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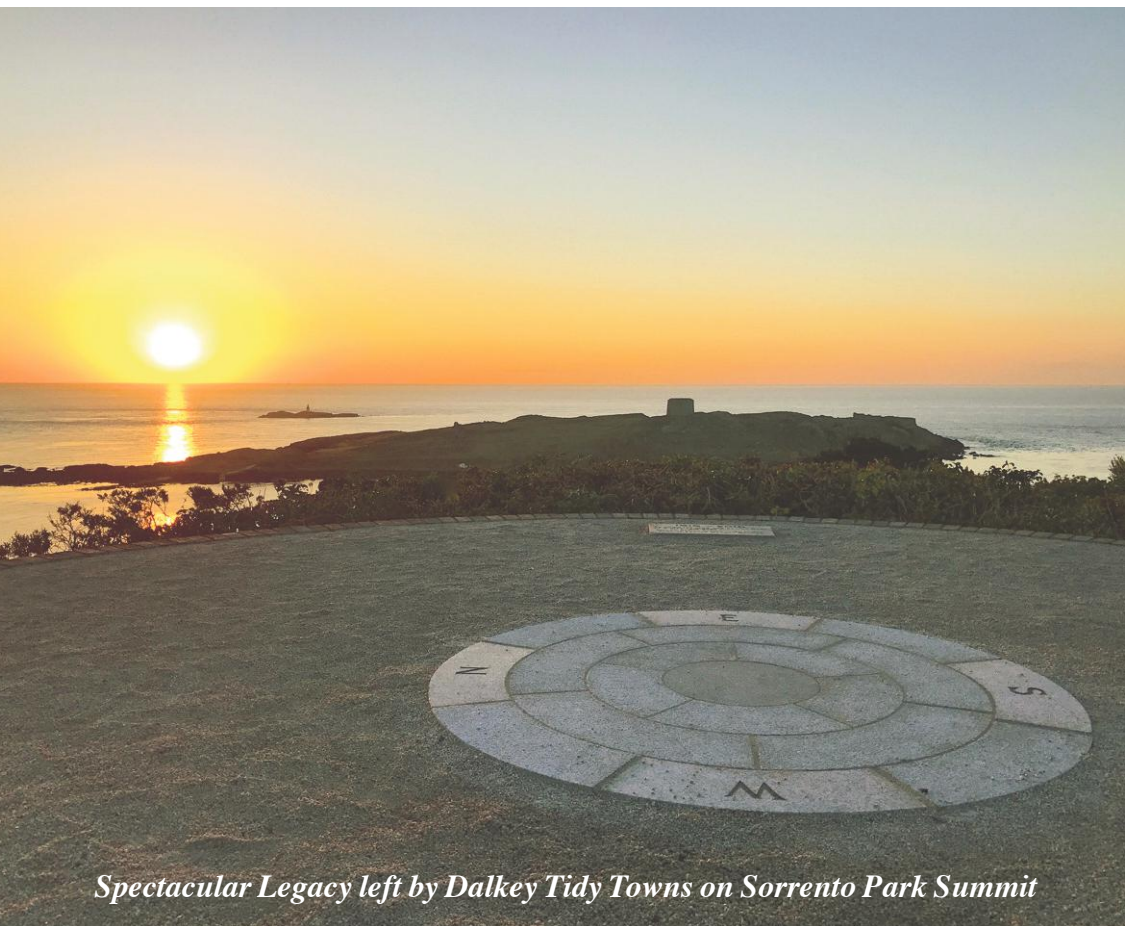
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## **SUNRISE OVER THE NEWLY-INSTALLED COMMEMORATIVE COMPASS ON THE SUMMIT OF SORRENTO PARK**



*Spectacular Legacy left by Dalkey Tidy Towns on Sorrento Park Summit*

*See Tidy Towns page 5 and 7*

*Photo: Des Burke-Kennedy, DTT*

## SUMMARY OF 2017 DCC PUBLIC MEETING

The 11th DCC Public Meeting was held on Monday 8th May in OLH.

The Chairman opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting. We were delighted to have among the members from the public Mr. Paddy Walley who spoke at the inaugural meeting of DCC over forty years ago.

The different committees presented a summary of their annual reports and these can be found in the centre of this edition of the Newsletter.

**AOB:** Sgt. James Malone Crime Prevention Officer for “F” Division gave us a presentation on crime trends in the area. He showed us incidents of “criminals at work” and provided useful tips for personal safety and security.

*The next DCC Monthly Meeting is Tuesday 13th June 2017.*

## DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE

**Bloomsday 15th & 16th June** – Begin your Joycean celebrations on Thursday 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.

You will get a whirlwind taster of Joyce’s work at this highly popular annual Joycean event.

**A team of actors** will perform fun and 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 Ronan Murray in songs that James Joyce sang or which feature in his work. Gather a few friends and come along and join us. Refreshments will be served. Admission €15.

**On Friday 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 €12.50. Bloomsday Festival is supported by DLR Heritage Office.

**The ‘Maeve Binchy and famous Irish Writers Walks’** begin again on Thurs 8th June. The walk starts at the Writers’ Gallery at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. Here, the visitor can explore the Gallery which features the work of forty-five creative artists from Joyce to Bono and Beckett to Maeve Binchy and more. While the guided walk is Maeve Binchy centered, it includes other internationally well-known writers.

**From Dalkey Castle**, along the streets, walkers will enjoy snippets from the work of the said Maeve Binchy, James Joyce, Hugh Leonard and Flann O’Brien, just for starters. Local anecdotes from our entertaining and knowledgeable guides add colour to the facts.

**Maeve Binchy Memorial Garden.** The walk will finish in the beautiful Maeve Binchy Memorial Garden in Dalkey Library where there is a mosaic by ceramicist, Laura O’Hagan. 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 Thursday evenings at 18.30** and **Fridays at 13.15** from June 8th - September. Minimum numbers and advance booking essential.





*Molly Bloom*

*Sharon Nealon as Molly Bloom*

*Photo, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre*

**Dalkey Book Festival (15th -18th 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](http://www.dalkeybookfestival.org) for programme details.  
**Open:** Dalkey Castle is open 6 days from 10.00 on weekdays and 11.00 at weekends until 6.00pm. Closed on Tuesdays.

**Book online** for Bloomsday at [www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets](http://www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets)

**Tel 01 285 8366** for credit card bookings.

**Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Dalkey**

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Newly-installed commemorative compass on the summit of Sorrento Park



*Right:  
Cutting the  
ribbon at the  
official opening  
of the  
commemorative  
compass  
on the summit  
of  
Sorrento Park*



### **DALKEY TIDY TOWNS ADVISES DUBLIN'S DOCKLANDS BUSINESS FORUM GRAFFITI**

We in Dalkey are well aware of the costly damage caused by Graffiti vandals to our community and surroundings. Our four-year removal and prevention programme has been very effective. Working with the Gardaí and DLRCC has almost rid us of the scourge. Ongoing efforts keep it at bay (See page 7).

Alan Robinson, CEO of Dublin's Docklands Business Forum, is very concerned at the level of Graffiti damage and its impact on wonderful new buildings and apartments in the City centre. This certainly does not encourage new investment or the creation of new jobs. He recently invited DTT volunteer, Des Burke-Kennedy, to share his experiences in

*Photos: Des Burke-Kennedy, DTT*



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*Des Burke-Kennedy & Tidy Towns Committee members share experiences on Graffiti with Dublin Docklands Business Forum*

heading up our Graffiti programme in Dalkey. Following that presentation and as a result, Alan and his team are now in the process of developing a more focused and effective programme to combat this vandalism in the Dockland's area and we wish them every success.

**SPECIAL CALL FOR HELP:** This is Tidy Towns season! Please do your best to clip your hedges, pick up any litter, and tidy the area around the front of your house. **The Inspectors will visit us soon and we want Dalkey to look better than ever.**

### **PLEASE BE AWARE OF SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS GRAFFITI VANDALISM**

As we have mentioned before, individuals found guilty of putting Graffiti on public property can seriously suffer from having to live with the consequences of a Criminal Record. Visas to enter many countries, including USA, Canada, Australia, etc., are threatened. Career prospects are damaged. The financial impact on communities is substantial. Many European Cities spend over €30 million annually cleaning the mess !

So far, our Dalkey Tidy Towns team has spent hundreds of hours removing over 2,500 Graffiti tags in this small Heritage Town area alone. Our efforts have made a significant impact. Some culprits have been processed by the Gardai. The overall trend, logged over the past four years, is also encouraging as shown in our graph. Now that the School Summer Holidays are just about here, we are making a special appeal to all, and especially to parents, to do all they can to prevent Dalkey from suffering and having to waste so much time in keeping the problem at bay.

Please report any Dalkey Graffiti sightings to: [graffiti@dalkeytidytowns.com](mailto:graffiti@dalkeytidytowns.com)

### **SORRENTO SUMMIT COMPASS INAUGURATED BY DALKEY TIDY TOWNS TEAM**

Sometimes, dreams do come true !

Most of us in Dalkey have visited Sorrento Park over the years. It may have deteriorated a great deal since it's major Centenary restorations by DLRCC in 1994 but the views from the summit are still spectacular.

Two years ago, Dalkey Tidy Towns made a presentation to DLRCC to create a simple circular viewing area on the summit with easier access to this overgrown area of Sorrento Park. For visitors, climbing over slippery rocks was risky and with very limited seating available, it was difficult for all to enjoy this special place in safety and comfort. A year later, with the approach of the 1916-2016 Celebrations, our Dalkey Tidy Towns team organised with DLRCC the placing of a commemorative stone on the summit. This was attended by a large group of friends and neighbours who enjoyed that unveiling ceremony a year ago.

DTT GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROJECT				
TAGS REMOVED BY MONTH				
2014 - 2017				
MONTH	TAGS REMOVED 2014	TAGS REMOVED 2015	TAGS REMOVED 2016	TAGS REMOVED 2017
January	85	88	18	28
February	56	63	20	15
March	34	45	28	27
April	137	33	6	5
May	129	61	6	
June	166	78	30	
July	73	69	5	
August	316	83	4	
September	61	46	1	
October	149	93	12	
November	157	94	28	
December	139	24	11	
TOTALS	1502	777	169	

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Last November, Dalkey Tidy Towns team met Ruairi O'Dulaing, the newly appointed DLRCC Senior Parks Superintendent. His very welcome agreement to offer his full support for our Sorrento Park Summit project was fantastic news. Brigid Treacy of DLRCC then oversaw the work which began on excavations soon after. Following some research, the discovery of old red bricks under the surface proved to be the remnants of a World War Two installation – probably a searchlight. The bricks were then saved, cleaned and used to construct a circular frame. As our original plan was to have a compass on the ground and to place the 1916-2016 memorial stone on the eastern point of



sunrise within the circle, we were not disappointed. On this Easter Monday Morning, over 75 neighbours and friends arrived at Noon at the Bandstand for the official Opening Ceremony. Following welcoming remarks from An Cathaoirleach Cormac Devlin, Susan McDonnell Dalkey Community Council Chairperson, and Des Burke-Kennedy DTT installation design creator, Piper Archie led the way to the summit where An Cathaoirleach cut the red ribbon.

