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# Dalkey Sees Red



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#### ❖ SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018 MONTHLY MEETINGS ❖

#### Monthly Meeting held on Monday 11th December 2017 in OLH

TT: DTT were congratulated on their excellent work during 2017. One of the main projects for 2018 is "The Seven Castles" project, where the location of each of the seven castles will be marked by a bronze plaque in the pavement and link in with two information panels that will be erected, one at Archbold's Castle and the other at the DART station.

**NW:** DCC welcomed Garda Ailbhe Boyce who is the new Community Garda for Dalkey. Ailbhe is replacing Garda Marion Power who is taking up a tour of UN duty in Kosovo and we wish her well. Burglaries remain the most prevalent crime in the area with the majority of incidents occurring between 12pm-8pm.

**AOB:** An engineer will review the DART station to assess the suitability for positioning of lifts

The members adjourned at the end of business for seasonal treats.

#### January Monthly Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 in OLH

**TT:** The name stone has been placed at the entrance to Dillon's Park. The work on the Seven Castles is well in hand and DTT are busy on their winter litter patrols.

**NW:** Garda Ailbhe reported that burglaries were well down and there were no major incidents over the Christmas. The Dalkey area is being patrolled thoroughly.

**Planning:** A new application for Bulloch Harbour has been lodged by Bartra Capital and the final date for lodging an observation will be **Monday 5th February**. A Public Meeting has been arranged for 23rd January in The Royal Marine. It is very important that as many lodge observations to save one of the last remaining working harbours on the east coast. (See pages 5 & 6).

**AOB:** The petition for the lifts at the DART station is now online and can be accessed at www.petitions.ie/view-petitions/ireland/liftdalkeydart

As there was no further business the meeting ended.

The next DCC Meeting is Monday 12th February 2018

#### ❖ NEWS FROM DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

**The Santa Castle Tours** proved extremely popular on the weekends in December. Great feedback was received. All tours were pre-booked (sold out) and parents loved the fact that there was no queueing.

The specially adapted programme for National Schools in the county starts the third week of January and will run until Easter. Each year, over 1,000 young students attend this programme which covers all the following eras that are relevant to Dalkey: Early Christian, Viking, Medieval & Victorian.



**The 90-minute presentation** will include a Viking raid in St Begnet's Church in keeping with the story from the *Annals of the Four Masters* where slaves from Dalkey Island could find sanctuary in a church.

The modern interactive screens will engage the students in sourcing historical information about the Vikings, The Normans, Dalkey Island and the Seven Castles of Dalkey.

**Scaled models:** the students enjoy examining the scaled models of Dalkey in the Middle Ages before the granite in the hill was gouged out for the building of Dún Laoghaire harbour. Other models show the transport systems with the funicular railway and the horse drawn and electric trams.

**As a memento of the visit,** the King of Dalkey (with his long titles) will present a personalised scroll to each child.

The award-winning Tudor living history tour for the general visitor will continue from 11.30 each day and fully at weekends.

The weekly tour series from CIE tours into the castle and the town from April to the end of the October will continue. Visitors, mainly from the US comment on the 'friendly village feel' of the town. There is a great need for a venue in the town that provides quality light lunches, as most of these visitors are having their main meal in the evenings as part of their packages. We are constantly working to secure more tour series for the future.

Maeve Binchy and Famous Irish Writers Walks will be continued during the summer months. Visitors from all over the world enjoyed these walks enormously last summer. While the participants come in the main for Maeve, they are delighted to learn about, our other internationally-known, award-winning writers: Hugh Leonard, Flann O'Brien, James Joyce, GB Shaw, Samuel Beckett, Jennifer Johnston and many contemporary writers and artists.



Local Resident and Tenor, Simon Morgan at Dalkey Castle Photo: John Fahy

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**Abundance of creativity:** Dalkey is very fortunate to have so many creative artists and writers associated with our town, both past and present. We are even further grateful to have an internationally acclaimed writer such as Maeve Binchy to link them all together.

Thomas Moore-Reawakened Speaking of local creativity, Dalkey resident and baritone Simon Morgan has devised a new show (with a host of others including Lisa Lambe) which will be performed in the National Concert Hall on Wednesday 21st February at 8.00pm. Locals will know Simon from performing in Dalkey Castle's 'Joycean Evening' for many years.

Tickets available at following online https: //www.nch.ie/Online/Thomas-Moore-21Feb18; or at the National Concert Hall on 01 417000. Dalkey Castle contact: info@dalkeycastle.com. Tel 285 8366

Margaret Dunne, Manager Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

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#### **❖** BULLOCH HARBOUR PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION



#### New Planning Application by Bartra Property Group for the former Western Marine site at Bulloch Harbour



Bulloch Model

Image: Bulloch Harbour Preservation Association

Having been rejected by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in February 2017, the Bartra Property Group have lodged a further planning application on 22 December for the former Western Marine site at iconic Bulloch Harbour. Unfortunately, this new application is in some ways worse than the one refused by the Council and it would seriously compromise the visual amenity of the harbour. The roof lines of the proposed residences are all higher than in the original application.

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### New Swim Term

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objected last year have largely been ignored. The application pays little attention to the special character, heritage and history of this small working harbour and would cause enormous disruption to the existing small businesses, residents, small boat owners, numerous harbour users and tourists. The overall scale, mass and height of the proposed development would be a gross intrusion on the modest and intimate scale of the current buildings.

The proposal still include buildings that we believe to be too large and too intrusive for this sensitive location. It includes (again) the cube shaped houses crowded together to the rear of the site, each comprising 412 sq m (4465 sq ft) of floor space, of three storeys plus structures above each house for lift and stairs access to the roof terrace. These houses appear to be now a metre higher than the previous proposal, that is taller than the adjacent county council pumping station, with a further 1.6 m (5.25 ft) access structure projecting above. The area is subject to serious over-topping i.e. entire waves with debris projected over the rocks to land where these houses are proposed.

The proposed quayside development will comprise a three storey building at the end of the quay with pitched roofs, to house a café and retail unit on the ground floor and two apartments each of 160 sq m (1722 sq ft) on the first and second floors, plus a craft boat workshop of 416 sq m (4478 sq ft) and a small single storey structure for community use. The three storey building would be two metres higher than the previous proposal and twice as high as the existing Western Marine grey and white quayside wall. This building would also extend 3.7 m (12 ft) closer to the edge of the quay than in the previous plan.

The long experience of flooding and the health and safety risks of overtopping are still not adequately addressed.

Much is made in the developer's proposal and attendant publicity about the handing over of the rock area to the north and east of the site to the County Council for public use. In living memory this area has been open to public access and suggesting otherwise is disingenuous and offers no additional public benefit.

The new proposal still does not address multiple concerns regarding access, traffic and parking.

The attempt by Bartra Property to place large residences alongside small marine-type activities in Bulloch Harbour is contrary to proper planning and sustainable development. Under the current "W" zoning residences are not a "permitted use" in Bulloch Harbour; they are only "open for consideration".

The Planning Reference Number is D17A/1135. The plans and a 3D scale model of the development are available in the DLRCC Planning Office, County Hall, Marine Road on weekdays between 10am and 4pm. The plans are now available online on the DLRCC website.

A public meeting to discuss the proposal will take place in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire at 7.30pm on 23 January 2018. The closing date for "observations" to the Planning Department of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is 4 pm on Monday 5 February 2018.

