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CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY TO CUALA



*Dalkey girls won the Leinster Ladies Football Junior Championship
and the Cuala Men brought the Cup back to Dalkey for the third year in succession.
See page 23 for more details*

Photo: Cuala G.A.A.

SUMMARY OF THE DCC NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was held on Monday 6th November 2017 in OLH.

NW: The Community Council thanks Superintendent Fitzgerald and Inspector Condon for meeting DCC representatives last month. They have assured us that they are monitoring Dalkey and every resource will be made available in an effort to keep crime to a minimum.

TT: The DTT were delighted with the feature on them in the October edition of the newsletter and thanked DCC for their support. The winter litter patrols are ongoing. There has been a resurgence of the graffiti problem and Des Burke-Kennedy and his team are managing to stay on top of it. DCC, DTT and DLR are busy organising the many events for The Christmas Celebration on Sunday 3rd December (See page 3)

Planning: The application for 34, Barnhill Road (Eamon Walshe's Garage) has been refused on grounds of scale, height and general layout.

AOB: Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home has closed and it will be carefully monitored in the coming months. The TY students in Loreto have agreed to help Bláthnaid MacGinty and place the petition for a lift at Dalkey DART station online.

DCC wishes all the residents in Dalkey A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy 2018!

The next Monthly Meeting is Monday 11th December 2017.

NEWS FROM DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE



Santa with the Children in Dalkey Castle

Photo: John Fahy

Castle Christmas Tours with Santa at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

Enjoy these unique Christmas Castle tours with Santa which are specially devised for the children who are expecting Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. Accompanying adults are encouraged to join in the fun with the children. Supported by DLRCoCo.



Santa's On His Way!



Dalkey Christmas Extravaganza

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

**10 – 1pm Dalkey Community Pre-School Playgroup
Festive Fair, Our Lady's Hall**

3.45pm Live Crib, Archbold's Castle

**4pm Children's Christmas Carols, Church of the
Assumption**

5pm SANTA ARRIVES!

5.30pm Visit Santa at his Grotto beside the church

Jingle The children will engage with Jingle who sings Christmas riddles while s/he is preparing the food for Santa and the reindeers. S/he leads the children to the battlements to chant to the North Star that guides the reindeers around the world.

Twinkle, the Christmas Elf, joins in the show. Twinkle tells all the famous Christmas stories in a new and exciting way. S/he helps when Santa’s suit gets shrunk by the elves who are now all sleeping in the Garderobe. The big worry for Twinkle is whether the children can make the suit big enough to fit Santa again. (*Of course they will!*).

Santa The highlight, needless to say, is the appearance of the celebrity himself- Santa Claus!

Santa’s ‘*Ho Ho Ho*’ has gone very faint. The children will help him to get it back. He has two long lists: one Nice and the other Naughty. Only those who behave very well can be on his Nice list. Dalkey children are on his Nice list. The children can help Santa waken the sleeping elves and join him with his 10 Question Quiz.

Join in – It’s all about activity and participation with this specially devised unique Dalkey Castle Christmas Tour with Santa! A big bonus is that you can book in advance and no queuing is necessary.

Tour times 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00 & 16.00. (Numbers are limited on each tour).

Dates: Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th & Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th, December.

Tickets €8.50 (include Goody Bag for the small children). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking: Book online at www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets

Credit Card by Tel 01 285 8366. (Closed on Tuesdays).

At Reception every day except Tuesday.

Have a Merry Medieval Christmas Meanwhile, the daily tours (excluding the 4 dates above for Castle Santa Tours) explore all the Victorian Christmas traditions including: the origins of ‘the Christmas Box’, ‘the Piggy Bank’, ‘Carol Singing’, the wearing of ‘Christmas Holly’. The Cook prepares traditional Mince Pies, Butter and Saffron Basted Goose and traditional Humble Pie (from the umbles of deer). **Weekdays** from 10.00am and on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd Dec from 11.00am.

Santa will check out Dalkey when he arrives to switch on the Christmas Lights on Sunday 3rd Dec. around 5.00pm.

The Living Crib will be as magical as ever with live animals in Archbold’s castle from 4.00-6.00pm on 3rd Dec also.

Thank you to all who send us messages of congratulations after the RTÉ Nationwide programme was transmitted. We have a link to it on the homepage of our website, in case you missed it. www.dalkeycastle.com

Happy Christmas to all our supporters and well-wishers

Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Castle Street, Dalkey

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Dalkey Art Exhibition 2017



DCC Chairman, Dr. Susan McDonnell with the Guest-of-Honour, Artist John Keating



Cllr Cormac Devlin with John Keating and his wife Miriam





Castle Park Swim Academy & Sports Centre

New Swim Term 2018 Parent & Toddler Class

Introducing our new Swim Term. Academy Lessons will run for 10 weeks from February 19th 2018– May 6th 2018. You can register your interest with the Academy office now by contacting us via telephone or email.

New Parent & Toddler class continuing on Thursdays at 9:15am. This class is for babies and toddlers aged 6 months to 2.5 years, accompanied by a parent in the water. The basics of swimming are introduced whilst babies become accustomed to the pool environment. The class will run for 10 weeks and costs €75.

Masters Swimming January Camp

Masters sessions now take place on Tuesday evenings at 8.15pm, Friday mornings at 6.15am and Saturday afternoons at 4.45pm. Sessions are coached by fully qualified Level 2 & 3 coaches and are ideal for triathletes, sea swimmers, competitive swimmers or those who simply want to swim for fitness or refine technique.

January camp will run for 3 days on the 3rd-5th January 2018. The cost of the camp is €70 for 3 days. The camp is fully catered by our onsite chef with children getting a healthy snack, a hot nutritious lunch and a dessert each day. Early morning & afternoon daycare options are provided at an additional cost.



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A WHITE DALKEY CHRISTMAS



Electric Milk Float

It was in the days when milk was delivered by horse and cart daily and very early in the morning. The clip clop of the horse was heard about 5:30am and the horse knew where to stop and Billy the Milkman ran from house to house collecting the empties and delivering the full bottles with their shiny tops. Then technology intervened and a change came about as Billy got an electric Milk Float that whirred along with speed and the horse was retired to pastures green. Christmas was

approaching and excitement was in the air. Milk deliveries were 365 days a year and Christmas Day was no exception. Christmas morning was always a very early morning in our house as my younger brother was first up and making lots of noise. Mam put the kettle on around 8 o'clock and hoped that Billy would soon appear as there was very little milk in the cool box. We children were too busy playing with our presents from Santa to bother with breakfast when there was an almighty crash. We went outside to investigate and Lo and Behold there was the new Milk Float on its side at the end of the road and Billy trying to climb out of it.

Neighbours gathered and Billy was helped out. He was acting funny though. He was talking a lot and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas. He was shaking hands with the men and trying to kiss all the women. He was a quiet man but what was wrong with him now? Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. O'Leary grabbed him and took him off. The Dads held a discussion and the children were sent home to get dressed. When we went back out the Milk Float was parked by the side of the road and the broken glass had been swept up. Mr. McCullogh, one of the few car owners on the road volunteered to bring Billy home. Billy seemed a little better but he still walked with a wobble. Mr. McCullogh called into the Dairy after depositing Billy safely home and brought back a driver who drove the Milk Float back to the depot. We stood at the corner, nurses, mummies, doctors, cowboys and Indians and gazed in awe at the vast white lake that stretched out before us.

It turned out that Billy had received too many "Christmas Boxes" or rather "Christmas Sups" on that frosty morning and this had an inebriating effect on poor Billy. By the time he reached our neighbourhood he thought he was Santa! He had taken the corner too fast and to his detriment and that of our milk delivery as he turned over the Milk Float! After all it was a 'White' Christmas!

AMP



"We have to prepare you three for a long journey very soon - to follow that star"



DALKEY TIDY TOWNS VINTAGE YEAR



A Truly Rewarding Vintage Year for our Dalkey Tidy Towns Team



Tidy Towns Team Blue

No matter what the weather, our local Dalkey Tidy Towns volunteers did not miss even one scheduled work date in 2017 – a total of 125 work sessions! In addition, our Tuesday Project Team met 54 times, including special task days. This enormous commitment was rewarded. In recognition, we were both surprised and overwhelmed to receive the five following awards: National Tidy Towns Gold Medal (Pop. 5001-10,000), Ocean Heroes Group of the Year Award (An

Taisce), DLRCC Tidy Districts Best Town Perpetual Trophy (Pop. 3,000+), DLRCC Tidy Districts Overall Winner Award 2017, and the Dalkey Community Council Endeavour Award. We thank all who have made this possible and also SuperValu Tidy Towns, DLRCC, An Taisce and Dalkey Community Council for their much appreciated recognition and help.

