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

A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.

A swarm of bees in June is woreth a silver spoon.

A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly



Flower: ROSE

Guímid lá sona, suairc ar aitreacha uile Dheilginise! We wish a happy enjoyable Father's Day to all the Dads in Dalkey on June 19th



 $DALKEY\,PLAYERS\,-Runners\,up\,in\,the\,RTE\,All\,Ireland\,Drama\,Festival\,2016$

See page: 21 Photo: Dalkey Players

SUMMARY OF 2016 DCC PUBLIC MEETING

The 10th DCC Public Meeting was held on Monday 9th May in OLH.

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The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed a new member Una Heffernan who has joined DCC as Road Rep for St. Patrick's Square and Avenue.

The different committee managers presented their annual reports and these can be found in the centre of this edition of the Newsletter.

AOB: As the use of drones is becoming more popular, people are reminded that there are rules and regulations that have to be adhered to when operating them in public.

The "Yield" sign on the approach to Sue Ryder is not adequate as motorists are ignoring it. A "Stop" sign needs to be erected that may be heeded and traffic slowed to allow pedestrians to cross safely at this junction. There are several "black" spots in the town that are a cause of concern. DCC has made representations to DLR on most of them but it would be more worthwhile if DCC could arrange a face-to- face consultation to progress these issues further.

The next DCC Monthly Meeting is Monday 13th June 2016

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❖ DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE

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Bloomsday 15th & 16th June: Begin your Joycean celebrations on Wednesday 15th June, the eve of Bloomsday, with 'A *Joycean Evening*' in Dalkey Castle. The stage show, in the Heritage Centre, features Joycean extracts linked by music and song.

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You will get a whirlwind flavour of Joyce's work at this highly popular Joycean event where a team of actors will perform enlightening extracts from 'Ulysses', 'Dubliners,' 'A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man' and more. Sharon Nealon, playing Molly Bloom in the final soliloquy of 'Ulysses', is a particular highlight to round off the evening's gaiety. Baritone, Simon Morgan and Soprano, Donna Malone will be accompanied by Josh Johnston in songs that James Joyce sang or which featured in his works. Gather a few friends and come along and join us. Refreshments will be served. Admission €15.

On Thursday June 16th, the Dalkey Schoolroom Scene from 'Ulysses' will be re-created at 15.30. One of the scenes in Joyce's world famous novel, 'Ulysses', locally referred to as 'The Dalkey Schoolroom scene', in the Nestor Episode, will be brought to life before your eyes in a memorable dramatisation featuring Mr Deasy, Headmaster, and Stephen Dedalus (James Joyce). There are surprising Dalkey connections with Joyce which will be uncovered in the guided Joycean Walk, led by an expert Joycean Guide immediately afterwards. Must be pre-booked. Admission €10. Bloomsday Festival is supported by DLR Heritage Office.

The 'Maeve Binchy and famous Irish Writers Walk' starts at the Writers' Gallery at



Baritone, Simon Morgan and Soprano, Donna Malone at the Joycean Evening at Dalkey Castle
Photo: John Fahy

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. Here, the visitor can explore the Gallery which features the works of forty-five creative artists from Joyce to Bono and Beckett to Binchy and more. While the guided walk is Maeve Binchy centred, it includes other internationally well-known writers.

From Dalkey Castle, along the streets, walkers will enjoy snippets from the works of the said Maeve Binchy, James Joyce, Hugh Leonard and Flann O'Brien, just for starters. The setting of the schoolroom scene (Nestor Episode) from 'Ulysses', is just close by. The route to Torca Cottage, of George Bernard Shaw fame, reveals itself here too. The encounter between Maeve Binchy and Samuel Beckett, when Beckett was directing his play in London, will enliven the hidden gem that is St Patrick's Square. Local anecdotes from our entertaining and knowledgeable guides add colour to the facts.

Maeve Binchy Garden: The walk will finish in the beautiful Maeve Binchy Garden in Dalkey Library where a mosaic by Laura O'Hagan to Maeve's memory proudly stands. Here, also, the 'Rosa Gordon Snell' that Maeve commissioned for her husband, flowers in season. The walk lasts just under one hour and is fully microphoned to the lead tour guide for ease of listening.

Walks will take place on Fridays at 13.30 from June 3rd – September 2nd. Minimum numbers and advance booking essential. The walk will be part of the DLR Summer of Heritage on Thursday evenings at 6.45pm. Booking essential.

Dalkey Book Festival (16-19th June). We will be hosting many events of the Book Festival in the Town Hall and the Heritage Centre as usual.

Check www.dalkeybookfestival.org for programme details.

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Customs cutter, RCC Faire passes Dalkey Island's Martello Tower, note old gate entrance Photo © Jehan Ashmore

Dalkey Island Ferry: Summer is underway! As Ken the Ferryman.com resumed the Coliemore Harbour-Dalkey Island passenger-boat service by the 'Lilly Rose' during the May Bank Holiday weekend and which continues throughout the tourist season. While delivering Newsletters, it was noted on the slipway the work carried out on Dalkey Rowing Club's rowing skiffs and a fresh coat of paint applied to an upturned boat.

Dalkey Island's Martello Tower: During the winter the gate at the entrance of the Martello Tower was replaced by a rather ugly solid steel locked door that is an eyesore when viewed

from Coliemore Harbour. This issue should be addressed to make the door more in keeping with the stone-cut granite blocks of the historic British maritime fortification built in 1804 in expectation of a Napoleonic invasion.

Western Marine Relocates: For almost half a century, Western Marine, the chandlery and boat sales store has traded at Bulloch Harbour. In April, the premises closed, yet the firm will continue operating the business, as the owners added they will not be moving very far! Bulloch Development: As above, the site of Western Marine is to be sold. Bulloch Harbour is a protected structure and it is encouraging to note DCC at their April meeting (see, last issue) are to monitor



A French flagged yacht's bow with 'Gannet' illustration Photo © Jehan Ashmore







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this development at the harbour which is used by small inshore trawlers, boathire and canoe/kayak groups. The Old Coastguard Station: The terrace of Beacon Hill dating from the 1840's and located between Sorrento and Nerano Roads, is where coastguards and their families lived. According to Ken Cunningham, operator of the Dalkey Island Ferry, the coastguard had cutters based out of Coliemore Harbour. (where Dalkey Rowing Club



Clearing out of Western Marine, Bulloch Harbour which is relocating to a new location Photo © Jehan Ashmore

is), given our rocky coastline where 'pilot' boats also engaged in smuggling! *Customs Cutters*: Successors of the Coastguard, the Irish Coast Guard (IRCG) are engaged in helicopter search and rescue, whereas drug-interdiction and impounding contraband (i.e. illegal cigarettes) are tasked to the Revenue Commissioners, saving the exchequer on lost revenue. They operate custom-built cutters, *RCC Faire* and sister *RCC Suirbheir* dating to 2004, the State's first such craft. The Finnish-built cutters carry out covert patrols and at the stern they carry a 38 knot Fast RIB.

French Yacht's 'Gannet': In recent years I have spotted striking, yet solitary, Gannets (Ireland's largest seabird) hunting for fish in Dalkey Sound by making spectacular dives which are great to observe. Also seen in the Sound one summer was a French flagged yacht with a bow aptly illustrating a gannet!

Cruise-Berth Update: As reported in the last issue, the An Bord Pleanála decision to grant or refuse Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company planning permission of the controversial €18m single cruise-berth was expected in April, however given the project's complexity, a decision was rescheduled for early May.

1916 Rising's East 'Link' Bridge: Continuing the 1916 'link' of the Royal Navy's HMS Ramsey (see last issue) berthed in April, close to Dublin's East-Link toll bridge, where in early May, the Liffey crossing was officially named the 'Tom Clarke Bridge' following a plaque unveiled by President Michael D. Higgins in memory of the first signatory of the Proclamation. The occasion coincided with the centenary of his execution and the execution also on that day of Patrick Pearse and Thomas MacDonagh, noting this, the plaque was unveiled on Easter Monday at Sorrento Park, (see May's issue cover and inside story). Lecture Tribute to Dr. Ireland: Concluding the 1916 Rising maritime-themed lectures, there will be a free lecture: Dr. John de Courcy Ireland - A Tribute to a Maritime Historian, on Thursday, 9th June at 7.30pm in the National Maritime Museum of Ireland, Dun Laoghaire.

The Late Tom Moran: The passing in April of Dalkey resident, Tom Moran a gentleman I knew well, arose through our membership of the Maritime Museum in Dun Laoghaire. Tom inspired me to present my first talk: "Maritime Dalkey" in 2013 to the Killiney and Ballybrack Historical Society. He will also be sadly missed by the construction and archaeological communities.

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NATURE CORNER

The male peregrine, within an hour its mate would be dead

When I saw a text from the Wicklow Wildlife Ranger saying one of the Dalkey peregrines was dead I was hoping there had been some mistake. We'd been watching them that afternoon, the pair of peregrines perched on the same ledge where they had nested in 2006 and 2014. In 2014 they made national news headlines when two racing pigeons coated in poison were tethered alive near the nest with the intention of killing the birds and their young. After that I was hoping they'd never try to nest in the quarry again.

In 2006 the ledge they nested on was just bare rock. You could see the female sitting on the eggs and when two young were born you could see them sleeping between frantic bouts of feeding and flapping their growing wings. A friend said he'd been watching them one morning when another observer and self styled expert had categorically stated the young birds were dead. They weren't dead of course, just flopped down asleep, so this time I was hoping the report of the death of one of the birds might be another erroneous observation. Sadly it wasn't.

In the intervening years since 2006, possibly because of the fertilising effect of the accumulated peregrine poo, a thick tussock of grass had grown on the ledge so earlier this spring, despite occasional sightings of one of the birds on the ledge there was no definite sign they had a nest there. But on that early April afternoon when we saw the two birds near the ledge we were certain they were nesting in Dalkey Quarry again. The male was perched above the ledge preening itself, flecks of blood from a recent kill visible on it's feathers while the female sat closer to the nest.

We watched them for a while and when we left the scene all was peaceful and calm, nothing indicating that within 30 minutes the female peregrine would be found lying on her back on the footpath nearby in obvious distress. Thankfully somebody who came upon it tried to get help for it and called into the next house she came to. The homeowner got a crate to carry the bird in and went back with her to find that somebody was there taking photos of it lying helpless while their dogs were obviously bothering the poor creature. The bird was dying and didn't last much longer so he brought its body home and was able to get word to the National Parks and Wildlife Service. That evening NPWS Ranger Ann Fitzpatrick was notified and she came out early the next morning. She climbed down to the ledge from where the



The dead female peregrine being held by Wildlife Ranger Ann Fitzpatrick

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male bird flew out, he'd been incubating two eggs while waiting for his mate to return. He would soon abandon them though because even if the eggs had hatched there would be no chance a single parent would be able to feed and protect any chicks. Ann collected the peregrine's body, wearing gloves because of the very real concern that the bird might have traces of poison on it. That was the initial suspicion for the bird's death though worrying reports of a drone being flown erratically in the area raised concern that the bird might have been in a collision with it but Ann had it x-rayed the following day and there was no sign of trauma or fractures. The bird then went to a laboratory for post mortem and testing to see if it had ingested poison.

