

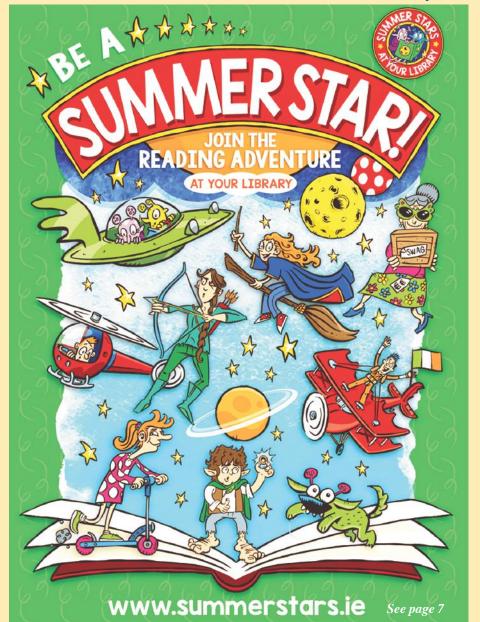
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SUMMARY OF THE JUNE MONTHLY MEETING



The DCC meeting was held on Tuesday 13th June 2017 in OLH.

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Treasurer: The Treasurer thanks all those who have contributed to the annual collection. Any outstanding envelopes can be returned via their Road Rep or the post box in Our Lady's Hall.

TT: DTT are very busy as the adjudicators are due in the town anytime now to score Dalkey for the Tidy Towns competition.

Planning: The Dalkey Manor decision has been appealed to ABP and DCC has sent in a submission. There is still no further application for Bulloch Harbour.

AOB: DCC will take up a request for the installation of a lift at the DART station with I.E. The need for CCTV for the town will be evaluated and a report will be drawn up. Also there is a strong demand to have our local Garda station reinstated.

An Cathaoirleach Cormac Devlin came along to discuss topics that had arisen during his term in office: the closure of the Garda stations, transport services, the increase in planning applications, parking, traffic and cycling problems, the status of the harbours and the seafront in Dun Laoghaire. DCC congratulates Cormac for his very successful year as Cathaoirleach and his assistance with various issues during the past year. We wish him the very best for the future.

The July Meeting is on Monday 10th July in Our Lady's Hall at 7:30pm.

DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE

Fáilte Ireland Dublin Showcase: More than ninety high-end luxury buyers were in Ireland (21st – 23rd May 2017) for a three day showcase of what Ireland has to offer her clients. They stayed at Powerscourt House, Co. Wicklow.



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Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre played host to these high end buyers on Tuesday, May 23rd. The aim was that the buyers could see first-hand

the variety of exclusive activities available for their customers out of the city in Dublin's coastal villages (as they call us!).

The newly refurbished, award-winning Dalkey Town Hall was the venue for their meetings on May 23rd. The Heritage Centre provided a range of experiences for the guests to sample. These included an Archery Demonstration + actor archer in character; Living History tours in Dalkey Castle; A taster of the Maeve Binchy and Famous Irish Writers Walks; Experience Gaelic games in Cuala; A bodhrán taster session with The Bodhrán Buzz;

Guinness Experience: an experiential tasting with one of the renowned Guinness Bar Specialist Connoisseurs and Seafood Tasting Table with the 5* Merrion Hotel.

Locally, **Country Bake** was highly commended for providing top class fare for the guests. **High praise**, indeed, came from Fáilte Ireland after the event:

"I wanted to drop you a note to say a huge thank you for such amazing support and engagement by all the team of Dalkey Castle in showcasing Dalkey Castle and your experiences so well.

The attention to detail of the full complement of the team members on duty throughout the event, down to refreshments, ushers, costumed actors and the experience providers themselves was fantastic, and it was wonderful to have the costumed characters in role, mingle with the delegates between meetings, adding to the storytelling. It was commented on so positively by Micaela, in their closing remarks at Dinner in Trinity on Tuesday night. In fact, to use her words they were 'blown away' by the creativeness and

variety of experiences on offer, and one of the team noted to me that of all 12 connections events they have done to date that this one by far delivered over and above all expectations and that the Archery Demonstration, in the words of one of the team, was among his top 3 ever of **all** experiences has ever seen".

Amanda Horan, Fáilte Ireland.



Dalkey Town Hall a-buzz with international buyers

Photo: Courtesy of Fáilte Ireland

Fáilte Ireland partnered with Connections - a global networking and event organiser - and DMC Adams and Butler to manage the prestigious event.

We are confident of capturing some of their clients for Dalkey into the future.

Meanwhile, back on terra firma, our Language School tours are almost fully booked out for the month of July.

CIE tours continue to marvel at 'the village feel' of our heritage town after they take our living history tour.

Summer of Heritage DLR sponsored free tours are available to locals on Mondays and Thursdays at 10.00 am. We look forward to showing you around! Must be pre-booked.

Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

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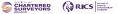
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D.T.T. Northern Trust Dillon's Park Clean-Up

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DALKEY TIDY TOWNS UPDATE ON SORRENTO PARK

The 'Jungle' is no more and now we have a fantastic new space for picnics, etc., just at the edge of the sea at Sorrento Point. Watch out for more upgrading here by DTT this Summer.

MORE ISLAND AND SEA VIEWS REVEALED IN DILLON'S PARK

Aidan Gray of An Taisce, the National Trust for Ireland, has been a great supporter of our Dalkey Tidy Towns team for over 12 years. On June 6th, a group of 12 volunteers from Northern Trust Ireland arrived with An Taisce's Aidan and Richard in Dillon's Park to join forces with our DTT Team, Noel, Des, Frank, Susan, Martin and Una. Northern Trust is a winner of the prestigious 'Excellence Through People' Gold award for outstanding performance in training and people development. We saw why as the volunteers, armed with DTT clippers, shears, rakes, chain saws and strimmers, got in to action.

The aim was to clear years of accumulated cans and bottles and also to create yet another great viewing area for the public on the lower level of Dillon's Park. By the end of the day, we succeeded in turning a forgotten wilderness into a beautiful new area for relaxing and enjoying the sea and island views. Twelve sacks of





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discarded bottles and cans were collected under the nettles and thorns from years of littering. Our DTT team will return to add the finishing touches but we could never have achieved so much without the really appreciated help from the great Northern Trust team and also from An Taisce. A beautiful new amenity has been born. Congratulations and thank you to all.

Northern Trust serves more than 2,000 clients located in over 40 countries with 14,000 employees. Here in Ireland they have 1,000 employees between their Limerick and Dublin bases. They have now certainly left their mark here in Dalkey.

Des Burke-Kennedy, Dalkey Tidy Towns

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DALKEY LIBRARY NEWS



As our thoughts turn to summer holidays and no more school runs we'd like to remind you all that the library remains open every day, except Sunday, that all the services we offer are provided free of charge and that everyone is welcome to visit and use our lovely library. Dalkey Library is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 1pm and from 2pm to 5pm. On Tuesday and Thursday we open from 1.15pm to 8pm. We had a very busy month in May, with events for adults and children. Our *May Melodies* series was a huge success and we are looking forward to more music in the library during the summer. *Sounds of the Summer* will take place in August/September; more details to follow.