Yes, sometimes dreams do come true ! Now we have a wonderful new viewing point for all to enjoy the magnificent scenery from Howth to Greystones and beyond. Already, the steady stream of visitors has been very encouraging to see. If you have not yet paid a visit, a special experience awaits.

### **BIG BUSINESS SUPPORTS OUR DALKEY TIDY TOWNS EFFORTS**

This year, our Dalkey Tidy Towns team have made further improvements in Dillon's Park – landscaping, litter removal, planting, granite wall repairs and general maintenance. Thankfully, several enlightened Multinational Corporations with bases in Ireland give their employees paid time-off to help with community projects such as ours. Both Salesforce.com and Google are good examples. They have both worked with our Dalkey Tidy Towns team over the past year on improvement projects in Dillon's Park and Sorrento Park. With 25,000 employees and a significant base here in Sandyford, last week fifteen members of Salesforce.com joined us in Dillon's Park once again. The Cloud computing company from San Francisco brought their team to help expose more of the beautiful views of Dalkey Island, clear rubbish and provide safer viewing areas along our coast. Supported by An Taisce and the highly successful Clean Coasts programme, this alliance has been a very welcome addition to our local efforts.

This time, the Salesforce.com team comprised employees from France and New Zealand and even they were in awe of the scenery along our coastline. Over eight sacks of litter were collected and extensive pathways cleared. This work will continue over the Summer months. Two other groups will also work with our Dalkey Tidy Towns team shortly to help make previously hidden local areas safer, cleaner and more accessible for all. Do come and enjoy the new sights in Dillon's Park – and don't forget to bring your camera!

***Des Burke-Kennedy, Dalkey***



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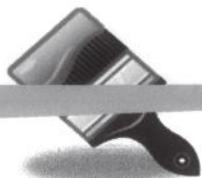
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June is the 6th month of the year to have the length of 30 days and June 21st, is the longest day of the year. Is summer not here? - Wow, we certainly have an abundance/a burst of lush growth and vibrant colours. Nevertheless, remember, this extra light and warmth also means weeds of all types will be romping about and pests are on the rampage. Our soft young growth is literally a magnet to slugs and snails and aphids can attack a wide range of plants and can spread viruses as well as sucking sap. So, take your own necessary precautions to protect your plants. Remember, centipedes are not pests so they should be left alone, as they actually help us in the garden, feeding as they do on small soil animals – they eat slugs and generally any damaged foliage. (that's generally been damaged by other creatures).

Before we say 'Goodbye' to our elegant Tulips, maybe it's worth remembering, that this past late spring, we have seen some amazing new varieties, Super Star qualities, that last such a long time, such as *Burgundy*, *Ballerina*, *Negrita*, *Alladin* and *Bastagne Parrot*, this latter has chocolate red flowers, some of these tulips are flouncy parrot tulips with the most super ruffled flowers.

**Did you hear this summer's news?** Have you heard of Kalette, a cross between Kale and Brussel sprouts? There is also a new variety of apple called, *The Forbidden Apple*, bred by *Lubera* and then, we have an egg and chip plant. This is an aubergine grafted onto a potato rootstock. Firstly, a supply of large purple flowers and then, when their day is done, a late supply of new potatoes will be lurking underneath the surface... How incredible! Finally, apparently, there is a new mock-scented orange. The colours of the leaves and flowers

*Kalette**Tri-coloured Tulip**Photo: P. Thomas*

actually match. Aren't the flowers of the mock scented orange like bowls of clotted cream with the most heavenly scent... take a twiglet and put on your kitchen table or perhaps make a floral display an oasis for your family grave or whatever... These flowers speak volumes.

Now that the ground has warmed up, you can sow seeds of hardy annuals directly into the ground. – All you need to do is prepare the soil with a hoe and make sure it is weed free.

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Sow thinly and allow plenty of space for seedlings to develop... A patio can be transformed into something exceptional, a little paradise with containers, hanging baskets and window boxes. Growing your own flowers from seed opens up a whole world of possibilities as regards, - 'hard-to-get' but interesting - varieties that you can experiment with and use to make imaginative planting combinations. ...Here is a tantalising list of beauties to whet your appetite! *Stock*, *Antirrhinums*, (there's a lovely double), *Calendulas*, *Marigolds*, *Osteopermums*, *Geraniums*, also *Scented Geraniums*, *Cosmos*, I'm trying a new seed '*Cosmos Lemonade*', which the '*Which Gardening Magazine*', sent me for seed trials.) *Begonias*, *Petunias*, *Baccopa*, *Diascias*, *Phlox*, *Sweet Peas*, *Impatiens*, *Pansies*, *Violas*, *Verbenas*, *Fuchsias*, *Nigella* (*Love-in-a Mist*), *Cornflowers*, *Dahlias*, *Zinnias* and *Nicotiana Sylvestri's*, variety '*Only The Lonely*', a Giant among annuals - , *Larkspur*, adore them – honestly, **the list is endless**. ...If you are keen to have some exciting displays and a good summer holiday at the same time, maybe consider some succulents, some are wonderful architectural shapes, *Rosettes*, *Spears* etc. They can be silver grey, reddish, copper etc., because of their native habitat, such colours are a defence against too much sun. Succulents look better planted in shallower containers

### **MIGHT DO, MAYBE JUNE JOBS**

Early June is a really good time to do 'The Chelsea Chop' and cut back most stems by half, such as *Sedums*, *Heleniums* and some *Astrantias*. This will produce a second flush. Watch out for dry periods and give new plants a thorough soak so that the water penetrates the plant's rootballs properly.

Lift and divide clumps of *Snowdrops* and *Bluebells* once the leaves have turned yellow.

Try cleaning the residue on your secateurs with wire wool, Brillo or a metal brush.

Check pots of cuttings regularly to see if they made roots and are ready to go into individual pots. A simple way that doesn't disturb plants is to hold them in the air and look for any roots protruding from the draining holes.

Pinching out the growing tips of young shoots will make the plant produce more stems and become a better shape with more blooms.

Presently, *Pelargoniums* and *Fuchsias* will root easily from flowering shoots.

Dead-head and cut back *Oriental Poppies* after flowering, cutting them close to ground level will stimulate new foliage.

If you like to be in your garden and simply don't want to do any work in it – why not consider planting one small, beautiful ornamental tree, such as *Acer Briltisimum* and some ground cover plants: They really do beat the drought for years of easy maintenance and good colour.

**Ponds:** To avoid blanket weed, put in some water plants that will grow to cover at least a third of the pond. I tend to use a very weak liquid organic seaweed feed, (especially, as we live here in Dalkey-by-the-sea) then, likewise if I am foliar spraying, I use a much weaker similar solution.

Keep bird baths topped up in warm weather.

Finally, to conserve water, water your soil rather than the plants. It's a good idea to make ponds of 10" deep around individual plants so that the water can really soak in. This can last for 12 – 14 days, especially, if you're going away on holidays.

***"It was June and the world smelled of roses, the sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside".***

*Maud Hart Lovelace.*

***"In June as many as a dozen species may, burst their buds on a single day. No man can heed all of these anniversaries; no man can ignore all of them".***

*Aldo Leopold*

***"The air is like a butterfly with frail wings. The happy earth looks at the sky and sings."***

*Joyce Kilmer*



# Castle Park Swim Academy & Sports Centre

## SUMMER MULTI ACTIVITY CAMP 2017

At our Summer Multi Activity Camp children aged 4 - 12 years will enjoy a wide variety of sporting activities, games and art & crafts. There is a fun swim daily and a visit from Roly our inflatable pool bear. The camp is fully catered by our onsite chef with children getting a healthy break, a hot nutritious lunch and a dessert each day. The camp day starts at 9:30am and finishes at 3pm. Camp can be booked at a weekly rate of €115 or a daily rate of €25. Extended daycare options are available at an additional cost. The Camp will run throughout July and on selected weeks in August. Bookings are now open online via our website [www.castleparkschool.ie](http://www.castleparkschool.ie)

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## BOTANIC GARDENS JUNE EVENTS



### THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

Daily Guided Walks: '*Blooming Summer*'.  
**Saturdays 3, 10, 17 & 24:** Themed Guided Walk: '*The Bush Telegraph Do Plants Communicate?*' 3.00pm Visitor Centre. €5.

**Saturday 10** – Childrens' Workshop: '*Budding Artists and Hardy Annuals*', Suitable for 4 – 7 & 8 to 12 year olds, For further details and booking information see Childrens' Events section.

**Saturday 10th** – Drop-by Demo: '*Terrariums*'. Time: 2.30pm. The Erasmus Garden Garden Workshop: '*Seeds & Cuttings*'

**Wednesday 14th** – Afternoon Lecture: '*Greta's Herbs*'.

**Friday 16th** – Great Music in Irish Houses: The Heath Quartet. 8.00 pm Tickets: €30/25. For bookings go to: [www.greatmusicinirishhouses.com](http://www.greatmusicinirishhouses.com)

**Saturday 17th** Childrens' Event: '*Pond Dipping*'. Time: 11.00am Admission free. Booking essential. Meet at the Education and Visitor Centre. Organised with Irish Wildlife Trust. Gardening Workshop: '*Summer Salads*'.

**Sunday 18th** – Family Drop by Demo: '*Become a Windowsill Gardener*'. 2.30pm the Erasmus Garden

**Wednesday, 21st** – An Óige Annual Photographic Exhibition. Daily in the Gallery Space, Education and Visitor Centre  
**Saturday, 24th** – Childrens' Workshop: '*Budding Botanist-Collecting and Pressing Flowers*'. Time: 11.00 a.m. Admission Free. Advance booking essential.

**Sunday, 25th** – Childrens' Workshop: '*Creative Seed Bombs*'. Time: 2.30pm. Advance Booking Essential. Admission Free 2.30pm.

### ❖ Dalkey Community Council CLG 37th Annual Garden Competition ❖

This competition is open to all amateur gardeners resident 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 Display** - window boxes, hanging baskets, flower troughs and pots
- > **Best Communal** - Garden/Open Space
- > **Best Front Garden**
- > **Environmental Award** (Presented by Dalkey Tidy Towns)

**Entries to be submitted not later than Friday, 23rd June, 2017. Judging will take place on Thursday 6th July. Presentation of the prizes will take place in the Autumn.**

*If first place was achieved in any category in 2016, entry will not be eligible in that category in this year's competition.*

*Members of DCC and anyone professionally involved in gardening are not permitted to enter this competition.*

### ✂ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLG GARDEN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

I / we wish to enter for (please tick ✓)

- ☐ Overall Garden  
☐ Front Garden

- ☐ Display - window boxes, hanging baskets etc.  
☐ Communal Garden / Open Space

Name(s): .....

