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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.

A wet February, a wet Spring

St Valentine's Day Sunday, 14th February

Our love is like the misty rain

Primrose that falls softly – but floods the river

African Proverb



LET'S TRAIL THE NORMANS

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Author Cathleen Brindley at the launch of her book 'Let's Trail the Normans' at Dalkey Ladies' Club recently – see page 19

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SUMMARY OF DCC MONTHLY MEETING

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Summary of the December Meeting held on Monday 14th December 2015 in OLH

There was a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the late Marie Byrne RIP who passed away on 10th December. Marie was the Road Rep for Ormeau Drive and Carysfort Road and was an all-round committed community person.

TT: The "Dalkey Community Group" including the DTT organised the Christmas celebrations and this year the Christmas lights have been aided by a DLR grant. The new Christmas tree at Writers' Corner added a lot of charm to the town. Permanent ground works have been carried out and the cost of this work will be shared by Dalkey Community Council and the Dalkey Business Group. It is planned to set up 8-10 squads to assist Des in the removal and recording of tags. In the eighteen months Des has removed over two thousand tags. The meeting adjourned for Christmas refreshments.

Summary of the January Meeting held on Monday 11th January 2016 in OLH.

The meeting opened with a minute's silence as a tribute to the late Finola Fiddler who was a very committed volunteer to DCC, DTT and the Dalkey community. She was Road Rep for Springhill Park.

TT: The DTT are seeking new volunteers to adopt areas and help in their maintenance.

HC: There is an extensive program planned for the coming year and full details will be published in the newsletter.

NW: Garda Cathy gave figures on the crime trend and hints on personal safety and tips on how to stay safe.

Planning: There is an application to change the façade of the Dun Laoghaire Shopping Centre. There will be more glazing and internal arrangements will change. The plans can be viewed in the DLR office or online.

AOB: The door of the An Post post-box at Sue Ryder is missing and DCC will make enquiries. The roads are in a worse state particularly after the heavy rain and are in need of repair. DLR will be contacted.

Next Meeting: Monday 8th February2016

❖ DALKEY NEWSLETTER ONLINE



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DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE



Numbers continue to grow and 2015 saw an increase of 12% in visitors. **Schools Programme** for National Schools in the county starts on Monday Jan 25th. Each year, over 1,000 young students attend this programme which covers all the following eras: Early Christian, Viking, Medieval & Victorian.



In tandem with this, Dalkey Castle will be part of the DLR Council's 'Spring into Heritage' Programme. This will run from March 21st to May 29th. As part of this, we will offer 8 sponsored free Schools tours to those in the DEIS scheme. In addition, there will be 8 council sponsored free tours, for local adults on Sundays at 14.40. Admission is free but must be pre-booked.



New tours from CIE:

Photo: John Fahy

There will be three additional weekly CIE tours into the castle and the town from April to the end of the October. This follows the success of their Leisurely Ireland tour series which we have had for the past two years and for which the castle won an award of excellence.

We are working with *Fáilte Ireland* and other relevant bodies for over a year on an exciting tour that would connect Dublin Day, (Dublin Bay Cruises) The DART, Malahide, city centre and Dalkey.

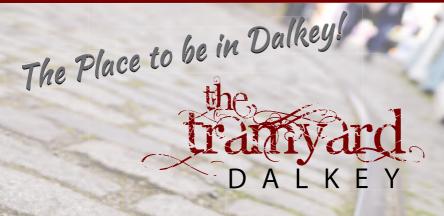
Literary Heritage: Our Maeve Binchy show 'Aches and Pains' and the extra shows, sold out completely. They were thoroughly enjoyed by capacity audiences and Maeve's family and her husband Gordon Snell. We will stage the show again in March/April time. So watch out if you missed it already, as the tickets sell out fast.

2016: There are many Council sponsored free events around the county remembering 1916. Pick up info booklets in any of the libraries. There is a series of lectures in the DLR Lexicon and Marlay House also, Booking required.

Lexicon and Marlay House also. Booking required. 2016 also marks the 90th anniversary (Nov 1926) of **Hugh Leonard's** birth. As you all know, Hugh Leonard was a Tony Award—winning playwright for his wonderful play '*DA*'. Known to all the locals as Jack Keyes, or Jack Keyes-Byrne, he put Dalkey on the Map. His wonderful autobiography '*Home before Night*' is a enlightening record of growing up in Dalkey (and Ireland) in the 30s, 40s and 50s. We will be honouring his memory with readings from his autobiography and dramatised extracts from '*Da*'. More details later.

So, busy times ahead. Please assist any visitors you see around the town and do send them into Dalkey Castle where they will be well looked after.

Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre



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In Pre-Prep. One (three year olds) the children developed their imagination skills by describing how they would use their *Magic Finger*. Pre-Prep. Two's (Junior Infants) visualisation skills were harnessed to create their own *Roly Poly Birds*, while in Pre-Prep Three (Senior Infants) fantastic chocolate bars were concocted for *Willy Wonka*. In the Prep Department Form I invented a new trick for *The Enormous Crocodile* and Form II worked on the use



Roly Poly Birds

of adjectives and alliteration in describing *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. Form III invented and then described a new *Marvellous Medicine* for George's Grandma Kranky and Form IV analysed *Despicable Characters* throughout Dahl's work, rating their top three and explaining why they ranked them this way. Form V focussed on *The Witches*, looking at characterisation Form VI explored the features of suspense writing inspired by *The Green Mamba*.

PRIMARY SCIENCE FAIR AT THE RDS

We were delighted to be invited for the 8th year in a row to display a project at The RDS Primary Science Fair which runs at the same time at the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition each January. This year our Form VI pupils researched "Do Free Range Eggs Have Stronger Shells Than Battery-Farmed Eggs?" Focusing on the physics behind egg



Egg Experiment

shell strength, the children conducted some "smashing" experiments and, surprisingly, concluded that the battery eggs held the most weight!

Alongside the main experiments the children also discussed the ethics behind each type of farming and looked at how dome structures (similar to eggs) can bear great weight due to their structure. They learned about the work of Buckminster Fuller the American architect who popularised the geodesic dome.

Amanda Mollard - Castle Park School

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During December, Loreto Primary School participated in many festive and worthwhile events. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, our Assemblies were made very special by lighting the candles on our Advent wreath and putting the symbols on the Jesse Tree. Ms. Edward's Fourth Class performed a Nativity Play on the last day of the holidays which really helped us reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Every class did Christmas artwork which we hung in the school hall for our parents to view. We thoroughly enjoyed doing it. We also took part in a recyclable Christmas decoration competition to link with our Green Schools project. Arabella Lyster from second class won first prize and attended Dun Laoghaire Town Hall where she met the other winners from local schools. We were very proud of her.

