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February: *Latin for "Februa" a ceremonial feast of purification held by the Romans centuries ago every February 15th. The early Saxons renamed February "Sol-Monath" - sun month because of the returning sun after winter.*

Flower: *Primrose & Violet*

A WET FEBRUARY, A WET SPRING



St Valentine's Day - Thursday, 14th February

***Our love is like the misty rain that falls softly -
but floods the river.***



African Proverb



*June Barnett receiving the Community Council Cup
from Dr. Susan McDonnell, Chairman of DCC,
for her many years of service to Dalkey*

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SUMMARY OF DCC DECEMBER & JANUARY MEETINGS



The December Monthly Meeting was held on Monday 3rd December in OLH.

This was the final DCC meeting of 2012. The meeting was brief as the presentation of the DCC Community Cup to June Barnett in recognition of her many years of work both in DTT and other organizations in Dalkey would be recognised at the end of the meeting.

TT: The two men from the Southside Partnership are still working around the town. DTT welcomes new members, as there is always plenty of work to be done.

NW: The Garda Clinics has been set up and the Business Watch for the town was launched on Wednesday 6th December. This is a scheme for the businesses similar in nature to the NW scheme.

AOB: The Christmas celebration was a great success and the participation of the schools added to the occasion.

The meeting adjourned and the presentation took place.

Summary of the January Monthly Meeting held on Monday 07th January in OLH.

The Treasurer, Ed O'Neill chaired the meeting and the members stood for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for the late Mrs. McCabe, Select Stores who died on the 18th December last. She was a great supporter of the Community Council and was always delighted to attend the Garden Receptions to present the McCabe Cup for sport, meet the recipients and get an update on DCC affairs.

TT: A new scheme has been put in place by DLR for the collection of bin litter and it has been noted that there is an improvement since the commencement of the scheme. It is DLR's policy not to place bins on Vico Road.

NW: The Garda Clinic has been set up and the next Clinic will take place on Thursday 14th February from 11am-12pm in OLH. It is very important that the public drop in to meet the Garda and support this new initiative.



A VISIT TO CHINA



Arriving in Beijing, picking up our suitcases at Arrivals, we were faced with twenty entry points with huge notices, 'Foreigners'; as I queried I felt not very welcoming?? Our first tour started at Tian An Men Square. I knew some of its history; as I stood there I felt the atmosphere very moving and emotional. The amount of people! Thousands of them, mostly men; a feeling of loneliness at noticing so many families with one child only. This kept cropping up so I asked Denis, our Guide. He gave a harrowing story of his young life. His mother explained to him that her first pregnancy was female; he had a sister but she had been aborted. Then he was born: - the only one? All contradictions continually appearing, We are told One Child per Family and then we meet families with two or three



Grand Theatre in Garden of Virtuous Harmony

children, and we ask again to be told that they pay a fine of \$8000 or their Social Welfare is taken from them. I suppose a few tries at IVF would cost this in our country. Every morning as we left our hotel we encountered a meeting of traffic and people: 14 million in Beijing and 11½ million in Xian, with 13.4 million in Shanghai. To travel to Xian and Shanghai we flew. All sorts of people. Some very rich people in huge cars, as well as medium and small cars, bicycles and scooters, buses with 'Packers' employed to push people onto the buses! Some bicycles with a small cart with huge black bags on the back, often a wife and child on top of his head: - nobody wearing a helmet. I was so amazed at how beautiful the people were. A young generation all working with very few having English as a language even at the Reception in the hotels. Maybe one person

would have a little English but, of course, I didn't have Chinese. We stayed in five star hotels and they were excellent. On day four we awoke to a snow storm but battled on to the Great Wall. I walked through deep snow but as I got to the Wall I decided it was too dangerous and went back to the café. I was disappointed I wouldn't get my Great Wall Medal. Within minutes half of the tour crept back to the café. There was a report later that a Japanese tourist had died that morning on the Wall. We then went to a jade factory with was great. We had a visit to the town and some of us bought jewellery and other jade souvenirs. We had coffee and used the European toilets which was a relief to all of us!

Our guide always managed to get one clean toilet for us otherwise we had to squat and the smell in those 'toilets' was gross. There never was toilet paper but we all brought lots of tissues. We went to many temples which were situated in lovely gardens with lots of plants still blooming. The weather was mostly warm and sunny. We had a rickshaw tour through private lanes similar to Pembroke Lane, Dublin, and visited a private house and then to a Lama Temple. This was one of my favourites. In 1694 this monastery was founded by Tibetan Buddhists. The locals put food on the altar and visitors brought kindle, lit it for incense. They pray to the figure of the Buddha bowing, kneeling and adoring. You could feel the spirituality of these people.

We saw the Panda Bears in Beijing Zoo. We then flew to Xian to visit the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses. They were exhibited in the RDS many years ago. Architecturally, a masterpiece but, as I heard the story of the Emperor killing all those warriors so he would not be on his own when he died, I identified this megalomaniac with Hitler!

Day 9 was a day of leisure. We were offered a day at a farm, a Health Clinic and a school. We were thrilled. The farm was franchised and on a government grant. Two of our guides were



Great Wall winterscene - different seasons

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members of the Communist Party. Denis's grandfather and father were also members. We wore overshoes and were shown 300 head of black and white cows and about fifty calves which took great delight in me calling them to 'suck, suck'! They came to me as I put my fingers into their mouths. They and I loved it. The farm had no greenery; there was dust everywhere - even the trees were covered. The farmer's wife cooked lunch for us. It was wonderfully simple Chinese food.



