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June: *In honour of the Goddess Juno, patroness of women, marriage and the home.*

Flower: ROSE

**A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.
A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon.
A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly.**



Guímid Lá Shona, shuaireach do gach Athair in Deilginis!

We wish a happy enjoyable Father’s Day to all the Dads in Dalkey on June 15th!



Tánaiste Eamon Gilmore Launches Dalkey as Ireland’s first SmartNetTown

Photo John Fahy

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SUMMARY OF 2014 DCC PUBLIC MEETING



The 8th DCC Annual Public Meeting took place on Tuesday 6th May in Our Lady's Hall. The various committees presented their reports and these can be found in the enclosed supplement in the centre of this issue.

AOB: Dalkey is suffering from a graffiti blitz and DTT, DLR and the Gardai are working together to combat this unsightly problem. Many residents are experiencing callers to the door attempting to solicit money and the Gardai who are well aware of the situation strongly advise not to hand over money and contact Dun Laoghaire Garda station immediately. The next DCC Monthly Meeting is Tuesday 3rd June 2014.



DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE



Actor Brenda Mc Sweeney (Lady Catherine) was on hand to welcome Tánaiste, Eamon Gilmore TD and Nicky Logue, Chairman DBG to Dalkey Castle recently

Photo John Fahy

Group tour numbers continue to grow. More American visitors are finding their way to Dalkey since the visit of Michelle Obama to Finnegan's last year. A lot of them are great fans of Maeve Binchy's work also. Many are browsing around the shops and cafés before and after their visit to Dalkey Castle. Many have commented on the intimate 'village feel' of the town.

Bloomsday Monday 16th June: Bookings have come in from as far away as Japan already for our Bloomsday Festival. It's always fascinating (and indeed gratifying) to see people from the other side of the world mouthing the words of Joyce's great novel as we perform it for them! The Dalkey Schoolroom Scene from 'Ulysses' will be staged at 15.30. This will be followed by a guided Joycean Walk in Dalkey. In the evening, if you would like a taster of the fun extracts from Joyce's work, come along and you will be pleasantly surprised at how accessible it can be. The extracts are linked by music and song, led by the ever popular tenor, Simon Morgan. The show starts at 8.00pm and admission is €15. It will include refreshments.

'A Summer of Heritage' – This year the Living History tour in Dalkey Castle will be part of the DLR Summer of Heritage series. This is run by the Heritage Office of Dún

Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. They are all free events. See their brochure for times and dates or visit www.dlrcoco.ie/heritage . You can book in advance for the DLR funded tours in Dalkey Castle on our website, by email or by calling in to reception.

The beautifully re-furbished Dalkey Town Hall was the venue for the Dalkey Business Group and Value Nation's launch of Dalkey as the first SmartNetTown by Tánaiste Eamon Gilmore TD at the end of April. We are looking forward now to the roll out of the next phase where tourists coming into the town will have all participating businesses and local event information as an app on their smart phones.

Paddy Cole and the George Hunter band are to perform at a concert in aid of the Dalkey Community Care unit in the Town Hall soon. George Hunter will play for dance sessions in the Town Hall starting in September. So polish up your dancing shoes!

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Margaret Dunne

Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Dalkey

Dalkey Community First Responders: A First for Dublin



CFR – The need for a quick response time to minimise the effects of a cardiac arrest, has resulted in the formation of the Dalkey community First Response group. This group is made up of volunteers who have been given CPR training and will be equipped with an AED to get to a patient before the ambulance arrives to start life saving CPR. The Dalkey CFR was officially launched at an event on Saturday 17th May 2014 on Killiney Hill. The launch consisted of interactive CPR demonstrations for members of the public and a number of emergency service vehicles were also present on Killiney Hill to allow members of the public, especially children, to look around inside and familiarise themselves with emergency service vehicles.

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'We love June for All the reasons that are, for gardeners, almost too obvious to state. Full blossomed lushness of growth, rainbows of colour arching over pretty much every garden, warm breezes, pollinators pollinating, roses dripping with scent and sensuality, lawns the colour of freshly podded peas, late sunsets and the feeling of cold dew on bare feet'

WORDS BY JAMES ALEXANDER-SINCLAIR

Mid-summer's day falls this month, our longest day of the year. In all honesty, I can't imagine living anywhere without a garden. Some people would say that June is the month of rapturous roses and, truthfully, there is a vast and most wonderful choice out there. Everybody and anybody can find room for 'One Rose', no matter how limited their space is. One can choose from high ramblers to tiny varieties designed to perk up one's deck/patio. *'One rose given out of love is better than rooms full given out of duty'*.

One of our best known climbers is 'Zephirine Drouhin', deep pink, thornless and will thrive, even on a north facing wall. Rosa-Mundi is an excellent wet weather rose, friends say; their open flowers remain undamaged, unlike many of our other modern beauties. Then there is 'Dublin Bay', they say it is one of the best climbing roses available, producing medium-sized blood red blooms and has dark green glossy leaves and flowers from summer to autumn. David Austin's climbing 'Iceberg' must be also mentioned. It is highly floriferous. Its small, lightly double flowers open wide and are held in large clusters. They are usually pure white but are sometimes tinged with pink later in the season. They have a mild honey fragrance and repeat flowering.

Maybe plan this month on getting your friends together for an Art Class, a round of Golf, Book Club, Bridge, and Yoga - whatever - then why not afterwards share your little passion with them, i.e. your garden. Everyone loves to see what someone else grows regardless of what we think. Even if only one plant takes their fancy, they can go home feeling stimulated and refreshed - maybe your soil, positioning or even your negligence, may give them something to think about - perhaps your specimen bears more fruit, or is more or less floriferous - more whatever? The Chinese say, *'He who cannot afford flowers is indeed poor.'*

I suppose, in some ways, gardens speak to some of us 'Dalkeyites', as paintings and music do to other people. So obviously, as you can gather, I just love plain simple greenery, the more lush the better. I like a garden to be busy, yet peaceful. An empty garden surrounded by four concrete bare walls, just 'gets to me' personally. I find it so sad and Golly, what potential, the World is your Oyster! Have you noticed our magnificent majestic tree, Ginkgo Biloba on Castle Street, also known as the Maidenhair tree - what a specimen? This is a unique tree with no living relatives - imagine!

Gardening in our sleeveless tops and with that warm summer sunshine on our backs, does us so much good. Our Dalkey children generally love the chance to dig a



'Our Magnificent Majestic Tree, Ginkgo Biloba on Castle Street, also known as The Maidenhair Tree'

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Paris Polyphylla, a woodland plant, ours increases slightly every year in its terracotta pot...How could You not love this Treasure?

patch, especially in a new garden site, where they might find anything from old medicine bottles to old coins or ancient pieces of pottery. I, as a child, seemed to invariably find blue and white painted china, around our garden, many moons ago, in Limerick! Worms, centipedes, Daddy-Long-Legs, caterpillars, beetles, ants, spiders, snails, slugs, moths, butterflies and larvae, gave us as children such a thrill and I believe continue to do so in this 2014. Showing our children how to look after young seedlings and plants gives them ownership and cultivates sometimes, a lively interest.

Ideal seeds for our local children to grow are large seeds such as peas, broad beans, pumpkins, sunflowers, mustard (its leaves are so fast growing that it is said you can

grow your salad for dinner while your meat is roasting in your oven!) Another fast growing herb is watercress, its tangy peppery flavour makes it delicious, in a summer sandwich, also great with thinly sliced cucumber.

My absolute favourite green flowering perennial and certainly most unusual is Paris Polyphylla, a woodland plant, our increases slightly every year in its terracotta pot, it appears in early May lasting well into Autumn - an almost to die for beauty !

MIGHT DO MAYBE JUNE JOBS

1. **Topiary:** Topiary shapes such as balls and cubes - their first flush of spring growth may have left them looking a bit shaggy by now, so a quick trim can only enhance their shape.
2. **Sage:** (my husband's favourite herb - *Salvia Officinalis*) is a super evergreen herb, marvellous for cooking and if this plant is kept well trimmed will last for years.
3. **Hostas:** ideal for growing on their own in a large simple pot providing a unique sculptural effect - horticultural grit on the surface of your pot will help prevent snails and also keep your hosta cool.
4. Maybe feed potted lilies and *Agapanthus*'s with tomato food to encourage bountiful summer flowering.
5. Lemon Balm is such a brilliant herb, it is related to mint and it so easy to grow. Its only problem is that it can be invasive. Lemon balm - *Melissa Officinalis* can be used to garnish, add to cakes, whipped cream or your berry sauces - delicious with orange or mango sauce. We can even infuse its leaves in castor sugar for a day and then use that sugar for baking cakes or biscuits - so versatile. Then if you feel low, tired or exhausted, try making a cup of tea using 3-5 leaves depending on their size, pour on your boiling water, marvellous to help you sleep at night.

