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March: *Originally first month of the Roman calendar. Named for Mars the Roman god of war, crops and vegetation.*

Flower: Daffodil

Happy Mother's Day 10th March

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Happy St. Patrick's Day - 17th March



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SUMMARY OF DCC FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING



The February Meeting met on the 4th February in OLH. The members stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the late Dominic Dowling who was a former secretary of the Council and who up to his untimely death represented the Heritage Centre on DCC.

TT: DTT are working on the many projects for the spring/summer season. It is hoped that the two men from the Southside Partnership will continue to work with DTT. Once again the persistent problem of dog poo is still ongoing. It is important that dog owners act responsibly and look after their dogs.

NW: Garda Marie or Cathy are available to assist anyone who requires information or help with the procedure re the pendant alarms for the elderly. Graffiti should be reported to the Gardai or DLR - 1800 403 503. Suspicious activity or incidents of crime should be reported to 666 5000.

AOB: Oliver McCabe informed members of the plight of Grainne Neligan of New to You and the plans DBG are putting in place to help her return home and back to business. See DBG article on page 9 inside this issue. DCC will be contacting DLR about the increased number of potholes and badly damaged road surfaces throughout the area.

The next meeting is Monday 4th March 2013.



MARITIME DALKEY

by Jehan Ashmore



Our Series, in memory of the late Dr. John de Courcy Ireland, Maritime Historian and Dalkey Resident, continues.



Barge 'Pluto' in Dalkey Sound, with Maiden Rock in the background

Providence Resources has surrendered its foreshore licence to the Department of the Environment to explore for oil and gas in Dublin Bay.

Marine Environment: So, the 'Dalkey Island Oil Prospect' saga has taken a new twist as we go to press. Meanwhile in January, a public notice from the Department of the Environment was published in national newspapers, regarding 'A New Planning and Consent Architecture for Development in the Marine Area (a consultation paper).

In essence, it is to provide a 'consent system' to balance sustainable development while protecting the environment, coupled by reforming the existing foreshore license for 'certain projects' and management of developments. As part of the Programme for Government (PfG) it is intended that key elements of the marine sector would be advanced through legislation in the form of a Foreshore and Marine Area Development Bill.

The public were invited to make submissions to the 'Marine Area' with a deadline of 1 March, see dept.'s website: www.environ.ie/en/Foreshore/PublicConsultations/ – Despite this month's deadline, further information about the 'diversity of stakeholders' projects not just in Dublin Bay, but around our coast, can be found from: www.ouroceanwealth.ie and issues involved: www.coastalconcern.ie

Dublin Bay Sewage Project: The response of the Dalkey Community to this project when compared to the ‘Dalkey Oil Prospect’ could not have been so stark (*issue: August 2012*). In this case Dublin City Council (DCC) held poorly attended information meetings in the Heritage Centre, with detailed display plans of the proposed 9kms sewage pipeline from Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant to an outfall off the Burford Bank (edge of the bay). DCC claim treated effluent (including residual pollution) would be ‘localised’ and kept away from Special Protection Areas (SPA) including Dalkey Island. In February, the High Court granted an application by DCC to fast-track a challenge by Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association who are opposed to the works, claiming the pipeline would directly affect a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

Concerns for diver visibility and by fishermen were also raised, as it is claimed the dumping of 824,000 tonnes of crushed limestone at Burford Bank, generated from tunnelling under the seabed pipeline, would impact the environment.

DCC cited previous dumping of the same material at the same site posed no threats and that divers don’t use these waters. If the project proceeds, barges will extract spoil from seabed boring machines by disposing up to two loads daily over three years starting in 2014.

Shanganagh Wastewater Project: Likewise, barges such as the Dutch flagged Pluto, during the early 1980’s made regular transits along with tugs through Dalkey Sound from Dun Laoghaire Harbour, to construct a sewage outfall pipeline for the Shanganagh Wastewater Treatment Works Plant.

As for the present, on 31 January, Environment Minister Phil Hogan officially opened the upgraded plant near Shankill, linked to Bray by a new 6kms underground land-pipeline. For the first time, full secondary treatment will greatly improve water quality, ending untreated discharge in the bay.

The plant close to Shanganagh Cliffs has a white ‘dome’, easily spotted on a sunny day from the Vico road. While offshore yellow buoys mark the end of the outfall pipeline, these are not to be confused with the beach byelaws buoys off Whiterock Beach (*Newsletter Issue: February 2012*).

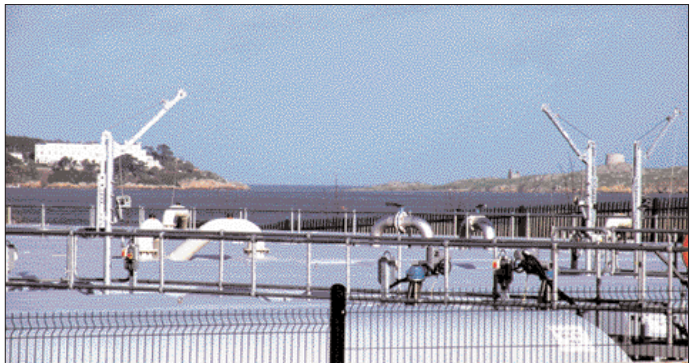
Gone are the days when more heavily polluted effluent was shipped by the sludge ship, *Sir Joseph Bazalgette*, from Ringsend to spoiling grounds off Kish Bank, from where on occasion this vessel returned to Dublin Port making a ‘scenic detour’ via Dalkey Sound, (*See Newsletter Issue: Dec/Jan.2011/2012*).

Go Sailing!: With cleaner seas for life above and below water, we can enjoy our beautiful coastline, as GoSailing’s Dun Laoghaire marina excursion yacht Explorer resumes activity around St. Patrick’s Weekend.

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Right:
*Not an oil rig . . .
but a close-up view
of wastewater plant*

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March is the month our first early avian migrants start to arrive with sightings of Wheatears and Sand Martins almost guaranteed in the first couple of weeks. Favourable southerly winds can help the birds move north quickly while strong northerly winds will delay their arrival. Our resident birds will be nesting soon as well so please be careful if cutting hedges, bushes or ivy.

On a dull, cool morning our ninety minute meander around the hills produced no interesting wildlife apart from a solitary raven croaking its way across the sky. Not a squirrel to be seen, it was probably the strong wind that kept them curled up in their nest boxes. They weren't going to be jumping from tree to tree if the branches were swaying around. Before the reintroduced squirrels were retrapped to have their radio collars removed a few had already lost theirs. A nuisance for the researchers who weren't then able to trace their whereabouts by the radio signals. They deduced later what might have caused the loss of the collars. Some of the reintroduced reds were actually sharing nestboxes at night and they think they may well have chewed through each others collars for reasons best known themselves.

