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Irish Heritage Town

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July: *Named for Julius Caesar born 12
July 100BC by Mark Anthony.*



Iúil (July) 2013

Flower:
WATER LILY



Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister of Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht and Margaret Dunne Centre Manager at the launch of the new tourism and heritage facilities at Dalkey Castle (see page 3)

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SUMMARY OF DCC JUNE MEETING



The DCC June Monthly Meeting was held in OLH on Tuesday 4th June 2013.

HC: The official launch of the refurbished HC took place last Tuesday 28th May. Mr. Jimmy Deenihan T.D., Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht was guest of honour. Some members of DCC were invited and it was a pleasant evening. DCC wishes the HC good luck and hopes that the centre will be enjoy a very busy summer.

TT: The entry for TT competition has been submitted by DTT. The litter patrols are ongoing and residents are reminded to think tidy!

AOB: The installation of the new pillar boxes should improve the speed of broadband for some residents in Dalkey.

The next DCC meeting is Monday 1st July in OLH.



DARA NEWS

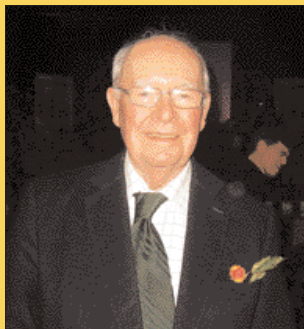


D.A.R.A. HOLIDAY IN SCOTLAND

On May 19th a coach left Dalkey with 52 happy and excited D.A.R.A. members heading for Belfast where we boarded the ferry to Cairnryan. From there we drove to Glasgow, spent one night there in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. After a very comfortable night, we headed off again. We were introduced to our guide, Christina, who turned out to have a wealth of information on Scotland. We toured around the beautiful city of Stirling. Then on to Pitlochry where the sun was shining on us. Some visited a distillery, some walked by the dam and others shopped. Then it was on to the Highlands and our destination, Aviemore. From Aviemore we visited Cawdor Castle. The highlight of the trip for most of us was travelling on the funicular railway to the top of the Cairngorm Mountains. What a fabulous experience that was! The views were spectacular with snow-capped mountains around us. Conveniently, there was also a viewing platform to get a closer look at the wonderful sight. On the return journey we passed Ben Nevis, Fort William, stopped at Loch Lomond all in very beautiful countryside. Back to the Crowne Plaza next day for a tour of Edinburgh and Glasgow. On Saturday, we headed home and stopped at Girvan, a little seaside town. Many thanks to our Guide, Christina, and to our wonderful driver, Seán, and last, but not least, a big thank you to our leader, Ann Scully, for organising the holiday. It was a holiday we will always remember.

D.A.R.A. CHOIR – We took part in our first festival performance in the University of Limerick Concert Hall on Sunday, 2nd June, 2013. We met choirs from Scotland and Ireland. It was a great experience for us.
Our concert will take place on 29th and 30th June, 2013 in Loreto Concert Hall, Dalkey. Tickets €5.00.

Rosemary Pearson – D.A.R.A. Representative



GORDON SNELL
at 'REMEMBERING MAEVE'
the opening event of the
2013 Dalkey Book Festival
in Dalkey Town Hall and Heritage Centre
in memory of his late wife
and QUEEN OF DALKEY,
MAEVE BINCHY



DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Tom Joyce, welcomed the Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht, Mr Jimmy Deenihan TD to Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on May 28th.

The occasion was the launch of the new state of the art facilities which has a newly designed interpretation system. This displays historical information in 12 languages on interactive screens. The Centre also has a new dedicated Writers' Gallery with portraits and screens with 45 creative artists and writers from Joyce to Bono and more. The Minister congratulated the Manager and the board of the heritage company on the work. He spoke of his commitment to the concept of heritage towns and the value of that brand. He spoke of a pilot project to market heritage towns that he intends to roll out nationally. He cited Dalkey heritage town with its Heritage Centre as an example of a good model of how our heritage can be professionally presented. He also praised the Manager for her vision in introducing the Living History element to the tours and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council for supporting its heritage town.

Discover Dalkey's Literary Gems....literary events coming up over the summer in Dalkey Castle.

Maeve Binchy: Scenes from 'Minding Frankie' is an adaptation for stage by Shay Linehan of Maeve's famous novel. It is full of inspiring wisdom. The play, directed by Margaret Dunne, premiered at the Dalkey Book Festival and will be staged again on June 28th and August 9th at 7.30pm in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. Admission €8.

'On Yer Bike with Dalkey's Writers' features work from famous local writers - James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, Hugh Leonard, Flann O'Brien, Maeve Binchy, John Millington Synge, Van Morrison and Joseph O'Connor. The linking of the show is written by award-winning playwright Shay Linehan and directed by Margaret Dunne.

Dates: All Fridays in July: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th & Friday August 2nd in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre at 7.30pm Admission €8

Living history tours continue daily except Tuesdays. July is very heavily booked for groups. Check in advance to ensure your place.

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Greater Black Backed Gull

I was able to brake in time as a fox darted across the road in front of the car but thought a moment later that if I had hit it and killed it instantly I might have done it a favour. It looked emaciated but that was because it had barely any fur and what it had was patchy with bare spots. It's tail instead of being a luxuriant brush was totally bald and stuck out behind it like a piece of wire. I certainly couldn't say for sure what was wrong but it almost certainly had mange. Sarcoptic Mange is caused by a mite which infects the skin causing terrible irritation to the animal. Foxes have been known to gnaw off their own tails to try and alleviate the itching and sometimes foxes will die from secondary infections since the constant scratching prevents the broken skin from healing and they will contract other infections.

I'd heard of quite a number of foxes infected with it around Dalkey and when I spoke to my vet's practice which is based in Blackrock they said they'd also had a unusually high number of inquiries about infected foxes this year. Unfortunately there's very little that can be done for individual animals and the vet says even if an animal was taken in and treated it would be as likely as ever to contract the disease again when it was released back into the wild.