‘And of course, in alphabetical order, we thank our relatively small team of DTT volunteers: Sylvia Briggs, Anne Sophie Bruley, Des Burke-Kennedy, Brendan Clark, Lynda Coleman, Malcolm Connolly, Julie Costello, Marius Covacian, Frank Dillon, Daphne Dukes, Miriam English, Kate Hammond, Brian Hanna, Etsuko Kanamori, Anna Kerr, Miriam Lee, Noel McDonnell, Susan McDonnell, Lisa McEvoy, Alan O’Brien, Flor O’Mahony, Penny O’Neil, Ann Perry, John Perry, Johnny Phillips, Martin Quinn, Mary Rigney, Paddy Rigney, Derek Spiller, Una Thornton, Terry Wheatley and Alan Winter. With so many DTT improvement projects this year, all we can do here is attempt to highlight a selection to reflect the enormous efforts made. ‘Apologies if we omitted any of significance.

January – Organised with the Bullock Harbour Preservation Assoc. meetings to alert the community to the published development plans – 475 neighbours attended our meeting, 350 Observations were lodged and an Order to Refuse Permission was issued in record time.

February – The Clean Coasts Group and DTT collected 32 sacks of Beach rubbish with 30 volunteers. Our Facebook message alerting neighbours to a local burglary threat had a record Reach of 31,181 people.

March – Toilets installed in Bullock Harbour with support from DLRCC and Dublin Port and a new plinth constructed on the old Crane base.

April – Sorrento Park Summit Compass inaugurated with 72 neighbours, Bagpiper Archie and Cathaoirleach Cormac Devlin; DTT, An Taisce, Harold Boys 5th Class and 22 neighbours worked together on National Spring Clean Day and collected 24 sacks of litter; new DTT Logo unveiled with new blue HiVis jackets; St Begnets Graveyard upgraded with 41 hours of hard work, 3 tons of gravel, 38 graves and 15 hedges cared for; Rushe’s SuperValu sponsorship agreement signed.



Harold Boys do their bit for Dalkey Tidy Towns

May – DTT, the Gardai and Harold Boys spearheaded the Bin Your Gum parade; cleared the entire Flags pathway, organised the refurbishment of seven Dalkey road signs, organised a major work project with 15 Salesforce employees and An Taisce in Dillon's Park; made Graffiti Prevention Presentation to Dublin Docklands Business Forum.

June – Village Gate, Cat's Ladder, Dalkey Avenue and Tram Yard all upgraded by DTT; An Taisce and Northern Trust joined DTT team of 14 in Dillon's Park work; Google team of 21 joined DTT in Dillon's Park; space fully prepared by DTT for the Book Festival Marquee.

July – Picnic Benches restored and placed in Dillon's Park; Navigation Light installed in Bullock Harbour; Dalkey Island clean-up day organised by DTT; gardening, weeding and improvements completed by DTT in Dalkey Avenue, Vico Road and Sorrento Road.

August – DTT and Salesforce team of 18 painted the Sorrento Park Bandstand, cut back overgrowth and cleared litter.

September – DTT worked with RTE on production of Tracks & Trails TV programme sponsored by DLRCC; DTT Seven Castles project began; rediscovered Ancient Well in Dillon's Park unveiled; Bullock Harbour upgrading continued.

October – DTT and DLRCC finalised plans for Boulder engraving for Dillon's Park; DTT team completed 48 days of extensive rubbish removal, habitat creation and upgrading for public health and safety in Dillon's Park; Winter weeding and gardening continued in planted areas throughout Dalkey.

November – DTT combined forces with Dalkey Quarry Rock Climbers to clear cans, broken bottles, etc., in inaccessible locations; Graffiti removal continued with over 2,700 tags cleaned throughout Dalkey to date.

December – Major Dillon's Park three-year project completed providing a safe new and unique place of beauty for our neighbours, friends and visitors.

Throughout every week of the



Sorrento Compass Creation

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year, our Litter Pickers never missed a beat, our Graffiti Removers always kept ahead of the vandals and the planted areas, pathways, Parks and streets received hundreds of hours of DTT TLC. New members are desperately needed and will always be warmly welcomed at tidy@dalkeytidytowns.com

❖ DALKEY TIDY TOWNS ACHIEVEMENTS ❖

Annual Points Score Trend is Encouraging

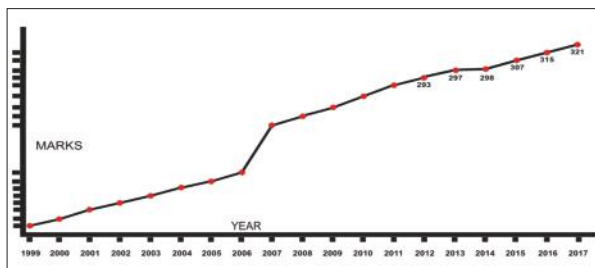
As already reported, it has been a unique year for Dalkey in the National SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition. In fact, the number of awards won by Dalkey caught us by surprise ! These included : National Tidy Towns Gold Medal (Pop. 5001-10,000), Ocean Heroes Group of the Year Award (An Taisce), DLRCC Tidy Districts Best Town Perpetual Trophy (Pop. 3,000+), DLRCC Tidy Districts Overall Winner Award 2017, and the Dalkey Community Council Endeavour Award.

Over the 59 years of the National Tidy Towns competitions, scoring in the top 5% of all entries in 2017 was a very encouraging outcome. In plotting Dalkey's points awarded progress by the National Tidy Towns judges over the past 18 years, the trend is very positive, thanks to the enormous work done by over a generation of committed Dalkey volunteers.

So, what have we learned this year to help prepare Dalkey for 2018 and make this an even better place for all?

Here the actual points awarded by the National Tidy Towns judges highlight where we can make progress. On the positive side, we improved in Landscaping and Open Spaces, Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities, Sustainable Waste, Tidiness and Litter Control.

However, we were disappointed in Community Involvement and Planning, Built Environment and Landscape, Residential Streets and Housing Areas and Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes.



The following suggestions would help to resolve these in 2018 and we really need your help to make progress:

- Encourage more volunteers to join us as so many other Towns have done.
- Remove unsightly wires and cables from Castle Street building facades
- Remove weeds from Castle Street chimneys and gutters
- Upgrade and paint buildings on Castle Street
- Add more planted areas to Dalkey approach roads
- Add more Information Panels in areas of historic interest

	Max	2014	2015	2016	2017
Community Involvement & Planning	60	47	47	49	48
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	45	46	47	47
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	37	39	42	43
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	37	39	40	41
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	17	18	18	20
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	49	51	51	54
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	34	35	35	35
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	32	32	33	33
TOTAL MARKS	450	298	307	315	321

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AT HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Programme of events in Dalkey Library
Booking essential.

Sugarcraft: 23 November 6.30-7.30pm
Demonstration by Sinead from Crown Your Cake.

Fresh Flowers for Christmas 30 November 6.30-7.15pm Dalkey-based Unique Flowers and Interiors will be hosting a demonstration in the library showcasing the very best in floral arrangements for the Christmas season.

Christmas 1917 in Kingstown and Dalkey Tuesday 5 December 6.30-7.30pm James Scannell from The Old Dublin Society, will give his annual talk which will look at events in Kingstown and Dalkey over Christmas 1917, the 4th Christmas of the First World War.

Christmas Wines 7 December 6.30-7.30pm.

Our friends from The Grapevine will be joining us to recommend the perfect wine for your Christmas feast. This event is strictly over 18 and therefore booking is required. Proof of age may be requested.

Pyjama Storytime Tuesday 12 December 6.30-7.15pm Put on your favourite pyjamas and join us for a very special Christmas Storytime. This event is for 4 to 8 year olds. Dress code is strictly pyjamas.

Christmas Party Food: 14 December 6.30-7.30pm Fun-filled demonstration with Berna from local gourmet food store, Thyme Out.

Carols by Candlelight: 21 December, 6.30pm. Come hear the songs of Christmas and a few other favourites sung for us by members of the DARA choir.

Maria O'Sullivan, Senior Librarian, Dalkey Library

DALKEY LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

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The Rolling Pebbles

The Rolling Pebbles (AKA the Junior Rolling Stones!) is the new music sensation in Harold Boys' N.S. The band has six members. Liam Prior plays keyboard. Stephen O'Neill is lead guitarist, Jack Cunningham is on bass guitar, Scott McCullough plays bodhrán and Luca Rizzi is our drummer. Daniel Doyle is lead vocals. Mr Antoin Bracken is the band's manager. The group has been rehearsing for the last few months & look forward to their performance. This will take place in Dalkey Church on

December 5th at 1pm when they accompany the School Choir in a Christmas Carol Concert. All Welcome to this wonderful celebration of the real meaning of Christmas.