Anyhow the lack of wildlife on our walk was made up for in the garden when we got back home. A Song Thrush, an uncommon visitor to our garden hopped across the lawn head tilted sideways as he scanned the grass for worms which would have crept nearer the surface to escape the sodden earth. A male Blackcap perched on top of a leycesteria from where he was plucking out berries. Incidentally blackcaps are very partial to eating slices of apples but I found recently when they have the option of a slice of pear they far prefer that to the apple.

Later I was lucky enough to be looking out the kitchen window when a flock of about thirty birds flew into the garden. I hurried out and was able to hear them calling, a high pitched 'tseep' sound more usually heard overhead on misty nights. It was a little flock of Redwings, possibly recently arrived on our shores fleeing the arctic weather that was then gripping the UK. Unfortunately they weren't familiar with the leycesteria and its berries that the blackcap had been eating and, presumably without enough food in our garden to interest them, they took off again.



Great Spotted Woodpecker – photo: M.Ryan

As the light faded a fox was barking from a neighbours garden. The fox's bark is a lot sharper than a dog's, the sound almost hanging in the air and this sound drew nearer, the fox barking as it moved. I thought he'd eventually reach our garden and then, sooner than expected, his head appeared from under a conifer, he checked all was clear then trotted across the lawn, still barking, into the dusk.

But the following Saturday the wildlife count on the hills was back up as on our walk around the hill we had a pair of Jays and a Red Squirrel and the following

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day, Sunday, we got our best views yet of the Great Spotted Woodpecker that has been frequenting Killiney and Roche's Hill since last autumn, perched on a tree pecking for insects or grubs.

I mentioned I-Webs before, the monthly winter counts of wading birds and wildfowl that takes place once a month from September to March all around the country. Our counting area includes Booterstown Marsh. We've been doing the counts over twelve years and it's heartening to see the continuing improvement of the marsh as a feeding and roosting area. When the tide is in hundreds and sometimes thousands of birds will rest on the three small mounds of raised land, the larger two artificially created especially for their benefit.

I always look forward to training the telescope on to the reeds in the north east corner and possibly picking out a snipe or two sitting almost motionless in the morning light. They have a gentle, elegant appearance with big soft eyes at the base of a long bill. Sadly their zig-zagging flight when alarmed has made them a favourite target for wildfowlers and the shooting of these harmless creatures has brought the term sniper into the language.

Our February count had an early start but at least the weather forecast was promising long dry spells. When we all met at our starting point we all commented on the irony of this as we stood in the driving rain which proceeded to get worse as the morning went on.

Anyhow we got the count on the strand done and went up the railway bridge to get a good view into the marsh, getting some shelter from the drizzle that was fogging up our 'scope lens. A quick look at the corner revealed a few snipe sitting in the open, well out from the reeds. Then scanning across the reeds revealed the biggest group of snipe I'd ever seen together, almost thirty of them. Other little groups became visible grouped around the edge of the reed. As we counted a total of 62 and there's every chance there were more hidden in the grasses. We'd had up to twenty of them in the marsh before on counts but this was far more snipe than I'd ever seen and I'm sure a record for the marsh. Snipe feed by pushing their long bill into soft mud so if the ground is frozen they're in trouble. Maybe the cold weather had brought birds from inland or from Britain but whatever reason brought them I was



Killiney Jay — photo: Lucy Desidero

delighted to see them. Between a busy main road and a busy railway line within a few miles of a city centre it's a real privilege to see these birds that are more usually associated with remote wetlands and bogs. When they move to their breeding territory the male bird will do a display which includes a diving flight that produces a strange sound often compared to the bleating of a goat. The noise is made by two small feathers which protrude stiffly out of the wing creating a vibration as the wind rushes past and making the noise that had previously given them the evocative names of Bog Bleater and She-goat of the Air.

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GET GRÁINNE HOME



In just seven minutes Gráinne Neligan's home, livelihood (New to You), on Convent Road, and all of her worldly possessions were destroyed. Gráinne was not insured. This traumatic event has resulted in Gráinne's hospitalisation. Gráinne is a grandmother, in poor health; and cannot face this alone. When Gráinne is well enough to leave hospital she will be homeless.



The fire at Convent Road, Dalkey

The response of our community so far has been wonderful. It will,

however, take time, money, and resources, which Gráinne does not have.

If you feel you can help in any way at all please get in touch with Get Gráinne Home, or you can simply donate money over the counter at AIB DALKEY. All work so far has been carried out by volunteers. Please keep an eye out for any GGH fundraising events in the area. Please support. Please contact by email: getgrainnehome@gmail.com or call Laura on 086 1547671

THANKS FROM DBG – ‘Get Gráinne Home’ Update

DBG would like to thank the following local businesses for their overwhelming support and raffle prizes for the fundraising events for Get Gráinne Home including the Larry Hogan and Friends gig which was on Feb 17th The Club Dalkey and the March 1st Table Quiz McDonaghs Dalkey.

The Club Dalkey, McDonaghs, The Corner Note Cafe, Select Stores Dalkey, John Tobin, Axis Ltd (Tramyard), Dalkey News (The Red Shop), Dalkey Business Centre, Eurospar Dalkey, Country Bake, AIB Dalkey, Maxwells Chemist, Kerin's Pharmacy, Dalkey Pharmacy, Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Head Hair Salon, Ragazzi's Restaurant, Ouzos Restaurant, Roberts of Dalkey, Handworks, Dalkey Flowers, Unique Flowers, Borza Dalkey, The Jelly Bean Factory, Thai House Restaurant, John Fahy (Dalkey Photos), Kathmandu Restaurant, On the Grapevine, Angel Park Eatery Dublin and The Pet Stop.

Thank You.



Oliver McCabe DBG



THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT ST. PATRICK'S



*Canon
Ben
Neill*

Dalkey community are most grateful to Canon Ben Neill for his 15 years of dedicated service and in particular his commitment to ecumenism between both parishes in the area. We wish Ben and his wife Kay a long, healthy and happy retirement in their new home in Killiney. We are delighted they have chosen to live in the locality.

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the new rector, Reverend Bruce Hayes, together with his wife Samantha and their three boys. The institution service will take place in St. Patrick's Church on Friday, 12th April at 8pm followed by a reception in the adjacent Northover Hall.