A few of us went out to Ireland's Eye during the very hot spell in June to see the seabird colonies that nest on the cliffs. We usually leave our annual visit till July when chicks are born or the birds will be sitting on eggs. It was still a bit early for the razorbills, guillemots,



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kittiwakes and gannets to have chicks but some members of one breeding species of bird out there already had hatched chicks or had eggs about to open. This was the Greater Black Backed Gull which instead of clinging to perilously narrow edges of the cliff face nests in the open on the ground on the higher areas of the island. The parent birds can get very agitated when someone walks near the nest and they are



Greater Black Backed Gull's chick

quite formidable creatures (the largest species of gull in the world) especially when they are ill disposed towards you. We had been warned before we went out by a friend, who had recently been on the island, about a few 'psycho' greater black backed gulls which were nesting near the highest point of the island and were particularly aggressive.

This part of the island is close to the great tower of rock known as the Stack which is home to a colony of hundreds of gannets and is always worth a look, worth risking an angry gull attack. We were treated to the sight of a peregrine perched on top of the rock as we ate our packed lunches in the blazing sunshine. A greater black backed gull was perched quite near us and a tiny fluffy grey chick appeared from the undergrowth. The parent bird was calling raucously but it didn't come near us maybe figuring if we were predators we'd have tried to eat the chick by now rather than tucking in to cheese sandwiches.

We moved to the summit to view the gannets where another visitor to the island was sitting sketching birds. He'd already had a close encounter with a gull which had flown down and hit him on the head and although he was wearing a hat the impact of the bird's beak had drawn blood. The rest of my companions had moved off when I felt a whoosh of wings passing inches over my head as a greater black backed gull wheeled around and came in for another attack, a determined look in its eyes. Carrying a telescope around an island can be a bit awkward but it's great for getting good close up views of nesting birds and, as in this case, it serves as an efficient air attack defence when held aloft.

Gannets are another large and very impressive seabird with their beautiful blue eyes and snow white plumage with black tipped wings but the bird everybody loves to see is the smallest sea bird breeding there. We'd earlier been scanning the northern facing cliffs with a telescope set up facing the packed colonies of birds on the cliffs. A chap was filming them with a small video camera and I offered him a look through the 'scope. As soon as he looked through it he instantly became very animated since it was trained on a little group of puffins. He said he didn't even know you got them in this country let alone a few miles away from the city centre. His reaction to first seeing them is typical of anyone who sees a puffin for the first time. With their almost comical appearance they're very charming little creatures. A small colony nests in burrows on very steep slopes on the side of the island.



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Guillemots – Ireland's Eye

Although there are far greater numbers of puffins a few miles north on Lambay Island the Ireland's Eye colony has survived and possibly grown slightly in the last few years.

There's still time to visit and see the birds on Ireland's Eye though peak time for seeing chicks on nests would be the first few weeks in July. A number of small ferry boats go out from Howth Harbour though it would be worth checking first online to see if they're going out as strong seas can sometimes make landing difficult. Crossing the island involves a deal of climbing and walking paths through shoulder high ferns with rabbit holes underfoot.

We called down to Coliemore Harbour early the following day, Sunday, which was to be the last day of the intense heat before the weather returned to the more typical, rain every day seasonal climate. I was relieved to see the Arctic terns were still sitting on nests at the summit of Lamb Island. Although late to arrive they had quickly established themselves with at least 40 nests visible from the land. I was afraid that during the hot spell somebody might have climbed up there and disturbed them which is almost certainly what happened last year when the whole colony disappeared one weekend with the almost certain loss of many chicks and unfledged birds.

Unfortunately when I went down two days later there wasn't a single bird on the island. My pessimism had been well founded, somebody had probably gone on to Lamb Island or else the goats had been frightened off the main island, crossed over at low tide and either trampled the nests or frightened off the birds. Lots of eggs would have been lost and possibly even some chicks since the birds had been there long enough for eggs to have hatched. They might try and nest again but at time of writing there was no sign of any birds returning and it might be better in the long run if they moved away from Dalkey to somewhere safer to nest.

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His sceptre there for all to see
A right royal fellow would Larry be

His heart it was of pure gold
But wondrous tales he could unfold
For him life must be lived in full
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*Larry
Wilmott
R.I.P.*

At age 12 he joined the choir
St Patrick's Dalkey he set on "fire"
He served that church for 80 years
What milestone such service bears

Our Lady's Manor became his home
As advancing age stopped his "roam"
The nurses, staff and Sr. Bernadette
All loved the old King like their pet

Larry's smile was always there to see
His love of life - what ecstasy
He was our friend 'tis true indeed
We need more of this wonder seed

But now dear Larry has left this shore
To join dear Betty for evermore
He left us with memories to cherish
Of his secret mission - life to embellish!

John Hewitson - June 2013



HAROLD BOYS' SCHOOL UPDATE



HAROLD BOYS' N.S. GETS GREEN FLAG FOR WATER



Unveiling of Harold Boys' School Green Flag

Last Thursday 23rd of May we got our 3rd Green flag for Water. Don Conroy, Jane Dillon Byrne, Dean Eaton and John Bailey were there. There were a lot of speeches and Dean said we were superheroes because we are saving the Earth and our superpower is saving water.

Don Conroy said he would raise the flag, but first he wanted to talk about water. He talked about water

being special and valuable. Then he raised the flag. We all cheered and clapped and then we went back to our class thinking about our flag. Later we had a party.

Cillian O'Donnell & Donncha Murphy - Rang 4



DUBLIN BAY CONCERN UPDATE



Following on from our recent mail on the Dublin Array wind farm proposal at the Kish and Bray banks, we are enclosing links to the submissions from Coastal Concern Alliance and The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group. The closing date for submissions on this proposal is now 28th June 2013. Although Dublin Array have photomontages on view in Dun Laoghaire and Dalkey Libraries until that date, there are no photomontages available on their website <http://www.dublinarray.com/index.html>. According to Saorgus 'The photomontages cannot be realistically viewed online and give a false impression of the proposed wind farm. The most realistic representation is when viewed in large printed format. These prints can be viewed at our Project Information Office in the RDS and in the five public venues where the application is available for viewing - see Consultation & Information for details of these venues. The set of photomontages displayed at our Project Information Office in the RDS are in a curved backlit format.'

The photomontages produced as part of the CCA submission give some idea of the size and extent of this proposal. However just as important as what can be seen is what cannot be seen- the housings needed for the turbines, the destruction of sandbanks, underground cables and the environmental effects on the local wildlife during construction and operation phases. In addition the destination for electricity generated by the turbines remains unclear.