DALKEY COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL NEWS



Over 40 years ago the Dalkey Community Pre-School Playgroup (DCPP) was founded by a group of local mothers keen to provide their children with a unique environment to grow and learn within the community. From humble beginnings the DCPP has blossomed into an immersive 'home from home' learning experience in the vibrant, purpose built premises on Convent Road. Everyone

involved with DCPP was delighted to welcome a new and enthusiastic manager in Clíodhna O'Neill last May. She joins a wonderful and experienced staff and together they allow the DCPP to enjoy some of the most generous staff to child ratios in Dublin (1:5). Clíodhna's numerous qualifications speak for themselves but it is her energy and ideas that are shining through. Under her guidance there are several developments planned for the DCPP and we are only weeks away from exciting new improvements to the playground area including mud pits and flower beds. These fun additions reinforce the learning through play ethos of the whole playgroup. The DCPP itself became a registered charity in 2008 and as such fundraising is crucial to the continued success of the playgroup. The parent's committee work hard to come up with new ways to fundraise but some of the tried and tested events are hard to beat. The annual Christmas fair is one such event and we would love to invite everyone to join us for a lively morning of Christmas fun on Sunday 3rd December.

Image DCPP



❖ DALKEY SCHOOL PROJECT NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWS ❖

October has been a busy month at DSP. The value of the month is Cooperation. Fourth and Sixth class took part in Forest School on Friday mornings on Killiney Hill. They were lucky with beautiful weather to enjoy the experience. On the last Friday parents were invited to share the experience as described by Eve, 4th class *'Everybody brought in a parent and we decided to turn our base into a Halloween Wonderland!!'*.

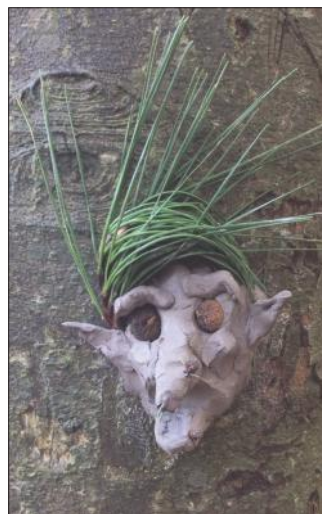
We made a cobweb (out of string) and a broomstick (sticks and string). Then we had our sit spot, where I sat with Hazel and my Mum. This was the best Forest Friday I ever had. I am very lucky to be working with such a lovely group of friends and teachers. We also got to participate in the ***'Dalkey Creates'*** festival, which we really enjoyed. Big thanks to Ruth, Sheila and Betty for showing the children how to plant and water seeds and plants and how to create an attractive display. DSP has two wheelbarrows in the Dalkey Creates display. Fifth class brought our wheelbarrows to the collection in the church grounds. Look out for the one with the pumpkin theme!

During the month our girls GAA team made it to the semi-finals of their league. They played really well, and we are very proud of them. They were super representatives of the school. Though they did not get through to the final, they can hold their heads high and congratulate themselves on their tremendous teamwork, skilful playing and respect for all.

And we finished the month at the ever-popular Halloween Disco. And wow! – what an action-packed day it was! Hair-raising music, spooky face painting, fantastic fortune telling, nasty nails, terrible tattoos, spot prizes, the poisonous tuck shop and lots more.

There was even a quiet room where the younger kids (and scared adults) could escape the mayhem.

Then we had the mid-term break to recharge our batteries, and we now look forward to the winter term.



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The theme of the week of 10th October was 'Maths in Sport' which concluded on the Friday with a cross-curricular STEAM day with pupils throughout the School engaged in a range of activities linking Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Maths. To start the day off the children gathered on the Astro pitch to fill in the shape 'CP STEAM '17'. After this, Prep pupils rotated around the School completing activities linking the STEAM subjects to sport. On the AstroPitch, they completed tasks such as show jumping and a goal scoring challenge and then moved on to endurance tests featuring 'Hang Tight' in the adventure playground.

In the Learning Resource Centre pupils enjoyed activities such as Lego robotics, Minecraft, Scratch coding and creation of stop-go videos also using Lego.



Junior pupils then focused on the links between Music, Maths and Physics with a dance routine challenge. They also took part in some games that explored environmental sounds, an energetic hopscotch game and a soccer-themed musical match up game. While Seniors made their own foosball tables having to measure the height and distance between rods (players) and the ball. The results were colourful and fun and plenty of matches were played! Pre-Prep pupils also enjoyed their activities including shape formation games and sports themed number games. The pupils also went on maths

trails around the school, carried out experiments such as measuring, weighing and estimating and worked on sports themed art.

Finally, the day concluded with an Assembly led by Mr. Girvan Dempsey who talked to the pupils about the

importance of science and technology in his current role as rugby coach and as a former international player.

**Amanda
Mollard**



Girvan Dempsey

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MATHS WEEK AND CODING WEEK AT LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL

We celebrated Maths Week and Coding Week in Loreto Primary School from October 16th – 20th. It was a very busy week considering the school was closed for two days due to Storm Ophelia.

For Maths Week we discussed the importance of maths in everyday life. We use maths when we are reading the clock, when we are measuring ingredients, adding and subtracting money in a shop or calculating

the amount of petrol or diesel for a car journey. Some of the senior classes designed maths trails around the school for the younger classes. Some classes did quizzes on the interactive whiteboards. Our teachers helped us with maths puzzles.

On Coding Day, some parents came to our school to talk to us about coding. These parents kindly gave their time and shared their expertise with us. Computer coding is where you give a computer a set of instructions to follow to do a task.

The coding exercise was based on the movie 'Frozen.' Using the characters Anna and Elsa, we had to create snowflakes. We learned a lot about lines and angles in geometry. There were twenty levels and on the last level we were allowed to code whatever we wanted and we got to make beautiful designs. We had a great time doing these fun and educational activities and we look forward to Coding Week and Maths Week again next year. We learned a lot and had a great time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

My name is Pauline Pratt (née Farrell) and am writing to you, and especially Brendan Henderson, in appreciation of his article in the November *Newsletter* entitled 'A bicycle of Historical Importance'.

Gus was my lovely uncle and my three sisters and I have many happy childhood memories of queuing up for a ride on the crossbar of that bike – I cannot believe it is still in use. Gus was a really lovely, gentle man and we still miss him. I am attaching a photo that I still keep of him with his 'trusty' bike – it means a lot to us to know that he is still fondly remembered in his beloved Dalkey.

On behalf of myself and my sisters Betty, Sheila and Ger please pass on our thanks to Brendan for his lovely article. I am sure he will also enjoy the photo!



Jim 'Gus' Farrell with his bike

Pauline Pratt

***This is the text of a notice from
Cllr. Cormac Devlin about a road closure in Dalkey in December***

Dear Resident,

Please note that I have been advised that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has received a request from a contractor working in the area to temporarily close Victoria Road for 1 week in December. The proposal is to close Victoria Road at its Junction with Coliemore Road from Monday 4th December until Friday 8th December inclusive.

This is to facilitate the road opening of no more than 20m for the purpose of laying E.S.B, Gas Networks, foul sewer and watermain. A local traffic management plan will be in operation and access to all properties would be maintained at all times.

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CUALA MAKE IT THREE IN A ROW!



CUALA 1-13

KILMACUD CROKES 0-13

Just like the 2016 final a goal, scored by Darragh O'Connell this year, was the difference between Cuala and local rivals Kilmacud Crokes in their recent Dublin SHC final in Parnell Park.

After giving Cuala a huge scare in last year's final Kilmacud knew they needed to hit the ground running this year and they did just that with early scores from Lorcan McMullen before David Treacy put Cuala on the scoreboard in the 9th minute. Scores from Fergal Whitely and Sean McGrath put Kilmacud further ahead before Cuala's defence, with Cian O'Callaghan and Sean Moran in outstanding form, began to take control and keep Kilmacud scoreless for the next twenty minutes. During that period David Treacy and Con. O'Callaghan added some fine points against the wind to Darragh O'Connell's goal to give Cuala a 2 point lead at the break.



*Cuala Star! Conn O'Callaghan
Photo: Cuala GAA*

Kilmacud started the second half well and two frees from Oisín O'Rourke helped draw them level in the 36th minute. That was as good as it got for Crokes though as points from Treacy, Con O'Callaghan and Colum Sheanon soon opened up a three point gap between the teams. Points from Colm Cronin and Mark Schutte along with two late David Treacy frees were enough to keep Crokes at arm's length after that and bring the Cup back to Dalkey for the third year in succession.