When the results were eventually released it was something of a relief to find that the bird hadn't been poisoned but seemed to have died of natural causes. It had a number of cysts on its heart and liver but basically it would seem to have died of heart failure. It's possible it had been the same female that has been nesting in the quarry and other sites for the last ten years, it would have had to be an experienced bird that could raise and fledge four chicks as it did in 2014. It was also a very large bird, the heaviest peregrine that Ann had ever came across. Although peregrines raised in captivity have lived to 25 years, birds in the wild wouldn't last as long and we can only



Pyramidal Orchid, a welcome addition to the back lawn

hope that this bird, after successfully raising many chicks, had reached the natural end of her life.

Although summer last year is probably remembered for its bitterly cold July we actually had some prolonged warm dry spells earlier in that season. One of these stretches of warm weather gave me a good excuse not to cut the grass and this was probably the reason I had a very surprising addition to the garden in June. I noticed a solitary pink flower had appeared in the back lawn and on closer inspection I saw it had a very attractive conical cluster of deep pink flowers. It seemed unlikely but I thought it might be a orchid so I checked a field guide and that's what it was, a native Pyramidal Orchid (Anacamptis pyramidalis). I've no idea where it came from, I've never seen one in the vicinity and the seeds seem far too tiny for any bird to eat and later disperse so presumably it was either wind borne or had lain in the soil for years. I know they used grow naturally in the grass bank alongside Wyattville Road but had never known of any nearby. Anyhow, however it got there I was very glad to have it. I put a ring of stones around it so I wouldn't accidentally mow it and it stayed in flower for weeks.

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June is almost everybody's favourite month in the garden. The longest days of the year and our peak of annual growth occur this month. Would you not agree, our days have become carelessly long? Everywhere seems to be a lush of green that as yet, has not lost its spring sheen. Isn't it like as if some of our plants are almost racing their flowering stems upwards into the sunshine? Do you ever feel, it's either a feast or a famine in your garden? One day all feels fresh, next day, all seems dried out ... in a different light.



Single flowered Chrysanthemums make the perfect landing pad for shorter tongued moths

"Even gardeners who have been too busy to garden can draw some comfort from the fact that nature will take over this month and every inch will be brimming with flower. Roses a go-go, herbaceous border in full song, shrubs puffed up like peacocks and sadly, weeds slyly self seeding. Enjoy it all but remember, we still have work to do"! Words by:

James Alexander-Sinclair

Some gardeners think the key to success in a small garden is to think Big, whether with bold statements, zingy window boxes or a simple eye-catching statement plant. Then, some of us are torn between trying to protect nature then we resent it, 'doing its own thing', in certain circumstances as some climbers, ramblers, etc can sprawl into their own unlimited freedom of a canopy and in doing so, can sometimes, look so amazingly excellent. Growing climbers up boundaries can make a garden feel larger by deceiving the eye through obscuring where it ends, and then of course old brick walls can be such a valuable feature in themselves.

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- 1. Nitrogen, for leaves and general vigour.
- 2. Potash, for flowers and fruit.
- 3. **Phosphorus**, for strong roots.

To Bee or Not to Bee – A garden busy with wildlife will provide us with hours of enjoyment and moments of wonderment. By gardening organically and encouraging wildlife to our gardens, we'll be making life easier for ourselves. So maybe, throw away pesticides (obviously with thought). They can kill both friend and foe. Ladybirds for example, will feast on the aphid population while hedgehogs, frogs, toads and certain birds like nothing better than a dish of slugs and snails.

Slugs and Snails – Slugs and snails are especially active, two to three hours after sunset; they are also active after rain or during damp weather. Slugs are particularly partial to lettuce, however, it seems they are less fond of varieties with the colour red in their leaf, so, hopefully, 'these' should be more trouble free. Snails, on the other hand, don't like coffee grounds, broken egg shells, pine needles, old oak leaves, dry straw, sawdust, shredded bark, bark chips, orange peel or cotton wool. I like best of all and the most effective for me, horticultural grit, as snails and slugs seem to hate sliding and sliming over its rough texture.



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Moths – As moths fly at night, it's a good idea to grow night scented plants, such as Honeysuckle, Night Scented Stock, Nicotianas, etc. Pale flowers are easy for moths to see in the dark, alerting them to the source of nectar. Single flowered *Chrysanthemums* make the perfect landing pad for shortertongued moths.

MIGHT DO, MAYBE JUNE JOBS

Really, I think it is better to give plants a good soak at least once a



Pale flowers are easy for moths to see in the dark

week rather than a light sprinkle everyday as a good soak will do a better job of thoroughly wetting the whole root ball.

Maybe, introduce our Dalkey children to the idea of growing some of their own food. Radishes, Water Cress and Alfalfa come up so quickly. Again, what a great idea to give our children their own child-sized garden tools? You could have so much fun allowing your children to paint funny faces on plant pots,...... then they could even do a family of pots, using different sized, graduating pots.

All seeds start off with baby leaves or seed leaves, also know as cotyledons, these do not resemble the plants own distinctive adult leaves, which will be next to appear, so when some ordinary little leaves appear above the soil, don't immediately assume they are weeds, wait to see their second leaves, before yanking them out.

When buying plants at the garden centre, look out for any that are large and have filled their pots. When you get them home, you may be able to divide them before planting them out and get two or more plants for the price of one.

How on earth, do we paint a wall that is smothered in our favourite climber? Grow the plant on a moveable trellis! Instead of fixing in place with screws, just hang it on suitable hooks instead. When it comes to painting, carefully lift off the whole thing, trellis and climber and lay it on the ground and cover with an old sheet. When, you're finished painting, just hang it back into position.

If you find flowers in pots and other containers tend to lean towards the light, regularly turn, so that all sides have access to sunlight.

Cuttings of Fuschia, Hydrangeas, Oleander, Marguerites, and Lantana etc, all now grow from soft new growth.

You can give new terracotta pots more character by encouraging moss and lichens to grow on them thus ageing them artificially. Soak the pot in water. Paint the outside with natural yogurt. Leave your pot in a damp shady place and let nature do the rest and it will, in time. Weeds can secretly grow until they catch your eye when they are enormous. Hopefully, catch them as weedlings before they self seed for a new generation of weeds.

Dogs 'No. 2s', call it what you like, are not suitable for a compost heap as they may carry a roundworm parasite that can cause toxocariasis in people. This may remain for up to 4 years even when the compost seems to have rotted down completely. Cat litter too, can harbour bacteria and internal parasites.

It's better not to use mesh fruit and vegetable bags as holders for bird food as birds can get their feet caught in the mesh.

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bow; remember to punch a few drainage holes in the bottom of the can (see picture).

Most times, evergreen grasses such as Stipa, need nothing more than a quick comb through with your hands to remove old leaves and to make space for the new ones. If your plant is still looking untidy, then perhaps, give it a hair cut.

"I used to visit and revisit it a dozen times a day and stand in deep contemplation over my vegetable progeny with a love that nobody could share or conceive of who had never taken part in the process of creation. It was one of the most bewitching sights in the world to observe a hill of beans thrusting aside the soil, or a row of early peas just peeping forth sufficiently to trace a line of delicate green from mosses from and old manse"

Nathaniel Hawthorne



Use an old tin creatively

❖ Dalkey Community Council CLG 36th 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 Monday, 4th July, 2016. Judging will take place on Thursday 14th July. Presentation of the prizes will take place in the Autumn.

If first place was achieved in any category in 2015, entry will not be eligible in that category in this year's competition.

➣ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLG GARDEN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

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The aim of this AED is to strengthen the Chain of Survival in Dalkey. When someone's heart stops beating, every second counts! Starting CPR early and using a defibrillator greatly increases the chances of that person surviving.

Now that we have the equipment, we need you to learn how to use it! We'll be organising a number of CPR & Defibrillator training sessions for members of the public over the next few weeks, please contact us if you're interested.

After much discussion we have decided to mount the defibrillator in an alarmed but **UNLOCKED** protective cabinet. This is to avoid any unnecessary delays should the AED be required in an emergency. The AED will be monitored by CCTV but we would ask members of the public to assist us in looking after this lifesaving equipment, by staying vigilant and reporting any vandalism or damage to the defibrillator or cabinet by contacting DalkeyCFR volunteers or the Gardai.

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Huge thanks to Bank of Ireland for donating the Defibrillator, Padraic Hanley of Ouzos for providing the location, and all the members of the public who donated money to pay for the protective cabinet.

Let's get training, and make Dalkey a safer place!

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Barry Donaldson – Best Lighting
and to the following who received nominations
Emma Jane Nulty – Best Director
Dermot Byrne – Best Supporting Actor
Emma Mulligan & Team – Best Stage Management

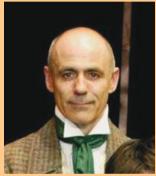
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Emma Mulligan



Emma Jane Nulty



Dermot Byrne



Newsletter Editor, Gerard Coakley, presenting a set of bound volumes for the years 2013-2015 to Deanna Ortiz in the Maeve Binchy Garden at Dalkey Library.



Alex O'Hanlon of the Dalkey Library Writing Group at the launch of their second anthology recently in Dalkey Library. The anthology costs € 5 and all profits go to Dalkey Meals on Wheels. More info please contact Dalkey Library on 2855277.

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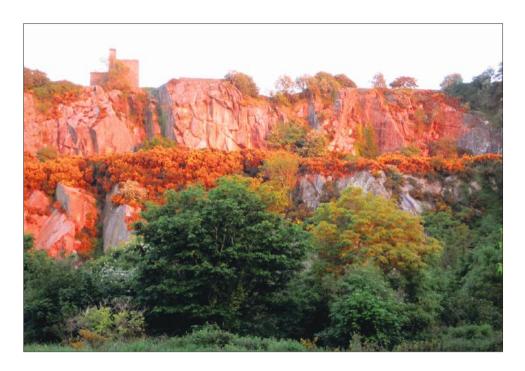
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SUNSET ON DALKEY QUARRY

My surroundings are peaceful. Rock climbers and dog walkers have departed. The reclusive birds have settled into their hidden nests. The Sun, having dutifully traversed the heavens for the past several hours, is now dipping peacefully into her slumbers, her disappearing face assuming a spectacular orange-reddish glow. The few faint clouds in the once clear blue sky are magically stealing some of the Sun's marvellous hue.