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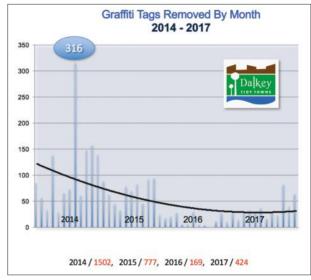
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#### GRAFFITI DESTRUCTION BY VANDALS CONTINUES

Four years ago, our Dalkey Tidy Towns team made a commitment to remove all Graffiti Tags from our Town. Since then, a total of 2.872 Tags have been cleaned from our walls, road signs, street furniture, boulders, shop fronts. the Dart Station and more, Last month, the work continued with the removal of 64 Tags over the Christmas period. Details have been reported to the Gardai. When prosecuted, the vandals expose themselves to a criminal conviction which can have a dramatic impact on their lives, job prospects, ability to obtain visas to enter Australia, USA, Canada and more.

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Cities throughout Europe spend millions each year on cleaning up the mess. Often seen as an early sign of Urban decay, neighbourhoods suffer seriously over time if the vandalism is ignored. Parents and teachers can help by monitoring the use of aerosols. All are asked to report sightings to **graffiti@dalkeytidytowns.com** and also to the Gardai.

GRAFFITI TAGS REMOVED IN DALKEY FOUR YEAR PROJECT

MONTH	TAGS REMOVED	TAGS REMOVED	TAGS REMOVED	TAGS REMOVED
	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	85	88	18	28
February	56	63	20	15
March	34	45	28	27
April	137	33	6	34
May	129	61	6	29
June	166	78	30	36
July	73	69	5	17
August	316	83	4	29
September	61	46	1	23
October	149	93	12	82
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December	139	24	11	64
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#### DARA CHOIR UPDATE





Dalkey Active Retirement Choir

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Photos: Sandra Comiskey

Dalkey Active Retirement Choir have completed a very active and rewarding 2017. In early October we joined other local choirs in the Dún Laoghaire shopping centre for the Festival of Inclusion. In November we gave a concert in Our Lady's Manor for the residents and their families which was a very enjoyable occasion. Our Annual Christmas Concert took place in the Church of the Assumption Dalkey on Friday 1st December. Our chosen charity was Blackrock Hospice and we contributed €1,050 to help with the refurbishment of their 14 respite rooms.

Finally on 21st December some members of the choir sang carols and read some seasonal poems in our local library. All performances were conducted by our musical director Derek Verso and we were accompanied by Cormuin O'Raghallaigh. We will start singing again on 10th January 2018 and new members are always welcome.



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Marie Comiskey DARA Choir

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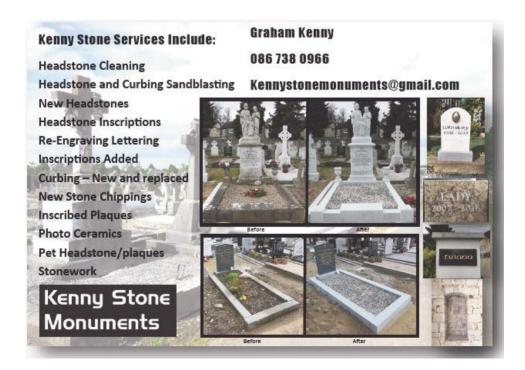


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Since October The Lego Club has been underway at Harold Boys' N.S. Initially the club has been opened to Second and Third class. This is the first of its kind and has proven to be popular among the boys. Each week a new theme is given and the children work to construct new and exciting structures. Some of the benefits associated with building Lego include developing patience and organisational skills, concentration and teamwork. It also provides an outlet for the children to explore their creativity in a fun and challenging environment. The boys work cohesively together to plan and build an end product. This provides a great sense of satisfaction and accomplishment among the boys. Each week Ms. Emma Molloy, the club's coordinator, takes photographs of the



The finished product, a speed boat Image: HBNS

finished products and displays them in the club's portfolio for the children to look back on. I hope that the club will continue to grow and expand at Harold Boys' N.S.

#### NEWS FROM LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### SCIENCE WEEK

Loreto Primary School took part in Science Week last term. We all enjoyed learning how to do many new science experiments. Sixth class took part in a workshop with a marine biologist and learned how to make a hydrophone. A hydrophone is an object that is used to communicate with underwater mammals.

Second class did a workshop on magnetism. After they finished their workshop, they explored the science behind magnetism and found it very interesting.

The two Fifth classes held a science fair. They demonstrated a wide range of experiments including making slime, dancing raisins, creating a water vacuum, static electricity, a marshmallow challenge, a water xylophone, coke and mentos, electricity with circuits and colouring celery with food dye. All classes from junior infants to sixth class came to visit the science fair.

The two Fifth classes also went to Dalkey library and did a workshop with a "Mad Scientist". He performed exciting experiments and explained how fun science can be. The "mad scientist" even managed to make one of the pupils "fly" using a wooden board and a leaf blower!



Mad Scientist creating an 'explosion' using Hydrogen Peroxide in Dalkey Library Image: Loreto Primary School

Overall Science Week was a great success and we can't wait for next year.

By Hannah McKenna, Doireann O'Donnell and Katelyn Lawlor (5th class)

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#### DALKEY AUTHORS LAUNCH THEIR BOOKS



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The AuthorBrendan Flood Photo: P. Thomas

Dalkey is renowned for its literary connections and this was evidenced recently when two new books by local writers were launched in the town.

A member of the D.A.R.A. Creative Writing Group, Brendan Flood, published his book, *The Coup and Other Stories*, a collection of memoirs and short stories in Northover Hall, St. Patrick's Harbour Road. It is a wonderful collection of short stories and memories over many years with a Dalkey base. An excellent and thoughtful read.

Meanwhile, in the Grapevine in Castle Street, Brighid ('Biddy') McLaughlin and her co-author, Kady O'Connell, launched their



new book 'Behind the Half Door', a splendidly produced collection of food stories and recipes all beautifully illustrated with local images.

Brighid ('Biddy') McLaughlin and her co-author, Kady O'Connell Photo: P. Thomas

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**Baby Book Clubs** will be held on 12th January, on 9th February and 9th of March from 10am to 11am. Explore books, rhyme and craft with your baby or young child with

the help of Sarah Keating.

Toddler Time will be held on January 26th

and February 23rd from 10.30 to 11.30am and will be facilitated by author Emer Conlon. We'll have storytime and jig-saw making from the wonderful Vroom-Town books.

Let's Play Time are open play sessions led by the participants. We'll be supplying toys and Duplo Bricks for the children to play and create whatever they want. These sessions will take place on January 19th,

February 2nd and 16th, and March 2nd and 23rd from 10.15 to 11.15am.

It's never too early to introduce your children to the joy of books and reading and what better place to start than in your library where there is an excellent selection of picture books to choose from.

Here are some helpful hints for reading to your baby:

Choose books with brightly coloured, simple pictures and lots of rhythm in the text.

Hold your baby in your lap so he/she can see the colourful pages of the book.

Include books that show pictures and names of familiar objects.

As you read with your baby, point out objects in the pictures and make sure your baby sees all the things you point to as you say each word.

Allow your child to touch and hold books. Cloth, sturdy cardboard books and 'touch-and-feel' books are all great for babies.

Allowing babies to handle books deepens their attachment to books and reading. Leave books where babies can access them themselves, perhaps in their toy area, rather than out of reach on a shelf.

Vary the tone of your voice with different characters in the stories, sing nursery rhymes, make funny faces, do whatever special effects you can to stimulate your baby's interest.

While reading to your baby, your child is forming an association between books and what is most loved, your voice and closeness.

Keep the reading sessions brief but read daily and often.