"It was always going to be tough against Crokes and they are a fine team," said Cuala's Mattie Kenny before adding. "They have a lot of pacy young lads and both defences played with an extra man or two at times so it kept the scoring down. It was the type of match where every score counted but thankfully, we got the few scores at the finish to stretch the lead out to three points."



CUALA LADIES MARCH ON!



LEINSTER LGFA JUNIOR FINAL

Cuala 4-8

Clann na nGael 1-7

Sinéad Wylde proved to be Cuala's goal machine with a hat-trick of green flags on a windy day in Kinnegad as the Dalkey girls won the Leinster Ladies Football Junior Championship in front of a large travelling support.

Things didn't start so well for the girls in red though as Clann na nGael, playing with a strong wind at their backs, built up a lead in the first half. As the game went on Cuala began to look stronger and only some wayward shooting in front of goal and a missed Gráinne O'Driscoll penalty stopped them from going in at the break ahead.

The two point lead that Clann na nGael started the second half with wasn't anywhere near enough though as Cuala began to exert pressure and pin the Meath girls back into their own half. It was during this spell that Gráinne O'Driscoll and Sinéad Wylde scored three goals between them to put Cuala firmly in the driving seat. Clann na nGael didn't give up though and it took four second half points from Dublin minor Jennifer Dunne to head off a late rally from the Meath Champions.

The Cuala Ladies moved on to face Ulster Champions Corduff in the All-Ireland semi-final in Carrickmacross on Nov 19th but unfortunately this time they were not successful.



A CHAOTIC CHRISTMAS

How could I ever forget that Christmas? The impact of what we could have caused really only occurred to me many years later when I had children of my own. I was six years old, the eldest of four siblings. Excitement was high! Santa was coming tonight!

We had loved all the fun we had during the week getting ready for Santa. It was all about Santa! The coloured lights blinked at us from the giant Christmas tree. The baubles, which we had hung on its branches, balanced precariously as we took the balloons on and off the tree. The best game was to have a race around the room hitting the balloon through the loops in the decorations. These hung, beautiful and colourful, in a kaleidoscope effect from the centre light in the ceiling.

Now we were having the most amazing fun, as Joey the budgie flew around or crouched in fear up on top of the pelmet. Yes, a budgie! Auntie Sheila had arrived for Christmas in all her glory – fur coat, suitcase and her new acquisition, Joey.

We thought he was great. He could even say hello! My mother didn't share our adoration of Joey.

Plum puddings and Christmas cakes had all been made with great care ages ago. But now the business of stuffing the turkey, preparing the vegetables, making mince pies and many more essential matters needed to be dealt with. Two more relations were invited for Christmas day. There was always an air of tension between my mother and Sheila, her unmarried sister. Not surprising when I look back and can vividly picture Sheila relaxing in the midst of chaos sipping a sherry by the fire. And now to add to the work overload for my mother, we had Joey to contend with!

Daddy was bustling around bringing in the coal and logs. Tea was nearly ready and all the adults were in the kitchen. We started to run riot in the sitting room! Memories of Halloween Sparklers had lodged in our little brains. SOMEONE got the ingenious idea that we could have our own Christmas Sparklers! We could light the sticks which were kept in the fireside box seat, specifically for the purpose of lighting the fire. So, we stuck them into the fire and when they lit we danced around excitedly swirling the sticks and watching the sparks fly – but not very successfully – not like the real Sparklers.

"Tea is ready" came the call from the kitchen, and someone was coming to collect us. We quickly threw the sticks into the fire, innately knowing what we were doing would not meet with approval – strange how that works without being told!

SOMEONE quickly came up with the idea of putting their stick somewhere else rather than the fire.

We ate, laughed and trick acted at the kitchen table. Suddenly strange noises emanated from the sitting room. Sheila recognized Joey's poor little squawk and raced off to tend to him. Hysterical screams and squawks followed! The sitting room was a wall of smoke. Pandemonium ensued. Daddy stumbled in. He opened all the windows. The fire brigade was called – more excitement or what for us children!

The source of the fire was quickly identified. The sofa! The sofa was billowing out black smoke. All were puzzled as to why. My poor mother was in a state of collapse. Sheila was in a state of hysteria. Joey was retrieved in a feeble ball of feathers – but not quite dead. Daddy was bewildered as he tried to cope with us children, all now confined to the kitchen. The fireman announced the cause of the fire. Murder ensued!

Would Santa still come? What about the chimney? Would he be able to see our slippers all in a row on the carpet in front of the fireplace? The adults were in shock but I can't

remember any chastisement. As we were put to bed Daddy had big heartedly taken the line of “count your blessings” and “what might have happened”.

Our night prayers rapidly said we were tucked in having been told Santa would find a way to sort it – ‘all will be well’.

The fact that on that Christmas day our blackened sofa was out on the front garden, the wallpaper limp and grey, decorations removed, carpet blackened, didn’t dampen our spirits. After Mass and breakfast, as was the family tradition, we lined up outside the sitting room, youngest going first. As we rushed in, there in front of the fireplace by our slippers was a pile of boxes and toys. The rest of the day was spent in the dining room, especially the adults, in front of a well-guarded fire, Sheila cooing at Joey in his cage – the hero of yesterday!

Mary O’Connor

CHRISTMAS

What would we do without Christmas?

It breaks up the year don’t you know

The winter is weary, relentlessly dreary

Even if brightened by snow

We call it the festive season

Xmas, Yuletide, Noel

Happy Christmas, good will to all men

Or is it just a big sell?

Christmas gifts, cards, decorations

From early November on show

We try but we just can’t ignore it

Give in and go with the flow

Christmas puds should be made in October

If you’ve not one of last year’s put by

And then there’s the cake, oh for goodness sake

Why not pretend and just buy

Mincemeat for mince pies

Made well in advance

Though a jar of the bought stuff

I’d happily chance

Short crust pastry is best

Home-made and well rested

Rolled out quite thinly

Is easily digested

The Post Office has issued a warning

Cards and parcels must be on their way

To the U.S.A. Europe and Ireland

Get writing no time for delay

We may tire of Christmas music

Though at first refreshing and bright

As we become stressed out and hassled

We’re not dreaming of a Christmas that’s white

The turkey and ham must be ordered

For fear that the butcher’d run out

He’ll take your name and the weight you can claim

Better do it or be left with nowt

A Christmas tree must be purchased

If you’ve not succumbed to an artificial one yet

The essence of pine is essential

Though it may shed its needles don’t fret

Once decked with the lights and the baubles

Which appear from their box year on year

With an angel or star at the summit

It’s bound to receive a loud cheer

We’ve sung about Holly and Ivy

Hung mistletoe in the best place

To capture a kiss from a sweetheart

Without putting up much of a chase

We have shopped ‘till we’ve dropped

Wrapped presents galore

The fridge is so full

We can’t close the door

But once C Day has come

And the dinner is over

We can put up our feet

And feel we’re in clover

Now we can relax

For the rest of December

And forget about Christmas

Until next November



Suzanne Hayes –January 2015

SINTERKLAAS: A FEAST IN DUTCH TRADITION



*Sinterklaas with his
Black Peters*

Sinterklaas or Saint Nicolaas is the patron Saint of Children. An elderly man with a long white beard and hair, he wears red bishop's robes, a mitre with a cross on it, holds a gold-coloured crozier and lives in Spain. He carries a big red book in which is written whether a child has been good or naughty during the year. He comes every year by steam boat to Amsterdam bringing with him his many helpers, the Zwarte Pieten (Black Peters). These are people with blackened faces dressed in colourful clothes with lace collars and feathered caps. There's quite an opposition now from black people to the fact that the helpers are black and they

want to change this tradition. (I believe there are now blue and green Peters).

As soon as Sinterklaas arrives in Amsterdam, he leaves his boat and travels through the city on his white horse, while his Peters throw *Pepernoten* (spiced tiny round biscuits) and sweets around for the children, who are lined all along the streets. This trip has become very elaborate over the years. Nowadays, his boat arrives with a kilometre long line of other boats and floats. It has become a huge spectacle, broadcast on T.V. for all to see. Although every town has its own arrival of Sinterklaas and his helpers.

When Sinterklaas is in town children lay their shoes beside the fireplace before their bedtime, along with a carrot and some hay for Sint's horse. Then they sing some of the special Sinterklaas songs. Usually they will find a large chocolate letter, the initial letter of their name, in their shoe, that's if they have been good! In my time – before psychology took hold – we were told that if you were bold black Peter would put you in a sack and bring you to Spain to teach you how to be good. You would certainly not get presents, but I never heard of that happening.