Jade Belt Bridge

I was delighted when we went to the clinic and met the doctor who had worked for thirty years without a holiday. I told them that I was born in 1933 and that our own local doctor never had a break. He was a lovely gentle man. He had three patients of approximately 2-3 years of age on drips, just in the hallway. In another room he had two adults also on drips. Then we went to the school where approximately thirty children - mostly boys - sang for us and then asked us to sing. I led with 'Beidh Aonach Amárach in gContae an Chlár' and our group joined in. We also danced a reel and an Irish jig. After that we went to the Art Class and had a lesson in Calligraphy.

The Forbidden City is surrounded by a ten metre high wall and it has, historically and artistically, the most comprehensive museums of two dynasties, Ming and Quing and their treasures. The Summer Palace is another monument to classical architecture and the Temple of Heaven is also part of the Ming Dynasty. We flew to Shanghai and took the world's fastest train ('The Maglev') from the airport to the city centre, at a speed of one hundred and fifty kilometres per hour. It was amazing. Then the lift to the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and then to our hotel. We discussed Chinese weddings. Often, there would be more than four hundred guests at a Chinese restaurant provided by the bride and groom.

Washing

The last day was Sunday which is wash day. All clothes were hung outside their apartments or on the sidewalk. They call it their National Flag!

When I look back on the twelve days, I never heard a four-letter word. Only the odd 'Jesus' and 'Oh, My God!' when our bus nearly crashed, was allowed!!

Blaithnaid Mc Ginty

A GREAT LOSS ...

It is with deep sadness that we mark the passing of one of the Council's long standing members, Dominic Dowling. He served as Secretary at one stage. As well as serving on the Council's Executive Committee he was also the Representative from the Heritage Centre on the Council. He was always a very competent and caring member of the Council and his loss will be greatly felt.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife, Ruth, and his children and grandchildren at this sad time.

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The very mild weather at the turn of the year brought the usual unseasonable records. I usually see the first year's leaves on a Horse Chestnut in early March but in the second week in January there were new leaves on Sycamore trees on Killiney Hill and new leaves on Alder trees in Booterstown. A male Dunnock was singing from the top of a gorse bush on Dalkey in mid January months before he'd normally be expected to and any mild mornings were full of the lovely song of Song Thrushes sounding through the darkness. Love seemed to be in the air for foxes, hearing a male barking below the Vico Road and a little later hearing the same sound in my own garden where later a pair of foxes were observed nonchalantly trotting across the lawn together. Evidently his barking had done the job and won him the heart of a female.

There are now lots of electronic forums that report sightings of rare and uncommon birds, nationwide or specifically for the East Coast such as www.irishbirding.com and East Coast Bird News twitter account. Most of the sightings are reported within an hour (sometimes minutes) or two of being seen with description and location details and if the sightings are of unique enough birds they will set off a little stampede of birders. I rarely ever check out any of the reports finding them more of a source of frustration or regret since I rarely have the time to go and check them out and there's always the underlining thought that I might go on a long journey, get there and not see the bird. I still recall the sense of disappointment I had years ago walking down the track to Broad Lough in Wicklow and meeting a group of birders who had just spent a happy few hours watching an Osprey fishing in the lake until it took to the wing to continue its migration north, about 40 minutes before I arrived on the scene.

But in December when I heard there had been regular recent sightings of a flock of waxwings that was a different matter. Waxwings are spectacular, easily identifiable and there was a flock of them. But the best thing about the sighting was they'd been seen at various locations along Avondale Road in Killiney. Next day I drove the length of Avondale Road on my way home at lunchtime. It was a cold but very sunny day, visibility was



Waxwings on Avondale Road

perfect. I got to the Barnhill Road end but no sign of any unusual birds. I thought I'd try another look so back around the roundabout and up Avondale Road again. A small tree stood beside the footpath at the crest of the incline, its bare branches backlit by the low midday sun and on top of it was a flock of birds which, although only visible in silhouette, were unmistakably the waxwings. With their tall plume like crest, black eye mask, yellow tips to feathers and tail they look very exotic. You could imagine them in tropical forests but they are northern European birds



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breeding in coniferous forests near the Arctic circle. A poor berry crop at home sometimes drives them south in what is known as a 'irruption' and this winter brought them to the UK and Ireland in record numbers.

Delighted I'd found them so easily I parked around the corner and got the telescope out to have a good look. I counted them, at least 70 and they stayed there till someone in an adjoining garden came out and disturbed them.

Returning after lunch they were at the other end of the road strung along a telegraph line till a very perturbed Mistle Thrush, although greatly outnumbered, defended his berry patch by launching a attack on them which sent them packing.

Waxwings get their name from the red wingtips which, when their wing is folded, resembles a blob of the red wax which used to be dripped hot on to envelopes of important documents to seal them. Their Latin generic name is *Bombycilla garrulus*, which derives from *Bombyx* meaning silk and *cilla* meaning 'tail' which refers to their silky-soft plumage while garrulous meaning talkative refers to their constant chattering. A charming name for a charming little bird.