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*N.B. Please print your entry and put into the DCC postbox in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey*



*Photo: Harold Boys' N.S.*

The Chess Club in Harold Boys' N.S. continues to go from strength to strength. The boys play after school on Thursdays. They play competitions both in the school & elsewhere. They have been to training sessions with grandmaster Alex Baburin. Recently the team beat St. Aidan's, Tallaght. The score was 7.5 to 3.5.

Kieran Galvin, Ronan Prior, Milo Quinn & Luca Rizzi represented the school in a National Competition in Malahide and came 5th.

Lastly (but not least!) the boys beat the Harold Glashule chess team by 17.5 to 2.5. An amazing result! Congratulations to all the team (Captain Kieran Galvin) and many thanks to Ms. Lorraine Power for organising the Chess Club and to Mr. Crowe, their wonderful teacher.

## ❖ ST PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL UPDATE ❖



### CONGRATULATIONS

Massive congratulations to all the drama students and their teacher Sara Walsh. Lots of prizes and awards were won at the Stage Craft Drama Festival 2017 in Cabinteely. Well done to everyone involved.

Active School Week ran from 22nd-26th May. Lots of activities were arranged by the Active Flag Committee and Ms. Galbraith. We ended the week with our whole school sports day in the Cuala grounds.



## Mental and Physical Health

Congratulations to 6th class who have been shortlisted in the 'Walk in my Shoes' competition for the most innovative project on Mental Health. The song below, composed as part of this multi-media project, sums it up better than the author of this article can!

*You are a part of society – Don't fill your thoughts with anxiety.  
You are your own identity – Don't give in to conformity.  
And when stress gets you down – Hold your breath and hope you don't drown.  
When you're feeling unwanted, alone and afraid – Just remember there is someone there for you day by day.  
Never give up, never stop the fight – I know the night is dark. But just think of the dawn.  
And with it comes the light.  
I know sadness seems like a black hole.  
It tries to consume your mind and soul.  
Even if it seems improbable – Happiness is possible.  
Sometimes your peers try to control you,  
In each and every way – But just remember your voice still has a say.  
You live your life – And you live it your way!*

They have also been shortlisted in the 'Irish Aid' competition for their Human Rights project. A busy and rewarding number of months for them.

This week DSP was thrilled to welcome Oisín Gough, the Captain of the successful Cuala team, to the school on the day of our sponsored run. Oisín presented the classes with their prizes, and inspired them with his words on health, team work and training. It is great for the children to have such a positive role model and they loved seeing the many trophies he brought with him.

**Thanks Oisín -  
and we wish you  
and the team  
continued  
success**



*Oisín Gough's visit*



*Warming Up*

*Photos: Dalkey School Project*

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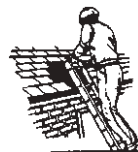
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## SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT LORETO P.S. DALKEY

During the month of May we think about Our Lady in a very special way. We are very fortunate in Loreto to have a beautiful statue of Mary surrounded by flowers in our school yard. We call this our grotto. Every morning in May we gather round this grotto in honour of Mary and we pray and sing songs to her. We end the month with a procession to the various statues of Mary,



*Our Lady's Grotto*

*Photo: Loreto Primary School*

which can be found in the Loreto school grounds. The First Holy Communion girls lead the procession in their white dresses. The youngest and oldest pupils in the school crown Our Lady with flowers while we all sing 'Queen of the May'.

The Green Schools Committee have been working very hard this year under the guidance of Ms. Kavanagh towards achieving our fifth Green Schools Flag for Biodiversity. Every class learned about a native animal and tree and were given the opportunity to speak about these at assembly each week. We had a visit from Dale Threadwall, an environmental expert. As well as visiting some classes, he spoke in depth with the Green Schools Committee and asked them many questions. We were delighted when we received the good news that we were awarded our flag for Biodiversity.

The Art subjects are celebrated in a special way during the month of May with Arts Week in Loreto. Third class are busy preparing a musical called 'The Environment'. We are learning about important environmental issues through the storyline and catchy songs. The 'Gregory Walkers' musical group are coming to the school to perform and also do workshops with the senior classes. Each class will study a well-known painter and pupils' paintings will be displayed around the school.

Pupils from third to sixth class are busy training for Cuman na mBunscoil which takes place in Santry in May. They will be competing against other schools from Dublin in various athletics such as running, hurdles, long jump, high jump and shot putt. The girls train twice a week in the morning before school. We wish them every success in the competition.

*Ms. Howard's Third Class, Loreto P.S. Dalkey*



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### **Mrs. Toone's Manners Rules**

Castle Park School was founded in 1904 by Mr. W P Toone, who travelled from England, with his wife Hilda (originally from Northern Ireland) to open a Prep School. During its early years the School was a boys' boarding school, pupils spending much of the year at School, only travelling home for short breaks at Christmas and Easter.

Mrs. Toone maintained a motherly role and supervised the domestic arrangements, along with also involving herself in the artistic life of the School, in particular she was very fond of drama – producing and writing many of the plays performed by the boys over the years.

In reading letters from past pupils (they later became known as Old Cepians) reference was often made to **Mrs. Toone's Manners Rules** which the boys learned during their first days at Castle Park and seem to have remained long in their memories thereafter!

We believe the following to be the most accurate version of Mrs. Toone's Rules that we have been furnished with:



OLD DINING  
ROOM

Photo:  
Castle Park School

*The table is to hold your cup and plate  
And is not intended to support your weight;  
You must sit in your chair erect and straight.  
The knife is held, the fork is too,  
With handle in the palm concealed from view.  
To use the fork prongs-up is not right,  
Shoveling results, a most disgusting sight.  
And if there's solid pudding, mince or fish,  
You may hold the fork in your right hand if you wish;  
Prongs upward, like a spoon, for such a dish.  
To stretch across your neighbour is most rude,  
He does not want your elbow in his food.  
The mouth kept shut is always a relief  
To those around to whom you wish to speak,  
While chewing wholesome cabbage, fruit or meat.  
Don't grab, wait to be offered first.  
Remember, the greedy boy at table is the worst!*

Although over 100 years old, these rules are still quite relevant today.

**Amanda Mollard, Castle Park School, Dalkey**

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### DALKEY PLAYERS WIN RTE ALL IRELAND DRAMA FESTIVAL 2017!!



*Photos were taken by Gerry Clabbey Dalkey Players*

Dalkey Players are the overall winners of this year's RTE All Ireland Drama Festival with their production of *"Dead Man's Cell Phone"* by American playwright Sarah Ruhl. At the Awards ceremony in Athlone on Saturday night last, Dalkey also took several other awards including Best Director for Emma Jane Nulty, Best Actor, Dermot Byrne,

Best Lighting, Barry Donaldson and Best Stage Management, Emma Mulligan with Maura Lavelle winning a scholarship to the Gormanston Annual Drama Summer School. Festival adjudicator Geoff O'Keeffe praised Dalkey Player's production for its staging, lighting, direction, costuming, soundscape and its ensemble acting adding that director Emma Jane Nulty had "heart, vision, a mastery of stage craft and excellent direction skills".

Chairperson of Dalkey Players, Lua McIlraith said *"We are thrilled to be the overall winners of the RTE All Ireland Drama Festival 2017 and delighted to bring another All Ireland win back to Dalkey"*.



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**Q. I am a 64 year old man and have recently been diagnosed with macular degeneration in my eyes. What is this and how do I manage it?**

**A.** Macular degeneration is an age related condition which is painless and causes deterioration of the central vision. Vision becomes blurred when looking straight ahead but peripheral (side) vision is not affected. It develops when the macular region responsible for central vision does not work as effectively as it used to. The macular region is the spot at the centre of the retina. There are two main types:



**Dry AMD (Age related macular degeneration)**

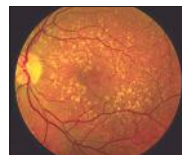
Dry AMD is the most common and least serious of the macular degeneration. It occurs when the macular cells become damaged by a build-up of a waste deposit called drusen. This is normally a gradual process over several years and the size of the drusen tends to increase as the condition progresses. A blurred spot develops in the central vision which causes the vision to deteriorate.

**Wet AMD (Age related macular degeneration)**

Wet AMD develops when the cells underneath the macular region are damaged due to the formation of abnormal blood vessels. These vessels can leak blood and fluid into the eye damaging the macular region. This deterioration can occur within days and is the more serious form of AMD.

The reasons for developing macular degeneration are unclear but a number of factors increase the risk of developing it:

- **Age:** as a person gets older the risks of developing AMD increases
- **Family history:** A family member with AMD increases your risk of developing the condition
- **Smoking:** A smoker is four times more likely to develop AMD
- **Ethnicity:** Incidence of AMD is highest in White and Chinese people
- **Other:** other unproven factors which may impact on the risk of developing AMD are excessive alcohol consumption, extended exposure to sunlight, being obese, history of high blood pressure and coronary heart disease.



*Macular degeneration*

*Photo: NHS*

There is no cure for macular degeneration but there is some evidence that dietary supplements may slow its progression. Diets high in Vitamin A, C and E, which are found in oranges, kiwi, leafy green vegetables, tomatoes and carrots, can help as well as the supplements Lutein and Zeaxanthin. These are available in over-the-counter products specifically designed for macular degeneration. If you have any concerns that macular degeneration may be an issue you should consult your GP or ophthalmologist.

*If you have any questions you would like answered please email us on [maxwellpharmacydalkey@eircom.net](mailto:maxwellpharmacydalkey@eircom.net) and put Dalkey Newsletter in the message subject line.*

## June

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



*Flower: ROSE*

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

Guímid Lá Shona, shuaireach do  
gach Athair in Deilginis!

**We wish a happy enjoyable Father's Day to all  
the Dads in Dalkey on 18th June**

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 15-18 10/4/2017 to 5/5/2017

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

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0339

**Application Rec'd Date:** 11-Apr-2017

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

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0346

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Apr-2017

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

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D17B/0178

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Apr-2017

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

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D16B/0355

**Application Rec'd Date:** 18-Aug-2016

**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. **Add. Information:** 18-Apr-2017.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0069

**Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Jan-2017

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

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a 130 sq.m 4-bed extension facing the adjoining church carpark at first floor level with staircase to ground level. A 30 sqm dining room extension at first floor level at the rear. Alterations to two existing first floor west-facing windows. Reduction in overall bed numbers from 50 to 46. One additional car parking space, widening of vehicular entrance and associated works. **Add. Information:** 18-Apr-2017.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0360

**Application Rec'd Date:** 18-Apr-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Muireann McDonnell & Risteard Sheridan, Ebenezer, Sorrento Road, Dalkey

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0361

**Application Rec'd Date:** 18-Apr-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Isolde O'Rourke, 5 Leslie Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for Retention of a 34m2 garden structure at the rear.