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EUROSPAR
*Left: The new look . . .
Above: The old*

The new fascia on the front of EUROSPAR is receiving widespread acclaim from the many shoppers to Castle Street. Thanks are due to EUROSPAR for agreeing to change their shop fascia, following discussions with Dalkey Tidy Towns committee. The new fascia, while retaining their corporate livery, is more in keeping with the overall streetscape and, importantly, with Dalkey's status as a Heritage Town. Shoppers are also delighted that the famous clock over EUROSPAR is now back in full working order and, hopefully, will become an iconic feature of Castle Street. Perhaps shoppers and visitors might in time say

‘SEE YOU UNDER THE CLOCK AT EUROSPAR!’

If you fancy a stroll down memory lane, look inside the revamped EUROSPAR and see some nostalgic photographs of Castle Street in days gone by.

Dalkey Tidy Towns committee are currently reviewing a number of aspects of Castle Street and hope, with the support of retailers and landlords alike, to be able to report further improvements to the appearance of the street in the near future.

Graffiti is always on our attack hit list and we would urge readers to photograph any new graffiti they spot around the town and send it to the Gardai in Dun Laoghaire.

The Gardai can identify the vandals from the style of the defacement and it can be used to bring the culprits to task. Recently one such culprit was fined 33,000 euro for damage caused. Parents should note that they are liable if their children are at fault.

All the volunteers who were galvanised by last months appeal are very welcome to join in the litter patrols on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Saturday of the month outside Select Stores at 10.30 a.m. or on the 2nd Thursday at Dillons Park at 10.30 a.m..or organise your own group or project. Please contact us at tidy@dalkeytidytowns.com if you need assistance, or to let us know how you can help.

Blaithin O'Brien

CHARLES ALIAGA KELLY R.I.P.

We note the passing on 2nd February 2013 in New Zealand of Charles Aliaga Kelly, formerly of Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Charles was for many years Editor of the Dalkey Community Council's Newsletter. He was aged 94 and we extend our sympathy to his beloved wife, Caroline (née Cavendish) and his son William.

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COLIEMORE HARBOUR UPDATE



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

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

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

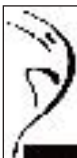
In accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the 2001-2012 Planning and Development Regulations, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council proposed in December the upgrade to the existing Slipway at Dalkey Island to include: raising the existing slipway to create a stepped top surface, widening of the existing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

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

*Caitriona Fogarty, Dalkey Business Group; Oliver McCabe, Dalkey Business Group; Susan McDonnell, Dalkey Community Council; Bláithín O'Brien, Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee; David Cunningham; Mike Kavanagh; Flor O'Mahony.
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From The Illustrated Dublin Journal, Volume 1, Number 30, March 29, 1862

THE little rocky island of Dalkey forms the southeastern extremity of the Bay of Dublin, as the bold and nearly insulated promontory of Howth forms its north-eastern termination. It is separated from the mainland of the parish from which it takes, or to which, perhaps, it gives its name, by a channel called Dalkey Sound, which is about nine hundred yards long, three hundred and eight yards wide at its south entrance, and two hundred and nine yards wide at its north entrance; the soundings in mid-channel varying from ten to five fathoms. This channel was anciently considered a tolerably safe and convenient harbour, and was the principal anchorage for ships frequenting the little castellated seaport town of Dalkey from which merchandise was transferred to Dublin, as well by boats as by cars. Hence also, the harbour of Dalkey was frequently used in former times on state occasions for the embarkation or landing of the Irish Viceroys and other state officers. The Lord Deputy, Philip de Courtney, landed here in 1386, and Sir John Stanley, the deputy of the Marquis of Dublin in the following year. In 1414, Sir John Talbot, then Lord Furnival, and afterwards the renowned Earl of Shrewsbury, landed here as Viceroy of Ireland; and in 1488, Sir Richard Edgecombe embarked at this harbour for England, after having taken the homage and oaths of fidelity of the nobility who had espoused the cause of Lambert Simnel. Here also landed Sir Edward Bellingham, Lord Lieutenant, in 1548, and Sir Anthony St. Leger, in 1553; and it was from this harbour that the Earl of Sussex, in 1558, embarked a large body of forces to oppose the Scottish invaders at the isle of Rathlin; and lastly, again, it was here that the unfortunate Sir John Perrot landed as Viceroy, in 1584. The conversion of this sound into an asylum harbour was at one time contemplated by government, and a plan for the purpose was proposed by the Committee of Inland Navigation; but from certain objections which were made to it, the project was abandoned. The situation would certainly have been a more imposing and magnificent one than that ultimately chosen.

The Island of Dalkey is of a nearly oval form, having a very irregular surface, in part rocky, and in part consisting of a fertile salt marsh, very valuable for the cure of sick cattle, who by feeding on it quickly recover and fatten. It is five hundred and twenty-eight yards long from north to south, and three hundred and eight yards wide from east to west, and comprises about twenty-nine acres of pasture. Its shore is rocky, and in some parts precipitous, and it commands the most beautiful views of the bays of Dublin and Killiney. Among several springs of fresh water on it, one on its south-west side has long been considered to possess sanative properties. On the same side there are the roofless walls of an ancient church dedicated to St. Benet, or Benedict, the patron of the parish; and at its south-eastern extremity there is a battery, and a Martello tower which differs from all the other structures of this class erected on the Irish coast, in having its entrance not at the side, but on its top. It is traditionally stated that during the remarkable plague which visited Dublin in 1575, many of the citizens fled to this island for safety.

Dalkey island has several smaller ones contiguous to it, one of which, Lamb Island, is covered with grass, while the others present a surface of bare granite. Of the latter islets one is called Clare Rock, and another the Maiden Rock, an appellation derived from a tradition said to be of twelve hundred years' antiquity, that twelve young maidens from Bullock and Dalkey having gone over to this rock to gather duilisk, they were overtaken by a sudden storm so violent as to prohibit assistance from the larger island, and all miserably perished. To the north of these islands is situated the group of rocks called the Muglins, extending one hundred and thirty-two yards in length, and seventy-one in width. On those rocks, in 1765,