In November we eventually got to see the Great Spotted Woodpecker that had been reported on Killiney Hill and the Friday before Christmas we got to see three separate pairs of the released red squirrels, at one stage causing a minor human traffic jam on the path above the Vico as my companion Lucy showed people the red she had spotted perched on the very top of a Larch tree. As far as I know the woodpecker hasn't been seen recently on Killiney Hill but became a regular visitor to a feeder in a garden at the back of Mullins Hill. For a while the squirrels were very obliging, coming down to feeders and being seen reasonably easily. On one occasion I quietly approached one of the feeding stations and was rewarded with a charming sight. A squirrel had gone into a open fronted box and was looking out, at one stage with its tiny paws resting on the opening as if it was a little shopkeeper. If it had been wearing a bonnet and a pinafore it would have passed as a character out of a Beatrix Potter story.

By the time of publication the researchers will have trapped the squirrels and removed their radio collars before re releasing them, hoping some of them might pair up and start a family. It was good to see our original remaining red was still around, distinguished by her lack of a collar. It'll be much more difficult to recognise her when the others lose their collars although the imported Wexford reds have a much browner tinge while our survivor has a much more consistently red tinge to her fur.

When the squirrels are re-released the researchers will become much more reliant on sightings by the public. Lots of up to date information on the Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Group page on Facebook.



Squirrels inside and outside feeders

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Tidy Towns' Map at Church Car Park

PROJECTS in OUR COMMUNITY **... in conjunction with Dalkey Tidy Towns**

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- The Railway Station - the new paving, new trees and shrubs and re-surfaced car park,
- The Heritage & Direction Signposts in Castle & adjacent Streets,
- The Big Clean-Up and Painting in Sorrento Park,
- All the improvements made - and being made - at Bullock Harbour,
- The new Dalkey Map (at the Church entrance).

All these projects - and lots more - were initiated and managed by volunteers in your community. Some of the actual project work is carried out by volunteers too, as well as by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Irish Rail, Dublin Port Co., Southside Partnership and many other companies. We appreciate and are grateful to many people and companies who have helped us complete these projects. There are lots more projects in the pipeline, all of which are being done to enhance Dalkey and its environs as an attractive place to live, visit and do business.

We write this article, not just to let you know about some of the voluntary work being carried in your community, but to ask if you know people ... volunteers ... who would be willing and able to help us manage these projects too? The work can be done at any time, at any pace and isn't in any way strenuous. If you are interested yourself or know someone who might be, please contact: Terry (01) 285 9974 or email us at tidy@dalkeytidytowns.com

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Cruise tender dock (Coal Harbour), Dun Laoghaire

Dalkey Island Oil ‘Prospect’ - Well, what a year it’s been! ... since that packed-out meeting in Dalkey Town Hall last January and all the subsequent debates and demonstrations at east-coast venues and outside the Dáil. As for now, An Taisce’s High Court judicial review hearing, disputing the decision for exploratory drilling off Dalkey Island, is set for 19 February.

An Taisce claim the Government’s decision last September to grant a Foreshore Licence to Providence Resources (for oil and gas exploration), was unlawful and the licence should be quashed, as it failed to carry out an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) required by EU Habitats Directive to protect cetaceans etc.

Also, An Taisce claim that this development is *“a failure in the national legislative framework, on which this decision was made, which has implications for drilling both offshore and onshore.”*



Protesters outside Leinster House

Another major move in the controversy came in December when Minister for Heritage Jimmy Deenihan announced a proposed NATURA 2000 site. Should the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) that stretches between Rockabill to Dalkey Island, overlap the licensed area, it could be *‘extremely problematic’*, commented The Irish Times.

Providence Resources claim they had not been given advance information of the SAC, which could overlap their seismic and sonar survey area and they would respond following further assessment.

Coliemore Harbour Ferry: A licence for the commercial ferryboat service to Dalkey Island has been awarded at last and to local boatman, Ken Cunningham, who has served this ‘traditional’ ferry role for years.



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However, the licence is restricted to just five passengers and only from Coliemore. Furthermore, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) will not permit the ferry service from Coliemore on safety grounds, until the structural damage (let alone costs) are known when a consultant engineer's report is due this February. In the meantime, the Coliemore ferry restoration committee (see Nov. issue) with the support of Dalkey Community and involving 21 groups, continue to press councillors to ensure the harbour remains the historic embarkation point.

Dalkey Island Slipway Upgrade: The Coliemore committee are also to submit and respond to DLRCC, following a proposed PART 8 Scheme to upgrade the island's slipway (where a consultation process with plans on view, ended on 29 January). The public can still make written submissions to the council by 5pm, Tuesday 12 Feb. See: www.dlrccco.ie/newsevents/latestnews/title,8929,en.html

Among proposed new works (up to 12 weeks to complete) is to raise the existing slipway and pier with steps and widening of the channel, which is to cost €228,000 approx. The project could see 500 helicopter flights over eight days, transferring machinery and materials from a 'desired site' near Sorrento Point (green at Dillon's Park?).

Dalkey Island

Forum: organised by Dalkey Civic Trust (DCT) drew more than 40 delegates in November to St. Patrick's Church, where a panel of experts presented heritage topics on maritime archaeology, history and architectural features which proved both fascinating and



Delegates at the Dalkey Island Forum

equally insightful. Also discussed was Coliemore ferry access and possible impacts of the PART 8 plans. Niall Brady, Edel Bhreathnach, Darina Tully and Jason Bolton were thanked for their excellent presentations.

Dunlaoghaire / Dublin Bay Cruises - As previously reported in this column, an alternative to Coliemore Harbour, for ferry embarkation to Dalkey Island, is Dun Laoghaire Harbour. Its cruise-tender dock pontoon is expected to be served by a new operator, providing cruises of Dublin Bay this season (see 'excursions' Oct. 2011) using a 150-passenger former Inisbofin island ferry.