There is a significant body of research to indicate that children who are not participating in



Cadenza performing in Dalkey Library - May Melodies

Photo: Dalkey Library

formal literacy programmes, like those undertaken in school, suffer a significant decline in their reading attainment levels during the summer months. With this in mind we we'll be encouraging all children to enrol in our *Summer Stars Reading Adventure* and keep reading over the summer. There will be a membership card and rewards along the way for





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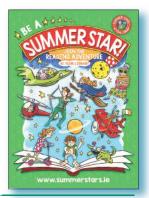
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books read. Every child who participates will be presented with a completion certificate in September.

PHOTOGRAPH APPEAL

We're looking for old photos of Dalkey and the surrounding areas. Can you help? If so we'd love to hear from you. We're happy to scan the original photos and return them to you or if you feel like decluttering we can hold your originals in the library. We're fairly sure there are lots of older photos out there of the people and places of Dalkey so please feel free to contact us by phone on 01 2855277 or by email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie

MARIA O'SULLIVAN, Librarian, Dalkey Library



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LAUNCH OF THE DALKEY MAP



Dalkey Place Names circa 1900

The work of Andy O'Rourke, Brendan Roe, Michael Mullen and co-ordinated by Flor O'Mahony culminated in the launch of the Dalkey Map in the library on Thursday 1st June. This map records the old place names from 1900 and has a narrative on some of the names. An Cathaoirleach Cormac Devlin cut the ribbon and praised the efforts of the group who have brought this project to a successful conclusion. The map will be displayed in the library and comments or further information can be emailed to dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie



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Maria O'Sullivan, Librarian, Dalkey Library and An Cathaoirleach Cormac Devlin
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Brendan Roe, Cllr. Carrie Smyth, Andy O'Rourke, An Cathaoirleach Cormac Devlin, Michael Mullen and Flor O'Mahony Photo: Dalkey Library

In this 'one-off' contribution to Maritime Dalkey, the five-year long series that last appeared in this Newsletter's edition of July 2016, Jehan Ashmore, Shipping Correspondent of Afloat.ie, returns with this contribution.

Gloria Hunniford, the BBC TV and Radio presenter and former Dalkey (Bulloch Harbour) resident who in recent years became the godmother of the cruiseship *Magellan*, which sailed passed our scenic Island on the June Bank Holiday Monday.

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The 46,000 tonnes *Magellan*, flagship of UK operator Cruise & Maritime Voyages (CMV) docked in Dublin Port. This was to embark Irish passengers on the first of five non-fly cruises to the Norwegian fjords, Iceland, Iberia, France, Scotland and the Faroes.



Gloria Hunniford Photo. CMV

Magellan's 'homeporting' from Dublin was sold-out this season, however the 1,450 passenger/ 8-deck ship is to return with additional cruises in 2018. At almost 250m, the ship is close to the restricted maximum length imposed by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. This compared to Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company's plan to have 'giant' 360m cruiseships within the harbour, an issue that has proved to be highly controversial. The €18m cruise-berth plan however, remains subject to a judicial review following the Save Our Seafront campaign that in April won its case at the Commercial Court against the An Bord Pleanála decision to grant planning permission, given potential impacts posed both on the harbour amenity and environment.

An Bord Pleanála then determined that certain technical requirements of the EU Habitats Directive (incl. protection of porpoises) required further information to be supplied by Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company. This would enable the Bord to further assess the planning application.

Commenting on the decision, DLHC CEO Gerry Dunne pointed out that while the nature

Magellan off The Muglins -- Photo: Jehan Ashmore

of the issues, have yet to be outlined in detail, they are believed to be "technical and not substantive".

Footnote:

Magellan was originally launched as Holiday in the same Danish yard in Aalborg where the last conventional car-ferry to serve Dún Laoghaire-Holyhead was the St. Columba. That ferry was replaced in 1996 by the fast ferry HSS Stena Explorer that ran for almost two decades until withdrawn in 2014.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1





TRAFFIC SOLUTION FOR DALKEY?

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In light of the recent objections and controversy surrounding both the Dalkey Manor and Bulloch Harbour Developments, one of the common concerns regarding both proposals is the issue of traffic along Barnhill Road and, indeed, the rest of the Dalkey Area.

In my opinion and given the steady increases in traffic to both Barnhill Road and Dalkey Avenue together with the badly managed traffic in the rest of the Dalkey area, one or a mixture of the following three measures will likely be needed at some point in the future:

- 1. Have more of the streets made one-way where two-way traffic is near impossible.
- 2. Widen the main arterial routes to an acceptable level.
- 3. New roads where space permits.

Point 1 would be more for roads in Dalkey Town which is an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). This includes those such as White's Villas, Carysfort Road, St. Patrick's Road, Tubbermore Road, Sorrento Road and Coliemore Road. Making these roads oneway would avoid otherwise very destructive road widening schemes along Dalkey's most breath taking locations and streets.

In doing all of this, Castle Street itself could be made one-way (initially between Patrick's Road and The Queens) and eventually, the entire lot. The purpose of this would be to reconstitute the space from the removed direction of travel for kerb build-outs which would serve to improve the experience for pedestrians. Other benefits include the ability to provide outdoor seating which would be a phenomenal help to businesses such as The Country Bake and 1909.

On a broader note, some of these roads would be made friendlier to buses (for coastal tours) and the odd truck without eating away at the historic built form. For example, Sorrento and Coliemore Roads could form a massive loop for coastal coach tours with a honeycomb of connector side roads in between for local residents to turn around. This would help to capitalize on the new ferry service between Coliemore Harbour and Dalkey Island

Point 2 would apply to the likes of Dalkey Avenue and Barnhill Road, much of which are situated well outside the ACA. However, every effort would need to be made so that these roads aren't tarnished beyond recognition. Nevertheless, this would be an extremely difficult and undoubtedly controversial undertaking. The works carried out on Pottery Road spring to mind and they did an excellent job of it. I say that because it also caters to pedestrians and cyclists given that both the cycle tracks and sidewalks have adequate widths while the main carriageway affords buses and trucks plenty of space.

Now, given that Dalkey is a heritage town, any new boundary treatments to the hypothetical new road shapes would have to be sympathetic and not perpetuate the concrete jungle stereotypes which many would view as soulless.

Point 3 is more inspired by the job carried out in paving over the railway line in Dun Laoghaire. In this instance, the railway line between Dalkey Avenue and Dalkey Train Station would be completely enclosed by a new road system directly above. The idea behind this concept would be to carry mainstream traffic to the train station to avoid any damage to the main thoroughfare of Castle Street.

Bottom line, a more strategic plan needs to be put in place to future-proof the Dalkey area and at the same time, preserving the best parts of it.

As bold a suggestion as the above may seem, it isn't outside the realm of common sense. Kind regards,

Patrick Brophy, 1, Fairlawns, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 2





INFORMATION SOUGHT

I have been looking for a photograph of the original primary school building at Loreto Abbey, Dalkey for some time. The old building was there during my early days teaching in the school. It was demolished to make way for the new wing which borders the laneway that leads to the house called 'Alexis House'.