'The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.' — MARCEL PROUST

'Happiness held is a seed, Happiness shared is a flower.' — Unknown



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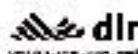
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Bloom 2014 is taking place in the Phoenix Park Dublin over the June bank holiday weekend.

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Children's Event: Pond dipping – Saturday 7th June. Admission Free. Advance booking essential. Organised with the Dublin Naturalists' Field Club

Summer Evening of Classical Music with the Cuarteto Casals string quartet.

Friday 13th June. Seat Prices: €20 and €30. Booking through the National Concert Hall. Tel. 417 0000 or online at www.nch.ie Time: 8pm. Venue: Gallery Space, National Botanic Gardens.

A concert of Chamber Music favourites featuring participants of the KBC Bank Support Act Programme 2014. A partnership with the The National Botanic Gardens, OPW and sponsored by KBC Bank 3pm. Admission Free. Saturday 14th June

Workshop: Bookbinding for kids – Saturday 28th June. Time: 3pm. Visitor Centre.

Lecture: What was Dublin like in 1014? Ruth Johnson, Dublin City Council, Wednesday 18th June. Ruth Johnson, archaeologist and author of 'Viking Age Dublin' will examine evidence from excavations for the foundation, development, physical layout, economy, art and crafts of Viking Dublin. Time: 3pm. Visitor Centre.



Dalkey Community Council Ltd. 34th Annual Garden Competition



This competition is open to everyone in the Community Council area. There are several prizes including four Perpetual Cups. In addition to nomination for the "Surprise" Garden section there are the following categories:

- > **Best Overall Garden**
- > **Best Front Garden**
- > **Best Display** – window boxes, hanging baskets, flower troughs and pots
- > **Best Communal** - Garden/Open Space
- > **Environmental Award** (Presented by Dalkey Tidy Towns)

Entries to be submitted not later than Wednesday, 2nd July, 2014. Judging will take place on Monday 7th July. Presentation of the prizes will take place in the Autumn.

If first place was achieved in any category in 2013, entry will not be eligible in that category in this year's competition.



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At the April meeting of DBG sincere condolences were extended to the Finnegan family on the sudden death of Paul. A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect at Paul's untimely passing. He will be greatly missed, may he rest in peace.

THE SMARTNETTOWN initiative was launched by An Tánaiste, Eamon Gilmore, TD, on Friday, April 25th. It secured a large attendance in the Town Hall. Launching Dalkey SmartNetTown, An Tánaiste said:

"I am delighted to be here today, in the heart of my own constituency, to launch Dalkey as Ireland's first SmartNetTown. This concept, by Value Nation, which brings local retailers and service providers together under one multi-store loyalty scheme, is both innovative and ground-breaking.

The idea of a town-branded loyalty scheme, using a smart phone app, is a simple one. But it is precisely the kind of initiative that we need to encourage, to help to bring Ireland forward. As the economy continues to recover from the economic crisis, and as confidence continues to grow, it is vital that we encourage this kind of entrepreneurial spirit, which will help to create more jobs and to breathe life back into the towns of Ireland.

I would like to commend all involved in the project for their hard work in bringing it to fruition, and I would like to wish you all the very best of luck as it launches," he added.

The next phase of the project will be rolled out to visitors. They will purchase cards in advance or download an app to their phones. On arrival in the town, they can get rewards from participating businesses. The merchant decides the level of the reward. There will also be general information contained on the app regarding festivals, events, activities, restaurants, bars in the town.

DALKEY BOOK FESTIVAL promises to be yet another ground-breaking festival from 20th -22nd June. Names are still being added to the list of speakers, headed by Salman Rushdie.

As the DBG year draws to a close, I would like to thank the members of the committee who worked tirelessly as volunteers to support the various on-going projects and new initiatives to keep Dalkey to the forefront in PR terms. We enjoy great support from Dun Laoghaire-

Rathdown CoCo under the Business Promotion Grants. Fáilte Ireland have been most supportive with funding for the Ilovedalkey.com website and two of the festivals: Dalkey Book and the Lobster Crab and all that Jazz Festivals.

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The second of May had a very welcome visitor on the hill when the call of a cuckoo rang out from the Monterey Pines near the aircraft beacon. Managed to get a brief glimpse of him (it's only the males that have the distinctive call) flying from one tree to another, its shape in profile very similar to a raptor with long body and tail and pointed wings. Its shape combined with its grey plumage and barred chest makes its resemblance to a sparrowhawk almost no accident and certainly a function of its design and it is thought that since small birds will fly up and 'mob' birds of prey they mistake the cuckoo for a hawk and fly up, thus revealing where their nest is and showing the female cuckoo where to lay its egg.

It's a theory and probably unproven but an interesting thought and for a bird species that has evolved to get other birds to bring up its young and for the subsequent offspring then to be able to migrate to Africa alone, without possibly ever seeing another cuckoo, to devise plumage to fool possible foster parents doesn't seem such a big leap. We were going away for a few days the following day so I don't know how long the cuckoo stayed around but the absence of its most common host species the Meadow Pipit and the non-appearance of any female cuckoos would probably drive it further inland.

Hopefully it looks like a record year for Ladybirds which appeared in spectacular numbers from early April and at one stage on Dalkey Hill every second nettle leaf seemed to have a ladybird on its surface. These ladybirds have survived winter hibernation and will lay eggs on those nettles leaves. When the ladybird larvae hatch they will feed on aphids which also inhabit the nettles. The ladybirds' ability to consume vast numbers of aphids is why they've gained their reputation as the gardeners' friend. The larvae themselves don't much resemble the adults, being dark grey with segmented bodies with some orange spots on each side, described very aptly as like tiny alligators, so if you think you have a exotic pest make sure it's not a ladybird larva before you might think of destroying it. Later in the year nettles will be host plants for a number of butterfly species which will lay eggs on them. The eggs will then develop into caterpillars feeding on the nettles themselves as they grow.

The nettles stinging hairs protect them from being eaten by only the hardiest of animals (goats!) so any insect that lives on them has little chance of ending up inside a cow which is probably why nettles support over 40 species of insects.

Nettles, although a very valuable plant for wildlife, are not always a welcome addition to gardens. Some nettles self-seeded in our garden where I left them to aid the insects but now find I have waist high clumps of them in places since they can rapidly become very invasive, spreading by root and seed. If you do cultivate nettles keep them restricted to one area or ideally grow them in a container where they won't spread by root. Don't know if it has any factual basis but it is said nettle stings are good for counteracting arthritis so there's another potential benefit of having them around.

We'd been watching a female sparrowhawk perched in a tree when a male sparrowhawk flew in and mated with her, a action that only takes seconds and is usually preceded by the male, with head bowed, making soft mewing calls to the potential mate. They perched close together in the tree for a while after then the male flew to a conifer just above us and landed near a bunch of twigs which subsequently became their nest since the following weekend we saw the female

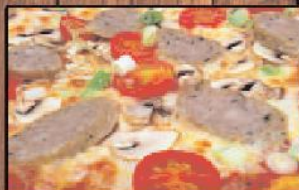
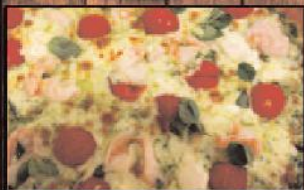


*Female Sparrowhawk on
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sitting on it. Less than 50 yards away we'd previously spotted a Jay and saw that it was bringing food to its partner in a nest. The two nests were, and at time of writing still are, in very close proximity to each other which you'd imagine wouldn't be a good idea since the jays are one of the biggest predators on sparrowhawks' eggs and conversely the sparrowhawks would be well capable of catching young jays. A friend suggested their proximity to each other might have a mutual benefit through an unspoken alliance which would increase their chances of defending their eggs and chicks from other predator birds like hooded crows or magpies.



Male Jay bringing food to the nest

The ravens nested successfully again this year, same garden as last year but different tree. At time of writing the young ravens are flying competently though landing awkwardly but still returning to the nest. Haven't yet seen or heard a Whitethroat below the Vico Road this year but got very reliable reports of Sedge Warbler and Grasshopper Warbler being seen and heard down there, two species I've never seen known to be there before, so let's hope.

The Festival of Lights

2013

The Festival of Lights wishes to thank all who supported and contributed to the Festival on 21st December 2013 and The Festival of Lights Young Artists Concert on December 6th in Loreto Abbey.

The Festival organisers thank the churches, schools, businesses and those people who helped organise or gave financial help to make this a wonderful success.

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Friday June 6th at 8pm – The NUI Maynooth History Forum meets in Rhetoric House, NUI Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Dr. Tadgh O’Keeffe will speak on ‘*Trim’s First Cousin, the 12th century donjon at Maynooth Castle*, ‘All welcome.

Tuesday June 10th at 7pm – The Tallaght Historical Society meet in the County Library, Tallaght, Dublin 24, Seán Bagnall will present his lecture ‘*The Story of Rebecca Clarke from Bandon, Co. Cork*.’ All welcome.