CCA link to submission <http://coastalconcernalliance.com/cms-assets/documents/Response-to-Dublin-Array-EIS-%20May-2013-final.pdf>

CCA link to photomontages <http://coastalconcernalliance.com/cms-assets/documents/AppendixA.pdf>

IWDG link, http://www.iwdg.ie/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=2385:iwdg-concerned-about-eia-for-offshore-windfarm-of-county-wicklow.



The Tidy Towns' team welcome The First Lady of the United States (FLOTUS) to Dalkey on Tuesday 18th June



Before

The Tidy Towns Team has been out in force over the last few weeks as Summer has sprung upon us.

Weeds are springing up everyone, grass has started to grow and Dalkey is bedecked with flowers for summer.

Apart from all the tidying up this month I am attaching a 'before and after photo' of another project from Dalkey Tidy Towns. The lamp posts around the town have had a facelift. Did anyone notice?

The lamp posts have been given three coats. First :- A neat coat of "Owatrol Oil" which is a rust inhibitor & paint conditioner. Second :- A primer coat of the oil based paint with a 50% mix of "Owatrol Oil" Third :- A top coat of the paint with a 25% mix of "Owatrol Oil". Hopefully, all this preparation and application should give a long-lasting finish and look smarter for longer.

Paint for all these lamps is expensive and is also funded by the Tidy Towns.

Many thanks to Marius and Cesar for their hard work.

The Tidy Towns Judges are possibly visiting Dalkey in mid June so please make a special effort to keep Dalkey Tidy.

Litter patrols are every Tuesday and Saturday outside Select Stores at 10.30 am and on Thursdays at Dillon's Park.



After

Blaithín O'Brien



THE PROBLEM WITH DOG POO IN DALKEY

DOG POO is another issue that requires everyone's input of "what to do with it."

Recently a local person collected between 60 and 70 bags of Dog Poo on the Flags going up to Dalkey Quarry / Hill, which is used by locals and tourists.

Currently most people pick up after their dogs; some put it in the special bins provided by the council. Others, however, put it in plastic bags then tie the bag up and throw it into the bushes or even hang them on the branches of trees. Can anyone supply a reason behind this practice?

Possible solutions may be, leave the Dog Poo in the area where people walk- that way they will tread on it and spread it around, which will then be dispersed by bugs and any rain. Also people will go home with the Poo on their shoes, which will also help the dispersal. A slight downside is that a child may die every 10 years or so from the disease carried by the Poo taken into their home. Surely that small risk outweighs the multitude of bags flung into the bushes & hung on trees that remain around for years!

People should dispose of plastic bags of Dog Poo by taking it home and binning it, or burying the poo in the garden, if a special council bin is not available.

**Comments To :- tidy@dalkeytidytowns.com or by letter to:-
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Terry Wheatley

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BEGNET'S BOAT project: Barely a week after her 'maiden voyage' to Dalkey island on 1st June, the locally built 22ft (7m) currach Naomh Beagnait, took the honours in winning the 28km 'Ocean to City' Rowing Race (An Rás Mór) held in Cork Harbour.

"Please take a bow everyone who sanded a piece of wood, or bent a rib, baked a cake and much more, you know who you are, and this win is yours too", said Begnet's Boat visionary Liz Murray.

She especially expressed thanks to Dalkey Rowing Club who came to the project's rescue in providing their boatshed where boat-builder Mark Redden led a community trainee workshop to construct the currach, which is to highlight Dalkey's maritime and spiritual links. Upon her completion, she was given a procession on Castle Street plus a rousing send-off from Colliemore Harbour before beaching in traditional manner on the island.

In Cork Harbour Naomh Beagnait was among an international gathering of more than 100 craft in which she also won in the currach category thanks to rowers Mark (who is based in Barcelona) and two Catalans.



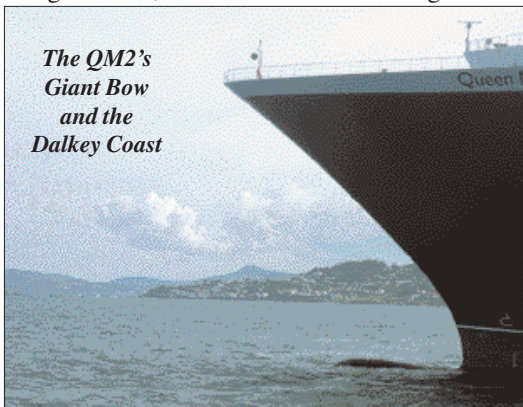
The Queen Mary from Bulloch Harbour

QUEEN MARY 2 / 'QM2' (see **June 2012 issue**) the world's only 'liner' made an historic first call to Dublin Bay on 16th May, having originally departed on a trans-Atlantic New York-Southampton voyage followed by a round-trip cruise from Hamburg via Scotland. During her anchorage call off Dun Laoghaire Harbour some 3,000 passengers disembarked by tender.

The giant 151,400 -ton liner has a draught of 10.1m and a height of 61.9m (waterline to funnel) and just shows how enormous the liner compares to Stena Line's HSS Fast-Ferry of only 22.5m high.

In total 14 cruise-ship callers are due in 2013 to include P&O Cruises Arcadia (see May's issue). Although smaller than QM2, she is still an impressive 90,000 tonnes and the vessel is due to make an anchorage call on 9 July.

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It is along a small yet important coastal stretch that an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) starts beyond Coliemore Harbour including Sorrento Terrace and ending on Vico Road close to the Cat's Ladder steps. The ACA is part of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown's County Development Plan: 2010-2016.

Having said that, the unique character of this particular ACA has undergone changes in the 'boom' years; yet in order to preserve this area, loved likewise by visitors, are authorities seriously robust enough to ensure such sensitive areas in this tourist Heritage Town are truly and properly protected?

"AFLOAT": Visual artist Roisín Cunningham, who is artist in residence at Dalkey Rowing Club, Coliemore Harbour, started her project "Afloat" in May. The idea behind the project is the proliferation of ideas that can move without being guided or controlled. We look forward to reporting more from Roisín in this column over the summer months.