Some of the long classroom benches are still in the grounds of the school. Six pupils sat on each bench and worked on a long row of desks. The building was erected during the early days of M. Teresa Ball's new Foundation in Dalkey. School opened there and the nuns travelled to it from Bullock Castle until their convent building was finished.

If anyone in Dalkey has a picture of that old school we would love to copy it and retain the copy here in the archives. It was demolished between 1973 and 1978. Maybe readers of your Newsletter were at school there and, if so, it would be a treasure to get some of their memories of their time there.

I sincerely hope someone can help in this request for photo./memories. *Yours sincerely*,

Kathleen Fitzgerald IBVM (Sr. Finbarr!)

The contacts for our Archives are as follows: IBVM (Loreto) Institute & Irish Province Archives, 55 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. +35316620158 archives@loreto.ie

HAROLD BOYS' N.S. UPDATE



On the 16th May, some members of our Green Schools Committee went to County Hall in Dún Laoghaire for the Tidy Schools Award Ceremony. We had won the 'Most Improved' category last year so we were hoping to show some progress again this year. The ceremony was attended by An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Cormac Devlin as well as Dean Eaton from DLR County Council. RTE also filmed the ceremony as part of a segment for their News2Day programme. Our school finished 3rd overall in the Tidy Schools category which was a fantastic achievement. It is reward for the effort our Green Schools committee, pupils, staff and school community put into keeping our school grounds so neat and tidy and for the biodiversity themed work we have completed this year.

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Harold Boys team with their Green Flag Certificate Photo: Harold Boys' N.S.

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We welcomed our new infants on Monday 26th May. We had a lovely morning getting to know each other. The children had lots of fun on the bouncing castle, met their new teacher and got to see the school. June was a very busy month with school tours taking place in the Ark Theatre, Aviva Stadium & Clara Lara to name a few. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer break and looking forward to seeing everyone when school re-opens on Wednesday, 30th August 2017.

DALKEY SCHOOL PROJECT NATIONAL SCHOOL

SPECIAL EVENTS IN APRIL AND MAY – written by 3rd class pupils



AUTISM AWARENESS

April was Autism awareness month, we made a poster explaining what autism is. Some people with autism have talents that other people don't. Also, people with autism have very sensitive senses and this could cause them to cry or get angry. Some people with autism like the feel of different textures to help them calm down, but some people don't. Some people with autism need a little more help than

others. While some people can give an answer straight away, people with autism might need an extra few seconds, it also helps to ask again. If people with autism are finding something hard they will do something to calm themselves down. Not everyone with autism are the same. 3rd class also met Julia from Sesame Street and she likes playing with Big Bird, Elmo and a fairy. Julia loved playing boing tag and painting and also she did not like loud noises. 3rd class also learned a song called 'We can all be Friends' from Sesame Street. Some people with autism like being on their own and some people with autism like playing in groups, Autism is not an illness or a bad thing. If an Xbox disk doesn't work in a PlayStation it doesn't mean that it is broken. If you see someone with autism struggling with something they find hard, help them. Do not use sarcastic language, people with autism might not understand, just use clear and simple language. Some people with autism hate loud noises and this might make them scream or cry. People with autism are very talented and unique and that's why amazing things can happen

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HARBOUR BICENTENARY

On Wednesday the 31st of May at 1:30pm we walked down to the Harbour Bicentenary

Celebrations. A Bicentenary is a celebration of 200 years. It was a celebration of the Dún Laoghaire Harbour and the laying of the first brick on the East Pier. When we got there the organiser gave us little Irish flags for when the President Michael D Higgins came. We had to wait a while but to keep us busy Sara, Nell and Alfie all got their picture taken for the Newspaper with the time capsule and RNLI.



D.S.P. Dun Laoghaire Harbour Bicentenary - Photo: Irish Times

There were canons fired and they were so loud, everyone thought there was only one but there were three! Nobody expected that!!We put letters from us in the time capsule that the President put in the ground at the King George Monument! There was a 21-gun salute on the east pier but nobody could hear them and a plane from the Air Corps flew over. The president talked about the Famine and about who built Dún Laoghaire harbour and about



3rd Class D.S.P. at Dun Laoghaire Harbour Bi-Centenary

Photo. DSPNS

where he came from (Galway.) Near the end Nell gave flowers to Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor and Councillor Cormac Devlin spoke too. We had a great day and we hope everyone else had as well!!

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NEWS FROM SHARAVOGUE SCHOOL





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Ava Coffey and Primrose Scully in the Helix, holding the green flag for water

Our Green schools programme has continued in earnest throughout 2017. We are thrilled to announce that we were awarded our third green flag for water conservation. Our Vice Principal, Gillian Dawson, Senior Class teacher, Mrs. Connolly and pupils Primrose Scully and Ava Coffey went to the Helix where they were presented with the flag. We were delighted when Cormac Devlin, Dún Laoghaire Mayor presided over the raising of the green flag ceremony. It

takes two long years of dedicated hard work by Mrs. Connolly and the green school committee to reach this stage of approval. As the DLR Environmental Officer Dean Eaton continually states: 'Sharavogue School punches well above its weight in its contribution

and dedication to environmental issues!!' The children are so enthusiastic about the Green Schools programme and really work in earnest on any related project. They were rewarded with a Green Schools picnic in the Peoples Park with all the other reps from local schools, everyone used the old green flags as their rugs providing a united blanket of green across the park.

Egg Hatching Project – There was great excitement in Sharavogue when the Junior School took part in the Egg Hatching Project. The children were responsible for overseeing the minding and hatching of eggs into chicks



Look what happened when the eggs hatched -Primrose Scully holds one of our chickens



Cllr. Cormac Devlin gets the guided tour of Sharavogue from Principal Betty Allen

over a 2 week period. We were all delighted when they hatched and everyone got turns in minding and feeding.

The Montessori and older Crèche children also joined in with daily visits to see how our new family was getting on.

Once they were a bit bigger and stronger, they went back to the farm and are out enjoying the sunshine now as well!

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LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

SUMMER TERM AT LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've had a very busy time here in Loreto this term. The Green Schools Committee have been hard at work. A number of representatives attended an award ceremony in The Helix where we were presented with our Biodiversity flag. Another group marched through Dalkey with the others schools in our district, waving our home-made banners and placards, encouraging people to dispose of their gum properly. Finally, after all our hard work and determination, we raised our *fifth* green flag for Biodiversity, with the help of the Cathaoirleach, Cormac Devlin, on June 15th.

Like every year, numerous pupils are selected to represent our school in the Santry Sports Competition. The games were spread over 2 days, field events first which included, long jump, high jump, shotput, hurdles and long distance. Then a few days later, we had track events, which were only sprint and relay. Altogether our team brought back seven medals. Everybody was thrilled.

The school orchestra performed a recital to the school recently, conducted by Michelle LeMay. They played *Autumn*, from the Four Seasons by Vivaldi, *Symphony No.* 7 by Beethoven and *The Irish Washerwoman*, by Leroy Anderson. It was very enjoyable.

Every year the sixth class work hard to host the Family Fun Day and this year was no exception. Every student set up a stall and organised all the events. Every job came with a big responsibility and lots of planning. It took place on the 11th of June and it was a huge success! Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and students filled the playground purchasing items from the amazing variety of stalls, getting their fortunes told, nails painted, listening to the band play their instruments and the orchestra performing. The sixth class had a great time and raised a lot of money for the school.

