in the farthest corner and naturally well camouflaged, you'd need a telescope to get a decent look at their splendid plumage

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and long thin bill. That same morning we had one appear directly opposite us in the corner nearest the car park and we got great views. Although earlier we'd got soaked by the dark clouds, the peregrine and godwit drama and now the great views of the snipe turned out to be very adequate silver linings.

I mentioned last month we'd seen, and later the researcher had trapped, a female squirrel which had recently been lactating, signifying it had recently given birth but we didn't see any sign of offspring till early November when we spotted two red squirrels, neither of which had ear clips indicating they were offspring of released animals. One tore around the treetops and eventually came down through the trees till it was only a few feet above the ground flat against a tree trunk just a few feet away from where we stood on the footpath, big red bushy tail protruding but otherwise hidden to walkers and dogs passing just a few feet away. The next day we checked out the same tree, a big very dense Scots Pine, and this time spotted a red carrying a big clump of moss in its mouth. This



The same squirrel, this time a few feet above the ground on a tree beside a busy footpath Photo: Michael Ryan

was a different squirrel, possibly that adult female and we could see it had a ear clip. We followed it and saw it disappear into a old dead tree trunk completely covered in ivy. We presumed it was carrying the moss as lining for a winter dray which it was probably building in the midst of the ivy and a couple of minutes later it emerged and tore off across the treetops. Red squirrels build drays in spring and winter, the former to give birth and rear young in, the latter a more sturdy construction to keep them warm and secure through cold and windy winter nights.

The view over Killiney Bay from the rocks near the obelisk is lovely in its own right and is often enhanced by the sight of a porpoise, dolphin or some interesting bird passing by. In early autumn we'd seen late swifts, then flocks of swallows and house martins sweeping south in the shelter of the hill where the air is calmer and warmer and would support a lot more flying insects for them to feed on. I was sitting on the rocks when a pair of ravens drifted across the tree tops below before settling on the tops of two adjacent macracarpa trees and having a croaky conversation with each other. Ravens have a fantastic range of sounds, apparently producing at least thirty distinct sounds, and more than any other bird they sound like they actually might be articulating thoughts when they call. When flying they often fold their wings and roll over for seemingly no other reason than to have a bit of fun. After exchanging some more calls to each other they took off, flying south round towards Killiney but seconds later they had returned flying up towards the summit of the hill. Just then I heard more croaking behind me and looked around to see more ravens approaching from the direction of Dalkey Island. The first two ravens joined this group and the flock, now numbering ten, headed off towards the Dublin Mountains; not a big flock in number but a very impressive collection of these wonderful creatures.

Ravens were once only associated with remote mountains and cliffs so when we were in Oak Park Wood in the very flat countryside just outside Carlow Town in October a pair of ravens croaking over the treetops were quite an unexpected sight but a clear indication they're expanding their range and habitat.

SINÉAD'S WINE CORNER



According to a report by Rabobank "The shift in trade to bulk shipments equates to well over £1 billion generated in destination markets versus production source". Transport costs are reduced as more wine can be shipped per tanker trip in bulk compared to bottle "a standard container holds 12,000 to 13,000 bottles whereas a standard 'flexitank' (bladder) used for bulk importation holds a volume equivalent to 32,000 bottles". This shows that you can get nearly double the amount of wine shipped in bulk than bottle.



Bulk shipping wine is only suitable for inexpensive wines. According to the

World Wine Map report "The advent of improved technology for shipping bulk wine has provided great efficiencies for shipping certain types of wine, but it is not an appropriate solution in all cases". In fact, it has been said by Robin Copestick, managing director of Copestick Murray "Once the retail price is over £7 the saving is marginal and the increased stock holding required means we lean towards bottling at source".

If you were given the choice of having your wine estate bottled or shipped in huge plastic bladders

and bulk bottled at huge factories, which would you choose? Romanticism still surrounds wine and bulk shipping of wine takes that away.

