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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 - Friday, 14th February

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



African Proverb



**A Spectacular Start
to the New Year
at the East Pier,
Dun Laoghaire
New Year's Eve**

Photo: Des Burke-Kennedy

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❖ SUMMARY OF DCC DECEMBER & JANUARY MEETINGS ❖

Summary of the final DCC meeting for 2013 held on Monday 2nd December in OLH.

DTT: The DTT has worked hard through 2013 to keep the town tidy. The car park behind the supermarket proves to be a challenging area for littering and it is hoped that this situation will improve in 2014.

NW: The crime trend for the month was down considerably on the same period for last year. However vigilance is still called for and any suspicious incidents should be immediately reported to the Gardai. The Dalkey patrol area has been altered and is now on only the left side of Castle Park Road, all Barnhill Road, Killiney Road, Oakdene, Killiney Hill Road, Shankill and the coast to Bulloch Harbour. It is hoped that a second Community Garda will soon be appointed to help Garda Cathy Burke. Susan thanked Cathy and expressed our appreciation for her support in the community.

AOB: Attention is needed for the double yellow lines that have faded on the Vico Road and this matter will be followed up. The meeting finished and adjourned for refreshments.

Summary of the January Monthly Meeting held on Monday 6th in OLH.

TT: DTT are in dialogue with the Parks Dept and will have further meetings in the New Year. Included in the projects for 2014 is a refurbishment of St. Patrick's Square. The residents will be consulted to submit ideas and encouraged to participate in the upgrade of the square.

NW: There have been several burglaries in the area and the Gardai remind us all to be careful and secure our property. Also it is very important not to give personal or bank details to anyone calling door-to-door or soliciting on the street.

AOB: The Christmas celebration event was a great success. There were some complaints about the traffic problems that arose and this will be reviewed for next year's event. There is a plan to set up a First Responder Group in the Dalkey/Glenageary/Sandycove area and Andrew Patton is driving this worthwhile initiative. Please refer to page 35 for further information.

❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE ❖

Dalkey Castle's Santa Tours were much appreciated by all the young visitors (and their



A Viking comes looking for the escaped Abbot in St Begnet's

Photo by John Fahy

parents) on the two weekends before Christmas. The parents, in particular, were delighted with not having to queue. The children loved the one hour Christmas Show which included interactive games, storytelling, a little historical culinary input and of course, the man of the moment, Santa. Children were overheard to remark that they thought the Castle Santa was the real Santa, so Santa and his helpers were delighted with that accolade!

The Schools Programme will start on Monday February 3rd

and continue until near Easter. This 2 hour presentation will include a Viking raid in St Begnet's in keeping with the story of the Abbot escaping from Dalkey Island in the Annals of the Four Masters. Other set pieces include the story of a female quarry worker who struggles to bring up her family after her husband has been critically injured in an accident in Dalkey Quarry. The King of Dalkey will present a personalised scroll to each child as a memento of the visit.

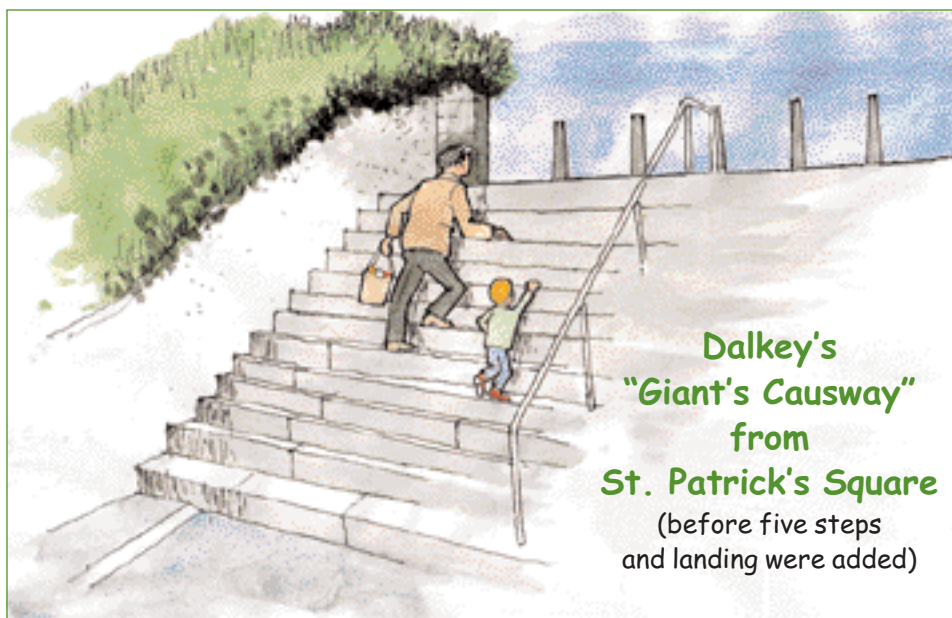
Civil ceremonies and civil partnerships: The beautifully restored Dalkey Town Hall has been approved by the HSE as a venue for civil wedding ceremonies and civil partnerships. The beautiful new chairs add greatly to the ambience. Dalkey Castle staff will manage the bookings for this new venture and already without any publicity, a number of weddings have been booked. There is a growing demand for venues for civil ceremonies. In addition to the HSE, the humanist society has been licensed to officiate at weddings.

New Dalkey Castle website: Fáilte Ireland is financially assisting Dalkey Castle to build a new website and the work for this is well advanced. Customers will be able to book online and purchase goods from the shop online, when it is completed.

Oral history project: a local resident has approached Dalkey Castle and the local schools to get an oral history project off the ground. We all want to ensure that the many great stories in the memory of our older residents are recorded and kept for posterity. (We carried out one a number of years ago on 'the Hobblers' with the Comerford family). There are many memories and stories that can be explored, not least memories of the First World War, the trams, the railways etc. Get in touch if you know of someone who would talk about their memories.

Living History Tours, where 21st century technology meets with 15th century Living History continue daily, except Tuesdays. Open from 10.00 on weekdays and 11.00 at weekends.

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The other winners are:

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Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre - Two family passes worth €45: **Mary Kernan**.

Fitzpatrick's Castle - Sunday lunch for two: **Brigid Walsh**.

Go Sailing.ie - Two hour luxury sailing trip: **Niall Tyrrell**.

Art Cards Ireland Twenty five cards from their range: **Jane Eyre**.