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the pirates MacKinley and Gidley were banged in chains for the murder of Captain Glass. It does not, indeed, require a very great age for many Dublinians to remember when the country along the southern shore of our beautiful bay, from Dunleary to the land's-end on Dalkey Common, presented a nearly uniform character of wildness and solitude—heathy grounds, broken only by masses of granite rocks, and tufts of blossomy furze, without culture, and, except in the little walled villages of Bullock and Dalkey, almost uninhabited. The district known as the Commons of Dalkey, which extended from the village to the eastern extremity of the bay; the “Sound,” or channel lying on its north-east, and the rocky hill of Dalkey on its south—this in particular was a locality of singularly romantic beauty, a creation of nature in her most sportive mood, and wholly untouched, as it would appear, by the hand of man. Giant masses of granite rocks, sometimes forming detached groups, and at others arranged into semicircular and even circular ledges, gave the greatest variety and inequalities of surface, and formed numerous dells of the greenest sward, so singularly wild and secluded that the elves themselves might justly claim them as their own. To these natural features should be added those of the rocky iron-bound coast, with its little coves, commanding from its cliffs the most delightful views of Killiney Bay, the Sound, the Island of Dalkey, and the Bay of Dublin. These latter features still remain, and can never change; but of all the others which we have noticed, what is there left? Scarcely a vestige that would remind the spectator of what the locality had been. The rocks have been nearly all removed, or converted into building materials for an assemblage of houses of all kinds of fantastic construction, surrounded for the most part by high and unsightly stone walls; and, except in the views obtained from some spots in it, the picturesque beauty of Dalkey Common is gone for ever.

We must not forget that our subject requires of us a notice of festivities of a very different character, of which Dalkey was in former times the scene—when Dublin and its suburbs poured forth their crowds to enjoy the fun and drolleries of the crowning of Dalkey's insular king—when Dalkey, its Common, its Sound, and its Island, on a June day, annually for several years, presented a spectacle of life, gaiety, good-humour, and enjoyment, such perhaps as was rarely ever exhibited elsewhere. What a glorious day was this for the Dunleary, Bullock, and Dalkey boatmen! Generous fellows! they would take over his majesty's lieges to his empire for almost nothing—frequently for nothing; but, being determined enemies to absenteeism, they would not allow them to depart on the same terms, but would mulct those with taxes ad libitum who desired to abandon their country. And, again, what a glorious day was this for the jingle-drivers of the Blackrock, the noddry-drivers, and the drivers of all other sorts of hired carriages in Dublin. Has it never occurred to the Railroad people to revive these forgotten frolics? What a harvest they might reap! But what do we say? The thing is impossible. The mirthful temperament, the thoughtless gaiety, the wit and humour that characterised the citizens in those days, are gone for ever. The Dublinians have become a grave, thoughtful, and serious people—we had almost said, a dull one. Their faces no longer wear a cheerful and happy look; the very youths of our metropolis seem to be ignorant of what merriment is, or at best to suppose that it consists in puffing tobacco smoke!

Ah! very different were the notions of their predecessors, the nobility and gentry of his Majesty the King of Dalkey! Smoking would not at all have suited their mercurial temperament: it would have been the last thing that they would have thought of to have had their tongues tied and their mouths contorted into ugliness in the ridiculously serious effort to hold a cigar between the lips, and look absurdly important! These fellows thought that mouths were given for a very different purpose—to sing the manly song, to throw forth, not



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clouds of tobacco smoke, but flashes of wit and humour; and we are inclined to think they were right.


The day selected for the festivities was a Sunday in the end of August or beginning of September; the landing of his Majesty and nobles from the royal barge under a salute of twenty-one guns, the band playing “God save the King,” and the assembled multitude rending the air with their acclamations! Then the ceremony of his coronation, and afterwards his journey through his dominions, attended by his nobles! At an early hour the monarch and his court proceeded in ludicrously solemn procession from the palace to the church – at the present day a roofless ruin – in which the ceremony was performed with a mock gravity which was, however thoughtlessly profane, still irresistibly humorous. The nobles, with painted faces and a profuse display of stars and ribbons, had their titles and appropriate badges of office. There was the grand chamberlain, with his bunch of old rusty keys – the archbishop with his paper mitre and his natural beard of a month’s growth! The very titles of these great personages were conferred in a spirit of drollery, and made characteristic of the peculiarities of the individuals who bore them. Thus there was a Lord of Ireland’s Ey’ – a grave-looking gentleman who had lost one of his visual organs; a Lord

Posey – a gentleman who was remarkable for his habit of carrying a bunch of flowers at his breast; and so on.


All the nobility were wits, orators, and generally first-rate vocalists, and the royal visitors were similarly gifted. Charles Incledon, the prince of ballad-singers of his tune, here sang his “Black-eyed Susan” and other charming ditties, and John Philpot Curran, the greatest wit of the world, set the table in a roar with his meteor flashes. But the prime spirits of the court were his Majesty himself, Stephen Armitage, his Lord High Admiral Luke Cassidy, and his archbishop – Gillespy. The long coronation sermon of the latter was one of the richest treats of the day, and produced effects such as sermon never produced before.



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 2-6 7/1/2013 to 8/2/2013

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Reg. Ref.: D12B/0317

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Oct-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Conor & Tara Nolan, 97, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a single storey extension to rear of house with pitched roof and velux roof windows also internal alterations to existing house and associated works. Additional Information: 10-Jan-2013

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0012

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Jim Donnelly & Siobhan Ryan, Ardburgh House, Ardburgh Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for general internal modifications comprising 1. Removal of two internal walls between family room, boiler room and rear entrance hall at lower ground floor level; 2. Replacement of window to utility room with new door opening at lower ground floor level (north elevation); 3. Conversion of existing bedroom to new family bathroom at first floor level; 4. Insertion of new fireplace openings to existing masonry walls in the entrance hall and study at the upper ground floor area and 5. Associated external drainage/landscaping works at Ardburgh House, a Protected Structure.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0014

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Jim Donnelly & Siobhan Ryan, Ardburgh House, Ardburgh Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for 1. Demolition of existing two storey non original structure to the north west corner of the existing house; 2. Construction of a new single storey extension and external stairs to the north side of the existing structure forming a terrace at upper ground floor level; 3. Re-open existing window to guest w.c. room at upper ground floor level (east elevation); 4. General repairs to elevations where required; 5. Completion of new external works comprising associated landscaping, drainage and repair works at Ardburgh House, a Protected Structure.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0028

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Anne O'Neill, 1, Saval Grove, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of retention of existing single storey side extension and raised front pitched roof. Permission is also sought for demolition/replacement of existing single storey extension to rear of dwelling with enlarged single storey extension to side/rear. Works will also include a small single storey infill extension to the side, alterations to existing windows/doors, removal of chimney, internal alterations, widening of the existing vehicular entrance to 3.5m and all associated site, drainage and landscaping works.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0031

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Miriam English, Woodbine Cottage, 24, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of a first floor extension with a living room/diner and kitchen with staircase access. The north side (front) will have a small balcony. Some internal alterations at ground floor will provide a second bedroom and visitors toilet.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0032