Friday June 6th at 8pm – The Genealogical Society of Ireland meets in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire. Francis M. O’Donnell will speak on ‘*Clans of Ireland: a case study of the O’Donnell Clan*.’ All welcome - admission - €3.

Wednesday June

11th at 7pm – Colin Scudds will lead the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society on ‘Historical Walk of Northumberland and Corrig Park.’ Meet at 7 p.m. at

Northumberland Road, beside Dunne’s Store, Dun Laoghaire.

Tuesday June 24th at 8pm

– The Howth Peninsula Heritage Society meets in The Howth Angling Centre, West Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin, Ian Robertson & Lorcan Blake will present their lecture on ‘*The History of the Jameson Family*.’

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION ON VICO LODGE

An overseas inquirer, one of whose relative was born in Vico Lodge in 1906, is seeking information on Vico Lodge and those who lived in this house. Replies to jamescannell@eircom.net.

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OUR TRIP TO DALKEY CASTLE

We were so excited when we set off on our trip to Goat Castle in Dalkey. First we watched an interesting DVD all about medieval times and the history of Dalkey Castle. Then we passed through the 'Murder Hole' and then we met a medieval lady who told us all about the feast being held that night. She had all sorts of food laid out for the feast. There was hard fish, a turkey just fresh off the ship from the Americas, a boar's head and lots



Pupils in the Graveyard

of other lovely foods.

After that, we visited the toilet and you had to shout "GARDALOO" when you did your personal business. Then we were shown to the battlements where you would have to shoot arrows to targets very far away. Next we went to the graveyard where we met a real archer. He showed us the church and we all made a wish on the wall.

Lucy had her tooth pulled out and we nearly had to leave Sam in the guillotine. Luckily we all made it out a little wiser and we even got to make our own coins to take home.

Lucy O'B & Jessica B, 2nd Class Pupils



Lucy has her tooth pulled

FORM III VISIT DUBLINIA

We are glad to say Form IIIC & IIIP's trip to Dublinia this year was a great success. The guides met us when we arrived and they were dressed up in costume and looked very impressive. They were very clear and gave us a lot of information and answered all our questions as they were showing us around.

One of our favourite sections was the Viking exhibition where we learned lots of new facts. Three of the most interesting facts we learned about the Vikings were that the richer you were, the brighter your clothes would be; Viking homes had only one room where the whole family lived together; and, young boys sometimes went on Viking raids with their fathers. In the Archaeology section we saw Viking bones that were discovered in Dublin in 2001. We were able to see what a Viking home would have looked like and so, so much more.

We are glad that our teachers chose to bring us to Dublinia and we would recommend it to everyone and would love to go again. Overall, the trip was amazing.

Alexander K & Calvin O'S, 3rd Class Pupils

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 16-19 14/4/2014 to 9/5/2014

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.: D14B/0143

Application Rec'd: 22-Apr-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Claire & David Rogers, Inniscorrig Mews, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for two dormer windows in the existing pitched roof to the South Eastern side of house.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0049

Application Rec'd: 6-Feb-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Bruce Hayes, Rector of St Patrick's Church, Sextons Lodge, St Patrick's Church, Harbour Road, Dalkey, (A Protected Structure RPS No. 1426).

Proposal: Permission for replacement of existing dormer window, provision of new rooflight, insulation of roof and walls, minor internal alterations to kitchen, bathroom and services and internal redecoration to 2-storey dwelling house. Additional Information: 2-May-2014

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0072/E

Application Rec'd: 9-May-2014

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

Proposal: The demolition of the single storey garage and two storey house and the construction of two, two-storey, 4 bedroom, semi-detached houses House 1: 193sq.m, House 2: 182sq.m, the widening of the existing access to 3.5m and new 3.5m wide access, both with entrance gates and piers, new boundary walls to both sides and between front and rear gardens of proposed houses, and all associated works. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0260

Application Rec'd: 6-May-2014

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

Proposal: Permission for a residential development comprising of 18 no dwellings on this 0.59 ha site. The development will consist of 5 no. 2 bedroom houses (4 no. house type A, two storey over basement -141.5m² and 1 no. house type B1, part single & part two storey -137.1m²), 3 no. 3 bedroom houses (3 no. house type D, two and a half storey -142.4m²) and 10 no. 4 bedroom houses (2 no. house type B, part two and part three storey -205m², 1 no. house type C, three storey -278m², 1 no. house type D1, two and a half storey -171.6m², 1 no. House Type E, three storey -177.8m², 1 no. House Type E1, three storey -183.5m², 1 no. House Type E2, part three storey and part two storey over basement -222.7m² and 3 no. House Type F, three storey over basement -315m²). All houses are in terrace format. A basement car-park 370m² with 8 no. private and 4 no. visitor parking spaces and a shared bin store, a public open space area of 589m² including an external platform lift, 30 no. surface car-parking spaces -28 no. private and 2 no. visitor spaces, along with all associated and ancillary site and landscaping works.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0159

Application Rec'd: 6-May-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Kevin & Sadie Carroll, 21, Hyde Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) The demolition of the single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing two storey end of terrace dwelling. (2) Construction of new two storey extension to the side. Part single storey, part two storey extension to the rear. Alterations to the window openings on the front and side elevations. Relocation of the entrance from the side to the front. Roof lights to the side and rear. (3) Associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0164

Application Rec'd: 7-May-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Colin Rafferty & Aveen McArdle, 9 Hyde Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of modification of approved planning application D13B/0298 for a new pitched roof dormer window in the side of the new main roof.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks. 16-19 14/4/2014 to 9/05/2014

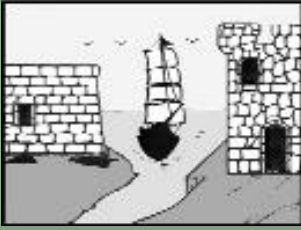
Reg. Ref: D14A/0077

Date: 16-Apr-2014

Decision: Grant Permission

Applicant Name & Location: Corinne Giacometti, Back of Moytura, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a 180 sqm dormer bungalow with new entrance on Saval Park Road.



DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORTS

from the

PUBLIC MEETING

held in

OUR LADY'S HALL

on

Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 8pm

Special Supplement

BACKGROUND

Dalkey Community was born out of a tragedy when the entire Howard family was lost in a house fire in 1974. With such an amount of community and, indeed, national grief, it was felt that an active community-based organisation was necessary to assist and support the growing community of Dalkey at that time. The Community Council was formed on the back of the success of the Ladies Club and a formal inauguration was held in Hyde Road presided over by the then President, Erskine Childers.

Ever since, the Community Council has striven to build on the initial goals through its Memorandum of Association, having being incorporated in recent years.

This has been done through the following goals as listed in the Memorandum:

1. To represent the residents, businesses, clubs and organisations in Dalkey.
 - (a) To increase community harmony and fellowship.
 - (b) To foster the well-being of all the inhabitants of Dalkey without any distinction of any nature whatsoever.
 - (c) To foster facilities in the interest of social well-being, health, recreation and leisure.

The overall improvement in the general well-being of people in Dalkey during this time is marked. One of the methods used successfully has been the regular publication of a Newsletter, which is believed to be the longest running free community-based newsletter run entirely on a voluntary basis. Indeed, the entire Community Council is run by residents who are volunteers in their community and new members are always most welcome.

This Supplement represents the Reports from the various parts of the Community Council at the recent Annual Public Meeting held in Dalkey. We would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed Reports to the Meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman's 2013 Report for Public Meeting, May 2014

The Community Council was formed in 1974 by several residents who were active in the community with the help of the equivalent of today's Department of the Environment. For the last 40 years we have been active since then and have liaised with the County Council and other agencies to represent the community's views on various issues and topics important to the area e.g. when the parking charges were first introduced.

Over the years we have contributed to the community in many ways that are now accepted as part of Dalkey.

We were instrumental in setting up the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Dalkey, the Community Games which now involves over 100 children from Dalkey and the Dalkey Players drama group.

We were one of the community groups that sat on the steering committee when the idea of a Heritage Centre for Dalkey was first discussed and we have had a member on its Board from its inception. The Heritage Centre is now a vital part of our community bringing in visitors and tourists which in turn brings business to the town.

We ran the first small scale Christmas event which has now grown into the present day much bigger event for the families of the town, involving many other community groups from Dalkey as well as ourselves. This is now eagerly anticipated at the beginning of December with involvement from the schools, churches and many local organisations and businesses.

We introduced the first Art Exhibition into Dalkey when there was no platform for local artists to show their pictures; now groups have their own exhibitions but we have still continued with ours each year in November. We also run a Garden Competition for the local community with judges from the Horticultural Society.

We took over the running of the Tidy Towns Competition from the then Dalkey Business Association; Dalkey Tidy Towns now runs independently but we are still closely involved with them and work with them on joint projects as well as supporting some of their projects financially.