Dalkey Art Studio and Gallery voucher for €50: **Sadie Delaney**.

Thyme Out voucher for €20: **Eric Berg**.



Winner of the first prize, David Lyons, receiving his prize worth €250 from Maxwell's Chemist

A BOAT SERVICE FROM COLIEMORE HARBOUR TO DALKEY ISLAND IS PLANNED TO RECOMMENCE FROM APRIL/MAY NEXT

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has agreed to permit the restoration of a boat service from Coliemore Harbour to Dalkey Island from April/May next. It has not permitted a licensed boat operator to ferry passengers from the harbour to the island during the past three years because of safety concerns for passengers embarking at Coliemore and at the slipway on the island.

The Council has decided to set aside €63,500 to carry out the safety improvements to the harbour which are deemed necessary in the short-term before the restoration of a ferry service can be permitted. These minor repairs are expected to be completed by April/May next. According to a consultant's report prepared for the Council further structural repairs to the harbour should be undertaken in the medium-to-long term. It seems the Council will apply for funding to carry out these repairs under a range of government programmes.

The Council has also prepared a plan to upgrade the slipway or pier on the island itself. This is deemed necessary on safety grounds also and is seen as part of the Conservation and Management Plan for the island which the Council adopted in Autumn 2013. An application for a foreshore license to carry out this relatively minor work was made to the Dept. of the Environment in January 2012. Some two years later the Council has not received a decision on its application.

While Council officials have commissioned a plan of the improvements which are necessary to the island slipway, they have selected a company to carry out the necessary work on the island and have set April/May next as the completion date for this project also, this timeline is increasingly under threat in the absence of the foreshore license. Council officials and councillors are pressing the Dept. to provide the foreshore license without further delay so that the restoration of the boat service to the island will not be put on hold for another year.

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Phase 2

There has been a further increase in pupil numbers in Harold Boys' N.S. We

are therefore delighted to continue with Phase 2 of our Building Project in our wonderful school. Phase I (which consisted of a new classroom to the front of the school) is now complete. Phase 2 (which will see another new classroom being built) will commence before the Summer in order to have it ready for use in September 2014.

If you would like to be part of "Friends of Harold Boys' N.S." and help with our fundraising, you can drop a donation into the school. Alternatively you can pay online by clicking the link for the new extension on our website www.haroldboysdalkey.ie. All donations welcome. Thanking you for your generosity and support.

Teresa Buckley – Principal



Harold Boys RTE 2013



THE STORY OF THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PROCESSION



In Bethlehem, a flame burns in the Church of the Nativity - the birth place of our Lord Jesus.

On Wednesday evening last, a small ceremony was held in the Grotto where a Palestinian and an Israeli Scout took a light from the flame and carried it to Tel Aviv airport. At the airport the Peace Light flame was given to a young Austrian Scout who brought it to Vienna. Last Saturday, a Peace Light Service was held in Vienna. The young Scout carried the flame to the font of the Church and lit the Viennese Peace Candle. Representatives of Scout associations from all over the World were then invited to light their lamps from this candle and to return to their homes with this symbol of Peace.

During the next few days, this Peace Light from Bethlehem will be taken by members of the Irish Scouting and Guiding to churches and other places of Christian worship; to hospitals and to hostels for homeless people, across the length and breadth of Ireland.



MAUREEN QUINN RIP

We note with regret the passing of Ms. Maureen Quinn a long-standing member of the Community Council. She served on the Executive Committee in recent years and was a valuable contributor at all meetings.



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Dalkey Island Cruises: Dublin Bay Cruises, which, as previously reported, launched an excursion service between Dun Laoghaire and Howth harbours last year and briefly Dun Laoghaire-Dublin trips in the run-up to the festive season, are to resume in Spring.

They also plan a new cruise circuiting Dalkey Island with views of Killiney Bay to be operated by the 100 passenger St. Bridget, which sets off from Dun Laoghaire Harbour's East Pier. For more details visit: www.dublinbaycruises.com

Curragh Handover:

In December a ceremony took place in Dalkey Library to mark the handover of the Begnet's Boat project curragh, Naomh Beagnait, to the 3rd Port of Dublin, Dalkey Sea Scouts.

Liz Murray, who led the community based project last summer, which was to foster traditional boat building skills and increase awareness of Dalkey's maritime heritage, presented a symbolic oar from the 22ft rowing craft to Brian Meyer and Donnchadh Ó Madagáin of the Dalkey Sea Scouts.



As reported in the last issue, Naomh Beagnait is been kept during the winter on a temporary basis at Cumann Curragh Áth Cliath at the East Wall Sports Centre. As soon as the Scout season resumes, the curragh will be welcomed back to home waters, to join their ketch-rigged rowing/sailing boats Sea Wolf and Shearwater moored in Bulloch Harbour. For details about the scouts visit: www.dalkeyseascouts.ie

'Afloat' Jar: German tourist, Martin Gunther from Lengefeld, found another of Afloat's project glass bottle jars (No. 25) while walking on Howth Beach. Commenting on the find that took place just two days before the tourist's birthday in October, he said "it's a very lovely one, and I will keep it for ever".

Since then, project founder Roisín Cunningham has had no further correspondence about the jars that contains people's messages and a fragment from a painting by the visual artist depicting The Muglins Lighthouse. It was from The Muglins that a total of 50 jars were dropped into Dublin Bay during the Autumn (see Nov. Issue).

Roisín remarks that while travelling on the DART skirting Dublin Bay, she often wonders where those jars have gone, as a large majority of them remain floating out there, and realising its going to take time!

Stormy Seas: With a succession of severe storms battering Ireland, the east coast encountered huge swells that swamped Coliemore Harbour and - as pictured - angry white waves and froth blew along Killiney Beach. As the winter months lessen, let's look forward to the Spring.



New Year Storm

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LUNCH FOR MALAWI



A huge thank you to the Dalkey Ladies Club for organising a successful lunch in aid of helping the needy and the poor in Malawi. The lunch was held in Our Lady's Hall Dalkey to which over a hundred people attended and enjoyed African/Indian food cooked by Prishela Row a native of Malawi who travels every year to remote parts of Malawi to do missionary work which includes feeding of orphans, widows, prisoners, HIV patients as well as the needy. A variety of delicious desserts made by a group of the Dalkey Ladies Club was a great hit with all that attended, including the children. Thank you too to Ken of Supervalu who has been supporting this work by giving us bag packing week-ends for the past 3 years and Dalkey Parish Church and Catriona Fogarty who have also in the past 3 years have given us church gate collection week-ends. Much appreciation also to Anne Cooper for the beautiful flower arrangements in Our Lady's Hall.



