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Guimid lá shona aoibhinn diar mathracha ar a lá speisialta

Happy Mother's Day 30th March



Beannachtaí na Feile Padraig oraibh go léir

Happy St. Patrick's Day - 17th March



17th Dalkey Scout Leader Terry Connolly RIP 1931-2013

See page 7

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SUMMARY OF DCC FEBRUARY MEETING



Summary of the DCC February Meeting held on Monday 3rd in OLH.

The members stood for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for the late Maureen Quinn who had represented Killiney Towers and served on the Executive.

HC: There is exciting news for the HC as the refurbished Town Hall will be available for civil ceremonies and the first one is due to take place this month. (See below)

TT: Dee McLaughlin gave some of the improvement suggestions that she had collected from the residents in St. Patrick's Square and these will be discussed by DTT in conjunction with DLR.

NW: It is important to report any suspicious activity and all incidents should be called in to Dun Laoghaire Garda station at 666 5000.

The next meeting is Monday 3rd March 2014.



DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE



Historic couple, Bride Geraldine Penney and Groom Tom Galvin celebrate the first civil wedding ceremony in Dalkey Town Hall.

Photo by John Fahy

DALKEY SAYS 'I DO' TO ITS FIRST CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY!

On Thursday, February 13th, Dalkey Town Hall had an exciting new development in its illustrious history. The first civil wedding ceremony was solemnised there. The couple making history were locals, Geraldine Penney and Tom Galvin.

The historic Goat Castle in Dalkey dates back to the 1390s when seven castles were built along Castle Street in Dalkey. The castles were constructed to store the goods coming in locally when Dalkey acted as the port for Dublin. In the 1860s, the upstairs room of the castle was used as a meeting room for the Dalkey Town Commissioners. In the early 1890s, Dalkey Town Hall was built onto Goat Castle to host community events. The castle became

the Foyer to the new Town Hall.

The Town Hall was recently completely re-furbished under the expert guidance of Bob Hannan and Noelle Sweeney from the Architects Department of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The result is a beautifully decorated, creatively lit venue with unique features that retain the charm of the original structure.

Modern glass doors from the street give a welcoming and open feeling, through which the magnificent stone work and the barrel-vaulted ceiling can be viewed, by day and by night.

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

The building has hosted 'dramatic' events since the early 1900s. Eamon De Valera addressed a rally there in the 1930s. Hugh Leonard frequently referred to it in his memoir '*Home Before Night*' and in his play '*A Life*' the young Desmond delivers a speech in the Town Hall. It has been a dance hall, a theatre, a voting venue, a library, a sports arena and continues to be a valuable 'living' community space with dance classes and community plays.

Following the re-furbishment, it now goes a stage further to become a venue for those very special occasions in people's lives.

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Arts, Heritage and Culture – Congratulations to Audrey McKenna, CEO of the Chamber of Arts, Heritage & Culture (Ireland) on the inaugural forum held at Dublin Castle, Jan 2014. www.chamberahc.ie. Audrey said that the Chamber of Arts, Heritage & Culture (Ireland) is the champion for businesses that are based on Arts, Heritage and Culture. It is based in the Kingston Academy of Music in Dalkey

Lollipoints Installation/Launch update – Lollipoints loyalty program rollout in Dalkey, www.lollipoints.com. So far 12 businesses have decided to go ahead. Lollipoint staff are visiting and doing training at present. Siobhan Freeman, of Lollipoints is to manage the process of setting it up in Dalkey, 26th February will be official launch date and PR is in placed with this.

AOB – Councillor Donna Pierce reported the DLR council is working on the commercial ferry access to Dalkey Island. Donna reported how she is following the foreshore licence application up at Government level.

MELANIE KOVERO



BEWARE BOGUS CALLER!



It has come to our attention that a lady has called at night to some homes claiming to be collecting on behalf of Malawi which was featured on page 11 of the last issue of the Dalkey Newsletter.