**Application Type:** Permission for Retention. **Declare Application Invalid:** 26-April '17.



# **DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

from the

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

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**Monday 8th May, 2017 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 2017

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 e.g. 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 each month.

In addition we have several sub committees:-

*Planning* –we monitor the planning applications for Dalkey each week and send our comments to the planning department about those that have some impact on the community. 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 Garda 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 DunLaoghaire- 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 more 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 and a half 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 3000 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 McDONNELL**  
*Chairman, Dalkey Community Council*

## DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Winning the **National Heritage 2016 Award**, sponsored by the Heritage Council, was a real highlight of the year.

Other awards include **CIE Award of Excellence 2016** and **Tripadvisor Certificate of Excellence Award 2016**.

**VISITOR NUMBERS** were up by 5%.

### **DLR SPRING AND SUMMER OF HERITAGE**

Programmes with free tours for the locals, sponsored by DLRCoCo were fully subscribed.

We had a number of successful **literary events**:

- Bloomsday Festival on 15th & 16th June.
- Celebrating Jennifer Johnston.
- Remembering Hugh Leonard on his 90th Anniversary.
- Maeve Binchy Tribute Show: *Aches and Pains*.
- We inaugurated the '*Maeve Binchy and Famous Irish Writers' Walks*'.

Dalkey Tidy Towns did a big spring clean of the graveyard.

**THANKS:** Dalkey Irish Heritage Town Company would like to thank the locals for all their support in sending people to our tours and attending our literary events.

The Company would also like to thank **Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo** for continuing support.



*Margaret Dunne, Bob Hallion  
and Catherine Murphy at the  
presentation of CIE awards at  
City Hall.*

Photo courtesy of CIE

**FLOR O'MAHONY**  
*DCC Rep on DIHTCo*

## FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2016

**ANNUAL DINNER:** The Annual Dinner this year was again held in Killiney Golf Club on Saturday, May 14th. Our numbers were quite low this year – about 40 – but it was so intimate and the food and ambiance were excellent. For our entertainment we had Dave Kenny, journalist, radio, TV producer and songwriter to talk about his book which featured his aunt, Abbey actress, Máire Ní Shuibhlaigh who, along with several members of her family, worked towards and participated at Easter weekend in 1916.

**GARDEN COMPETITION:** There were a similar number of participants as last year. We were let down by our garden judge and fortunately Patty Maher stepped in and found another judge to accompany her. 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 they manage to decide on the winners. The judges went home to discuss their thoughts and in due time sent us the results.

**GARDEN OUTING:** We went up to Drogheda for our Garden Outing this year. We started our day, after the trip from Dalkey, in Tankardstown House for morning coffee and tea, a lovely country-house Hotel with wonderful gardens. Before lunch we went to a lovely garden centre. Then after lunch we went to two other gardens, Killineer Gardens and Listoke. In the latter we had cake and coffee, as well as a trip around the gardens.

**GARDEN RECEPTION AND COMMUNITY AWARDS:** Once more, the Garden Reception proved to be a most popular event. The judges talked us through the gardens they had looked at before giving the prizes. The first three winners in each category were given vouchers for a local garden centre, with each overall winner receiving a cup.

This year the community cups were awarded to:

*Community Cup* – John Hickey for his work in the Community.

*McCabe Sports Cup* – Under 16 Girls Rowing Team

*Comerford Cup for Young Achievers* – Dalkey Responders First

**ART EXHIBITION:** Martina Devlin, author and Dalkey resident, opened the exhibition and was very well received. She showed such interest in all the pictures and stayed late and talked to everyone. 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 enjoy mince pies and stollen as we socialise and look forward to the festive season.

None of these events would have been possible without the assistance of the other members of the Functions Committee. They are most supportive to me and a very encouraging 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*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF DALKEY TIDY TOWNS 2016

2016 has been an eventful year for Dalkey Tidy Towns.

Principally, the restoration of Dillon's Park was well received. Work is ongoing. A working group from Salesforce (15 individuals) came recently to Dillon's Park and with Des Burke-Kennedy in charge they cleared back the growth on the lower footpath up to Sorrento Terrace boundary. We look forward to the installation of the inscribed boulder at the entrance.

The 1916 commemorative work in Sorrento Park is complete. The granite circular compass with seating and incorporating the stone erected for Easter 2016 has turned out very successfully. In preparation for the granite Compass Commemorative feature on the Sorrento Park summit, the team cleaned down the area and painted the bandstand. The committee intends to consult with D.L.R.C.C. regarding the future upgrading and maintenance of the park.

Great progress has been made at Bullock Harbour. D.T.T. led the charge against the proposed development at Western Marine. We await the erection of a navigation Lantern on the granite plinth where the old winch was located.

At the request of Margaret Dunne, the Centre manager, a team was organised to cut the grass, trim and prune the bushes and place crushed gravel around headstones and paths in the graveyard.

Work is proceeding at the rear of O.L.H. The rear wall is repainted. Other improvements in this area are being contemplated.

We must remember also that this year 2016 we achieved the accolade of Gold Medal winners in County Dublin region of Tidy Towns.

The planter beds and cultivated areas in parks will be attended to over the next few months. Rights-of-Way will be targeted for weeding and cleaning. Signage will be freshly repainted.

We await the results of The Tidy Towns and Districts Competitions in the autumn.

**PATRICK RIGNEY**  
*Dalkey Tidy Towns*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT 2016

Our Community Garda Cathy attends the DCC Monthly Meetings and keeps us updated with the crime trends in the Dalkey area. Burglaries were the highest incidents of crime in the area during 2016. Most house break-ins occur in the late afternoon to early evening period. In many cases alarms were not activated or there were none on the properties. It is important to lock up, secure outside sheds, tools, ladders and activate alarms.

The Garda Clinics are held in Our Lady's Hall twice monthly where the attending Garda can assist with forms, authenticating signatures, etc. There are usually held on the first and third Thursday in each month.

NW has been re-vitalised after a period of decline and the number of areas is expanding. These meetings are held every two months in Foxrock Pastoral Centre. NW co-ordinators come together to discuss any suspicious activity or crime trends in their particular areas and share information. The Community Gardaí are also in attendance and they offer advice and help on all issues related to crime. The WhatsApp/ texting alert is now operational in some areas and is proving to be a successful tool in pre-alerting residents of any unusual activity/behaviour in their area and for security updates.

The Gardaí need our help in their fight crime and it is very important to report and notify them when suspicions are aroused or an incident has taken place. Dalkey is fortunate as there is little serious crime and we want to keep it that way. It is important it remains a safe environment for everyone.

**Dun Laoghaire Garda Station: 01-666 5000**

**Confidential Line: 1800 666 111**

**ANN PERRY**

*Neighbourhood Watch Rep., Dalkey Community Council*

## SPORTS REPORT FOR 2016

Dalkey still continues its great sporting tradition and once again 2016 was a great year for the young children.

The day the clock goes forward and spring is sprung our young athletes take to training every Wednesday evening at the Loreto grounds. The youngsters get an opportunity to have a go at running, jumping, hurdling in a fun environment. Although not all of them make it through to the finals in Santry it is a three month period where the children are introduced to sport, taught new skills and meet new friends. This year Dalkey had the largest contingent at the Dublin Finals with over 50 children taking part. At the close of the weekend Dalkey came home with 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. Conor Patton and his team of Group Leaders are dedicated and totally committed to the training sessions and Dalkey is very grateful for the time they spend training the young athletes.

The swimming team managed by Ian Rowlands brought home 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze from the County Finals in May. There was a 4th place in the National Finals held in August. The swimmers are a very young team and their future is very bright.

DCC thanks all those volunteers who give up their free time in preparing and training the children for the competitions. DCC is very grateful for the continued support from Loreto and thank Mr. Robert Dunne for the use of the grounds as this is such an advantage to Community Games.

This year the DCC McCabe Sports Cup was awarded to the Dalkey Rowing U16 Ladies who had a hugely successful year being crowned East Coast Champions. The Awards night was a very inspiring night and it was very uplifting to see so many young people who are involved in sport.

Community Games aims to provide opportunities for children and young people aged 6-16 years to develop active healthy lives in a safe environment through experiencing a wide range of sporting and cultural activities in their own local environment. Community spirit and co-operation is fostered and encouraged. Community Games was founded in 1967 and in 2017 Community Games celebrates its 50th anniversary.

It is hoped that in 2017 Dalkey will partake in more activities and celebrate this landmark anniversary in style!

**ELAINE FEELY**

*Secretary, Dalkey Community Games*

## NEWSLETTER REPORT FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING OF DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**EDITORIAL:** 2016 was a very successful year for the Dalkey Newsletter with the continued support of our regular contributors and our very loyal advertisers. Our content was good in terms of both regular subjects and the variety of contributors. Again, the most popular regular items were My Garden, Nature Corner, Planning, Local History, and regular updates from Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Tidy Towns, Churches, Schools, and Sinéad's Wine Corner.

**PRODUCTION:** Production costs were controlled again in 2016 thanks to the greater knowledge acquired by the Editorial Team and both the Typesetter and Printer. Again, we were helped by not having any increases in paper costs which, ultimately, would add to our Production cost base. Thanks to the excellent efforts of our Distribution Manager, Danny Merity, distribution went very smoothly throughout the year. Any glitches were unsurprising and included the usual things such as holiday absences, illnesses, guard dogs, mistaken quantities being bagged for the Area Representative, etc. Overall, a remarkable performance based entirely on volunteers; this reflects the practical basis of the Community Council's success in Dalkey.

**COSTS:** Fortunately, income from the Advertising covered the production costs of the Newsletter during 2016.

**ADVERTISING:** Again, last year saw a very solid performance in our advertising income which, in turn, covers our production costs for all issues of the Newsletter. This strong performance is almost entirely due to the Advertising Manager, Helena Feely, who has been very successfully managing the overall advertising aspect of the Newsletter for many years. I sincerely thank her for this outstanding achievement and hope that she knows how much it is appreciated.

The loyalty of our advertisers has ensured that we have covered our costs throughout 2016 even when we had additional costs such as the Special Commemorative Centenary 1916 issue.

**GERARD COAKLEY**  
*Editor, Dalkey Newsletter*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2016

The schedule of meetings changed during the latter part of 2015 and continued for 2016 prove to be working well. All the monthly meetings were held in OLH during the year and they were held on the second Monday of each month in order to avoid the “bank holiday” Mondays. This switch has suited members. The Executive Meetings are held immediately after each Monthly meeting and this change results in the Executive members attending two and meetings per month but on the same night. The Public Meeting was held on Monday 9th May and this was our 10th Public Meeting since becoming a CLG. The AGM was held on Monday 7th November 2016.