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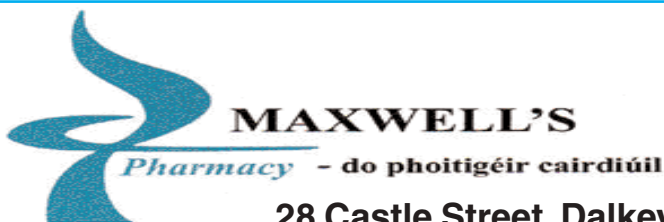
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is a certain pride in that, and I want to share it with you. Not the usual stereotype. We will talk about the real Italy, the Italy I grew up in, the Italy I know. And, as per the title, it will be my Italy. The whole country through my eyes. So, let our journey begin!

Italy is a peninsula divided into 20 regions. In the North we border on France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia, and in the centre with San Marino and the Vatican. The rest of the country is surrounded by water. We underwent lots of dominations throughout history and this has defined the people we are now. Each and every region has its own culture, traditions, food, and dialect although the common language is Italian.

We are very passionate about food, and this is true all over the country. With no exceptions. Though the family structure has changed a lot in time, eating has always been a big gathering event, and I believe that's what makes it so special. We like to spend time sitting at the dinner table whether it is with friends or family or both. And often even a good business transaction will end over a nice lunch or dinner or a glass of wine.

Some of our traditions are tied to religion, some are based on superstitions, some others on historical events. But each and every of them has its roots deep within our culture.

Since it is that time of the year, let's begin with the Carnival of Venice. This year's Carnival will start on February 15th and end on March 4th. Venice itself will become a living theatre pulsing with masks of all sorts. The fish-shaped city will host 18 days of endless madness. People from all over the world will gather in Venice to attend some of the most extraordinary events, in one of the most extraordinary cities in the world. Some of the dresses take a whole year to tailor and make as detailed as possible; although rentals are also available the real "Veneziani" will take no pride in wearing nothing but what they themselves sewed together. The origin of masks is as old as man's, and long are





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the stories and implications tied to them. As per the Carnival, masks have the purpose to make the person who wears them become someone else for a day, or a night, and as Oscar Wilde once said: "Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask and he will tell you the truth." So, keep that in mind when you go to Venice for the Carnival!

The "calli" (lanes) will swarm with people wearing their costumes, most of the times replicas from the 1700s and to walk among them is like walking back in time. And ladies, should you venture through Venice, be prepared: - it is not unusual to come up against Casanova in person! There are so many more things that I would like to talk to you about, but my space in the column is limited. So, before I leave you, please let me remind you that I would love to receive your enquiries. Please do not hesitate to write and ask me questions about my Country. I will be more than happy to answer them.

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'Til next time, Ciao a tutti!

ANNA

(An Italian native living in Dalkey)

GARDEN EVENTS FEBRUARY ❖ 2014 ❖

Foxrock & District Garden Club –

Tuesday, 25th February

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The Carry Hall – On Advent Sunday, 1st December 2013, the Parish launched a re-development plan of its parochial hall. The works will cost approximately €140,000.

The Carry Hall was built in 1958 and since then has served the needs of the parish; however, with new government legislation and the parish's desire to make the space a more usable space it

was felt that major work was needed. Over the last year a number of committees have been working along with the architect, Peter Roberts to create a building capable of meeting the needs of Killiney in 2014 and beyond.

In recognition of the change the Hall has been re-named 'The Carry Centre'. Over the coming months there will be an intensive fundraising campaign to support the project, this will culminate with an event on Friday 25th April 2014 - '*Who wants to be a Thousandaire?*' This will be held in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney. At the launch Parishioners were invited to make a pledge to the project, these were placed on the '*Pledge Tree*'. We are very happy to say that since the launch of the project in December over €12,000 has been pledged to the project - thank you! Building work is due to commence in early June with the Centre re-opening on Sunday 7th September 2014. For more information visit www.carrycentre.ie www.facebook.com/carrycentre Twitter: @carrycentre

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

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society) – The 2014 programme began with '*Mansions & Masons*' (a trip to the Mansion House and Masonic Hall). The next meeting will be a talk (and tasting!) on Chocolate. This will be held on Thursday 27th February at 8pm in the Carry Hall - all Gentleman are very welcome to attend. More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

Table Tennis – The table tennis club meets every Monday at 8pm in the Carry Hall. For more information contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

Ladies Guild – The next meeting will be on 11th February, 10.30 am in the Carry Hall. Visitors welcome.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney – 2014 began with a talk in January from the Ven. Gordon Linney on Health and Well-being. The next gathering will be on Wednesday 19th February at 8pm in the Carry Hall. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159.

Bible Study and Prayer Group – The next Bible Study on Tuesday 25th February at 10.30am in the Carry Hall. All are very welcome to attend.

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❖ DALKEY RESPONSE TO TYPHOON HAIYAN IN THE PHILIPPINES ❖

Like everyone else I was shocked by the loss of life and the total devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan. However I was relieved that our son Shay was safe and well in Manila as a few days earlier he had been attending a conference in Tacloban - the city which was virtually wiped out by the storm. As a result I felt obliged to help the victims in some way. Hence the birth of the



Typhoon Haiyan.

Dalkey Drive. Well aware of the generosity of the Dalkey Community I contacted the Irish Red Cross and put the collection programme together.

Thanks to your response we have raised the substantial amount of €11,021 which has been lodged to the Irish Red Cross no. 2 account for the Philippines Haiyan Disaster Relief.

A special word of thanks to Gerard Byrne and Liz, who organised a musical evening in his Studio and donated €3,020 to the appeal.

Our friends in Kinsale ran a farmers' market and a coffee morning and raised €2,790.

Aoife Miller organised a ladies' coffee morning in her home and raised the very generous sum of €825.

Hewlett Packard staff in Broomhill Business Park, Dun Laoghaire, Rathdown Chamber of commerce, Members of Kilmashogue Golf Club and the D.A.R.A. Choir each made donations of several hundred euro from collections, raffles etc., organised by members and staff.

A website was set up in conjunction with the Irish Red Cross and €1,000 was raised from Ireland, England and Australia - so the Dalkey Drive became global.

