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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
Violet

A wet February, a wet Spring

St Valentine's Day - Saturday, 14th February

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

African Proverb



Flower
Primrose

**PRESENTATION OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) by
Bank of Ireland to the Dalkey Community First Responders (Dalkey CFR).**



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Mary Coleman, Dalkey Resident*

❖ SUMMARY OF DCC DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING - 8/12/14 ❖

The chairman opened the final DCC meeting for 2014 and welcomed Flor O'Mahony who has joined the Community Council as a Road Rep for Ulverton Road.

NW: The advice from the Gardai is to exercise caution when shopping online and only use secure sites. It is also very useful to record the IMEI number of mobile phones and place it somewhere safe in the event of a theft. The graffiti problem is still ongoing and the Gardai would like to acknowledge the hard work and efforts that Des Burke-Kennedy from DTT has done during 2014.

Planning: DCC will be carefully reviewing the proposal from the Pegasus group to build 56 retirement apartments at Dalkey Manor on Barnhill Road.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned for refreshments.

❖ SUMMARY OF DCC JANUARY 2015 MONTHLY MEETING ❖

The first DCC Meeting was held on 12th January 2015 in OLH.

TT: The new litterbins have been the topic of much comment and they will be monitored for the next few months.

NW: DCC welcomed Garda Angela Murray who gave us a crime update for the month of December. Unfortunately the recycled Christmas trees were set alight on Saturday night 10th in the car park on the Burmah Road. Some of the established trees in the park were also damaged.

AOB: Many visitors have complimented the town and how well it looked over the Christmas period. *The next Monthly Meeting is Monday 9th February 2015.*

❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE ❖

Winners! We are delighted to report that Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre's Living History Tour and Guided Walk in Dalkey has won 'an Award of Excellence' from CIE tours in the first year of operation. The award was presented by Michael Ring TD, Minister of State for Tourism & Sport to the Manager, Margaret Dunne, at an awards' ceremony in Dublin Castle on January 27th. The award was secured due to scoring an overall average client satisfaction rating of 90%+. The ratings are derived from client surveys and are evaluated independently and externally. We already have the Tripadvisor excellence rating so we are now going after the hat trick!



Schools Programme: The highly popular programme for national schools started in the mornings on Monday January 26th and will continue until end of March. This two hour presentation will include a Viking raid in St Begnet's in keeping with the story from the Annals of the Four Masters of the slaves finding sanctuary in a church. The interactive screens will engage the students in finding historical information about the Vikings, the Normans and the Seven Castles of Dalkey. They enjoy examining the scaled models leading to the transport systems of trams and railways. As a memento of the visit, the King of Dalkey will present a personalised scroll to each child. All the slots are fully booked. The award-winning Tudor living history tour for the general visitor will continue from 11.45am each day and fully at weekends.

Dalkey Town Hall: Ballroom Dancing. Following requests from patrons, we have changed the 'dancing' night to a Friday night. The next session will be on Friday 13th February. Tom Whelan will teach a dance lesson from 7.00-8.00pm. Tommy Carroll will play from 8.00pm- 10.00pm. Lesson + dancing: €15. Dancing only from 8.00pm: €10. Tea and biscuits provided.



Children examining the scaled models with Heritage Officer, Tim Carey, Heritage Officer, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

Photo: Jason Clarke

Dalkey Literary Gems: If you want to brush up on Dalkey's literary greats, there will be a fun-filled performance of 'On Yer Bike with Dalkey's Writers' in the Heritage Centre on Sat 14th March at 7.30pm. Admission €10. We are currently working on another Maeve Binchy show, following on the success of 'Minding Frankie', more details anon. A US travel company has requested us to script and provide a 'Maeve Binchy and Literary Highlights' tour for their visitors coming to Dalkey. Maeve appears to be more popular in the US than James Joyce!

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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VALERIE FLOOD **Carer of the Year 2014 Nominee**

Congratulations to Valerie Flood on her nomination for Carer of Year 2014. Valerie looks after her father in their home. Mr. Flood is immobile due to his conditions and has an outside carer come in for one hour a day, to help him get showered and dressed in the morning. The recognition of this hard work in getting this 'Carers Association' nomination was a well-deserved delight to Valerie.

WELL DONE, VALERIE!

Jenny Dilley





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COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS DALKEY



Presentation of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) by Bank of Ireland to the Dalkey Community First Responders (Dalkey CFR).

Dalkey CFR, which launched in May 2014, provides a First Responder service in the Dalkey Area to reduce the time taken to get a defibrillator to a patient in cardiac arrest. Volunteers from Dalkey CFR, which is linked to the 999 Ambulance Service, have already attended a number of cardiac arrests proving this to be a very valuable service in the community.

Early CPR and early defibrillation are the key to achieving a good outcome in a cardiac arrest. The AED which has been very generously donated by Bank of Ireland will be mounted in Dalkey Town, and available 24/7 for use by members of the public. Having this AED mounted in the Town will help to further reduce the time between a person collapsing and them receiving potentially life-saving treatment.

Over the next few weeks, Dalkey CFR will be providing CPR and Defibrillator training for all members of the community who wish to learn this life-saving skill! If you'd like to be involved, please get in touch with us: info@DalkeyCFR.ie

We are always looking for new volunteers in Dalkey CFR, so if you feel you could help in any way please get in touch. (No prior experience required!)



Adele Delaney (BOI Dun Laoghaire) presents Automated External Defibrillator to Andrew Patton (Dalkey CFR Co-ordinator)

Andrew Patton – Dalkey CFR



DARA UPDATE



The Choir was very busy before Christmas. We had a very successful concert in Our Lady of the Assumption church, raising €2,000.00 for the St. Vincent de Paul and the Dining Room, Dun Laoghaire, charities. The latter charity provides meals for needy people. We also performed in Our Lady's Manor and the Dalkey Health Centre. Again a big thanks to Derek Verso, our Musical Director, for all his hard work and encouragement. Also deserving huge thanks is our Leader, Leonie Warren, who gave us her unstinting support and guidance throughout.

Rosemary Pearson – D.A.R.A. Correspondent



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Last year hadn't even ended when there were all sorts of unseasonable things happening due to the mild weather and possibly due to the effects of last year's warm summer. There were new green leaves opening on elder bushes on Dalkey Hill before the end of December, wild cranesbills were in flower over Dalkey quarry and of course the gorse was in bloom over the Vico. Early flowering and growth has now become such a regular occurrence that there is now an annual count done in Britain and Ireland on the first day of the year with amateur and professional botanists going out to record what native wild plants were found in flower. This year 368 different species of native plants were found in flower in Britain and Ireland, many four or five months before they would traditionally have bloomed. One of many interesting reports from Ireland during the count was of a Strawberry Tree (*Arbutus Unedo*), one of Ireland's few unique indigenous trees, being in flower near Muckcross in Kerry. The total number counted doesn't include flowering garden plants which would probably have exceeded that number, the white tips of snowdrops were already peeping above the ground on our lawn on Christmas day.