I stop and turn with my back to the sunset and stare at the quarry face above me. It too has taken on that extraordinary hue, now deepening in intensity as the moments pass. And even the bright yellow of the gorse is being transposed. I am transfixed by the scene. I am enveloped by an overwhelming feeling of realism. I stand and ponder on the great mystery of time and its relevance to what I am witnessing:

Up a few hundred million years since that quarry of granite was formed from magma in the Earth's crust;

Tens of thousands of years since photons, destined to become sunlight, were formed in the Sun's core;

About 8 minutes since those sunlight photons departed the Sun and, refracted by the earth's atmosphere, arrived here to bathe the granite in their magnificent colour;

And finally, 1/100 second – the time my i-phone takes to digitally record this breathtaking convergence of sunlight and granite – an insignificantly brief moment in the infinite and incomprehensible space time continuum...

I stand in awe. I stand transfixed. I stand humbled by the beauty of nature.

Brendan J. Nangle

ASK THE PHARMACIST



Q. I am experiencing itching between my toes with redness and dry cracked skin what should I do to treat this?

A. This sounds as if you are suffering from Athletes Foot - a common foot condition which can occur between the toes or on the sole of the foot and is caused by a fungus. To confirm this you should have your Pharmacist or GP to have a look at it.

The fungus responsible for Athletes foot grows and multiplies on the skin and it thrives in warm, dark and moist places like feet especially between the toes.

It's not usually a cause for concern but it should be treated to stop it spreading to other parts of the body or to other people. The affected areas of skin may be:

dry, red, scaly and flaky
 white, soggy and cracked
 itchy
 sore
 covered in small blisters

The infection can spread around your foot and to your toenails. Scratching the infected skin and then touching other parts of your body can also spread the infection.

There are many treatments options available Over-The-Counter and your Pharmacist can advise on which is best suited to you. The strongest available would be Terbinafine cream

which is available as a "once only" treatment or once daily over a week. Other options are Miconazole cream and powder which are used for a week.

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As sweating can contribute to a more moist environment in the foot it would be adviseable to wear leather shoes and cotton socks or open toe sandals. The foot should be left bare as much as possible. It is important to wash feet daily and dry carefully between the toes before applying the cream. Using a medicated powder on the feet and in the socks and shoes can help manage the moisture and prevent reinfection.

If you have any questions you would like answered please email us on

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and put Dalkey Newsletter in the message subject line.





DILLON'S PARK Transformation Welcomed by Neighbours and Visitors

Dillon's Park, known also as Coliemore Park and the Peoples Park, has a history which dates back to 1887 when a road was constructed to join Sorrento Terrace and Coliemore Road. That road project cost the princely sum of £1,000. While Dillon's Park overlooks the whole of Dalkey Sound, the Muglins and Dalkey Island, in recent years, apart from some grass cutting and flower-bed planting, the extraordinary sea views became



obliterated by rotting trees, vegetation, gorse, brambles and rubbish. It also became a haunt for large scale illegal outdoor drinking and suffered from graffiti vandalism and littering on a serious scale. Many local residents feared to venture in by themselves. The Gardai and Fire Brigade were also called on several occasions.

This year, our Dalkey Tidy Towns group (DTT) launched a plan to make Dillon's Park



once again a clean, safe and beautiful place for all to enjoy. Now reaching completion, the transition has been breathtaking! Tons of weeds brambles, sacks of beer cans and bottles and extensive graffiti damage have all been removed. Garda patrols have also been increased. Even those DTT volunteers involved in this enormous exercise were awestruck when the long hidden

views were once again restored. It has to be seen to be believed. Thank you to all the neighbours who have voiced their support and approval of the new scenic beauty!

As a perfect closing chapter to this first phase of improvement, on one day last week a team of 32 volunteers from the Cloud computing company, Salesforce.com, kindly joined our Dalkey Tidy Town's team to begin work on the far end of the Park. At that same time, film crews working on an episode of East Enders were operating in Dalkey Sound, Gannets were diving for fish, and several Dolphins were enjoying the sunshine – all now clearly visible by visitors to the rejuvenated Dillon's Park.

 $\label{eq:special} \begin{tabular}{l} `Special thanks to An Taisce, DLRCC, Sales force.com, the Gardai- and of course to our DTT volunteers who have made this happen. \end{tabular}$

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DES BURKE-KENNEDY

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 15-18 11/4/2016 to 6/5/2016

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

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

Reg. Ref. D16A/0020 **Application Rec'd Date:** 15-Jan-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Ciaran Brady, Killea, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of existing single storey dwelling and replacement with new 180 sqm dormer dwelling to the front and new 177 sqm two storey dwelling to the end of the existing rear garden. Site works include: lowering of the front wall, widening of the existing entrance, removal of existing pedestrian gateway, and partial replacement of existing boundary walls, provision of an access driveway with 4 no. parking spaces to serve both dwellings and miscellaneous landscaping works to serve both proposed dwellings.

Application Type: Permission. Additional Information: 12-Apr-2016.

Reg. Ref.: D16B/0152 **Application Rec'd Date:** 14-Apr-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Barry O'Sullivan, 92 Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to build a dormer window at roof level, a porch extension with roof balcony, to the east side of the house and other minor works.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0005 Application Rec'd Date: 7-Jan-2016

Applicant Name & Location: David Murphy, Site at 23 Whites Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of an existing 9 sqm single storey rear extension, the construction of a single storey 5.8 sqm extension to the front and 45.47 sqm two storey extension to the rear consisting of 25.15 sq metres at ground floor level and 20.32 sq metres at first floor level, the application of external insulation and all associated elevational and landscaping works. All on a site of 176 sq metres. **Additional Information:** 19-Apr-2016.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0165 **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Apr-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Derek & Grainne Elliott, Melbourne Lodge, 69 Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: A. Construction of a new narrow window opening in the eastern gable of the house. B. One number roof light in the north elevation and three number roof lights in the southern elevation.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0280 **Application Rec'd Date:** 25-Apr-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Castle Park School Ltd., Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

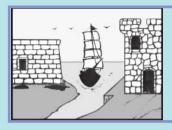
Proposal: Permission is sought for an overflow Car Park (34 spaces) with permeable grass paving and ancillary lighting and landscaping on asite of 0.167ha. accessed off the main Avenue. The proposed car park is located within the curtilage of a Protected Structure.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0035 **Application Rec'd Date:** 4-Feb-2016

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

Proposal: Permission for: 1.2.2m high wall to front & rear gardens, sub-dividing existing site. 2. Removal of existing side door and screen to kitchen. 3. Provision of roof light to kitchen lean to roof. 4. Retention of variations to previously approved (D09A/0275), relocated conservatory (area 12.3 sqm) to rear of existing house and ancillary works.

Application Type: Permission. Additional Info. Rec'd (New Adds): 29-Apr-2016,



DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORTS

from the

PUBLIC MEETING

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on

Monday 9th May, 2016 at 7.30pm

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

For Public Meeting May 2016

For over 40 years we have been active in the community and have liaised with the County Council and other agencies to represent our community's views on various issues and topics important to the area eg parking charges, planning matters and traffic issues.

The Community Council is made up of representatives from approximately 60 local areas, consisting of two or three roads or streets throughout Dalkey, and representatives from clubs and local organisations. We meet once a month to discuss topics and issues concerning Dalkey. Members also deliver our Newsletter every month to residents and businesses in Dalkey.

We have an Executive Committee of 12 members who decide the policies and their implementation and future planning of the Council and meet again on a monthly basis.

In addition we have several sub committees:-

Planning – we monitor the planning applications for Dalkey each week and comment on those that have some impact on the community to the planning department. Residents contact us when they are concerned about a planning application in their immediate locality and we try to help/advise them if at all possible.

Sports – including the Community Games which we fund every year. This involves over 100 children and their trainers who meet weekly during the summer months culminating in their participation in the Dublin Community Games Competition in Santry and any winners going on to the National Community Games in Athlone. We also have a swimming team which has had outstanding success in recent years.

Neighbourhood Watch – our local Community Gard attends our meetings and gives a report of any incidents in Dalkey; this gives us an opportunity to liaise directly with the Gardaí.

The Editorial Committee which compiles the monthly Newsletter. We believe it gives a snapshot of life in Dalkey as well as providing local information and news of events. The advertising has gone from strength to strength giving local businesses the opportunity to promote their enterprises and products to the 3,000 households in Dalkey that we deliver to. This has in turn become a great source of information for residents looking for local tradesmen. I must thank Lena Feely our Advertising Manager who organises this important aspect of the Newsletter which is both demanding and time consuming.

The Functions Committee organises the events, competitions and the social side of the Council. (Garden competition, Art Exhibition, Christmas Event, etc.). Thanks are due to Roseleen Callaghan our Functions Manager for co-ordinating all the events throughout the year.

Heritage – we have a member on the Board of the Heritage Centre who gives an overview of its activities and events to our members each month.

Tidy Towns – we work closely with Dalkey Tidy Towns; several of our members are also on their Committee. This organisation has had a huge effect on much of what we see and

appreciate around Dalkey. Most of the new projects around the town have been instigated by the Tidy Towns Committee. In recent years due to the decrease in numbers of personnel in Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council much of the maintenance of our streets and parks has been taken over by this organisation, liaising with various departments in the Council. This year they have restored large areas of Dillon's Park which had become overgrown and neglected; the park is now an attractive place for families, residents and visitors to enjoy.

They have also had an anti-graffiti campaign for the last two years which has resulted in a marked decrease in the number of tags around Dalkey. All this work is done by a small number of volunteers who work away throughout the year. On behalf of the Community Council, I should like to thank them for all their work which has made real improvements to our town.

The reports from the group sub committees will explain more fully some of our activities.

As can be seen from this overview of the Community Council we are involved throughout the town in its many and varied aspects; however, like many voluntary organisations we are suffering from a lack of new members.

It is important that we have ideas and opinions from new people 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 to spare, to contact us and join the Community Council; you will enjoy the experience making new friends and also becoming aware of local issues that you can have an input into.

Our Annual Collection showed a welcome increase from the previous years; however of the 3,000 households and businesses to which we deliver our newsletter, only between 600-700 actually contribute to our Collection.

We are a totally self-funded voluntary organisation and are completely dependent on the annual collection each year to be able to continue our work in the community. So I urge you to give generously to our Annual Collection –it will go directly back to the community through our work and projects throughout Dalkey.