As you can see we've had a very busy and productive term, but all good things must come to an end. We in 6th class are all looking forward to moving onto secondary school but we will never forget all our happy days here in Loreto Primary School.

By Olivia Rutherford and Kate Claffey, 6th Class



July

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

Flower: WATER LILY

ANNUAL GARDEN OUTING

The Annual Dalkey Community Council Garden Outing will take place in late July. Please watch the Notice Board in Our Lady's Hall for further details.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 19-24 8/5/2017 to 16/6/2017

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.: D17A/0430 Application Rec'd Date: 12-May-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Isolde O'Rourke, 5, Leslie Avenue, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Retention Permission of a 34m2 garden structure at the rear.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0439 Application Rec'd Date: 17-May-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Colin Keane & Nicola O`Donnell, 2 Seafield Terrace, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for a new 1st floor window & alterations / improvements to existing single storey flat roof extension to the rear (northeast) with a new rooflight to existing southeast roof together with associated works to a protected structure (RPS Ref. 1475).

Reg. Ref.: D16A/0921 Application Rec'd Date: 12-Dec-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home Ltd., Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for modifications to the development permitted under Reg. Ref. D14A/0547 for refurbishment works and a new 3-storey extension at the southeast elevation resulting in a reduction in total bedrooms from 59 no. as previously permitted to 58 no. overall. The revised development will now consist of: 1. Two storey pitched roof extension with part flat roof (c.1,627 sqm) to side and rear of existing building (southeast) with roof level accommodation and associated dormers and velux to provide 31 new bedrooms and associated ancillary rooms. 2. Internal refurbishment works to existing building to replace 2 no. bedrooms at first floor level with a treatment room. 3. New emergency access to/from Ardbrugh Road. 4. 17 no. surface parking spaces, site landscaping and all associated drainage and site works. Additional Info.: 22-May-2017

Reg. Ref.: D16A/0954 **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Dec-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Tara Peterman, Lohengrin, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for development. The development will consist of the: 1. Demolition of the existing front elevation, demolition of existing roof structure, removal of internal walls 2. Construction of a new flat roof over entire house with overhanging soffits and roof lights 3. Two storey extension to the front of the existing house 4. Flat roof extension to the rear at first floor level 5. Elevational alterations including new windows and external insulation 5. New roof terrace over existing single storey side structure with guarding 6. Elevational alterations to all sides of the property 7. The works will also consist of new pedestrian entrance on Torca Road, new entrance pillars and gates, drainage works, landscaping and ancillary and associated works. Additional Information: 22-May-2017.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0457 **Application Rec'd Date:** 22-May-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Breda Mulcahy, Iona, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought to erect a new single bedroom two storey, dwelling house on site of demolished single storey garden room together with all associated drainage and site development works. **Application Type:** Outline Permission. Declare Application Invalid 26-May-20127

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0185 **Application Rec'd Date:** 2-Mar-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Shay Properties Ltd. Site at Nerano House (a Protected Structure) the listing which includes Nerano Sailor (a Protected Structure) and at its Gate Lodge all within the attendant ground of Nerano House, Nerano Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission for Retention and completion, consisting of; new granite steps from Nerano House to lower garden towards Nerano Road; new retaining wall and planter to include levelling of garden area to create new terrace and garden to south-east of Nerano House; Retention of new meter cabinet adjacent to Gate Lodge.

Add. Info.: 1-Jul-2017.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0339 Application Rec'd Date: 11-Apr-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Joyce & Paul Kelly, Saint Michaels, 20 Ardeevin Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Permission for conversion of existing study to bathroom, involving removal of existing timber floor and replacement with tanked tiled floor and installation of toilet, vanity unit, shower and bath. A protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0516 **Application Rec'd Date:** 8-Jun-2017

Applicant Name & Location: John & Patricia Devlin ,44, Mapas Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for widening of existing entrance gates (Total proposed extended width 3.2 m) revisions to existing gates and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0525 Application Rec'd Date: 9-Jun-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Vincent Finnegan, 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Killiney.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing two storey detached dwelling and single-storey garage; construction of 3 no. 3-storey dwellings, (1no. detached and 2no. semi-detached, 194sq.m each) with setback first-floor and set back second-floor including rooflights on each dwelling; relocation and alteration of existing vehicular entrance and two new vehicular entrances and on-site parking for two cars at each house, new boundary treatment, landscaping, ancillary works and associated works necessary to facilitate the development.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0186/E

Apl. Name & Location: Edward Doyle, Portion of lands to rear of 21, Castle St. Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the demolition of a derelict shed on portion of lands to rear of 21, Castle Street and the provision of a shop/retail unit at ground floor level on the existing footprint, together with a two storey office extension above this proposed shop in order to extend the existing office unit number 3 adjacent to the site at the rear of 20

Castle Street. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0041 Application Rec'd Date: 19-Jan-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Alison Harvey & David Cunningham, 24 Dalkey Ave., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the refurbishment and extension of a semi-detached dwelling. The works include modifications to the existing windows on the front and rear façades; re-building at the existing garage and first floor level over (to side); a new entrance porch to the front side and new window; extending to the rear at ground and first floor; roof-lighting to the flat roof and removal of an existing chimney The works also include the proposed widening of the front entrance gates to Dalkey Avenue, external landscaping and new plant shed to rear and miscellaneous other works. Add. Information: 12-Jun-2017

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0551 Application Rec'd Date: 16-Jun-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Curve Devco Ltd. Lands at Castle Park School, Castle Pk Rd, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for development at this site. The proposed development comprises 50 no. apartments consisting of 5 no. 1-bed, 30 no. 2-bed and 15 no. 3-bed apartments, each with balcony / terrace space; the apartments are arranged in a number of blocks within 8 no. buildings which are linked by 7 no. glazed atrium, each providing access to two apartments blocks; the blocks range in height from 3-4 storeys over a single basement level; 80 no-car spaces are provided at basement level, 4 no. drop-off car spaces at surface level and 60 no. cycle spaces at basement and surface level (including a covered bike parking store catering for 10 spaces at surface level); all associated site development works including site excavation works, landscaping, provision of open space, all boundary treatments, lighting, children's play area, a single storey garden pavilion (c.92.3 m2), ESB substation (c.21.9m2); bin stores and plant at basement level and ancillary site attenuation (including green roofs to the apartment buildings); a new controlled pedestrian/cycle access gate is [proposed connecting to Castle Close. Vehicular access serving the scheme is off the existing ave. also serving via the existing school entrance off Castle Park Road; the use of the existing gate to the school for emergency/fire tender access purposes, for pedestrian access & for temporary construction access; All on a site of c.1.27ha within the grounds (House & Entrance Gateway both designated Protected Structures).