She claimed to be a friend of Prishela Row who organised a very successful ‘*Lunch for Malawi*’ recently in Our Lady’s Hall. She also purported to represent UNICEF and asked for bank details ‘for easier contributions.’ The Garda have been informed. It is strongly advised that you do not entertain such callers and report any such if they do come calling at your door to the Garda.

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Since the foundation of the troop in 1927, the 17th Dalkey Scouts has been without a permanent home its own. That was until our recently deceased leader Terry Connolly led the challenge in the early 1970s together with a highly motivated group of the scouts' parents and leaders to provide the group with a permanent home.

The den that was built from their efforts, opened in 1976 to great ceremony which was the culmination of a parade by all sections of the scout troop, from the Epworth Hall, down Castle Street and up the football field for the official opening. To the scout group of 1976 the new den was wondrous, bright and spacious but more important, it was ours. The new den replace a series of temporary homes that provided shelter to the scouts included the Town Hall, Our Lady's Hall, the Epworth Hall and the long since demolished out buildings of Loreto Abbey Junior School.

However, the Den as built was only ever designed as a temporary building. The vision was that the building of 76, was to be replaced after a short period of years by a permanent brick built den. One proposal was that the existing structure would be surrounded by the brick walls and then the metal shell be removed and yet another included adding an additional smaller hall to the rear as a venture room.

As of 2014 nearly 40 years on, the permanent brick structure or the venture room has never materialised, but thanks to Terry's vision and his continued dedication to its upkeep in the subsequent years, the 17th Dalkey still has its home and this despite the fact that it was only intended as a temporary structure.

In the intervening years the den has been the base for numerous adventures in to the Wicklow and Dublin hills, which are basically the scout's home playground and many other exploits across Ireland, England and Western Europe. The den has seen thousands of kids pass through it doors and seen them grow from young kids into adulthood many to return to join the band of leaders without whom the adventure would not continue.

Now that the Den has served nearly 40 Years it is showing its age. Time has come for the Den to be refurbished so that it may continue to serve our community for the years to come.

To that end, a recently formed group called the 'Terry Connolly Fellowship' which is a Parent and Friends Group of the 17th and aims to rekindle that 1970's pioneering spirit and refurbish the Den for the scouts.

The members of Terry Connolly Fellowship has set about developing a 3 year plan to survey, cost, fundraise and implement the works needed to refurbish the den and leave it ready and suitable for children of the 17th of the next 40 years.

Terry's favourite event of the year was the Scouts' Annual St Patrick's Day Church Parade. So to celebrate this and to kick start the fundraising, this year's Parade will culminate in a coffee morning in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street. So come and join the fun and bring the family; everybody welcome including Old Scouts.

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Dalkey Island Cruises: As mentioned in the last issue, it can now be confirmed Dublin Bay Cruises are to start in April, operating a new non-landing cruise: Dun Laoghaire Harbour (East Pier) - Dalkey Island - Killiney Bay. In addition locals and tourists alike can take the 90 minute cruise (setting sail at 5pm and returning at 18.30) to view our spectacular coastline dotted with landmarks and to watch wildlife.

This new cruise will be served by the 100-passenger vessel, *St. Bridget*, which also resumes cruises in Dublin Bay, but unlike last year's launch, there will no longer be Dun Laoghaire-Howth excursions; having said that, there are now four new cruise options: Dun Laoghaire-Dublin city-centre (and vice-versa) involving passage through the East-Link Toll-Lift Bridge to berth opposite the National Convention Centre.

Also running are Dublin-Howth Harbour trips, likewise in both directions, and offering attractions of the peninsula. All passengers (one-way journey) are issued with a DART discount voucher so as to give flexible travel options.

During this forthcoming St. Patrick's weekend the excursion operator is to offer charter cruises.