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We studied the U.S.A. in History and did projects on life in America. Our teacher, Ms. McDermott, phoned the U.S. Embassy and Master Sergeant George Sands came to our school to speak to us on the U.S. Military. It was very cool because he is a Defence Attaché Officer. He is also an Army Electrician. He told us he had never killed anyone but had been in a “skirmish” with Colombian rebels. He said that he had jumped out of planes and helicopters about forty times.

An Irish 'Grow House'



**Sure,
they are only young
Christmas trees for
next year!**

Some of the guns he fired include a M16, a M4, a 50 Calibre Belt Machine gun and the Irish Stair Rifle. I thought it was very interesting. He asked us a few questions. I got one right and I won a U.S. Embassy medal. It was cool! I really enjoyed listening to his stories. I'm glad we did our project on the U.S.A. because we had such a good speaker. I have a great souvenir to keep!

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Our Cubs had a very busy start to the year when we made the best of the weather in September/ October and enjoyed a great hike at Glendalough to see the Deer Rutting, the 5km Fun Run at Kilbogget Park as well as a lovely Beach BBQ . We also went Yachting in October and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the boat owners, many of them scouting parents, and friends of scouting parents, who helped pull off this extravaganza. Also, thank you to the Royal St. George Yacht Club who facilitated the event and approximately 35 excited cubs on seven yachts.

We also had an amazing visit to the Antarctic with the greatest Irish explorer ever, Shackleton. So, if you have not heard about it and have spare time, this exhibit in Dun Laoghaire is truly inspirational and well worth visiting.

Great fun was had at many of these events as well as the many hall nights when we all have been wrapped up in knots!

We also were lucky enough to collect the 'Peace Light' as part of a the long standing tradition and brought it back to St. Patrick's Church. This flame had travelled from Bethlehem and is distributed worldwide by scouting groups. The flame was shared locally as well as partaking in the Festival of Lights ceremony when it is brought to the Church of the Assumption.

Our final event last year was a fund raising event. On Saturday Dec 15th the Cubs were carol singing in Dalkey and raised money for Emily Casey a local girl who is in a wheel chair and needs exercise equipment. This is an amazing cause to support, especially close to home. Emily came to



Dalkey Sea Cubs Carol Singing in Dalkey at Christmas

PHOTO: JOHN FAHY

the hall a few weeks before and loved watching the Cubs in action. We are all looking forward to having another visit from Emily and presenting a cheque to her in the near future. Follow 'Exercise for Emily' on Facebook.

The event was very well supported by locals who enjoyed the Christmas atmosphere and also by the local businesses Eurospar who sponsored biscuits and Select Stores who provided hot chocolates to stave off the cold.



Cubs from the 41st Dublin (St. Patrick's Dalkey) Scout Troop, carol singing in Castle Street in Dalkey, Saturday December 15th

PHOTO: JOHN FAHY

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 46-01 12/11/2012 to 4/1/2013

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

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0447

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Angie & Mike Bowtell, 64, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of new porch and new single storey extensions to the side and rear first floor extension in place of existing dormer to the rear; conversion of existing garage to new study and bathroom and new rooflights on existing and new front, side and rear roof slopes; alterations and widening of existing vehicular driveway, internal alterations and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0454

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Maeve Hefferon, 20/21 St. Patrick's Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention permission is sought for a 5m free standing metal mast with communication dish located on ridge of inner pitched roof to a two storey office building.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0455 **Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Aidan & Fiona O'Meara, Atalanta, 37, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for amendments to plans approved under register reference D11A/0551, consisting of (a) enlarged pedestrian-accessible deck to roof of approved lowest floor extension; (b) proposed windows to north elevation of ditto; (c) proposed 4 sq.m. top floor balcony; (d) ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0456

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: David Whelan, Barnhill Stores 11 and 12a Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought on a site of c.0.125 ha located at Barnhill Stores The development will comprise of the following: Demolition of c.99.7 sq.m of retail/storage area. Removal of c.169 sq.m. of temporary retail area (granted under D10A/0077; PL06D.236625) and c.118 sq.m. of unauthorised retail area. Construction of a new single storey extension (c.298 sq.m.) to the main neighbourhood shop to now provide a total gross floor area of c.422.4 sq.m. Increase in size of 2nd retail unit from c.42.2 sq.m. to c.68.2 sq.m. GFA. Provision of new stairs to existing 1st floor store/admin area. Modifications to elevations and additional signage (c.11.8 sq.m.). Associated landscaping, site boundary and development works.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0458

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Nov-2012

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0468

Application Rec'd Date: 27-Nov-2012

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

Proposal: Permission is sought for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Refs.: D11A/0193, D11A/0389 and D11A/0454 to approved House C only as follows; (i) minor modifications to all window positions, sizes and fenestration patterning including to the dormer window, (ii) increase the depth of roof eaves by 300mm and (iii) raise the height of the chimney by 600mm.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0474

Application Rec'd Date: 30-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Paul Kealy & Maeve O'Hare, 24, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which will consist of; alterations to include new Velux type rooflight to the rear of the main roof, extending existing front bay to lower ground level, repositioning and widening of existing vehicular entrance to include new pedestrian entrance and associated landscaping and siteworks.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0475

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Declan & Noreen Hynes, Dunloe, 11, Railway Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which consists of; alterations to include new Velux type rooflight to the side of the main roof and widening of existing pedestrian entrance to a vehicular entrance and associated landscaping and site works.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0387