PLANNING DECISIONS WKS 19-24 2017 8/5/2017 to 16/6/2017

Reg. Ref.: D16B/0355 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 11/5/2017

Applicant Name & Location: Mark Cassidy, 35 Corrig Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of: A. Retention of refurbishment and alterations to existing two storey house of 86 sqm. B. Retention of two storey extension to rear of 44.75 sqm. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0230 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date**: 10/5/2017

Applicant Name & Location: Mrs Mary Buckley, 8, Church Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of an existing single-storey extension to the rear of the existing house; construction of a new single-storey extension to the rear, conversion of the existing attic into a master bedroom suite, alterations and refurbishment of the existing house, construction of a new vehicle site entrance and provision for car-parking to the front of the existing house. The works will include associated site works, new external store, drainage and landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0138 **Decision**: Grant Permission **Date:** 8/5/2017

Applic. Name & Location: Richard & Clare Hughes, Serrento, Nerano Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a single storey sunroom on the South East gable of dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0143 **Decision**: Grant Permission **Date:** 10/5/17

Applicant Name & Location: Alan & Michelle Bridgeman, 4, Barnhill Rd. Dalkey.

Proposal:Permission is sought to convert and extend the attic of the existing two storey semidetached dwelling house including a dormer window to the rear roof and rooflights to the front and all associated works to the existing dwelling house and the site.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0147 **Decision**: Grant Permission **Date** 11/5/2017

Applic. Name & Location: Sean Costello & Joanna Jackson, 50 Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a dormer style window to the rear (east), velux roof lights to the front (west), a single-storey extension to the rear (east) at ground floor level and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0069 **Decision**: Grant Permission **Date** 15/5/2017

Applic. Name & Location: The HSE, Dalkey Community Unit, Kilbegnet Close, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a 130 sq.m 4-bed extension facing the adjoining church carpark at 1st floor level with staircase to ground level. A 30 sqm dining room extension at 1st floor level at the rere. Alterations to 2 existing first floor west facing windows. Reduction in overall bed numbers from 50 to 46. One additional car parking space, widening of vehicular entrance and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0259 **Decision**: Grant Permission **Date:** 18/5/2017

Applicant Name & Location: Phelim O'Connor, 5 Ardbrugh Vls, Ardbrugh Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for partial removal of the erected steelwork and blockwork walls as were constructed under a previously granted planning permission Ref. D08A/1079/ABP PL06D.232031, to facilitate the construction of a new extension to the rear of the existing cottage, which will broadly follow the existing on site concrete ground slab, again as constructed under planning permission Ref. D08A/1079/ABP PL06D.232031, save minor alterations in the perimeter plan. This extension will be single storey with part semi-basement (as existing on site) and part gallery level at circa. 1.4m above ground level in the area over the semi-basement. The area of the proposed extension is 146 sqm and the application includes all required and associated site development and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0299 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 25/5/2017

Applicant Name & Location: Paul Kinch, 2 Hyde Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for development consisting of the construction of a new 2 storey three bedroom detached house on the plot to the side of the existing house at 2 Hyde Road with widening of the existing driveway and an additional new vehicular access to the original house, new boundary treatments and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0324 Decision: Grant Permission Decision Date: 31/5/2017

Applicant Name & Location: Colm & Triona Saunders, 20, Ard Mhuire Park, Killiney. A96 AK65 **Proposal:** Permission is sought for alterations to existing front porch and bay window to from new front extension and relocated entrance; demolition of existing rear conservatory and provision of new single storey rear extension; alterations to existing roof to form dormer to allow access to storage in attic space; general internal alterations; new bay window to the rear first floor bedroom; new windows to west elevation; widening of existing entrance gates and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0339 **Decision**: Request Additional Info. **Date:** 31/5/2017

Applicant Name & Location: Joyce & Paul Kelly, Saint Michaels, 20 Ardeevin Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Permission for conversion of existing study to bathroom, involving removal of existing timber floor and replacement with tanked tiled floor and installation of toilet, vanity unit, shower and bath. A protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0346 **Decision**: Refuse Permission **Date**: 7/6/2017

Applic. Name & Location: Frances Keely & Donal O'Raghallaigh, 6, Mapas Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a single storey extension including replacing the entire single storey roof to the rear, a single storey extension at first floor level to the side, alterations to the converted attic including raising part of the ridge line, rebuilding and extending part of the roof to the rear, including rooflights, adding a dormer window and a rooflight to the front and widening the vehicular entrance onto Mapas Road.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0178 **Decision**: Grant Permission

ermission Date: 7/6/2017

Applicant Name & Location: Anto & Francis Dempsey, 28, Carysfort Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of the construction of a 30 sqm single storey extension to side and rear, and a 22 sqm first floor extension to rear of an existing dwelling.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0921 **Decision**: Clarifica`tion of Add. Info. Date 13/6/2017

Applicant Name & Location: Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home Ltd.Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for modifications to the development permitted under Reg. Ref. D14A/0547 for refurbishment works and a new 3-storey extension at the southeast elevation resulting in a reduction in total bedrooms from 59 no. as previously permitted to 58 no. overall. The revised development will now consist of: 1. Two storey pitched roof extension with part flat roof (c.1,627 sqm) to side and rear of existing building (southeast) with roof level accommodation and associated dormers and velux to provide 31 new bedrooms and associated ancillary rooms. 2. Internal refurbishment works to existing building to replace 2 no. bedrooms at first floor level with a treatment room. 3. New emergency access to/from Ardbrugh Road. 4. 17 no. surface parking spaces, site landscaping and all associated drainage and site works.

Reg. Ref.: D16A/0954 **Decision**: Grant Permissiona **Date** 15-/6/2017

Applicant Name & Location: Tara Peterman, Lohengrin, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for development. The development will consist of the: 1. Demolition of the existing front elevation, demolition of existing roof structure, removal of internal walls 2. Construction of a new flat roof over entire house with overhanging soffits and roof lights 3. Two storey extension to the front of the existing house 4. Flat roof extension to the rear at first floor level 5. Elevational alterations including new windows and external insulation 5. New roof terrace over existing single storey side structure with guarding 6. Elevational alterations to all sides of the property 7. The works will also consist of new pedestrian entrance on Torca Road, new entrance pillars and gates, drainage works, landscaping and ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0360 **Decision**: Gramt Permission **Date**: 12/6/2017

Applicant Name & Location: Muireann McDonnell & Risteard Sheridan, Ebeneezer, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for demolition of existing garage at ground floor to side & to construct 2 storey extension to side incorporating we & family room at ground floor and 2 bedrooms at 1st floor also widening of existing vehicular entrance to front by 750 mm.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0373 **Decision**: Grant Permission **Date** 13/6/2017

Applicant Name & Location: David Cowzer, 5, Knock Na Cree Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for the construction of a new 18 sqm first floor level extension to the side with pitched roof over to match existing, 2 no. new dormer windows to the front elevation and 3 no. dormer windows to the rear elevation. A 28 sqm ground floor level extension to the rear with flat roof over. A 54.5 sqm basement level extension to the rear with flat roof terraced area over and a 2.5 sqm pitched roof porch to the front of the existing two storey semi detached bungalow. Widen the existing driveway entrance by 500mm and to include ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0378 **Decision**: Grant Permission **Date**: 15/6/2017

Applicant Name & Location: Richard and Corrinna Moore, Prince Patrick House, Knock-na-cree Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Planning permission for development to the rear of existing house consisting of the construction of a single storey extension and 2 storey extension to the rear of existing house with the installation of 2 No. new doors at 1st floor level and 2 no. new sash windows at 2nd floor level including all associated site works and minor alterations and demolitions. Total floor area is 24 sqm.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 19-24 8/5/2017 to 16/6/2017

Reg Ref: D17A/0138 **Date:** 17-Feb-2017 **Location:** Beulah, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Development: Permission for development. Protected structure. The development will consist of the refurbishment and conservation of Beulah House including the refurbishment of existing windows, new mechanical and electrical services, some internal alterations and re-roofing. The demolition of a single-storey extension to the side of the house and single storey sheds. The construction of 180sqm. The construction of a garden room and plant room of 50sqm, an out-door swimming pool a tennis court with associated fencing and lighting. New landscaping including changes to ground levels and all ancillary site works and services. No significant trees will be affected.