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I believe the bulk wine industry will slowly rise in the next five years however I do think it will reach a certain point and continue at the same level for some time. I say this because the more expensive upmarket wines that are produced will never be grown in such volumes to be bulk shipped and even if they are in the future it would not make financial sense to bulk ship. According to Peter Booth, South Australia manager of Adelaide-based freight company Booth Transport 'While bulk shipping is popular for lowerpriced wines, it probably won't be adopted for Prestige labels...Penfolds Grange in a bladder?' he says referring to Treasury's most prestigious label, which has sold for as much as A\$60,000 a bottle at auction. 'I can't imagine that ever happening!". I agree.

Sinéad Tyrrell, Dalkey



D.A.R.A. WRITERS' GROUP CORNER





"THINKING BACK"

It has become quite common at social gatherings, to put a cap on the amount of time to be spent talking about Health.

A resistance has developed to long drawn-out anecdotes on Hysterectomies, Ectopic Pregnancies, and Breast Cancer which feature in mixed or mainly female gatherings or, Prostate Cancer, Forgetfulness, and Backache which are the favourites among men.

I can resist talking about any of the above, except Backache. In times past, Backache did not figure as prominently as it does to-day. Indeed any pain or ache felt in the back then evoked an utterance "I've a touch of Lumbago" This phrase disappeared from the victim's vocabulary and the "Slipped Disc" took its place.

It is fashionable nowadays to go further up the spine, to have a "whiplash".

However, I am locked in the past with memories of my Father and his Lumbago. I was perhaps 10 years of age, when Lumbago imposed itself on my life.

My Father, a Civil Servant led a disciplined life. He would rise at the same time, breakfast at the same time, and catch the same train each morning to the Office. A Red "X" for lateness, had to be avoided at all costs.

It was a major happening, when one morning he failed to appear at the breakfast table. In the ensuing panic, my mother announced that he had Lumbago and could not get out of the bed.

I was despatched forthwith with a mission – "Go to Mc Kinley's, the Drapers, and buy a square of Red Flannel" –"I'll be late for school" I protested, "Never mind, this is more important- your father is in terrible pain and cannot move" – "But I'll be biffed, I've never been late, and they Biff you 6 times "No use with further dialogue, - off I went on the bicycle and got the message.

Perhaps, because it was the first occasion that I was late for school that I remember that event, but there were many such episodes, as he had chronic Lumbago.

"RED FLANNEL"

However, one further occasion stands out vividly in my memory, Christmas Day, 1945. It was a good year: World War II had just ended in June and Christmas, always a time for Celebration, was particularly poignant that Year. Rationing was ending and a return to plenty was anticipated, beginning with the Christmas Dinner. The numbers of our Family of five, was boosted to seven, by the attendance of two maiden Aunts. It was customary then as it is to-day, to visit friends, neighbours or the sick on a Christmas morning to wish them the compliments of the season and to enjoy some hospitality. I recall being "blown-up" by drinking too much fizzy red lemonade. But this 1945 Christmas was a special one. For not only had we got Turkey and Ham, but also Brawn and Tongue which had been steeped in a deep pot for over a week.

Tasks were assigned, Aunt Eily to Pluck and Pull the Turkey. Aunt Muriel to Peel the Tongue, Mother to do the cooking. These activities began after morning visits were completed, for we had all gone to Midnight Mass. Santa Claus was no more.

Dad had gone to visit his friends, whilst all the domestic activity was in full gear.

Dinner was scheduled, for 3.30 p.m. after the King's Speech. We all wondered would he get through it without stuttering. That passed, but where was Dad?





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Mother was now up to High Doh. "He was told 3 o'clock – he was warned – that Maurice Walsh and all that intelligentsia – drunkards all!"

I suppose it must have been about 4.00 p.m. when he finally appeared; - at an angle of 45 degrees!

Now, whether that was due to Lumbago, as he tried to have us believe, or an excess of alcohol—his companions were Excise men based in Jameson's Distillery who always had "samples" – I'll leave you to decide. The meal was a total disaster. Father insisted on carving. I have no doubt that he was seeing double, as we all got miserable helpings. World War II flared up in our house again and it was only when he fell asleep in an armchair that peace was restored.