Application Rec'd Date: 07-Dec-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Ms. Pauline Sheehan, 24, Springhill Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission sought for alterations to existing detached single storey habitable accommodation to side of existing detached single storey dwelling to include for extensions to side (south) and rear (east), alterations to existing roof, formation of link to existing dwellings and conversion to family flat roof together with all associated elevational alterations and site development works.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0392

Application Rec'd Date: 13-Dec-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Jimmy and Sheila Nicholson, 29 & 30, Convent Road, 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.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0505

Application Rec'd Date: 18-Dec-2012

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

Proposal: Permission is sought for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Ref. D11A/0193, to increase the width of approved House B by 900mm and to convert the attic space to provide an additional en-suite bedroom with a dormer window to the front elevation, thus increasing the overall floor area by 40 sq.m.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0513

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Dec-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Elaine Fitzgerald & Glendon Byrne, 6, Saval Park Gardens, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of an attic conversion with rear dormer window, a roof-light to the front and raised roof-light over the stairwell to the side, new ground floor side window and door, new pitched roof at ground floor level over an existing front window and forming a porch, widening of entrance gates and ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0515

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Dec-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Pat Moynihan, 26, White's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for 1. Demolish single storey extension to rear. 2. Construction of two storey extension to side and rear (with part single storey extensions to side and rear), single storey extension to front with porch. Solar panels to side and rear of the proposed rear extension. 3. Make vehicular entrance to front. 4. Block up existing front door and create new front door to extensions. 5. New 2m wall to side boundary extending to rear.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0518

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Dec-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Brian Craig, Rocklands House, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development at this site. The development will consist of: Works to a protected structure including: building fabric upgrade through the replacement of non-original windows and doors to the North, South, East and West elevations. The replacement of existing non-original windows with new double doors to the East elevation of the single storey annex to the main building and the instatement of a pitched roof over part of this annex to match existing pitched roof over same. Internal works to the ground floor level including the removal and relocation of the existing guest toilet from the existing separating corridor to the entrance hall, the removal of the remainder of the corridor walls. The closing-up of the existing connecting door between the garage and dwelling. The replacement of the existing kitchen servery hatch with new double doors. The reinstatement of two original fireplaces. Demolition of modern conservatory and reinstatement of hard and soft landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0401

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Dec-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Coliemore Apartments Management Co. Ltd., Coliemore Apartments, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for retention of the existing railings along the south west boundary between Coliemore Apartments and Coliemore Harbour. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0404

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Dec-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Michael O'Shea, Iveragh, 21, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for retention of the ground and first floor rear and side extension, conversion of garage to habitable room to the side of the existing house, front ground floor extension including porch with tiled roof over and alterations to the front elevation and all associated site works.

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0530

Application Rec'd Date: 27-Dec-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Maureen O'Brien, 37A, Burmah Close, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing bungalow and detached garage and construction of new detached part single storey, part two storey dwelling with a repositioned and widened vehicular entrance and dished kerb, 2 No. new gate piers, raised side boundary walls and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0531

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Dec-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Torca Developments Ltd. Site at Torca Rd, Bounded by San Elmo Lodge, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a two-storey dwelling with terrace at Torca Rd, Dalkey, bounded on the east by San Elmo Lodge, on the southwest by the steps leading to Vico Rd., and on the north by the right-of-way leading to Knocknacree Road. The access to the proposal will be from Torca Road.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0001 **Application Rec'd Date:** 02-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Harvey Twomey, Seaverge, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which consists of; 1. Demolition for rear outhouses and partial demolition of existing two storey rear return. 2. Construction of a two storey flat roof extension to the side. 3. Construction of a two storey flat roof extension to the rear. 4. Construction of new lower ground level to match adjoining property. 5. Attic conversion including, dormer window to the rear, Velux rooflights to the front and new window in gable wall to the side. 6. Provision of vehicular parking to the front and ancillary siteworks including landscaping and shed to the rear.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 46-01 12/11/2012 to 04/01/2013

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1702/E

Decision: Grant Ext. of Duration of Perm.

Date: 21-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: P.J. Gallagher, Old Rock, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Demolition of existing single & two storey 4 bedroom detached dwelling and the construction of a replacement two storey 5 bedroom detached dwelling with 2 no. balconies to the north elevation at first floor level and the widening and minor relocation of the existing vehicular access in an easterly direction (circa 1 m).

Applic. Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0378

Decision: Grant Permission & Refuse Perm.

Date: 20-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Alan and Pinel Burke, 17, Convent Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for, A) Single storey extension to rear (35.5 sq.m) with new window to east elevation and enlarged window on west elevation of rear return, with glass block window at ground floor level to south elevation, along with 4 No. roof lights to roof facing west. B) New 3.5m wide vehicular access with car parking space to front, along with storage area (13.25 sq.m) under same and new pedestrian gates to rear and front south boundary walls.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0299

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 20-Nov-2012

Applic. Name & Location: Siobhan Noonan & Noel Minogue, 3 Wolverton Glen, Castlepark Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for proposed new roof extension over part of existing 178m² single storey dwelling to create limited 2 storey accommodation of 60m² within new roof profile including 2 bedrooms (one with walk in wardrobe with roof light, dormer window and roof light, one with 2 roof lights), a shower room (with dormer window), a plant/store room, landing/stair access from below (with 2 roof lights replacing existing) and associated minor internal alterations to the existing ground floor giving a proposed total floor area of 238m².