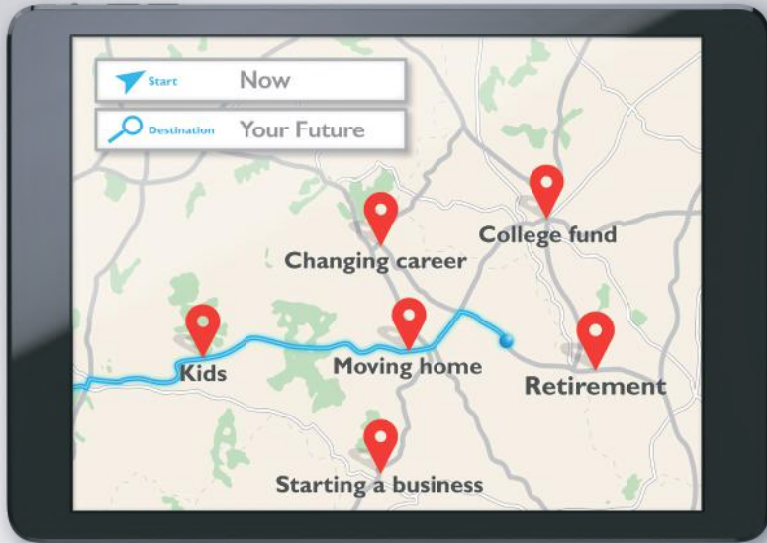
Elder Bush
unseasonal growth

In February you tend to get that crossover when some resident birds are already planning to nest while birds that have come here for the winter are still arriving in gardens. Last year in early February a lovely male goldfinch was declaring his territory by singing gloriously from the path above the Vico Road while within the same week we had our first ever brambling, a Northern European finch who move south during the winter, coming to feed on our sunflower seeds. Although we might be getting some of our coldest weather of the winter now some hardy birds will begin nesting and if you have a dog that gets regular grooming save the hair and leave it out to provide cosy nest lining. Feathers from old pillows will be gratefully collected by long tailed tits. Don't forget to clean out nestboxes to rid them of parasitic insects.

Every January, usually on the first Saturday, a group of keen birdwatchers assemble before first light in Booterstown car park where the Annual Bird Race begins at 8.00am. This is an event which has been running for over twenty years where teams comprising three or four individuals spend the whole day travelling around within the confines of county Dublin to count how many different species of birds they can count within the day. A nice aspect of it is that it's all done on trust and relies on the integrity of those taking part. It would be a hollow victory indeed if anyone invented sightings. Saying that, undoubtedly some people may be a bit hasty giving themselves the benefit of the doubt when getting a brief sight of a distant bird. I remember someone who claimed to have seen a long eared owl in the dusk then discrediting his sighting by saying he'd heard its wings beating overhead whereas of course owls are known for their totally silent flight so whatever it was, it wasn't an owl. But most people taking part are very scrupulous and enter the race with the right spirit.

I haven't taken part myself for some years but many participants have been doing it since it began and get a great adrenaline rush from the thrill of the chase. Over recent years there has been a tendency for the same teams to do best every year and they are usually teams that put in a lot of time beforehand, scouting out locations and finding spots for more difficult species. But it really is a event where taking part is as enjoyable as winning and you can get to see dozens of species of birds within the space of ten hours, a great way to start the year. Booterstown is a good place to start as you're likely to notch up good numbers of birds in the marsh, one of the best spots to see snipe and always a possibility to see kingfisher there, as well as a good number of waders and wildfowl species on the shore and the sea.

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There are a number of species you'd expect to see, though being real life nothing is guaranteed on the day and a bird you may have seen every day on the preceding week might be nowhere to be seen on that particular day. Once you reach a certain number it starts to get difficult to get new species especially as the light begins to fade in the late afternoon. I remember in a past Bird Race our team driving around the beach at the Bull Island in the dark trying to see sanderling feeding at the tide edge, lit up by the car's headlights. Getting in to the top three winning teams might depend on knowing where you might see a short eared owl (probably on cereal farmland in the north of the county) or a water rail but what causes most frustration is not seeing a relatively common species like tree creeper or kestrel. On the morning of this year's Race any guilt I had about not taking part was dispelled when I awoke by the sound of heavy rain drumming down on the roof. A bitterly cold wind was blowing as well. I'd told some friends who'd formed a team that if they were in the vicinity they could call round if they hadn't already seen some of the garden bird species that I might have coming to my feeders. It's perfectly fair to go to gardens though of course the zoo is out. When I got a call from them they were all feeling the effects of the cold and wet but despite the harsh conditions they were still in high spirits and they'd already spotted some good birds including raven and peregrine and at Dun Laoghaire harbour had got black redstart and a red necked grebe both relatively uncommon winter visitors.



*Kestrel hovering over Killiney Hill
another bird the team missed on the day?*

We'd seen a blackcap feeding on berries opposite our kitchen window earlier and thankfully when the team did call the blackcap reappeared in full view. The garden also provided them with bullfinch for their count and a dunnock, one of those very common but often difficult to see species. Our dunnock is usually a ground feeder but has now figured out how to feed from one of the sunflower feeders and it was while perched on it that the team were able to add him to the list. Then they were back on the road and at the end of the day had notched up an impressive final score of 83.5. The .5, or half point, is what you get when you hear but don't see a bird, in this case that elusive water rail which though often unseen has a very distinct squeal-like call often compared to the sound a pig makes. Although they did well, considering the unfavourable weather conditions, the winning team had seen 101 species, a fantastic tally.

It's interesting to note that this year probably most of the teams would have seen species of birds that wouldn't have been seen anywhere in the country when the race first began two decades ago such as buzzard and little egret and when the Wicklow Bird Race takes place next month there's every chance someone might see a Great Spotted Woodpecker another previously unknown species that has naturally expanded its breeding range to include Ireland.

We were up in the Killiney Hill woods later that day and were lucky enough to see another species our friend's team hadn't managed to get on the day, the jay. We hadn't seen any jays for weeks and now a group of four jays were moving through the trees. We followed them till we saw one perch. If we hadn't seen him land we'd never have noticed him, silent and motionless almost blending into the tree trunk. If we'd been looking for one we probably wouldn't have found it!