Dalkey Island Ferry: As previously reported elsewhere in the last issue, a licensed Coliemore Harbour-Dalkey Island boat service is due to start in April /May. In the interim period Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council intends to carry out some safety improvements at the harbour to facilitate the service.

DLRCoCo also intend upgrading the island slipway as soon as soon the Department of Environment issue a foreshore licence. The Council are pressing the Department to grant the licence as a priority so work on the island be completed before the breeding season of rare birds around mid-May.



New French Ferry Service

French Ferry off Dalkey: Further offshore, Irish Ferries in January launched a new direct ferry service to France served by the ferry, *Cartour Epsilon* which passes Dalkey and the Mullins Lighthouse.

Noting, of course how fortunate we are to live in our very own 'Riviera', the direct continental Dublin Port-Cherbourg service operates every weekend, year-round as a 19-hour service. Subject to sailing conditions, the ferry will also sail parallel to the Wicklow Mountains and Leinster's eastern seaboard - a view not familiar to most Irish, let alone introducing the Emerald Isle to tourists.

A previous operator had also covered the same route, when P&O Ferries ran for two seasons, in which I had the opportunity to take a 'foot' passenger sailing during 2003, the year in which the service closed. The current operator, Irish Ferries, do not carry foot passengers, though such an option should, in my opinion, be revived!



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DALKEY DASHERS – COMMUNITY GAMES 2014



The Dalkey Dashers will commence training for the Community Games on Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm. Training takes place every Wednesday evening from 7pm until 8pm in the Loreto Dalkey school hockey pitch. Everyone between 6 years and 14 years living in the Dalkey area are welcome. Parents must park on Harbour Road.

We would welcome any new volunteers either Parents or Students who are in Transition Year or older who would be willing to help.



Dalkey Dashers Relay Team 2013

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Your Assistance is needed

The commitment is for 1 hour a week each Wednesday from 7.00pm to 8.00pm commencing on April 2nd until mid June.

The Dalkey Dashers is a voluntary running group run by parents to train children from the Dalkey/Killiney and Glenageary/Sandycove areas as part of the Dublin Community Games. A number of the children will be selected based on their performance to run in the Dublin Community Games finals in Santry. This is also a tremendous experience for the children who qualify.

However the Dalkey Dashers can only continue if more parents help with the training. With the large numbers each week we need to have two parents with each group of boys and girls. At the moment we do not have enough parents and therefore we will struggle to hold the parents we have helping if there is not more support forthcoming.

Help and support will be provided with formal training available later.

Remember those of us who are doing the role all started standing on the sideline too. The commitment is for 1 hour a week each Wednesday from 7.00pm to 8.00pm commencing on April 2nd until mid June.

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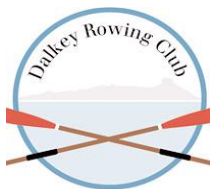


DALKEY ROWING CLUB UPDATE



Following on from the great season last year, Dalkey Rowing Club is getting ready for the 2014 season which will start in April - there will be a launch fun day where you can all come and join us and try it out - more details in the April Newsletter.

Despite only having re started, last year the club had a number of successes, which the club will be trying to build on this year:



- The under 18's - 5 Silver and 2 Bronze medals plus Bronze overall for the East Coast championship
- The under 14's - 2 Bronze medals
- The under 12's - 2 Bronze medals
- The novice men - 3 Gold medals and 4 Bronze,
- The junior ladies - 1 Bronze medal
- The senior ladies - Gold in the Hope Cup

Rowing was so popular last year that this year the club are fundraising to buy another boat to facilitate the numbers. Just before Christmas there was a Cake Sale which raised €1800! Our target is €9000, so thanks to that we're now a fifth of the way there! The Rowing Club would like to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses who kindly donated cakes and prizes on the day.

On Thursday 6th March the Rowing Club are hosting a Pub Quiz in The Club. Registration is at 8.30. There will be a raffle as well as the quiz. Everyone is welcome - the more the merrier.