My father died 40 years ago, and my wife recently. They met when walking in the Garden of Paradise "How was Brendan when you last saw him?" he enquired of her.

"I am afraid," she replied - "he has a very bad back"

"Send him a message then. Tell him to get some Red Flannel!"

Brendan Flood Dalkey

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The DCC AGM took place on Monday 7th November in OLH. After the delivery of the reports and the adoption of the financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2015 the new Executive was elected. The members for 2016/2017 committee are: Ethna Blake, Rosaleen Callaghan, Gerard Coakley, Elaine Feely, Lena Feely, Martine Lavery, Susan McDonnell, Danny Merity, Ed O'Neill, Ann Perry and Eileen White. Susan McDonnell was re-elected as Chairman. As there was no other business the Chairman closed the 11th AGM.

The November Monthly meeting followed the AGM.

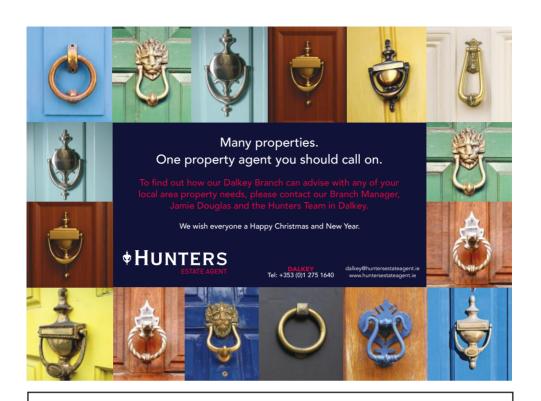
TT: The clean up on The Flags is underway and the ivy and overgrowth has been cut. DLR sent a man with a shredder and truck to help remove the cuttings. There has been further clearing of brambles and trees in Dillon's Park. Unfortunately there was graffiti on the rocks again and Des Burke-Kennedy is liaising with DLR for its removal. It is the long term goal of DTT to restore as much as possible both Dillon's and Sorrento Parks to their former glory.

NW: There were 13 burglaries in the Dalkey area from 10th October to 7th November. Most of these crimes took place in the evening and alarms in many cases were not activated. Garda

Cathy advised activating alarms when leaving the house at all times and also while the house is occupied.

The traffic on Sorrento Road is a cause of concern as many vehicles are mounting the pavements particularly at the opening with Tubbermore Road. The traffic going through the town can cause bad congestion especially when deliveries are being made. The Gardai should be notified as this is the only way that the problem will be highlighted and action can be taken. **AOB:** The foul smell on Castle Street will be investigated by Irish Water. Unfortunately there are further smells at Harbour Crescent, at the Corner of Maxwell's Chemist/Paddy Power's and Hunter's Estate Agent. Ann will add these sites to the list and make Irish Water aware of them. The next DCC meeting is Monday 12th December 2016 at 7:30pm in OLH.





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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2016

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

From the Rector – My prayer at this time of year is for all who find the Christmas season a sad or lonely time. No matter what your circumstances this Christmas, please be assured of the presence of God with us all – Emmanuel. To you all, I hope that this Christmastime may be filled with peace, rest and that wonderful sense of God's presence. Happy Christmas!

Special Needs: – As with previous years I am asking for your support of our Special Needs Fund. This fund will be used to give a helping hand to those in financial difficulties within our parish and community. If you are fortunate enough to be in a position to help supplement this fund please send your donation to me marked 'Special Needs' (or if you wish for the parish to receive a tax refund on the donation, please make your donation through the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Chris Hurley).

Rector's Surgery – Holy Trinity Rectory every Tuesday from 7-8 pm.

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.