Junior infants to third class performed wonderful plays for the school and their parents, while fourth to sixth sang a beautiful medley of carols. They also sang in the local nursing homes, bringing much joy to all the residents.

We take part in a lot of fundraising in our school and this December was no exception. We designed our own Christmas cards, which our parents then bought. One euro from every pack was given to Temple Street Hospital, raising €529! Sixth class organised a 'Shoe Box Appeal' for the homeless. It was nice to imagine their faces when they opened the boxes on Christmas morning! We also gathered food for SVP. Our Student Council, with the help of Aviv Corrigan (parent), stayed on after school to make reindeer food. This was sold during the Christmas plays and raised €435 for SVP.

To add to all this excitement in December, the Sam Maguire came to our school! Ken Fitzgerald and Con O'Callaghan from the Dublin football team visited us with the cup and answered lots of questions from the pupils. It was an amazing experience for everyone. We sang them out with 'Amhrán na bhFiann', 'Molly Malone' and the 'Sally Gardens'. We certainly got our Christmas festivities off to a great start!

Our sad faces were turned the right side up coming back to school after the holidays when

we went to Dalkey Church to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and got to see the crib one last time.

Ellie Breslin, 5th Class



LPS ANNUAL CAKE SALE

Loreto Primary School will be holding their annual Cake Sale

Our Lady's Hall on **Saturday February 6th** from 10am to 12.30pm,

with a range of delicious cakes, bakes and refreshments as well as a fantastic raffle.

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Our first IWEB (Irish Wetland Bird Survey, the scheme that monitors wintering waterbirds in Ireland) count of the year was an early start on the second Saturday in January with a short span of time between first light and high tide, meaning we'd be a bit pushed trying to count the birds as they approached us, pushed in front of the advancing tide. A positive aspect was the weather forecast which predicted that most of the heavy rain brought by south westerly fronts was gone, to be replaced with crisp dry cold weather so when I opened the door I was unpleasantly surprised to hear again what had been a constant soundtrack for previous weeks, the sound of drumming rain. It had got even heavier by the time we reached the Booterstown DART car park where we sat in the car waiting for a

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When all the berries have gone Blackcaps will eat apples. You don't have to put the apple slices in feeders, you can stick them on to branches or thread them with wire and hang them from a tree

bit of light. Thankfully as the first light did appear in the east the rain eased off but when we crossed over the railway line we saw the sea was well in already.

Anyone familiar with the strand, even from passing it on the DART will have noticed the expansion of the raised bank just south of Merrion Gates. The vegetation has stabilised the sand and prevented erosion and the area continues to expand into a formidable dune like area of raised land extending out from the sea wall. A few years ago the Dublin Field Club had a fascinating outing there led by Dr. Declan Doogue who pointed out the variety of salt tolerant plants that now thrive there. It is now a very important roosting area for wading birds and when the incoming tide has covered up their feeding area on the sands thousands of Dunlin, Knot, Oystercatchers, Redshank, Ringed Plover, Bar tailed Godwits and gulls will move in there on to higher ground to wait for the high tide to recede when they will then move back to the sand again to feed on lugworms and many other little creatures that thrive in the mud. The vegetation of the reclaimed area is also host to flocks of linnets, starlings, goldfinch, pied and grey wagtails and many other species. In September you can often find wheatears feeding up before setting off on migration and during the November count we were lucky to see a Short eared Owl rise up from cover and fly inland.

We counted the birds there as best we could though at this stage the waders were forming into heaving masses whose size you could only estimate. At least the earlier gloom had now been replaced by glorious low golden sunshine and since the count includes birds on the sea we scanned across the water and saw Great Crested Grebes, 'rafts' of them stretched across the water. There were almost 200 of them to be seen but it was a pair close to the shore that attracted attention. Great crested grebes are famous for their elaborate courtship display when the birds almost dance on the water as they rise up facing each other with head bobbing movements before diving to emerge with a bill full of vegetation which they present to their potential mate. It's a display you'd expect to see on a lake or large pond in

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Certified GIS GID early spring but this pair in front of us were doing their 'water ballet' in the second week in January unseasonably early, a lovely sight on the glistening water.

We turned our attention to Booterstown marsh where the Black tailed Godwits cast mirror image reflections on the water. Spotting Snipe is always an enjoyable challenge and sure enough we spotted two groups in their usual place on the edge of the reeds but what was a new variation was a group of them in the grasses on one of the man-made 'islands', somewhere we'd never seen them before. When these two 'islands' had been created with spoil from road extension works they created a deal of controversy. The intention was good, to create a safe raised roosting places for when the tide was in full in the marsh but the size of them attracted much criticism. Happily it seems the birds themselves ignored the criticism and it supports big numbers of waders as well as Herons and Egrets.

On our way home we drove up to the cafe on Killiney Hill park and rewarded our early Saturday morning venture with tea and almond croissants then took a walk up through the trees. A flock of goldfinches busying themselves in nearby treetops attracted out attention and as we watched them fly off over our heads they passed a larch tree that we suddenly saw had two red squirrels feeding in its branches. The morning had started off so dismally I hadn't brought the camera but we had the telescope in the car so I hurried back

for it and was happy to find the squirrels were still there when I returned. The 'scope is essential for watching and counting wading birds and birds at sea though I wouldn't normally bring it up to the wood but here we had a squirrel who wasn't going anywhere in a hurry and we were able to stand and watch one, highly magnified in the lens. The squirrel would stretch out to prise off a larch cone then, holding it in its front paws, it would furiously shred off the scales with its teeth to get at the seeds inside. We hadn't seen any reds for weeks and thought maybe they'd taken up residence in surrounding gardens as many did last year, so it was a delight to see two up here. The day that had begun with so little promise had brought great crested grebes courting, snipe in a new location and two very busy red squirrels.



Red Squirrel feeding on Larch cones in Killiney Hill Photo: M. Ryan

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DOLPHINS RETURN! It is pleasing to begin this first edition of 'Maritime' Dalkey of the New Year, with news of Bottlenose dolphins sighted in early January while in waters between Dun Laoghaire and Killiney Bay. The first these cetacean species seen in south Dublin Bay for more than three years! The last sighting was in August 2012 and involved a pod of three bottlenose dolphins that had delighted local residents for two years before moving on to Kerry

and beyond. According to Irish Whale and Dolphin Group (IWDG) Sightings Officer, Pádraig Whooley, it was not clear whether this is the same group of two adults and a juvenile returning to their previously regular haunts. Since 2 January there have been regular sightings between Scotsman's Bay, Bulloch Harbour and Killiney Bay (see, IDWG research sailing ketch on 'lookout', Sept, 2013 issue). In November of 2012, it was announced a 'designate' Rockabill & Dalkey Island Special Conservation Area (SAC) be made as a habitat for Annex II species that includes the more frequently sighted Harbour Porpoise.