I shall conclude by thanking all the members of the Community Council for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

Dr. Susan McDonnellChairman, Dalkey Community Council

DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2015

It has been another good year for Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. It received a number of awards, while visitor numbers are continuing to increase.

Dalkey Castle & the Town Hall (the actual building) was the winner of a 'Highly Commended Award' in the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland annual awards. The award was in the 'cultural building' category. The judges commented on the works to the foyer/ground floor, including the stripping away of layers of plaster revealing new information about various interventions down the centuries. There was excitement to see the surrounds of a medieval fireplace in the foyer behind the plaster and two



more niches. The new glass doors open up the building and allow people to see in by day and by night. The new interpretation systems internally in the Heritage Centre expand on its existing historical records.

We were delighted that the imaginative work of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLR) architects Noelle Sweeney and Bob Hannan was so highly rewarded. During the summer, DLR completed the refurbishment and repair of sash windows in the Town Hall.

Awards of excellence were received from Tripadvisor and CIE Tours. The tour visit includes a presentation of all the elements of the fortified Town House (Goat Castle), the Early Christian Church & Graveyard, the Heritage Centre and a guided tour which includes 'straight' guiding combined with living history in the form of a theatrical presentation with the actors.

Numbers. Visitor numbers were up 14%. Language School business continues to grow. This has grown exponentially in Dublin across all the accredited Language Schools that we deal with. Numbers from the U S have grown with the increase in the number of CIE tours which visit us.

DLR Summer of Heritage. Being part of DLR's Summer of Heritage programme has extended the tour to local residents who might not otherwise visit. There were two free tours per week for community members as part of the programme during July and August. Since then, we have become part of DLR'S Spring into Heritage initiative which is equally successful.

Literary Heritage. We continue to promote the talents of the many writers and creative artists past and present in and during walks from the Writers' Gallery. We provide two literary shows for bespoke groups: 'On Yer Bike with Dalkey's Writers' and Maeve Binchy's 'Aches and Pains' adapted by Shay Linehan. The latter ran to full houses during the year and will be staged again later on.

2016 marks the 90th anniversary of the birth of one of Dalkey's most famous writers, Hugh Leonard. He put Dalkey on the Map when his play 'Da' won 4 Tony awards on Broadway in 1978. His autobiography 'Home Before Night' is one of the best accounts of growing up in Ireland in the 40s and 50s. We intend to mark the occasion in the autumn.

Maeve Binchy and famous Irish Writers Walk. We have piloted, and are now ready to roll out a new Guided Literary Walk about the writers of the area. This begins in the Heritage Centre and finishes in the Maeve Binchy Garden in Dalkey Library. In addition to the main focus on Maeve, the guided walk covers Hugh Leonard, James Joyce, GB Shaw, Flann O'Brien, Samuel Beckett and others. Locals will have an opportunity to experience the walk when the DLR Summer of Heritage program it one evening per week in July and August.

Dalkey Island: We promoted ferry trips to Dalkey Island all of last summer with Ken the Ferryman. We commissioned and delivered a DLR sponsored audio guide with an MP3 player for the trips to the island. With the guide, visitors can listen to the history and heritage of the island at six stops while on a visit there. Having your own personal takeaway guide ensures that there should be no litter from guide leaflets on the island or at Coliemore Harbour.

Dublin... A breath of Fresh Air a marketing campaign by Failte Ireland is gathering momentum. This campaign is meant to showcase that there is more to Dublin than a capital city. One video brings visitors by DART out to Dalkey to cook fish at Coliemore Harbour! So restaurants serving fresh fish need to be ready for action.

Dalkey Heritage Town Map. The Manager, Margaret Dunne, took on the task of refreshing the Heritage Town Map. The existing A3 heritage map was commissioned by the Heritage Centre a number of years ago and was supported then by Dalkey Community Council. Margaret has since secured DLR Heritage Office funding which covered 50% of the cost. Local businesses made up the other 50%. The new map has a new Dun Laoghaire size street map and has been re-worked to include contact details for the cafes, restaurants and the pubs serving food. It will be distributed to all tourist offices and hotels into and around the city. Connolly Station alone gives out 40,000 copies per year.

Staff: There are 27 staff members involved in some capacity in running the castle, all except one on a part-time basis. We have an in-house trainer who guides and delivers an eight module training programme to upskill new participants as tour guides. Many of our staff have gone on to jobs in the tourism industry. We have two volunteers who give their services one day per week, for which we are extremely grateful. The Living History Theatre Company, Deilg Inis, is hired in to augment every tour with an acting dimension. The characters of the Medieval Cook, The Archer and the Travelling Barber Surgeon add greatly to the award-winning visitor experience.

Thanks: The board, under the Chairmanship of Martin Allen, would like to thank the local community who support the many varying events in the Heritage Centre and who direct wandering visitors to us. We are grateful to the Department of Social Protection and Pobal through whom we secure potential staff. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co. is very supportive of the work of the Centre with resources and operational funding. We are also very grateful to the staff, led by Margaret Dunne, who keep the show on the road and who keep re-inventing the marketing message to such good effect.

Flor O'Mahony

DCC Representative on the Board of the Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre Board

FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2015

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner this year was held on Saturday, April 25th in Killiney Golf Club. We had enjoyed our foray to an outside venue so much in 2014 that we decided to repeat this year at the Golf Club. There were about 50 at the dinner and the food and ambiance were excellent. For our entertainment we had actor Neil O'Shea, performing the work of Irish Artists. He recited and acted each selection and we were all captivated.

GARDEN COMPETITION

There were not as many entries as last year but we were kept busy. Again it was held in July which seemed to suit most of the participants and it was, a lovely day. The judges were meticulous in their study of all the gardens as well as being pleasant and easy to work with. We had a number of gardens that have not been entered before and, as always, most of the gardens were so lovely that I don't know how the managed to decide on the winners. The judges went home to discuss their thoughts and in due time sent us the results.

GARDEN OUTING

The Garden Outing this year was definitely one of the best. We started our day, after the trip from Dalkey, in Marlfield House for tea/coffee, scones and pastries. They have lovely gardens here as well as being a very attractive stop for coffee.

Our next stop was Kilmurry Centre, an award winning garden centre in Bloom last year. After lunch we went to Philip Hollwey's garden just outside Bunclody. This was a lovely garden with different sections to the garden. From there we went to Rachel Darlington's Garden "Douentza" near Carnew. You can stand in her garden and see hills and fields beyond the hedges yet you are in an oasis of greenery and flowers.

GARDEN RECEPTION AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

Once more, the Garden Reception proved to be a most popular event. Unfortunately, the judges were not able to attend so I read out their comments on the gardens. Their reports were favourable to all of the gardeners, this must have been encouraging. The first three winners in each category were given vouchers for a local garden centre, with each overall winner receiving a cup.

Community Cup – Des Burke Kennedy for his work on the graffiti in Dalkey.

McCabe Sports Cup – Sarah McDonagh for obtaining a position on the Irish Kayaking team.

Comerford Cup for Young Achievers – Jenny Dilley for her work with Dalkey Rowing Club.

ART EXHIBITION

Declan Hughes, author and playwright, opened the exhibition and was very well received. Apart from the fact that he is a former Dalkey resident and seemed to know everyone, he talked about growing up in Dalkey and what a joy it was to live here as a young person. We sold 16 pictures.

CHRISTMAS MEETING

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

None of these events would have been possible without the assistance 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. If I ask for something to be done it is finished before I turn around. As I say every year, ladies and one gentleman take a bow.

Rosaleen Callaghan

Functions Manager, Dalkey Community Council

DALKEY TIDY TOWNS ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Dillon's Park Restoration: This has involved the total removal of bushes and

undergrowth to the seaward side including the stripping back of granite boulders to reveal views that had gradually been lost over decades. Additional cutting back at the top level has created picnic spaces. This work was done by the DTT group with the help of up to thirty members of the IT Company, Sales Force, on two separate occasions. They worked as volunteers promoted by An Taisce's Sea Coast Clearance Scheme. The panoramic views



are stunning and the park has now become a new place for residents and visitors to enjoy.



Sorrento Park: A commemorative 1916 stone plaque has been erected at the highest point of Sorrento Park. This plaque was designed and purchased by DTT on behalf of the people of Dalkey. An unveiling ceremony took place on Easter Monday morning. The access and a large area have been cleaned by DTT in anticipation of the construction of a viewing platform in the future.

Ulverton Steps: The shrub beds have been pruned and cleaned up. The debris was removed by DLRCC.

Bulloch Harbour: Meetings are ongoing with the Dublin Port Co., and other stake holders i.e. DTT, residents, boat owners, anglers and those having an income/livelihood from the harbour. There is intense interest in the future of Western Marine following its recent sale. A committee has been formed to pursue these matters. The Dublin Port Company is prepared to fund the upkeep of the harbour. They will also fund the repairs. DTT awaits a full report on the condition and costs of repairing the pier which urgently requires major maintenance work.

The Harbour "portaloo" is proving inadequate due to irregular emptying. Discussions on this matter are ongoing with DLRCC.

Graffiti: Our intense Graffiti removal programme of the last two years is at last showing a huge improvement; reoccurrence has been greatly reduced. Monthly reports are submitted to An Garda Síochána and DLRCC.

Barnhill Road and Avenue: This junction is in the progress of being enhanced.

Litter Patrols: The summer schedule for the litter patrols operate three times per week during the summer months. Volunteers meet at Writers Corner at 10.30 every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. On Thursday some members go to Dillon's/Sorrento Park.

DTT are involved in tending to planted areas at Squareabout (5), Kilbegnet, SuperValu car park (4), Ormeau Drive (2) and Dillon's Park.

Volunteers: DTT needs help with the flower beds, litter patrols, and weed control on roads and footpaths, including the cutting back of overgrown hedges adjacent to footpaths.

Undertakings are required from residents who park their cars on public roads outside their houses to move to other locations to facilitate the cleaning of the road as it is impossible for council mechanical road sweepers to remove litter at these locations. Owners should pick up where this occurs. We would urge all residents to look after their neighbourhood by removing litter, cutting grass verges and overhanging branches and removing weeds at the junction of walls and pavements.

Other projects include painting walls and lamp posts. DTT expects to build on the results from last year's competitions, the Tidy Towns Competition and the Tidy Districts Competition and is looking forward to another successful year with the help of the community.

Paddy Rigney
Chairman, Dalkey Tidy Towns

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT 2015

The Community Garda Cathy Burke keeps DCC up to date on a monthly basis with the crime trends and figures for the Dalkey area. Unfortunately the most prevalent crime occurring in the Dalkey area is burglary especially from houses. It is important to secure property and activate alarms if leaving the house if only for a short while. It is also important to put away ladders, tools and other items that might aid a- would be thief.