DCC is grateful to the Parish Council for the use of Our Lady's Hall. It is a very central venue and convenient for all our meetings and other events that we run during the year. DCC also sorts the newsletter on the last Thursday of each month in the front hall. DCC thanks the Parish Council and especially Manager Mairéad O'Donoghue who offers assistance throughout the year with booking the hall for our meetings and other activities. Mairéad is very supportive of DCC and I thank her for her continued support.

DCC also thanks Reverend Bruce Hayes and The Select Vestry for the use of the room in St. Patrick's this is used for the monthly Editorial Meetings to preview the content of the impending newsletter.

There were several meetings with DLR and many representations were made to the different departments on many issues. The major issue in 2016 was the volume of traffic, the poor condition of the roads and the inadequate signage in certain locations. This is an ongoing problem and needs a lot of attention. Other issues highlighted during the year were water leaks, litter, faulty lights, gullies, overhanging growth, weeds such as the growth of the knotweed along the DART line to name a few.

I had a Transition Year student with me during 2016 as part of his Community Activity program. At an introductory meeting it was agreed to give the student an overall view of the workings of the council and how DCC interacts with the local community. It proved to be a rewarding experience and it was helpful for both the student and DCC.

Texting is the platform to relay reminders and relevant information to members. Messages are kept as brief as possible and to the point. Mobile numbers are never given to a third party without the express consent of the owner. Initial discussions took place towards the end of the year to update the DCC website and work on this project is continuing.

I thank my Assistant Secretary Elaine Feely who stepped in when I was unavailable and my appreciation also to the Chairman and members of the Executive for their assistance in 2016.

**ANN PERRY**

*Secretary, Dalkey Community Council*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **for the year ending 31st December 2016**

The annual collection for 2016 was marginally up on 2015 and maintained its recovery over the dismal return for 2014. Approximately 20% of the 3,000 envelopes delivered were returned and it is our plan to improve this situation.

DCC thanks all the contributors who returned their collection envelopes for 2016. Without the support from the residents for the annual collection DCC could not operate and provide financing and sponsorship for local projects. The running costs for the Community Council amount to just over €5,000 with payment of insurance, rent, planning observations, secretarial expenses, etc.

During 2016 DCC sponsored the Community Games, both athletes and swimmers, the Garden Competition, the Garden Reception, the Art Exhibition, the Christmas celebrations, the Christmas tree in the church and a donation to St. Patrick's. Dalkey Tidy Towns received special funding for their special projects running through 2016 and into 2017.

Each year DCC evaluates the most worthy projects and assesses the maximum benefit that will accrue to the town and the local area. It is the aim of DCC to continue to make Dalkey a better place and enhance its existing character. It is through your continued support that this work will be sustained for future years.

**ED O'NEILL**

*Treasurer, Dalkey Community Council*

## PLANNING REPORT FOR YEAR 2016

There were 77 planning applications during 2016 in the Dalkey area compared to 92 applications in 2015. 10 of these were declared invalid, as a result of problems associated with the site notice.

There were 6 applications for retention and these were granted permission.

Additional information was requested in 16 cases and supplied in 14 cases; the remaining 2 applications were decided this year.

There were no applications for an extension of duration of permission last year –this was a category that first appeared 5 years ago as a response to developments for which the permission had lapsed during the recession.

80 decisions were made, of these 72 were granted permission, 8 were refused and 3 other applications were withdrawn.

15 decisions were appealed to An Bord Pleanala; of these 3 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 9 decisions during the year, of these 7 had previously been granted permission by the Council and then upheld by the Bord.

2 decisions were granted but part of the appeal refused in line with the decision of the County Council.

2 other appeals were withdrawn.

There was a decrease in the number of applications last year following a steady increase over the previous 5 years; planning applications are still nowhere near the numbers applied for during the “boom” years.

However, the number of construction sites around Dalkey this year has increased significantly this year compared to last year.

### **DALKEY MANOR (BARNHILL ROAD)**

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.

The developer, Pegasus, had decided not to proceed with the aim of developing the site for 'later-living' due to 'planning issues' and put the site up for sale.

The site is in the process of being sold; however, in February of this year a proposal for the demolition of the house and the construction of 29 houses was lodged with the planning department.

Similar objections were raised as for the previous development – overshadowing, inadequate open space, traffic issues and the impact on the adjacent protected structure, Dalkey Lodge.

Permission was refused in April of this year for a variety of reasons that had been highlighted by the public and ourselves but interestingly the planners felt that the proposed density (number of houses per acre) was too low for the site due to the inappropriate mix of housing types (ie. too many large houses).

## **BULLOCH HARBOUR**

In December a proposal at the former Western Marine site for 7 commercial units with 6 2-storey residential units above them and 3 large three storey houses with roof terraces at the rear of the site was lodged in the planning department.

There was huge public opposition to the development involving not only local residents but also the wider public and additionally, opposition from people living abroad who had known Bulloch Harbour previously.

A Facebook page was set up which was very important in informing the public about the proposal and publicizing various aspects of concern.

A public meeting was held in January at Fitzpatrick's Castle organised by Bulloch Harbour Protection Association to outline the concerns. We are part of that association with Dalkey Tidy Towns, local residents, boat owners and local businesses at the harbour. An audience of almost 500 people attended the meeting, including local councilors and TDs.

The main concerns about the proposal included the impact of such a large scale residential development on the Harbour in a variety of ways and the possible negative effect on the existing commercial businesses. Future public access to the rocky coastal area at the rear of the site was also highlighted. Other concerns included parking, inadequate open space for the development, drainage issues, overlooking, flooding. It was felt that the proposal did not integrate with the local community at Bullock harbour and did not respect the historical and natural history of the area.

Over 400 hundred observations were lodged with the planning department, something which had never previously happened for any other planning proposal in the area.

The planning department refused the application with an extensive list of reasons for its decision.

The developers did not appeal this decision. No further application has been lodged but we believe that it is only a matter of time before another one is lodged.

We should like to thank all the members of the public who took the time to attend meetings and lodged their concerns and objections to the planning department to help to protect one of our much loved public amenities.

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, Dún 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.

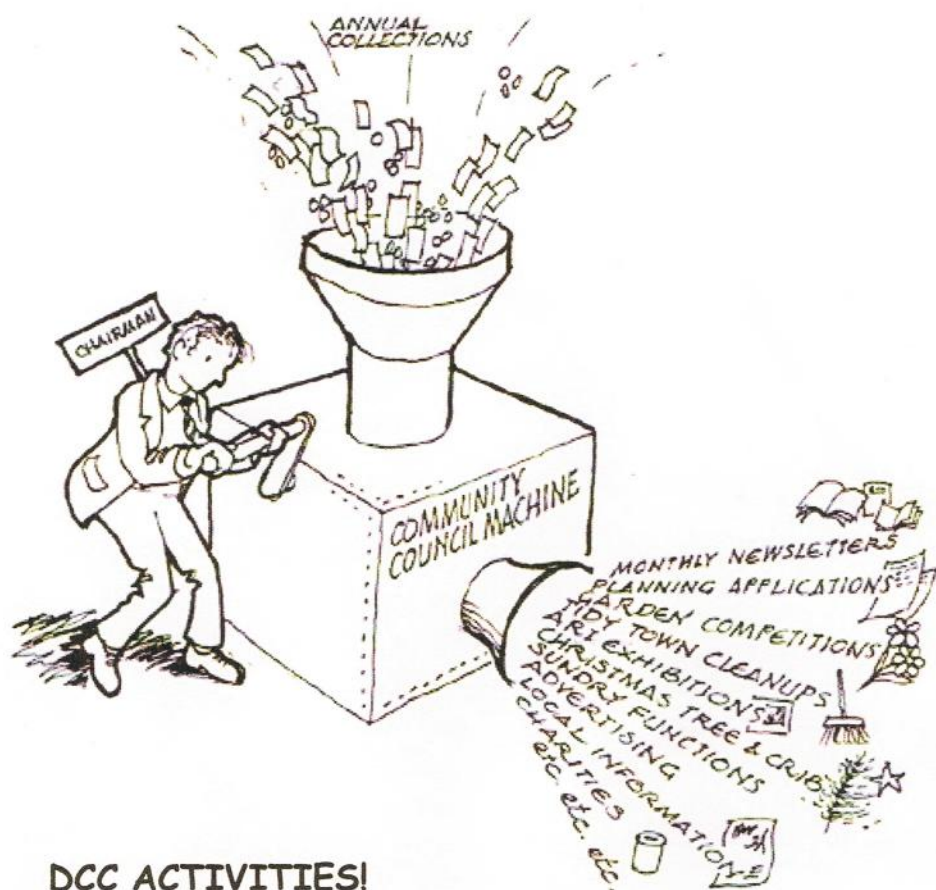
Following the lodgement of plans in the planning office, the public has 35 days to submit their observations and objections, accompanied with a €20.00 fee. If you believe you will be affected, it is vital that you write into the planning department to voice your concerns.

The planning authority will then make their decision.

Following the decision, the public has 28 days to appeal to Bord Pleanála if they had previously submitted the relevant objection to the planning department. The fee for this is €210.00.

Following the lodgement of an appeal with An Bord Pleanála, the public has 28 days to submit their observations the fee being €60.00 in this case.

**Dr. SUSAN McDONNELL**  
*(Chairman, Planning Group)*



**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0373

**Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Apr-2017

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

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

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0377

**Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Apr-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Siobhan Smyth, 3, Saval Park, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for dwelling house with associated parking, drainage, water connection, landscaping and ancillary works. Planning permission is also sought to include the area of the careers accommodations granted under Planning reference no. D15A/0429. Declare Application Invalid **26-Apr-2017.**

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0388

**Application Rec'd Date:** 27-Apr-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Des and Edith Battye, 131, Hillside, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the widening of the existing vehicular access along with all associated site development works.

## PLANNING DECISIONS WEEK 15-18 10/4/2017 to 5/5/2017

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0138

**Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Date:** 12-Apr-2017

**Applic. Name & Location:** Martello Finance Co. Ltd., Beulah, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

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

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0183

**Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Date:** 26-Apr-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Peter & Fiona O'Leary, Site No. 4 Saval Park, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

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

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0185

**Decision:** Request Add. Information

**Date:** 25-Apr-2017

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

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

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17B/0107

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 27-Apr-2017

**Applicant Name & Location:** Patrick & Orna Curry, 108, Hillside, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a) A combination of two story hipped and flat roof extension to the side and single story flat roof extension to rear providing 25m<sup>2</sup> to both ground and first floors b) associated internal modifications and site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D17B/0121      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 28-Apr-2017  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Colm Comerford, 30, Hillside, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the conversion of the existing garage to living room including the replacement of the existing garage door with a new window to match existing.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/0216      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 5-May-2017  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Robin Power, 8 Sorrento Terrace, Sorrento Road, Dalkey (A Protected Structure)  
**Proposal:** Permission for the replacement of the existing powered gates to the front of the property.

### Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Week 15 10/4/2017 to 14/4/2017

**Reg Ref:** D16A/0890      **Reg Date:** 1-Dec-2016  
**Location:** 10, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.  
**Development:** Planning permission is sought for the demolition of an existing part-single, part-two storey house in poor condition while retaining the original boundary walls to rear and sides, and the construction of a new replacement, part single, part two storey house, on a new footprint partly within the old and retained original boundary walls, and construction of a new front garden wall and erection of a new sliding gate in the widened existing entrance location within the limits of the existing opening of the front boundary to the street together with all associated ancillary site works, services and landscaping.  
**Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 4-May-2017. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

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**Reg Ref:** D17A/0117      **Reg. Date:** 10-Feb-2017  
**Location:** Lands at, Dalkey Manor, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.  
**Development:** Planning permission is sought for development comprising 1) demolition of existing two-storey dwelling 'Dalkey Manor' (273 sqm) and ancillary single-storey outbuilding, entrance gates, piers and splay walls; 2) construction of 29 no. dwellings (18 no. four bedroom three-storey, 1 no. three-bedroom three-storey, 4 no. three-bedroom two-storey, 2 no. three-bedroom one-and-a-half storey, 2 no. three-bedroom single-storey, and 2 no. two-bedroom single storey); 3) 56 no. parking spaces and private gardens to each dwellings; 4) upgraded vehicular entrance on Barnhill Road, internal roads, footpaths, shared surfaces street lighting; 5) public open space, landscaping, tree planting and boundary treatments; 6) alterations to site levels, SuDS surface water drainage; foul water and potable water connections; and 7) all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development. All on a site of 0.935 hectares. The proposed development is adjacent to Dalkey Lodge, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin (a Protected Structure).  
**Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 2-May-2017. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

### Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 15-18 3/4/'17 to 28/4.'17

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0758 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Decided:** 18-Apr-'17  
**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission **Location:** Bella Vista, Coliemore Rd., Dalkey.  
**Proposed Development:** Permission for the demolition of the existing single storey pitched roof property and construction of new detached flat roof three storey to the front and two storey to the rear house. The works will also consist of lift access to a recessed roof terrace, front balconies, gangway access to rear garden, roof lights, new driveway entrance with landscaping and ancillary and associated works. **Applicant:** Lorraine & Gerry Park.

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0280 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission  
**New Determination Date Due:** 13-Jan-2017. **Appeal Decided:** 25-Apr-2017  
**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission

**Location:** Castle Park School, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

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



## 50th COMMUNITY GAMES FESTIVAL



Dalkey represented Dublin in the Community Games National Finals in a packed National Aquatic Centre on Saturday 6th May as part of the Golden Jubilee year of the Community Games. They did extremely well. The three individual swimmers won 2 Gold and 1 Silver medal. Tia Harford in the U12 Backstroke and Aisling Rowlands U14 Backstroke each won gold. Nemone Rogers won silver in the U12 Freestyle. The Relay Team with Anna Cannon won silver in the U13 Freestyle Relay.

So a great day all round

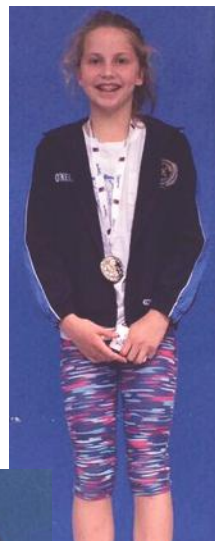
*Ian Rowlands, Manager, DCG Swimmers*



*Aisling Rowlands  
gold winner U14  
Backstroke*



*Community Games Gold medal*



*Nemone Rogers  
Silver medal  
winner U12  
Freestyle*



*U 13s Relay Team Silver medal*

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For birds totally reliant for food on insects flying in warm air, our first sight of Swifts this year was on a wickedly cold day. If you were at St. Patrick's Fête you'll remember the cutting east wind that brought weather more like a cold January day than a day in May but it was on that morning, as a little group of Killiney residents gathered for a nature walk round Killiney Hill, we saw first a



solitary swift scything through the air, then a group of five skimming overhead. Up in the wood a pair of Mistle Thrushes had built a nest in the highest fork of a tree in April. Mistle Thrushes are known for singing on windy days, often from the tallest treetop or structure, giving them the old endearment of 'storm cock' and sometimes they'll also build their nest very high, which this pair had done, choosing a old, very tall, straight beech tree to place the structure in. Through binoculars you could see the tail of the sitting bird protruding from the nest and sometimes you could see the alert head keeping an eye out for danger. Unlike most songbirds they don't conceal nests but build them on prominent branches and depend on their size and aggressive defence to protect eggs.

Unfortunately this tactic doesn't always succeed, certainly not on Killiney Hill anyway. This might be due to the proliferation of Hooded Crows which seem to have filled the niche once taken by Magpies but are much bigger and in such numbers they're liable to be more threatening towards the thrushes. Last year we'd regularly watched a female mistle thrush sitting on her nest then one day the nest was deserted, evidently having failed since it was far too early for any chicks to have hatched. I wasn't optimistic about this pair's chances this year but they'd been sitting on the nest for a few weeks so we hoped for the best. Then a few days later, walking up through the woods just before dusk, we saw a scattering of feathers on the ground then we found the body of a mistle thrush lying face down. Only a few yards from the tree it was almost certainly one of the nesting pair.

It seemed only recently dead and since it hadn't been carried away or eaten it was almost certainly not killed by a predator such as a sparrowhawk. I suspect it might have been killed by a hooded crow after the eggs. Sad as it was finding its body, what was even sadder was over the following two days the surviving mistle thrush was still trying to defend the nest, chasing away hooded crows and magpies, possibly still expecting its mate to return.

A few days later we met a friend and told her the bad news about the mistle thrush. She had found another pair of mistle thrushes nesting on a tree just above the main path to the obelisk from the cafe. The nest was firmly placed in a tiny gap where two branches met and as we looked at it we saw one mistle thrush hop in to replace the one on the nest, taking its turn to sit on the eggs.

So that cold Saturday morning, as the little group walked up the path, we were looking forward to showing them the surviving nest but as we drew level with it we couldn't see any occupant. Some moss was hanging down from the branch then we spotted the remains of the nest lying on the ground. A cup of mud lined with moss and, curiously, it had bits of glittering tinsel threaded through it. Later we remembered some Christmas trees, left up too



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*In late April two Red Squirrels were just in front of the café at the park entrance feeding on the catkins of the sycamore and oaks.*

*Photo: Michael Ryan*

everything and lost to defend their nest. I heard someone saying recently that there was such a high mortality rate for blackbirds on the roads in springtime due to their powerful urge to mate and breed. Early one Saturday morning as we were driving down towards Wicklow a blackbird flashed across the road in front of the car just at the moment another car was overtaking us. The blackbird saw the other car, did a astoundingly impressive U Turn and flew back in front us again to where it had came from, the whole incident taking place in a second or two. One very lucky bird.

Tragic that two separate pairs of mistle thrushes had both lost nests but within a week we saw one presenting food to another. One could conjecture that the remaining pair had teamed up and hopefully some young will be fledged.

Although the walk that morning had begun on a sad note later, as we walked the 'Green Road' with a cold choppy sea below us, Lucy spotted a raven then saw it was flying in to feed three of its recently fledged noisy chicks perched on a conifer tree, a cheering sight on that grey day.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Dear Editor,*

I read with interest the letter in your last edition urging DCC and its Dalkey readers to be concerned regarding the obstruction of protected views.

In the same edition there was a lovely old photograph of Beacon Hill, taken from the village and showing the beautiful expanse of Dalkey Hill.

It struck me as deeply ironic that that same view is now completely dominated by 2 huge new builds, one dwarfing 3 large houses nestled beside the quarry.

DLRCC state that "Specific views ... are considered when assessing planning applications". How did they ever approve these planning applications when the views, from Dalkey/Beacon Hill looking out towards the bay, are now completely compromised?

I would love to know what firm of Architects is responsible and what reason the planning office can offer to defend their approving constructions that forever will compromise this magnificent view. Shame on them both.

Regards,

*Catherine Tierney, Dalkey*

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## THE CELTIC CHALLENGE

On 28th April, two of us from Dalkey Rowing Club - myself and Cliona O'Reilly and another Dalkey woman, who rows for St. Michael's, Liz Doyle, joined the Dún Laoghaire all female team to take on the challenge of rowing across the Irish Sea. We took part in a race called *The Celtic Challenge*, which goes from Aklow to Aberystwyth - a distance of

150km. There are 12 rowers per team broken into three crews who rotate throughout the race. It takes an average of 20 hours but this year the elements were so extreme that we were battling through for over 26 hours (we thought it would never end!). We got off to a good start and completed the first half in 8 hours. However, through the night the weather turned, throwing winds of up to 26 knots at us. This combined with driving rain made the conditions incredibly challenging. Even though we could see land, the end proved to be one of the hardest parts when the south-easterly wind combined with the current going against us, meant it was like rowing in tar. We just could not make any progress. Our tired, hungry, cold bodies were really struggling battle through it. Based on previous good progress we thought we would cross the line at 9am, we actually crossed at 3.15 pm! However, it was a lovely welcome with fireworks and cheers from the crowd.

*The Celtic Challenge* is tough in so many ways. The high wind from the start meant that sea sickness took hold almost immediately. Due to the big waves, we got absolutely soaked which meant it wasn't long before we were struggling with cold too. We all ran out of dry clothes and were having to change back into wet clothes before each turn. The cloud cover was so thick that it was pitch black through the night. Twice we rowed in the wrong direction for 5 minutes before we worked out the right way!

Out of 13 boats that set out only 4 made it to the end so we were delighted to be one of them. We also won gold in the ladies category.

Despite how tough it was, it was an amazing experience that both Cliona and I feel privileged to have been a part of. The sense of team spirit and the tenacity of all involved, was incredible - truly special. The support boats were unbelievably supportive, never doubting that we could make it and sticking with us to the end. This loyalty was rewarded with our support boat - Pamela, crewed by Eamon and Alan Crosbie, being awarded the '*Spirit of The Challenge*' Cup. We were all incredibly grateful to them for their unerring support.

Cliona and I would like to say a huge thank you to St Michael's Rowing Club in Dun Laoghaire for allowing us onto the team and welcoming us wholeheartedly.

We were doing it in Aid of the RNLI and a huge thanks to everyone who sponsored us - we have raised nearly €2000 already. The justGiving page will remain open if anyone would like to make a donation -

*Jenny Dilley*



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**Thursday 1st 2pm:** There is a ‘*Guided tour of the Yeats Exhibition*’ in the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Admission free – no booking required.

**Thursday 8th 2pm:** There is a ‘*Guided tour of the World War One: Exploring the Irish Experience exhibition*’ in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. Admission free.