December 4 - Advent II: 8.30 am - Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church, 10.45 am - Parish Communion, Holy Trinity Church

December 11 - **Advent III:** 8.30 am - Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church, 10.45 am - Children's Gift Service, Holy Trinity Church, 3.00pm - Service & Social, The Carry Centre **December 18** - **Advent IV:** 8.30 am - Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church, 10.45 am - Parish Communion, Holy Trinity Church, 7.00 pm - Community Carol Service, Holy Trinity Church *Followed by Festive reception in The Carry Centre*

December 19: 12 pm - Glenageary Killiney National School, Junior Carol Service

December 20: 7.00 pm - Glenageary Killiney National School, Senior Carol Service

December 25 - Christmas Day: 8.30 am - Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church, 10.45 am - Parish Communion, Holy Trinity Church

January 1 - 2nd Sunday of Christmas: 10.30am - A Christmas Service (*Please note that this is a joint service*)

January 8: 8.30 am - Holy Communion, 10.45 am - A Service for Epiphany

Christmas Decorating

The Church will be decorated for Christmas at 10am on Saturday 17th December. Those who wish to donate flowers, etc. for decorating can do so on Friday 16th or on Saturday morning. If you wish to help out with the decorating you would be very welcome to join us on the Saturday morning. As Holy Trinity Killiney is an "Equal Opportunities Employer"



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"We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars" Oscar Wilde - Gentlemen are very welcome to try out their artistic skills!

Charity Christmas Cards – Thank you to all those who supported the sale of Charity Christmas Cards on Sunday 13th November. In particular thanks to Dorothy Barrett for organizing the event.

The Carry Centre – A full programme of activities and events is now available – please visit **www.carrycentre.ie** for more information. For booking enquiries please contact the Centre Manager, Sandra Moore (contact details above)

Sunday Club - In December the Family Gift Service will be held on Sunday 11th.

Select Vestry – The Register of Vestry persons is open for revision until the 16th January 2017. If you are over 18 and subscribe to parish funds and are not yet registered, please see one of the Churchwardens and fill in the registration form. This will enable you to vote at the meeting of the General Vestry.

Service & Social – The next gathering will be on Sunday 11th December at 3pm in the Carry Centre. Please contact Joan Whyte or the Rector for more information.

Sheep Thrills – Every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre. Like us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/Sheep-Thrills. 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 Ouzo's, Dalkey on Thursday 15th at 8pm. All Gentlemen are very welcome to attend. More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Teggin or the Rector.

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

SILK - *Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney* – On Wednesday December 7th 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 6th at 10.30am in the Carry Centre.

Diners Club – The KWDs – Next gathering – to be confirmed. Further expressions of interest or queries may be addressed to Zandra Laing or the Rector.

Table Tennis – The table tennis meets every Monday at 8pm in the Carry Centre. If you are interested in trying out table tennis, you would be very welcome (and we will even lend you a bat!). For more information contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

Glenageary Killiney National School - Christmas Services in Holy Trinity, Killiney: Dec.

19, 12pm - G.K.N.S., Jun. Carol Service Dec. 20, 7.00pm - G.K.N.S., Sen. Carol Service

Church Review: Subs. (€40) for 2017 are now due and may be paid to Marianne Irvine

The Obelisk – The November/December edition is now available. The deadline for submissions to the next edition is the 10th December.

Hospital Visiting - The Rector would appreciate being told if parishioners are in hospital, going into hospital, are being

transferred or if they have been discharged, and will be pleased to offer pastoral support. A selection of prayers is available from him or in the Church porches.

From the Registers Funeral – 28th October (in Holy Trinity) – David Black Our sympathy and prayers are with all those who have been bereaved, in particular Anne, Rebecca, Jessica, Jonathan, Sarah and their families on the death of David.

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Sunday Services for December

4th December9am Eucharist10.15am Eucharist11th December9am Eucharist10.15am Chrisingle18th December9am Eucharist10.15am Eucharist

7pm Christmas Carol Service

24th December 11.15pm Eucharist

25th December 9am Eucharist 10.15am Eucharist

Sunday 9am Eucharist 10.15am Eucharist 1st January Service 9am Eucharist 8th January 10.15am All Age 9am Eucharist 10.15am Eucharist for 15th January January 22nd January 9am Eucharist 10.15am Morning Prayer 29th January 9am Eucharist 10.15am Celtic Eucharist Midweek: Every Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on Tuesday 6th & 20th December at 2.30p.m. Our January dates are 10th & 24th also at 2.30pm.