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Lucy Hamilton Turley, 3, Whites Villas, Dalkey

Proposal: Permission consisting of (A) the construction of a new bay window 3 metre square extension and porch canopy to the front of the house (B) 2 new windows, 2 new rooflights, enlargement of the existing windows and relocation of the side door to the ground floor level side and rear of the house (C) 2 new windows to the first floor at side and rear of the house (D) new driveway car entrance and gate including the relocation of a parking bay and associated drainage and landscape works.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0020

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Laura Dalton, Grianan, 18, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for construction of a first floor bathroom extension with hipped concrete tiled roof to the side of existing semi-detached two storey house with all finishes to match existing.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0025

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Athene Keatinge, Roncalli, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey

Proposal: Permission for the replacement of the dormer window to the rear and single storey extension to the rear, renovation of the existing dwelling by the insertion of insulation and replacement of existing windows, alterations to gate post to improve sight lines.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0038

Application Rec'd Date: 31-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Ann Staunton, Ard Na Mara, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for alterations to porch at the front.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0061

Application Rec'd Date: 8-Feb-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Linda Prentice, Willow House, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for (a) demolition of existing single storey light industrial / office structure, (b) construction of new two storey 4 bedroom detached dormer style family dwelling with detached garage and new motorised gates to existing vehicular entrance, (c) change of use from light industrial / office to residential use and (d) all associated site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 2 -6 7/01/2013 to 8/02/2013

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0447

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 15-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Angie & Mike Bowtell, 64, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of new porch and new single storey extensions to the side and rear first floor extension in place of existing dormer to the rear; conversion of existing garage to new study and bathroom and new rooflights on existing and new front, side and rear roof slopes; alterations and widening of existing vehicular driveway, internal alterations and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0454

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 22-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Maeve Hefferon, 20/21 St. Patrick's Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention permission is sought for a 5m free standing metal mast with communication dish located on ridge of inner pitched roof to a two storey office building.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0455

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 22-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Aidan & Fiona O'Meara, Atalanta, 37, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for amendments to plans approved under register reference D11A/0551, consisting of (a) enlarged pedestrian-accessible deck to roof of approved lowest floor extension; (b) proposed windows to north elevation of ditto; (c) proposed 4 sq.m. top floor balcony; (d) ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0456

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 23-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: David Whelan, Barnhill Stores 11 and 12a Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought on a site of c.0.125 ha located at Barnhill Stores The development will comprise of the following: Demolition of c.99.7 sq.m of retail/storage area. Removal of c.169 sq.m. of temporary retail area (granted under D10A/0077; PL06D.236625) and c.118 sq.m. of unauthorised retail area. Construction of a new single storey extension (c.298 sq.m.) to the main neighbourhood shop to now provide a total gross floor area of c.422.4 sq.m. Increase in size of 2nd retail unit from c.42.2 sq.m. to c.68.2 sq.m. GFA. Provision of new stairs to existing 1st floor store/admin area. Modifications to elevations and additional signage (c.11.8 sq.m.). Associated landscaping, site boundary and development works.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0458

Decision: Request Add. Info.

Date: 21-Jan-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Martin Doran, Firbank, Dalkey Avenue, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for proposed development comprising of the erection of a 4 bed 2 storey dwelling and all service connections and associated siteworks all accessed via existing vehicular laneway from Dalkey Park.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0468

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 30-Jan-2013

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

Proposal: Permission is sought for modifications to approved plans,

Reg. Refs.: D11A/0193, D11A/0389 and D11A/0454 to approved House C only as follows; (1) minor modifications to all window positions, sizes and fenestration patterning including to the dormer window, (ii) increase the depth of roof eaves by 300mm and (iii) raise the height of the chimney by 600mm.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0474 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 31-Jan-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Paul Kealy & Maeve O'Hare, 24, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for development which will consist of; alterations to include new Velux type rooflight to the rear of the main roof, extending existing front bay to lower ground level, repositioning and widening of existing vehicular entrance to include new pedestrian entrance and associated landscaping and siteworks.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0475 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 31-Jan-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Declan & Noreen Hynes, Dunloe, 11, Railway Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for development which consists of; alterations to include new Velux type rooflight to the side of the main roof and widening of existing pedestrian entrance to a vehicular entrance and associated landscaping and site works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanala Wks. 2-6 7/1st 13 to 8/2/2013

Reg Ref: D12A/0455 **Reg. Date:** 20-Nov-'12 **Location:** Atlanta, 37, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.
Development: Permission is sought for amendments to plans approved under register reference D11A/0551, consisting of (a) enlarged pedestrian-accessible deck to roof of approved lowest floor extension; (b) proposed windows to north elevation of ditto; (c) proposed 4 sq.m. top floor balcony; (d) ancillary works. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 29-Jan-2013
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS OF An Bord Pleanala Wks 2-5 27/12th 12 to 1/2nd 13

Reg. Ref.: D11A/0539 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 15-Jan-2013
Council's Decision: Refuse Permission for Retention
Location: Castlepark Gardens Residence, Castlepark Road, Dalkey (former Mackeys garden centre site)
Proposed Development: Retention permission is sought for development which consists of the retention of an automated vehicular entrance gate (6.150m wide x 1.9m high) positioned between 2 No. pedestrian access gates and piers at the development access at Castlepark Road and relief from planning conditioning No. 4 of An Bord Pleanala planning permission PL06D.224130 (Reg. Ref.:D06A/1808). **Applicant:** Castlepark Residence Management Ltd

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0271 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 25-Jan-2013
Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** Loreto Primary School, Loreto Avenue, Dalkey.
Proposed Development: Permission is sought for development consisting of the demolition of existing garage store (10m2 approx.) and the removal of temporary prefab standalone building with 2 classrooms (80m2 approx.) and construction of a single storey annex comprising 2 mainstream classrooms, store room, and ancillary site works, total area 200m2 approx. The extension will be located near to and behind the stone boundary wall fronting onto Loreto Avenue. The site is adjacent to but outside the curtilage of Loreto Abbey which is a protected structure, RPS 1445.
Applicant: Board of Management.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0314 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 21-Jan-2013
Council's Decision: Grant Permission
Location: 2A, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposed Development: Permission is sought for change of use of the ground floor from a shop (Presently deli and catering outlet) to Take-away & Delivery Pizza Outlet, with opening hours from 0900 hrs to 2400 hrs and new signage to existing shop front. **Applicant:** David Williams.