**Saturday 10th 3pm:** There is a ‘*Turas Puiblí: Stair agus Oidhreacht na Leabharlainne Náisiúnta / The National Library’s History & Heritage: an Irish language guided tour*’ in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. Admission free.

**Monday 12th 2pm:** There is a 90-minute ‘*Research Workshop: Using the National Library*’ in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. Admission free but booking required – call 01-6030 346 or email: [learning@nli.ie](mailto:learning@nli.ie).

**At 8.15 p.m.** James Scannell will present his lecture ‘*Captain Hermann Görtz, a German Spy in Ireland during the Second World War*’ to the Clontarf Historical Society in the Resource Centre, St. John the Baptist Church, Clontarf Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3. All welcome – admission €5.

**Tuesday 13th 7pm:** Bernard O’ Donoghue will present ‘*The Joseph Hassett Yeats Lecture: Yeats the political mystic*’ in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. Admission free.

**At 7pm** Séan Bagnall will present his lecture ‘*Dublin Housing in the 1800s*’ to the Tallaght Historical Society in The County Library, The Square, Tallaght. All welcome – admission free.

**At 8 p.m.** Ms. Mary Belgan will present her lecture ‘*How Online Sources Helped Put Flesh on the Bones of the Belgan Family Tree*’ to the Genealogical Soc. of Ireland in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome.

**Friday 16th 1pm:** Professor John McCourt will present a ‘*Bloomsday lecture and concert: Joyce at the Opera*’ in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. Admission free.

**Saturday 17th 2.30pm:** Ms. Rachel Abraham will present her lecture ‘*Edward Roe: A Westmeath Old Contemptible*’ 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.

**Tuesday 20th 1 pm:** Ms. Katherine McSharry & Ms. Geraldine Higgins will present their lecture ‘*From Yeats to Heaney: 140 years of Literature at the National Library of Ireland*’ in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. Admission free.

**2 pm** there is a ‘*Guided tour of the Yeats & the Irish Cultural Revival exhibition*’ in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. Admission free.

**Tuesday 27th at 2pm:** Dr. Emmanuel Destenay will present his lecture ‘*The Conscription Crisis, 1917-1918: anatomy of a psychological partition*’ in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. Admission free.

**6.30pm** the Dalkey Library Local History Group meets in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. All welcome new members especially welcome.

**8 p.m.** Neal Doherty will present his lecture ‘*Dublin’s statues and sculptures*’ to the Howth Peninsula Heritage Society in the Howth Angling Centre, West Pier, Howth. All welcome – admission €5.

**Thursday 29th 1pm:** Richard Overden will present his lecture ‘*Curating Culture: Research libraries in a digital age*’ in the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Admission free.

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## Remembering the Past – The Emergency Over Irish Skies

'Ireland's Military Story' is a quarterly Irish military history magazine and in the Spring issue now on sale, AP (Tony) Kearns in the second part of his article 'Emergency Over Irish Skies Part 2 – Air Defence Command' reveals that in September 1939 a sound locator position was based in Dalkey and that by June 1941 searchlights were based at Dalkey and Sandycove. Also based at Dalkey was a Marine & Coastwatch Service Look Out Post.

### A BOOK TO READ

#### ***'Edward Lee – Model Employer and Man of Moral Courage'***

by Michael Lee,

Published by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Some readers may remember the chain of drapery and household furnishing shops operated by Edward Lee and & Co which had shops in Dublin, Rathmines, Dún Laoghaire, and Bray, and one of the many famous trade names that has vanished in recent decades.

This book recalls Edward Lee who opened his first drapery shop in Bray, Co. Wicklow, in 1885 but unlike many employers at that time he had a strong social conscience and a very caring approach towards his employees and was responsible for creating the ½ day mid week closing. As a member of the Housing Committee of the Bray Urban District Council, Edward Lee oversaw the erection of municipal housing in Bray in 1905, served a period as chairman of that body, and later sat as a member on Blackrock Urban District Council. He also had a strong social conscience and during the 1913 Lock out profoundly disagreed with the tactics to break the strike used by William Martin Murphy and other employers against the strikers and was a man of moral courage.

With loads of excellent illustrations, this excellent concise and fascinating biography of Edward Lee, written by a great-grandson, also contains a reproduction of his account of a visit to Canada and the United States of America in 1904. What emerges from this biography is a fascinating picture of this remarkable individual and his family and the many challenges they had to face and overcome in the early 20th century.

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***James Scannell***





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### Cape Clear Island, 1964

It was 1964 when 3 friends, Annemarie, Vera, Els and myself decided to spend our summer holidays in Ireland. I had heard a lot about Ireland from the Irish cook, Lucy, when I worked in an Adult Education Centre in England. Lucy and her husband Bertie were saving to go back to Ireland and open up a pub. She told me endless stories in between cooking, cleaning and cups of tea. She also told me not to trust what the English were saying about the

Irish. So it became my dream to spend a holiday in Ireland with my friends. The best thing I imagined was going around in a horse drawn caravan. Lucy didn't think it would be a problem at all not knowing anything about horses. In fact I don't think I ever was close enough to a horse to touch it. Apparently the horse knows where to go and when you arrive at the farm the farmer looks after it, so I passed this on to my friends. After our holiday jobs at home we had earned just about enough to make it all happen, but the week before it Els broke her leg. It was too late to find a third person to join us to cover the expense of the caravan, but if we hitchhiked and stayed in youth hostels we could still go to Ireland. So after two train and two boat journeys we arrived all excited in Dublin. Although none of us ever hitchhiked before, we had heard that it would be quite a normal thing to do in Ireland. We made our way to a main road heading for Wicklow. After a while a lorry stopped and before we knew it the driver threw our rucksacks on to the lorry and told us to climb up. To our great horror we noticed that there were no sides to the back of the lorry, only in the front. Your man had no patience at all and nearly drove off with our bags. We clambered as quickly as possible on while holding on to the wooden side in front, while clutching our feet around our bags. While the road became narrower and windier your man started to drive faster. A terror took hold of us, we roared, shouted, banged on his window for him to stop and all he did was show us his stupid toothless smile. He was obviously enjoying himself intensely. We also had to hold on to Vera, who recently had had a wrist operation.

Luckily, this introduction didn't repeat itself. We had lovely experiences with follow-up drivers. Some brought us the whole way to the doors of the hostels; some gave us the local history of the area or insisted on bringing us to their house for a cup of tea.

We travelled southwards along the coast. We couldn't get over the beauty of the landscape, the mountains, the cliffs, and the wild flowers, some of them you could only buy in flower shops at home.

We also loved the youth hostels. They were just unmanned cottages, not like at home with an adult couple in charge and with male and female dormitories with rules and regulations, such as cleaning duties in the morning, fixed bed time hours, etc. Here it was all free and easy and the spots they were in were the best, right in the middle of beautiful nature. It did mean at times we had to walk miles and miles before we found them.

Used to the size of the Netherlands we thought we could do the whole coastline of Ireland. As we had three weeks in total. It was when we got a lift on our way to Baltimore that the kind driver, after listening to our many adventures, suggested a boat trip to Cape Clear Island and that he would be delighted to bring us to the boat. We thought it be a good idea, in fact it was the best idea. We never thought more about the rest of the country. We found

heaven on earth. The crossing was lovely, weather perfect, passing rocks and islands in the middle of a glistering sea. Cape Clear in the distance looked inviting, mountainous and green and a big enough harbour. When we arrived with the fully laden boat, people along the key were collecting their messages and bringing goods on board. It was a hive of activity, greetings, laughing, shouting. We couldn't follow what they were all saying but it looked very animated. They were happy the boat had arrived, they were probably short of something. Imagine to have to depend on the boat for your groceries. They all seem to know each other, everybody getting off the boat seemed to get a great welcome. To our biggest surprise was the postman who arrived on his donkey to collect and deliver the post. Well, did you ever see anything more idyllic before? The postman coming to the boat with his donkey!

You would know coming off the boat that you were on an island. There is a peace on an island you never find on the mainland. I don't think that there were any cars there at the time. Walking the road to the hostel was like walking on air. Being surrounded by the sea with only nature sounds, smells and colours. The hostel, a cottage on the side of the road overlooked the sea. A fellow seemed to be in charge here. He told us that we could stay for 3 nights, after that we had to go in order to make room for other travellers. That seemed fair enough to us, but we didn't want to leave when the time was up. It was too good. The crowd staying there, mostly Dubliners, were fun. We went on hikes, swam, had campfires and singsongs accompanied by a guitar. The morning we were supposed to leave we woke up to loud shouting and roaring. When we looked out of the window we saw some of the fellows, still in pyjamas, running over the low wall in front of the hostel heaving and dipping their buckets into the water. Inquisitive we ran out ourselves to see what was going on. At first it seemed as if some almighty mermaid was pulling her very long black hair through the water, until we realised that they were mackerel in a huge shoal nibbling something from the surface of the water. Buckets full of mackerel were gathered, ready for the barbecue that night. When we told the hostel warden about our problem of not wanting to leave he suggested a stay in the pub down the road. The B&B there was within our budget, we got a room with a double and two single beds. Because I was the tallest of the three I got the big bed. We realised looking at the candle that there was no electricity, a big bowl we concluded must be there to wash ourselves in, as we couldn't find a tap of any description around. The chamber pot gave us the giggles.

We were happy with our newfound accommodation and went back to the hostel for the barbecue. We had a terrific night. At about two in the morning we made our way back to the pub. There wasn't a light anywhere, we never saw such darkness before. We shuffled along the path, hoping to find our way. We were delighted to find the place but horrified that the door was closed. The only solution was to shuffle back to the hostel and ask for help. One of the fellows was very sympathetic and on finding out from us that we had left the window of our bedroom open, he got a ladder that he said would do the trick. At the building, making sure that we had the right room, he climbed through the window and opened the door for us then. In the pitch black just when we stumbled the last part of the stairs we got an awful fright when the landlady let out a roar. Like three teenagers we run into our room, locked the door and jumped into our beds. The fright we got was nothing to the fright I got as I landed on a body! I gave a howl, which surprised my friends, not knowing what was happening, and told me to stay quiet as they gathered that the woman outside the room was mad enough. When I told my friends about the body in the bed, we

got into hysterics. The fact that this person hadn't woken up with my weight landing on her/him, was disconcerting. Was it a dead body?

The woman started to knock at the door and shouted words we didn't understand. She finally gave up. I tried to find the candle in order to throw some light on the matter, but to no avail. Unused to the room I bumped into things around me. I wondered what to do. I couldn't just sit on the floor. The instructions from my friends, given from their safe beds, were no help. If I only could bring the body to life. I started to talk to it and gave it little pushes, then bigger pushes. Nothing worked but it was breathing. Exhausted I decided that whoever was lying in the bed would not attack me and I had my friends there to protect me. I now gave it a good push and slipped in beside it. Looking back while writing this, I wonder what on earth made me decide in the end to roll the body over and fall asleep. The next morning I woke up while a woman in a huge flannel nightie stepped over me without any word and disappeared. We were not welcomed for our breakfast. We were told several times. – You

are bad girls! Bad girls! We were quite indignant ourselves. – Did she not realise that we weren't home? Why didn't she leave the door open? And why would she put another woman in our room that we had rented.