We publicised the possibility of oil exploration near Dalkey Island in 2012 and organized the first public meeting to discuss the issues-various groups have been set up both in the area and nationally as a consequence of this first meeting which continue to debate the topic.

We have also worked with other Dalkey community groups and the County Council to improve the local infrastructure e.g. the area outside the DART station and the seating area on St Patrick's Ave.

We continue to be contacted by the general public about many issues affecting Dalkey such as parking, traffic and planning matters and we liaise with the appropriate authorities to try to solve these problems.

We issue our Newsletter every month which is going from strength to strength thanks to the work of our Editorial team and all our Road Reps who deliver it to your door.

An organization like ours needs funding to continue to work for the community and our only source of revenue comes from our annual collection. I would like to thank all those residents of Dalkey who have contributed to this year's collection but would also remind those who haven't, to give something towards our activities which benefit our community. Please return your collection envelope to your road rep or leave it in our post box in Our Lady's Hall. We have also introduced an on-line facility this year.

We are still having problems recruiting new members; it is important that we have new ideas and opinions to keep our organization vibrant and in touch with all parts of the community to continue the work of the last 40 years. I would ask anyone who has a little time spare to join us; you will enjoy the experience and also become aware of local issues.

I should finally like to thank all the members of the community council for their work during the last year and their diligence in delivering the Newsletter in all weathers.

Dr. Susan McDonnell

Chairman, Dalkey Community Council

DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE

The highlight of the 2013-2014 year was the launching of the new interpretation systems in the Heritage Centre, by Minister Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht. The work was funded by Failte Ireland, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo and some local fund-raising. The streamlined information timeline from 4500BC on Dalkey Island leads chronologically to modern times. It graphically marks all important points in both Dalkey and the county's history. Further information is carried on 4 interactives screens in a total of 12 languages. The entrance foyer was completely re-vamped by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co in tandem with the Heritage Centre work. Passers-by can now see right in through the new glass doors to the medieval stonework, barrel vaulted ceiling and niches of the 1390s.

The Writers' Gallery has a beautifully themed B/W montage of the writers and creative artists of the area. Two further interactive screens carry all the literary information that was contained in the 'DLR Bloomin Lit' exhibition of 2004 and some more recent international prize-winning authors. There is a Writers' Trail map beginning with words from Samuel Beckett on Dún Laoghaire pier and finishing with script from Hugh Leonard on the bandstand in Sorrento Park.

The new system has made the giving of, and participating in, guided tours on the site a much more satisfying experience.

During the year, Dalkey Town Hall was recently completely re-furbished under the expert guidance of Bob Hannan and Noelle Sweeney from the Architects Department of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The result is a beautifully decorated, creatively lit venue with unique features that retain the charm of the original structure. It was much admired and indeed appreciated, by the patrons of the two drama groups and other community events held in the hall.

The Town Hall is now available for the solemnisation of civil wedding ceremonies and civil partnerships to those who are looking for somewhere unique that conveys an ambience of history, charm, dignity and vintage style elegance that is not found elsewhere.

New Dalkey Castle website: www.dalkeycastle.com. The new website went live earlier this month funded by grant aid from Failte Ireland. We continue to strive to hold our Tripadvisor Certificate of Excellence which was awarded last year from the reviews given by visitors to the Centre.

The Contract to manage the Heritage Centre on behalf of DLRCoCo has been renewed for a further ten year period.

Visitor numbers continue to grow and tour groups from the various agencies are now including Dalkey in their itineraries.

Thank you to the locals who continue to support our events and who send wandering visitors our way. We greatly appreciate it.

Margaret Dunne

Manager, Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre

FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2013

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner this year was held on Saturday, April 27th, again in Our Lady's Hall. This year we had some light entertainment provided by two ladies who sang songs from the time of James Joyce. That is, they were not just Irish songs or songs from his works but songs from the Joycean period.

The costumes, very few props, a few changes of hats and a musical instrument of the period provided a most entertaining evening. The dinner again was provided by Fiona and Hassle Free Catering and the wine was at our usual excellent price.

GARDEN COMPETITION

There were the usual number of entries this year which was again held in July and this seemed to suit most of the participants. For the first time in years it was not raining on the day of the judging. The judges were excellent, very pleasant and easy to work with and particularly careful about studying all the gardens. At the end of the day they were dropped off, went into Killiney Castle and finished their consultations and consequently provided us very quickly with the results.

GARDEN OUTING

We went to Wicklow this year. Our first stop was Ballard Park outside Rathdrum. We arrived there in time for a very heavy shower. Some hardy souls went out with our hostess sharing umbrellas whilst us chickens stayed inside having our coffee and scones. The weather picked up and our next stop was a most unusual garden - Knockanree Garden in Avoca. This was mainly trees with a Japanese style bridge, a little island and interesting and decorative ornaments. Our third garden, after I had managed to urge them from lunch in the Woodenbridge Hotel with much persuasion we went to Trudder Grange in Newtownmountkennedy. The weather by this time was idyllic and everyone enjoyed immensely this lovely garden and appreciated all the work the owners had invested in it over the years. At this last stop we were able to purchase plants and hoped they looked like the ones we had just seen.

GARDEN RECEPTION AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

Once more, the Garden Reception proved to be a most popular event. One of the judges spoke for both of them and commented favourably on most of the gardens and was most encouraging to all the entrants. The first three winners in each category received vouchers for a local garden centre, with each overall winner receiving a cup.

Community Cup - Michael McDonnell for the looking after the Church of the Assumption grounds so well.

McCabe Sports Cup - Marie Fahy for managing the Swimming Team

Comerford Cup for Young Achievers - Alex Perry for gymnastic achievements - locally and nationally.

ART EXHIBITION

This was a very well-supported event this year and there was a warm and pleasant atmosphere in the Hall. It was opened by Artist in Residence at the Curragh, Chára Nagle, who said very encouraging words to us, the organisers and the artists. We sold a large number of pictures, more than we had sold in the last few years.

CHRISTMAS MEETING

This is a quiet event and is solely for members of the Community Council. After our monthly meeting we enjoy mince pies and stollen as we socialise and look forward to the festive season.

None of these events would have been possible without the support of the other members of the Functions Committee. They are a very hardworking, encouraging and most supportive group who come along and help to set up for all the events and then clean up afterwards. As I say each year, ladies - and one gentleman - take a bow!

Rosaleen Callaghan

Functions Manager

ANNUAL REPORT OF DALKEY TIDY TOWNS

In 2013 Dalkey was one of the top 50 towns in Ireland in the Tidy Towns Competition

We increased our score by 4 marks from 293 to 297 out of 400. (Top score was 316 for Moynalty)

We came first in the Dublin County Awards, got a Silver Medal in the Large Town Section and also won the DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition

The judges liked Dalkey Tidy Towns links with other groups in the town. Schools, clubs, DBG, Community Council

They liked our buildings, the Heritage Centre, the Tourist Map, the DART improvements, the new planters around the town, the Litter Patrols, the Peace Garden in the Library, the colourful floral arrangements and the diversity in the town.

They were not so enamoured with Dillon's Park, Bulloch Harbour, Graffiti and the advertisement hoardings.

The work the Tidy Towns undertook in 2013/14 was partly based on the recommendations of the judges and partly on our own 3 year plan.

It included painting all the street furniture in Castle St., erecting the Heritage signposts, weed spraying every road, rejuvenating benches at Vico Rd, Bulloch Harbour, Hillside and Barnhill Ave. We repointed the wall at Ulverton steps, repaired the winch at Bulloch Harbour, cleared all the paths in Sorrento Park and repainted the bandstand. We reclaimed rights of way at Knocknacree and Torca Rd and cleared all 237 steps at the Cats Ladder.

Having the assistance of Marius and his team was of enormous benefit and we are delighted to have him working for Dalkey Tidy Towns.

New projects are underway to tackle waste, improve the DART Station, improve the approach roads, to keep trying to tackle Bulloch Harbour, the Graffiti problem and many others.

Our only income is from our prize money and grants from DLRCC (to whom we are very grateful for their support).

As always any help is welcome. Litter Patrols are continuing for the Summer Season outside Select Stores every Tuesday and Saturday at 10.30 a.m. and every Thursday at Dillon's Park at 10.30a.m.

The Committee can be contacted by e-mail at: tidy@dalkeytidytowns.com

Thank you to all our Committee: Paddy Rigney, Frank Dillon, Malcolm Connolly, Susan Mc Donnell, Terry Wheatley, Blaithín O'Brien and Des Burke Kennedy. Thank you also to our Litter Patrollers and Marius. We would like to welcome Lynda Coleman who is advising us on planting schemes. We are looking forward to a further improvement in our marks this summer.

Blaithín O'Brien

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT FOR 2013

Neighbourhood Watch is a crime prevention scheme aimed at getting local communities actively involved in observing and reporting suspicious activities. The program involves creating a partnership between the Gardaí and the community that is designed to prevent crime and to help create a better environment in which to live.