Sinterklaas is celebrated on his birthday, the Fifth of December. They were the best feasts during my childhood. If celebrated well they are the most creative ones and a lot of fun. This was the time presents were given, not on Christmas day like in Ireland. The givers usually didn't attach their names to the presents, although most of the time you had a good idea who the giver was.

In school we did the Kris Kindle system; everybody would put their name in a hat and take somebody else's name out of it to give a present to. A price limit was set, usually quite low. It was never about the value of the present but more about how you gave it. First of all you were expected to write a poem with it. The content might refer to why that present was chosen; there could be a bit of teasing in it, some bad habit highlighted. Or the present was made very hard to open. Once a present was wrapped in cotton wool and then covered with golden syrup. I still remember the boy trying to open it and in the process becoming totally covered in bits of sticky cotton wool. With forty children in the class it took all day for each child to read the poem and open the present with the full attention of everybody. We would be weak with laughter at the end of the day. And often these awkwardly composed poems could be very amusing too.

In our house it was great fun too, as my parents (who were deaf) were very good at it. Due to the difficulty with language deaf people are often good at practical jokes. My father especially loved them and I think I must have inherited some of that to the great discomfort of my husband, Frank. It would be quite normal to start thinking and working on the surprises and poems way in advance and to make sure everything would be hidden out of sight till the night of the 5th of December.

Here are some of the surprises that happened in our house:

My father, who knew that my mother would like a dog, but didn't want the bother attached to dogs, carved one out of wood and hollowed out the inside. He then put a present in it for my mother and asked us at some stage to tell her that we heard a dog barking outside the front door. When she opened the door she saw the dog with a poem in his mouth, telling her that he wouldn't be any bother and that his insides only needed to be relieved once.

Or at some other occasion when my sister's boyfriend and his brother, both from Surinam, spent Sinterklaas with us. They were both medical students. They were told at some stage that somebody very sick was at the door who needed medical attention. My parents, who had made a full human sized puppet out of a variety of materials, put the puppet against the door. So when the students opened the door the puppet fell on top of them with a poem explaining that he was ill and needed examination. All the presents for the whole family were hidden in the various body parts.

When it was Frank's first Sinterklaas experience in our family, I warned him about the possible practical jokes that might be in store for him. So, I advised him to turn the tables and dress up as Sinterklaas himself. When he did and rang the bell my father appeared as Sinterklaas and so did my brother later-on. That night we had three Sinterklaases taking charge!

Because I always thought it to be the best feast I have passed on this experience to my children and grandchildren. The Dutch Society in Dublin at the time was very active and had always a big feast in the Philips building. It included Sinterklaas's arrival on his white horse with his black Peters at his side and all the goodies such as the chocolate letters and the *Pepernoten* with a children's show.

Since travelling is so much cheaper now and everybody can order online the Dublin Dutch Society has petered out. I don't think it exists anymore. As I wanted to continue the tradition with my grandchildren I found a way of telling the story of Sinterklaas through puppetry, songs and some drama. Being able to order all the goodies online is a great help too. Every year we find a new way of finding the presents, usually through clues in the poems which they find in the letterbox, in their shoe or even now as a text.

This year because some of my family are in Australia, we had to find a new way of celebrating together. With the aid of Skype, the texting of poems, the special sweets and by being dressed up, we managed to hold onto some of the magic.

Elly McCrea

A member of the group recently launched his book, **'THE COUP AND OTHER STORIES'** more information from: brendaneagle@gmail.com.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 41-45 9/10/2017 to 10/11/2017

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.: D17A/0899

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Brinnin Holdings Ltd. Rear of St. Brendan's, Harbour Rd., Dalkey and accessed off Ulverton Rd. between Aisling, Ulverton Rd., Dalkey & Verona (68) Ulverton Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for construction of 1 new 3-storey flat roof (2-storey over lower ground floor) detached dwelling with roof terrace. New vehicular entrance off Ulverton Road. New boundaries, landscaping, drainage, ancillary works and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0904

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Oct-2017

Applic. Name & Location: Castlepark School, (Protected Structure), Castlepark Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of: - Demolition of steps, stairs, walls & rooflights in the rear podium area; Construction of a single storey, double height infill building as an extension of existing school structures to be located between the Sports Hall & the Swimming Pool, to develop a purpose-built Performing Arts Hall.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0909

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Peter McCrodden, 14, Barnhill Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for dormer type dwelling house in rear garden with new vehicular access and all associated site works. Works to include demolition of previously converted garage to side of existing dwelling house.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0466

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Brian & Hazel McConnell, Stokeville, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of the existing single storey porches and extensions on the south-east, south-west and north-west façades of the existing house and replacement with new single storey extensions on the south-east, south-west and north-west façades, general refurbishment, internal alterations and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0467

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Richard Wood, 2, Knock-na-cree Grove, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a single storey stone clad extension to north and west side with terrace over and a single storey stone clad extension with widened pedestrian approach to primary entrance over, alterations to paved area adjacent to the main entrance, new rooflights to be installed in existing roof, changes to the existing window arrangement to all elevations and proposed render finish externally including all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0938

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: S Batt (Joint Exec. of estate of K Batt), Caldragh, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Outline Permission for the demolition of existing detached dwelling and garage & construction of 3 no. detached 2-storey dwellings with access for House No. 1 through existing vehicular entrance which is to be improved, together with a proposed combined vehicular entrance to serve House Nos. 2 & 3.

Application Type: Outline Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0941	Application Rec'd Date: 23-Oct-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Martello Finance Co. Ltd. Beulah, Harbour Road, Dalkey, (A Protected Structure)	
Proposal: Permission for alterations to previously approved permission ABP Ref. PL06D.248460. Alterations will include changes to the size and design of the extension to the side of the house including the addition of a first floor.	
Reg. Ref.: D17A/0957	Application Rec'd Date: 26-Oct-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Catherine & Mark Taylor, 7, Knock-na-Cree Park, Dalkey.	
Proposal: Retention Permission is sought for the alterations to works in relation to planning application D16A/0645 consisting of 1. Omitting the stair garden access from the western side of the rear terrace. 2. Relocation the stair access on the eastern side of the rear terrace. 3. Creation of an accessible void below the rear terrace for garden storage associated and ancillary works. Application Type: Permission for Retention,	
Reg. Ref.: D17A/0962	Application Rec'd Date: 27-Oct-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Kathy Wray & David O'Keeffe, 4, The Rise, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.	
Proposal: Permission is sought for relocation of existing vehicular and pedestrian entrance. To include permission for dishing of public footpath and all associated site development works.	
Reg. Ref.: D17A/0964	Application Rec'd Date: 27-Oct-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Eithne Hagan & Eoin McNamara, 15, Corrig Road, Dalkey. A96 N2K8	
Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing garage at the side of the house and its conversion and extension into a 30.6 sqm fibre cement-clad single storey granny flat with separate access. The application includes the re-cladding of the front porch to match the proposed garage conversion and ancillary works integrating the proposed granny flat with the existing accommodation.	
Reg. Ref.: D17A/0977	Application Rec'd Date: 3-Nov-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Solly Whites Ltd. The Dalkey Duck, Castle St., Dalkey.	
Proposal: Permission for Retention of single storey administration/office extension and separate bin store to the rear of property. Application Type: Permission for Retention.	
Declare Application invalid: 8-Nov-2017.	
Reg. Ref.: D17A/0985	Application Rec'd Date: 8-Nov-2017
Applicant Name & Location: St Laurence's Club, Rear of nos. 17 & 18 Castle St., Dalkey.	
Proposal: Permission for the construction of a single storey store room (3.5 sqm) to the rear of the existing single storey structure and for all associated site works and services above and below ground.	
Reg. Ref.: D17A/0988	Application Rec'd Date: 9-Nov-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Solly Whites Ltd, The Dalkey Duck, Castle St., Dalkey.	
Proposal: Retention permission to retain single storey administration/office extension and separate bin store to the rear of property. Application Type: Permission for Retention.	
Reg. Ref.	D17A/0995 Application Rec'd Date: 10-Nov-2017
Applicant Name & Location: John Sheridan, To the rear of and within the curtilage of Saint German's, Vico Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure).	
Proposal: Permission for a new flat roof, 4 bedroom, 2 and a half storey split level dwelling & all ancillary site works including access rd., terrace, landscaping and a carport, accessed from Torca Road, where a new vehicular entrance is proposed. The proposed development consists of amendments to previously approved development approved on this site under planning application reference D15A/0730 final grant dated 4 May 2016.	

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0501

Application Rec'd Date: 7-Nov-2017

Applicant Name & Location: M & K Rockett, 46 Springhill Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of existing utility room and boiler house and construction of a single storey extension to the side and rear.