Back we went to the hostel where they took pity on us and we were given blankets to wrap ourselves in at night while sleeping on the landing, which was a mixed blessing as we were eaten alive by fleas, so we conquered that by buying D.D.T. and liberally spreading it all over us. We probably still carry this Cape Clear experience with us in our blood.

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## BUSSELTON JETTY - WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Most people have heard of the Great Barrier Reef in N.E Australia and many visitors to Australia have probably visited the reef or snorkelled off it, including myself, but I imagine few know of the new “mini” reef which is forming off the S. West coast of Western Australia.

Lately during a trip to Australia we flew from the East coast, with our daughter and son-in-law, to do some exploring by jeep in Western Australia. Having visited the lovely Rottness Island, with its unique quokka animals, off the coast of Fremantle/Perth, and spent some time in these cities we headed south towards Cape Naturaliste. Here we decided to stop at Busselton, which has a long wooden jetty extending nearly 2 miles out into the ocean –the longest jetty in Australia and one of the longest in the world.



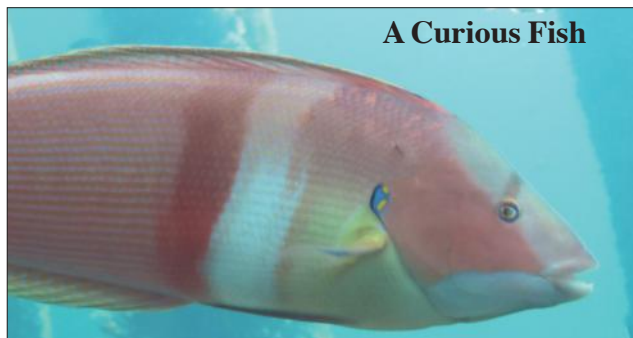
**Busselton Jetty**

We took the quirky train which runs along its length and at the end of which there is a viewing tank or observatory. This tank descends into the depths in three stages, stopping at each stage. Firstly, you are directly under the pier, then half-way down and finally you reach the ocean floor. As you descend colour and light take over. You are told that the wooden piles of the pier have caused a type of soft coloured coral to develop, unlike that of the Barrier Reef which is hard coral.

This has now become the habitat also of many species of fish and other water creatures, which find protection here from predators. The reef is continuing to develop and new species are appearing all the time. Several fish came to gaze, with curiosity, at us in our prison tank. The zoo in reverse!

The pier was initially built in the 19th century as a smaller version, mainly for timber exports, and was added to over the years. It was closed to shipping in 1972 and partially

destroyed by a cyclone in 1978. The present one is a replacement. In fact when the original structure was destroyed the “Powers that Be” decreed that a sum of money be set aside for its complete removal! Such was the uproar that ensued at this prospect, that the council had to give in and



**A Curious Fish**



*Left:  
White Coral*



*Right:  
Pink Coral*

*Photos  
John Roche*

the money was used for the restoration-the local community also raised a large sum for this purpose.

***John Roche, Dalkey***



## ALBERT LADIES HOCKEY GROUP



Albert Ladies Hockey group has played its penultimate match of the present season. It was our Memorial Match to remember all our players since the group was founded by Helen Wheeler in the 1970s.

This year the collection was for local Martin family, to contribute to a fund for their two small sons, victims of a rare condition. We were more than happy to support 'local' in a very worthy cause. The amount raised was €975. Additional donations were received, via Gaye Greene from Dún Laoghaire Bowling Club and St. Paul's Badminton Club.

We count ourselves to be "sparkling" (we don't say "still") to be playing after all these years, at our long time venue at Castle Park School, who have kindly accommodated us for



so many decades. Our St. Stephen's Day Mothers and Daughters Match at L.A.D. raised funds for the RNLI and we are also grateful to the Principal, Robert Dunne.

***Stephanie Batt,  
Dalkey***

*Albert Hockey Team*



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### From the Rector

The Fête is over ... what can I say? THANK YOU! What a fantastic day in the life of the parish and wider community. Thank you to those who helped in preparations, set-up, gathering, baking, making, growing, chopping, buying, selling, cleaning, tidying - the list goes on and on! A huge thanks is due to the organising committee



*Happy faces at the Fête*

and especially to Paul O'Brien who co-ordinated the day with efficiency and good humour.

### Church of Ireland Communications Competition 2017 – Holy Trinity

([www.htkilliney.dublin.anglican.org](http://www.htkilliney.dublin.anglican.org)) was delighted to win 1st place in the Parish Website category of the Central Communications Board's 2017 Communications Competition. The prize was awarded to the parish at this year's General Synod in Limerick.

**Pentecost Service – Sunday 4th June** – On the feast of Pentecost, we are planning to join the clergy & parishioners of St Matthias', Ballybrack, for a festive Holy Communion in the Old Church of Killiney on Marino Ave. The service begins at 10.30am. All welcome.

**Patronal Festival – Sunday 11th June** – The Annual Patronal Festival a special Parish Communion will take place in Holy Trinity on Trinity Sunday at 10.45am. Preacher: The Archbishop of Armagh. A special lunch is available afterwards in the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire (subject to numbers). Cost €30 pp. (Please book places with a Churchwarden or the Rector)

**Sheep Thrills** - Made in Ireland – The group meets every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre. Anyone interested please contact Joan @ 0872460078. Admission €3-€5.

**Table Tennis** – The finals took place on 10th May. Well done to all who competed and congratulations to the winners: The A.G.M. will be on Friday 9th June. For more information contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

**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.



*Photos: Table Tennis Winners*



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**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.

**The Carry Centre** – The finishing touches to the car park were completed in early April – many thanks to all those involved in the works. A full programme of activities and events is now available – please visit [www.carrycentre.ie](http://www.carrycentre.ie) for more information.

**Finally...**

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are sitting exams.*



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**U3A (University of the Third Age)** Dun Laoghaire Dalkey Killiney. U3A meets every second Tues. at 10:30am in The Pastoral Centre, St. Joseph's Church, Glasthule.

Email: [dldk.u3a@gmail.com](mailto:dldk.u3a@gmail.com)

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

### **Dalkey “Cut My Bills” Community Project.**

Free to use community help program to allow all access to the lowest pricing for utility bills.

Private one-to-one sessions.

Venue: Dalkey Library

Mon. 11am -12:30pm.

Phone: 0892475685 or

[www.facebook.com/  
groups/dalkeycmb](http://www.facebook.com/groups/dalkeycmb)

### **Dalkey Ukulele Klub -**

Tuesdays 8pm to 10pm,  
Upstairs at The Club. Free  
Ukulele Jamming Session,  
all are very welcome. Call  
Debbie 087-2350726 for  
more information.

### **Nature Notes May 2017**

#### **Sun. 11 June:**

A walk by Shanganagh  
cliffs to watch Sand  
Martins.

Meet at Shankill DART  
Station at 10.30am.

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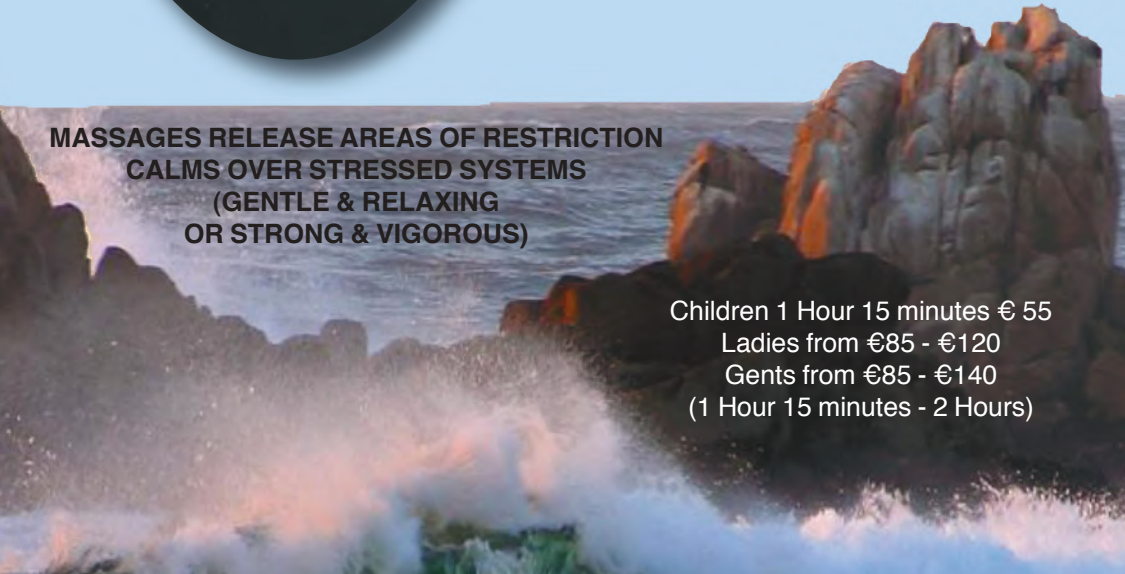
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DCC Monthly Meeting in OLH at 7:30pm	Tues 13 June
Dalkey Book Festival ( <a href="http://www.dalkeybookfestival.org">www.dalkeybookfestival.org</a> )	Thurs.15 – Sun.18 June
Father's Day	Sun. 18 June
DCC Garden Competition closing date for entries	Fri. 23 June
Sorting of July Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs. 29 June
DCC Garden Competition	Thurs. 6 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.** Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334

**Dalkey Players:** Rehearsals every Tues. in **Harold Boys School** from 7.30-10.30pm Tues. & Thurs. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or [www.dalkeyplayers.ie](http://www.dalkeyplayers.ie) check for details. New members welcome.

**St. Patrick's Dramatic Soc.:** Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Road 8pm-10.30pm Mon. & Thurs. or check [www.stpatsdramsoc.com](http://www.stpatsdramsoc.com) for further info. New members welcome.

**The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society** meets monthly in Dalkey.

If interested please call 086-8391839 - **NO Texts Please**

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

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

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

**Parkrun - Every Saturday at 9.30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Park**

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

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

*IrishTV (based in County Mayo, and broadcasting all types of regional TV programmes) was until recently available free on satellite. Unfortunately the channel went into liquidation and on the 8th of March, without warning the channel went off the air (a total of 150 jobs across Ireland, the UK and USA were lost).*

*I enjoyed watching the channel now and again, and to my surprise you can still use their website [www.irishtv.ie](http://www.irishtv.ie) and watch various programmes that were broadcast over the last 3 years, however I can't imagine their website will be live for much longer, given all that's happened.*

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