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0305

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 20-Nov-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Emer Wilson, Bradda, 1, Monte Vella, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the retention of two alterations to planning permission reference number D12B/0010. These are the addition of a window on the east facing gable wall at attic level and the alteration of the ground floor glazing on the west elevation of the domestic extension.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0250

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 29-Nov-2012

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0386 **Decision:** Request Add. Information **Date:** 27-Nov-2012
Applicant Name & Location: Ruth Lambkin and Brian Gibson, Johnville, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey,
Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a two storey, four bedroom dwelling and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0317 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 28-Nov-2012
Applicant Name & Location: Conor and Tara Nolan, 97, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for a single storey extension to rear of house with pitched roof and velux roof windows also internal alterations to existing house and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0330 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-Dec-2012
Applicant Name & Location: W. & C. Earley, 21, Hyde Park, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a two storey extension with pitched roof and roof light, comprising a 2.4 sqm. ground floor extension and a 20 sqm. first floor extension, both to the side of the house with associated alterations to the existing ground and first floor roofs in the affected areas including the relocation of the existing solar panels to the side of the pitched roof over the new extension.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0423 **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 14-Dec-2012
Applic. Name & Location: Mrs. Catherine Deirdre Twomey, Linden Lodge, Castlepark Rd, Dalkey
Proposal: Permission is sought on a site 0.2468ha for development which will consist of 1. New 2 storey detached dwelling of 285.7 sq.m to the rear of Linden Lodge (Reg. Ref. D12B/0188 under construction) accessed through the existing vehicular access off Castlepark Road. 2. Re-opening of closed up vehicular access off Castlepark Road to service existing Linden Lodge. The development will include all associated site works including new internal boundary treatment.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0337 **Decision:** Grant Permission PERMISSION **Date:** 10-Dec-2012
Applicant Name & Location: Gerry & Leanne Murphy, 1, Victoria Terrace, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for a garden room with WC to be used ancillary to the existing dwelling, in the rear garden.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanala Wks 46-1 12/11/12 to 4/1/13

Reg Ref : D12A/0324 **Reg. Date:** 24-Aug-'12 **Location:** Donnelly Art Gallery, Vico Rd, Dalkey
Development: Permission is sought to change the use of the Donnelly Art Gallery Building from its approved use as a private art gallery with caretaker accommodation and residential use to use as a private dwelling house. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 13-Nov-2012
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala Wks. 45-52 5/11/12 to 31/12/13

Reg. Ref.: D11A/0578 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 4-Dec-2012
Council's Decision: Grant Permission **Location:** Loreto Abbey S. School, Loreto Ave, Dalkey.
Proposed Development: Permission is sought for development consisting of the construction of a new stand alone, detached PE Sports Hall building with rooflight windows, part 1 and part 2 storey, total area 1760m2 approx, with external viewing terrace of sports pitch, existing boundary wall screening to prevent over-looking of adjacent properties, 12 new car-parking spaces, bicycle parking area and associated landscaping works all on the land on the West side of Loreto Avenue. The sports hall will be accessed from existing access road, Loreto Avenue. The site is adjacent to but outside the curtilage of Loreto Abbey which is a protected structure, RPS 1445. A Natura Appropriate Assessment Screening Report has been carried out and is attached to the application. **Applicant:** Board of Management

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0191 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 18-Dec-2012
Council's Decision: Refuse Permission. **Location:** 4, Mont Alto, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.
Proposed Development: Planning permission is sought to build a first floor extension on the existing rear ground floor walls and associated works to include 3 Velux windows and the raising in height of existing rear chimneys. **Applicant:** Mr. & Mrs. J. Fagan.



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013

Busy Times for Form VI pupils

Our sixth class pupils enjoyed their day at the RDS Primary Science Fair which is part of the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in early January where they displayed their physics project entitled *"How does the type of hockey ball affect its rolling distance on different playing surfaces?"* They welcomed the opportunity to meet the judges and members of the public, and explained in detail their experiments and the conclusions drawn to all visitors to their stall.

It is a busy time of year for the oldest pupils in the School as they experience their final months with us. In March, along with the pupils in fifth class, they will present our annual School Musical, which this year will be *"The Wizard of Oz"*. This musical is one of the highlights of our year when parents and friends are entertained to a colourful and joyful performance by the children, the result of many weeks of rehearsal and practice.

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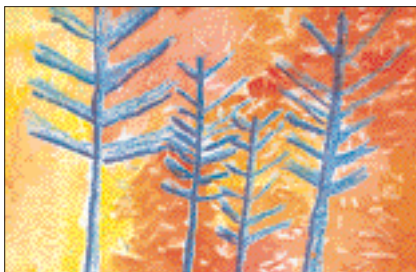
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Thanks to: Noel Kavanagh's Butcher, Glashule; Benito's Ristorante Italian; Gill's Optician; The Queen's; Pavilion Theatre Dun Laoghaire; Weafer & Cooper, Glashule; Holistic Haven; Dandelion Hair Salon; SORCHA DUGGAN Yoga Voucher; Robert's of Dalkey; Fitzpatrick's Castle; Zumba Dalkey; The Club; Celeste; Hick's Butcher; Crisp Dry Cleaners Dalkey; The Golden Apple; Borza's Fish & Chip Shop; The Haircutting Shop, Glashule; Paddy Power; Lee's Kitchen; Kerins Pharmacy; Horse & Hound; Doyle's Butcher; Mugs Café; Dalkey News; Handworks; Corner Note Café; The Guinea Pig; Thai House; O'Briens Off Licence; Thyme Out; Maxwell's Pharmacy; Layton Hair / Jacq L; Rococo; Quinn's Funeral Home; Head Hair Salon; Tramyard Gift Shop; Country Bake; Finnegan's; Seabourn Chic, Kilmacanogue; Qube Hair; Gleeson's Pharmacy, Glashule; Bombay Pantry;

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Last month I finally got the chance to visit Margaret River which is Western Australia's main wine region. You would really need a whole month here to explore everything that this beautiful part of Australia has to offer. It is famous first of all for its exceptional wineries but also for its cuisine. The area is filled with wineries, chocolate factories, cheese factories and many of the vineyards have their own restaurants where you can get that perfect wine to match your meal.