The Garda Clinics were held in Our Lady's Hall every second and last Thursday of each month. The clinics assist those members of the community who have difficulty accessing the local Garda station and offer the facility to witness signatures, authenticate documents, stamp forms and offering advice.

The NW scheme had faltered due to personal commitments of some of the executive members but it has been re-vitalised and in October a full meeting was held in Foxrock Parish Centre. Meetings are held every two months where all co-ordinators share ideas between NWS and ensure that best practice is taking place. To highlight the Senior Alert Scheme and make sure that people are made aware of it. To receive updates from the Gardai and to raise major issues with them. NW creates a stronger platform for local issues to be brought to the county council and Garda Management.

The Gardai need the help of the community to fight crime and it is very important that we all play our part in supporting them. NW acts as the eyes and ears on the ground for the Gardai as they cannot be everywhere. It is very important to report any suspicious activity as it may lead to a vital piece of evidence in an investigation.

To contact or make a report call the local Garda at:

Dun Laoghaire Garda Station Tel: 666 5000 or the Confidential line: 1800 666 111

Ann Perry

Neighbourhood Watch Rep., Dalkey Community Council

SPORTS REPORT FOR 2015

It is always a great privilege to present the Annual Sports Report. Dalkey still continues to be a strong participant in the Community Games. Each year sees an increase in the number of aspiring competitors from the area.

Athletics: The Dalkey Dashers spring into action once the clock goes forward. The athletics training commenced on the 1st April under the management of Conor Patton and his group of leaders. There were approximately two hundred children for each training session and although not all of them made it through to the Leinster Competition it is always great to witness the excitement and enthusiasm of the children as they are put through their paces. Robyn Nowlan won gold in the U10 60m Hurdles in Santry. Dalkey is exceptionally lucky to have Conor Patton who is committed to the Games and organises the leaders and the training sessions. Dalkey Community Council on behalf of DCG thanks Mr. Dunne for the use of the astro-pitch at the Loreto grounds as this amenity is so accommodating for the local athletes.

Swimming: The swimming team had a very good result from the Leinster Competition and came home with gold, silver and bronze medals. They also brought home the Perpetual Cup for the third year in a row. A big thank you is owed to Marie Fahy the team Manager and the dedicated parents who spend a lot of time bringing the swimmers to training sessions and competitions.

Community Games: More progress has been made with further improvements by the Community Games to their website. Registration and completion of forms can now be done online and this speeds up the whole process. The calendar and schedules for the many events is uploaded on the website as early in the year as possible. The rules and forms are all accessible and downloading is easy. It has made the workload of the Area Secretaries much easier and eliminates the trips into Carmichael House.

This year the Dalkey Community McCabe Cup for Sports was awarded to Sarah McDonagh from Barnhill Road who achieved a place in the Irish Kayaking team.

Dalkey Community Games look forward to 2016 and will build on the successes that our sporting children have achieved in 2015.

Elaine Feely Secretary, Dalkey Community Games

NEWSLETTER REPORT FOR 2015

EDITORIAL: Last year was another very successful year for the Newsletter. The regular contributors continued to maintain a steady flow of interesting and readable material for every issue. Our readers also enjoyed what we gave them. Our regular contributors were wonderful in the way they delivered their material in accordance with our production schedule. The most popular subjects were Nature Corner, Maritime Dalkey, Gardening, Planning, Local History, Schools' Updates, Heritage Centre, Tidy Towns, Letter(s) to the Editor. Sinéad Tyrell's Wine Corner etc. with the occasional other article of general interest. We have been approached by a number of local residents with a view to being published in the Newsletter. It appears to be hitting the spot in Dalkey in terms of interest from local residents.

PRODUCTION: Printing costs were maintained at the same level again this year in keeping with the general trend in the industry. We kept a grip on costs and deliveries with our current printer during the year. We also investigated other print quotations but, whilst apparently good, they were not good enough to warrant changing to a new printer and typesetter. Our conclusion is that we are getting a good price for the service we expect from both the printers and typesetters.

We streamlined the Newsletter's publication scheduling during 2015 which has proved quite successful. This manifests itself in the fact that every Dalkey resident gets a regular delivery of the Newsletter and this must, inevitably, improve our local profile as a reliable and worthwhile community service. We also received an increasing number of enquiries from potential advertisers outside the Dalkey area. Clearly, our 'reach' is increasing; we also have some regular readers who view it on our website as another means of keeping in touch with events in Dalkey. The average issue size during the year was 47½ printed pages.

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

The fact that we now take full-page advertisements is a significant help in covering our costs.

Again, special mention must be made in 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 an excellent contributor to our Editorial Team and has maintained an excellent relationship with the advertisers, even those who are regularly late with payments!

DISTRIBUTION: The sorting of the Newsletter takes place on the last Thursday of the month before the cover date of the Newsletter being published in Our Lady's Hall. Road Representatives collect their own bags as well as the bags for some others in their nearby areas. This has actually resulted in a more efficient distribution of the Newsletter, despite

initial concerns. We delivered more than 36,300 copies of the Newsletter in Dalkey last year. As always, there will be minor hitches mainly to do with Road Representatives not delivering their Newsletters quickly after publication; this can be due to family commitments, illness, holidays, etc. In this regard, special thanks are due to our Distribution Manager, Danny Merity, who has done a terrific job in 2015 and also to Rita and Christine who regularly come to help with the distribution of the Newsletter.

COSTS: You will have seen on the front page of the April 2015 issue that the overall cost of the Newsletter is in the region of $\le 36,000$ per annum. This is entirely offset by the income from Advertising with the balance coming from a tightening of the issue sizes where possible. We have maintained our advertising charges at the same levels as in the past years but have expanded (a little) the number of pages available to advertisers. This overall approach has resulted in every issue's costs being covered during 2015. The loyalty of our regular advertisers is to be welcomed. 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 of our costs and reflect what is happening in Dalkey generally. Finally, we can report that the newsletter returned a small profit in 2015, which marks an improvement on some past years.

Many thanks to all the Newsletter Team!

GERARD COAKLEY

Editor, Dalkey Community Newsletter

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2015

There were 11 Monthly and 10 Executive meetings during 2015 and the Public Meeting was held on 11th May 2015. All these meetings were held in Our Lady's Hall. The change to the earlier time of 7:30 has worked well and has suited the members. Holding the Executive meeting immediately after the main meeting has resulted in saving time for those members who now have only one night a month to attend the two meetings. It helps with speeding up action issues and there is also a saving in the rent.

DCC thanks the Parish Council for the use of the Parish Centre and appreciates the co-operation of Mairéad O'Donoghue the Manager of Our Lady's Hall who is very helpful with scheduling the monthly meetings, the sorting of the newsletter and the various functions held by the council. Mairéad is always ready to promote DCC and also look after enquiries that may come in through the hall.

We thank Reverend Bruce Hayes and the Select Vestry for the use of the room in St. Patrick's. The Editorial Group meets here once a month to review the contents for each month's newsletter. I take this opportunity to thank Dermot Deverell who in his cheerful and willing manner was happy to assist DCC and wish him all the best in his retirement.

There were several representations made to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and among these were some of the following traffic problems, repair to the roads, and advertising posters on the Big Belly Bins, the long term parking of vehicles at Bulloch and on the Vico Road. Enquiries were made to An Post regarding the postal code for the Dalkey area and concerns were made to Bus Átha Cliath about the number 7 and 59 bus routes.

On a sad note DCC lost two members in late 2015 Marie Byrne and Finola Fiddler. Both of these members were very committed community workers and had given great example by their involvement in many aspects of voluntary work throughout their years in DCC. We welcomed Bláthnaid MacGinty from Sue Ryder and Paddy Rigney from DTT who joined our organisation in 2015. DCC has plenty to keep everyone busy and new members are the future. It is a great way to become involved and get something done to benefit the whole community.

I thank Elaine Feely the Assistant Secretary who filled in when I was unable to attend meetings and the Chairman and members who supported me during 2015.

Ann Perry Secretary, Dalkey Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT Year ended 31st December 2015

This year's annual collection was back to match the amount raised in 2013. The collection in 2014 was very disappointing as it was the 40th anniversary of the Community Council and expectations for a high figure were not realised. It was felt that the scandals surrounding some charities highlighted during that year impacted negatively on the low return. Due to the hard work put in by the DCC Road Reps the annual collection for 2015 was up by 50% on the 2014 figure and I thank all of them for their hard work.

The option offered to residents to return the collection envelope to the DCC post box in Our Lady's Hall was quite successful in accommodating some contributors.

The money raised covers the running expenses but also enables DCC to plan and finance future projects during 2016. The only project outside the normal activities that DCC helped to fund in 2015 was the fitting of a base at Writer's Corner so that a tree can be permanently erected each Christmas as part of the seasonal celebrations in the town.

The newsletter has gone from strength to strength and great thanks are due to Gerard Coakley the Editor and Lena Feely the Advertising Manager. The advertising income is helping to cover the production costs of the newsletter.

It is anticipated that 2016 will see an increase in the annual collection thus giving DCC more opportunities to put money back into the town and fund local schemes that will keep Dalkey the beautiful town that it is and keep it a place to be enjoyed by all.

Ed O'Neill

Treasurer, Dalkey Community Council

PLANNING REPORT FOR YEAR 2015

There were 92 planning applications during 2014 in the Dalkey area compared to 91 applications in 2013. 2 of these were declared invalid, as a result of problems associated with the site notice.

There were 9 applications for retention and these were granted permission. Additional information was requested in 14 cases and supplied in 17 cases (3 relating to the previous year's applications.)

The category for an application for the extension of duration of permission appeared 4 years ago; in 2015 there were just 2 such cases, whose 5 year permission had run out of time; they were both granted permission for an extension.

87 decisions were made, of these 77 were granted permission, 5 were refused and 2 applications were declared invalid and 2 were withdrawn.

17 decisions were appealed to An Bord Pleanala; of these 5 were 1st party appeals against either refusal for permission or the conditions imposed by the planning department of the County Council.

There were 12(no) 3rd party appeals lodged against the County Council's grant of permission.

An Bord Pleanala handed down 12 decisions during the year, of these 8 had previously been granted permission by the Council and then upheld by the Bord.

Of the remaining 4 decisions, 1 had been refused permission by the County Council and was upheld by Bord Pleanala.

3 were refused permission by Bord Pleanala when they had previously been granted permission by the County Council.

The number of planning applications was very similar to 2014; the numbers had been increasing in the previous three years but appear to have held steady in the last two years. It is interesting to note that the number of applications for planning permission during 2015 is still only half of that that was lodged in 2005 and 2006.

36 COLIEMORE RD

In April 2013 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 and massing of the development on the site.