Enjoy this special one-to-one time with your baby. We'd love to see you and your children in the library. Membership is free and available to all. You just need to bring some ID and proof of address with you in order to register.

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i made it to Dawky after tree days the way you told me i was bound to an they took me on strate away after writan my name down in a big book that they showad me Thomas O Kane 16 agust 1821 an i went to mass the day befoar in a churrch in Dubblin like you tole me on account of that was the feast of the assumsion as good as a Sunday i walked all the way so my shoes are nearly woran out Miss Edgeworth was right when she said dayd be work in the quarry here weer lucky to have the likes of her to tell us whats goan on in the world tis not like any work i done before but im makan out all right dats your doan Mammey i don't know how you manadgd it after our father God rest his soll but no mudher ever done so much for her children the food you put in my bag lasted to wensday but they gave me what they call a sub of two shillans an that will keep me goan until tomorow when i will get my first wages thayll take that out of what i have errand for the week but that will leave me with ten shillans an dats more than anyone wood need to keep body an soul togedder next week ile know then how things stand an how to manadg things tis all new here an there is great wonders evrywhare but with the workan you have to do you hardly get to look around you the same having to work all the hours the good God sinds us im not sure at all yet how things outside of work work im told I can buy an envelope, paper an pencil for four pence from a man who goes around the quarry sellan things thay call him by a hawkor and if i give him another tuppence he'll get a stamp an post this for me ile have to trust him an he has the looks of an onast man i hope it travels as far as you ile write again soon when i see how things are workan out 'tis great Miss Edgeworth gave me the pensel and paper vour lovan son Tom

#### Dear Mammey

im here a month now an getin youst to it most of the time im workan up here in the quarry above Dalkey dats how to spell it sumtimes they send me down to anodder quarry when dare a bit short down at Glastool but i dont like that verry much becase i have to walk back up here when we finnish up for the day an im very tired coman up the hill to the camp an i have to make my dinnor an a few times it does be stolen when i get here after the few times i told the ganger that an he said he wood keep me up here as much as he can but ime the youngest an tis easy to pick on me out of all the men who are here which are about six hundred hes not the worsd in the world because he let me go an by a pair of boots when he saw the state of what i had i also got a shurt an a cap to keep out the rain becaws we get very wet in the rain an we have to keep on workan an just the same as at home it gets wet a lot an the coat Miss Edgeworth gave me when i was goan is a great help an the purse with the two shillans in it i got boots an a cap in a shop in Dunleery an ile by some stockings soon too becase i had to give three shillans an six pens to the shop for the boots an cap i keeps my money in the purse always with me becase if theres some wud take your food dade take your money sooner ive a bit in hand now an maby ile find a way to send you on a bit soon i hope Willie an Josie an Peggy an Martin are well an of coarse yourself i gos to the top of the hill some times when i gets a chance an look away out over the flat land and makes on i can see Edgeworthstown far away an i do have a bit of a cry an also becase some whare dare Daddey was drownded maken the rile canal an went to heavan vour lovan son

Tom

By Kevin Hurley











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#### DALKEY SEARCH FOR ELEVEN LOCAL MEN BEGINS - CAN YOU HELP?



Image: Dalkey Tidy Towns

Corporals: Charles Craney, James Dalton and Henry Mullen Volunteers: Vincent Delaney, Alfred Hill, Nicholas Kinsella, John Larkin, John Mooney, Thomas Smiles, James Smith, Samuel V. Williams

The fascinating story begins.

A highlight of the year 2017 for our Dalkey Tidy Towns team, with the full support of DLRCC, was the unveiling of the magnificent Sorrento Park summit compass viewing area last Easter Monday morning. This turned out to be just the start of a totally unexpected adventure.

During World War Two, a small group of eleven individuals played a vital role in the air defences of Dublin. Probably local Dalkey individuals, they manned what was known as Look Out Post No.7 (LOP) of the Irish Wartime Marine and Coast Watching Service, a branch of the Defence Forces of the day. This was located on the exact site of our new Sorrento Park summit compass. In fact, the red bricks to be seen there today were recovered from the original platform constructed for an Anti-Aircraft Gun, Listening Tower, Searchlight and Observation Hut. The structures and equipment were part of the air defence network around Dublin during the Second World War. They were also part of a coastal observation network made up of 83 LOPs which were spaced about 10 miles apart along the entire Irish coastline.

The movement of the regular waves of up to 50 German Bombers passing overhead from the early 1940's on their way to Belfast and Liverpool was closely monitored and recorded in detail. The Dalkey LOP Logbook dated June 27th 1940 recorded that all assembled in Sorrento Park at 10.00hrs for inspection by the then 40 year-old Assistant Chief of Staff, Lt General Hugo McNeill.



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#### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Dalkey LOP No.7 was manned by eleven local men of military age who had either a marine background, had been in the Reserves or in many cases in the IRA during the War of Independence. These were Corporals: Charles Craney, James Dalton and Henry Mullen, Volunteers: Vincent Delaney, Alfred Hill, Nicholas Kinsella, John Larkin, John Mooney, Thomas Smiles, James Smith and Samuel V. Williams. We are now trying to make contact with any survivors or relatives in a search for information, photos and momentos to help keep their deeds and stories alive. Any information will be greatly appreciated. Please send any helpful details to: des@dalkeytidytowns.com

#### **❖** GUS'S BIKE ... Continued



Perusing a copy of Thom's Directory for 1915 I was struck by the number of family names that are synonymous with Dalkey as we knew it in the past and as we know it today - McWilliams, Mullen, Greaves, Dr. Wright, Tyson, Lambkin, Bryan and many more. I checked Railway Road and, lo and behold, there was JAMES FARRELL, 16, Railway Road, Dairy Inspector (DUC). (*This is probably Dalkey Urban Council*). He is also listed as the School Attendance Officer. So, my thinking, wherever it came from, that Gus's father was in the RIC was probably quite mistaken.

Another name in the list of officers of the Council is Shirley Going. He, in fact, had been one of the founder members of Sandycove Tennis Club with which Gus had such a strong association.

I hope this adds a bit of real Dalkey history to the story of Gus's bike.

**Brendan Henderson** 

### D.A.R.A. WRITERS' GROUP CORNER



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Honey-pots, or maybe Honey B. or maybe aromatic spices and citron peel, heather and thyme and mint and pine-resin,

Maquis wafted from the shores of heaven - Greetings from this northern resident pent in her discontent beside a sullen sea -

And yet the greengage tree is in full bloom three kittens scramble in the tangle of interlacing twigs and spars sprigged green - and spangle a shower of bridal whiteness shaped like stars.

The charnel jousting of malodorous bones; the cluttered flotsam of the carnivore, has been eschewed from the back garden, the graveyard is in evidence no more. Honey - pots, or maybe Honey B. or amber, woodsmoke and frankincense, meadow grass, meadow-sweet, crown of Bay, all nectars that i taste within me are from you - Love P.

By Patricia Cahill Griffin M:086 2059595

#### Star Struck

My love you are my miracle and my good My entertainment and my food My sanity and my delight;

You are my twin from ages past My alter ego at the last My Cronus from the Age of Gold My Cheron, my Eros.

You dance upon my ocean form Your Baal Stone etched before my dawn Our Moons in cognisance embrace Our Suns blaze face to face.