So for all you cetacean enthusiasts, while up on the Vico Road or elsewhere, bring a pair of optics and camera to see if you can locate, photograph and of course report to the IWDG on www.iwdg.ie

HURRICANE WELL ALMOST! What a severe winter this has been, notably in terms of long periods of incessant rain and very strong winds. So much so, that the Dublin Bay Weather Buoy on the day before New Year's Eve recorded near hurricane strength gusts.

The Dublin Bay Weather Buoy on 30th December measured gusts of 60 knots, not far off hurricane strength as Storm Frank intensified over the capital's waters that afternoon. To give an indication of the force of Hurricane strength is usually taken to mean winds of greater than or equal to 64 knots.

In Sea Area Forecasts from Met Éireann, "Storm Force Warnings" are issued if Beaufort force 10 or frequent gusts of at least 61 knots are expected; "Violent Storm Force Warnings"



Dublin Port tug Beaufort, named after the Irishman who devised the wind-scale in 1805 Photo © Jehan Ashmore

are issued if Beaufort force 11 or frequent gusts of at least 69 knots are expected and finally "Hurricane Force Warnings" are issued if winds of greater than 64 knots are expected. The scale is also used for the Shipping Forecasts broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in the UK.

Continuing on the meteorological theme, on the rare occasion should you spot a green hulled tug in Dublin Bay, this is likely to be Dublin Port Company tug sisters Shackleton





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and Beaufort. The latter tug is named after the Irish born (Navan) Royal Navy Rear Admiral, Sir Francis Beaufort who in 1805 succeeded in standardizing the scale of wind i.e. Beaufort scale or its full name Beaufort wind scale.

CRUISE-BERTH DECISION DELAYED: Despite an initial 18-week timeframe set by An Bord Pleanála, the decision to grant or deny the controversial €18m cruise-berth project lodged by Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company (DLHC), had not reached a decision as expected when announced on 8 January.

An Bord Pleanála cited one of the contributory reasons in the delay on the ruling of the project was caused from the month long oral hearings held in October. An Bord Pleanála has set a new target date of 15 April, however the outcome may still not be definitive, so watch this 'harbour' space!

FERRY RETURN? Also relating to DLHC, is the reinstating of a Dun Laoghaire seasonal-only ferry to Holyhead by a new operator? At the time of writing, following questions by www.afloat.ie to the company, a spokesperson said they hoped to be in a position to make a statement in early 2016.

It is a year ago when in February, DLHC through an e-tender process sought for a suitable operator to run the service in which a total of seven interested parties

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Sign of the times? Will a new Dun Laoghaire ferry service return in 2016? Photo: © Jehan Ashmore

were received. The historic route closed when HSS Stena Explorer was withdrawn in September 2014. The HSS was sold in November 2015 and towed to Turkey, where the fast-ferry is to be converted into a static floating office in Istanbul.

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Huge crowds gathered in Dalkey on 6th December for the arrival of Santa Claus. He landed on the roof of 15th century Goat Castle and then suddenly appeared in the crowd on his way to the stage from where he turned on the lights of the Christmas tree with assistance of the King of Dalkey. He then made his way to his grotto in the church car park! Further down Castle St at Archbold's Castle, the Crib included a real goat, sheep and a real donkey as well as Mary and Joseph. Large queues of children and parents patiently waited to see

the Crib and visit Santa Claus who had time for everyone. We were blessed with a particularly mild evening which added to the atmosphere. Earlier in the afternoon, choirs from the Dalkey schools had a Carol Concert attended by parents, friends and large numbers of children!

The event was run by Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee and Dalkey Community Council and part funded by Dun Laoghaire County Council. However, we would like to acknowledge the many other people who volunteered their time and those others who donated gifts etc. to make this annual event so special.

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Sadly, during the month of December Dalkey Community Council lost two of its members, Marie Byrne and Finola Fiddler. Both were long serving members and had the good of the community at heart. Marie was Road Rep for Ormeau Drive and Carysfort Road and was interested in many affairs of the council. She was a contributor to the Newsletter submitting various pieces about events, outings or snippets of local news. She was very involved in the Table Tennis and worked tirelessly to encourage new members into their ranks.

Finola was the Road Rep for Springhill Park. She also was a very dedicated person who gave her time very generously to the local community. She was very interested in bringing topics to the meetings for discussion and always followed through on action. Finola with Howard in tow went about cleaning Dalkey with Dalkey Tidy Towns. She was an energetic and optimistic woman and always willing to give a hand when needed. Marie and Finola were popular and very involved in local community work. They were much loved and they both will be sadly missed by all in Dalkey Community Council and the different organisations they were involved in.

A Thiarna déan trócaire ar a n-anamacha

♦ BOOK NEWS

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Professor Ian Robertson recently launched the book 'Let's Trail the Normans' written by local resident Cathleen Brindley. For Cathleen, frequently heard on RTÉ Radio's Sunday Miscellany, this was a new venture and the book has some surprising facts and answers the question, many of us would have posed, as to why there are so many fair-haired people in Sicily.

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We are setting up a *gofundme.com* page for our son Herve to hopefully raise money to help us buy a wheelchair accessible car and for future medical expenses. Herve's story is one of determination and absolute will power to survive from day one. Herve was born in October 2011, at 23 weeks and 6 days gestation; he was given little or no chance of survival. Herve is now 4 and has been diagnosed since the age of 1, with spastic quadriplegia and cerebral palsy, he is blind in his right eye and without his glasses has very poor vision in his left eye, he has hearing issues for which he uses his hearing aids, he gets fed through a peg feeding tube and because of the type of cerebral palsy he has he cannot walk or talk. In January Herve will have his first wheelchair. This is where we need your help. We are trying to raise money to get our first wheelchair accessible car for Herve. Please come and support our

Cake Sale on Saturday 13th of February in Our Lady's Hall.

Thanking you from The Rolland Family

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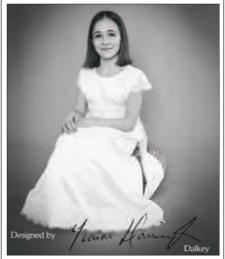
My name is Jane Byrne and I am a third generation Dalkey resident. I attend Coláiste Íosagáin in Stillorgan as a Transition Year student. This summer, in June, I have a very exciting trip ahead where I will be travelling to Zambia to build much needed homes, community and hope with the charity 'Habitat for Humanity'. The Global Village Sending Programme involves the participation of volunteers from all around Ireland who travel overseas to physically build homes in partnership with local communities for a period of two weeks. I will be travelling with 12 other teenagers from the Dun Laoghaire area to

Zambia. We are all really looking forward to what is shaping up to be a truly excellent trip. The whole group will be involved in various fundraising activities in advance of travelling to cover the cost of our trip. This month, we did a bucket collection in Dalkey during the turning on of the Christmas lights on December 6th. We also carol sang in Blackrock and in Stillorgan shopping centres. And finally we were bag-packing in Supervalu Blackrock on the 23rd of December, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. We were very fortunate to be able to do all this fundraising so close to Christmas in which people were very generous. We hope to be able to continue with our fundraising through the New Year. Every month I hope to keep you updated on how I am getting on and finally in June tell you all about my trip to Zambia. If you would like further information please visit the following webpage:

https://give.everydayhero.com/ie/jane-1 Until next month best wishes.