*Jay on Killiney Hill also missed by the team on
the day of the National Bird Hunt*

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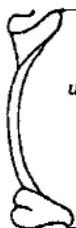
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The Recruit class 'John de Courcy'
Photo Naval Service

De Courcy's Class: This series is dedicated to the late Dr. John de Courcy Ireland, the former Dalkey resident, widely regarded as the 'father' figure of Maritime Ireland. It is rather apt and particularly pleasing to report that the Naval Service in late 2014 had named a recruit class after the maritime historian who was heavily devoted to highlighting numerous Irish maritime affairs and campaigns. Flag Officer Commanding Naval Service, Commodore Hugh Tully attended a passing-out parade of the Recruit Class "John de Courcy" at the Naval Base in Haulbowline on December 18th. In total, 36 recruits, one

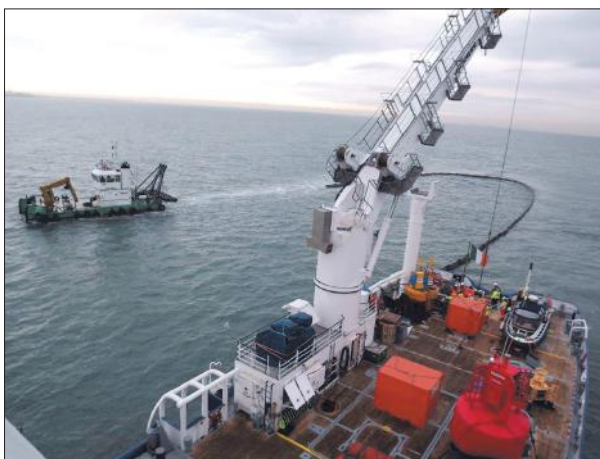
female, had completed 19 weeks of training in the naval college to include seamanship, basic sea survival, naval boarding, foot drill, weapons handling and damage control & fire-fighting.

The parade had marked the first step for the recruits' continued professional development in seamanship, engineering, communications and logistics branches. The recruits will take up appointments both ashore and at sea among the 8-strong fleet of patrol ships that quite frequently transit Dalkey Sound, among them the fleet's oldest, *L.É. Aoife* (P22) as featured in November's issue.

Then it was reported *L.É. Aoife* was to be decommissioned in the autumn, however this has changed instead to late this January and subsequently her sale by public auction is deferred to late February or early March 2015. Her direct replacement, the second OPV90 'Beckett' class, *L.E. James Joyce* is to make a delivery voyage from a UK shipyard to Cork this February, followed by a final sister in 2016.

Oil Pollution Recovery

Exercise: While walking Killiney Beach in November, I noted vessel activity off Dalkey Island that was not the norm and made inquiries. It transpired the Irish Coast Guard (IRCG) was conducting a 2-day Boom Deployment Course and Exercise in waters less than one nautical mile off the island shore, for Southampton based Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) in consultation with IRCG.



Oil boom deployed from ILV is towed into position by Rosbeg
Photo OSRL



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The exercise involved 10 students from various organisations, was part of the training programme in offshore oil spill containment and recovery provided by IRCG which chartered the Commissioners of Irish Lights tender *ILV Granuaile* (see, April 2012 issue). The buoy-tender acted as a training location and boom deployment vessel and assisted by Dublin Port Company's workboat *Rosbeg*.

Offshore pollution equipment from National Stockpiles in Blanchardstown where transported to Dun Laoghaire Harbour and loaded on board *ILV Granuaile*. She departed her homeport to the training exercise site that was carried out to the south-east of Dalkey Island that faces the open sea.

It is in this same direction, from Dalkey Island and only several nautical miles (less than 6kms) offshore to the site where Providence Resources Dalkey Island 'Prospect' had originally planned to install a jack-up rig platform for 'once-off' well drilling, after the granting of a Foreshore (exploratory oil/gas) Licence.

To recap: Providence Resources voluntarily surrendered its license a week in advance of An Taisce going to the High Court in February 2013 for their judicial hearing against the



ILV Granuaile testing fire-fighting equipment off the Mughlins

drilling application principally on grounds that the State failed to transpose EU/ EIS Directive properly back in 1999. The controversial topic covered in 'Maritime' Dalkey, last featured in the April 2013 issue.

It was also noted during my November beach stroll, that an Air Corps CASA aircraft was circling clockwise above Killiney Bay. Normally, CASA's patrol Ireland's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to include Maritime Fisheries Patrols duties yet on this occasion the aircraft acted as "top cover" or surveillance for the exercise.

Environmentally friendly dye was used to simulate the drift of an oil spill, one of several key issues raised during the debate on the prospect that drew support and protest alike.

When *ILV Granuaile* returned from the exercise to Dun Laoghaire while off The Mughlins, she made a rare and spectacular display. This saw testing of her mainmast-mounted monitors that blasted high-pressure volumes of water designed for fire-fighting of vessels and installations in close proximity.

On a related note, the Kish Bank Lighthouse will in late 2015 celebrate its 50 years since its installation.

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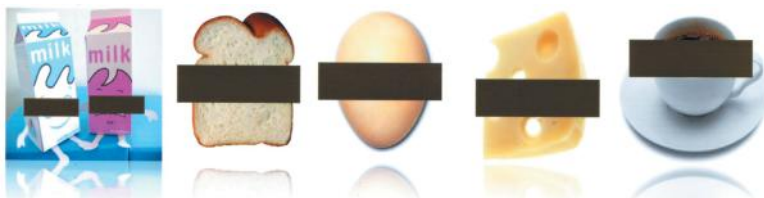


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Q: My 6 month old has a terrible cold with a dry cough, blocked nose and seems generally out of sorts. What can you advise?

A: The cold is caused by a virus and the best way to deal with it is to manage the symptoms until the virus has run its course.

There are limited options on what can be given to a young baby so always check with your pharmacist or doctor before using any products you are unsure of.

We recommend using a children's saline nasal spray to help unblock the baby's nose.

This is suitable to use from birth and can be used before feeds or as needed.

Unfortunately there is very little that can be used for a cough under one year of age.

Most dry cough syrups contain honey which cannot be digested by babies under 1.

Steam inhalation can be helpful to relieve symptoms of a blocked nose and cough - either by bringing the baby into the bathroom and running the shower to allow the room to fill with steam or using a steam vaporiser in the baby's bedroom.

There are vapour rubs available from 3 months old and these are very effective when rubbed on the chest and feet to relieve the cough and can help to dry up the runny nose.

If the baby is suffering from a high temperature then Paracetamol or Ibuprofen liquids or suppositories can be used to bring the temperature down.

Q. My Doctor has told me that my total cholesterol reading was 6.4 - what does this mean?

A: While your total cholesterol gives a good overall viewpoint of your cholesterol and should be less than 5 mmol/L, it is the breakdown of the individual components of the cholesterol that is more important and gives a better overall picture.