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Oh! The excitement of it all! A new growing season is picking up speed with every passing day. Every plant in our Dalkey gardens is gearing itself up to make the most of this spring and summer and so ARE WE, incidentally!. Of course, we have days when it feels like winter is dragging its heels but things are beginning to stir in our gardens. Buds are quite simply breathtaking when they open, so get out and enjoy, as such bud perfection can't last too long. All too soon, leaves will have to toughen up in order to cope with air-borne pollutants and then, the scorching effects of strong sunlight and drying winds.



Curling Bud

Likewise, now is the time to divide your clumps of snowdrops, just when the flowers are gone and their leaves are in full growth, lift, divide and replant on the same day. Don't worry too much about depth, they find their own! Forsythia too, has a knack of flourishing, this month almost anywhere and although, taken a bit for granted, our spring gardens would be much poorer places without their branches wreathed in a shower of golden flowers.

I just love 'Green', I guess best of all; I just love watching anything green growing. Is it not simply exhilarating, fascinating and beautiful. Green is pulsing, it's alive! Just spend a little bit of time looking at our various mosses and lichens growing quietly for years and years on Killiney Hill. Around this time, some people cannot contain their excitement at the sight of the postman bearing a heavy box of summer bulbs. It really is a treasure trove of gems just waiting to be planted, with new varieties as well as old, my favourites, the pineapple flowers of Euconises.

MIGHT DO – MAYBE MARCH JOBS:

1. I actually like pulling up weeds by hand, it's only a problem if you don't tackle them for a long time and your place turns into a jungle. If you do it a little and often, this need never happen.
2. Grow herbs on your kitchen windowsill. Look closely and you'll see that the fresh herbs sold in supermarkets often consist of several plants crammed into a small pot. If you divide them up as soon as you get them home and pot up the clumps individually, you'll have more plants for your cash and a longer lasting crop.
3. Some wooden fences age gracefully but if yours is shabby rather than inviting, maybe re-stain or paint it. Paint it green and it will recede into the background, allowing your plants to take centre stage. Paint the wall at the bottom of a short garden a muddy green and your eye will pass it by (there is a lovely green stain in most DIY's that allows the detail in time to show through).



Bulging Bud

The first glimpse of bright, early flowering narcissi or daffodils, if you prefer, is guaranteed to lift your spirits, this month. Our parks, gardens, window boxes, lawns and even motorway embankments are scattered with their special sparkle. Try and make room for a mass of miniatures in your garden and you can look forward to soaring spirits every year. There are varieties in every shape and colour, including yellow, cream, white and apricot and double or multi-clustered flower heads. If your daffodils produce foliage and little or no flowers, maybe they need to be lifted, divided and replanted, as perhaps your bulbs are overcrowded.



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4. Areas of winter wear-and-tear on the lawn can be re-sown by loosening the surface of the soil with a digging fork and scattering some grass seed.
5. Finish pruning shrub roses, standard rose trees and repeat flowering climbers, soon. These are already in growth and pruning delayed beyond early March delays summer flowering.
6. Because a greenhouse warms up early, growth is ahead of outdoors and seeds and tender plants can be started off safe from frost. The greenhouse is the engine room of the garden in spring, producing flower and vegetable plants for planting our later. On a warm day, opening glass house windows and doors can be highly beneficial.

ENJOY!

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Euphorbia. These light lime bracts are almost acid green from mid spring to supper



GARDEN EVENTS

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The flag is Sharavogue's first ever Green Flag and it is for litter and waste. Dean Eaton from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Environmental Awareness Department did our final inspection on Friday 25th January and the whole school was really nervous and excited when he came. He was very impressed with the progress and the involvement of all the students including those as young as 4 years of age who participated on the committee.

"I really love that our school is really clean and everyone recycles. I'm so happy we got the green flag". **Patrick Kelly - Age 4**

We received an official letter from An Taisce this week granting us our Green School flag. A huge thanks to our committee, students, Parents and teachers who helped us achieve this goal.

SENIOR CLASS - SHARAVOGUE

*More News.....*The Senior class are all looking forward to our trip to the Gaeltacht. We are going to Coláiste na Rosann in Donegal in May for a week. There are classes and activities planned every day and we have Céilís and discos at night. We are all so excited and we get to wear our own clothes! We are counting down the days!! **Grainne O'Reilly**

We will be making our **Confirmation** on the 20th of March. We are looking forward to wearing our new school blazers and having a special day with our friends and family. **Jessica Austin**

OUR CURRICULUM

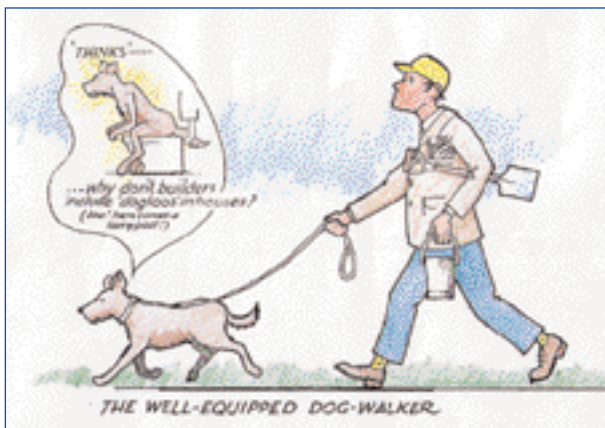
Sharavogue has an amazing curriculum. The subjects are cool and we love them all. The teachers are so nice and they treat us fairly. We have different ways of learning new things and we visit other schools every month and it is so much fun, we do S.P.H.E and play loads of games.

We are involved in lots of exciting activities with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and the A.I.J.S (Association of Irish Junior Schools). We get to learn new things and make new friends. It is also good for building self-confidence and we learn how to give presentations and debate, which we love and we are very good at arguing.

Because our classes in Sharavogue are so small, the teachers get more time to spend with children on their work and we understand things better because of this individual attention.

Learning is fun in Sharavogue!

Emma Morgan





The Green School Committee have been working hard to get our next green Flag, the water flag. To achieve this we have put hippos into the toilets to save water. We also have Drip Detectives who go around

all the classes and check to make sure there are no taps dripping. We run a competition for the whole school, where everyone in the whole school designs a bookmark about water and how to save it. A winner is selected and everyone gets a copy of the bookmark. Sixth class also put on a Science fair on Water for action day. We had many groups and we prepared experiments about water and all classes in the school came to learn about water.



Anna Quinn and Kitty Montgomery

Our Green School Committee has two representatives from each class from 1st to 6th. We also have two teachers and two parents on the committee. We patrol the school at lunch time to see if any lights are left on or any taps dripping. We are called the Light Brigade and the Drip detectives. We also have boxes around the school for collecting used batteries. We have our litter and energy flags and we are currently working towards our water flag. We have a green school noticeboard to display all our work.