The rest of the money was raised through the Irish Red Cross collection buckets in all three chemist shops in Dalkey, the Post Office, Supervalu and Dalkey News centre.

Powerscourt House also made a bucket collection.

Thank you to all the above for taking responsibility for the buckets and to the people of Dalkey for their generous donations.

A special thanks to Gerard Coakley, Gerard Long, Finbarr Madden, and Pat O'Farrell, who collected the buckets, counted the money and made the lodgements and to Margot Keogh who helped in various ways.

We are grateful to Father Devitt and Father Gallagher for allowing us to use the church facilities for the counting process.

We received the following text message from Miss Quibilan a marine scientist at the University of the Philippines, who is a colleague of Shay's.

"As a Filipino, from the bottom of my heart, I would like to personally thank the people of your home town for extending help to the victims of the typhoon. We still face a long and difficult road ahead, in terms of rehabilitation for the affected families, so any help in whatever form is very much welcome. God really works in mysterious ways.

Wishing you all a peaceful and contented Year in 2014".

Morag O'Farrell

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.D13A/0602

Application Rec'd Date: 15-Nov-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Michael Smyth, Magpie Inn Public House, 115/116, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) Retention permission for a 19.5 sqm partially enclosed roofed area to the side and rear of the public house for use as a smoking area; (2) Permission for the erection of internal and external sound absorbing and deflection structures, including a 1.2m high sound barrier/deflector over the existing openings in the roof structure to the smoking area and a 2m high barrier in front of existing rooftop plant located to the side and rear of public house. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area.

Reg. Ref.D13B/0361

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Nov-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Adrian & Elena Brooks, 1, Hyde Park, Hyde Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) A first floor extension and dormer style window to the rear of the house and (2) Alterations to front porch design.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0226

Application Rec'd Date: 09-May-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Rachel Clancy, The Magpie Inn Public House, 115-116, Coliemore Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (i) Retention permission for a 19.5 sqm partially enclosed roofed area to the side and rear of the public house for use as a smoking area. (ii) Planning permission for the erection of internal and external sound absorbing and deflection structures including a 1.2m high sound barrier over the existing opes in the roof structure of the smoking area and a 2m high barrier in front of existing rooftop plant located to rear of public house. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area. Additional Information: 19-Nov-2013

Reg. Ref.D13A/0632

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Nov-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Nigel & Suzanne Duke, 125, Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of previously widened vehicular access to a two storey dwelling.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0634

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Nov-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Aedín Neilan, Avalon, 8, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the refurbishment, alteration and extension of the existing detached dwelling, including the widening of the existing vehicular access gate to Cunningham Road, the provision of 1 no. additional car parking space to front garden, the remodelling of the front, side and rear elevations, the provision of a 2-storey extension (7.6 sqm at ground floor level and 2.9 sqm at 1st floor level) and terrace at rear, the upgrading of existing windows and external doors, the provision of 1 no. rooflight to each of the east and west roof pitches (2 no. total) and associated landscaping and drainage works.

Reg. Ref. D08A/0504/E

Application Rec'd Date: 4-Dec-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Oliver Kavanagh, 2, Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey

Proposal: A new detached two storey residential dwelling located to the rear of existing detached house consisting at ground floor of: 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, with living, dining and kitchen areas at first floor, including site boundary treatment, car parking for two vehicles with new vehicular entrance and gate to Harbour Road and all associated site works, including diverting existing public sewer. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref. D13A/0648

Application Rec'd Date: 6-Dec-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Simon & Olivia Hughes, 48, Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) Demolition of an existing single storey structure to side of dwelling. (2) Ground floor extensions to front and rear of dwelling. (3) Two storey extension to side of dwelling. (4) Conversion of existing attic and proposed attic in two storey extension to habitable space. (5) Roof-lights to front, side and rear elevations. (6) Alterations to rear elevation. (7) Widening of vehicular entrance. (8) Ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0659

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Dec-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Peter & Nuala O'Neill, St Mary's, Victoria Road, Dalkey.

Proposa: Permission for minor works consisting of replacement of existing boundary wall to

Victoria Road, with coursed rubble granite wall, including repositioning of existing pedestrian access gate, replacement of windows and entrance door to front elevation, including lowering of cill heights, new French doors to kitchen and new bay window to TV room, together with associated works.

Reg. Ref. D13B/0394

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Dec-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Nicholas & Orla Fahy, 3 The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref. D13B/0412

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Dec-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Colm & Freda Swords, 1, Wolverton Glen, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a new single storey extension to the rear of single storey family dwelling, and a new skylight and retention permission is sought for a single storey extension to rear and shed to the side of the same property.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0004

Application Rec'd Date: 8-Jan-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Gerard Ryan, 36 Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

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

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks. 46-02 11/11/2013 to 10/01/2014

Reg. Ref. D12A/0458

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 15-Nov-2013

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

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

Reg. Ref. D13B/0308

Decision: Grant Permission for Retention

Date: 12-Nov-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Joseph Casey, 22, Castle Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention for (a) sun room extension to rear and (b) first floor extension to rear. Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref. D13B/0310

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 12-Nov-2013

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

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of a new single storey extension along the rear and at the south east side and also a new bedroom extension at first floor level over the existing playroom/utility room on the north/west end of the existing two storey detached dwelling.

Reg. Ref. D13B/0349

Decision: Declare Applic. Invalid

Date: 12-Nov-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Nicholas and Orla Fahy, 3, The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref. D13B/0317

Decision: Grant Permission

Date : 21-Nov-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Emmet Chambers, 38, The Village Gate, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of a single storey extension to the rear, first floor extension with rooflights over existing ground floor structure with pop-out bay to the side, partial conversion of existing attic with new rooflights on the front and the rear, new canopy to the front and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0505

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 25-Nov-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Raymond Gannon, Topcliffe, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of demolishing existing dwelling house & for the construction of a new fully serviced 3 storey over basement dwelling house & all associated site works.