We had three days to fit everything in so we opted for a wine tour. After an hour spent in the information centre going through all the brochures we decided on the "Bushtucker Tours". Their motto being "come as a guest and leave as a friend". The moment we stepped on the bus our wine guide, who was a very funny and enthusiastic woman, introduced us to everyone. Lots of jokes and laughter followed and before we knew it we were at our first winery, Evans & Tate. This winery has just been awarded five stars in James Halliday's 2010 Wine Companion. The most memorable wine for me at the tasting was their sparkling wine "Zamphire", bursting with green apple fruit it was a hit with many people on our tour. Next we headed to Sandalford. This was a winery that I was hoping would be on the itinerary. One of the oldest and most famous in Margaret River. Not only is it a winery but it holds concerts in the grounds. Stevie Wonder and Michael Bublé performed here recently. Their wines are exceptional but their shiraz's were my favourite. We had lunch alfresco with a few surprises. Kangaroo and grubs made up part of the menu. Then it was back on the coach for our next destination. This time though we were on our way to a cocktail tasting. "The Grove" has an endless list of liquors. Everything from lemon cheesecake liquor to Macadamia nut liquor. The staff were really friendly and very helpful. They also had a great sense of humour which made the experience all the more memorable.

Our next stops were the famous Margaret River Chocolate factory and cheese factory which sadly burnt down a few weeks after our visit (nothing to do with us!) We finished up our day in The Bootleg Brewery, "an oasis of beer in a desert of wine", the perfect place to chat to our new found friends over a pint and a great way to finish our tour.

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The following, for information, is an update from Mr. Flor O'Mahony who chairs the local ad hoc group that has been liaising with the Council in relation to restoration of the Dalkey Island ferry service and - linked with this - the proposed works on the Island and at Coliemore Harbour. A meeting of the group to decide on a joint approach to the Part 8 Planning process is expected to take place shortly and at that stage a further update will be circulated.

It is time for an update on our collective endeavours to ensure access for a managed, commercial ferry service to Dalkey Island from Coliemore Harbour.

You may recall that, following the County Council's Area Committee meeting on September 24th, we reported that the Council's management indicated that they intended to initiate a public consultation on the proposed Part 8 scheme to upgrade the access slipway on Dalkey Island. Separately, and following pressure from Councillors on Council management to clarify their concerns regarding the safety of the piers at Coliemore Harbour, the management agreed to commission a structural survey of the harbour. Both initiatives are underway at present.

The Public Consultation of the Proposed Part 8 Scheme to Upgrade the Slipway at Dalkey Island

The proposal consists of: -

“The upgrade to the existing Slipway at Dalkey Island to include: raising the existing slipway to create a stepped top surface, widening of the existing channel, a new raised pier section with transitional steps, a handrail, mooring rings and an access ladder.”

The Notice of the proposed work is available in Dalkey Library; and in the Planning Department in County Hall, Marine Road between 10am-4pm, Monday to Friday, until January 29th. It is also on www.dlrco.ie/newsevents/latestnews/title,8929,en.html

We recommend that you read this detailed proposal, if you haven't done so. In addition to the proposal on upgrading of the island's slipway, it provides an insight into the wider plans the Council has for the future conservation and management of the island's very important natural, historical, archaeological and wildlife heritage. A high-level committee of experts is at present working on proposals to give effect to the island's status as a Special Protection Area (SPA) and a Special Area of Conservation (SCA). It is expected that the Committee will bring forward a Conservation and Management Plan for the island in February.

While the public consultation process refers to the up-grading of the island slipway only, it does provide us with an opportunity to once again strongly assert the essential historical connection between the island and mainland Dalkey, via Coliemore Harbour. We hope that all of the 21 groups which signed our previous letter to the Council will once again be prepared to support a response to the present consultation which, while welcoming the upgrading of the island slipway, demands that a small, licensed, managed, commercial ferry service be permitted between Coliemore Harbour and the island.

Responses to the Part 8 consultation must be submitted by 5pm on Tuesday, February 12th. We look forward to discussing how best to respond at our forthcoming meeting.

The Structural Survey of Coliemore Harbour.

Following pressure from Councillors that management clarify its concerns regarding

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structural safety issues at Coliemore Harbour, management agreed to have a survey of the harbour carried out. Malachy Walsh & Partners were appointed to conduct the survey in early December and are expected to produce their report around the end of February next.

Conclusion.

We hope you will be free to attend the forthcoming meeting. Together we have made progress towards achieving our joint objective to ensure that a well-managed, licensed, commercial ferry service is permitted to operate between Coliemore and the island. Major decisions will be taken by the Council in the coming months in relation to both the conservation and management of the island's heritage and the means of access to it. We need to ensure that our views continue to be heard and listened to as these decisions are made.