By Patricia Cahill Griffin

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 46-52 13/11/2017 to 22/12/2017

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0250/E Application Rec'd Date: 13-Nov-2017

**Applic. Name & Location:** Michelle Delaney, Front of Saval Park House, Saval Park Rd, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission is sought for a single storey, 2 bedroom house & associated site works with right of way & access off previously approved entrance (Reg. Ref. D95A/0259) on 0.0313 hectares at the front. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0730 **Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Aug-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Richard Glavin, 8 Sorrento Drive, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission for development consisting of: 1. The demolition of existing detached garage to the side and partial demolition of the gable end of the existing semi-detached dormer bungalow. 2. The construction of a pitched roof side extension and a flat roofed single storey rear extension. 3. Alteration to existing dormers and the construction of a new side dormer with new velux roof light to the front and rear. 4. Repositioning of front entrance with new bay projection beside and elevational alterations to front and rear. 5. Repositioning of existing vehicular entrance and new pedestrian entrance with, landscaping, drainage works and ancillary and associated works. **Additional Information:** 14-Nov-2017

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0999 Application Rec'd Date: 13-Nov-2017

Applicant Name & Location: David & Sarah Kelly, 10 Old Quarry, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for: 1. Demolition of the existing garage to the rear and partial demolition of the rear structure of existing house. 2. Construction of a single storey flat roof extension to the side and rear. 3. New roof lights in existing and proposed roof. 4. Rear elevation changes and internal works. 5. Works to driveway, landscaping, soak away, drainage works and ancillary and associated works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/1013 **Application Rec'd Date:** 17-Nov-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Sean & Giuliana Popplewell, 24 Castlepark Road, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for the construction of a new 1.8m high boundary wall to the front of the existing dwelling and all ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/1014 Application Rec'd Date: 17-Nov-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Sean & Giuliana Popplewell, 24, Castlepark Road, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Retention permission is sought for the demolition of existing two storey bay to the side and single storey lean-too to the rear and retention permission is sought for the construction of a single storey flat roof extension and pitched roof extension at first floor level all to the rear. Retention permission is sought for construction of new single storey flat roof bay and new entrance to the front including canopy and new fenestration to the side and rear of the existing dwelling. Permission is also sought for a new vehicular access onto Castlepark Road as per granted permission D15A/0390 and all ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0512 Application Rec'd Date: 15-Nov-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Michael & Antoinette Carroll, 22, Convent Road, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for proposed extensions, alterations and refurbishment of existing dwelling, including first floor dormer windows to rear roof slope, extending floor area and increasing height of existing ground floor rear return. Proposed re-proportioning and sizing of all existing front and side window openings, proposed ground floor extension to side of dwelling and proposed remodelling and increased height of garden walls and screens.

**Decision:** Declare Application Invalid. **Decision Date:** 17-Nov-2017.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/1033 Application Rec'd Date: 27-Nov-2017

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

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for development at the site which is located within an Architectural Conservation Area. The development will consist of the following: removal of existing garage (16 sqm); Provision of a single storey extension of 58 sqm and single storey garage of 22 sqm to the east side of existing main house, minor internal modifications to existing house at ground floor level to facilitate connection to new extension, provision of planted flat roofs to single storey extension and garage, drainage connections to existing drainage services and all ancillary and associated works necessary to facilitate this development.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/1044 **Application Rec'd Date:** 30-Nov-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Leentje Folens, 56, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for the following: a) to erect a two storey extension to the rear comprising a 23 sqm ground floor dining/kitchen extension and 6 sqm first floor bathroom extension b) a 13 sqm single storey gym/exercise room extension to the front c) retention of widened entrance gate opening d) 5 new windows to existing side elevation. New windows throughout. New heating, plumbing and electrical services. New foul and surfacewater drainage - together with ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0543 Application Rec'd Date: 1-Dec-2017

**Applic. Name & Location:** Stephen & Catherine Pike, 14, Dalkey Grove, Dalkey, A96 YT22 **Proposal:** Permission for development. The proposed development consists of a single storey rear extension, glass covered pergola to side of house, internal amendments and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0191/E Application Rec'd Date: 13-Dec-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** John & Brigid Fagan, 4 Mont Alto, Sorrento Road, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Planning permission is sought to build a first floor extension on the existing rear ground floor walls and associated works to include 3 Velux windows and the raising in height of existing rear chimneys. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/1072

Application Rec'd Date: 7-Dec-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Bernice & Brian Barrington, 3 Church Road, Dalkey. (A portion of this site is located with the Dalkey Architectural Conservation Area)

**Proposal:** Permission for: A. Demolition of the existing rear single storey extension to the existing dwelling, including a section of the existing boundary wall onto the adjacent laneway. B. Construction of a new single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dwelling. C. Erection of 2.0m high fence along the existing shared boundary with the neighbouring property. D. Erection of a bin storage shed to the front curtilage of the dwelling, along with all associated site works and landscaping.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17B/0563 **Application Rec'd Date:** 8-Dec-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Michael & Antoinette Carroll, 22, Convent Road, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission is sought for, Permission for Proposed extensions, alterations and refurbishment of existing dwelling, including first floor dormer window extension full width of rear roof slope, extending floor area and increasing height of existing ground floor rear return. Proposed re-proportioning and sizing of all existing front and side window openings, proposed ground floor extension to side of dwelling and proposed remodelling and increased height of garden walls and screens.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0846 Application Rec'd Date: 21-Sep-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Harald Rinde & Nicole Stephenson Rinde, The Studio, Bartra Cove, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for variations to existing Grant of Permission (Reg. Ref. D15A/0656). Permission granted involved demolition of existing 3 storey dwelling and construction of a new replacement 3 storey dwelling. The proposed amendments include, reduction in overall floor

area, alterations to façades at all levels, omission of east facing terrace at 1st floor level, alterations to extent of south facing terrace & provision of garage. **Add. Info:** 11-Dec-2017.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0566 Application Rec'd Date: 11-Dec-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Helen & Conor Kavanagh, 29, Carysfort Road, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for development. The development will consist of the demolition of the existing extension and shed to the rear and the construction of a new single storey extension to the rear of the existing single storey terraced house with internal and external alterations including replacement of the existing windows and associated landscaping.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/1130 **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Dec-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Crohan O`Shea & Teresa O'Toole, Fairmile, 17, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought to widen existing entrance and install new gate and to replace existing dilapidated boundary fence along Hyde Road with a dashed masonry wall to match the wall opposite. **D16A/0988** 

Applicant Name & Location: Thomas Kelly, 10, Corrig Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a development consisting of the demolition of the existing single storey dwelling and the construction of a 3 bedroom, detached, dormer dwelling along with all associated site development and engineering, landscaping and boundary treatment works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/1135 Application Rec'd Date: 22-Dec-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Bartra Property (Dublin) Ltd. Former Western Marine Building, Bulloch Harbour, Dalkey, A96 X6W2.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition and clearance of the existing industrial single storey warehouse and sheds (1210 sqm) and the development of a mixed-use marine commercial, leisure/community and residential based development. The proposal is for the construction of: 1) A craft boat building workshop / craft boat storage facility (416 sqm), 2) A single storey building incorporating relocated marine leisure unit (10 sqm), relocated marine commercial unit (10 sqm) and community water sports changing facility (42 sqm). 3) A three storey building incorporating a café (108 sqm), apartment entrance hall (44 sqm) and apartment car parking (2 spaces, 40 sqm) at ground floor level, a two bed apartment (160 sqm) with associated balcony at first floor level and a two bed apartment (160 sgm) with associated balconies at second floor level, 4) A single storey relocated seafood sales outlet (26 sqm), 5) 4 no. fisherman's huts, (total area 18 sqm), 6) A new public square fronting on to the harbour (20m wide x 9m deep). 7) 3 no. three storey detached houses (each 412 sqm) each with roof terraces, and off street covered parking for 2 cars. 8) The existing southwestern vehicular access from Bulloch Harbour will be maintained and upgraded creating a twoway roadway and shared footpath affording access to the proposed dwellings to the rear of the development. 9) 3 no. visitor car parking spaces to the rear of the site. 10) The existing boundary wall will be maintained and repaired with natural coursed granite stone. 11) The development will also include piped infrastructure and ducting; changes in level; site landscaping and all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground.