KISH BANK WIND-FARM: Due to space constraints, 'Maritime' Dalkey did not appear in the last issue, however www.CoastalConcern.ie drew attention to Saorgus Energy's proposed Kish Bank wind-farm.

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DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE FUND RAISING RAFFLE RESULTS

The Giant Fund Raising Raffle took place on Tuesday 21st May 2013 in the Heritage Centre. The draw was supervised and scrutinised by an independent observer from KPMG and the tickets were drawn by Garda Marie Barry who is well known to the community in Dalkey.

The attendance included representatives from the various community groups and people who had purchased tickets. And the winners are . . .

- 1st Prize Angela Bailey, Killiney
- 2nd Prize Bernard Farrell, Greystones
- 3rd Prize W. King, Dalkey
- 4th Prize Margaret Hegarty, Rathfarnham
- 5th Prize Rachel Clancy, Dalkey
- 6th Prize Niamh Marshall
- 7th Prize Oscar Daly, Killiney
- 8th Prize Christopher Hehir, Dublin

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our sponsors of prizes especially Fitzpatrick Hotels and United Airlines and to all who bought tickets to support us and to those who sold them on our behalf.

Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre



First Lady Michelle with rock star, Bono, in Finnegan's of Dalkey.



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Killiney Garden Fete Saturday 18th May was a fantastic day in Killiney - the Sun shone (briefly!) and the rain never came!!! The fete was a great family day with stalls packed with all sorts of treats and games for the children, the principal of GKNS and the Rector were persuaded (!) into having their faces washed at the sponge throwing competition and the marquee was the venue for a parade of junior 'Superheroes'. Following the fete a dinner was held for all the stall helpers, during which the Rector thanked all those who assisted in a wonderful fun-filled day. Particular thanks are due to the Fete Committee - Nigel Pierpoint (convenor), Ros Christie, Alleyn & Audrey Manley, Zandra Laing and Paul O'Brien. The great news is that over €18,000 was raised - well done everyone.



NEW BOOKS BY LOCAL AUTHOR, WILLIAM BLACKALL

Promises Broken: Having lived through the Land Agitation of late 19th century Ireland, the Easter Rising, The Civil War and the 1929 Wall Street Crash, Fran is now on her deathbed surrounded by her children. Each have their own reasons for being there: Henry to make sure his mother doesn't exclude him from her will yet again, Margaret to make sure she does while Susan is intent on revenge for the way her mother treated her in the past.

Darkness into Light: Born into a mill-owning family in a small rural town south of Dublin, Elizabeth, a Catholic, found herself isolated: she was disliked by the local townspeople for her family's wealth while also looked down upon by the Protestant gentry. It is only after many struggles, her divorce, a failed love affair and loss of money that she realises that life's answers are to be found within oneself.

Both titles are available on Kindle from Amazon.com

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

Reg. Ref: D12A/0423

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Mrs. Catherine Deirdre Twomey, Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought on a site 0.2468ha for development which will consist of 1. New 2 storey detached dwelling of 285.7 sq.m to the rear of Linden Lodge (Reg. Ref. D12B/0188 under construction) accessed through the existing vehicular access off Castlepark Road. 2. Re-opening of closed up vehicular access off Castlepark Road to service existing Linden Lodge. The development will include all associated site works including new internal boundary treatment.

Application Type: Permission. Additional Information Rec'd: (New Adds): 16-May-2013

Reg. Ref: D13A/0234

Application Rec'd Date: 14-May-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Simon Boucher & Lucinda Shaw, Starboard Cottage, Nerano Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the retention of the demolition of the former single storey two bedroom detached dwelling; and the construction of a new detached four bedroom dwelling with terrace over part basement to rear, that will read as single storey to the front and two storey to the rear. The roof will include 10 no. velux windows across the four pitched roof elements, including 2 no. front, 5 no. on second, 2 no. on third and 1 no. on rear roof element. The development will also include a new vehicular entrance (3.6m wide) off Nerano Road to service 2 no. car parking spaces, rebuilt front boundary wall and associated landscape and site development works.

Reg. Ref: D07A/1152/E

Application Rec'd Date: 22-May-2013

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

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing single storey conservatory and existing detached garage to side and sub-division of existing site to provide for new two storey detached three bedroom dwelling over part basement storage space (total floor area 199sqm) with new vehicular access to side boundary and pedestrian access to front boundary and ancillary works to the side of this main location. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref: D13A/0266

Application Rec'd Date: 24-May-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Rupert Egan, 2, Sorrento Terrace, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of internal alterations and refurbishment of the existing four storey terraced dwelling to include new plumbing and wiring, the re-roofing of existing vaulted cellar to front of house, modification of window in rear elevation and associated external terracing and landscaping to the rear, including the repair and reinstatement of existing stone boundary walls, a new roof-light in roof above bathroom and solar panel. The internal alterations include, at first floor (level +1), the formation of new opening in central cross wall to enlarge existing bathroom and removal in part of partition wall at entrance to master bedroom. At level -1, the formation of a large opening in each of two cross walls, the blocking up of an existing doorway and formation of new opening between family room and pantry, enlarge existing fireplace opening in family room, remove existing dividing wall to the rear between kitchen and dining room, remove raised floor and form opening in original floor to level -2 below, remove existing staircase and provide new stairs in existing stairwell between ground floor (level 0) and level -2. At level -2, remove existing floor and reinstate with new slab at lower level, form large opening in each of two flanking walls to central passage, remove existing bathroom, tool room and wine store, provide new bathroom, break out wall below 2 no. existing internal window openings in cross wall and form 2 no. new doorways in lieu.

Externally at front of house, remove existing granite steps to level -1 and roof of vaulted cellar and form new roof and steps with new paving and railings to match existing, block up 2 no. existing openings and provide 2 no. new openings in cellar walls. Externally at rear of house, break out wall below central window of dining room at level -1 and provide new access door and steps to existing upper terrace. Reinstatement external cast iron spiral stairs from living room (level 0) to upper terrace.

Remove existing external timber steps from upper terrace to middle terrace outside level -2 and repair original balustrade. At middle terrace, remove existing granite steps and railing outside rear entrance, repair and reinstate. Utilizing existing garden and terrace levels, form new garden layout, including garden store located beneath middle terrace, steps, related paved terraced areas and lawn, to include rainwater harvesting system and provide new informal landscaping to grounds to the rear of this garden beyond lawn. A Protected Structure in an Architectural Conservation Area.