Council Decision: Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 8-May-2017. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

Reg Ref: D17A/0183 **Reg. Date:** 2-Mar-2017

Location: Site No. 4 Saval Park, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Development: Permission is sought for dwelling house with associated parking, drainage, water connection, landscaping and ancillary works. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission.

Appeal Lodged: 23-May-2017. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission.

Type of Appeal: 1st Party Appeal

Reg Ref: D17A/0230 Reg. Date: 16-Mar-2017 Location: 8, Church Road, Dalkey.

Development: Permission is sought for the demolition of an existing single-storey extension to the rear of the existing house; construction of a new single-storey extension to the rear, conversion of the existing attic into a master bedroom suite, alterations and refurbishment of the existing house, construction of a new vehicle site entrance and provision for car-parking to the front of the existing house. The works will include associated site works, new external store, drainage and landscaping.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. Appeal Lodged: 31-May-2017

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. Type of Appeal: 3rd Party Appeal.

Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks18-23. 1/5/2017 to 9/6/2017

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0368. **Appeal Decision**: Refuse Permission **New Determination Date Due:** 21-Mar-2017, 21-Apr-2017. **Appeal Decided**: 29-May '17. **Council's Decision**: Grant Permission for Retention. **Location**: Apartment 20 Skyview House, Vico Rock, Sorrento Court, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission to retain the sub-division of the first floor and second floor into two separate apartments. **Applicant:** James Delaney.

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The robin was in great distress, spinning around in circles. We could see it was ensnared in a length of fine red thread which had been dangling from a branch low on the tree. The thread was caught around some of its primary feathers on one wing and the more it flew around in circles the more the thread would tighten around the feathers. We were able to catch it and thankfully the robin didn't seem to have sustained any injuries. Holding it, as Lucy unwound the thread, I was getting a little concerned as its eyes slowly shut, worried it might have gone into shock, but it perked up and as soon as I loosened my grip it flew away. The thread that had entrapped the robin probably came loose out of some garment, I don't think it was left there with any malevolent intent, but, casually discarded, it had become a snare for the bird and I doubt it would ever have been able to get free by itself.

A well-remembered founder of the South Dublin Branch of Birdwatch would often mention the potential threat to wildlife from objects such as discarded plastic strip loops, the ones that are used to hold cans of beer together. He would always pick up discarded ones and tear apart the loops which, if they ended up in the sea or left on the ground, could slowly choke or trap a marine animal or bird. Apart from the visual offence of litter it can cause death or distress to many creatures so anything picked up and safely disposed of from footpath or especially from the beach or seashore is always a worthwhile act.

Birds Eye – Less than ten miles away from Dalkey can be found spectacular colonies of seabirds crowded together precariously on steep cliffs. Ireland's Eye is only a short boat ride from Howth harbour, uninhabited apart from thousands of birds, a few rabbits and rats. The island slopes up gradually on the side facing land but on the farther, northern side, of the island there are steeper slopes and sheer cliffs and it's here you find large colonies of Guillemot, Razorbill, Kittiwake, Cormorant, Shag and, if you're lucky, Puffin. One usually disembarks near the Martello Tower and from there you make your way

towards the rising slopes then head over to the outcrop on the left which is the best vantage point to see the seabirds. There are steep cliffs here so be very careful as you approach the edge. Looking down you'll see the rock face crowded with chocolate-coloured guillemots and black and white razorbills with the distinctive shaped beaks that give them their name

while Fulmars nest on grassy nooks just below you. The slope above the rock face is where you'll most likely see puffins who nest in burrows in the soil. Vulnerable to predation from Greater Black Backed Gulls they are always wary and never seem too far from their nests apart from when they are bobbing on the water below. Walking up to the crest of the island you'll encounter.

Walking up to the crest of the island you'll encounter black backed gulls whose chicks will sometimes be hiding crouched motionless on the ground



Greater Black Backed Gull and chick on Ireland's Eye Photo: Michael Ryan



Gannets on the stack on Ireland's Eye with two chicks in the middle of the group Photo: Brian O'Keeffe

so be very careful where you step. The adults can be intimidating when you feel the wind from their sizeable wings as they swoop down just over your head with raucous calls and I've seen ringers from Birdwatch with blood streaming from their head after the parent birds had got very

protective. Rock Pipits can be seen flitting around and Wrens and Stonechat nest among the dense bracken. Wheatears can occasionally be found on the island as well and Swallows, which often nest in the Martello Tower, swoop low over the ground. When you reach the farther end of the island you'll be facing the stack, a steep column of rock on whose narrow ledges perch spectacular numbers of nesting gannets as well as many more razorbills, guillemots and kittiwakes. Gannets are beautiful birds with snow white bodies and black tipped tails with buff coloured heads and startling blue eyes. They feed by diving dramatically from a height to catch fish underwater and birds from here can often be seen fishing in Killiney Bay. This is the most recently established gannet colony in Ireland, there were 540 pairs in 2013 and they have increased since so the colony has now spread over on to the slopes of the main landmass on the island. A downside to viewing the colony is seeing how much discarded fishing lines are incorporated into the gannets nesting material. Circling the island and walking back along the beach you can sometimes spot Ringed Plover who nest on the shingle and rely on their camouflaged eggs to escape predation. Apart from the birdlife there's every possibility of seeing seals, porpoise or dolphin from the high vantage points and there's great views looking back towards the mainland or north to Lambay Island.

The accessibility of the island can have a negative side. A fire burnt for days there a few years ago causing great destruction in the middle of the breeding season till a group of volunteers put it out and cliff and ground nesting birds are very vulnerable to anybody with bad intentions. I can't imagine a similar island off the UK with such valuable numbers of birds that wouldn't have a warden during the breeding season though, although a lovely place to visit for a day, it would take some dedication to be willing to spend a few months on the 'Eye' every year.

July is a good month to visit with the breeding season well under way. You'd have to be reasonably fit and agile to get around the island and sensible footwear and raingear are essential.

MICHAEL RYAN



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Photo: Brian O'Keeffe

Where Eamon Walshe's garage is now was once two buildings; one half was a school and the second half a forge. The school was what was called a Penny School which was funded by local people who could afford to give a penny towards the education of their children. The children attending the school were taught the basic learning system of the 3Rs. The building at the end of the garage was the old forge of Dalkey, as the road running past the garage in Medieval times was the main road to the City. Today inside the garage may still be seen some of the old walls of the school, and the horseshoe-shaped door which led into the forge where the smithy would make new shoes for the horses and many other iron things some of which may still be seen in and around Dalkey today the old school and forge to-day form part of Eamon's Garage.