Last date for Observations Monday 5th February. 10, Corrig Road, Dalkey.

#### PLANNING DECISIONS FOR Wks 46-52 2017 13/11/'17 to 22/12/2017

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0846 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 13-Nov-2017 **Applicant Name & Location:** Harald Rinde & Nicole Stephenson Rinde, The Studio, Bartra Cove, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for variations to existing Grant of Permission (Reg. Ref. D15A/0656). Permission granted involved demolition of existing 3 storey dwelling & construction of a new replacement 3 storey dwelling. The proposed amendments include, reduction in overall floor area, alterations to façades at all levels, omission of east facing tce. at first floor level, alterations to extent of south facing terrace and provision of garage.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0865 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 17-Nov-2017 **Applicant Name & Location:** Des Barker, No 14 & Fermoyle, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for: 1. Demolition of single storey front extension and single storey buildings to side of house and rear chimney stack, proposed two-storey extension to side of house, proposed single storey extensions to front and rear of the house, proposed apex roof light to main roof ridge and four standard roof lights each on main front and rear pitches, widening of first floor window on front elevation and ancillary site works at No. 14. 2. Vehicular entrance alterations and improvements onto Ardeevin Road and widening of shared driveway to both.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0874 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 22-Nov-2017 Applicant Name & Location: Karl & Julia O'Connell, Eden Rock, 2 Dalkey Sound, Green Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for an extension to existing balcony at first floor level on the south facade of an existing dwelling including associated support and modifications to landscape.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0450 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 22-Nov-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Lise Underwood, Glengariffe House, Victoria Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the construction of a cantilevered balcony, 1.2m wide x 12.9m long, at upper ground floor level, to the side (south east) elevation of the existing dwelling. The proposed new balcony replaces a previous balcony, which was removed a number of years ago. The proposed new balcony will be in exactly the same position as the original balcony.

Reg. Ref.: D16A/0988 Decision: Declare Applic. withdrawn Date: 29-11-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Thomas Kelly, 10, Corrig Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for a development consisting of the demolition of the existing single storey dwelling and the construction of a 3 bedroom detached, dormer dwelling along with all associated site development and engineering, landscaping and boundary treatment works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0899 Decision: Request Add. Info Date: 1-Dec-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Brinnin Holdings Ltd. Rear of Saint Brendan's, Harbour Road, Dalkey, and accessed off Ulverton Road between Aisling, Ulverton road, Dalkey & Verona (68) Ulverton Road, Dalkey

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

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0466 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 1-Dec-2017 Applic. Name & Location: Brian & Hazel McConnell, Stokeville, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey. Proposal: Permission for demolition of the existing single storey porches and extensions on the south-east, south-west and north-west façades of the existing house and replacement with new single storey extensions on the south-east, south-west and north-west façades, general refurbishment, internal alterations and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0904 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 4-Dec-2017 Applicant Name & Location: Castlepark School, Castle Park School (Protected Structure), Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0909 **Decision: Grant Permission Date:** 5-Dec-2017 **Applicant Name & Location:** Peter McCrodden,14, Barnhill Park, Dalkey.

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D17B/0467 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 4-Dec-2017

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0730 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 11-Dec-2017 Applicant Name & Location: Richard Glavin, 8 Sorrento Drive, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission for development consisting of: 1. The demolition of existing detached garage to the side and partial demolition of the gable end of the existing semi-detached dormer bungalow. 2. The construction of a pitched roof side extension and a flat roofed single storey rear extension. 3. Alteration to existing dormers and the construction of a new side dormer with new velux roof light to the front and rear. 4. Repositioning of front entrance with new bay projection beside and elevational alterations to front and rear. 5. Repositioning of existing vehicular entrance and new pedestrian entrance with, landscaping, drainage works and ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0938 Decision: Refuse Outline Permission Date: 13-12-2017
Applicant Name & Location: S Batt (Joint Exec. of estate of K Batt) Caldragh, Saval Park
Road, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0941 Decision: Refuse Permission Date: 14-Dec-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Martello Finance Company Ltd. Beulah, Harbour Road,

Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

**Proposal:** Permission for alterations to previously approved permission ABP Ref. PL06D.248460. Alterations will include changes to the size and design of the extension to the side of the house including the addition of a first floor.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0957 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retenton **Date:** 15-12-2017 **Applicant Name & Location:** Catherine & Mark Taylor, 7, Knock-na-cree Park, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Retention Permission is sought for the alterations to works in relation to planning application D16A/0645 consisting of 1. Omitting the stair garden access from the western side of the rear terrace. 2. Relocation the stair access on the eastern side of the rear terrace. 3. Creation of an accessible void below the rear terrace for garden storage associated & ancillary works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0962 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 15-Dec-2017

**Applic. Name & Location:** Kathy Wray & David O'Keeffe, 4, The Rise, Barnhill Rd., Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission is sought for relocation of existing vehicular and pedestrian entrance. To include permission for dishing of public footpath and all associated site development works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0964 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 15-Dec-2017

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

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

the proposed garage conversion and ancillary works integrating the proposed granny flat with the existing accommodation.

#### Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 46-52 13/11/17 to 22/12/17

Reg Ref: D17A/0766 Date: 28-Aug-'17 Location: Tetherdown, 21, Dalkey Ave, Dalkey. Development: Retention permission of a ground floor extension by the conversion of an exempt development garage to a study (24.75 sq.m.) and a store (10.5sq.m) to the rear of the study. Council Decision: Refuse Permission for Retention. Appeal Lodged: 16-11-'17 Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission. Type of Appeal: 1st Party. Reg Ref: D17A/0769 Date: 29-Aug-'17 Location: Redan Hse, Ardbrugh Rd, Dalkey. Development: Permission for development of the demolition of the existing 2 storey detached dwelling (c108sq.m); Construction of 3 no. 2 bedroom, 2-3 storey terraced houses ranging in size from c.107sq.m to c.150sq.m; South facing courtyards/patios at first and second floor levels; All associated site development works, services provision, car parking, bin stores, open space, vehicular/pedestrian access, landscaping and boundary treatment works. All on a site of c.0.13 Ha at Redan House. Council Decision: Refuse Permission. Appeal Lodged: 17-Nov-2017. Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission. Type of Appeal: 1st Party Appeal.

**Reg Ref:** D17A/0797 **Date:** 7-Sep-2017 **Location:** Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey **Development:** Permission is sought for new dwelling house design and location in place of house granted under D06A/1619/E with entrance provided including driveways, landscaping, boundary wall, connections to drainage and services already provided and ancillary works. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 27-11-2017. **Nature of Appeal:** Against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

### Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 46-52 30/10/'17 to 22/12/'17

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0797 **Decision:** Withdrawal of Appeal **Appeal Decided:** 13-Dec-2017 **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Location:** Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** Permission is sought for new dwelling house design and location in place of house granted under D06A/1619/E with entrance provided including driveways, landscaping, boundary wall, connections to drainage and services already provided and ancillary works. **Applicant:** Siobhan Smyth.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0117 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission. **New Determination Date Due:** 17-Oct-2017. **Appeal Decided:** 16-Nov-2017. **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Location:** Lands at, Dalkey Manor, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Planning permission is sought for development comprising 1) demolition of existing two-storey dwelling 'Dalkey Manor' (273 sqm) and ancillary single-storey outbuilding, entrance gates, piers and splay walls; 2) construction of 29 no. dwellings (18 no. four bedroom three-storey, 1 no. three-bedroom three-storey, 4 no. three-bedroom two-storey, 2 no. three-bedroom one-and-a-half storey, 2 no. three-bedroom single-storey, and 2 no. two-bedroom single storey); 3) 56 no. parking spaces and private gardens to each dwellings; 4) upgraded vehicular entrance on Barnhill Road, internal roads, footpaths, shared surfaces street lighting; 5) public open space, landscaping, tree planting and boundary treatments; 6) alterations to site levels, SuDS surface water drainage; foul water and potable water connections; and 7) all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development. All on a site of 0.935 hectares. The proposed development is adjacent to Dalkey Lodge, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin (a Protected Structure).