Reg. Ref. D13B/0170

Application Rec'd Date: 20-May-2013

Applicant Name & Location: John Redmond, 19, Convent Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: Removal of single storey timber sheds, oil tank and 2 no. chimneys along the south/side elevation and of pitched roof over house: changes to the elevations of the existing part of the house: The construction of a two-storey extension (including 1 no. roof window to rear) along the south/side elevation and the construction of a single storey extension at first floor level over the existing house to form a three bedroom house complete with associated living and sanitary accommodation: associated works. Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref. D13B/0179

Application Rec'd Date: 24-May-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Catherine Crothers, Avonlea, Killiney Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for change of use of existing single storey garden shed structure in rear garden to guest bedroom/en-suite accommodation and new single storey connecting link/sun room and stores to rear of existing house.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0001

Application Rec'd Date: 2-Jan-2013

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

Proposal: Permission is sought for development which consists of; 1. Demolition for rear outhouses and partial demolition of existing two storey rear return. 2. Construction of a two storey flat roof extension to the side. 3. Construction of a two storey flat roof extension to the rear. 4. Construction of new lower ground level to match adjoining property. 5. Attic conversion including, dormer window to the rear, Velux rooflights to the front and new window in gable wall to the side. 6. Provision of vehicular parking to the front and ancillary siteworks including landscaping and shed to the rear. Application Type: Permission. Additional Information: 31-May-2013.

Reg. Ref. D13B/0182

Application Rec'd Date: 27-May-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Eleanor Denny & Eoin Dorgan, Doonecoy, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co Dublin (located at junction of Castlepark Road & Hyde Road)

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of demolition of existing plant room at side of existing detached two storey house and subsequent construction of a new single storey extension to side of house, with modifications to existing fenestration at rear of house.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks. 20-23 13/5/2013 to 7/6/2013

Reg. Ref. D13A/0143

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 21-May-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Jennifer & David Branigan, 55, Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the demolition of a shed to the rear and the single storey rooms to the side, the construction of a two storey extension to the side and front, the conversion of the attic including fitting rooflights to the front and side, the widening of the existing vehicular entrance onto Hillside and all associated works.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0149

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 27-May-2013

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

Proposal: Permission for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Refs.: D11A/0193 and D12A/0505, to approved House B only to include minor modifications to all window positions, sizes and fenestration patterning including roof dormer together with minor increase in depth of roof eaves and raising of the chimney.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0150

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 27-May-2013

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

Proposal: Permission for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Ref.: D11A/0193, to approved House A only, to convert attic space to provide an additional en-suite bedroom (51sq.m) with 2 no. dormer windows and a second floor level terrace, and minor increases in depth of eaves.

Reg. Ref.D13B/0111

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 27-May-2013

Applicant Name & Location:: Paul Cassidy & Vicky Hassett, 13, Hyde Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for 81.5 sq.m extension to 127 sq.m existing house comprising two storey extension to side and single storey extensions to front, side and rear.

Reg. Ref.D12A/0423

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 7-Jun-2013

Applic. Name & Location: Mrs. Catherine Deirdre Twomey, Linden Lodge, Castlepark Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought on a site 0.2468ha for development which will consist of 1. New 2 storey detached dwelling of 285.7 sq.m to the rear of Linden Lodge (Reg. Ref. D12B/0188 under construction) accessed through the existing vehicular access off Castlepark Road. 2. Re-opening of closed up vehicular access off Castlepark Road to service existing Linden Lodge. The development will include all associated site works including new internal boundary treatment.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0166

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 4-Jun-2013

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

Proposal: Permission consisting of the demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling including removal of existing septic tank and construction of new 2 storey over basement house (497 sqm) with associated landscaping and new main drainage connection.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0172

Decision: REQUEST ADD. INFORMATION

Date: 6-Jun-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Glen Finegan, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a single dwelling house and the creation of new vehicular and pedestrian entrance.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0177

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 6-Jun-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Michael Hamilton, 28, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

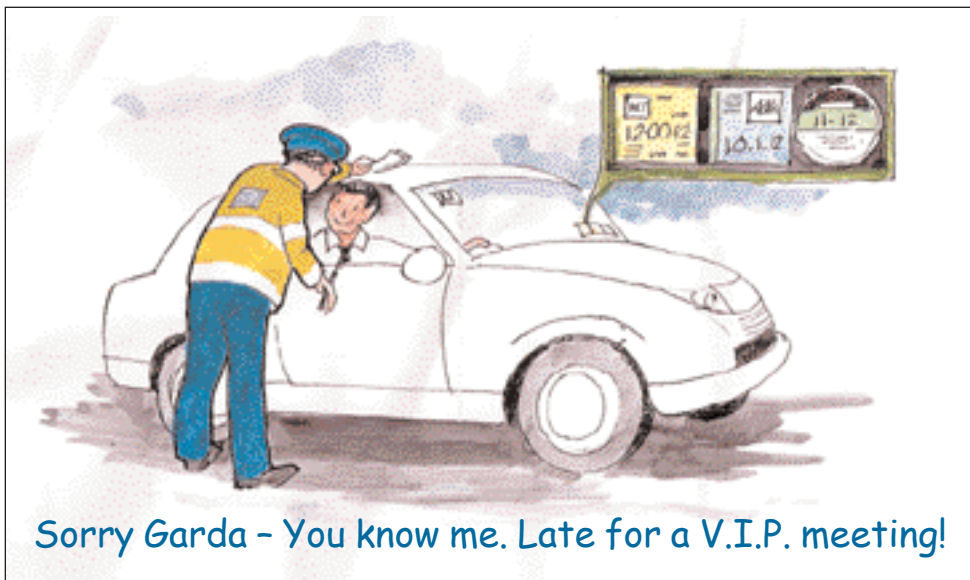
Proposal: Permission is sought for widening of existing pedestrian gate and associated works to provide new vehicular access and off street car parking.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 20-23 13/5/'13 to 7/6/'13

No appeals for Dalkey Area

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 19-22 7/5/'13 to 31/5/'13

No appeal decisions for Dalkey Area





Wednesday Hockey is unlike any other form of the game, although, as inaugurated by Helen Wheeler (Maids H.C.) over thirty years ago, it was a regular game with twenty two players. She decided that Mums of Saturday Rugby-playing Dads deserved their weekly game and the venture began on the cricket pitch at Sandymount - a grass pitch. Shortly afterwards the game moved to Castle Park School in Dalkey - a grit pitch. Many of us found this pitch strange,



as most of us had played our hockey on grass, but we soon realised the potential of a pitch that didn't 'cut up' and, therefore, was playable for most of the season.