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1. Dillon's & Sorrento Parks

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- a. We are drawing up a list of ideas/projects for these parks that we can achieve on a relatively small outlay, with the help of interested local residents.
- b. New ideas welcomed to: tidy@dalkeytidytowns.com
- 2. Continue with the extensive programme of Graffiti removal; new helpers are urgently needed. (see update of our anti-graffiti programme in this issue)
- 3. Promote an "Adopt my Street "campaign with residents and their neighbours to remove litter in their immediate areas; contact us for bags & equipment if required.
- 4. New committee members welcomed to add ideas and expertise. We would particularly encourage anyone with computer skills to help us with fund raising and competition entries etc.
- 5. Weekly Litter Patrols are continuing from 10.30a.m. to 12.00 noon every Tuesday during the summer followed by coffee and a chat; again please help.
- 6. Encourage local businesses to maintain & upgrade their premises, particularly their frontages.
- 7. We hope to further enhance high visibility public locations / areas.
- 8. We will be continuing discussions with DLRCC in relation to the upgrading of the Square-about, including out-of-date signage.
- 9. Discussions with the Dublin Port Company regarding repairing the bad subsidence at Bulloch Harbour with the aim that it will be taken over by DLRCC in the near future.
- Continue discussions with Irish Rail in regard to station maintenance and graffiti removal.
- 11. We are investigating the feasibility of introducing security cameras to curb vandalism, including Graffiti damage
- 12. Promote feedback from local residents for ideas to improve the general Dalkey Area.

Please contact: tidy@dalkeytidytowns.com



PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 46-01 16/11/2015 to 8/1/2016

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

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

Reg. Ref. D15A/0703 Application Rec'd Date: 09-Nov-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Tack Packaging 2000, Victoria House, Victoria Rd, Killiney. Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing pedestrian gate, gate posts, steps and walkway on Vico Road with the construction of a new covered car port with grass roof, new stone gate posts, sliding gate and amendments to stone boundary wall. The site works and associated landscaping all on site of approximately 0.031 hectares.

Reg. Ref. D15B/0304 Application Rec'd Date: 24-Jul-2015

Applicant Name & Location: David Dolan & Orla Vaughan, 11 Barnhill Ave., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Demolition of single storey shed to rear and construction of single storey extension with roof lights to rear. 2. Construction of single storey front porch with roof light. 3. Associated internal alterations, external facade alterations and associated landscaping work. **Additional Information: 13-Nov-2015**

Reg. Ref. D15A/0730 Application Rec'd Date: 19-Nov-2015

Applicant Name & Location: John Sheridan, Saint Germans, Vico Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a new flat roof, 4 bedroom, 2 and a half storey split level dwelling and all ancillary site works including access road, terrace, landscaping, and a carport. The proposal is located to the rear of and within the curtilage which is a Protected and is accessed from Torca Road, where a new vehicular entrance is proposed.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0735 Application Rec'd Date: 20-Nov-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Robert Maharry, Shiosai, Colimore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: The development consists of a single storey side extension to the existing gatehouse and associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0746 Application Rec'd Date: 25-Nov-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Shane O'Gorman, 7, Castlelands, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development on this site. The development consists of new single storey extensions to the side and rear of existing detached house with new roof lights and the widening of the existing vehicular driveway and associated works.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0750 Application Rec'd Date: 26-Nov-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Noreen Farrar, site adjacent to 24, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for alterations to previously approved plans for a two-storey dwelling at a site (Reg. Ref. D07A/0507). The alterations will comprise an enlarged ground floor plan by extending to the west by 0.9 metre, altered entrance porch, revised elevations, a first floor balcony on the northern elevation and internal alterations.

Reg. Ref. D15B/0430 Application Rec'd Date: 25-Nov-2015 Applicant Name & Location: Donal Ryan, 30, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development on this site. The development consists of extending existing front bay to lower ground level, demolition of rear single storey ground floor 'lean-to' extension and construction of new single storey rear extension with lantern style roof light and associated landscaping and site works.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0755 Application Rec'd Date: 30-Nov-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Conor McGlynn & Ruth Staunton, 3, The Rise, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a) Demolition of existing side garage; b)Construction of new 18sqm side/front extension with pitched roof; c) Relocation of front entrance with new porch canopy; d)

Conversion of existing attic space with associated roof lights and dormer/apex windows; e) Internal alterations to complete ground floor layout; and f) Close up existing vehicular entrance and new 3.2m entrance formed adjacent existing pedestrian gate

Reg. Ref. D15A/0759 Application Rec'd Date: 30-Nov-2015

Applicant Name: David Whelan & Cathy Egan, 3 Tubbermore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the conversion of existing garage to living accommodation, replacement of existing garage doors with new window and widening of existing site entrance.

Reg. Ref. D15B/0341 Application Rec'd Date: 01-Sep-2015

Applicant Name & Location: David Tilson, The Willows, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for alterations to existing house, including the construction of a single storey extension to the rear, the construction of a two storey extension to the side and the construction of a dormer window to the rear. **Additional Information: 3-Dec-2015.**

Reg. Ref. D15A/0796 Application Rec'd Date:10-Dec-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Carole Crowley & Chris O'Grady, To the side of, 9, Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing garage and shed and the construction of a detached dwelling of 202 sq.m in the side garden of the site; with 3 no. bedrooms at first floor level; living, kitchen and dining spaces at ground floor level; including all associated landscaping/ancillary works and incorporating the construction of a new vehicular entrance to the existing dwelling.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0797 Application Rec'd Date:10-Dec-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Oliver & Josephine Tierney, Villa Maria, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention permission is sought for a decking area to the side of the existing dwelling and all associated site works. **Application Type: Permission for Retention.**

Reg. Ref: D15B/0453 Application Rec'd Date:10-Dec-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Mark McGloin, 88, Springhill Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a) re-design of front porch, b) new patio door to front garden, c)100mm overall external insulation with smooth render finish, d) 8 m2 single storey extension to the rear, e) attic conversion to include no.Skylights to the front and 2no. Dormer type window to the rear of the house, g) some internal alterations and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0681 Application Rec'd Date: 28-Oct-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Helen Stephenson, Martello Tower, Bartra Rock, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the removal of the existing metal and glass external stairs and construction of a single storey extension adjacent to the boundary wall linked to the tower by new covered stairs and all associated site works. A Recorded Monument (DU 023-22) and a Protected Structure. **Add. Info.: 23-12-2015.**

Reg. Ref. D15A/0815 Application Rec'd Date: 16-Dec-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Louise Byrne, 1 Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of demolition of existing second floor attic conversion and construction of a new second floor level with flat roof, existing first floor roof to be replaced with flat roof, amendments to all elevations, internal alterations and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0818 Application Rec'd Date: 16-Dec-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Stephen Murphy & Sophie Webb, 15, Carysfort Villas, Carysfort Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the proposed erection of alterations to existing dwelling house consisting of raising a section of the existing flatroof by 1075mm, installation of 1 no high level window and 2 no. rooflights, (no increase in floor area).