Isobel Dixon and Nancy May Saunders

Water, Water, Everywhere – Science Exhibition on the Properties of Water
We demonstrated our experiments to all the school. The properties we examined were density, chromatography, static effect on water, air pressure, mixing oil and water and the movement of water molecules. It was great fun and everyone enjoyed themselves!!!

Zoe Rafferty and Sarah Gill



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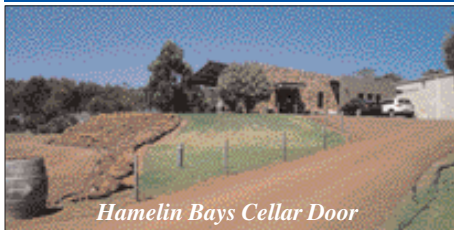
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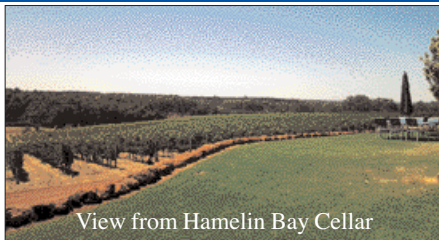
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Hamelin Bays Cellar Door



View from Hamelin Bay Cellar

Hamelin Bay is situated just south of Margaret River. This beach location is perfect to spend a hot summer afternoon; however, you do need to watch out for Manta rays that swim close to the shore where they are fed by passers-by.

Just a few kilometres from the bay is Hamelin Bay Five Ashes Vineyard. It is a good idea to visit after a morning on the beach in thirty plus degrees. They not only have wine tastings but serve tasty food platters using local produce. The vineyard setting is beautiful, you can look out onto the vines from the nicely air conditioned cellar door, where the music is relaxing and the food and wine are excellent.

Carol and Mitch greeted us at the cellar door where there is a wonderful array of chutneys, relishes, books and even jarred yabbies' (Yabby is a small freshwater crayfish endemic to South Eastern Australia) for sale. After browsing the shelves for a time we wandered over to the counter top and got down to business.

The vineyards 2012 Sauvignon Blanc was a treat. Guava and grapefruit burst from this wine. Very easy drinking ice cold on a hot day. Next up was the Rose which, surprisingly, is not that popular here in the South West of WA. I can't think why because it was perfection in a glass. Packed full of luscious strawberries which entice you to keep on sipping.

Moving onto the reds... I have become a huge fan of Shiraz since arriving in Australia so I decided to taste their 2008 vintage. This wine provides a hit of blackcurrant and is generously spiced. No wonder it picked up silver medal at the Melbourne Wine Show. Mitch then suggested I try the 2007 Reserve Shiraz, well.... he didn't need to hold a gun to my head! The depth of blackcurrant fruit deepens here and the spiciness is outstanding. Maybe even a little too much spice present here for people who prefer a smoother red. For more information on their range of wines and shipping details check out www.hbwines.com.au.

While chatting to Carol and Mitch they suggested a visit to McLeod Winery. In the next issue I will be visiting this highly recommended vineyard.

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6th Class Debating Team - Eoghan Fay, Gareth Hughes and Vinnie McMahon

Primary Science Ireland – 6th class travelled to the RDS on Thursday, 10th January to take part in the BT Young Scientists Exhibition. The boys' projects title was 'What Do I Have In Common With A Banana?'. As part of the project they extracted DNA from bananas and other fruit and studied human and plant genetics. They surveyed human characteristics within the classroom and at home. The judges remarked that the project was very advanced for primary school and that they had worked very hard. It was a really enjoyable day and the boys got to see the other projects as well as the impressive exhibitions in the arenas. Well done rang 6!

Debating – Harold Boys' N.S. Debating Team reached Round 3 of the 'Primary Schools Debating' Competition. The team was Eoghan Fay, Gareth Hughes and Vinnie McMahon who are all in 6th class. Harold Boys' N.S. beat St. Attracta's in Ballinteer in the first round where they successfully proposed the motion that 'Ryanair Is The Best Way To Travel'. Harold Boys' N.S. hosted St. Patrick's Loreto, Bray in Round 2. This time the boys were opposing the motion 'Irish Is A Dying Tongue'. Harold Boys' N.S. were announced winners in front of a delighted home crowd after a very entertaining and close debate. Round 3 was also a home debate as the boys hosted St. Patrick's BNS, Foxrock. Harold Boys' N.S. proposed the motion that 'Every Child Should Have a Mobile Phone'. This was another very close debate and after a tense wait it was announced that St. Patrick's were through to Round 4. In each round the judges commented on the high standard of content and presentation. The team, as well as all of 6th class, learned a lot about debating in the last few weeks and no doubt they will be keen to represent their respective secondary school debating teams.

NATURE NOTES FOR MARCH 2013

Tuesday 5 March: Branch AGM followed by Bird Quiz. Note change of venue to Royal Marine Hotel. Meet at 8.00pm.

Sunday 10 March: Outing to Sandycove and Bulloch Harbour. Meet in Sandycove at 10.30am.

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❖ MARCH 2013 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS – James Scannell ❖

Tues. March 5th at 8.30pm Dr. Dermot McGuinne will present his lecture '*Printing: An Innovation that Changed the World*' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow - entry donation €3.

Wed. March 6th at 6.30pm Christopher Sands will present his lecture '*Remembering Jammets - The only French restaurant in Dublin*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

At 8 p.m. John Montague will present his lecture '*Rocque's Map of Dublin*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin - all welcome.

Thurs. March 7th at 1pm Micheline Sheehy Skeffington will present her lecture '*Francis & Hanna Sheehy Skeffington: A Family Appraisal*' in Pembroke Library, Ballsbridge, Admission free but booking required as places limited - call Pembroke Library on 01-6689575.

At 8pm Cormac Lowth will present his lecture '*Maritime Art around Dublin Bay*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome. Admission €4.

Fri. March 8th at 8pm Dr. Eve Morrison will present her lecture '*Soldiers with no love for John Bull: Spies and Solider Types: Ex- British Servicemen and the IRA, 1919-1921*' to the Military History Soc. of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Rd., D. 8. All welcome.

Mon. March 11th at 8.15pm Jim Kilroy will present his lecture '*The Clontarf/Hill of Howth Tram Road*' to the Clontarf Historical Society in the Parish Resource Centre, St. John the Baptist Church, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3. Admission €4.

Tues. March 12th at 8pm Dr. James Ryan will speak on '*Rental Sources as a Resource for the Genealogist*' to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire. Contribution €4. The AGM of the Society will precede this talk.