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Reg. Ref.: D17A/0741

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 11-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Tracey Taylor, Apartments 1 & 4, Queenstown Castle, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to install new raised deck outside Apartment 1 at lower ground floor level (to east side), retain internal alterations to Apartment 1 (kitchen and bathroom renovations), proposed internal alterations to Apartment 4 (new kitchen fittings and renovate bathrooms), provide chair lift on stairs to lower ground floor (to facilitate disabled access to Apartment 1), and sundry works associated with these proposals. A protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0887

Decision: Declare Application Invalid

Date: 12-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Eithne Hagan & Eoin McNamara, 15 Corrig Road, Dalkey, A96 N2K8

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing garage at the side of the house and its conversion and extension into a 30.6 sqm fibre cement-clad single storey granny flat with separate access. The application includes the re-cladding of the front porch to match the proposed garage conversion and ancillary works integrating the proposed granny flat with the existing accommodation.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0504

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 17-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Tom Quinlan & Rena Lohan, 11, Church Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for off-street car parking space, widening of the garden entrance and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0751

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 17-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Windsor Homes Ltd. 34, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of an existing motor service/sales garage & the provision of an infill residential development comprising of the refurbishment of an existing terrace of 2 townhouses (including the retention of the old stone arch of a pre-existing forge) and the construction of a 1 bedroom apartment and a terrace of 10 duplex residential units, including a new site entrance arrangement, car & bicycle parking, landscaped open spaces, an enclosed refuse store & connections to the existing drainage system.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0756

Decision: Request Add. Information

Date: 17-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Breda Mulcahy, Iona, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought to erect a new single bedroom two storey, dwelling house on site of demolished single storey garden room together with all associated drainage and site development works. **Application Type:** Outline Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0764

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 20-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Sandra K Williams, Torca Hill, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for (i) the construction of a single storey conservatory structure over the existing ground floor terrace to the front of the house; (ii) the construction of a single storey garage at lower ground floor level to the front of the house; (iii) the construction of a single story extension to the existing games room at first floor level to the rear of the house.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0766

Decision: Refuse Perm. for Retention

Date: 20-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Iris O'Malley, Tetherdown, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey

Proposal: Retention permission of a ground floor extension by the conversion of an exempt development garage to a study (24.75 sq.m.) and a store (10.5sq.m) to the rear of the study. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0771 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 20-Oct-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Michael O'Grady & Sylvia Teskey, 2, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought to widen the existing vehicular entrance to 3.6m wide and amend the driveway layout to allow for off-street parking including all ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0769 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 23-Oct-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Torca Developments Ltd, Redan Hse, Ardburgh Rd, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development of the demolition of the existing 2 storey detached dwelling (c108sq.m); Construction of 3 no. 2 bedroom, 2-3 storey terraced houses ranging in size from c.107sq.m to c.150sq.m; South facing courtyards/patios at first and second floor levels; All associated site development works, services provision, car parking, bin stores, open space, vehicular/pedestrian access, landscaping and boundary treatment works. All on a site of c.0.13 Ha at Redan House.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0407 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 26-Oct-2017
Applicant Name Julie Goggin and Ben Beach
Location 20, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal Permission is sought for development for demolition of the existing single-storey structure to the rear, construction of a new part single-storey and part 2-storey addition to the rear, construction of a new roof with clerestory windows over the existing front porch, and external insulation of the existing front and rear elevations.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0797 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 1-Nov-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Siobhan Smyth, Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for new dwelling house design & location in place of house granted under D06A/1619/E with entrance provided including driveways, landscaping, boundary wall, connections to drainage and services already provided and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0392/E **Decision:** Grant Exten. of duration of Perm. **Date:** 7-Nov-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Jimmy & Sheila Nicholson, 29 & 30, Convent Rd., Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission to (a) demolish 2 No. existing single storey flat roofed 'lock ups', (b) erect a single storey (dimension to eaves on SW side 3.925m and NE side 3.195m) pitched roofed 'lock up' for domestic use together with all associated site works. The property to which this application relates is located between No. 29 & 30 Convent Road.

Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0844 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 10-Nov-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Fahy, 43 Killiney Road, Dalkey. A96 A667
Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing detached house and construction of two new semi-detached four bedroom, three storey houses and ancillary works, including one new vehicular entrance to Killiney Road.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0425 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 7-Nov-2017
Applicant Name & Location: James Broderick, 73, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.
Proposal: Planning permission for 2 no. rooflights to the front roof and associated works.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 41-45 9/10/17 to 10/11/2017

Reg. Date: 9-Aug-2017. **Location:** 0.715 ha at Charleville, Harbour Rd, Dalkey.
Development: Permission for development shall provide for the demolition of the existing Charleville building (c.1,006 sqm)(currently in use by a charitable organisation and not in residential use), the Coach House (198.5sqm)(in established residential use), and other ancillary buildings on the site (c. 122.6 sqm) and the construction of 56 residential units including the replacement of the existing access at Harbour Road with a new, relocated entrance off Harbour Road. The residential

development proposed includes four apartment block of generally 4 storeys over basement (plus plant equipment and lift overrun), with 4 no. 1-bed units, 42 no. 2-bed units and 10 no. 3-bed units all with associated balconies on the north, south, east and west elevations. Garden terraces are also provided at ground floor level. The development will also include 112 car parking spaces at basement level of the apartment block (c. 3,763 sqm), c. 3,166 sqm of landscaped communal courtyard spaces including a children's play area, boundary treatment works, and all associated site development works above and below ground including site services and landscape works. The existing spy tower is maintained by the way of this development proposal.

Council Decision: Refuse Permission **Appeal Lodged:** 31-Oct-2017. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks 41-45 2/10/17 to 3/11/17

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0346. **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 2-Oct-'17
Council's Decision: Refuse Permission. **Location:** 6, Mapas Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for the construction of a single storey extension including replacing the entire single storey roof to the rear, a single storey extension at first floor level to the side, alterations to the converted attic including raising part of the ridge line, rebuilding and extending part of the roof to the rear, including rooflights, adding a dormer window and a rooflight to the front and widening the vehicular entrance onto Mapas Road.

Applicant: Frances Keely & Donal O'Raghallaigh.



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As we approach the shortest day of the year this December, Winter is tightening its grip. Winter temperatures in December and January can be at their coldest, making food and water a Wildlife Lifeline. Maybe, consider which berrying and seed-bearing plants you can add to your plot to improve its wildlife value. Trees are the real stars right now, so let's embrace them – isn't there a stark



Mahonia

beauty about our Dalkey Trees when they are frosted? Maybe, illuminate your favourite tree to emphasise its texture and form. December is the traditional month to pollard trees, especially ornamental trees. Our Festive Season is traditionally associated with Holly, Christmas Trees, Yule logs, Ivy and Mistletoe. ... Why not try to grow your own Mistletoe, if you are lucky enough to have your own host tree such as Apple, Hawthorn, Lime or Poplar. Simply, collect some berries from a Mistletoe plant and rub them into the



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cracks of the bark, then let the Mistletoe flourish from your tree's nutrients – really, growing Mistletoe is fairly easy and this is why we see so much of it for sale at present. Every precious month of our year has its floral highlights and our Winter has a particularly beautiful palette of scented beauties such as: Mahonias, Saroccas, then Daphne Bholua whose scent is so powerful, it can travel for many metres. Again, there is Lonicera Fragrantissima, also known as 'Kiss-me-at-the-Gate' and 'Sweet Breath of Spring', and not forgetting Viburnum 'Winter Wonder'; it may look like an unassuming shrub but Viburnum gives off the most gorgeous scent in the coldest of weathers

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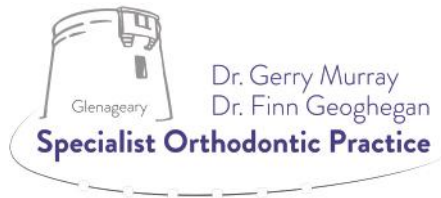
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Many Hollies of moderate vigour make good choices for the average garden. Some can be planted as a potted standard, such as Silver Queen, making it an outstanding focal point, for year round interest. We need a female tree with a male tree nearby to guarantee beautiful berries. Confusingly, some cultivars with female names such as *Ilex Aquilifolium*, Golden Queen and Silver Queen are actually male plants.

Black spot, sometimes appears on pansies and violas, the best

advice is to avoid growing them in the same spot each year.

Remove Hellebore leaves in late December. This will reduce problems with leaf spot diseases and allow you to see the flowers as they emerge in the New Year.

Young Bay Trees are susceptible to frost, so move them somewhere sheltered for the Winter.

A compost heap or log pile provides frogs and newts with a warm shelter to stop them freezing.