Another application was lodged in January 2014 for a slightly reduced house; this was granted permission by the County Council. The application was appealed to An Bord Pleanala who refused permission on the grounds that it considered that the proposed development would be unsympathetic to the character of the area, would seriously detract from the visual and residential amenities of the area, and would fail to enhance the unique qualities of the Architectural Conservation. A further proposal was lodged in March 2015

for a smaller proposal and was granted permission but appealed to Bord Pleanala in June. It was granted permission by the Bord in October.

Concerns had been raised by residents about the dilapidated state of the house on the site as it had been the target of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The house was demolished earlier this year and construction of the new house has begun.

LANDS AT CUNNINGHAM DRIVE

A proposal for a development of 18 houses was sought on this steeply sloping site in the former grounds of the protected structure "Santa Maria". There was widespread opposition to the development by the residents around the site. We also expressed our concerns including overlooking of properties on Cunningham Dr, the proposed block of houses at the rear of the garden of Santa Maria, and concerns about the amount of traffic generated by such a development using the already compromised Cunningham Rd. We believe that this large scale development of large terraced houses will detract and impact on the views view towards Killiney and Dalkey Hills and their present sylvan slopes, when viewed from Ulverton Rd and be contrary to the preservation and setting of our historic Heritage Town.

The Planning Department granted permission with several conditions including the omission of one row of houses.

This was appealed to Bord Pleanala and was granted permission in June.

Work is underway on the site at present.

DALKEY MANOR DEVELOPMENT

In December 2014 an article about a large scale "later living" development on Barnhill Rd was placed in The Newsletter. There was an exhibition about the proposed development in the Town Hall later that month where a 3-D model was on view and representatives from the company were present to answer questions.

In January 2015 a proposal for the demolition of the house known as Dalkey Manor and its entrance gates and walls and the construction of 57 apartments in two blocks on the site was lodged with the planning department.

There was widespread unfavourable reaction on many grounds by residents throughout Dalkey. These included overlooking and overshadowing of adjacent properties, removal of large numbers of trees from the site, impact on the adjacent Protected Structure - Dalkey Lodge and traffic issues along Barnhill Rd amongst others.

Residents held meetings to discuss the issues raised - something which has rarely happened for a residential development in Dalkey.

The application was withdrawn in March before a decision had been reached by the Planning department.

We learnt earlier this year that the owners, Pegasus, had decided not to proceed with their aim of developing the site for 'later-living' due to 'planning issues' and had put the site up for sale.

We will wait with interest to see who buys this large site.

2 VICO TERRACE

An application for permission for the demolition of an existing sunroom over garage

extension and the construction of a new 2-storey over garage extension was lodged late in 2014 at this address. It is located within the Vico Rd Architectural Conservation Area and concerns were raised that the proposed development by reason of the scale, design and relationship between the new and the retained elements, would contravene the provisions of the Development Plan, would be out of character with the pattern of development in the area, and would seriously injure the amenities of this Architectural Conservation Area.

The planning department however granted permission which was appealed to Bord Pleanala; they refused permission upholding our concerns in June.

Another application was made in July which was significantly reduced in size and was granted permission. This was appealed in October and in January of this year was granted permission by Bore Pleanala.

TOPCLIFFE, ARDBRUGH RD

An application for the demolition of the existing house and the construction of a three storey house was lodged in February. A similar but larger house of 4 storeys had been proposed the previous year and had been refused permission by Bord Pleanala as it determined that it would be inappropriate due to its scale, massing, height and it's potential to overlook neighbouring properties. The proposal for a three storey house addressed these issues to the satisfaction of the planning department and permission was granted by them in April.

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.

Dr. Susan McDonnell *Chairman, Planning Committee*



Reg. Ref. D16A/0137 Application Rec'd Date: 03-Mar-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Dermot & Mairin O'Sullivan, 31 Ulverton Road, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission for the Change of Use of the ground floor Dental Surgery to 2 no.

one bedroom apartments and all associated site works. Additional Info.: 5-May-2016,

Reg. Ref. D16A/0303 **Application Rec'd Date:** 5-May-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Heather Darling, The Breakers, 68 Coliemore Rd., Dalkey, **Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of existing single storey and part two storey extension (Gr Fl area 24.62 sqm, 1st Fl area 8.89 sqm) and erection of new part single storey and part two storey extension (Gr Fl area 38.94 sqm, 1st Fl area 22.20 sqm) including concealed roof terrace (area 10.44 sqm), all to existing single storey semi-detached house (Total area increased from 82.87 sqm to 109.81sqm). The works also involve alteration of vehicular entrance and front garden layout.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0320 Application Rec'd Date: 6-May-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Hywel Evana, 18, Corrig Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development on this site. The development will consist of the construction of new single storey entrance porch to the front, new window opening on the front elevation, alteration to reduce the existing single storey garage to the side and construction of new two storey extension to the side and construction of new part single part two storey extension to the rear, new roof lights and widen existing driveway entrance with new landscaping and ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0186 Application Rec'd Date: 4-May-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Vandra & Kevin Costello, 13, St. Begnet's Villas, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of existing conservatory, extension to rear and side with provision of porch canopy.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 15-18 2016 11/4/2016 to 6/5/2016

Reg. Ref. D16B/0139 **Decision:** Declare Application Invalid **Date:** 11-Apr-'16 **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. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0130 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22-Apr-'16 **Applicant Name & Location:** Peter & Kerri Cullen, Kilderry, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of existing single-storey with dormer house and garage of c.175m2 and construction of new single-storey/part two-storey house and garage of c.330m2 and all associated site works including widening of vehicular entrance and provision of pedestrian gate from Ulverton Road.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0076 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 21-Apr-'16 **Applicant Name & Location:** Guy & Louise McDonnell, 8 Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for loft conversion and dormer extension to rear; for first floor addition to side and for front porch.

Reg. Ref. D15A/0613 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 26-Apr-'16 **Applicant Name & Location:** James Delaney, Apartment 20, Skyview House, Vico Rock, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

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

Decision: Refuse Permission **Reg. Ref.** D16A/0144 **Date:** 26-Apr-'16

Applicant Name & Location: Donal Ryan, 30 Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for alterations to front lower ground level windows to increase opening size for new doors to front patio area and associated site works.

Decision: Grant Permission **Reg. Ref.** D16B/0082 Date: 26-Apr-'16

Applic. Name & Location: Derina O'Connor & Stephen Dooley, 48 Mapas Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for an extension to side at first floor over existing garage including attic conversion with dormer window to rear and velux windows to front, side and rear.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0146 Decision: Grant Permission & Refuse Permission Date: 4-May-'16 Applic. Name & Location: Stephen Cross, Martha's Vineyard, 29, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission is sought for the following; 1) Increase width of existing vehicular entrance to 6 meters including modifications to stone boundary wall and sliding gates; 2)

Construction of a single storey, fully glazed car port (43 sq.m.) with two fully glazed sides on the east and south elevations, all to the southern side of existing house and; 3) associated site works. Date: 5-May-2016

Reg. Ref. D16A/0163 **Decision** Grant Permission

Applic. Name & Location: Michael Kevany, 9 Old Ouarry, Dalkey

Proposal: Permission for demolition of the existing detached single storey bungalow and the construction of two detached part single and part two storey four bed dormer style dwellings with altered existing vehicular access and additional new vehicular access, new boundary treatments and associated works.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanala Wks. 15-18 '16 11/4/'16 to 6/5/'16

Reg Ref: D16B/0047 Reg. Date: 11-Feb-2016 Location: 1 Sorrento Lawn, Dalkey. **Development:** Permission for a 128 sqm extension to existing dwelling (consisting of a 2 storey extension to the rear, side and front of the dwelling including elevational changes) together with all associated and ancillary site works.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. Appeal Lodged: 29-Apr-2016

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

Appeal Decissions of An Bord Plean Wks. 14-17 4/4/2016 to 29/4/2016

Reg. Ref. D15A/0636

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission Date:

22-Apr-2016

Council's Decision: Grant Permission Location: 27 Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for demolition of existing garage to side of existing dwelling and sections of main dwelling to the rear. Construction of two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling, including accessible roof terrace at first floor level and single storey sauna at rear of site, inclusive of associated landscaping works. Widening of vehicular entrance to 3 metres. Refurbishment and renovation of existing dwelling inclusive of all associated site works.

Applicant: Dr Markus Grimmeisen, & Leticia Medina Andres

Reg. Ref. D15A/0605 Appeal Decision: Withdrawal of Appeal Appeal Decided: 25-Apr-'16

Council's Decision: Grant Permission for Retention

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

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

Applicant: Alternative Building Solutions

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AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHT CLASSES

Wednesday the 27th April was Passport Day in DSP. On Passport Day, the children get to travel around the world without leaving the school. They travel armed with their passports which get used at this event every year. These passports then become a treasured memento when leaving primary school.

This year the children visited Australia, India, Brazil, Jamaica, Kenya, Italy, Mexico and Ethiopia. They experienced the food, customs, dress, landmarks and other interesting facts about the countries

India

WELCOME

Passport Day is the culmination of weeks of art, language, environmental, numerical and musical teaching and learning. Each class undertakes a project about a specific country – and become that country for the day. Other classes visit - making sure to get their passport stamped at passport control on the way in – and the hosting class explain all they have learned about that country. The children are very confident in sharing all they had learned about their country.

The classrooms are transformed for the day with art and cultural displays and the children dress in the costumes and colours of their country, all of which help add to the travel experience. There are lots of great food treats to be found in all the classrooms – both savoury and sweet. We even had an Australian BBQ on the patio, which was a huge hit with everybody!

Thanks to all the teachers and SNAs who work very hard on preparing for a great day of learning about different countries and cultures. And also to parents/guardians who share their talents and experiences of the countries with class groups.

After Passport Day, the classes wrote about their experiences. Here are some of what they had to

We all learned a lot about Indian culture, dressed up, made Indian good luck elephants, smelled Indian spices and even danced to Indian music! We also got to visit many other countries on Passport day - How exciting! - from Junior Infants blog

Happy Passport Day from Senior Infants in Kenya!

We learned about the Maasai people and their mud huts, Kenyan drums, masks, food and the

safari animals that live in Kenya. We wore red as a symbol of bravery in Kenya. We loved our flights to Jamaica and India. Senior Infants are well travelled!

The Great Barrier Reef

from Senior Infants blog

The class split into groups and made The Great Barrier Reef out of bottle caps. We designed boomerangs made from card. On Wednesday and Thursday, we did animal sketches from Australia. We did dingos, koalas and snakes. On Wednesday we did aboriginal art pointillism with cotton buds. On Friday we are decorating our class with an Australian flag and bunting, we also have our boomerangs hanging in the window too. For homework this week we had to make 3D models of Australian things for our project. Romy made a huge Bondi Beach model

Sophia and Emma, 2nd class

We're learning lots of facts about Australia and the Great Barrier Reef. Did you know that kangaroos can jump higher than 30 feet? Did you know that they use to kill kangaroos with boomerangs?