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0832 Application Rec'd Date: 18-Dec-2015

Applic. Name & Location: Warwick & Karen White, 1 Coliemore Vls, Colimore Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for amendments to previously granted/refused Planning Permission no. D15A/0415 comprising: A. Construction of new glazed painted hardwood Conservatory (additional 10 sqm) at garden level at rear. B. Re-location of kitchen from basement/garden level to main entrance level. C. Blocking up of non-original ope at first floor level at rear. D. Flush glazed roof lights to rear roof plane instead of previously refused dormer window structure. A protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0477 Application Rec'd Date: 23-Dec-2015 Applicant Name & Location: Geoff and Liz McEvoy, 53, Hyde Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the part demolition of existing extension to the rear and construction of new extended extension to the rear and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0846 Application Rec'd Date: 23-Dec-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Coltard, Dun Laoghaire Shopping Centre, Georges Street Upper, Dun Laoghaire.

Proposal: Permission for internal reconfiguration and refurbishment works within the existing shopping centre over five levels (including basement and mezzanine) including the reorganisation of the existing retail, restaurant/bar and mall/circulation floor space. The internal revisions will include the amalgamation of a number of existing units (including changes of use from existing restaurant/bar uses to retail) to provide 1 no. comparison anchor retail unit over two levels (3, 262 sqm gross floor area) and 1 no. medium sized unit (MSU 1,825 sqm gross floor area) over two levels; internal alterations to other existing retail units and mall space; the removal of the old ancillary management suite and re-location of the existing ancillary management suite and minor amendments to roof top plant and parking. The development will also include elevational amendments to the facades of the existing centre including the provision of glazed retail display boxes on the Marine Road and George's Street Upper facades; new entrance canopy; the provision of double and triple height glazing; revised pedestrian access and entrance arrangements; plant; signage and external lighting. All works are proposed substantially within the footprint and envelope of the existing shopping centre excluding floor space outside the Applicant's control.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0382 Application Rec'd Date: 15-Oct-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Julie & Cyril Maguire, 12, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing single storey extension to the rear and the construction of new two storey extension with balcony to the rear. **Additional Information:** 06-Jan-2016

Reg. Ref.: D16A/0005 Application Rec'd Date: 07-Jan-2016 Applicant Name & Location: David Murphy, Site at 23 Whites Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of an existing 9 sqm single storey rear extension, the construction of a single storey 5.8 sqm extension to the front and 45.47 sqm two storey extension to the rear consisting of 25.15 sq metres at ground floor level and 20.32 sq metres at first floor level, the application of external insulation and all associated elevational and landscaping works. All on on a site of 176 sq metres.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 46-01 16/11/2015 to 8/01/2016

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0699 Decision: Request Add. Info.

Date: 7-Jan-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Robert Fisk: The Billows, Vico Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which is located within an Architectural Conservation Area. The development will consist of the following: Provision of a single storey extension of 79 msq. to the east side of existing main house, minor internal modifications to existing house on ground floor to facilitate connection to new extension, provision of new roof terrace to flat roofs of the single storey extension, relocation of existing drainage services, modifications to some external retaining garden walls, provision of new patio to rear and all ancillary and associated works.

Decision: Grant Permission Date: 8-Jan-2016 Reg. Ref. D15B/0341: Applicant Name & Location: David Tilson, The Willows, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for alterations to existing house, including the construction of a single

storey extension to the rear, the construction of a two storey extension to the side and the construction of a dormer window to the rear.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0138 **Decision: Grant Permission** Date: 18-Nov-2015 Applicant Name & Location: RCGB Ltd. The Magpie Inn Public House, 115-116 Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of Change of Use to residential use of 2 storey 2 bedroom apartment (81.20 sqm) gross floor area) situated over ground floor to Public House and Retention for associated roof garden and also permission for new enclosed fire-protected access/egress routes to serve apartment. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area. A concurrent application for Permission for a new single storey apartment is also to be lodged with this application.

Decision: Grant permission for retention Date: 16-Nov-'15 Reg. Ref. D15A/0605 Applicant Name & Location: Alternative Building Solutions, 8 Sorrento Terrace, Sorrento Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Permission for Retention within the rear garden. The development consists of an enclosed flat roof shelter/changing area of c.11 sqm (not connected to house) of c.3m in height with decking finish to roof, all located in the lower terrace of rear garden, on a portion of existing patio area (adjacent to existing boundary to no. 7 Sorrento Terrace). No 8 is a protected structure. Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref. D15A/0613 Decision: Request Add. Info Date: 18-Nov-2015 Applicant Name & Location: James Delaney, Apartment 20 Skyview House, Vico Rock, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to retain a platform passenger lift to replace a spiral stairs, to access the first floor balcony to the eastward elevation. Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref. D15A/0629 **Decision: Grant Permission** Date: 25-Nov-2015 Applicant Name & Location: Gail Varian, Castle View, 50 Carysfort Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the addition of 2 no. new roof lights to the front roof, 2 no. new roof lights to the side roof pitch and a dormer window to the rear roof pitch. 2 no. new windows will be added to the west elevation and a new window to the east elevation, a new single storey extension to rear and side of dwelling and the addition of vehicular access to the front by way of widening the existing front gate entrance.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0637 **Decision: Grant Permission** Date: 26-Nov-2015 Applicant Name & Location: Sarah Webb, The Mews, 2 Mount Salus Road, Dalkey, (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Permission for the refurbishment and extension of the existing mews house (52 sqm) to incorporate a portion of Stanford House (a Protected Structure), involving ground floor (38 sqm) and first floor accommodation (37 sqm) and a second floor living room extension of (38 sgm) to the rear of Stanford House .A protected structure.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0638 **Decision: Grant Permission** Date: 26-Nov-2015 Applicant Name & Location: Melissa Webb, Stanford House, 2 Mount Salus, Dalkey, (A **Protected Structure**)