The readings that are taken are for HDL cholesterol (good), LDL cholesterol (bad) and triglycerides.

The healthy levels for these readings are:

LDL Cholesterol - Less than 3 mmol/L

HDL Cholesterol - More than 1 mmol/L

Triglycerides - Less than 2 mmol/L

HDL is the healthy cholesterol as it mops up cholesterol left behind in your arteries and brings it to your liver where it can be processed and eliminated from the body.

You can help to increase up your HDL levels by regular exercise, weight loss and stopping smoking.

Increased levels of LDL cholesterol increase the risk of heart disease and stroke as it sticks to the side of the arteries causing them to be narrowed.

LDL levels can be decreased by increasing intake of Monounsaturated fats (found in olive, peanut, rapeseed, avocados, seeds and nuts) and omega 6 fats (found in vegetable oils, soya beans and some nuts). Trans fats (found in processed food) has a negative effect on LDL levels.

Overall good heart health can be maintained by maintaining a healthy weight, taking regular exercise, eating a diet low in saturated fat and processed foods, eating more wholegrain food and also eating oily fish twice a week. Other factors that impact on heart health are smoking, high blood pressure and stress

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THE UNEXPECTED PLEASURE OF BIRDS



Well, of course, most people like birds and their activities, but in this case, the ‘unexpected’ came in the form of a pair of zebra finches, offered by a friend who needed to find a home for them. Thinking that we were not really up to the responsibility, we resisted for a week or two, but in September 2010, became foster parents to a pair of beautiful creatures about half the size of a sparrow. Four years on, six birds have, at various times, replaced the original pair and, in turn, gone their way, due to escape or sickness.

The latter seems to be a common occurrence with the female birds. But we remember and miss them all. So now we have Tippet, named after his call, and Smudge, because that’s what she looks like on the carpet. All the male birds sing a song, each one different from other finches, and it’s a real pleasure to see them at the window, looking from side to side, serenading the world.

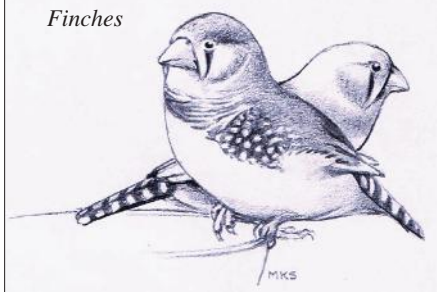
One tends to think, initially, that the creatures just bob about and look pretty but, as time goes by, one begins to notice distinct personalities, ranging from highly nervous and barely approachable (our current pair!), to the bold and bossy. Squeaky was a loveable little fellow who would perch on one’s foot, knee or head, in passing from one place to another, His companion, Princess, an almost pure white bird, was a remarkable character, able to communicate her requirements with an ‘Aa, Aa’, oft repeated. This would indicate that she wanted the light near her cage turned off, or the TV turned down, or the cover put on the cage at night. We realised this because once these things were attended to, silence would reign. If she did not want her partner’s company, she would hiss and chase him away, sometimes occupying the basket at night, condemning him to remain on his perch. At other times, if I was working at the table, she would fly up to investigate what I was doing. One day we discovered ‘strawberry shortcake for birds’ and decided to give them an occasional treat. Squeaky took no interest, but Princess developed a passion for it. We always knew when she’d been at it because there were crumbs all over her beak and face. However, she became quite fat, necessitating some restriction of this luxury.

All this being a total contrast to our current birds, jumping at shadows, and terrified of our approach. Smudge will go straight to her mirror and desperately try to get into it, whilst holding the frame with her foot. In the past she has laid many eggs, - little white pearls - which she would eat, apparently suffering from a calcium deficiency, which has affected her ability to fly. This was the latest of several ailments, but still she battles on. She is now one of our longest-lived birds and one has to admire her determination. Because she can’t fly properly, they no longer build alternative homes out of bits of paper, she being unable to reach high places in the room, but will potter about on the carpet, taking up daytime residence under the TV. It is quite sad, because Tippet likes to fly about and Princess can no longer join in on these joyous trips.

One of their most endearing characteristics is their total devotion to each other. If Tippet departs her company for any reason, she will cry ‘Wi, Wi, Wi,’ for him to return, which he invariably does, and when they go to bed, it’s a perfect picture of domestic bliss, as they make little clucking noises, settling down side by side in the little basket, lined with kitchen towel that is provided for them.

Despite the difficulty in forming a close bond with our feathered beauties, and their

Finches





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inability to learn that we won't harm them, we miss them on the rare occasions that they are with other people, and always look out for them immediately on return from being out. A few months after our first birds arrived, another one turned up, a green budgerigar. Now, that, is a whole different story!

To be continued in part II
Michael Salter, Market Harborough, Leicester, England
(A former Dalkey resident)



SINÉAD'S WINE CORNER



David Llewellyn of Lusca Wines.

Wholesomeness, quality, simplicity, flavour are four words that sum up Ireland's up and coming vineyard located in Lusk, North Co. Dublin. David Llewellyn is the brains and brawn behind it, it all started through making his own wine as a hobby and then after studying horticulture and working in Germany in fruit and vine growing, he began to wonder about the possibility of growing vines and making wine in Ireland. So it all began with experimenting with different grapes and now today David produces 600 bottles a year. David believes that the biggest challenge he faces – as you may have guessed – is the harsh Irish climate. Vines don't like wind and rain and they need plenty of sunshine and warmth to ripen. At the moment David grows Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, which need some protection from the elements in order to ripen fully. He also grows the variety Rondo which is much hardier and capable of ripening outdoors in Ireland without any protection. The grapes are picked when they reach optimum ripeness which is normally in mid-October.

The wine is called Lusca which is Gaelic for Lusk meaning 'Vault or 'cave' and the label bears an image of the Round Tower of Lusk which is a mile to the East of the Vineyard. His best vintage to date is undoubtedly the 2013 Vintage and specifically his Cabernet /Merlot blend which has received some great reviews.

Lusca Cuvee Cabernet Merlot 2013 is reminiscent of a Burgundy red, strawberry, raspberry and cherry fruit on the palate, it is dry with light to medium body with gentle tannins and good acidity. It is very versatile. Drink on its own or serve with roast game, tuna steak and semi soft cheeses.

David also runs an orchard as well as his vineyard so is busy all year round. He produces fruit, juices, cider, and award-winning balsamic vinegar. In the future we can expect to see more of Lusca wine as David hopes to double production over the next few years and the 2014 Vintage is looking very promising, maybe even better than 2013 Vintage.