The Garda Clinics have now been running in OLH since December 2012. These clinics have been set up to assist the local community with matters such as form signing, authenticating documents or advice. Crime reports must be phoned into Dun Laoghaire Garda Station where they are all logged and recorded. These reports help build up the facts for a case against an individual or individuals and are used in evidence if and when required. The clinics take place every second Thursday from 11am to 12 noon.

In September Dalkey lost one of our Community Gardaí Marie Barry who has taken up different duties within the Force. We would like to thank her for her years of loyal service to the Dalkey community. Garda Cathy Burke remains our serving Community Garda. She has been very helpful with providing information throughout the year on different aspects of crime prevention. These hints include personal safety, advice on dealing with bogus traders or callers, what to do on holiday, securing property, ATM crime and crime prevention in relation to the roll out of the water meters. There was an information day in the Royal Hotel in Bray on 23rd March from 11am to 5pm and it covered all aspects of home security.

The NW AGM was held in Baker's Corner on Thursday 12th December 2013. On the agenda was the presentation of the Text Alert and Senior Alerts Schemes. These are two methods that are significant in relaying information in a fast and easy way that send out pre-alerts to recipients for suspicious activity that maybe occurring in their particular areas.

The Gardaí need the help of the community to fight crime and it is very important that we all play our part in supporting them. The downturn in the economy has seen big changes with cutbacks and less money available for investment in the fight against crime. Vigilance on the part of the community by keeping alert and reporting crime and suspicious activity will help to keep our community safe and better place for all of us to live in.

Dun Laoghaire Garda Station Tel: 666 5000.

Confidential line: 1800 666 111

Neighbourhood Watch Rep.

SPORTS REPORT FOR 2013

DALKEY - ATHLETICS

Dalkey Dashers commenced training the first week in April and continued until the end of May. It is very satisfying to see so many children taking part each week on the hockey pitch in Loreto. This can only happen with the huge efforts of the coaches and the work everyone puts in both on and off the pitch. Unfortunately only two athletes can go to Santry to compete each event in the Leinster Finals. The last evening in Loreto with the medal presentations for all the runners was a great success.

The Dublin Finals of the Community Games took place on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June in the Morton Stadium in Santry. This season turned out to be one of the most successful for Dalkey Dashers with the largest number of children representing both Dalkey and Glenageary in Santry.

In Santry itself there were some fantastic performances with many of the children getting to the quarter finals, semi finals and finals. There were 4 overall winners taking gold medals and perpetual cups and four other medal winners.

The medal winners were:

1st Place: Jessica Ellison (U8 80m), Patrick Egan (U8 80m), Cormac Hurley (U14 shot putt), Ava Tormey Murphy (U12 600m).

2nd Place: Sebastien Crotty Elder (U10 100m)

3rd Place: Lillie Cunniam (U16 Discus)

4th Place: Zofia Cautley (U14 100m), Cillian Dunne (U13 900m walk).

DALKEY - SWIMMERS

Dalkey had 24 swimmers on the team that competed in the DCG Swimming competition held in Tallaght. The team brought home - 10 individual Gold Medals, 6 Silver Medals, 3 Bronze Medals and 3 -runner up Medals. In addition to this - the Girls under 16 relay team won Gold - our under 16 Boys team got Gold and our under 13 boys team also took Gold. Dalkey was presented with the "Perpetual swimming Trophy for Best Area". This trophy has been presented every year since 1968 at the Dublin Community Games Swimming Gala but this is the first time that Dalkey has won it. There were 10 individual swimmers and 3 relay teams from Dalkey representing Dublin in Athlone at the end of May in the National Finals.

Both the athletes and the swimmers gave great performances in Athlone and there were many medal winners in each group.

The DCC Sports Cup was awarded to Marie Barry the Swimming Manager for all her hard work in helping to get the swimming team organised to compete in the DCG county and national finals. Marie was a deserving winner as she is committed to the team and very proud to promote Dalkey.

Dalkey is very lucky to have two highly motivated and enthusiastic managers in Conor Patton and Marie Barry. Conor has been organising the Dalkey Dashers for many years now. He looks after the training for the athletes, guides the coaches and is always recruiting new group leaders to get involved in sports. Likewise Marie and her dedicated

parents provide the back-up for a great team of swimmers. The participation in sport is very worthwhile and it is so good to have a local base here in Dalkey to give the young a start in hopefully what will always be a part of their lives.

DCG

Due to work and personal situations Ann and Elaine took back seats during 2013. It is difficult to attend the meetings in Carmichael House but both of us are happy to do what we can to help and remain on hand to assist DCG in whatever way we can.

On behalf of DCG I thank Mr. Dunne of Loreto Abbey Secondary School who permits Dalkey Dashers to use the hockey pitch each year for their training sessions and also the support of Dalkey Community Council.

We look forward with great expectation to 2014 and hope that it will be another successful year for all our young sports people.

Elaine Feely
Secretary
Dalkey Community Games

NEWSLETTER REPORT FOR 2013 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING OF DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIMITED

EDITORIAL

2013 was a good year for the Dalkey Newsletter. Our regular contributors were excellent wonderful in the way they delivered their material in accordance with our production schedule. The most popular subjects were My Garden, Nature Corner, Maritime Dalkey, Planning, Local History, Heritage Centre Update, Tidy Towns Update, Churches' Updates, Schools' Updates, Sinéad's Wine Corner, etc. with the occasional article of general interest.

PRODUCTION

Printing costs were maintained at the same level again this year in keeping with the general trend in the industry. We kept a solid grip on costs and deliveries with our current printer during the year. However, we did investigate other printers from a cost point of view and concluded that we are getting a good price for the service we have been getting from our current printers.

We also improved the Newsletter scheduling during 2013 which has worked out very well. The result is that every resident gets a regular delivery of the Newsletter and this increased our profile as reliable and, hopefully, interesting.

ADVERTISING

Last year saw our advertising levels maintained a satisfactory level due to the excellent work of our Advertising Manager, Ms Helena Feely, and the attractiveness of the Newsletter to regular and potential advertisers. The use of colour advertising has been a significant benefit to advertising income. We have found that we had to squeeze in some advertisements and balance them with the actual editorial copy. This is a result of our overall success with the Newsletter's readership which is obviously of keen interest to advertisers.

Special mention must be made of the fact that we are most fortunate to have had the benefit of the experience and knowledge of our Advertising Manager, Helena Feely, throughout the year. She has been a superb member of our Editorial Team and has maintained an excellent relationship with the advertisers, even the ones who are late with their payments!

DISTRIBUTION

We have seen improvements in this aspect of the Newsletter during the year. The sorting of the Newsletter in Our Lady's Hall has been changed to a short period on Thursdays due to time constraints in the Hall. This means that Road Representatives need to collect their bags as well as bags for others. This has actually resulted in a more efficient distribution of the Newsletter, despite our initial concerns. As always, there will be minor hitches mainly to do with Road Representatives not delivering their Newsletters quickly after publication. Special thanks to our Distribution Manager, Danny Merity, who has done a splendid job in 2012 and continues to do so this year.

COSTS

The overall cost of producing the Newsletter in 2013 was €31,916.99. This was largely offset by the income from Advertising. We have taken steps to maintain the controls of costs in the Newsletter by not printing large issues and trying to keep issue size to about 40 pages with a few exceptions. Also, we are fortunate in that we are getting more and more people interested in becoming contributors. We welcome this as long as we can maintain control on our costs.

OUTLOOK

The Dalkey Newsletter is in good shape thanks to a combination of factors, e.g. loyal contributors, steadfast advertisers, a very experienced Advertising Manager, a motivated Editorial Team and management of costs.

Gerard Coakley

Editor

Dalkey Newsletter

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2013

We had eleven Monthly Meetings during 2013 and ten of these meetings took place in Our Lady's Hall. There were ten full Executive meetings in 2013 with a short meeting held in December after the monthly meeting. The May Monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall and we thank John Hewitson and the Masons for the use of their meeting room. The 2013 Public Meeting was held on Monday 8th April in OLH.

The sorting of the monthly Newsletter from 1pm to 2pm on the last Thursday of every month (except December) is working out very well and DCC is indebted to the Distribution team headed up by Danny Merity who organise, distribute and deliver the bags so efficiently. I also want to thank Christine Feely who comes on a regular basis to help with the sorting of the Newsletters.

DCC thanks the Parish Council for the use of OLH and also thanks Mairead O'Donoghue, Manager of the Parish Centre for her help with the scheduling of our meetings and the events the Community Council runs throughout the year.

The Editorial Group continues to use the small room in St. Patrick's for the monthly Editorial meetings and DCC would like to express their appreciation to the Rector Reverend Bruce Hayes and the Select Vestry for their support.

Postal correspondence is minimal with most communications coming via email to the Editor Gerard Coakley.

The notice for meetings and other relevant information is sent by texting members. I stress that mobile numbers are not passed onto third parties without the express permission of the owner.