Proposal: Permission for partial refurbishment and extension. The development will consist of the refurbishment of the existing bathroom, en-suite shower room, kitchen and utility room within the existing house (existing house 269 sqm); Ground floor dining and family room extension to the rear of the existing house (21 sqm) and external terrace (13 sqm); the partial division of the existing house to provide accommodation over two floors for the existing mews house (subject of a concurrent planning permission). A protected structure.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0639 **Decision: Grant Permission** Date: 25-Nov-2015 Applicant Name & Location: Paul & Orla Gallagher, 6 Ullardmor, Ardeevin Rd., Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for: 1. Demolition of existing single storey extension to the rear. 2. Construction of a new single storey extension to the rear. 3. Internal and external alterations to the existing house, including new roof lights on both sides of the main roof. 4. Construct new entrance porch in existing carport. 5. Landscaping and all ancillary site and drainage works.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0646 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 25-Nov-2015 Applicant Name & Location: Jean Mitton, Sallymount, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: A. 11 sqm extension to front and side of existing dwelling at ground floor level, inclusive of a front porch. B. Fenestration alterations to existing front elevation. C. Rendering over of brick element to existing front elevation. D. All associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D15B/0368 Decision: Grand & Refuse Permission Date: 26-Nov-2015 Applic. Name & Location: Christian & Jillian Dijkstra, Eastmount, Knocknacree Rd, Dalkey. Proposal: Permission for alterations consisting of the following principal elements: 1. Demolition of existing two storey extensions to side of existing dwelling house. 2. Construction of replacement two-storey extension to side of house. 3. Addition of two two-storey bay windows to front of existing house. 4. Construction of new two storey staircase enclosure linking both levels to rear. 5. Internal refurbishment and remodelling works. 6. All associated drainage, site development and landscaping works.

D15A/0429 Decision: Grant permission for retention Date: 1 Dec-2015 Applicant Name & Location: The Smyth Family, Saval Park, Saval Park Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of Change of Use from outbuilding to Carers Accommodation. **Application Type: Permission for Retention**

Reg. Ref. D15A/0636 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 30-Nov-2015 Applicant Name & Location: Dr Markus Grimmeisen, & Leticia Medina Andres, 27 Knocknacree Park, Dalkey

Proposal: 1 Permission for demolition of existing garage to side of existing dwelling and sections of main dwelling to the rear. Construction of two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling, including accessible roof terrace at first floor level and single storey sauna at rear of site, inclusive of associated landscaping works. Widening of vehicular entrance to 3.6 metres. Refurbishment and renovation of existing dwelling, inclusive of all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0651 Decision: Grant Permission for Retention Date: 2-Dec-'15 Applicant Name & Location: Philip Scully, Apartment no. 6 Queenstown Castle, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure RPS No. 1544)

Proposal: Permission for Retention of modifications to existing apartment balcony (c.9.5 sqm).

A Protected structure. Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref. D15B/0382 Decision: Request Add. Info. Date: 3-Dec-2015 Applicant Name & Location: Julie & Cyril Maguire, 12, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing single storey extension to the rear and the construction of new two storey extension with balcony to the rear.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0656 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 8-Dec-2015 Applicant Name & Location: Harald Rinde & Nicole Stephenson Rinde, The Studio, Bartra Cove, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the existing property on site and the construction of a replacement 3 storey dwelling consisting of 3 no. bedrooms on the ground floor, living areas on first and second floors (with screened external terraces to all levels) and all associated ancillary site/landscaping works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0661 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 11-Dec-2015 Applic. Name & Location: Geraldine Gallagher, Rosetta Cotetge, Harbour Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the remodel and extension of terraced two storey cottage. Works include the provision of a two storey extension of 20 sqm to front and rear, modifications to the glazing throughout including new windows to front, rear and side, new roof lights rear and side, modifications to the roof. Raising the level of the existing terrace at first floor level and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0304 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 10-Dec-2015

Applicant Name & Location: David Dolan & Orla Vaughan, 11 Barnhill Ave., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Demolition of single storey shed to rear and construction of single storey extension with roof lights to rear. 2. Construction of single storey front porch with roof light. 3. Associated internal alterations, external facade alterations and associated landscaping works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0699 Decision: Request Add. Info. Date: 7-Jan-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Robert Fisk, The Billows, Vico Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which is located within an Architectural Conservation Area. The development will consist of the following: Provision of a single storey extension of 79 msq. to the east side of existing main house, minor internal modifications to existing house on ground floor to facilitate connection to new extension, provision of new roof terrace to flat roofs of the single storey extension, relocation of existing drainage services, modifications to some external retaining garden walls, provision of new patio to rear and all ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0341 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 8-Jan-2016 Applicant Name & Location: David Tilson, The Willows, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for alterations to existing house, including the construction of a single storey extension to the rear, the construction of a two storey extension to the side and the construction of a dormer window to the rear.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 46- 1 2015/16 16/11/'15 to 8/1/'16

Reg Ref: D15A/0605 Reg. Date: 22-Sep-2015

Location: 8 Sorrento Tce, Sorrento Road, Dalkey (A Protected Structure)

Development: Permission for Retention within the rear garden. The development consists of an enclosed flat roof shelter/changing area of c.11 sqm (not connected to house) of c.3m in height with decking finish to roof, all located in the lower terrace of rear garden, on a portion of existing patio area (adjacent to existing boundary to no. 7 Sorrento Terrace). No 8 is a protected structure.

Council Decision: Grant Permission for Retention Appeal Lodged: 14-Dec-2015 Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. Type of Appeal: 3rd Party.

Reg Ref: D15A/0636 Reg. Date: 6-Oct-2015

Location:27 Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

Development: Permission for demolition of existing garage to side of existing dwelling and sections of main dwelling to the rear. Construction of two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling, including accessible roof terrace at first floor level and single storey sauna at rear of site, inclusive of associated landscaping works. Widening of vehicular entrance to 3.6 metres. Refurbishment and renovation of existing dwelling inclusive of all associated site works.

Council Decision: Grant Permission Appeal Lodged: 23-Dec-2015
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. Type of Appeal: 3rd Party

Reg Ref: D15B/0368 Registration Date: 05-Oct-2015

Location: Eastmount, Knocknacree Road, Dalkey.

Development: Permission for alterations consisting of the following principal elements: 1. Demolition of existing two storey extension to side of existing dwelling house. 2. Construction of replacement two-storey extension to side of house. 3. Addition of two two-storey bay windows to front of existing house. 4. Construction of new two storey staircase enclosure linking both levels to rear. 5. Internal refurbishment and remodelling works. 6. All associated drainage, site development and landscaping works.

Council Decision: Grant & Refuse Permission Appeal Lodged: 18-Dec-2015 Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Condition(s) Type of Appeal: 1st Party. Reg Ref: D15A/0651 Registration Date: 12-Oct-2015

Location: Apartment no. 6 Queenstown Castle, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure RPS No. 1544) Development: Permission for Retention of modifications to existing apartment balcony (c.9.5 sqm). A protected structure.

Council Decision: Grant Permission for Retention. Appeal Lodged: 5-Jan-2016 Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. Type of Appeal: 3rd Party.

Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks 46-52 9/11/15 to 31/12/15

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0132 Appeal Decision: Grant Permission. Appeal Decided: 23-12-'15 Council's Decision: Grant Permission. Location: Plots 2 & 3,60 Ulverton Rd, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for the demolition of existing single storey dwelling. Construction of 1 no. 2 storey dormer style detached dwelling (254.03 sqm) on Plot 2 & 1 no. 2 storey dormer style detached dwelling (266.80 sqm) on Plot 3. Provision of 2 no. new vehicular access entrances and associated site works. **Applicant: Parliament Property Ltd.**

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0390 Appeal Decision: Grant Permission. Appeal Decided: 9-Dec-2015. Council's Decision: Grant Permission, Location: 24 Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for the division of the existing site and alterations to the existing dwelling to include demolition of the 2 storey bay to the side and single storey pitched roof extensions to the rear and the construction of a 2 storey pitched roof bay to the front and part 2 storey pitched roof, part single storey flat roof extension to the rear, re-allocation of dwelling main entrance to the front, minor elevation revisions to the front and side and formation of a new vehicular entrance to Castlepark Road and all ancillary site works. **Applicant: Sean & Giuliana Popplewell**

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0391 Appeal Decision: Grant Permission. Appeal Decided: 9-Dec-2015 Council's Decision: Grant Permission. Location: 24 Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for the demolition of the detached shed to the side of the existing dwelling and construction of a new part 2 storey pitched roof, part single storey 4 bedroom family dwelling and all ancillary site works. **Applicant: Sean & Giuliana Popplewell.**

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Tuesday February 2nd at 8.30pm: Conor Doyle will present his lecture '*The Theatre Royal Remembered*' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in The Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission € 3.

Wednesday February 3rd at 8pm: David Doyle will present his lecture '*Rev. Thomas Goff of Carriglea*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill. All welcome.

Thursday February 4th at 7pm: Kieran Allan will present his lecture '1916 and Ireland's Revolutionary Tradition' in Marlay House, Marlay Park, Rathfarnham. Admission free.

Monday February 8th at 7.30pm: Harman Murtagh will present his lecture '*Artillery in Ireland from the Armada to 1800*' to the Engineers Ireland Heritage Society in The Lecture Theatre, Engineers Ireland, 22 Clyde Road, Dublin 4. All welcome.

Wednesday February 10th at 6pm: Ms. Catherine Scuffil will present her lecture 'South Circular Road on the Eve of World War 1' to The Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse St., Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

Thursday February 11th at 7pm: Ms. May Moran will present her lecture '*Patrick Moran, Irish Volunteer and Trade Unionist*' in dlr Lexicon, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome – admission free.

Tuesday February 16th at 8 pm: Eanna De Burca will present his lecture 'St. *Enda's*, *Rathfarnham* (1916 Related)' to the Foxrock Local History Club in the Foxrock Pastoral Centre beside Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock. Co. Dublin. Ms. Una Ó'Callainain will present a short talk on 'Walter Osborne.' All welcome – admission €5.

Thursday February 18th at 7pm: Billy Campbell will present his lecture 'The Sherwood Foresters from Dún Laoghaire to The Battle of Mount Street' in dlr Lexicon, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission free.

Thursday February 18th at 8pm: Ciaran Doyle will present his lecture '*The Lifeboats of Wicklow*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in The Kinsale Room, Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All welcome – admission €4.

Thursday February 18th at 8pm: Tommy O'Rourke will present his lecture '*The Hedge Schools of Wicklow*' to the Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society in the Holy Rosary Family Centre, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. All welcome.

Wednesday February 24th from 10.30am to 12.30pm: 'February Open Morning Meeting' of the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Hardy's Bar, The Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome.

Wednesday February 24th at 6pm: Bernard Neary will present his lecture 'Rathbone *Tallow Chandlers*' to The Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

Thursday February 25th at 7pm: Angus Mitchell will present his lecture 'Roger Casement' in dlr Lexicon, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome – admission free.

Thursday February 25th at 7.30pm: Derek Young will present his lecture 'The End of an Era-the Changing World of the '60s. The final Days of UTA Steam and Railcars' to the Irish Railway Record Society in their Heuston Station premises, Dublin 7. Strictly Members & their Guests only.

Monday February 29th at 8pm: Seamus Cullen will present his lecture 'Kildare Connection to the Easter Rising 1916' to the Clondalkin Historical Society in Áras Cronáin, Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin.



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The excellent attendance at our DTT Graffiti Presentation in the Heritage Centre on December 8th showed clearly the level of concern about this ongoing vandalism in Dalkey.

Since the programme was launched, 2,279 Graffiti tags have now been removed by our volunteers. For such a small area, this is an enormous level of damage to private and public property. DTT continue to share the data base of all tags removed with the Gardaí, DLRCC and Irish Rail.

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Close monitoring by neighbours, quick removal, camera surveillance and local intelligence have all made a



significant impact. The Gardaí have taken action against eight individuals, six juveniles and two adults. Further suspects are being processed. Irish Rail have launched a new initiative and DLRCC have also increased their activities on the DART Line. The individuals prosecuted run the risk of carrying a criminal record which has serious repercussions in terms of their job interviews, career prospects, visa applications, etc.

Parents and Schools are especially requested to ensure that if aerosols and markers are used for various projects, children must be warned that they cannot be used on public property and criminal convictions can have serious repercussions for them in the future.

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On December 16th all classes performed Christmas plays for their parents. Then on December 22nd they performed them for the classes. There was a combination of nativity plays, sketches, comedy and song. We all had a great time practising and performing our plays. Afterwards we had a good Christmas and then returned to school on January 6th.

Well done to Garvan Lambert in Rang 2 who won the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Road Safety Christmas Art competition. On December 11th he went to receive his prize in the County Hall in Dun Laoghaire. All his classmates went to support him. WELL DONE GARVAN!

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

Services for February 2016

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

From the Rector – This year February will have one extra day. Lent begins February 10th - we mark it in Holy Trinity with a service on Ash Wednesday (more details below) – whilst many give up things, habits, etc for Lent – how about using that extra day to do something that will benefit others?

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

Clergy Conference – The Annual Clergy Conference will be held in Kilkenny from 1st – 3rd February. The Rector will be in attendance.

Ladies Guild – The Guild will meet next on Tuesday 9th February in the Carry Centre at 2.30pm. All Welcome.

Lent – The solemn season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 10th February. A service of Preparation will be held in Holy Trinity at 8pm. All welcome.

Select Vestry – The Vestry will meet at 8.00pm in the Carry Centre on Monday 15th February.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney – On Wednesday February 17th the Ladies will meet in the Carry Centre. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159 **Sunday Club –** Will next meet on February 21st in the Carry Centre

Bible Study and Prayer Group – The next gathering will be on Tuesday February 23rd at 10.30am in the Carry Centre.