Ref.D13A/0506 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 25-Nov-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Declan O'Donovan, White Cottage, Nerano Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for Retention of the existing boundary wall to White Cottage and Starboard Cottage and modification of the wall to reduce the height of the wall to 2m above the ground level of the Starboard Cottage site; previously permitted development Register Reference D09A/0716.
Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref. D13A/0523 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 03-Dec-2013
Applicant Name & Location: K & O Keating, Spindrift, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development to consist of demolition of existing 4 bed 2 storey dwelling and replacement with new 5 bed 2 storey dwelling and associated works.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0532 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 04-Dec-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Iris O'Malley, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for modifications to approved plans Reg. Ref. D11A/0193 and D13A/0150 to approved House A to move the location of the house north by 1.7m.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0226 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 12-Dec-2013
Applic. Name & Location: Rachel Clancy, The Magpie Inn Public House, 115-116, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (i) Retention permission for a 19.5 sqm partially enclosed roofed area to the side & rear of the public house for use as a smoking area. (ii) Planning permission for the erection of internal and external sound absorbing & deflection structures including a 1.2m high sound barrier over the existing opes in the roof structure of the smoking area and a 2mhigh barrier in front of existing rooftop plant located to rear of public house. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area. Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref. D13A/0555 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 12-Dec-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Andrew & Erica Algeo, Torca Garth House, Torca Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the renovation of the existing dwelling. The works will consist of the renovation of the existing 2 storey structure, including: extension of the kitchen/family room (41.4 sqm approximately), extension to the ground floor master bedroom (10.1 sqm approximately), extension to the first floor, to form shower room and new stairs (8.8 sqm approximately) and to include the replacement and remodelling of the walls, roofs, windows, chimney and roof lights. Also new glass house (6.6 sqm, 3m high approximately), solar panels at ground level, remodelling of external driveway, universal access ramps and general landscaping and two new entrance gateways. Approximate total area of extensions is 60.3 sqm.

Reg. Ref. D13B/0336 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 9-Dec-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Des Pollard, Lilliput, 5 Mont Alto, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing lean-to extension & shed to facilitate the construction of a 2 storey extension to the rear and a first floor extension on the existing rear ground floor walls to include 3 Velux windows, the raising in heights of the existing chimneys & associated works.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0561 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 16-Dec-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Chris & Angela Gavin, 103, Hillside, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) Ground floor extensions to both front and rear of house.(2) First floor extension to side of house. (3) Roof-light to the side elevation. (4) Widening of vehicular entrance and (5) Ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0576 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 10-Jan-2014
Applic. Name & Location: Maria Sweeney & Andrew Heavey, St Heliers Lodge, Sorrento Rd, Dalkey
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the replacement of existing single storey over basement bungalow with a single storey over basement larger dwelling house on the same footprint.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0577 **Decision:** Request Add. Information **Date:** 9-Jan-2014
Applic. Name & Location: David Coulson, c.01 ha site within the Former Tramyard, 15 Castle St, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for Retention for a 3 year period for 6 no. timber structure market stalls (totalling c34.5 sqm). The application site is located within an Architectural Conservation Area and includes the Tram Lines, Gates and Entrance Piers which are Protected Structures (Refs. 1463 & 1471).

Reg. Ref. D13B/0355 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 08-Jan-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Gerry & Leanne Murphy, 1, Victoria Terrace, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the demolition of the existing return and

construction of new single and two-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house, including all associated drainage, site development and landscaping works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 46-2 11/11/13 to 10/1/14

Reg Ref: D13A/0466 **Reg. Date:** 6-Sep-201 **Location:** 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Development: Permission for a new 4 metre wide shared vehicular access at The Flags to Houses B (currently under construction) and C; vehicular access to House A will remain at Dalkey Avenue; relief from condition no. 7 of planning permission Reg. Ref.: D11A/0193 and ancillary site development work. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. Appeal Lodged: 14-Nov-2013. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Approval. Type of Appeal: 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref D13B/0298 **Reg. Date:** 9-Sep-2013 **Location:** 9, Hyde Park, Dalkey.

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

Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 27-Nov-2013. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. Type of Appeal: 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D12A/0458 **Reg. Date:** 20-Nov-2012 **Location:** Firmbank, Dalkey Avenue.

Development: Permission is sought for proposed development comprising of the erection of a 4 bed 2 storey dwelling & all service connections & associated siteworks all accessed via existing vehicular laneway from Dalkey Park. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Lodged:** 4-Dec-'13.

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

Reg Ref: D13A/0505 **Reg. Date:** 1-Oct-2013 **Location:** Topcliffe, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Development: Permission for development consisting of demolishing existing dwelling house and for the construction of a new fully serviced three storey over basement dwelling house and all associated site works. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. Appeal Lodged: 23-Dec-'13.

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 45-01 4/11/13 to 3/1/14

Reg. Ref. D13A/0214 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 19-Nov-'13

Council's Decision: Refuse Permission for Retention

Location: Martello Tower, No. 10 Bartra Rock, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for retention for a change in the orientation of the external metal and glass stairs permitted under Planning Register Reference D00A/0744 (An Bord Pleanála Reference PL06D.121973) and Planning Register Reference D12A/0120, and all associated minor works. A Recorded Monument (DU 023-22) and a Protected Structure. **Applicant:** Helen Stephenson.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0266 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 21-Nov-2013

Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** 2, Sorrento Terrace, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for development consisting of internal alterations and refurbishment of the existing four storey terraced dwelling to include new plumbing and wiring, the re-roofing of existing vaulted cellar to front of house, modification of window in rear elevation and associated external terracing and landscaping to the rear, including the repair and reinstatement of existing stone boundary walls, a new roof-light in roof above bathroom and solar panel. The internal alterations include, at first floor (level +1), the formation of new opening in central cross wall to enlarge existing bathroom and removal in part of partition wall at entrance to master bedroom. At level -1, the formation of a large opening in each of two cross walls, the blocking up of an existing doorway and formation of new opening between family room and pantry, enlarge existing fireplace opening in family room, remove existing dividing wall to the rear between kitchen and dining room, remove raised floor and form opening in original floor to level -2 below, remove existing staircase and provide new stairs in existing stairwell between ground floor (level 0) and level -2. At level -2, remove existing floor and reinstate with new slab at lower level, form large opening in each of two

flanking walls to central passage, remove existing bathroom, tool room and wine store, provide new bathroom, break out wall below 2 no. existing internal window openings in cross wall and form 2 no. new doorways in lieu. Externally at front of house, remove existing granite steps to level -1 and roof of vaulted cellar and form new roof and steps with new paving and railings to match existing, block up 2 no. existing openings and provide 2 no. new openings in cellar walls. Externally at rear of house, break out wall below central window of dining room at level -1 and provide new access door and steps to existing upper terrace. Reinstall external cast iron spiral stairs from living room (level 0) to upper terrace. Remove existing external timber steps from upper terrace to middle terrace outside level -2 and repair original balustrade. At middle terrace, remove existing granite steps and railing outside rear entrance, repair and reinstall. Utilising existing garden and terrace levels, form new garden layout, including garden store located beneath middle terrace, steps, related paved terraced areas and lawn, to include rainwater harvesting system and provide new informal landscaping to grounds to the rear of this garden beyond lawn. A Protected Structure in an Architectural Conservation Area. **Applicant:** Rupert Egan.