Lusca wine is in selected wine shops or you can order from David directly, check: www.llewellynsorchard.ie for details and collect at his market stall in Dun Laoghaire Farmers' Market on Sundays.

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DISCOVER DALKEY UPDATE

The committee and chairman of Discover Dalkey would like to wish the Dalkey community and businesses a Happy New Year and a prosperous 2015



Work is well under way on festivals and events planned for the coming year. For Discover Dalkey, our highest priority is the promotion of Dalkey as a welcoming and attractive place to visit, not just for tourists but for our own community and families from surrounding areas. Dalkey's heritage and spectacular setting are reasons enough to linger; but a 'Shop Local' campaign in Dalkey will emphasise the quality of our local shops, pubs, restaurants and services, including the many community services located in the town.

The committee recently met with Fáilte Ireland as part of Fáilte's campaign to promote Dublin Bay, through promoting Dalkey, Dun Laoghaire, Howth and Malahide. Cooperation between these four coastal towns will benefit us all, and the Discover Dalkey committee already has contacts in the other towns. We look forward to developing fruitful partnerships with them. Dublin City Council has also indicated interest in developing stronger tourism and heritage links with the towns around Dublin Bay.

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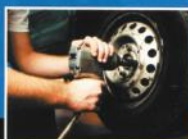
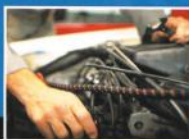
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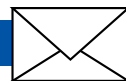
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HYDE PARK

The Area of Hyde Park in Dalkey with its playing pitches, playground and astro pitch is a fantastic amenity to have in our town. However, while Hyde Park has increasingly become a local hangout for the young teenagers down through the years, the opening of the playground and the astro pitch has exacerbated the level of anti-social behaviour. Every weekend from the late afternoon and whenever school is out there can be in excess of 100 teenagers congregated in this small area alone without supervision.

Last summer, bullying, fires, vandalism, rolling joints and drinking were common place within the surrounding pitches and particularly the playground and astro. Many of the young teenagers involved were identified and tracked back to local schools in the area. However, there are still several young people congregating down at the park who spoil it for the rest and this cannot be tolerated anymore. With the darker evenings, the aforementioned activities seem to have become more frequent.

Parents having to leave the playground with their children due to the unacceptable carry on of these teenagers is unacceptable. Last weekend alone (3-4th Jan, 2015), newly-planted trees were broken, graffiti covered the benches, broken beer bottles were left around the swings and the astro cage was vandalised.

Everyone in the area has a part to play in keeping this entire park a safe environment. This includes the parents of these young teenagers that take up residency for the day in the Park. To the parents of those teenagers whose children say that are going out to just play football down at the area, I would invite them to drive down any weekend to view for themselves what is going on. The majority of these kids are just down to have a bit of fun but it is small groups up to no good that have a domino effect on the rest and destroy the area which is then left up to a small number of residents and Dalkey Tidy Towns volunteers to clean up. If residents/visitors are in the Park, please be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Gardaí immediately.

Michael Morrissey



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

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

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0273

Application Rec'd Date: 12-May-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Jack Donnelly, Lands adjacent to 4A Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the construction of a new 2 storey four bedroom family home and all ancillary works. **Additional Information:** 11-Nov-2014; 22-Dec-2014

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0733

Application Rec'd Date: 13-Nov-2014

Applicant Name & Location: John Power, 2, Vico Terrace, Vico Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing sunroom over garage extension and the construction of a new two storey over garage extension. The development also includes 2 no. replacement dormer windows, alteration of fenestration and upgrading works to the main house, landscaping, drainage and ancillary works to facilitate the development. (Located within an Architectural Conservation Area)

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0740

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Nov-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Mrs A Manley, 12 The Rise, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the single storey garage with shed to the side of the existing two storey detached dwelling. Construction of new single storey extension with roof lights to the side. Alterations to the window openings on the front, side and rear elevations. Relocation of the main entrance to the new side extension. New entrance door on the side/north elevation. New roof lights and dormer windows to the sides of the dwelling.

Widening of the vehicular entrances.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0758

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Nov-2014

Applicant Name & Location: George & Louise Brady, 31 Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Alterations to front comprising garage conversion and extension for new bedroom, enlargement of existing porch and widening of window at first floor level. 2. Alterations to rear, comprising two storey extension and patio area. 3. New garden room to rear of back garden. 4. Various associated works, including widening of vehicular entrance, replacement of all windows and external render, replacement of roof finish with zinc and ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0401

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Nov-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Zana McKenna-Carevic, 10 Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of the addition of six square meter single storey porch to the front of existing garage. Application Type: Permission for Retention. Decision: 27-Nov-2014: Declare Application Invalid.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0775

Application Rec'd Date: 2-Dec-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Rob Downes, 15 Church Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the widening of existing gate, conversion of garage to side at ground floor, construction of extension at first floor to side and rear.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0565

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Aug-2014

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

Proposal: Permission to construct a single-storey, flat-roofed detached dwelling (114sq.m.) in the existing side, rear garden including separate vehicular and pedestrian entrances, all associated site works, off-street parking, and the provision of a front boundary wall to the public footpath. Additional Information: 10-Dec-2014.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0792 **Application Rec'd Date:** 9-Dec-2014
Applic. Name & Location: Adrian Lynch & Louise Gallagher, 4 Victoria Tce, Dalkey Ave., Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the reconfiguring of existing rear extension, including the addition of 11.3 sqm at first floor level to accommodate an en-suite bathroom and dressing area and for the remodelling of existing rear dormer window at roof level and for associated site works, including widening the front gateway.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0797 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Dec-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Suzi Cooke, 19 Whites Villas, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the addition of a single storey extension to the front with a slightly pitched roof containing roof lights associated with minor alterations and ancillary site work. The property is in an Area of Architectural Conservation.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0799 **Application Rec'd Date:** 10-Dec-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Donal Gallagher, Site of 0.1571 ha at Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for reopening an existing vehicular entrance onto Castlepark Road and installing new entrance gates. Development to include all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0812 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Dec-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Michael McShane, Station House, Sorrento Drive, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for retention of the construction of 75 sqm basement office, retention of signage and retention of modifications to north elevation as granted per Reg. Ref. No. D00A/0922.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0365 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Jun-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Dermot & Mary Divilly, Saint Aubyns, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the construction of a new 2-storey house (214 sqm) with associated landscaping and main foul drainage connection in the North Western Corner of the garden to the existing house. Clarification of A.I.: 03-Nov-2014, 18-Dec-2014.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0841 **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Dec-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Deborah O'Neill & Brian Lehan, Woodfield, Dalkey Av, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of: part single, part two storey extension to the rear, demolition and re-construction of single storey storage space to side of house, widening of vehicular entrance, internal alterations, and associated site and landscaping works to front and rear.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0434 **Application Rec'd Date:** 15-Dec-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Joe O'Shea, Roslyn, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for a rear single storey house extension of 52.19 m² with flat roof, external courtyard garden and access link.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0436 **Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Dec-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Mary Smith, Moytura Lodge, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for alterations and additions to front of existing 2-storey (plus attic) house, as follows: Single storey extension (35 sqm), new roof light over existing entrance and 2 new dormer windows at attic level.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0450 **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Dec-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Harry Slowey, Merdon, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for the following works: construction of a 12sqm ancillary garden room in the rear garden.