Eve & Alexandra, 2nd class

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LORETO'S FIFTH CLASS TRIPTO THE LEXICON, DÚN LAOGHAIRE

On Wednesday, April 13th, the two 5th classes visited the Lexicon Library in Dún Laoghaire. We left school at 9:15 and walked along the seafront from Dalkey TOWN to Dún Laoghaire. The Lexicon is a big, spacious, modern building. When we entered the building we walked up to the children's section on the 3rd floor. We sat on long L-shaped benches which over looked a large window with a beautiful view of the harbour. Then we were introduced to Pat and Yvonne, a couple from Kilkenny. Pat wore the modern Irish army uniform and Yvonne wore a blouse, a feathered hat and a skirt. After they had introduced themselves (and knocked over the table of props!) Pat began to talk about significant events in Ireland leading up to the 1916 Rising.

Pat asked a few girls to volunteer as he explained about how the Rising started. Ireland wanted Home Rule so they asked for it from Britain. Britain said "wait until WWI was over". But Ireland grew impatient and so they set up the IRB (Irish Republican Brotherhood.) Pat got three more volunteers to come up and demonstrate what the soldiers would have worn. Lily wore a green coat and carried a 'Winchester 88'. It was a very efficient gun but only took one type of bullets which were only sold in the USA. Laragh wore the official IRB uniform. She had a special hat with upturned sides so her gun (a rifle) wouldn't knock it off. Olivia wore her own clothes and was armed with a pistol. Pistols were a very sneaky weapon because they could easily be hidden inside a jacket. The ICA (Irish Citizen Army) thought it was a good time to attack. Roger Casement organised a boat called 'The Aud' to come to Ireland full of weapons from Germany. Unfortunately, the boat was waiting at the wrong port and was found by the British, so all the weapons got thrown into the sea.

Pat told us a funny story about the Proclamation. Pádraig Pearse had asked two men from the ICA to print him 1,000 copies of the Proclamation. When they got to the printing shop they realised that the printing shop had been looted. Some of the letters were missing so



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they had to keep going over and back to Pearse in the GPO and ask him to change some of the words in the Proclamation because certain letters were missing. They ended up making some of their own letters but were in such a hurry that one letter was printed upside-down! Even though Pearse gave a speech against looting, the volunteers had to loot a bakery for flour to make paste to stick up the Proclamation around the city.

On the morning of the Rising, when the British realised what was happening, they got some ships, bound for France to turn back. When the soldiers landed on Irish soil they started speaking French and everyone thought they were crazy! At the time of the Rising there were 16,000 British soldiers fighting 1,200 Irish soldiers (which wasn't very fair). Pat told us about some female soldiers in the Rising. One was Margaret Skinnider, Mimi dressed up as her on her journey to Ireland. She wore a long skirt, blouse and a feathered hat (like Yvonne's). Katie dressed up in what she would have worn during the actual Rising. She dressed up as a boy because of her short stature. Margaret had an amazing aim with a pistol. She was based in Stephen's Green. Her main target was the ANZACS - a group of soldiers from New Zealand and Australia that were fighting for Britain. To disguise themselves from the Irish, the ANZACS were frilly aprons and caps. This was to make them look like maids working in the Shelbourne Hotel. So in the end, you had men dressed up as women and women dressed up as men! To add to all that madness, Stephen's Green had a rare species of duck which lived on the pond. So, every morning at 9:00 am, a man would come out to feed them. When he was finished he would salute both sides to signal that he was finished before running out of the way before he got shot. One of the other female soldiers was Countess Markievicz. She was known as a very pretty woman who was commonly seen wearing a black velvet purple feathered hat. Her most famous pose is in a man's uniform which she put on for a joke. Her real uniform included her purple feather hat. Everyone thought it as a bad idea because she could be easily spotted but she wanted people to see her hat and say, "Oh, no! Here comes Countess Markievicz! "(which they did). She was the only woman to be locked up on her own because it was feared she would start a rebellion. She wasn't executed with the other leaders because she was a woman. On the first day of the Rising, Pearse brought a sword to the GPO but he would not say what it was for. On the day of the surrender Pearse used the sword to surrender to two British soldiers one of which was Countess Markievicz's cousin. Pat showed us how to surrender with a sword. Julia and Imogen performed the surrender. Then the presentation was over and we all got to try on the Costumes.

Then one of the librarians showed us the conveyor belt Return System. After we had all had a turn of returning a book. We then went to the Kathleen King exhibition. We had done a project on her in school. We got to see her diary entries that she kept during the Rising. She also attended Loreto Stephen's Green when she was a young girl. We learnt some other interesting facts about her life that we hadn't known before. We discovered that she had five children but that one of her sons died as a baby. We saw all the sympathy cards and the baby's shoes. At one point, Kathleen King lived in Derrynane Terrace where Maia lives. Fifth class really enjoyed the presentation, exhibition and trip to the library. We hope to visit the library again and to go on other school trips soon.

Lucie Mowatt, Sorcha Murphy and Neasa O'Donnell (5th Class)

D.A.R.A. UPDATE



The DARA Choir will perform in the Church of the Assumption Dalkey on Friday 10th June at 8pm. Tickets: Adults € 10 and Children € 5.

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HAROLD BOYS' SCHOOL



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As we all look forward to the Rio Olympics and Euro 2016, we here in Harold Boys' N.S. have an action-packed term of activities.

Our Tennis Teams continue playing in the Leinster Primary League, competing against local schools. Pupils from 5th & 6th classes form the teams.

On 26th May our school will be taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol athletics meet in Morton Stadium, Santry. Our top runners from 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th classes will take part.

Our school held our Annual Ronan Maguire Perpetual Shield Football Competition on 14th March. We were delighted to welcome members of the Maguire family to our school to present the prize to the winning team. We fondly remember Ronan our former caretaker. RIP.



Our GAA coaching continues under the excellent guidance of Barry Burke. We had a very informative talk recently on sports nutrition and healthy lifestyles. Thank you to Barry for arranging this.

Our school is enjoying a season of rugby, training organised by Leinster Rugby, many thanks to our coaches Adam and Kieran.

5th class took part in three sessions of Contemporary Dance Instruction. They have really enjoyed their time at the Dance Studio in Dun Laoghaire. Thanks to the Harold Boys' N.S. Parents' Association for financing this.



Our drama group had great success recently at Cabinteely Community School which was the venue for the Drama Feis. Bobby Connolly 5th Class won the Best Actor award and the group won 2nd prize for their presentation of *The Holy Grail*. Well to done to our drama teacher Paul Cullen and to all the boys involved.

Our Chess team has had great success too! They won 3rd place in the Chess for All Tournament held at the Hilton Airport Hotel. There were over 40 schools competing so our team did really well.

We are currently competing with Harold School in Glasthule for the Seán O'Gorman Shield competition in Gaelic Football. We hope to retain the shield this year following our success last year.

Our last outing of the year will be our Annual School Tour to the Outdoor Adventure Centre in Baltinglass. We always look forward to this!

Finally, we would like to congratulate 2nd class who received their First Holy Communion on May 21st. We hope they had a great day!

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DRESS UP DAY AT CASTLE PARK SCHOOL

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Every year our School Librarian, Ms Kingston, organises a whole school Dress Up Day linked to the theme of literacy. This year the inspiration for the children's costumes was to come from *My Favourite Character in a Story*. Many weeks of designing and planning culminated in a very colourful and creative display on the actual day. Characters who

turned up for school ranged from Gangster Grannies to Tintin, Biggles & Sherlock Holmes along with a menagerie of animals including some very Enormous Crocodiles and Hungry Caterpillars! Well done to everyone who made such a tremendous and artistic effort. Prizes were awarded for the most creative costumes in each year group.

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In conjunction with the Dress Up Day pupils from sixth class who are members of Pringle



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and Toone Houses organised a charity fundraiser in aid of Mary's Meals, a charity whose vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things (www.marysmeals.ie). Every child in the school got a chance to join in the fun during the day when games and puzzles were organised on a literary theme, along with stalls selling handmade bookmarks & secondhand books and cakes & treats. The children were delighted to have found out more about Mary's Meals and raised awareness of the charity within our school community.

Amanda Mollard

DALKEY LADIES' CLUB UPDATE



We started May by testing everyone's knowledge with a most enjoyable table quiz. *Special Occasions* provided the clothes for our Spring Fashion Show modelled by club members the following week and then we ventured not too far afield for our Day out. We went to Tibradden House and were shown around by its owner and writer, Selina Guinness. We had a break for coffee and visited Mount Venus Garden Centre before returning to Dalkey for dinner. Our AGM will be held at the beginning of June and the new committee for the coming year will be selected.

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BIKE BACK HOME - FROM SOUTH KOREA TO DALKEY



Nick with some Chinese friends

We have now cycled about 4,000 kilometres across China and have arrived at our final Chinese city, Urumqi close to the border with Kazakhstan where we must wait for a week while our visa application for Kazakhstan is being processed. We've been getting a few questions fairly regularly from those of you who are following our journey on the Web (www.bike-back-

home.blogspot.ie) so I thought

I'd do my best to answer some of them. Here goes!

So far is the trip living up to expectations? Or did you even have any expectations?

I'm not sure that we had many expectations, except that we were expecting to love it. The combination of leaving Korea, moving onto something new and going back home made the build up pretty exciting. I think it *is* living up to expectations so far, and more maybe. The sense of freedom you get from pedaling yourself to your destination each day, which can be as far away or as close as you feel like, is very liberating. Every so often I think 'Oh my god, we are going home!' and I burst out into a big smile. Life is good. We eat, cycle and sleep. We are constantly exposed to all manner of new things: sights; sounds; smells; tastes; and interactions. What's not to love?!

How far are you going each day? Are you taking breaks?

The rough plan is to cycle 100km per day for five days a week and have two rest days. In reality, it hasn't really been like that. Firstly, the Korean leg was three days, all under 65km per day. Then, leaving Qingdao (our arrival port in China), we also took our time and were slowed a bit by a sore knee (mine) and a dose of jippy belly (Nicks). Now that we've started to cover 100km a day, I'd imagine that we will continue to do that unless the terrain or weather stops us.

Do you think you are on schedule?