Christmas Fair— The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, 3rd December from 10.30am – 12 noon. Stalls will include Christmas Crafts, Cakes (by School PTA), Raffle, Deli food, Books, Bric-a-brac, Toys. Tea and coffee and mince pies and Santa will be making an appearance! Admission €2.50 for adults, €5.00 per child (Child admission includes visit to Santa and gift).

Film Social – On Monday 12th December, we will have a family film (details in next "Contact") for which we will be pleased to be joined by accompanied children. All welcome! Come for some entertainment, a cup of tea and the opportunity for a chat, in the gallery room (upstairs in the Hall) at 2.30pm.

Bible Study – Come and enjoy conversation and spiritual growth as we study the Bible together. This group includes people familiar with the Bible and those new to the Holy Scriptures. It takes place in the Gallery Room of the Northover Hall on Thursday 1st December and then breaks until 12th January, it runs from 7.00-8.00p.m. The readings we look at are those for the coming Sunday, from the Revised Common Lectionary. Bibles are provided along with some study notes. All are welcome, including newcomers!

Craft Group – The Craft Group normally meets in the Gallery Room of the Northover Hall on each Tuesday of the month from 2.30p.m. Over the Christmas period there is so much to be done elsewhere, the group takes an extended break until January, the date of return will be advised.

Choir Practice – The choir meets to prepare the music for the Sunday Service each Wednesday of the week at 7.30pm in the church. New members are always welcome.

Parent & Toddler – Come along and meet others for fun, support and fellowship at our Parent and Toddler Group. It takes place in the Northover Hall each week on a Tuesday at 10.30am for an hour and a half. There will be a break in meetings over the Christmas

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School News – On Friday, Gordon Snell came to our class for a visit. First, he read his book, called *The King of Quizzical Island*. Then he showed us his puppet and told us it was the king of Quizzical Island. After, he helped us write a story about a super potato and an evil



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sausage. It was very funny! He then read another book called Cool McCoole which was about Fionn McCoole in modern times. Finally, he read the sequel of *The King of Quizzical Island*, called *The King of Quizzical Island Digs Through the World*. When he finished, we gave him a big clap! It was good to get a visit from a famous Irish author! (Written by 5th and 6th Class)

Parish Christmas Lunch

The Parish Christmas Lunch will take place on Tuesday 6th December at 1pm in Powerscourt Golf Club. A three course dinner will be served. After dining there will an opportunity to consider some Christmas gift ideas in the nearby Powerscourt House. Bookings or enquires can be made to the Parish Office (01-2845941). The cost is €25. Lifts will be available for those who would like to avail of one.

Dramatic Society – The One Act Play will take place on January 21st in the Northover Hall, further details will be available on the parish website.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION – DECEMBER NEWS



Christmas Greetings from Dalkey Parish Church of the Assumption, Dalkey.

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

In the catholic mind, there are two events which have made a deep impression: these are Christmas especially Midnight Mass and First Holy Communion. We extend the warmest of welcomes especially to those who are not familiar with our Church or parish and we hope that your encounter and experience will bring you peace and hope in the future, into your hearts and lives at this special time. Drop in to see our beautiful crib which is over 100 years old. In the crib we see the lengths God was prepared to go to reach out to each one of us and invite us into a relationship of friendship with Him.

The performance of Handel's Messiah in our church on Saturday evening 22nd October was an ideal preparation for Advent and Christmas. It also continued the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the dedication of our church. We are deeply grateful to Robin Moore who conducted The Occasional Singers and Soloists, and also to Amy McGarry - Soprano, Amy Luttrell (Parishioner and member of the PPC) - Contralto, Anthony Norton - Tenor, David Howes – Bass, Will Palmer – Trumpet and Charles Pearson- Organ. A big 'thank you' to all those who helped to organise this very special event and particularly to the staff



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Young Adults Dublin, a recently formed group in our local area, has as its mission to gather young adults (20s+) together to build community and to offer a forum for meaningful discussion about life and faith, and to advocate for young people with our local parishes about how best to meet your needs in a changing society in Ireland. People from all background are most welcome no matter where they are in their faith journey. We want to hear the voices of young people and let them know that their views and opinions matter. This programme was launched in our parish on 26th October and it was a huge success. 25 young adults attended from all around DLR, and wine, food, and great conversation was enjoyed by all! Our exciting November events included a pub night where we enjoyed the music of American musician, Curtis Stephan, at the Queens in Dalkey, and another dialogue night at the Royal Marine Hotel. If you are interested in finding our more stay tuned and follow our Facebook page — Young Adults Dublin, or email us at youngadultsdublin@gmail.com.