ALICE CULLEN – Local Historian

* LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS - JULY 2017



Monday 3rd at 2pm: There is a 'Research Workshop: Using the National Library' in the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.Admission free – booking required – call 01-6030 346 or email: learning@nli.ie.

Wednesday 5th at 1pm: Niamh McNally will present a lecture 'Margaret Clarke (1884-1961) – An Independent Spirit' in the National Library of Irl., Dublin 2. Admission free.

Thurs. 6th & Tues. 18th at 2pm: There is a guided tour of the 'Yeats & the Irish Cultural *Revival'* exhibition in the Nat. Library of Irl., Dublin 2. Admission free.

Saturday 8th at 2pm: There is a guided tour 'The National Library's History & Heritage' in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. Admission free.

Thursday 13th at 2pm: There is a guided tour of 'World War One: Exploring the Irish Experience' exhibition in the National Library of Ireland, 2 Kildare St, D. 2. Free.

Saturday 15th at 2.30pm: John Goodman, Chairman, Leinster Regiment Ireland, will present his lecture 'The 1st Leinsters, who they were and what became of them' to the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) in the lecture theatre of the Museum of Decorative Arts & History (Including Military History), Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

Wednesday 19th from 10am to 4pm: There is a 'Hands on History one day history 'camp' for post primary students' in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. Admission free – booking required – call 01-3030 259 / 01-3030 346 or email: learning@nli.ie.



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Tuesday 25th at 6.30pm: July meeting of the Dalkey Library Local History Group in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. New members welcome.

Civil War Shooting Incident at Glenalua House, Killiney

In September 1922, Glenalua House in Killiney was occupied by a National Army detachment under the command of Capt. O'Hara. Around 3am on Sunday September 17th a strong party of anti-Treaty IRA took up position on what is now Killiney Hill Park and opened fire on the building with rifles and revolvers in a sustained and unexpected attack during which a number of hand grenades and explosive devices were thrown at the building. The garrison inside the house, under the direction of Captain O'Hara, returned fire in a sustained manner in a fire fight which lasted for nearly an hour and a half until the attackers withdrew. None of the National Army troops sustained injuries though it was believed that the attacking force had sustained some casualties.

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"PADDY 1"

It is easy to find a man in Ireland called "Paddy". Indeed are not the Irish often collectively referred to in derogatory terms as "Paddys"? I am happy to record that the "Paddy" who became my friend, was not a city man but a countryman. My wife was responsible for the contact. Her Boarding school friend, Moira had a boyfriend – Paddy. School gave way to courting days and a foursome was arranged whereby they

came to Dublin, for a "Dress Dance" in the Gresham Hotel.

That was where I met Paddy for the first time. He was a man of average height, auburn wavy Hair, and a "stand-out" broken nose – a souvenir from Rugby. You might say he was a plain looking guy, but he had attractive bright blue eyes, and a small mouth which belied his generosity and wit.

We socialised together whenever they came to Dublin. Paddy was the best of company, always in good humour. We were in constant touch eventually attending each other's weddings. He would keep us in good spirits, as he "F"***ed and blinded, on every subject under the sun and every person in sight. An extraordinary fact, that despite his constant stream in descriptive language, he never said a bad word about anybody. If he did not like someone, he would sniff and say nothing. If he referred to someone as that "B******s" it was a term of admiration for "Bank Managers" and other upper crust businessmen.

He was a restless individual but not nervous.

After he married he left his farming home and became a wine salesman. All they want he'd say is "fecking Black Tower and Blue Nun" The lack of action saw him soon change jobs. He stayed selling, this time Diesel to Farmers for the local Shell Distributor. He was a smart dresser, loved to wear tweed suits with yellow tie and Tan shoes. In farmyards he'd exchange the shoes for wellies. Farmers loved him. He spoke their language, sales boomed but fate took a hand. Within the same year, Moira and he lost their Parents. With a combined inheritance they decided to buy a rundown Pub. They reckoned it had potential. How right they were. They worked at it very hard, Paddy serving, Moira cooking, both renovating. The venture became a great success. Initially this was in the main due to Paddy. He was a Landlord like no other, either before or since. Hard to credit but the secret of his success was the way he verbally abused customers, like-"It's you again, what the feck do you want?" or "Jaysus, what did you do for her that she let you out?" His heart was in the local Rugby Club (not too popular a game then, in Connacht for whom he once played.) He knew the local population very well. When a Soccer supporter or a GAA fan came into the pub, he would declare in a loud voice - "We don't serve foreigners here". The resultant banter was mighty and the till rang richly.

They always came to Dublin for International matches. The girls went shopping; we went to the game.

At matches, Paddy only saw one side. It mattered not who Ireland were playing: he never saw the opposition. Aficionados of the game would go to see Prat or Reeves for France, Blydden Williams for Wales, Kirkpatrick, the All Black, etc. – play – but they went unnoticed by Paddy, he would be too busy giving off about the Irish, especially Ulster players and of course the Referee. It was always his fault if Ireland lost. This one-eyed vision of the game led eventually to a change in our arrangements. I had become an official Leinster Branch referee, and could interpret decisions made by "the man in the middle". This drove Paddy nuts. "How could you defend that blind "b******s.?" So he bought a



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Life Ticket on the opposite stand. We continued to hold our post mortem in a pub but seldom agreed. Wonderful craic.

It is therefore hard to record here, that Paddy became one of his own best customers. He battled with Alcoholism and ill health, before going dry. It was not the same Paddy.

He disconnected from his world which he had loved, to retain his sanity, his wife, and their business. He played no part in it, read papers, watched T.V., and went on numerous Cruises where he could stay dry. He lost all interest in life, stopped going to matches, and quietly slipped away from this world from liver failure.

Brendan Flood, Dalkey

❖ THE HAZARDS OF CAPPING TEETH IN THE GOLDEN YEARS .



Paddy and Christiane Belge

12th July: One summer's day I was enjoying a walk in the town of Dalkey, County Dublin that I love, and was sad at having suffered the loss of two old friends. I wondered how I could nurture new relationships to keep loneliness at bay. I entered Our Lady's Hall, Dalkey, a senior place for coffee. While there, suddenly the bridge of my teeth became loose and my mouth must have appeared unsightly to those at the table as my teeth chattered like castanets. I arose and walked for ten minutes to the other side of the town to a local dentist.

"What can be done to fix my teeth?" I asked a dentist. "You could have your teeth capped, but the cost is high, six thousand Euros (\$6700.00) or have removable teeth which at your age I recommend. It

would be a lot cheaper". He was then called to the phone. Just why he did not say how and why it would be better, and persuade me to have removable teeth was to cause undue jaw problems. I left the clinic depressed, patting my dog as I exited.

Although Dublin and Ireland have recovered from the depression better than most countries in the EU, folks are frugal some even to the point of being like the Scotch, our cousins. Many go abroad to Iceland or Eastern Europe to have dental work done. I later went to Budapest because, as I said, Ireland is surely one of the most expensive countries in the EU.