Wed. March 13th at 6.30pm Elizabeth Prendergast will present her lecture '*The Jubilee Nurses in Dublin*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

At 8pm Jan Ashmore will present a lecture '*Maritime Dalkey*' to the Killiney - Ballybrack Historical Society in The Graduate Lounge, Rochestown Avenue, Killiney. Admission €3.

Thurs. March 14th at 8pm Tom Conlin will present a lecture on '*A History of Banking Criss*' to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan History Society in The Function Room, Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €3.

At 8.30pm James Scannell will present his lecture '*Christmas in Co Wicklow 100 Years Ago (1912)*' to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €3

Wed. March 20th at 6.30pm James Scannell will present his lecture '*The Loss of the MV Princess Victoria, January 1953*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

At 8 p.m. Dr. Seamus Canon will present his lecture '*Local Street Names and Signs in the Dun Laoghaire Area*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire. Admission €3.50.

Thurs. March 21st at 8pm Honor Ó Brolcháin will present her lecture on '*The Plunkett Family*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce., Quinsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €4.

Mon. March 25th at 8pm Ms. Rosemary Raughter will present her lecture '*From Killincarrick to the Roof of the World*' to the Clondalkin Historical Society in Áras Cronáin, Watery Lane, Clondalkin.

Wed March 28th between 10.30am and 12.30pm the March Morning Open Meeting of the Genealogical Society of Ireland takes place in Hardy's Bar. Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. Contribution €4- includes Tea / Coffee.

At 6.30pm Stephen Kane will present his lecture '*Richard Turner's Victorian Conservatories*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

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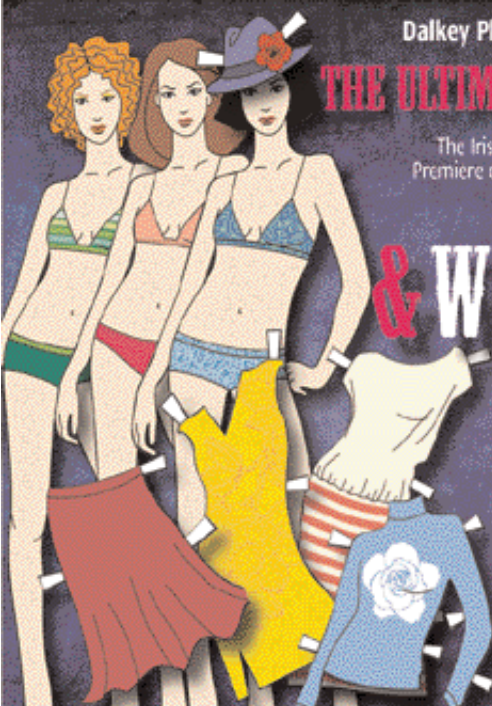
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I only realised this morning Monday morning, April 16th 2012, that my late mother had instilled in me a deep need to help others who are in pain.

Though she passed on in September 1981, it was only this morning that I shed deep, heartfelt tears, tears of regret that I didn't help her during the last nine months of her life. I didn't have the maturity and understanding of what she was going through; she was terrified of dying. Once she said to me, "Bill, I can see where I will be next Christmas. My reply was: "Are you still afraid of dying?" and she nodded.

I was not a good son to her during those nine months, visiting her only once per week and rarely staying more than ten minutes. I did love her, giving her presents of pearls - she loved pearls, a mink cape and a lovely leaf brooch of diamonds set in gold. But I failed her during those nine months.

She was moved to a private nursing home and one Sunday before setting off to Waterford where I was working at the time, I suddenly said, 'I think you should go now, Mummy!'

She died peacefully the following day.

Her specialist later told me that she had gone in time, for if she hadn't, her lungs would have collapsed and she would died in terrible pain.

My mother was an extremely charitable woman. Monkstown Church was packed to capacity for her funeral service. My sole memory of that morning was talking to two Dublin dockers who had come all the way from town to attend. They told me that many families would have been short of food but for her.

My mother worked all her life, through times when we were affluent and times when we were not, for my late father had a knack of making lots of money and soon losing it. She worked to make sure that all the bills were promptly paid. She managed a large coal company on Westmoreland Street and every Friday, instead of sending an assistant to pay the dockers, she drove there and paid them in person. She knew them all by name. This was the time when men such as these did not receive any money for days they couldn't work because of rain etc. The dockers told me that morning of her funeral, that she would hand them their wage package and ask them what days they could not work because of rain. She knew that, of course, in advance, so she would open her handbag and pay them for those days - the first person, I believe, to pay what later became known as 'wet pay'.

I am also told that the following Monday after the first 'wet pay' she summoned a board meeting, locked the directors in and told them they would not get out until they agreed to pay 'wet pay' from then on. They agreed!

The first I heard of that was on the morning of her funeral. I am absolutely certain there were many other such charitable deeds; all gone with her to her grave, for she never spoke to anyone about them.

My mother was a very beautiful woman. She had a beautiful appearance and a beautiful soul.

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Mother's Day	Sun 10 Mar
Daffodil Day in OLH 10am-12:30pm	Sat 16 Mar

DARA Annual Art & Flower Expo in OLH (10:30-17:30)	Sat 23-Sun 24 Mar
Dalkey Dashers commence training	
Loreto hockey pitch (7-8pm)	Wed 27 Mar
Sorting of April Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs. 28 Mar
Summertime - clock goes forward	Sun 31 Mar

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St. Patrick's Church, Fri. 1st March - 10am World Day of Prayer Service in the Church.

Holy Trinity Killiney Killiney Mens' Society Thurs. 21st March- Trip to St Patrick's Cathedral with supper afterwards in the Deanery. Booking is essential (please contact the Rector 2852695 or Nigel Pierpoint). **Easter Sunday** - 31st March, 7am The annual ecumenical 'Sonrise' service will be held at the Obelisk in Victoria Park. A light breakfast will be served afterwards in The Carry Hall.

Sheep Thrills Anyone interested in joining a Knitting, Stitching & Crochet Group? This group is intended for the Killiney Parish & Community. We meet every Thurs. morning in the Carry Hall (opp. Fitzpatrick's hotel) at 11am where we will go into a creative mode & make items for favourite charities & items that are interesting & saleable for the Fete. Bring your needles and ideas to share talents to work and chat with old and new friends. Coffee, homemade biscuits and some wool will be provided. Donation €3-€5. Everyone welcome including men, beginners, professionals, crèche can be organised no joining fee just come when free and let's enjoy ourselves! Contact Joan Millar 087 2460078 joan@joanmillar.com

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