Reg. Ref.: D09B/0470/E **Application Rec'd Date:** 24-Dec-2014
Applicant Name & Location: John Waters, 2 Desmond Cottages, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of the demolition of existing rear ground floor extension and dormer and construction of new ground floor extension and enlarged dormer. Installation of roof-light to front. **Applic. Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0868 **Application Rec'd Date:** 23-Dec-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Julie Elder, Eastern corner of the garden to the existing house at 46, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of an existing garden folly and construction of a new (part single storey, part two storey) house (164 sqm) with associated landscaping and service connections.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0002

Application Rec'd Date: 8-Jan-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Richard McCarthy, Ulysses, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for extension and renovation to existing dwelling house: (i) Demolish existing porch, construct front (south) extension comprising sunroom and entrance/porch to ground-floor, winter-garden and balcony above to first floor. (ii) 2 no. new balconies to first floor rear (north) elevation. (iii) Modification of window opens and doors and associated modifications of internal layout. (iv) new roof lights to rear (north) slope. (v) Existing front (south) boundary wall raised to height of existing timber plank fence, in line with height of neighbours' wall to west, with new sliding gate to existing access.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0001

Application Rec'd Date: 7-Jan-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Kevin Nowlan & Kirsty Foynes, 26 Castlepark Road, Sandycove.

Proposal: Permission for alterations and extensions to existing house comprising internal modifications, relocation of front door, demolition of existing garage to the rear and side of house. The erection of a two storey extension to the front and side of the house and a single storey extension to the side, together with all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0002

Application Rec'd Date: 8-Jan-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Ruth Loughrey, 15, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for extension to existing roof to form a gable wall, attic conversion to habitable use (36.5 sqm), dormer windows to rear, roof lights to front and rear, garage conversion (12 sqm), bay window (2.1 sqm) and porch canopy to front and widening of existing site entrance and ancillary site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 46-02 From 10/11/2014 to 09/01/2015

Reg. Ref. D14A/0603 **Decision:** Refuse Permission

Date: 10-Nov-2014

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

Proposal: Permission for the replacement of existing boundary wall and gate to front of house with new wall and gate and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0325 **Decision:** Declare Application Invalid

Date: 13-Nov-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Richard McCarthy, Ulysses, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for an extension and renovation to existing dwelling house.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0130/E

Decision; Grant

Extension of Duration of Perm.

Date: 25-Nov-2014

Applicant Name & Location: David Rogers, The 3 Garages, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the partial yet extensive demolition of the existing two storey structure, commonly known as the '3 Garages', and the replacement of this to provide a change of use to a new two storey studio dwelling in the same location.

Applic. Type: Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0643 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 28-Nov-2014

Applicant Name & Location: RCGB Ltd. Magpie Inn Public House, 115/116, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to: 1. Construct a new slated roof, including 2 no. roof lights over part of premises where a glazed roof currently exists (to be removed) including a Change of Use to the ground floor area below (19.5 sqm) to provide additional floor space to Public House; 2. Construct a new slated roof over and enclose part of existing external passage to the rear of the Public House and other minor internal soundproofing works. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area. Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0330 **Decision:** Grant Permission & Refuse Permission **Date:** 24-Nov-2014
Applicant Name: Mary Wilson, 39, The Village Gate, Dalkey Avenue.

Proposal: Permission for internal and external alterations, demolish and replace single storey rear extension, new flat roof over side passage, attic conversion incl. new dormer windows, and construct new detached single storey garage to front garden.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0260 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 3-Dec-2014

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

Proposal: Permission for a residential development comprising of 18 no. dwellings on this 0.59 ha site. The development will consist of 5 no. 2 bedroom houses, 3 no. 3 bedroom houses 10 no. 4 bedroom houses. All houses are in terrace format. A basement car-park 370m2 with 8 no. private and 4 no. visitor parking spaces and a shared bin store, a public open space area of 589m2 including an external platform lift, 30 no. surface car-parking spaces -28 no private and 2 no. visitor spaces, along with all associated and ancillary site and landscaping works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0273 **Decision:** Clarification of Add. Information **Date:** 5-Dec-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Jack Donnelly, Lands adjacent to 4A Ardburgh Road, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for the construction of a new 2 storey four bedroom family home and all ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0343 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 2-Dec-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Athene Keatinge, Roncalli, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0349 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-Dec-2014

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

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0807/E **Decision:** Grant Ext. of Duration of Permission **Date:** 9-Dec-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Anne Dolan, Topcliff, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0275/E **Decision:** Grant Ext. of Duration of Perm. **Date:** 15-Dec-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Paul & Joan O'Loughlin, 57, Mapas Road, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0682 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 15-Dec-2014

Applic. Name & Location: David & Evelyn Coulson, Shamrock Lodge, Barnhill Ave., Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0688 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 19-Dec-2014

Applicant Name & Location: H Montag, 6 Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Demolition of single storey extension to the rear of the existing detached bungalow. 2. Raise main roof level by 1400mm to create new first floor accommodation. 3. Construction of single storey and two storey flat roof extensions to the front,

sides and rear. 4. Construction of a new flat roof entrance porch and steps to the side. 5. Elevational alterations to the front side and rear of the existing property. 6. Roof lights in the new main roof to the side. 7. New landscaping, drainage and associated site works, including widening of existing vehicular entrance.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0370

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 18-Dec-2014

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0716

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 9-Jan-2015

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

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

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 46-2 10/11/'14 to 9/1/'15

Reg Ref: D14A/0260 **Reg. Date:** 6-May-2014 **Location:** Lands at Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Development: Permission for a residential development comprising of 18 no. dwellings on this 0.59 ha site. The development will consist of 5 no. 2 bedroom houses, 3 no. 3 bedroom houses and 10 no. 4 bedroom 315m²). All houses are in terrace format. A basement car-park 370m² with 8 no. private and 4 no. visitor parking spaces and a shared bin store, a public open space area of 589m² including an external platform lift, 30 no. surface car parking spaces -28 no. private and 2 no. visitor spaces, along with all associated and ancillary site and landscaping works.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. Appeal Lodged: 31-Dec-2014. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal

Reg Ref: D14A/0643 **Reg. Date:** 6-Oct-2014 **Location:** Magpie Inn Public House, 115/116, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey.