Give quality Bird Food Mix with ingredients such as flaked maize, sunflower hearts and seeds and peanut granules. Some cheaper mixes are often less nutritious. Birds actually fluff up their feathers to minimize the loss of heat from their bodies when they are seriously hungry. So, please don't assume that our birds aren't hungry when they look plump.

Remember too, to clean and then add water to suitable containers for them to drink.

Floating a tennis ball on the surface of your pond can stop ice taking over and keep your fish and pond wildlife safe.

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Bush shrub roses such as Hybrid Tea, (also known as large flowered) flower best on strong new growth made during the current year. Plants that are left unpruned eventually produce a tangle of weaker new stems and few flowers. Annual pruning is essential to promote vigorous new growth with the maximum flowering potential. Best to prune after our worse Winter weather has passed.

You can still plant out ferns and grasses as they look as lovely covered in frost as they do in bloom.

Many house plants are from brighter, more humid climates so water and feed less now and remove from cold drafts.



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Philomena, named after the lady who found her and brought her to Hedgehog Rescue Dublin. She had been hit by a car and smashed her back leg which they had repaired and she will be returning to the wild in spring.

Photo. Hedgehog Rescue Dublin

Winter Break – A Chiffchaff was a surprising and very welcome visiting bird to our garden in late October. Once only a summer migrant, it's been known now for many years that some individual chiffchaffs will overwinter here and in the UK. One individual used to spend the winter months behind SuperValu in Deansgrange in the bushes along the banks of the stream that runs beside the linear parkland. Unless the water froze, beside the stream was always a good spot for insects and if the weather got really cold they could always take to the air and fly south which a lot of us do in winter as well.

Helping Hedgehogs – An organisation that deserves mention for the great work it does is **Hedgehog Rescue Dublin** run by Yvonne McCann. I spoke to Yvonne, who gave up her job as a keeper at Dublin Zoo to look after injured and orphaned hedgehogs full time and she said at that moment she was looking after 40 hedgehogs and was expecting another four to be brought in that day. Many are young hedgehogs which are still active and wouldn't have gained enough body fat reserves to survive hibernation so Yvonne's organisation takes them in and feeds them over winter before releasing them in the spring. She says autumn juvenile hedgehogs are still out and about, often found out in the daytime, and as it's now getting cold these young hedgehogs will not reach hibernation weight and will slowly starve to death. She states they need to be rescued so if you find one please put it in a high sided box with a hot water bottle, some cat food and some water and then get in touch with her organisation. Contact Yvonne, Hedgehog Rescue, Dublin Quay Road, Rush, Co. Dublin K56 TW62.

Many of the hedgehogs she takes in over the year are orphaned babies and underweight juveniles but she also takes in many injured adults. Many hibernating hedgehogs suffer horrific injuries from garden strimmers but Yvonne asked me to emphasise that one of the main causes of fatalities in hedgehogs is poisoning by slug pellets which contain methaldehyde and she says if even one person who reads this stops using them it will be worthwhile.

On Hedgehog Rescue Dublin's Facebook page there are wonderful photos and videos of some of her little guests which at the moment are housed in her garden shed. They released 57 hedgehogs into the wild last spring after caring for them over the winter but space is a big problem and she needs to build a new unit to house them. She plans on incorporating an incubation area and hygiene problems can be addressed much better in a purpose built unit. Her brother, who is a builder, is going to build the unit and the sum she's looking for is quite modest. All her funding is from donations and she has started a fund-raising page to fund building the new unit. There's an Adopt a Hedgehog scheme as well for which you get a sponsorship pack and you can name your hedgehog.

Furry Fellow on a Fir – Lots of cones lay underneath the grove of Douglas Fir trees



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above the car park but it was one that had been stripped of its scales that caught our attention. It had evidently been dropped by a squirrel but which species, red or grey, we couldn't know. But this time we were in luck, the pitter-patter of dropping cone scales was from a red, sitting on a branch above us gnawing away at a cone held in its front paws. Greys do prefer mixed woodlands of broadleaved trees while reds do much better in a conifer plantation but a big advantage the greys have is their capacity to eat acorns, a seed whose tannin content makes them toxic to reds until they are fully ripe but greys can eat them at any stage of their development. One theory as to why greys can absorb acorns better is that we only have two native oaks and there are many more oak species in the greys' native North America and the greys have evolved to make them an important part of their diet.

Richard Thorington, curator of mammals at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History and a world renowned expert on the 285 squirrel species found around the world tells of research that found some fascinating behaviour by the greys in their native habitat as they collect acorns.

They can tell the difference between the acorns of white oak and red oaks and store them accordingly. 'Whites germinate quickly, almost as soon as they hit the ground,' said Thorington, 'and the squirrels tend to eat them immediately since a germinated acorn loses nutritional value. Conversely, red oak acorns don't germinate until spring, so the squirrels prefer to bury those for winter snacking.

A 1996 study in the journal *Animal Behavior* observed some squirrels biting through the embryo of white oak acorns, essentially paralyzing the seed's ability to sprout. The squirrels then buried the modified white oak acorns as they would have with the reds. What's more, the scientists witnessed the squirrels digging up red oak acorns that they didn't need to eat over the winter, nipping off their embryos, and re-burying the food for later use.'

But back to the red above us. We've found over the years you can often find reds feeding on the same tree for a succession of days, or even months as we found last year when we saw one in a Scots Pine in November and it and other reds were still feeding in that and a adjoining pine till the following March,

Scots Pine being a tree that continuously produces seed over winter. We went back to the same group of Douglas Fir trees for the next week and saw at least two reds on them most days, including one without a ear clip, probably born this year.



We went back to the same Douglas Fir trees for over a week and the red squirrels were still there. We saw this one, which hadn't been trapped and marked with an ear clip so it was almost certainly a juvenile born this year.

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Tuesday 5th at 6.30pm: James Scannell, The Old Dublin Society, will present '*Christmas 1917 in Kingstown and Dalkey*' in Dalkey Public Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. All welcome – admission free.

At 8pm Rob Goodbody will present '*The Bridges of Wicklow*' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany. All welcome – admission €3.

Wednesday 6th at 8pm: Seamus O'Connor will present '*A History of Old Dun Laoghaire with Slides*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome – entrance €3.

At 8pm Cormac Lowth will present '*Richard Bridges Beechey- Marine Artist and his Connections with Dún Laoghaire*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill. All welcome – admission €4.

Friday 8th at 11.30am: James Scannell, Bray Cualann Historical Society, will present '*Christmas 1917 in Bray*' Bray Library, Eglinton Rd., Bray. All welcome – admission free.

At 8pm Dr. Sylvie Kleinman will present '*1798: The French in Mayo, a case study in military occupation*' to the Military History Society of Ireland, Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Tuesday 12th at 1.10pm: René Gapert will present '*The Skull's Tale*' to the Friends of Medieval Dublin in Dublin City Council Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. All welcome – admission free.

At 8pm Fiona Fitzsimons will present '*Finding Women in the Sources*' to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome.

Thursday 14th at 7.30pm: Tim Moriarty will present '*Photographic Endeavours - images from the Hon. Librarian's Slide Collection*' to the Irish Railway Record Society in the IRRS Premises, Heuston Station, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

At 7.30pm Ms. Clodagh Doyle will present '*Hair hurling balls: review, research and scientific investigations*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. All welcome.

At 8pm Rob Goodbody will present '*The Goodbodys and Perrys of Obelisk Park, Stillorgan*' to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome – Contribution €3.

At 8.30pm James Scannell will present '*They Went on their Own: Dublin Firefighters and the Easter 1941 Belfast Blitz*' to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms & Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village. All welcome – admission €5.

Saturday 16th at 2.30pm: Bill Gibson will present '*Irish Golf and Golfers: Experiences of War and Revolution, 1914 -16*' 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 19th at 6.30pm: James Scannell, The Old Dublin Society, will present '*Christmas 1917 in South County Dublin*' in Stillorgan Public Library, St. Laurence Park, Stillorgan. All welcome – admission free. Further information from 01-288 9655; Email: stillorganlib@dlrcoco.ie.

JANUARY 2018

Wednesday 3rd at 8pm: The AGM of the Rathmichael Historical Society takes place in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, and will conclude with a lecture by Jon Lennon on '*The History of Main Street, Dundrum*'. All welcome – admission €4.

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Thursday 11th at 7.30pm: Clifton Flewitt will present ‘*Austrian Adventures – slideshow of Austrian scenes*’ to the Irish Railway Record Society in their Heuston Station, Dublin 8, premises. Members and their guests only.