I'm not really too sure to be honest, we haven't given it much thought. The total distance from Qingdao to the Kazak border is about 4800km so, on the above schedule, that would be 48 days cycling plus 18 days rest, or 66 days total. We'll also have about a weeks wait for the Kazak visa when we get to Urumqi, which will bring it up to 72 days. We have a 90 day visa for China though and I'm quite sure we'll use it. This country is fascinating and it'd be a shame to rush on to the next place just to get home faster.

Are you knackered all the time?

No actually, not half as bad as you might think. In saying that, each day, by the time 4pm or 5pm rolls around we are both ready to be done for the day. A quick meal and straight to sleep at the end of the day but when the alarm goes off then at 6am the following morning we're usually raring to go again and it always feel so nice to be back in the saddle and on our way.

What have the locals been like in the places you've been to so far?

Amazingly friendly! I'm writing this from Xi'an which is a massive city, so obviously things are a little different here but in general the people we've encountered have been

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inquisitive and exceptionally friendly, often times going out of their way to help us and always doing their best to interpret the gibberish we are speaking and the wild gestures that we are chucking about the place to explain what it is we are doing and where we are going. It makes a big change from what we were used to in Korea where the norm is to keep your face as expressionless as possible and try not to show any emotion.

How do you manage to find places to stay each night?

With difficulty at first but we've since learnt the Chinese characters for hotel and inn which are pretty easy to spot. There seem to be tons of places to stay in each town, no matter how small, and we generally just chose one that's fairly central.

What's the next leg of the route like?

The next major destination is Urumqi in the far North West of the country. Our route to get there will be about 2700km and will take us well over a month. When we leave Xi'an we will be heading through some pretty big mountains, and will have at least one pass over 2500m. After a city called Zhangye, we'll be heading almost directly north to the Mongolian border before turning west and coming into Urumqi from the north.

What about China in general? What's it like?

Where to start....China is mesmerising. It is both what you'd expect in terms of the amount of people, the level of construction, the industry, the obvious environmental damage, the food, the general exoticness of the place but it is also full of totally unexpected things, so much so that I often have to remind myself that I'm in China. It's unlike anywhere else I've been in Asia. It is both very modern and very underdeveloped. There are literally all sorts of people, of different ethnicities and cultures, different dress, different mannerisms. There is industry and signs of 'modern advancement' everywhere you look: So many chimneys, so many factories and so much construction. All that means it is also by far the dustiest, dirtiest place I have ever been. After a day on the road, we are filthy, covered from head to toe in black, grimy dust.

The damage being done to the environment is overwhelming. Anybody who thinks that the actions of humans isn't having a drastic effect on the world around us should be forced to take a trip to China and experience what unchecked economic growth and industry can, and does, do. I don't know how many river beds we have cycled over that have been bone dry. Sometimes they are small, steep valleys that should have raging torrents flowing down them, and sometimes they are wide, meandering valley floors that should have huge, slow moving, giants of rivers in them, but all are empty, or reduced to a minor trickle.

We love being here. The people are so friendly, the food is delicious, and most importantly, the truck drivers (of which there are thousands) give us oodles of room when they overtake us! It is constantly interesting with strange and unusual things every which way we look. We have seen so much, and so much that doesn't make sense to us and our western viewpoints of the world. We are both wading through books on modern China at the moment in an attempt to understand more of what we are seeing and experiencing all the

while hoping that we will meet someone sooner or later with decent enough English so that we can get a Chinese perspective on all we are experiencing.

The purpose of the trip is to raise money for an Irish charity, HEADSTRONG which helps young people with mental health issues in Ireland



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Thursday June 9th at 7.30 p.m.: John Ellis will present his lecture 'Dr. John de Courcy Ireland: A Tribute to a Maritime Historian' in the National Maritime Museum of Ireland, Haig Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

Monday June 13th at 8.15 p.m.: Cecil Allen will present his lecture 'The Queens Theatre, Home of Irish Drama: its effects on the 'troubles' and aftermath' to the Clontarf Historical Society in The Resource Centre, St. John the Baptist Church, Clontarf Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3.All welcome – admission €5.

Tuesday June 14th at 8 p.m.: Stuart Rosenblatt will present his lecture 'Yitzhak Herzog – the Sinn Féin Rabbi' to The Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – contribution €3.

Saturday June 18th at 2.30 p.m.: Bill Fulton will present his lecture 'The Royal Newfoundland Regiment' to the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) in The Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome - € 3 donation appreciated.

Wednesday June 22nd from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.: The June Open Morning Meeting of The Genealogical Society of Ireland takes place in Hardy's Bar, The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – contribution €3 (includes Tea / Coffee).

A BOOK TO READ

'Ireland's Aviator Heroes of World War 2 - Part 2'

by John C. Hewitt, published by Mercier Press. (ISBN 9781781173886)

On Thursday 21 April Air Vice Marshall Niven launched this sequel to John C. Hewitt's earlier work 'Ireland's Aviator Heroes of World', published in 1994, at a reception in Waterstone's, Belfast, celebrating and remembering Irish aviators who served in the Royal Air Force during World War II, many of whom were not old enough to hold a driving licence yet flew fighters or crewed bombers to defeat Germany and her allies. For this new 288-page volume, he has selected a further 23 men from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, revealing their stories for the first time based on interviews with them, their families, and supported by detailed and extensive research into log books, service records, and other first-hand accounts.

Two Dalkey residents included in the book are Flight-Lt. Arthur Patrick Dowse, DFC, killed in action on April 17th 1943, and his brother Flight-Sgt. Herbert Richard Dowse, killed while on active service on October 22nd 1944. Both were sons of Herbert and Florence Dowse, who after living in Sandymount, moved to 5, Arbrugh Villas, Dalkey. Details of both their careers are provided on pp. 47-48, and both are recorded on the War Memorial in Holy Trinity Church, Killiney.

What emerges from pages of this fascinating and engrossing book is the great courage and heroism displayed by these 23 young men while playing their part in the Allied victory, many of whom gave their lives, a sacrifice that deserves to be remembered.

NATURE NOTES JUNE 2016



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Midweek Every Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on Tuesday 14th June and Tuesday 28th

June. Refreshments are served afterwards in the Coffee Shop.

Dublin Fleadh – After a busy weekend the Dublin Fleadh has been deemed a great success and we hope it will be back to Dalkey again in the not too distant future. St. Patrick's hosted the Céilí Band competition on Saturday 14th, a large number of competitors turned up from around the county and an enjoyable afternoon was spent listening to all the bands. On the Saturday night Liam O'Maonlaí and Peter O'Toole from Hothouse Flowers were joined by Maitiu O'Casaide, Cormac Begley and Eithe Ní Catháin for a sell-out concert in the church, which completed a marvellous weekend.



The Jazz Way of Life at Dalkey Fête

Dalkey Book Festival – The Dalkey Book Festival is on from the 16th – 19th June. We look forward to welcoming Yanis Varoufakis, Malcolm Gladwell, and Bewley's Café Theatre to the church. Whilst St. Patrick's Dramatic Society presents *The Rebel Countess* in the Northover Hall.

Children's Programme – St. Patrick's Parish F.C. continues to meet and train hard on a Saturday afternoon at Castlepark School. During June we are looking forward to travelling to Clogher Diocese for a grudge match against Clontibret Parish, support is appreciated as we seek to regain the cup, lost last year!

New Parish Administrator Appointed – Poh Peirce has been appointed the new parish administrator for St. Patrick's. Poh will work on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings in the parish office, located in the Northover Hall. We wish Poh well in her new job.

Breaking News... A curate has been appointed to St. Patricks. From September we will be happy to have another member of staff on board. Rev. Kevin Conroy has just completed his deacon year in Stillorgan parish and is due to be ordained priest in September.

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SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney & The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society)

Both groups concluded their year's activities with dinners in the National Yacht Club. The new season recommences in September.

Ladies Guild – The A.G.M. of the Guild took place on Tuesday 10th May in the Carry Centre. Reports were received from the Secretary and Treasurer as well as details of forthcoming events. The following were elected to serve on the committee for the coming year: Rosemary Teggin, Marianne Irvine, Gill Trapnell, Juen Fitzgerald, June Hurley and Gillian Mollard. Many thanks to all those who help with the last season's activities and events.

Service & Social – The group met in the Carry Centre on May 15th for Holy Communion, refreshments and entertainment. Many thanks to the team who organised this: Joan Whyte, Rosemary Teggin, Pam Taylor, Ros Christie, Sylvia Hurley, Anne Pierpoint and Joan Millar. The next gathering will be on October 2nd.

Glenageary-Killiney National School

As everyone begins to prepare for the summer holidays: every blessing to students who are moving on to other schools; thank you to the wonderful staff team in the school, especially to the Principal; and to all the boys and girls who make G.K.N.S. a very special and happy place. Enjoy the summer!

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.

Children and Church – We are grateful to the leaders of our Sunday Club who have

organised a wide range of events and activities for the coming months (details on the Church Notice board). Children who wish to remain in church can avail of the Children's packs at the back of the church and/or follow along in our Parish Communion services with the 'I can join in the Holy Communion Service' booklets.

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.

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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.

We warmly welcome all the many couples who are married in our Church over the summer season and throughout the year and we wish them health and happiness in their future together.

This year's parish golf outing takes place on Friday 1st July with an afternoon timesheet in Killiney golf club. Tee times were at a premium last year with a waiting list for slots, so please phone the parish office asap if you are interested in playing. Many thanks to Valerie and all the organising committee for their help in organising and running this social event for the parish.

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.

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Dalkey Book Festival in the HC & town	
(check www.dalkeybookfestival.org for event details)	
Father's Day	Sun 19 Jun
Sorting of July Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	
Entry deadline for the DCC Garden Competition	Mon 4 July

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups in Town Hall from 5.00-9.00 pm Mon. & Wed. Boxing/Conditioning Classes - Also available. Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334 Dalkey Players: Rehearsals take place every Tuesday in Harold Boys School from 7.30-Tuesdays & Thursdays. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 www.dalkevplayers.ie check for details. New members welcome.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Road from 8pm-10.30pm Mondays & Thursdays or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information. New members welcome.

The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. Call 086-8391839 Cuala Set Dancing Classes: Every Sunday from 8-10pm. €6 per night. All welcome.

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

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

Parkrun - Every Saturday at 9.30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Parks 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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Oh! How Television (and Radio) has changed over the years

Channel 5 from the UK which was only available in SD (standard definition) has now launched free in HD (high definition), and it really makes a big difference to the picture quality as the SD service was pretty soft in quality, Tuning details for the channel are: 10964 - H - 22000 – 5/6.

Ironically UTV Ireland which is available to almost everyone with a suitable aerial is still transmitting in SD, however if you are watching the channel on a Sky box (with a suitable subscription) the channel is available in HD. Hopefully the channel will start in HD on the Saorview network soon, as well as TV3, and TG4.

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