Flor O'Mahony, Dalkey

D.A.R.A. NEWS

Dara hosted their January Coffee Morning on January 7th we had a surprise guest speaker and were delighted it was local resident Gordon Snell. Gordon is an ex BBC Radio broadcaster and an established author of children's books. He entertained us with a most amusing talk.

Many thanks to Gordon for starting off our year on such a light-hearted note



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❖ FEBRUARY 2013 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS – James Scannell ❖

Tuesday February 5th at 8.30pm Chris Corlett will present his lecture '*The 18th Century Headstones of Co. Wicklow*' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow - entry donation €3.

Wednesday February 6th at 6.30 p.m. Dr. Ruth Mac Manus will present her lecture '*Decent & Artistic Homes - Housing Dublin's Citizens in the 20th century*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

At 8 p.m. Tom Moran will present his lecture '*The Irish Cottage*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin - all welcome.

Thursday February 7th at 8 p.m. Gary Smith will present his lecture '*The Development Campus*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome in the Mount Merrion Community

Friday February 8th at 8 p.m. George Busby will present his lecture '*The secret listeners of Gilnahirk*' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin

Tuesday February 12th at 8 p.m. Ms. Gráinne Shaffrey will speak on '*Dun Laoghaire Harbour and its Board*' to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Contribution €4.

Wednesday February 13th at 6.30 p.m. John Holohan will present his lecture '*History of HM Coastguard Service in Britain and Ireland*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission

At 8 p.m. Rob Goodbody will present his lecture '*Roads of Killiney and Ballybrack*' to the Killiney - Ballybrack Historical Society in The Graduate Lounge, Rochestown Ave., Killiney, Co. Dublin. Admission €3.

Thursday February 14th at 8 p.m. Neale Webb will present a lecture on '*Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic Explorer*' to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan History Society in The Function Room, Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €3.

At.8.30 p.m. Frank Tracey will present his lecture '*After the Ball was Over : The Last Days of the Irish Ascendancy*' to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €3

Wednesday February 20th at 6.30 p.m. Henry Fairbrother will present his lecture '*Aspects of Mount Jerome Cemetery*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

At 8 p.m. Tom Conlon will present his lecture '*Georges Street Re-photographed - Photographs from the 1890 onwards Re-photographed in 2012*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Admission €3.50.

Thursday February 21st at 8 p.m. a guest speaker will present a lecture on ‘*Bray and its Buses*’ to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce., Quinsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €4.

Wednesday February 27th between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. the February Morning Open Meeting of the Genealogical Society of Ireland takes place in Hardy’s Bar. Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. Contribution €4 - includes Tea / Coffee

A BOOK TO READ

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- Ireland’s First Petrol Driven Car by John McKee.
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Happy New Year to all the customers and businesses of Dalkey, may 2013 be healthy, happy and prosperous for you all. Firstly, may we say how well Dalkey looked during the Christmas and New Year season. The Christmas Lights of Dalkey looked fabulous and festive as always and this would not be possible without the contributions from the local businesses of Dalkey. Particular thanks to DBG Assistant Chair Bláithín O'Brien for her organisation here. Did anyone participate in the wonderful spectacle of the Festival of Light Parade? This parade was organised by Ali Morrison and Padraic Hanley of Ouzos Dalkey and was held on Saturday December 21st 2012. It was well received and brought a lot of love and light to Dalkey.

So we start with some lovely positive changes to business in Dalkey. DBG are delighted to see the refurbishment of the Eurospar Dalkey finished and looking well. Thyme Out have also moved into the old Exchange Bookshop on Castle St. bringing an added ambiance to the main street. The Tramyard Cafe has reopened after refurbishment. Food shops Country Bake and Select Stores both have new mini facelifts. DeVill's Restaurant has opened and upstairs Kathmandu Nepalese Restaurant has returned, all with great reviews. Also Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre reopens soon with a new refurbishment for all the lovely tourists visiting our town. John and Sally McKenna of McKenna's' (Bridgestone) Guide 2013 awarded several Dalkey food businesses their 'Best of Ireland' accolade including Ouzos, Thai House, Thyme Out, On the Grapevine, Idlewilde and Select Stores. Congratulations to all.

Sadly, we say goodbye to The James Gallery and Bolero Fashion on Railway Rd. The businesses at the Red Warehouse in Tramyard have relocated. And a special goodbye and thank you to DBG member A1 Computers and team who recently closed after over 20 years in business. We wish them all well and the very best for the future.

Always remember to log onto our Facebook page Dalkey Business Group for all the latest news with local business in Dalkey. Or you can tweet us on Twitter

Our website:

www.iloveDalkey.com is been updated and redesigned at the moment and should be ready by Spring 2013. If you would like to be part of DBG 2013 please come along to our next meeting and check social media for our next date. Thank You.

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Sorting of March Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs. 28 Feb
World Day of Prayer Service in St. Patrick's Church	Fri 1 Mar
March DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon. 4 Mar

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St. Patrick's Church, Dalkey. Friday 15th. February - 8pm Annual Table Quiz in Northover Hall.
Sunday 17th. February - 3.30pm Mozart, Brahms and Beethoven Concert by the Trio di Parma (Italy). Tickets €20 available at door.

Friday 1st March - 10am World Day of Prayer Service in St. Patrick's Church.

Holy Trinity Church, Killiney Hill Road – Thursday 28th Feb at 8pm - Killiney Mens' Society, The Carry Hall, Killiney Hill Road.

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