Applicant: Melmousa Devco Limited.



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#### FEBRUARY IN MY GARDEN by Philippa Thomas

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With Spring just around the corner, there is plenty to do in the garden... Our days are definitely lengthening and officially, our Spring has arrived. ... Even though it may still be cold, damp and miserable outdoors an occasional dose of sunshine might certainly put the gardening bug back into you and 'pep' in your step! ... Then, with a little Dalkey Luck, Mother Nature might send some magnificent intricate buds and blossoms your way. ... Though in all honesty, we are now at a time when we can no longer put off our garden projects, waiting for a nice day... though, likewise don't get caught off guard... Winter is far from being over.

"New Year - a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story?

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Even without any additional heat. the polytunnel is still warmer than the outside especially on bright sunny days. ...So maybe, house a few of your favourite terracotta planted pots in order to overwinter and protect them. Some Cannas. Lilies and Gingers respond really well and

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Snowdrops Photo: P. Thomas

then of course, it gives them a head start for late Spring's lively tapestry of life.

**Hellebores** – With all the old leaves removed by January, mice don't have the chance to eat the new flower buds. If, for some reason, your Hellebores develop black veins, - these plants are best dug out and burned as they have Hellebore Black Death.

Wonderful Houseplants – Many of us, are noticing now, that foliage indoor plants and succulents are enjoying a renaissance, particularly with those of us living in rented accommodation who have no outdoor space. Such lovely people are experiencing an urge to reconnect with nature and buying a few house plants for your flat may nurture an interest that lasts for the rest of your life. ...So, sales of such plants are 'on the up', especially *Aloe Veras*, *Echeverias*, Exotic Succulents and Jungle Style Foliage Plants thanks to social media, live pictures, sharing websites such as Pinterest and Instagram. Actually I just had a new modem delivered this afternoon and my delivery man confirmed a 'growing' interest in such, – excuse pun!

**Asian Hornet Outbreak** – The Asian hornet preys on Honeybees so it really is a great danger to our native pollinators. Asian hornets have dark abdomens with a single band of yellow. ...If you think you've seen one, you can report it, using the 'Asian Hornet Watch' app, which is free of charge from Apple and Android App Stores.



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**'Blue Halo'** on your flowers attracts bees – Researchers have now discovered that the petals of many flowers have tiny raised patterns that diffract blue and ultraviolet light. This produces a blue halo that is almost invisible to us but can be clearly seen by foraging bees, helping to draw them towards the flowers.

Irish cuttings: A Very Straightforward Technique. Irish cuttings can be described as rooted shoots. A very simple and effective method of propagation. In the Spring when the new shoots are coming up, scrape



This blue halo that is almost invisible to us but can be clearly seen by foraging bees Photo: P. Thomas

away some soil from the base of the plant and cut a shoot with a few roots attached from the plant. Pot up as usual. This method more or less, guarantees that the cuttings will take. The other great advantage of using this method is that, it hardly disturbs the mother plant. When they are rooted, they can be moved into bigger pots.

**Did you know** that double-flowered Snowdrops once they open, they stay open unlike most singles?

**Did you know**, believe it or not, that wrappers of Quality Street chocolates are compostable? Seaweed fertilizer sales are on the rise as gardeners turn to more natural products.

#### MIGHT DO, MAYBE FEBRUARY JOBS

**Shrubs/ Bush Roses:** Shorten long stems to avoid the plant being blown about by the wind during Winter.

**Black Spot** on pansies and violas is a fungal problem. The best advice is to avoid growing them in the same place next year

**Boston Ivy** and **Virginia Creeper:** Trim back any shoots that are outgrowing their support. **Mahonias:** Remove the top rosette or leaves from leggy stems so they become bushier. Remove any leaves and other debris from gutters, especially important where your downpipe is connected to your water butt.

**Grey mould**, (*Botrytis*) is the biggest treat to plants growing in the greenhouse. Try to encourage ventilation to avoid still, damp air and regularly check over plants and remove any dead material.

Alstroemerias in pots need to be moved to a sheltered spot, next to a wall.

Lush effects can be created simply by grouping pots.

Maybe, group shade-tolerant plants in dark areas.

"From plants that wake when others sleep, from timid Jasmine buds that keep their odour to themselves all day, but when the sunlight dies away let the delicious secret out to every breeze that roams about."

Thomas Moore

"The flower which is single need not envy the thorns that are numerous."

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NATURE CORNER

This Viennese squirrel ran up to us but refused the Pecan Pie snack bar Lucy was offering it. Photo Michael Ryan

We took a short break in Vienna on the first weekend of December where our hotel was literally on the other side of the road from one of the entrances to Schonbruun Park, home to the spectacular winter palace of Hapsburg Dynasty with extensive grounds spectacular fountains and monuments. We were on a package guided holiday and when we arrived at the hotel on Sunday morning our guide had advised us that for the rest of the day, which we had free, we go to see some of the sights in the city rather than go to the park since, as part of our tour, we would be taken to the Palace and

garden there the following day.

I'd read about Schonbruun from a few online pieces and had got particularly excited about one thing we might see there but hadn't told Lucy in case we didn't get lucky so we ignored our guide's advice, dressed up warmly and got over to the park as quick as we could. We'd only been in the park a few minutes when Lucy spotted a Nuthatch moving down a tree trunk. The nuthatch is a very attractive little bird with a grey back, warm buff underside with a thin black eye stripe and although common in the UK we never see them in Ireland even as rare migrants. Getting insects and their grubs and eggs from the tree bark they're similar in behaviour to our treecreeper except nuthatches can also move down the tree while treecreepers only move up the trunk.

There were patches of snow and ice on the ground, the water in the fountains was frozen solid and a cold breeze was blowing. The trees were stark and bare against the low light except quite a few had big clumps of greenery high up the trunk which we realised was the very seasonal mistletoe. Not native back home (although you can see it growing in some of the older trees in the Botanic Gardens) here it was growing in profusion. The Mistle Thrush gets its name from this plant and it's when the bird is trying to get rid of the indigestible seed from inside the berries they sometimes wipe them against the tree trunk from where the seed will later sprout. It's technically a parasitic plant on trees but does them very little harm.

We had sightings of Great Spotted Woodpecker but then another woodpecker caught our attention. Unlike the Great Spotted this woodpecker had a solid red crown on the top of its head. Before we came I'd read a piece online from somebody who'd put up a photo of a bird in Schonbruun which he'd thought might have been the much more uncommon Middle Spotted Woodpecker until somebody deflated his observation by saying it was probably a juvenile male Great Spotted which have the full red patch on their head for the first few months of life. But December would have been very late in the year for one to till have the juvenile plumage and I was hopefully confident. Subsequent referencing confirmed it was indeed a Middle Spotted Woodpecker.