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Male Chaffinch

Last year I mentioned that in the middle of winter a branch of a Horse Chestnut tree had produced new leaves at least five months before it should have. Again this winter the same branch on the same tree had bright green leaves unfolding in November but it wasn't the only one this time. Another horse chestnut on Killiney Hill had new leaves unfolding but once again it was only a little crop of leaves on one single branch. But elsewhere on the hill at least four Sycamores had new full bright green leaves appearing a month before Christmas, some shooting from low stumps but one tree covered in new growth on all its branches.

These freakish occurrences of plants blooming way too early and birds mating and nest building months before they should are now reported almost every year (a few years ago a large outdoor Christmas tree had to be left in place way after the season had ended because a blackbird had started to nest in it), sometimes cited as evidence of climate change and indeed the differences between seasons does seem to be becoming less well defined every year. The only constant that won't change is the length of the days and these are usually the signal that nature responds to, telling flowers to send up new growth and birds to start looking for partners, but when the temperature in November is often warmer than the temperature in April you can't blame some creatures or plants for getting confused.

In fact it's usually in the new year that the weather gets hardest for little creatures and late winter and early spring can be very difficult for garden birds with the temperature low, frosty nights and all the natural food, seeds and berries, gone. Birds can't carry excess fat and they burn up a lot of energy keeping warm at night. If you're lucky enough to have Long tailed tits coming to your feeders (they seem to prefer fat balls and peanuts to sunflower seeds) you might notice they are often the last birds to visit the feeders in the evening. They are so small, with such a tiny body mass, they have to keep feeding till the last opportunity before dark. There was a fascinating bit of footage shown on TV where somebody had filmed a little group of long-tailed tits settling down on a branch to roost on a winter night. Two of them were perched huddled together on a branch then another bird arrived which, instead of perching on either side of them, actually landed on top of them and pushed its way down so it was between them. The next birds to arrive all did the same thing pushing their way into the middle where it was snug and warm. It might be the early bird gets the worm but it would seem in this case the late bird gets the best seat.

Currently I'm refilling four or five bird feeders every day and since there's such a demand from hungry birds I sometimes neglect to clean the feeders which could leave them as a potential source of infection. If the weather is mild and wet fungus and mould can grow on uneaten seeds or peanuts. Even if the food itself is clean, if any birds fly in to the feeders that themselves might have a disease that can spread to other birds.

A very nasty disease Trichomonosis (known as Canker when it affects doves and pigeons) became very noticeable in 2005 and caused a serious decline of some garden bird species especially Greenfinches which were very hard hit by the disease. Affected birds show signs of general illness (lethargy, fluffed-up plumage) and may show difficulty in swallowing or laboured breathing. Infected birds having difficulty swallowing food will sometimes vomit it up and if this is eaten by other birds it can spread the infection

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The disease is not transmitted to humans and does not have any potential to cause harm to us so don’t be put off feeding birds when they need it most.

Apart from birdseed apples ‘spiked’ on branches or threaded on a wire are a great source of energy for the birds that don’t normally come to the feeders like blackbirds and thrushes.

Most songbirds don’t sing during winter, saving their song till the breeding season, but there are two very noticeable and welcome exceptions, Robins and Song Thrushes. Robins are one of the few birds to defend territory during winter and their song which often seems to have a slightly melancholy quality on short cold days but the singing Song Thrushes are a different matter. Beginning in November they pour out their song starting before sunrise and later serenading out the short days at sunset. It is reckoned that these song thrushes are young males who haven’t bred before and you’ll notice that the birds singing in winter will often have gone elsewhere by spring time. I always think the real sign that winter is over is when I hear my first blackbird singing. Last year I heard my first one singing on 6th February which was early enough but whether early or late this year I’ll be very glad to hear my first one and his beautiful mellow song.



DALKEY GARDA CLINICS



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

The next Clinics for Dalkey residents will take place on

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Bethany Wines - Part Two

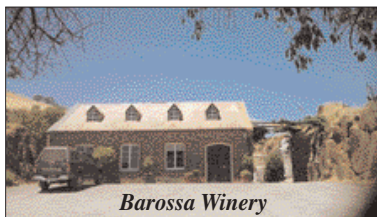
It proves very difficult to leave the beautiful Barossa Valley once you arrive and this February issue still finds me among its soft rolling hills and fertile soils. Temperatures are just above forty degrees at the moment which is helping the grapes to reach maturity, ready for the 2014 vintage, which should be in full swing by the time you are reading this.

Whilst touring around the vineyards of the Barossa I was once again drawn to Bethany Wines. This time, however, I was lucky enough to meet with the director Geoff Schrapel whom I previously met while working with O'Brien's Wines. The Cellar Door is set in one of the most picturesque places in the Barossa (see picture). You can really get the most out of the Bethany Wines' experience by picking up their picnic platter and a glass of their award-winning wine at Cellar Door and enjoying it in their grounds looking at their panoramic views of the valley. While waiting for Geoff we were given a fantastic tasting by Helen who greeted us as we arrived. It was fantastic not only because of the exceptional wines but also because Helen had such a knowledge of the wines, the estate and the history of Bethany.....all up we tasted seven wines but unfortunately time is short and I would have to go into next month's issue to talk about them all, but for me, a few stood out.

The vineyards Cabernet Franc is the sole variety used to make Bethany's epic Rose wine. This grape is the baby of Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc and is mostly used in France to make Rose and in Canada for their famous ice wines. It was sourced from their 40 year old vines which are positioned directly in front of their Historic cellar door at the base of the Barossa Ranges. This is a dry Rose with soft tannins which is balanced perfectly with its black cherry fruit. Match it with salmon or a spicy antipasto dish and you are onto a winner.