Friday 12th at 8pm: Dr. Harman Murtagh will present ‘*French military intervention in Ireland 1689-1691*’ to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Tuesday 16th at 8pm: Harry Bradshaw will present ‘*From 2RN to RTÉ Radio*’ to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere R.C. Church, Foxrock. Myles Reid will give a short talk ‘*The remaining, the lost and the forgotten Gate Lodges in our area*’. All welcome – admission €5.

Thursday 18th at 8pm: The AGM of the Bray Cualann Historical Society takes place in the Royal Hotel, Bray, and will conclude with a presentation from Brian White on ‘*1918 – Votes for Women*’. All welcome – visitors €5.

Tuesday 23rd at 1.05pm: Paul Duffy will present ‘*The Tanner’s Tale*’ in Dublin City Council Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. All welcome – admission free.

A DALKEY 1922 CAR THEFT MYSTERY

In September 1922 Republicans were very active militarily in the Dalkey area and in the early part of the month, what was described as a ‘very valuable motor car’, the property of Major Bryan Cooper, ‘Kyber Pass’, Dalkey, who was in Britain at that time, was reported as missing from this address and following a thorough search for it, was recovered intact by the Dublin Metropolitan Police in Monkstown. It was noticed that very little petrol had been used but despite detailed inquiries the police were never able to discover who stole it or for what purpose. Was it stolen by Republicans for use in an operation or a joy rider of that era? That’s a mystery that still waits to be answered.

PUBLICATIONS

***“Footsteps through Wicklow’s Past – a History of Wicklow Town and its environs from the Earliest Times to the end of the Civil War and beyond”*
by John Finlay, published by himself.**

Wicklow Town resident John Finlay is a long time local historian, chairperson of the Wicklow Historical Society, and a regular contributor to the Society’s annual journal which appears every year in June.

In this book John Finlay provides the reader with a fascinating overview of the history of this town, the county town for County Wicklow, from the earliest times to beyond the end of the Civil War. Individual chapters cover the development and history of Wicklow Port, Wicklow Gaol which is a leading tourist attraction, the 1798 Rebellion, the growth of the town during the 19th century, the affect of the Famine on the town, and the arrival of the railway.

Wicklow town’s rich maritime history is covered with chapters on Captain Robert Halpin, Wicklow’s most famous mariner from the Victorian era, the Coastguard Service and of course the R.N.L.I. The role and contribution to education by the Dominican Sisters and the De Salle Brothers is acknowledged while extensive coverage is devoted to ‘Wicklow During the Troubles’ which spans the key events between 1916 and 1923.

Three excellent addendums cover ‘*Wicklow’s Church’s – Past & Present*’, ‘*Wicklow’s Oldest Buildings and Most Famous Ruins*’, concluding with a ‘*Pictorial Stroll through Wicklow’s Past*’ featuring numerous images from the past to the present time.

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS IN KILLINEY

Services in Holy Trinity will follow their normal pattern, however there will be no 8.30 am Holy Communion service on Sunday 24th or 31st December. Also, please note the time of the Carol Service is **4.00pm** on Sunday 17th December.

December 3rd – Advent Sunday

8.30 am - Holy Communion

10.45 am - Parish Communion

December 7th: 10.30am - Holy Communion

December 10th – 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.30 am - Holy Communion

10.45 am - Children's Gift Service

3.00pm - Service & Social, The Carry Centre

December 14th: 10.30am - Holy Communion

December 17th – 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.30 am - Holy Communion

10.45 am - Parish Communion

4.00 pm – Service of 9 Lessons & Carols

(Followed by Festive reception in The Carry Centre)

December 21st

10.30 am – Holy Communion

December 24th – 4th Sunday of Advent

10.45 am – Morning Prayer

December 25th - Christmas Day

8.30 am - Holy Communion

10.45 am – Festival Eucharist

December 28th

10.30am - Holy Communion

December 31st – 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.45am – Service of the Word

January 7th – A Service for Epiphany

8.30 am – Holy Communion

10.45 am – Parish Communion

Christmas Decorating – The Church will be decorated for Christmas at 10am on Saturday 16th December. Donations of evergreen foliage, red flowers, etc. would be appreciated.

Charity Christmas Cards – Thank you to all those who supported the sale of Charity Christmas Cards on Sunday 12th November and in particular thanks to Dorothy Barrett for organizing the event.

SILK – Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th Dec. For more information please contact Laura Martin on 0868708496.

Ladies Guild: Christmas lunch will be on Friday 8th Dec. at 3.30 pm in the Carry Centre. On **Tuesday 9th January 2018** at 2.30 pm we will have the film “How About You.”

Sunday Club: The Family Gift Service will be held on Sunday 10th December.

Service & Social: The next gathering will be on Sunday 10th December at 3pm in the Carry Centre. Please contact Joan Whyte for more information.

Bible Study and Prayer Group – The next gathering will be on Tuesday December 12th at 10.30am in the Carry Centre.

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society): A dinner will be held in the Cookbook Café, Glathule on Thursday 14th December. All Gentlemen are very welcome to attend and more information from Paul O'Brien or Nigel Teggin.

Glenageary Killiney National School – December 20th - 7.00 pm - Senior Nativity Service. December 21st - 11 am - Junior Nativity Service

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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. Anyone interested please contact Joan @ 0872460078. Admission €3-€5.

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!). Please contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

Select Vestry – The Register of Vestrypersons is open for revision. 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.

❖ ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH UPDATE ❖			
 Sunday Services for December	3th	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
	10th	9am Eucharist	10.15am Christingle
	17th	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
			7pm Christmas Carol Service
	24th	11.15pm Eucharist	
Sunday Services for January	25th	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
	31st	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist & Holy Baptism
	7th	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
	14th	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age
	21st	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
	28th	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer

Midweek Every Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on Tuesday 5th & 19th December at 2.30p.m. Our January dates are 9th & 23th also at 2.30pm.

Christmas Fair – The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, 2nd December from 10.30am – 12noon. 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 11th 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 7th December and then breaks until 11th 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



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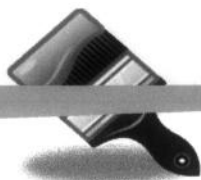


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Wednesday of the week at 7.30pm in the church. New members are always welcome.

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 holidays.

St. Patrick's F.C. – Our final session this term is on 2nd December. Many thanks to all our trainers who helped out this season and all the children who have come along to play. We now take a break until the spring, to allow the worst of the winter weather to pass!

Parish Christmas Lunch – The Parish Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 1pm in the Northover Hall. Bookings or enquires can be made to the Parish Office (01-2845941) or Clarice (086 6038054). The cost is €25. Lifts will be available for those who would like to avail of one.

Bruce Hayes, St. Patrick's Church, Dalkey

BRIAN DORAN

We note with sadness that Brian has decided to retire from the Community Council. This is a sad decision because he was such a valued member of the Council for many years and, indeed, provided the Newsletter readers with his very perceptive and insightful sketches over that time. His drawings were always drawn with a sharp and witty eye on the world around us. He will be missed.

Happy Retirement and Many Thanks!

Gerard Coakley, Editor, Dalkey Newsletter

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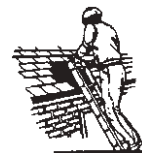
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Dalkey Ukulele Klub Tuesdays 8-10pm upstairs at The Club. Free Ukulele Jamming session. All are very welcome. Call Debbie 087-2350726 for more information.

Nature Notes December 2017/ January 2018

All talks take place at 20.00 hours in The Killiney Room of the Graduate Bar, Rochestown Avenue. All 10.30 start outings are approximately of 2 hours duration. Contact person is Eleanor Keane 087 6446029 elekeane@gmail.com www.southdublinbirds.com

Indoor Meeting

Tuesday 5th December: A Year of Birds: A Photographic Journey through the Seasons. By Eric Dempsey.

Sunday 10th December: Visit to Cabinteely Park for possible winter Thrushes and Siskin. Meet at 10:30am in the car park by Cabinteely House.

Tuesday 2nd January 2018: Talk “Marine Mammals of Ireland”. Speaker: Shannon Moneof Seal Rescue Ireland

Sunday 7th January

2018: West Pier Dún

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visitors. Meet by

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at 10:30am

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Christmas Tree Celebration (see page 3)	Sun 3 Dec
St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal	Sat 9 & Sun 10 Dec
DCC Monthly Dec Meeting at 7:30pm in OLVH	Mon 11 Dec
DCC 2018 Monthly Meeting at 7:30pm in OLVH	Mon 8 Jan
Sorting of February Newsletter in OLVH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 25 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 take place in Harold Boys' School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30-10:30pm. New members always welcome.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Road from 8-10:30pm – Mondays & Thursdays. New members welcome.

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.

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., Dún Laoghaire. €2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608

Parkrun - Every Saturday at 9.30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Park

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