The day after speaking to the dentist in Dublin, I drove along the "Knuckle of Dublin coastline gnawed by the Irish Sea", as Joyce put it, to Dublin. I dug into my mind for

courage as I entered a large Hungarian clinic. I walked in, and was greeted by two female dentists. They had not yet mastered the language, but I soon felt at ease.

I was impressed with the cleanliness of the room. I knew if I went to Hungary to have a bridge made it would be no honeymoon but I would save one thousand Euros that I could spend on a holiday there. I was told that one may do dental work here in Dublin at the Irish prices or they would arrange for work to be done in Budapest which is much cheaper. I had X-rays and after tests. I was given a price of \$5500.00, one thousand cheaper than Dublin, to have all my teeth capped. I gave the pros and cons of capping little thought or discussed it with anyone.

The hotel would be arranged along with transport from and to the airport and to the clinic. I decide to have a holiday in Budapest by saving the difference and booked a Ryanair flight. Hungary had never before been in my thoughts.

14th July I changed planes in Paris and wished them well for their national holiday. I saw a picture of Ben Franklin at the airport. He was the first American ambassador to France and the poster quoted him in French. "Every man has two countries, his own and France". After a three hour flight, I arrived in Budapest where I was picked up by a shuttle and taken to my hotel. The following morning a pretty girl drove me across the Danube River and we arrived at the clinic at 9am. In the car en route to the clinic, there were four Irish women and one man. After three hours in the dentist's chair I was driven to my hotel. It was lunch hour and time to enjoy Budapest a beautiful clean city on the river Danube.

I visited the beautiful Cathedral of Saint Steven and went all the way to the altar, lit a candle knelt down and said a short prayer. Even though my piety isn't as constant or fervent as of old, I just felt like doing so in this magnificent church.

15th July; 2016; A day my teeth were finally capped (after three hours in the chair) in Budapest Hungary, I, to my surprise, was invited to a party. The whole clinic staff was present. I received a case of Hungarian wine to take home. I wasn't feeling too good as I recalled thinking that the dentist in her eagerness did not wait long enough when she put the pre pain killer on my gums and the injection was still slightly painful. Otherwise she did an excellent job

"Why so much fuss"? I asked. "Because you are the oldest one to have teeth capped and to come all the way from Ireland to do so". I felt like an aged monkey having fallen off a tree. I wasn't smiling at the fuss. Two photographers took photographs of me and the group while five female dentists and staff smiled and giggled like a load of teenagers. I was asked to sign papers and give them the right to put my picture in their advertisements and on media. I did it casually as a matter of irrelevant form to get out as fast as I could, which as I will relate, I now regret because two days after I arrived home very happy while I flashed my teeth in the mirror, I got TMJ.* At breakfast, my right jaw seemed to have collapsed and cracked like a fire cracker at each bite of toast. This was not the fault of the dentist, but age. 17th July; I lost no time to phone my doctor and made an appointment for the afternoon in what is a very fancy clinic in South Dublin. I was sure that If, my jaw was to be repaired I would have to have an operation. The thought brought a cloud of depression. Such an operation at my age would be very risky. My doctor, a tall, thin handsome man who had treated me for forty years for woes and wounds and all the ups and downs a man has to live with.

However, notwithstanding the high veneration I had for Dr. X of the south town, I was disappointed to say the least by his analysis and the advice given which I thought was rash.

He said I had temporal mandibular joint syndrome. He drew a jaw on a piece of paper and showed where the problem was.

"You need an X-ray". He then changed his mind.

"From now on, its soup and ice cream"

"My poor jaw fell and if my head could have fallen, it would have."

What can I do?" I asked. "Soup and ice cream"?.

"You just have to live with it". End of discussion. I left the clinic after ten minutes in the belief that I would have to live with it for life.

A month later I was at a Republican meeting with Rita Schneider (OHCC). I explained my problem and why I had my hand on my jaw while eating slowly during lunch. She said we could visit her chiropractor on the way home. She phoned and made an appointment as I insisted it was a waste of time but to please her and because it was close by I agreed. The chiropractor's office reminded me of a barber's shop. I sat down picked up a magazine and was not interested in the oncoming analysis. I was just here to please a friend.

The receptionist called me and said.

"You have TMJ" I was struck dumb as the adage goes.

"You mean to say you know what it is? You have cured people with it?"

"Yes of course it's very common. It's called Temporal Mandibular Joint Syndrome" I dropped the magazine and awakened to a new day. The chiropractor called me in a room and explained that he was going to press on the jaw and then massage it. It was quite sore but I welcomed the pain.

As I write, I have been to the Chiropractor four times. My jaw is not completely cured. He told me not to come again and that it would heal itself in time, which it did.

As things turned out I did not have to live with soup and ice cream. It was treated and cured as time, the great healer, went to work.

*Temporal mandibular joint syndrome

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SERVICES FOR JULY 2017

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am

From the Rector – We hope all readers have a pleasant and restful summer.

Patronal Festival – We were delighted to have the Primate with us on Sunday 11th June as we celebrated our Patronal Festival. A number of parishioners enjoyed lunch afterwards in Dun Laoghaire.

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

Summer in Holy Trinity – It is planned to have the Church open daily (Thursday to Saturday 2-4pm) for July & August, if you are interested in volunteering with this, please speak with the Rector or put your name on the sign-up sheet in Church.

Parish Archives – We are looking for any photos, information or historical artefacts relating to Holy Trinity, Killiney. If you have any such records please contact the Rector.



Pictured (1 to r) The Rector, The Primate, The Rev'd Canon Ben Neil and the Very Rev'd Victor Stacey (Hon. Assistant Clergy).

Photo: Holy Trinity Church

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Sunday Services for July

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9th July	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
16th July	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
23rd July	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
30th July	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist

Sunday Service for August

6th August	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
13th August	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
20th August	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
27th August	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer

Midweek

The midweeks Eucharist resumes on 7th September at 10.30am.

Day of Welcome – We were delighted to join with parishioners of the Church of the Assumption in welcoming a group of refugees from Mosney Direct Provision Centre to Dalkey on Saturday 3rd June. The weather was kind to us all on the day, our visitors enjoyed a tour of Dalkey Castle, followed by lunch in people's homes or in the town itself, then Dalkey was explored further and the day was rounded off in Our Lady's Hall with entertainment provided by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Éireann. Thank you to all who worked behind the scenes in advance of day, the hosts and the Heritage Centre. This initiative grew out of our shared Lenten Course undertaken earlier this year entitled 'Our Response to Migration'. Christiana one of our visitors said after her visit "You have rekindled a dying light in the souls of some of the oppressed and depressed, and from us to you, we say Thank you".

Thank You – Many thanks to all those who supported the IWCC Concert at the end of May, and the Coffee Morning in June. Médecins Sans Frontières, Christian Aid and the Church Restoration Fund all benefited from your support, thank you.

DARA NEWS

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DCC Monthly Meeting in OLH at 7:30pm	Mon. 10 July
Sorting of August Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs. 27 July
DCC Garden Outing Please refer to Notice Board in OLH for details	

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate/Boxing/Conditioning Classes will resume in the autumn.

Dalkey Players will resume in September for the autumn/spring program.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey will resume rehearsals in the autumn.

The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. Please call 086-8391839 - *NO Texts Please*

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.

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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.

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