The Barossa Valley is most famous for its mighty Shiraz and mighty it is. The 2010 Bethany G6 Shiraz will shortly be on its way to Ireland vying for a place on the shelves of O'Brien's Wines nationwide. Looking at the vintage report is the only way I can predict how fabulous this wine will be because it is not sold in Australia. The 2010 vintage was a fantastic year and produced fabulous wines throughout the Barossa and if Bethany's other red wines are anything to go by it is one not to be missed. It is exclusive to O'Brien's Wines in Ireland. So pick up a bottle and enjoy because it is perfect for a cold night by the fire. I on the other hand will stick to their chilled Rose to get through this heat wave.

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LITERARY LIBRARIAN!



Congratulations to Carmel Uí Cheallaigh who celebrated the launch of her new picture book **Leanbh Nua** on Monday 2nd December in Dalkey Library. Carmel is the Senior Librarian in Dalkey Library and she was delighted to share the evening with friends and family.

LEANBH NUA is illustrated by Olivia Golden and published by Cló Mhaigh Eo. It's Carmel's second picture book following on from the highly successful **Spidey**, illustrated by Fintan Taite which was published in 2012. Cathal Póirtéir did the honours by launching Carmel's book and the wonderful pipe music was provided by Alan Ó Báille



Right:

Alan Ó Báille with Carmel Uí Cheallaigh in Dalkey Library

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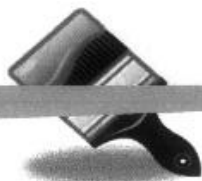


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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

2nd February

9am Eucharist

10.15am Eucharist.

9th February

9am Eucharist

10.15am All Age
Family Service

16th February

9am Eucharist

10.15am Eucharist

23rd February

9am Eucharist

10.15am Morning Prayer

SONGS OF HOPE – A concert of joyful music sung by Susan Haddon and Jimmy O'Byrne on Saturday 1st February at 7.30pm. Tickets €15 (concessions €12) from Parish Office 2845941, Dalkey News or 2806852

ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ – Our annual table quiz with the inimitable Gary Jermyn takes place on Friday 28th February at 8pm. This is always a most enjoyable event in our calendar. Tickets at €40 for a table of four are available from the Parish Office in advance or at the door on the day.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP LUNCH – The Ash Wednesday Soup lunch this year is on Wednesday 5th March from 12noon until 2pm in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey. The charity which has been nominated this year is called 'The Solas Project'.



THE VISION OF SOLAS PROJECT is to see communities rejuvenated through education and sport. This is achieved through equipping and building up young people to overcome all limitations imposed on them by social and educational disadvantage. The Solas Project takes a holistic approach in that a young person's personal, educational and spiritual development is considered alongside the

well being of the community as a whole. This innovative approach is crucial in both engaging and retaining young people, and making a sustainable difference over time.

Solas Project was originally set up in 2007 as Solas After-School Project, being a dynamic after-school intervention programme targeting children at risk of early school leaving. Since that time the project has established very strong relationships with parents, schools and other community groups in the inner city.

Another aspect of the charity's work is The Prison and Probation Programme which was established to help young offenders make real and long-lasting change to their lives after release. Through mentoring and skills building, Solas Project helps participants to develop self-awareness and encourages personal responsibility, both of which dramatically reduce the likelihood of reoffending in the process.

Solas Project currently has seven programmes running and further information on each programme can be found at www.solasproject.ie

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One of the major entries on the School's annual calendar is the celebration of CP Day on 15th March. This is the date that Mr W P Toone purchased the site and buildings at Castle Park in 1904, his school opened for pupils the following September.

A tradition for many years was for Old Cepians (past pupils) to write to the Headmaster on CP Day sending their news and best wishes to the School for its continued success. One Old Cepian who was a prolific correspondent was John Derek Crozier (1917 - 2010), who went on to study at Repton in Derbyshire and subsequently became the creator of the Irish Times Crosaire crosswords which he continued to compose for 67 years. In 1948 he moved to Rhodesia with his wife and children and lived there until his death.

Crozier composed the following poem in 1930, whilst still a pupil at the School, it was the winning composition in that year's CP Day competition.



Derek Crozier

Ten minutes to play and the score's seven nil,
A slippery ground and a sopping wet pill,
But Castle Park never gives in. Oh never!
They're making a rush in a last endeavour,
They're past the forwards, the threes and the back.

Oh! Somebody's fumbled a pass. Alack!
A knock on! A scrum! The forwards heel well,
The scrum-half got it and slipped and fell,
Oh! Somebody's fumbled a pass. Alack!
But the fly-half has it; he's running along,
He's a fast man that fly-half, he's fast and strong.

He's past everybody, he's touched it down,
The opposing captain is giving a frown
Converted! Kicked! Five points to seven.
Well-played the kicker! Well-played Keven!

Five minutes left: there's time to score.
Come on now, School, get three points more.

Oh! Foul! Foul! Foul! The whistle goes,
And everyone is on his toes.

He's got a drop! The match is won!
Bravo CP! Well done! Well done.

Derek Crozier

Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning – To enhance and strengthen our pupils' social and emotional learning we have introduced a number of new activities and learning opportunities this academic year. These have included Personal Development Days carried out by each year group at a time on specific and appropriate dates. There are several key elements to each Day including team building, group presentations and an in-depth reflection time. Each year group has a theme, for example, "how to be a better person" for the younger pupils through to study skills and personal development plans for the older children. The Personal Development Days are structured with fun activities and games whilst also allowing the opportunity for the children to enjoy some quieter time focusing on themselves and their role within the school community. A complimentary whole-school activity also introduced this year involves our entire extended community of pupils, staff and parents in the creation of a Gratitude Board. This has afforded the children and their families the opportunity to discuss, share and display what they are grateful for in their everyday lives whilst re-focusing on the important (but sometimes taken-for-granted) things that make their lives positive and enjoyable.



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The Dalkey Community First Response group is a new initiative currently being set-up in Dalkey.

Community First Responder groups have been running very successfully for a number of years in many communities around the country. These first responder groups are co-ordinated by the HSE National Ambulance Service and integrated into the emergency response in the community.

The group in Dalkey, the first of its kind in Dublin, will consist of volunteers from the local community who will be professionally trained in CPR and the use of defibrillators. Through participating in an 'on call' rota, the volunteers will then assist the ambulance service in responding to certain medical emergency calls in the community by providing life saving

treatment to critically ill people in the first few minutes prior to the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

It is proposed that the group will respond to emergencies in Dalkey, Killiney and Glenageary but this has yet to be confirmed.