Development: Permission to: 1. Construct a new slated roof, including 2 no. roof lights over part of premises where a glazed roof currently exists (to be removed) including a Change of Use to the ground floor area below (19.5 sqm) to provide additional floor space to Public House; 2. Construct a new slated roof over and enclose part of existing external passage to the rear of the Public House and other minor internal soundproofing works.

The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission.

Appeal Lodged: 5-Jan-2015. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission

Type of Appeal: 3rd Party Appeal

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Hour of Code

On the 10th December our school, Harold Boys' N.S., Dalkey participated in the Hour of Code. Mr. Lorenzo Rizzi and Ms. Elaine Casserly were there to help and teach us. We used code called 'Python' and programmed characters in a game called 'Code Combat'. It was great fun for 6th class even though our teacher Ms. Mossop and Ms. O'Neill failed miserably at it! It was a great day for all the school and everyone enjoyed it and found it really interesting!

Jack Layden, Leo Bourke & Rory O'Neill



6th class boys enjoying their day out at the BT Science Exhibition

BT Science Exhibition

On Thursday 8th January 6th class of Harold Boys' went to the BT science exhibition. We arrived at 10.30 and began to split into groups. Then our groups all went their separate ways. There were lots of different experiments, projects, competitions and shows. At 12 noon we all met up and discussed what we had seen and done. We all split up again and continued exploring the different projects. There were some interesting projects such as 'Do most people prefer to be alone with their thoughts for 15 minutes or give themselves an electric shock?' We all met up at 1 pm and realised we only had 20 minutes before we had to go. Ms. Mossop, Ms. O'Neill and Mrs. Costello began to gather us up so we could go. We left the RDS at 13.20 and got on the DART. We arrived back at the school at 14.10. All in all, it was great craic and we would love to do it again.

Killian O'Connor & Leo Bourke



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**.

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Wednesday February 18th at 7.30pm

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We are making progress in apprehending these vandals as these are criminal acts.

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past year, three vandals were caught and are now subject to the Garda Juvenile Division

Programme. Others have now been identified and will receive Garda attention. We owe great thanks to the Gardaí, DLRCC and our Dalkey Tidy Towns Team for their great support. This will be further increased over the coming months.

You are invited to hear and see what is actually being done to prevent this crime continuing. You may also wish to help. All are very welcome to attend.

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Wed. February 4th at 6.30p.m. Dr. Raymond Refaüssé will present his lecture '*Gone but not forgotten - the Church of Ireland Graveyards of the City of Dublin*' to The Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome. Admission free.

At 8p.m. Claire Gogarty will present her lecture '*From Village to Suburb: the building of Clontarf since 1760*' at 8p.m. to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Rd. (Dublin Rd. end), Shankill. All welcome. Admission €4.

Thurs. February 5th at 8pm – John Lennon will present his lecture '*A history of the Post Office in Ireland*' to The Mount Merrion Historical Soc. in The Mt. Merrion Community Centre, North Ave., Mount Merrion. All welcome - admission €4 / Student €2.

Tues. February 10th at 8pm – Patrick Comerford will present his lecture '*The Comerfords in Ireland: Disentangling myths and legends to find true origins*' to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome - contribution €4.

Wed. February 11th at 6.30pm – Rob Goodbody will present his lecture '*Dublin Schools Prior to 1831*' to The Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome. Admission free.

Thurs. February 12th at 8pm – Ron Ennis will present his lecture '*Some Antiquities of the Military Road from the Yellow House to the Hell Fire Club*' to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society, in The Function Room of Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome - Contribution €3.

At 8.30pm Brian White will present his lecture '*Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, from American Newspapers, 1836 to 1922*' and '*From Poolbeg to Arklow; The Dublin & Wicklow Coastline*' to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry. All welcome - admission €3.

Fri. February 13th at 8pm – Captain Labhrás Joyce will present his lecture '*Irish soldiers on film*' to The Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Rd, Dublin 8. All welcome.

Wed. February 18th Cormac Louth will present his lecture '*Trawling under sail in Dublin Bay*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome. Contribution €3.50.

Thurs. February 18th at 8pm The Radharc Film Unit will show 3 films from its collection of 400 films made over 30 years to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce., Quinsboro Rd., Bray. All welcome - admission €4.

Monday February 23rd at 8pm – Brian McCabe will present his lecture '*Palmerstown House - and the Earls of Mayo*' to the Clondalkin Historical Society in Arás Chronáin, Watery Lane, Clondalkin. All welcome.

Wed. February 25th at 6.30pm – Dr. Clare Cullen will present her lecture '*The World Upturning: Elsie Henry's Irish Wartime Diaries, 1913 - 1919*' to The Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome. Admission free.

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From the Science Department - Castle Park School, January 2015

RDS Primary Science Fair – During the first week of term our Form VI pupils enjoyed their day at the RDS exhibiting at the Primary Science Fair.

The project this year focussed on the growth patterns of stick insects. Several months of observation, looking at different growing conditions and habitats, culminated in the publication of graphs and diagrams illustrating “*which food helped stick insects to grow the best?*” Three different leaves had been used in the experiment - privet, rose and bramble. One major finding of the research was that privet is definitely not a good food for Indian walking stick insects!



Future scientists

The children really enjoyed welcoming visitors to their stand and answering the many questions that were addressed to them.

Forest Schools – Last summer and during the autumn two members of staff attended a series of Forest Schools training sessions and now, as we start the Spring Term 2015, we are offering our pupils an after school hobby focussing on the outdoors which will take place throughout our extensive school grounds. The children will have the opportunity to learn some woodland skills, from fire lighting to shelter building; to undertake woodland art and study habitats; and to participate in seasonal projects such as making wooden creatures and habitat conservation, all under the guidance of our Science teacher Ms Prendergast and Ms Tansey from the Montessori department.

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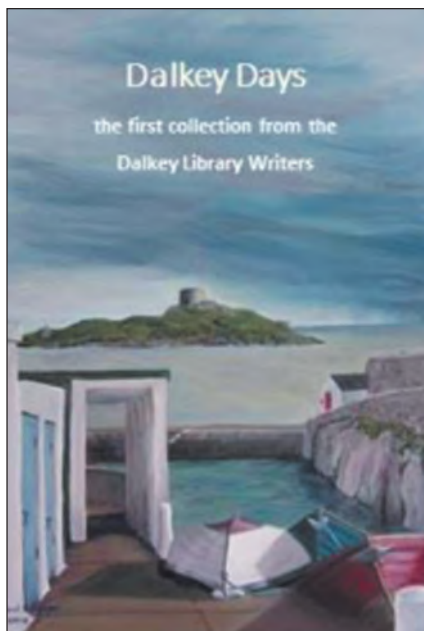
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❖ DALKEY LIBRARY WRITERS' GROUP ❖



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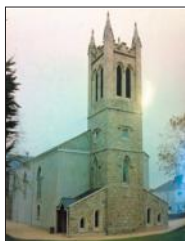
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As we roll on into Spring and the evenings get longer we look forward to new beginnings and new light in our lives.