This year our inter-denominational service for Church Unity will be hosted in our church, each year we rotate with our neighbours St Patrick's Church. The service will take place at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 24th January 2017** and will be followed by a cuppa in Our Lady's

Hall. The speaker for this year's is Pastor Arras, from St. Finian's Lutheran Church in Dublin. It is particularly appropriate that we have Pastor Arras this year when we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The theme for the service this year is Reconciliation. All are welcome.

Finally, welcome everyone to the annual lighting of the Christmas tree in our Church car park on Sunday 4th December and to Santa's arrival at 5pm. Everyone is most welcome, come along and enjoy the fun!

May we wish you all a wonderful season of loving, giving, caring, smiling and remembering the true spirit of the first Christmas. Remember to give and receive as many hugs as possible, with the knowledge that God loves you much more than you can ever imagine.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Caitriona Fogarty, Parish Office





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At 8pm Professor Eunan O'Halpin will present his talk 'Kevin Barry and his world' to the Mount Merrion Historical Soc. in the Community Centre, North Ave, Mount Merrion, All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Friday 2nd at 8pm: Professor Timothy D. Hoyt will present his lecture '*The Easter Rising and the beginnings of Modern Irregular Warfare*' to the Military History Soc. of Ireland in Griffith College, Sth. Circular Rd., D. 8. Wheelchair access available.

Tuesday 6th at 8pm: Frank Tracy will present his lecture 'If those trees could talk – the family history of Lord Massey, Killakee' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Delgany. All welcome – admission €3.

Wednesday 7th at 8pm: The Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society will hold its annual 'Collectors / Treasure Night' in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome – admission €3.50.

At 8pm Rob Goodbody will present his lecture 'Stone Bridges of the Dublin Area' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4.

Thursday 8th at 7.30pm: Tim Moriarty will present his lecture 'Carriers, Bailees and Policemen – some aspects of Railway Law' to the Irish Railway Record Society in the IRRS Premises, Hueston Station, Dublin 8. Strictly members and their guests only.

At 8pm the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society will hold 'Short Talks' by Members in the Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – Contribution € 3.

Friday 9th at 11.30am: James Scannell will present a seasonal talk 'Christmas 1915 in Bray, Co. Wicklow' in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome – admission free.

Saturday 10th at 1pm: There is a free public tour 'The National Library's History & Heritage' in the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

At 2.30pm Rachel Abraham will present her lecture 'A World Without Men: Women on the Home Front' to the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

Tuesday 13th at 6.30pm: James Scannell will present a seasonal talk 'Christmas 1916 in Dalkey and Kingstown' to the Dalkey Library Local History Group in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. All welcome – admission free.

At 8pm Stanislav Zamyatin will present his lecture 'The evolution of the Irish harp emblem' to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome.

Thursday 15th at 7.30pm: Dr. Rachel Moss will present her lecture 'The building trade in late medieval Ireland' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2.

Friday 16th at 11.30am: James Scannell will present a seasonal talk 'Christmas 1916 in Bray, Co. Wicklow' in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome – admission free.

JANUARY 2017

Wednesday 4th at 8pm: The AGM of the Rathmichael Historical Society takes place in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill. John Lennon will give a talk on 'The History of Airfield.' All welcome – admission €4.

Thursday 5th at 8pm: Seamas Ó Maitiu will present his lecture 'Townships of South Dublin' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in The Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

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Thursday 12th at 8pm: Stephen Ferguson will present his lecture 'Letters, Lives and Liberty: Dublin's GPO' to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society in the Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome – Contribution € 3.