Numbers grew and often there were more players than the regulation twenty two. In the early days there was even a crèche for the little people, capably presided over by Peggy O'Dwyer. After the game, which was of a good standard, many availed of the heated pool/shower facilities for a swim.

The whole idea was to have a safe, friendly, if competitive game. In due course some joined who hadn't played since their school days - or not at all. Everyone blended well and the ethos was to involve everyone. It was NOT Club hockey, which some of us were still playing, but very enjoyable. In those days, Helen played and umpired and after she retired to the country, Irene Johnston was invited to take charge on Wednesdays, even incorporating a semi-coaching rôle, as she was a senior umpire and a former Ireland International. When Irene left after many enjoyable years, Gillian O'Shea was asked to fill this rôle, which she did for a short period.

Berna McMenamin, a founder member, and Julianne Purcell were in charge of Finances originally after Helen had performed her dual rôle, and subsequently Berna and Sylvia Gray took on this task, with Sylvia being 'in charge' on the pitch, arranging positions as people arrived. At present, Gay Greene fulfils these tasks.

At this stage, we had ONE padded and helmeted Goal-keeper, and she 'played' for both sides, changing at half time. This made the game the nearest we came to regular hockey. We played against the other group of mothers - The Marley Mollies - who used the then new Astro Turf pitch at Three Rock Rovers Club. We also played a series of games against Avoca H.C. and even against some schools' teams.

Loreto Abbey, Dalkey, allow us to use their pitch for our Annual Charity match for GOAL on St. Stephen's Day and this has been well supported over the last 25 years by Wednesday Mums and their offspring, once they became of a suitable age, and by Dalkey past pupils. Pembroke Wanderers H.C. also kindly allow us their pitch for another charity match at the end of the season, which finishes off the season for us. More recently, we play the second match at Castle Park School.

While Castle Park School were installing a new pitch, Aravon School in Bray facilitated us on their much smaller pitch. This led to even more stringent safety rules, as by now we had no keepers available, and the net minders had to be protected. However, it was no less competitive or enjoyable. By now, too, many of us were grannies (tempus fugit - too fast!) and the numbers



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playing became somewhat reduced, as many returned to the workforce. So the smaller pitch suited our purposes.

This continues to be the case. As the new Castle Park School pitch, which caters for under-age players, is not full length, but roughly a three quarter, good quality artificial pitch. So, our Rules have been adapted once again (Safety First Always!) and the enjoyment and fulfilment comes with employing in the build-up to 'getting that ball in the net' - past the excellent net minders that we have. Equally, they are determined that the strikers strategies will be stymied! We now have no umpires, and self-regulation and fair play is the order of the day. New players joining (when there is a vacancy!) have to adapt to our style of play.

The social side of things is very important. In the swimming days we often just dispersed after a dip, but for the past number of years we (most of us) go straight for coffee and a chat. We have had a variety of venues over the years. The Eagle House in Glashule; Brady's of Shankill and, most recently, McDonagh's of Dalkey. At each of these venues, the staff have been more than helpful and we have also had our Christmas Lunches at these friendly venues.

Some of us have even been on tour as part of the International Golden Oldies Tournament sponsored by Air New Zealand. These tournaments are held every two years in different parts of the world. Some of us joined up with other Clubs to participate in Argentina and also in Edinburgh and one or two are contemplating Hawaii!!

So bonded do we all feel, that some of the more locally located Albert Ladies (aka The Dalkey Dollies!) walk the West Pier on Wednesdays during the summer. This enables us to keep in touch (over coffee in the Purty Kitchen) during the off-season.

Some 'Dollies' are very fit and play a variety of other sports: Tennis, Badminton, Bowls and Golf, and some are regular swimmers. But for most of us it is the unique Wednesday Hockey which binds up and gives us such enduring enjoyment, solace, when required, and a continuing sense of friendship, playing fair and including everyone in. Long may it flourish. Take a bow HELEN WHEELER!!

Stephanie Batt (D.A.R.A.)



FEEDBACK

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



I wish to highlight the following which is becoming a serious problem in our Community. While travelling around the square about from Ulverton Road recently I encountered a middle-aged man on a bicycle who had emerged from Barnhill Road but who didn't turn left and continued across the junction to cycle the wrong way into Castle Street. Luckily I was able to stop and block him off, as I was about to turn up Dalkey Avenue. When I sounded my horn he simply pulled the bicycle between two cars onto the footpath and continued cycling the wrong way.

Until such time as the Gardai ACTUALLY prosecute these cyclists they will continue to endanger their own lives and the lives of other road users.

The Road Traffic Acts apply to EVERYONE, not just to motorists!!!

R.Mooney, Dalkey Town



COUNCIL BEACH BYE-LAWS- 2013



In light of the recent awarding of Blue Flag Status for the 2013 bathing season at Seapoint and Killiney beaches dlr would like to remind everyone of the new Beach Bye Laws that were adopted by the Council at its meeting on 8th October 2012.

In order to make our beach areas safe and pleasant for everybody, a number of restrictions are in place relating to litter, dogs, jet-skis and noise.

The most notable changes with the new bye laws relate to the regulations on the control of dogs on beaches. They are less restrictive on dog owners and recognise the needs of all beach users by achieving a balance between dog owners, the general public and swimmers.

The current restrictions on dog owners are:

SEAPOINT BEACH – Bathing Area - No dogs allowed all year round.

SANDYCOVE BEACH – Bathing Area - No dogs allowed all year round. Outside Bathing Area - 10am - 7pm dogs must be on leash all year round.

KILLINEY BEACH – Bathing Area - No dogs allowed 1st June - 15th Sept. 10am - 7pm.

At all other times in the bathing area dogs are required to be on leash.