We are always happy to have new volunteers so if you are in a position to volunteer or support the group in anyway please contact us: cfrdalkey@gmail.com Volunteers can train as responders, or help with other aspects such as publicity, fundraising, web design etc. Keep an eye out for future updates!

Andrew Patton

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❖ **HELP NEEDED – For Commemorative Issue** ❖

The April Issue of the Dalkey Newsletter will be a commemorative one marking the fortieth year of continuous publication of a free voluntary community newsletter. Given this historic achievement, we intend to publish miscellaneous memories of Dalkey during that period (1974-2014). We would love to receive any memories you might have about life in Dalkey during that time. If you have any images as well that would be wonderful.

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❖ **DALKEY TIDY TOWNS REPORT** ❖

January was a quiet month for the Tidy Towns Committee; after all the excitement of Christmas it takes a while to get everything geared up again. However, before we move on, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the Christmas Family Event in December.

It was a great day and we were lucky with the weather, which was mild and dry. It was a truly community event and it was great to see families of all ages enjoying the fun.

The Community Council of course are central to the event as essential sponsors and supporters.

We would also like to thank Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co Council especially Tom Byrne and the Parks Department. Frs. Paddy Devitt and Declan Gallagher of the Church of the Assumption for the venue, the Choirs from all the schools for the lovely Carol Service; Margaret Dunne for the use of Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre. Mary Kingston for her effervescent and lively presentation. Deilg Inis for providing actors.

Dave Coulson and his staff in the Tramyard for hosting Santa's Hut and refreshments. The Queen's for their warming mulled wine.

Behind the scenes David Brock was monitoring the electricity; The Order of Malta who were there "in case", The Gardai for their presence and co-operation. The stage was sponsored by Clem Clancy

from Fastway Couriers.

Thank you too to Richard Cullen from the Jelly Bean Factory and Musgrave Marketplace who supplied Santa with his gifts.

And finally thank you, the children of Dalkey, who added the magic and were the reason Santa visited in the first place. Definitely as exciting as First Lady Michelle Obama's visit!

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NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

As we roll on into Spring and the evenings get longer we look forward to new beginnings and new light in our lives.

2nd February is Candlemas Day. This ancient festival marks the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day of the year and the spring equinox. In pre Christian times, this day was known as the 'Feast of lights' and celebrated the increase in strength of the life giving sun as winter gave way to spring. Feb 2nd is also the day of the year when we bless all of the candles which will be used in the church in the coming year, to remind us of Jesus' message that he is with us always to help and comfort us - a guiding light in the darkness. You can also bring your own candles to be blessed at 10am Mass on this day.

Lent begins on 5th March, Ash Wednesday. During Mass, the ashes which give Ash Wednesday its name are distributed. The ashes are made by burning the blessed palms that were distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday. The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality and call to us with an opportunity to repent. This year we will once again, along with St Patrick's Church host the annual soup lunch on Ash Wednesday from 12 - 2pm in Our Lady's Hall and all are most welcome.

Ash Wednesday also marks the beginning of the season of Lent and the ever popular series of ecumenical Lenten talks, ably led by Rev Ginny Kennerly from St Patrick's Church will begin again - so check out the notice board in Our Lady's Hall for more details.

Blessing of the Throats – Feb 5th is the feast of St Blaise and the Annual Blessing of the Throat will take place after 10am Mass. St Blaise was a 3rd century physician who became Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia, and his protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy who was brought to him with a fishbone stuck in his throat, was healed by Saint Blaise. All are welcome to the Mass and blessing.

Feast of St. Valentine – We celebrate the feast of St Valentines on Feb 14th. The most popular martyrology associated with St. Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. During his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. Legend states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell. The relics of St Valentine were donated to the Carmelite Church Whitefriar St. where they reside to this day.

Parish Pastoral Council – We would like offer a warm welcome to the 6 new members of our Parish Pastoral council who will now serve for 2 years. They include Gerardine Parkinson, Elizabeth Hogan, Frances Donnelly, Dermot Duffy, Brendan Flood and Valarie Hand. The Parish Pastoral council's role is to take responsibility for overseeing all activities which encourage a healthy Pastoral life in our parish, including identifying and working with the caring needs within our community.

Vatican Questionnaire – Some months ago we were prompted by the call of Pope Francis to respond to the Vatican questionnaire on the family that will be discussed at the upcoming Synod of Bishops later this year. We had a fantastic response, with a wide cross section of age ranges, families and individuals responding. It demonstrates a healthy appetite for discussion about what family means and comprises in our Parish today and will provide great food for thought for the Bishops when they meet to review. All of the responses will be fed back directly to Pope Francis and the Vatican as they begin broader contemplation and discussion, so many thanks to all for your efforts.

Pope Francis has brought a new energy and released an interest in the discussion about the role of the Church in society today and we are delighted to be part of this conversation.

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St. Valentine's Day	Fri. 14 Feb	Ash Weds. - Soup lunch in OLH	
Sorting of March Newsletter in OLH		(12:00-2:00)	Weds. 5 Mar
(1pm-2pm)	Thurs. 27 Feb		

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Dalkey Players The Carry Hall Killiney 7.30-10.30pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey Northover Hall (grounds of St. Patrick's Church) from 8pm-10.30pm Mondays & Thursday. Contact Judith Elmes 087-2396673 or www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information.

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NATURE NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 2014

Tuesday 4 February: Indian Birding at its Best: Gujyrat, Northwest India, by Frank Doyle. *Venue:* Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire at 8:00pm.

Sunday 9 February: Coach trip to Louth, departing Dún Laoghaire at 8:30am. Visiting Salterstown, Giles's Quay, Carlingford Lough and (tide allowing) Dundalk Docks. Book your place at upcoming South Dublin branch meetings or book by email at bookings@southdublinbirds.com.

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Oh! How Television (and Radio) has changed over the years . . .

Apart from the storms over Christmas (which caused a considerable amount of damage), it was quite a busy time in the broadcast industry. RTE 1 launched in HD as did the remainder of the BBC channels (BBC1, 2, 3 and 4, BBC news and the children's channels). TV3 are contesting UTV's application to launch in the Republic, and if rumours in the trade were to be believed the British Government are contemplating selling Channel 4.

In the television industry the latest buzz word is 4K , offering even clearer pictures than High Definition, however manufactures are already showcasing 8K televisions at some trade shows!

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