The 2nd of 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. February 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 18th February, 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 Ginnie 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

February 3rd is the feast of St Blaise and 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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Sunday Services for February 2015.

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| 1st February | 9am Eucharist | 10.15am Celtic Eucharist (St. Brigid). | |
| 8th February | 9am Eucharist | 10.15am All Age Family Worship. | |
| 15th February | 9am Eucharist | 10.15am Eucharist. | |
| 22th February | 9am Eucharist | 10.15am Morning Prayer. | 3.30pm. Confirmation. |

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Scout Founders Day – Celebration of Scout's Founders Day will take place during the All Age Family Service on February 8th at 10.15am in St. Patrick's Church.

Children's Programme – Cinema Night for February is on Saturday 14th in the Northover Hall at 7pm. Cookery Class in Ballyknocken House, Co. Wicklow on 28th Feb. at 3pm.

Gamelan Orchestra Concert – Having just returned from appearing at the Jogja International Performing Arts Festival in Indonesia, Kyai Jati Roso, (The National Concert Hall Gamelan Orchestra) will be performing in St. Patrick's Church Dalkey on Friday February 13th at 8pm. Adm. €8.00/€5.00, tickets available at the door. With its origins in the Far East, Gamelan is an ancient and renowned music tradition that employs a variety of gongs and tuned percussion instruments to create rich rhythmic and harmonic textures. Directed by Irish composer Peter Moran, the ensemble performs a mixture of traditional and contemporary material.

Ash Wed. Soup Lunch – The Ash Wednesday Soup Lunch will take place in Our Lady's Hall, Castle St. on February 18th between 12 noon and 2pm. Please support this very worthy cause in aid of Merchants Quay Ireland (MQI) for homeless and people in need. This event is organised by the combined Parishes of The Church of the Assumption and St. Patrick's Church. Eat sparingly and give generously, so that we may share with those in need.

New Year's Resolution – Why not join some of the many activities here in St. Patrick's.

Mon. Evening: Dramatic Society & Pilates.

Tues. Afternoon: Knitting & Craft. **Tues.**

Evening: Bowling. **Wed.** Evening: Zumba

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Friday afternoon: Bowling club and Choir

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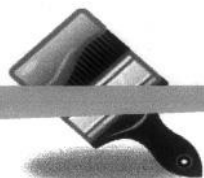


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Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

The Carry Centre – A full report on the opening may be seen in next month's edition.

Service & Social – The next gathering will be on Sunday 29th March at 3pm. Please contact Joan Whyte or the Rector for more information.

Sheep Thrills – Made in Ireland - Every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre. 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) Thursday February 26th ~ Talk from Dun Laoghaire Historical Society in the Carry Centre at 8pm. 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 Centre. If you are interested in trying out table tennis, you would be very welcome (and we will even lend you a bat!). For more information contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

Ladies Guild – In January the Guild had a presentation from Zoe Devlin on Wild Flowers. The next meeting will be on 10th February, 10.30 am in the Carry Centre. Visitors welcome.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney. The 1st meeting of 2015 was a talk on Health and Beauty. The next gathering will be on Wednesday 18th February at 8pm in the Carry Centre. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

Bible Study and Prayer Group – The next Bible Study on Tuesday 24th February at 10.30am in the Carry Centre. All are very welcome to attend.

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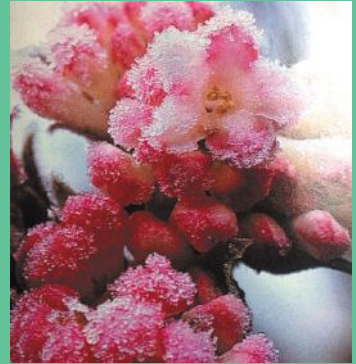
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Cornus**



Right:
**Flowers of
Viburnum
Bodnant**

THE GARDENER'S HYMN

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all

But what we never mention
Though gardeners know it's true
Is when he made the goodies
He made the baddies too.

All things spray and squattable
Disasters great and small
All things paraquattable
The Lord God made them all.

**Miracles
only
grow
where
you plant
them**

**The
Tallest
Tree
catches
Most
Wind**

**There's
Nothing Bad
About
Weather
Only
Inappropriate
Clothes**

**Let us be
Grateful to the
people who make
us happy,
they are the
charming
gardeners
who make our
souls blossom**



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| DCC Feb Monthly Meeting | Mon. 9 Feb |
| St. Valentine's Day | Sat. 14 Feb |
| Ash Weds. - Soup lunch in OLH (12:00-2:00) | Weds. 18 Feb |
| A Special Presentation on Dalkey Graffiti and how you can help will be held in Heritage Centre at 7:30pm. All welcome. | Weds. 18 Feb |
| Sorting of March Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm) | Thurs. 26 Feb |
| DCC March Monthly Meeting | Mon. 9 Mar |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Karate sessions for all age groups in Town Hall @ 5.00-9.00 pm Mondays & Wednesdays

Boxing/Conditioning Classes -Also available. Contact Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334.

Dalkey Players: Rehearsals in The Carry Centre from 7.30-10.30pm Tues & Thurs.
Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

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

The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested please call 086-8391839

Cuala Set Dancing Classes: Every Sunday from 8-10pm. €6 per night. All welcome.

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

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

Nature Notes February 2015

Tuesday 3 February: What's the Quack? - Wildfowl ID, by Niall Keogh. Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel at 8pm

Sunday 8 February: Coach trip to Co Louth (bookings@southdublinbirds.com).

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ITVBe launched last October as part of the ITV group and broadcasts entertainment and family programmes from the USA and the UK, and is available (free) via satellite. UTV Ireland also launched on the 1st of January and is available on Saorview, Sky and UPC. Much to the disappointment of many viewers UPC dropped the traditional UTV and replaced it with UTV Ireland, which has quite a different programme layout, and tends to shut down quite early in the evening. If you are one of the many people who have invested in a combination system (satellite and Saorview) then you have the choice of watching the original UTV or UTV Ireland (unlike viewers who subscribe to Sky and UPC who have no choice and are stuck with UTV Ireland).

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