The above restrictions do not apply to guide dogs for the blind. The full text of the Beach Bye Laws which came into effect on the 1st January 2013 can be viewed on the Council's website www.dlrco.ie

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Congratulations to the 'Clambake' Committee, which is made up of parents from our Scout troop, for successfully hosting the Clambake this year. It is the Scout group's main fundraiser and is held annually on the evening of St. Patrick's Parish Fete.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters of this event: the band 'Stepaside' who provided live music on the night and the Guinea Pig Restaurant and the Bombay Pantry, who took care of the food. Many local businesses donated to our raffle: O'Briens Wines, EuroSpar, The Dispensary, Benitos, Cavistons, Wine Buff, New Lisa life, Scouting Ireland, Cabello hair salon, Doyle Butchers, Mirella gift shop, Kavanaghs butchers, Butlers Pantry, Clarins and SFfitnesscamps. We greatly appreciate their support.

Gathering Event - On June 8th, a very sunny summer weekend, the 41st Dublin hosted a 'Gathering' Event. We invited a party of 26 scout and Scouters to Dublin for an overnight. Our guests are members of the 6th Bebington Sea Scout Group which is based in the town of Eastham on the Wirral peninsula, near Liverpool. On their short visit, they had a trip to Dalkey Island from Coliemore Harbour, with a guided tour by our own tour guide,



Brian Meyer. A total party of over sixty camped overnight in Blackrock on the warmest Saturday night to date and were only cooled down by a swim at Seapoint the next morning. One Bebington scout Jonathon Street was presented with some genealogical research done by one of the members of our troop. Jonathon was delighted to have his Irish heritage confirmed as well as discovering he had some possible links with members of our troop, way, way back!

Our guests had a truly memorable visit, enjoyed their trip to Dalkey Island, loved their walk around the town which could only have whetted their appetite for further visits. Well done to everyone involved.

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Wednesday July 16th at 1.05pm – Andy Woods will present a 55-minute lunchtime lecture ‘*c.995: Dublin’s first coinage*’ as part of the monthly Milestones of Medieval Dublin lectures organised by the Friends of Medieval Dublin and Dublin City Council, in the Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 - admission free.

Sunday July 21st from 3pm to 6pm. – Spectacular Air Show off Bray Seafront - subject to weather conditions on the day.

BOOKS TO READ

“Diarmuid Lynch: A Forgotten Irish Patriot: The untold story of Diarmuid Lynch, one of the key architects of the 1916 Rising and the last man to leave the GPO”

by Eileen McGough, published by Mercier Press.

On Saturday night, 22nd April 1916, a tense meeting in Dublin went on into the small hours to decide whether or not the Easter Rising would go ahead. Present at that meeting were Pádraig Pearse, Tomás MacDonagh, Joseph Plunkett and Seán MacDiarmada, and Diarmuid Lynch. Two weeks later the only one still alive from all those present at this all-night session was Diarmuid Lynch. It is difficult to understand how Lynch, a member of the Supreme Council of the IRB, has been so completely forgotten.

Lynch was at the heart of plans for the Rising and was aide-de-camp to James Connolly in the GPO. Initially sentenced to death, his sentence was commuted to ten years penal servitude because he was an American citizen. Released on 16 June 1917, he immediately became active again, and along with Michael Collins and Thomas Ashe, participated in the re-organisation of the IRB. He was arrested again in 1918 and deported to America. While in America he was elected as TD for the constituency of Cork South-East. In America he worked frenetically as the National Secretary of the FOIF (Friends of Irish Freedom) organization to raise money for the Irish republican cause. Later sharp differences between de Valera and the FOIF meant his vital role was ignored. Lynch did not take part in the Civil War, but made several unsuccessful attempts to stop it.

Author Information – Eileen McGough, originally from Killarney, worked as national-school teacher from 1964 to 2000. She is active in the local community of Tracton, near Kinsale, where Diarmuid Lynch was born and raised and has published two local history books. She has researched the life of Diarmuid Lynch through his own extensive writings as well as many other primary sources. “Diarmuid Lynch: A Forgotten Irish Patriot” is published in paperback by Mercier Press, is Ireland’s oldest Independent publishing house, based in Cork, at €14.99 and is also available in eBook format from all the usual outlets.



DALKEY GARDA CLINICS



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

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The next Clinics for Dalkey residents will take place on

Thursday, 4th July 11 am to 12 noon

Thursday, 18th July 11 am to 12 noon

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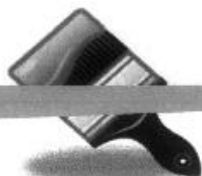
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Grandparents' Day – A firm fixture in our annual calendar of events, Grandparents' Day is becoming more popular year by year. On this, our fifth Grandparents' Day, we were very excited to welcome more than 140 grandparents back to school at the end of May. Some had travelled very long distances to be here, arriving from as far afield as the mid-west of America and New Zealand, and from many different European countries as well. Following Morning Assembly and refreshments, tours of the classrooms and School facilities were organised. The visitors enjoyed joining in with many of the activities on offer and enthusiastically played softball, joined in with music and dance classes, participated in quizzes and answered questions about their own school days. The busy morning ended with a special meal in the Dining Room when the children and their visitors had a chance to relax whilst enjoying a delicious school lunch.

Athletics Success – An abundance of amazing performances at the two Cumann na mBunscol Primary School Athletics competitions at Morton Stadium, Santry, at the end of May and early in June saw our athletes celebrate time and again as they exceeded all our expectations. The competition for Field events was held on a wet Monday, 27th May, however, this did not dampen the children's spirits and despite the fact that our Sixth Class children were away in the Gaeltacht, the squad managed to gain three gold, five silver and two bronze medals between them.

Further glory was to follow on 6th June when the Track Team returned to Santry, this time enjoying a glorious summer's day. The sun certainly brought out the best in the athletes who kept on winning! An amazing haul of six gold medals, from 11 medals won, included first place for each of the following relay teams - u10 Girls, u10 Boys, u11 Boys and u11 Girls!

Based on all of these performances we are really looking forward to our Annual Sports Day at the end of June when competition should be fierce as the children compete to gain points for their individual Houses.