Next morning, after our tour around the spectacular palace our guide told us we had 45 minutes free to visit the Christmas market stalls or the gardens. We made our way back to the gardens and then, less than a hundred yards away, was what I'd been hoping to see. I'd read online that the red squirrels in this park would actually come up to people to be fed and I'd seen a video of a squirrel hopping on to a bench and then on to the lap of the person filming it and here was a red squirrel ambling across one of the wide paths in front of us. I made noise to attract the squirrel which turned around, saw us and fearlessly bounded up the path to us. Lucy had a cereal bar and offered a bit of it to the squirrel. It stood up on its hind legs, sniffed the bar but, seemingly not impressed with its pecan pie flavour, it ran off directly towards a group of sightseers, literally running around their feet.

Grey squirrels will come to humans to be fed in parks in Ireland and the UK but it was a real treat to have native red squirrels doing the same. Schonbruun Park forbids entry to dogs and, being Austria, the people obey the rule which means the squirrels are safe to move around on the ground.

We bought peanuts and made sure we were in the park early the next morning. The first squirrel we'd encountered had russet brown fur the same as our Irish reds but a lot of European red squirrels have dark grey fur though they always have ear tufts unlike the introduced American grey squirrel which thankfully is found only in one country on the European mainland, Italy, where some captive animals escaped in the late 1940s.

It was a cold dull morning but within minutes we saw dark furred red squirrels and they saw us. I crouched down with a handful of peanuts and one of the little creatures approached me then stood up and rested a tiny paw on my hand and while it nibbled at the peanuts I was able to stroke its cheek. We had pairs of squirrels chasing each other around a tree before they came back to Lucy for more peanuts but eventually the cold and the call of the buffet breakfast at the hotel took us away from our charming encounter.

Back home, before Christmas, Park Department staff on Killiney hill trapped four reds, two were this year's juveniles which were ear-clipped before being released. One of the other adult squirrels was a survivor from the original introduction in 2012.

#### **♦** DALKEY UNITED NEWS

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Dalkey United are delighted to announce that their U13 Boys are the 2017 winners of the Dublin District Schoolboys Division 3.

Playing a gruelling 23 games since the season started in April they beat off competition from right across South and West Dublin to win the league in style with a game to spare.

After a slow start they then went on to go 11 games unbeaten before losing a tight game at



Dalkey United U13 Winners

Photo: Dalkey United F.C.

home to Booth Road Celtic. They won away to Booth Road two weeks later to recover top spot and followed it with wins away to Straffan and Knocklyon to clinch the title convincingly.

Commenting on the win, head coach Stephen O'Brien said "it was delight to coach a great group of boys who worked hard for each other and grew as team as the season progressed".

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**Review Notes:** 

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

#### **SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2018**

**Sundays**: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service. **Midweek Services**: Thursdays at 10.30 am. **Lent** – The solemn season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14th February. A service of Preparation will be held in Holy Trinity at 8pm. All welcome.

*Ladies Guild:* On Tuesday 13th February, at 2.30 pm in the Carry Centre, David Millar will speak about St. Patrick's Cathedral. On 13th March we plan to have a talk by a member of St. Patrick's Dramatic Society. There will be a cup of tea and some biscuits afterwards. Visitors are always welcome.

Sunday Club: Will next meet on Sunday 18th February in the Carry Centre

*Select Vestry:* The Vestry will meet at 8.00pm in the Carry Centre on Monday 19th Feb.

*SILK* - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney. On Wednesday 21st February at 8pm the Ladies will meet in the Carry Centre. For more information please contact Laura Martin on 086 8708496.

*The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society):* The next meeting takes place on Thursday 22nd February. All Gentlemen are very welcome to attend. Contact Paul O'Brien or Nigel Teggin.

*Bible Study and Prayer Group:* The next gathering will be on Tuesday February 27th at 10.30am in the Carry Centre.

**Sheep Thrills:** meet every Thursday at 11 am in the Carry Centre Killiney. Our community textile group continues to make lots of products which are sold locally. The proceeds going to selected charities and the homeless. Anyone interested in coming along please contact Joan @ 0872460078. Admission € 3.

*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!). Contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

Choir – As many of you will know our organist Frank Hughes has been unable to play at our weekly services since mid -November following some medical treatment. We are pleased to report that Frank is recovering well and, all going to plan, he hopes to return to duty on Sunday, 4 March 2018. We wish him well as he continues his recuperation. We have been very fortunate that during Frank's enforced absence Roger Hurley and Sandra Bedlow have shared organist duties to the end of December 2017 and along with occasional assistance from Mervyn Cooper, will continue to do so until the end of February. The choir continues to rehearse at 9.45 a.m. each Sunday and besides singing our usual services Sunday by Sunday we have also greatly enjoyed the Festival of Carols and other seasonal music from our trusty band of choristers.

All of this is of great benefit to Holy Trinity, as we endeavour to maintain standards in our regular activities during the vacancy.



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#### SUNDAY SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

4th February9am Eucharist10.15am Eucharist11th February9am Eucharist10.15am All Age18th February9am Eucharist10.15am Eucharist25th February9am Eucharist10.15am Morning PrayerMidweekEvery Thursday10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 13th and the 27th of the month. An updated leaflet entitled 'Pastoral Care Information for Residents & Their Families' is now available from the Parish office or from reception in the Manor. The leaflet gives details of service times, some prayers for personal use and contact details for the chaplain.

**Craft Group** – If you would like to drop in for a chat, or if you would like to try your hand at a craft, then you will find us in the gallery room of the Northover Hall any Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. The chat and the cup of tea is always good.

**Film Social** – You are warmly invited to come along for some entertainment, a cup of tea and the opportunity for a chat, in the gallery room (upstairs in the Hall) at 2.30pm on 12th Feb.

**Select Vestry** – There will be a meeting of the Select Vestry at 8.00pm on 28th February. **Introductory Workshop into the method of Centering Prayer** – Centering Prayer is a form of silent prayer that helps us grow in our relationship with God. The regular practice of Centering Prayer promotes transformation and inner healing. It is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather it brings a new depth of meaning to other kinds of prayer. The practice was developed primarily by Fr. Thomas Keating, a Trappist monk, in the 1970's. It is non-denominational and open to all.

Introductory Workshop: Monday 19th February 2018 (the first Monday of Lent) from 7.00pm − 9.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Harbour Road, Dalkey. There will be an opportunity to practice centering prayer and to talk about our experience of it for those who wish to do so on each successive Monday during Lent. Suggested donation: € 10. To find out more please contact the presenter, Carol Casey, at carolflylikeabird@gmail.com





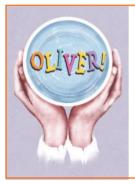
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#### LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2018

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**Thursday 1st at 8pm:** Tim Carey will present his lecture '*Dublin since Independence*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

**Monday 5th at 7.30pm:** Mr Willie Cummings, Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht, will present his talk '*The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage* (2002-2017): results and prospects' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Sq. South, D. 2. All welcome – admission free.

Wednesday 7th at 8pm: Tim Carey will present his lecture 'Dublin since 1922' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill. All welcome – admission €4.

**Thursday 8th at 7.30pm:** Dick Fearn will present his lecture 'Full Steam Ahead at the Bluebell' to the Irish Railway Record Society in the IRRS Premises, Heuston Station, D. 8. Members and their guests only.