Hopefully DCC will attract new members as we celebrate our 40th anniversary in 2014 and the profile of our work in the community will be better recognised.

Finally I would like to thank my Assistant Secretary Elaine Feely for her support during the past year and to thank the Chairman and the other members of the Executive. I wish the incoming Executive success for their term of office in 2014.

Ann Perry

Secretary

Dalkey Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013

The summary of the DCC finances ending 31st December 2013.

The two main sources of income for Dalkey Community Council are the monies raised from the annual collection and advertising income. The production costs of the Newsletter were almost funded by the advertising revenue. Thanks to Lena our Advertising Manager for all her hard work and commitment during the year.

The annual collection for 2013 brought in €11,600 and this was slightly up on the previous years figure. The yearly running expenses for DCC amount to €10,000 approximately comprising of rent, insurance, administration expenses and prizes for the various competitions. DCC supports the Dalkey Community Games, the Christmas celebrations, Dalkey Tidy Towns and other local projects.

It is intended to launch a campaign drive for the 2014 collection as only 20% of the collection envelopes from a total of 3,300 are returned. A re-vamped collection envelope has been designed as 2014 marks the 40th anniversary of DCC Newsletter and a social evening for the Road Reps to re-energise the collection for 2014 was held in March this year. With more available funds Dalkey Community Council can sponsor more local initiatives thus “keeping Dalkey special”.

Edward O'Neill

Treasurer

Dalkey Community Council

PLANNING REPORT FOR YEAR 2013 FOR MAY 2014 PUBLIC MEETING

There were 78 planning applications during 2013 in the Dalkey area compared to 84 applications in 2012. Two of these were declared invalid, as a result of problems associated with the site notice and three were withdrawn.

There were 6 applications for retention and 5 of these were granted permission. Additional information was requested in 9 cases and supplied in 12 cases (3 relating to the previous year's application)

The newer category of an application for an extension of duration of permission first appeared 2 years ago; in 2013 there were 8 such cases, whose 5 year permission had run out of time. Six were granted permission and we are waiting for a decision on the other 2 applications.

79 decisions were made, of these 69 were granted permission and 10 were refused.

16 decisions were appealed to An Bord Pleanála; of these 10 were 1st party appeals against either refusal for permission or the conditions imposed by the planning department of the County Council.

There were six 3rd party appeals against the grant of permission by the County Council.

An Bord Pleanála handed down 15 decisions during the year, of these 7 had previously been granted permission by the Council and upheld by the Bord.

Five were granted permission by Bord Pleanála that previously had been refused by the County Council.

Two were refused permission by both the County Council and by Bord Pleanála.

One was refused permission that had previously been granted permission by the County Council.

It is interesting to note that there were 184 applications for planning permission in the Dalkey area in 2005 and 2006 at the height of the boom, compared to only 78 last year.

I will now comment on some individual applications that are of particular interest.

FIRMBANK

We were concerned about an application in November 2012 for a 4 bed room house on this site which is situated on former allotments at "Clay Hill". There have been several applications in previous years for this site. The proposed development would be surrounded by public open space on three sides and would, we believe, appear incongruous in its setting and would not be a positive visual contribution to the area. We were concerned about the access which is across public lands owned by the County Council and its proximity to "the Metals". We were also concerned on traffic safety grounds about the entry onto Dalkey Park near the junction with Dalkey Ave.

The Planning Department refused permission as it considered that having regard to the proposed works on the existing right-of-way to serve the proposed dwelling, it considered that this part of the site was not within the ownership of the applicant. As a letter of consent or Wayleave Agreement from the owner (the County Council) had not been obtained and submitted as part of the planning application, the applicant had not demonstrated sufficient legal estate or interest in the land to carry out the proposed works and, therefore, the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning of the area.

This decision was appealed. Bord Pleanala refused permission in April of this year on the following grounds:-

1) The developer has no Wayleave from the County Council and had not demonstrated sufficient legal estate or interest in the site to carry out the proposed works and, therefore, the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The site of the proposed development is in close proximity to ‘The Metals’, a significant element of Dalkey and Dun Laoghaire’s industrial archaeology, which it is policy in the current County Development Plan to manage and enhance, while also encouraging use of it as a walking route. The Metals is also deemed to be of national and potentially international importance. The site directly bounds this route and in this regard, the Board was not satisfied on the basis of the documentation submitted with both the planning application and the appeal that the proposed development would not significantly detract from the existing visual amenities of the area and the character and setting of the historic railway.

The Donnelly Art Gallery

In August, permission was sought to change the use of the Donnelly Art Gallery building from its approved use as a private art gallery with caretaker accommodation and residential use to use as a private dwelling house. We objected on several grounds:

1) The zoning of the area as stated in 2010-2016 Development Plan does not allow for residential use.

2) There is insufficient parking available for the building to continue as a public gallery. The location does not lend itself to add further parking on site and there is limited on street parking which is at a premium during the summer months.

3) The present drainage/sewage system is inadequate and insufficient for use by the public if the building were to be used as a public gallery. The system is challenged as outlined in the accompanying drainage report for even small scale use.

4) The building does not have adequate disabled access and the site and architecture renders it impossible to overcome this issue.

5) The development has had huge negative impact on the area when viewed from Whiterock beach which is a very popular amenity for the public.

The Planning department refused permission but the owners appealed to Bord Pleanala. In April 2013 the Bord refused permission on the following ground;

having regard to the zoning objective for the site 'F' which is 'To preserve and provide for open space with ancillary active recreational amenities' and under which zoning, residential use is neither 'permitted in principle' nor 'open to consideration' it was considered that the proposed residential development would materially contravene that zoning objective and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Their Inspector had however felt that permission should be granted as he believed the building to be of great architectural merit. In deciding not to accept their Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board acknowledged the architectural design quality of the building and associated landscaping, but having regard to the provisions of S.37(2)(b)(i) of the Planning Act, the Board noted the building's lack of local, regional or national recognition from an architectural or heritage viewpoint and, therefore, did not concur that the proposed development could be considered to be of strategic or national importance.

Topcliffe

In October an application for the demolition of an existing building on Ard Brugh Rd and for the construction of a much larger three storey over basement building was lodged. The prominent site is adjacent to the junction with Knocknacree Rd and permission for an additional house had already been given permission but has not yet been constructed. Planning permission was granted but appealed to Bord Pleanala. We lodged our observations to them amongst which we believe that the proposed building by reason of its scale, massing, height and excessive glazing will dominate the view towards Dalkey Hill when viewed from Dalkey and the surrounding areas, and appear incongruous in the context of the existing architecture on the wooded slopes up to Dalkey/Killiney Hill.

Bord Pleanala has subsequently refused permission this month.

36 Coliemore Rd

In April an application for the demolition of the 2-storey house on Coliemore Rd overlooking the sea and the construction of a 2-storey over basement building was lodged. We were concerned about the scale of the house, overlooking of neighbouring houses, the removal of many of the large trees and the loss of the Protected Views over to Dalkey Island. This was granted permission but appealed to Bord Pleanala who refused permission on the grounds of excessive width of the development on the site.

Another application was lodged in January of this year for a slightly reduced house; this was granted permission by the County Council. An appeal has been lodged which should be decided at the beginning of August.

Coliemore Harbour and Access to Dalkey Island

Coliemore Harbour Action Group is an umbrella group acting on behalf of 25 groups and organisations in Dalkey that united with the aim of restoring the historic link between

Coliemore Harbour and Dalkey Island. We are members of this group and have a representative on the Steering Committee of the Action Group.

Coliemore Harbour is an integral part of Dalkey's heritage trail. Visitors come to Dalkey, walk through the town and up to the Quarry, and when they visit Coliemore they expect to be able to take a ferry across to the Island. Unfortunately this has not been possible in recent years, and the heritage experience of Dalkey has been consequently lessened.

A ferry service licence between Coliemore Harbour and Dalkey Island had been granted by the Department of the Marine subject to permission being granted by DLRCC to land on the Island; this has not been granted until recently so Dalkey was without a small public ferry link to the Island.

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the 2001-2012 Planning and Development Regulations, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council proposed in December 2012 the upgrade to the existing Slipway at Dalkey Island to include: raising the existing slipway to create a stepped top surface, widening of the existing channel, a new raised pier section with transitional steps, a handrail, mooring rings and an access ladder.

Coliemore Action Group supported this proposal with the proviso that any decision to carry out the upgrade works to the existing island slipway should not endanger or should be interpreted in a way that may endanger the special relationship between Dalkey Island and Coliemore Harbour. That special relationship requires that the historical transportation link between the harbour and the island be permitted to continue through the operation of a licensed, managed ferry service which meets conditions designed to protect the heritage of the island in cooperation with the County Council.

Work on the Island began at the end of March of this year before the beginning of the breeding season of some of the migrating sea birds (which usually starts in May) and has now been almost completed.