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society) – On February 25th the club will meet in the Carry Centre at 8pm. All Gentlemen are very welcome to attend. More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Teggin or the Rector.

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

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 $\le 3 - \le 5$.

The Carry Centre – A full programme of activities and events is now available – please visit **www.carrycentre.ie** for more information.

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We welcome to the new Board, Chris Moore, Edward Farrelly, Barbara Kelly, Clara Richardson and the Rev'd Gary Dowd.

As always we extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to our Principal who ensures the smooth running of operations!

Hospital Visiting – The Rector would appreciate being told if parishioners are in hospital, going into hospital, are being transferred or if they have been discharged, and will be pleased to offer pastoral support. A selection of prayers is available from him or in the Church porches.

NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH





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Sunday Services for February 2016

7th February 9am Eucharist 10.15am Parish Eucharist. 14th February 9am Eucharist 10.15am All Age Family Service. 21st February 9am Eucharist 10.15am Parish Eucharist. 28th February 9am Eucharist 10.15am Morning Prayer.

Midweek Service each Thursday at 10.30am is Holy Communion with prayers for the sick. Celebration of Spring Concert (café style) – This will be a very entertaining evening in the Northover Hall on Saturday 13th February at 7.30pm, featuring Elizabeth Woods (soprano) from Royal Opera House, Brendan Collins (baritone) and Cathal Synnott (accompanist).

Children's Programme – The Children's Programme continues cookery class on Saturday 27th February at 10.30am.

Wednesday Film Socials

Our Film Socials continue on the second Wednesday of each month. Please see the Parish Newsletter for more details.

Oil Painting Art Class – Our art class continues each Thursday from 11-1pm. All welcome including beginners.

Parent & Toddler Group - Parent & Toddler Group takes place on Tuesdays 10.30am -12noon in the Northover Hall. Please do come along any Tuesday. All welcome.

Dalkey Inter-Church Lent Talks 2016

This year the title is *The Bible and Christian Faith Today* which takes place in Our Lady's Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 16th February Dr. Martin O'Kane – The Composition of the Bible Tuesday 23rd February Dr. Katie Heffelfinger – *The Prophecy of Isaiah* Tuesday 1st March Fr. Dermot Connolly, SPS, – *Praying the Psalms* Tuesday 8th March Sean Goan – Exodus, Passover, Resurrection

This will be the 6th Lenten series of talks organised between the Church of the Assumption and St. Patrick's Church. All are most welcome so please do mark these dates in your diary.

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❖ NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, DALKEY



Happy New Year to all our Parishioners, friends and neighbours, we hope it will be a year of blessings for our whole community.

This year we celebrate our 175th anniversary! Built in 1841 it is quite unique in that it stands in the centre of a very busy town and is easily accessible as a place of sanctuary for all. We will be planning a week of celebrations in September to mark our 175 years and hope to involve the whole community in these events. If you have any stories from the past or special memories or ideas, please email office@dalkeyparish.ie and let us know.

We had a wonderful year of renewal in Dalkey Church last year with a continued emphasis on faith development and also on spreading the joy of the Gospel with lots of social activities and retreats. We look forward to continuing this emphasis in 2016 as we enter the Year of Mercy – a year in which we reflect on the words of Pope Francis as he launched this special year on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception last year 'no one can put limits on God's love, for he is always ready to forgive. May the Jubliee of Mercy bring us all closer to God's goodness and love.'

We are delighted to welcome our 7 new members who joined Dalkey Parish Council in January, we wish them the very best with their appointments and welcome the new energy and ideas that they will bring to our community.

We now turn our attention to preparing for the coming Easter. This is a time of preparation, an opportunity to take a chance to reflect and look to where we are in our lives. As the days lengthen we look forward to more light in our lives both physically and spiritually as we connect with the new season.

Lent begins on 10th 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.

Once again we look forward to our very popular Lenten talk's series in conjunction St Patrick's parish team. These weekly talks start on 26th February at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Topics include '*The Composition of the Bible*' with Dr Martin O'Kane, '*Praying the Psalms*' with Fr Dermot Connolly and '*Exodus, Passover, Resurrection*' with Sean Goan and all are most welcome, there is no administration. charge. You can find further details on www.dalkeyparish.ie, in the weekly parish newsletter and on the OLH notice boards.

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. 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.

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,



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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 most welcome to the Mass and blessing.

We celebrate the feast of St Valentine's on **February 14th**. The relics of St Valentine were donated to the Carmelite Church Whitefriar Street where they reside to this day.

Once again we look forward to meeting Frs. Tony and Tiernan from Corpus Christi primary school in Moyross Co Limerick. The partnership between our two parishes has deepened during the year with some of the young people from the school securing work experience in Leopardstown Race Course over Christmas, working with the horses there. We would like to express our appreciation to our Parish Council who have worked hard to develop this ongoing relationship with the school. Fr Tony will attend Masses on the weekend of 5th/6th March to update us on how last year's collection was used and their needs for the coming year.

Finally, our new sound system has been installed and the Church redecoration will be completed over the next couple of months with a fresh coat of paint throughout.

Once again, we would like to hear from you; if you are interested in getting involved, sharing your views with us or simply want to say hello, you can drop into the Parish office between 10.30a.m. and 12.30p.m. each day, email office@dalkeyparish.ie, tweet @dalkeyparish, call 01 2859418 or visit www.dalkeyparish.ie. We look forward to hearing from you.

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West of Ireland
Weds. 10 Feb
Cake Sale in aid of Herve in OLH (10:00 –
2:00) in Our Lady's Hall
Sat.13 Feb

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Sorting of March Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm) Thurs. 25 Feb

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Dalkey Players present Jane Eyre by Polly Teale at 8pm in Dalkey Town Hall prior to departing for All Ireland Drama Festival Tour Thurs. & Fri 25 & 26 Feb DCC March Monthly Meeting Mon. 7Mar

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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St. Patrick's Dramatic Soc. Dalkey: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Rd., 8pm-10.30pm Mon. & Thurs. or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further info. New members welcome.

The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Soc. meets monthly in Dalkey. Interested call 086-8391839 Cuala Set Dancing Classes: Every Sunday from 8-10pm. €6 per night. All welcome. Scrabble & Afternoon Tea in aid of Barnardos every Wednesday at 3pm in Derrymore,

35, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Call Di Fitzpatrick at 285 0593 for more information.

Baby & Toddler Group. All pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome on Tuesdays from 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., Dun Laoghaire. €2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608

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

Nature Notes February 2016 – Tues. 2 February: Stuck in the mud – the hidden diversity of Booterstown Marshand threats from plastic pollution, by Dr. Danielle Senga Green. Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel at 8pm. In conjunction with DLRCoCo.

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