**Friday 9th at 8pm:** Professor Tom Barlett will present his lecture 'Napoleon Bonaparte and Ireland, 1796 to 1916' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, D. 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

**Mon. 12th at 6.30pm:** Michael Phillips will present his lecture '200 Years of ICE' to the Engineers Irl. Heritage Society in 22 Clyde Rd, Ballsbridge, D.4. All welcome – Ad. free.

**Tuesday 13th at 1.05pm:** Ms. Christina Wade will preset her lecture '*The Brewer's Tale*' to the Friends of Medieval Dublin in the Dublin City Council Offices, Wood Quay, D. 8. All welcome – admission free.

**At 7pm** Ronan Fitzpatrick will present his lecture '*Irish Coinage*' to the Tallaght Historical Society in the County Library, The Square, Tallaght, D. 24. Admission free – all welcome.

**Wednesday 14th at 6pm:** Dr. Jason McElligott will present his lecture 'A Life of Crime: Stealing Books in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Dublin' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, D.2. All welcome – admission free.

**Thursday 15th at 8pm:** Felix Larkin will present his lecture 'Two Gentleman of the Freeman: Thomas Sexton and William Bradshaw' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All welcome – admission €5.

**Tuesday 20th at 8pm:** Harry Bradshaw will present his lecture '*Torpedoed! The sinking of the RMS Leinster*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock. James Scannell will give a short talk '*A Civil War Night of Bombs and Bullets in Shankill – August 1922*'. All welcome – admission €5.

Wednesday 21st at 8pm: Tom Conlon will present his lecture 'Information Sources for Dun Laoghaire History' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome − entrance €3.

**Thursday 22nd at 7.30pm:** Charles Friel will present his lecture 'Sixty Years Gone: The Great Northern Railway of Ireland closure of 1957' to the Irish Railway Record Society in the IRRS Premises, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

**At 7.30pm** Dr. Susan Hegarty will present her lecture 'George Victor du Noyer, the road from artist to geologist' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in their Merrion Square South, D. 2 premises. All welcome – admission free.

Monday 26th at 8pm Tomas Maher will present his lecture '3 Artists buried in St. Maelruains; Evie Hone, Oison Kelly, Elizabeth Rivers, and the Connection between them' to the Clondalkin Historical Society in Arás Chronáin, Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin. All welcome.

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**Wednesday 28th at 6pm:** Dr. Brendan Kelly will present his lecture 'He Lost Himself Completely: Shell shock and its treatment at Dublin's Richmond War Hospital, 1916-1919' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, D.2. All welcome – admission free.

#### ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

In connection with a local history project, images of the original entrance of the Rathdown Union Workhouse, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, the present day St. Columcille's Hospital, and of the Boardroom building demolished in 1959, are sought. Contact jamesscannell@eircom.net.

#### THE SS HARE

On Friday December 14th, 1917, the *S.S. Hare*, which famously had brought food parcels from British trade unionists to the Dublin workers during the 1913 Lockout was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine *U-62* about 7 miles south-east of the Kish lightship. Christopher Tallant, Leslie Avenue, Dalkey, who survived the sinking, gave the following account:

'Just before the ship went down myself and the Chief Officer, Mr. Joseph Swords, Dalkey, were on the bridge. I drew Mr. Swords' attention to a vessel which appeared about 100 yards aft. The Chief Officer went to the starboard side with his glasses [binoculars] and had a look at her. 'She is travelling fast', he said. Just then I was knocked senseless from the wheel, and saw the Chief Officer no more. When I came to my senses I went down to the lifeboat to get it right [ready to launch]. I saw that the starboard boat was smashed to smithereens and that the port boat had capsized. I then rushed aft and sat in a boat there until they floated her. In that boat beside myself were Captain Carmichael, William McGowan, A.B. [seaman]; Edward Lyons, Greaser; and Second Engineer John Smith. We pulled Bullochman John Ford, out of the water. The sea was a bit choppy and there was bit of a breeze from the west. After about three hours we were picked up by a steamer'. Sadly, Chief Officer Joseph Swords was one of those lost.

#### **Publications**

*The Doctor's Wife Is Dead – A Peculiar Marriage, a Suspicious Death, and Murder Trial in Nineteenth-Century Ireland'* by Andrew Tierney, published by Penguin Ireland.

This fascinating and engrossing book deals with an 1849 case in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, when Ellen Langley, wife of the prosperous local doctor, Dr. Charles Langley, died from gastro-enteritis. But what appeared to upset the people of Nenagh was the manner of the doctor in the way he treated his wife's remains which gave rise to a whispering campaign against him that all was not what it appeared to be.

But the inquest into her death provided the public with an insight to the state of the doctor's marriage as it emerged that they had been living apart for about six months and that she had been residing in a rented dwelling room in an impoverished part of the town that he provided for her with the bare minimum to survive and that prior to this, she had been confined in a grim attic room of their house with the minimum of comforts.

The inquest jury, based on what they heard in court, and perhaps influenced in part by local knowledge and gossip, surprisingly returned a verdict of manslaughter against Dr. Langley But when the Grand Jury reviewed the cases to be heard at the Spring Assizes, upped the charge of manslaughter against Dr. Langley to one of murder.

Both the inquest and murder trial are covered in great detail by the author who went to great lengths to obtain as comprehensive an account as possible of both these events from a variety of sources and one will have to read the book to discover what the final verdict was.

James Scannell

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#### MORE FORTHCOMING EVENTS



**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.



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A wet February, a wet Spring St Valentine's Day – Wednesday, 14th February Our love is like the misty rain that falls softly – but floods the river.



African Proverb

#### **NATURE NOTES FEBRUARY 2018**

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

#### Indoor Meeting -

#### February Tuesday 6th

Peregrine Project: Speaker Ann Fitzpatrick of National Parks and Wildlife Services.

#### Outdoor Meeting -

#### February Sunday 11th

Outing: Blessington Area and Lakes. Meet in the town by the monument at 10.30 am.

## U3A (University of the Third Age) Dun Laoghaire

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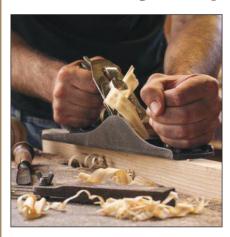




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# ❖FORTHCOMING EVENTS❖DCC February Monthly Meeting at 7:30pm in OLHMon 12 FebAsh Weds- Soup Lunch in OLH (12-2pm) in aid of charityWeds 14 FebSorting of March Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)Thurs 1Mar

#### **EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH**

**Karate sessions for all age groups** in Town Hall from 5.00-9.00 pm Mon. & Wednesdays **Boxing /Conditioning Classes** – Also available. Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334 **Dalkey Players:** Rehearsals resuming on Tuesday 5th September in Harold Boys' School from 7:30-10:30pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays. New members welcome.

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

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.

**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 Park Dalkey Library Local History Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month in Dalkey Library starting at 6-6:30pm. All welcome.

Community First Responders – Volunteers needed for Dalkey First Responders (CFR). Training is given. Please contact: info@dalkeycfr.ie

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

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

Both the BBC and ITV have announced their plans for the 2018 World Cup. The first game (Between the host country Russia and Saudi Arabia) kicks off on the 14th of June and will be broadcast either on ITV or ITV4. The following games will then be divided up between both broadcasters, and all the games will be shown on either BBC1, (BBC red button for Sky viewers), ITV or ITV4. On a different note the BBC has also announced that it will be showing Blue Planet 2 (in its entirety) in FULL ULTRA HIGH DEFINITION, unfortunately it's only available to viewers who have access to the BBC's iPlayer (a minimum internet speed of 30Mbs is needed to get the "full picture")

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