Dun Laoghaire County Council also commissioned a Conservation Report of Dalkey Island last year.

A survey of the condition of Coliemore Harbour was undertaken as the County Council had concerns on various safety aspects of the harbour. This took place this year and a list of safety measures has been drawn up and it is expected that they will soon be completed.

It is hoped that the ferry service between Coliemore Harbour and Dalkey Island will be in place in June.

We are frequently asked about the procedure to lodge an observation /objection to the planning department.

In regard to planning applications, I should like to stress to everyone, the importance of vigilance in respect of site notices. If one appears in your neighbourhood, it is important that you find the time to inspect the relevant plans for the particular application in the

Planning Office in County Hall, Dun Laoghaire if you believe the proposal will affect your property or view it on-line on the County Council’s website.

The applicant must lodge the plans with the Planning Department of the County Council within 14 days of displaying the site notice.

Following the lodgment of plans in the planning office, the public has 35 days to submit their observations and objections, accompanied with a 20-euro fee. If you believe you will be affected, it is vital that you write into the planning department to voice your concerns.

The planning authority will then make their decision.

Following the decision, the public has 28 days to appeal to Bord Pleanala if they had previously submitted the relevant objection to the planning department. The fee for this is 210 euros.

Following the lodgment of an appeal with An Bord Pleanala, the public has 28 days to submit their observations, the fee being 60 euros in this case.

Finally, I should like to thank the members of the Planning Committee for their work throughout the year.

Dr Susan McDonnell

Chairman, Dalkey Community Council

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0011 **Date:** 24-Apr-2014 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION
Applicant Name & Location: Andria O'Donovan, Khyber Pass, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for alterations, additions and refurbishment works to existing house (198 sqm) to include new store at ground level (with patio over), new kitchen and extended bedroom at first floor level, 2 storey front portico and other minor internal and external modifications. (New total living area to be 270 sqm and 16 sqm external store).
Reg. Ref.: D14B/0061 **Date:** 24-Apr-2014 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION
Applicant Name & Location: D Harris, Monte Guisepppe, Sorrento Road.
Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing front entrance porch and bay over, provision of new two storey extension comprising new front entrance portico and living accommodation over, replacement of existing first floor timber bay windows on either side of front entrance with new timber bay windows and associated site works.
Reg. Ref.: D14A/0098 **Date:** 30-Apr-2014 **Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION
Applicant Name & Location: Iris O'Malley, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for modification to approved plans, Reg. Ref. D13A/0317 PL06D.242469, to approved House A to construct a single storey side extension (39 sqm) and a garden store (10 sqm).
Reg. Ref.: D14A/0109 **Date:** 02-May-2014 **Decision:** REQUEST ADD. INFO.
Applicant Name & Location: Cathy Crowe, 21, Corrig Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the change of the entrance from pedestrian to vehicular with gates: and provision of off street parking for 2 no. cars.
Reg. Ref.: D14A/0180 **Date:** 1-May-2014 **Decision:** Declare INVALID (Site Notice)
Applicant Name & Location: Name: Allied Land Investments Ltd.at Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for a residential development comprising of 18 no dwellings on this 0.59 ha site> etc. Application Type :Permission.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 16-19 14/4/'14 to 9/5/2014

Reg: Ref D14A/0098 **Registration Date:** 7-Mar-2014 **Location:** 21, Dalkey Ave., Dalkey.
Development: Permission for modification to approved plans, Reg.Ref.D13A/0317 PL06D.242469, to approved House A to construct a single storey side extension (39 sqm) and a garden store (10 sqm).
Council Decision: REFUSE PERMISSION. **Appeal Lodged:** 9-May-2014. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks 15-18 7/4/'14 to 25/4/'14

Reg. Ref. D12A/0458 **Appeal Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION **Appeal Decided:** 23-Apr-'14
Council's Decision: REFUSE PERMISSION. **Location:** Firmbank, Dalkey Avenue.
Proposed Development: Permission is sought for proposed development comprising of the erection of a 4 bed 2 storey dwelling and all service connections and associated siteworks all accessed via existing vehicular laneway from Dalkey Park. Applicant: Martin Doran

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Coliemore Harbour-Dalkey Island Ferry:

After an absence of three years, the goal to restoring our 'local' ferryboat service from Coliemore Harbour is finally nearing. Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council which has authority to issue a boat permit, has expressed confidence that the commercial ferryboat service is to resume. It is understood the service is expected to start this June Bank Holiday (Whit Weekend) though was subject to €63,500 of remedial safety and boat access improvement works to

be completed at Coliemore Harbour. The ferryboat taking 5 passengers has undergone a marine survey, however a 'license' was to be confirmed from the Department of Transport.

Dalkey Island Harbour Slipway Upgrade: While across the sound, it is particularly encouraging to report on concrete developments that contractors have completed before mid-May, the new main structure of the pier slipway upgrade. Costing approximately €300,000, the upgrade is a component of the PART 8 Scheme and a recommendation of the Dalkey Island Management Conservation Plan.

As depicted in this busy scene in late April of works out primarily by Richard Nolan Civic Engineering, is the self-propelled pontoon-barge *Kismet*. The Cork-registered craft is fitted with a hydraulic crane which handled building equipment and materials and a bow-ramp for use by heavy plant machinery.

The base for the *Kismet* was the Carlisle Pier, the former 'Mail' boat terminal in Dun Laoghaire Harbour, from where the fast-craft on the Holyhead route, HSS Stena Explorer resumed a fourth consecutive year of the seasonal-only operated service in April and which continues to September.

Construction to this extent on the island harbour has not been seen since the last major upgrade took place in 1994. On that project, a helicopter made frequent flights, with a cement-silo slung underneath having taken off from the former Dalkey Island Hotel or possibly from Loreto Abbey.

Dalkey Island Cruises: As distinct to the aforementioned ferry service to Dalkey Island, there are an unprecedented range of excursion operators, not since the bust, providing locals and tourists alike greater opportunities to our small yet wonderful 'Riviera' coastline and neighbouring bays.

Among the operators is GoSailing.ie's luxury yacht Explorer, the 54ft yacht offers two-hour sailing trips from Dun Laoghaire Marina through Dalkey Sound and Killiney Bay. In addition they offer an-adrenalin seeking high-speed RIB (rigid inflatable boat) trips of 90 minutes duration.

Alternatively is the sedate and yet new option this season from Dublin Bay Cruises, which in April, started 2 hour evening cruises from Dun Laoghaire Harbour (East Pier) to Killiney Bay, with the 120 passenger St. Bridget. As pictured on her inaugural cruise and passing the island's new slipway. A lounge serves drinks and snacks and available on cruises to Dublin city centre and onward to Howth.



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Dublin Bay Project:

As previously reported (see March issue, 2013) the Dublin Bay Project, involving a 9km pipe for treated wastewater from Ringsend to Burford Bank on the outer fringes of Dublin Bay has been abandoned. Irish Water which took control of all the local water authorities, among them in January, Dublin City Council, has cited

projects cost of up to €340m is prohibitive, the project for one area alone is more than the entire capital expenditure for the new state utility company.

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St. Bridget's Inaugural

❖ LETTER TO THE EDITOR ❖

It was with reflection and sadness that I read Sheila Farrell's (RIP) account of the terrible tragedy that befell the Howard family in 1974.

I lived 5 doors down from them on Carysfort Road in my school-going years and knew them well as a very hard working family. I still have sad recollections of the massive family funeral and will never forget the procession of small white coffins being wheeled into Dalkey Church, It was an extremely sad occasion, and more so given the tragic circumstances. It was even attended by the then President, Eamon De Valera.

I read with fondness Sheila's description of 'Daddy' Howard. He could be seen regularly pushing a large red barrow with the letters CDL on the side of it and a pick, shovel and broom on top of it, sweeping the roads as necessary.

I would expand on that description with a lighter note. Those of us who were attending the Convent school in Dalkey the First Communion class had to know the answers to all questions in the old green catechism verbatim, and to the best of my knowledge there were over 400 questions in that book.

On one of the opening pages the easiest question of all was "Who made the world?" And the book answer was: "God made the world!"

However, those of us from Carysfort Road, Whites Villas and Corrig Road, etc. knew and regularly gave the "real" answer as "Daddy Howard made the world with his pick and his shovel"

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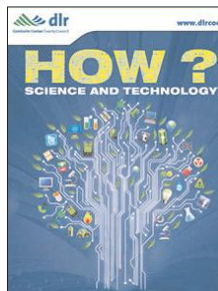
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Saturday 14th June – Seashore Walk on Killiney Beach from 2.30-4.30pm. Meet in the main car park off Station Road. Join us for a walk along the seashore and the area between it and the Railway line to find some of the plants and animals that are living here. Leader: Niamh Lennon. No booking required.