Congratulations to all and a very special thank you to our sports teachers Mr Hillman and Ms Davey. To quote Mr Hillman - "Teamwork makes your dreams work!"



Eamon Coughlan helps Castle Park Track Team to celebrate



Boat Builder Mark Redden helps to carry Naomh Beagnait to Coliemore Harbour

How the months are zipping by. As I write this we are blessed with glorious sunshine and beautiful clear blue skies. We pray that this fine weather will continue through the summer months.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors during the summer months. Whether this is 'passing through' time, or rest and relaxation time, family or friendship time, may it be a restful time and bring you peace, may it also be a time of Blessing for you as you visit our church. On Our Lady's Altar we have placed a Book of Intentions which are included in the prayers of the faithful at Mass each Sunday. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer please include them and their intention and they will be remembered in prayer at this time.

Once again we had a busy month in June with four weddings and numerous Christenings. We also played host to '*Robert Fisk in conversation with Pat Kenny*' with the Church packed to capacity. Our annual parish picnic was a great day out and everyone had a ball. We thank Michael McDonnell who keeps the grounds in such wonderful condition and our garden blooming!

After a month of hard work sawing, sanding and steaming, Naomh Beagnait - this sleek elegant currach was launched in Coliemore Harbour on Sat 1st June. The boat was carried in traditional manner from The Tramyard in Dalkey to Coliemore Harbour by some of those who helped build her, blessed there by Fr Declan and then launched on her maiden voyage. All those present got a chance to row her including Fr Declan. She has since gone on to win An Rás Mór, Cork's Ocean



Naomh Beagnait on maiden voyage

to City 15 mile race, and we send congratulations to all her crew. Thanks to Mark Redden for his wonderful craftsmanship and to Liz Murray whose idea it was to create this wonderful community based project. Look out for more details on her progress www.facebook.com/pages/Begnets-boats or www.dalkeyparish.ie

During summer months our Taize group take a well earned rest - their wonderful music at 7.30pm Mass on Sunday evenings helps to create a very quiet and reflective atmosphere. We look forward to welcoming them back at the end of August.

A reminder that this year's Parish Golf Outing will take place on Friday 16th August in Killiney Golf Club. Tee times from 1pm with dinner afterwards. Drop into the parish office for more details and to register. This is a social event and not a fundraiser. All are very welcome. Cost inc dinner €30.

If you would have some spare time on your hands and would like to give an hour or two to helping in the Church or Our Lady's Hall, please let us know.

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Naomh Beagnait triumphs in An Rás Mór



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VOYAGER ESTATE

Part One

Every Vineyard has something special and unique about it but Voyager Estate has it all. Set among beautiful gardens in the heart of Margaret River just ten minutes from the town. I have worked with Voyager for nearly two months now so I suppose I can give a unique insight into this wonderful winery. It happens that this winery is not all about the wine, but their immaculate rose gardens, award



winning restaurant and Cellar Door. The Cellar Door itself is stepping up in terms of the service they offer. Not only can you get a complimentary tasting here but you also have the option of a “guided tasting”. This type of tasting cannot be found anywhere else in Margaret River. Using modern technology in the form of Apple iPads you can sit down and enjoy five different wines that you can pick from different menus or “flights” as we call them. I believe that Voyager is paving the way for the future of the Cellar Door experience. There are also wine classes and tastings that can be booked for a group in “Michaels Room”, named after Michael Wright, the founder of Voyager who sadly passed away last year.

Michael Wright provided the vision for Voyager Estate. He had a rare ability to imagine a future well beyond his own life time and with hard work and persistence he transformed this Margaret River Vineyard into one of Australia’s most recognisable wine Estates. Michaels journey to wine was based on a long term affinity with agriculture and a desire to create something world class. He described himself as a “farmer from the world of commerce”. He was a larger than life character and a remarkable man who was never happier then when he was trundling around the estate on his four-wheeler. His daughter Grace has now stepped into his shoes and continues his legacy. Under her guidance and in keeping with her father’s wishes the Estate underwent a revamp and its architecture is built in South African Cape Dutch style. The buildings and surroundings are truly breathtaking. As people come in from wondering the gardens they often comment on how well the grounds are kept and on the beautiful roses in particular.

One day while doing the wine tasting a lovely English Gentleman began to tell me about one of the roses in the garden called “Just Joey”. It so happened that a friend of his who lived up the road from him had cultivated these “Just Joey” roses in 1972 and had named the flower after his wife, Josephine. This is just one of the many interesting stories I am privy to every day while meeting some wonderful and interesting characters on the Cellar Door.

After their tasting or stroll around the grounds many customers will sit down to a spectacular lunch or afternoon tea in Voyagers award winning restaurant which was voted number 2 in Margaret River by Tripadvisor. The menu is lavish. Claire Tonan, Voyagers Sommelier, is at hand to help with wine matching if she is not taking a wine tour or tasting in Michaels room. She is a very busy lady who everyone wants to talk to. Unfortunately on some days there are chardonnay and cheese tastings which makes for a less than savoury smell at Cellar Door that not even the just Joeys can relieve.

“So all these stories and history of Voyager Estate but what about the Wines?” I hear you ask. Well you will have to wait until next months issue, Voyager Part II where I will don my uniform and take you on a tour of some of Voyagers finer wines, until then, happy tastings.

Sinéad Tyrrell



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Red Squirrel Meeting in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel Wed. 10th July	Sorting of Aug. Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm) Thurs. 25 July DCC August Monthly Meeting in OLH at 8pm Tues 6 Aug

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6-9pm Tues. & Thurs. Tel: Wayne Deegan 086 857 2546.

Dalkey Players have finished for the summer. New members are always welcome. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey has finished for the season. New members are very welcome contact www.stpatsdramsoc.com

The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. Please call 086-8391839

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

Holy Trinity Killiney – The Church will also be open Mon-Sat, 2-4pm July and August.

NATURE NOTES FOR JUNE 2013

July: Tern watches from Coliemore Harbour every Tuesday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Event is hosted in conjunction with DLRCC. Check out the DLR events website for updates on events in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area. Many of the events are FREE for everyone to enjoy. www.dlrevents.ie

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Time: Tuesday 16th July 2013 7.30pm

Cost: Free Admission - pre booking essential

Thursday 18th July 2013 7.30pm

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