Friday 13th at 8pm: Dr. Ciaran McDonnell will present his lecture '*Unshaken loyalty*: the Catholic Irish Brigade in British service, 1793-1798' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Tuesday 17th at 8pm: Siobhan Ní Chonoráin will present her lecture 'History of the development of Traditional Irish music and song' to the Foxrock Local History Club in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church. All welcome – admission € 5.

Thursday 19th at 8pm: The AGM of the Bray Cualann Historical Society takes place in the Royal Hotel, Bray. Brian White will give a talk on *'Townlands of Bray: Old Connaught.'* All welcome - visitors € 5.

At 8pm Gerry Long will present his lecture *'The National Library in 1916'* to the Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society in the Holy Rosary Centre adjoining Holy Rosary Church, Greystones. All welcome – admission charge.

Saturday 21st at 2.30pm: Marcin Hasik will present his lecture 'Polish Legions on the Eastern Front in World War I - History and Legacy' to the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

Tuesday 24th at 6.30pm: The Dalkey Library Local History Group meets in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. All welcome – especially new members.

The January 1915 German Scare

On December 16th 1941 the British east coast town of Hartlepool was subjected to a short barrage from some German battle cruisers resulting in the deaths of up to 119 people and the wounding of a further 200. In the wake of this attack the military authorities issued instructions to all coastal areas for what was to done if these attacks were repeated. On Tuesday January 19th 1915 the Killiney Royal Irish Constabulary informed local residents what was to be done if the Germans came but in the telling and based on what people had read in the papers, many gained the impression that the Germans were about to attack and a minor panic ensued with people being told to take shelter in Bride's Glen and Glencullen. This panic, which lasted for several hours, spread to Dalkey, Kingstown, and Bray, before it emerged that all the police had been doing was to advise people of the steps to be taken **if** the Germans came, which they never did.

A BOOK TO READ

'Sentenced To Death - Saved from the Gallows', by Colm Wallace,

published by Somerville Press.

The death penalty has been removed from the Irish legal system but prior to the establishment of the State, was imposed and carried out for a variety of offences. When the Irish State was established, it was intended to abolish the death penalty but the bitter and divisive Civil War led to its retention with various Englishmen performing the task of hangman, the most notable being the Pierrepoint family. This book looks at 30 people sentenced to death for murder between 1922 and 1990 ranging in motive from lust to greed, jealousy to greed, revenge, infanticide, including some with psychological problems, who went to the condemned cell in Mountjoy Gaol until reprieved – the reasons were never given in each case. This is a fascinating account of murder in Ireland through the decades with the author outlining other similar cases where reprieves were not granted, so those who received reprieves could consider themselves very fortunate indeed. A really excellent book dealing with the issue of capital punishment in Ireland.

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OLH from 10:00am – 1pm	Sat 10 Dec
St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal	Sat 10 & Sun 11 Dec
DCC Monthly Meeting at 7:30pm in OLH	Mon12 Dec
DCC Jan 2017 Monthly Meeting at 7:30pm in OLH	Mon 9 Jan
Sorting of Feb 2017 Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 26 Jan

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions - for all age groups in Town Hall from 5.00-9.00 pm Mon. & Wed. **Boxing/Conditioning Classes** - Also available. Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334 **Dalkey Players:** Rehearsals in **Harold Boys School** from 7.30-10.30pm Tuesdays & Thursdays. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or **www.dalkeyplayers.ie** check for details. New members welcome.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Rd. from 8pm-10.30pm Mon. & Thurs. or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com New members welcome. The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. Call 086-8391839 Cuala Set Dancing Classes: Sundays from 8-10pm. € 6 per night. All welcome. Scrabble & Afternoon Tea in aid of Barnardos every Wednesday at 3pm in Derrymore,

35, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Call Di Fitzpatrick at 285 0593 for more information. **Baby & Toddler Group**. All pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome on Tuesdays

from 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., Dun Laoghaire. €2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608

Parkrun – Every Saturday at 9.30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Parks. Dalkey Library Local History Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month in Dalkey Library starting at 6-6:30pm. All welcome.

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