Sunday 15th June – Pond Dipping 10am-11.30am. Cabinteely Park. Meet in the main car park. Explore the life living within the pond. Using nets and buckets we hope to find water scorpions, water beetles and many more interesting pond creatures. A family fun nature exploration event. Leader: Andrew Fleming, OWLS. Booking required:

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DREAM OF DALKEY



Wave-beaten rocks and ragged shore
Methinks I love thee more and more,
As silently the years roll by,
And feel not how the time doth fly.

Loved home of childhood happy days,
'midst rustic joys and youthful plays;
On thy wild rocks and hills so green
My life passed tranquil and serene.

In happy dreams of blissful sleep,
I heard the murmur of thy deep;
The splashing spray of thy green wave,
Methought my burning brow did lave;

On wild Sorrento's lovely shore,
By moonlight have I gazed of yore,
On paths of simmering, sliver light,
Which filled my soul with pure delight.

The harvest moon all bright and clear,
A heaven-born orb, shone nobly there-
Bray frowned darkly on the scene-
A flood of glory lay in between.

A little basque sailed swiftly by,
Across the path of light did fly;
From dark to light- then into dark,
It floated like a vital spark.

Emblem of human life it seemed,
As on the sails the moonlight gleamed-
So swift our passage o'er life's sea-
Then vanished in eternity.

We'll guard it bravely to the end,
Strong cords of love our homes defend;
Until we gather on that shore,
Where partings cease forever more.

Ivaniona – 1886

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15 km by 2km wide found north of the main town in Coonawarra, Penola. It is found on a ridge, raising it above the swamp land on either side. This region produces some of the world's top cabernets not only because of the areas limestone rich soils but also because of its cool maritime climate which is not dissimilar to Bordeaux. When wine tasting in a new region I always view a list of the wineries and visit the ones I remember from Ireland. It is interesting to taste their new vintages and visit where it all began. Rymill was one of these familiar wineries. John Riddoch founded Coonawarra in 1890 and Rymill is still owned by his descendant John Ritchie Rymill. Through the generations of this accomplished family there has been an Arctic explorer and a champion horse rider who both bred and raced his horses in Ireland. I entered the cellar door with high expectations and was a bit disappointed that we had our tasting with a woman who told us she was normally in the office and was just filling in while cellar door staff took a break. I can honestly say out of all the cellar doors that I have visited from Margaret River to Coonawarra it was the first bad cellar door experience that I have had, which is pretty good odds I suppose. A bad cellar door experience can quickly change if their wines are up to scratch and this is what happened in Rymill. Their cabernet is leaps and bounds from any I have tasted within Australia. In my opinion the terroir and cool climate does all the work here. Rymill 2011 The Yearling Cabernet delivers and then some. The palate is full of sweet cherry fruit which is a breath of fresh air after all those spicy Barossa Shirazs. Dry tannins perfect the finish and if you like your dry Cabernets then the Yearling is your top bet. I guarantee if you ask in your local store for a Coonawarra Cabernet you will not be disappointed.

Sinéad Tyrrell, Australia





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National Spring Clean

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Ryan de Leeuw & Charles Brian Bueno - Rang 6



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Services for June 2014

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10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

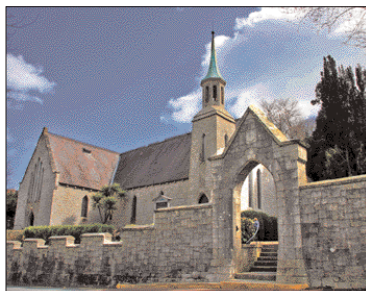
The Carry Hall

The building committee are due to meet with the Architect near the end of May. At this meeting we hope to made decisions on builders, etc and start work in early June - more on this next month!

For more information visit www.carrycentre.ie

Summer in Holy Trinity

It is planned to have the Church open daily (Monday 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.



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NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION



It is hard to believe that we are already heading into summertime and holiday season. We pray that the 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 each week at Mass time.

May was a busy month again in Dalkey Parish with 15 babies welcomed into our faith community through Baptism and over 100 children from our 4 local schools making their First Holy Communion. We thank all their teachers, their parents and the principals of the schools programme for all the work they put into preparing the children and offer hearty congratulations to all the children.

This year's parish golf outing takes place on Friday 6th June with an afternoon timesheet in Killiney golf club. Tee times were at a premium this year with a waiting list for slots! Will last year's champions Philip and Co retain their title or will they be challenged by the new entrants this year? We look forward to lots of fun and good sport on the day. Thanks to Valerie and Brendan, JT and Paddy for all their help in organising and running this social event for the parish.

Our Lady's Youth hall is currently getting a new lick of paint and some new flooring for all its current and users. It is great to see this facility being used more actively and we issue a warm welcome all visitors and new users to this great parish facility. If you can spare an hour or two to help out anytime, just call in and leave your details with Mairead in the Hall office.

A full range of Mass cards and books are available in the parish office and in the Church. We also have a small range of Baptism candles on sale through the sacristy and office during office hours.

During summer months our Taize group take a well earned rest and we look forward to welcoming them back at the end of August.

Finally, our webcam is now broadcasting 10am Mass and all Sunday Masses live on www.dalkeyparish.ie/webcam.

God Bless.

Caitriona Fogarty, Dalkey Parish Office office@dalkeyparish.ie. 01 2859418



DALKEY GARDA CLINICS



The idea of the Garda Clinic is to assist the local community who may not be able to travel to the Garda Station with matters such as form stamped/signing or any community policing matters which arise. The Garda Clinic is not designed for crime reporting, however, the Garda are very keen that all suspicious activity is reported to them at the local centre which, for Dalkey, is **Dun Laoghaire Tel. 01-6665000**.

The next Clinics for Dalkey residents will take place on

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Sunday Services for June

1st June	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist and Holy Baptism.
8th June	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age Family Worship
15th June	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist.
22nd June	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer.
29th June	9am Eucharist	10.15am Celtic Eucharist.



Garden Fête

Summer begins in St. Patrick's as soon as our Garden Fête is over when all the hard work is done. This year the Fête was held on the 10th May and despite some very heavy showers, the event was a tremendous success. Many thanks to all involved in this year Fête, including all our sponsors from the local business community. A special thanks must go to Alex Peirce who organised this year's event. In an email to the organising committee, Alex summed up this year's event as:

"I saw lots of smiles today. I saw parishioners, old friends, familiar faces, unknown strangers, uncles, aunts, daughters, sons and ... The unknown... Laughing.... Happy..... Part, of God's family. Our family. A good day. Thank you, be proud."



*Three hardy annuals on the Plant Stall
 Rupert Westrup, Olga Stewart and Trevor King*

Knitting and Craft Group - Meet each Tuesday afternoon in June at 2.30pm in the Northover Hall.



**"Just a minute son,
 let me check the regulations"**

Wednesday Club Parish Outing -
 To Clara Lara on 14th June.

Independence Day Concert in St. Patrick's Church

A special USA Independence Day Concert on Friday 4th July at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church, featuring the Southern California Children's Choir, directed by Derek Verso. There will be a varied programme of American, Irish and international favourites. Tickets €10 at the door.

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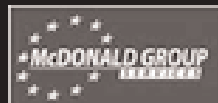
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Dalkey Book Festival (check website for event details)	Fri-Sun 20-22 June
Sorting of July Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs. 26 June
DCC July Monthly Meeting	Mon. 7 July
DCC Garden Competition	Mon. 7 July

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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

Dalkey Players The Carry Hall Killiney from 7.30-10.30pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society: Northover Hall from 8-10.30pm Mondays & Thursdays

Contact Judith Elmes 087-2396673 or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information.

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

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

Pilates: Mondays in Heritage Centre: 2 classes 7.15 & 8.15pm. Tel: Lizanne Barry 087 8572408

Zumba Fitness classes: in Town Hall every Thursday: at 7:30 - 8:30pm. Contact: Colette Burke 087 2476673 or email info@zumbafantasy.com website zumbafantasy.com

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

NATURE NOTES FOR JUNE 2014

Outdoor Meeting: Shanganagh Cliffs, Co. Dublin. Date & time:: 10:30am, Sunday, 8th June '14. Extra information: A walk along Shanganagh beach to visit the Sand Martin colony and to observe other birds feeding along the seashore. Meet at Shankill DART Station car park. Note that the terrain is quite rough and walking boots are recommended.

Branch Website: www.southdublinbirds.com

DARA Choir in concert in Loreto Abbey Concert Hall on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June.

This is a very enjoyable evening so please do come along and join in the singing!

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

ITV are to launch a new channel in June called "ITV Encore" which unfortunately will only be available to customers who subscribe to Sky television. This is the first new channel ITV has launched since the collapse of ITV Digital nearly ten years ago, and is part of a four year deal agreed with Sky to carry the channel on the Sky EPG. According to ITV the new channel will be available to any Sky customers who subscribe to the "entertainment package" and will be broadcasting some of the very best British drama available. The channel is due to launch on June the 9th and will be on channel 123 (although that may differ for Irish viewers).

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