Dalkey Rowing Club is open to anyone and everyone - no previous experience or super fitness required. If anyone is interested in joining or just finding out more, please email us at dalkeyrowingclub1@gmail.com, we'd love to hear from you. Alternatively you can look at the website www.dalkeyrowingclub.com or check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/dalkeyrowing. It is great fun and you're welcome to come and compete or simply enjoy a row once in a while on a beautiful evening.

There are a few sponsorship opportunities for local business that want to sponsor either a team or the Dalkey Regatta. If you would like further information please email us.

Jenny Dilley



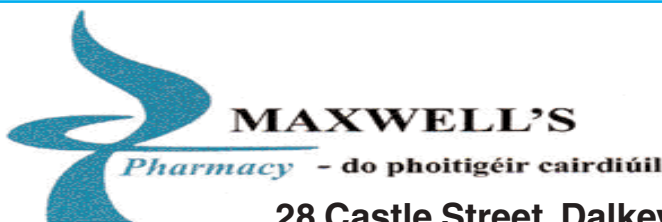
HELP NEEDED – For Commemorative Issue



The April Issue of the Dalkey Newsletter will be a commemorative one marking the fortieth year of continuous publication of a free voluntary community newsletter. Given this historic achievement, we intend to publish miscellaneous memories of Dalkey during that period (1974-2014). We would love to receive any memories you might have about life in Dalkey during that time. If you have any images as well that would be wonderful.

PLEASE SEND ANY MATERIAL TO THE EDITOR:

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Phase 2



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Lent – The solemn season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March. A service of Preparation will be held in Holy Trinity at 8pm. Every Wednesday in Lent there will be a short evening service at 8pm in Holy Trinity. All welcome.

World Day of Prayer

This year's service will be held on Friday 7th March at 11am. The congregation of the Church of the Assumption, Dalkey, will host the service which will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Flower Guild Treats – The Flower Guild is planning a cake sale in the Carry Hall on Sunday 30th March, following the morning service. All proceeds will be given towards Flower Guild funds. Donations of cakes, etc may be organised with Daphne Hall and your support on the day would be greatly appreciated. It may be worth noting that the 30th March is also Mothering Sunday - what better gift for Mum than some homemade produce!!

The Carry Hall – Plans for the fundraiser on Friday 25th April in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel are well underway. Work on the Carry Hall re-development continues.

For more information visit www.carrycentre.ie www.facebook.com/carrycentre Twitter: @carrycentre A full update will appear next month!

Sheep Thrills – Made in Ireland – Every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Hall. Sheep Thrills products will be sold locally and given to selected charities for the homeless both at home and abroad. So anyone interested please contact Joan @ 0872460078. Admission €3-€5.

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society) – In February there was a talk (and tasting) on Chocolate. The next gathering will be on Thursday 27th March when the men will put their driving skills to the test with a Go-Kart racing night. More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

Table Tennis – The table tennis club meets every Monday at 8pm in the Carry Hall. Holy Trinity will host a Division 4 Championship match on Wednesday 26th March - good luck to all involved! For more information contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

SILK – Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney

At the February meeting the Ladies were given a practical demonstration on decorating cupcakes. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th March at 8pm in the Carry Hall. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

Bible Study and Prayer Group

The next Bible Study on Tuesday 25th March at 10.30am in the Carry Hall. All are very welcome to attend.



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Memories of our friend Derek Campbell, long-time Dalkey resident, who died recently in his ninety-fifth year.

Maeve and I first met Derek and Mary when we moved into our house in Dalkey, more than thirty years ago. The backs of our houses shared a lane, so we could call on each other easily.

One day we were chatting to him at our table, and he happened to see the miniature chess set we took everywhere with us, playing a continuous series of games. We were evenly matched, and played quickly with a minimum level of skill. In fact, Maeve once said that we played chess like a game of chance.

So when Derek, who was an expert, suggested we might play with him, we backed away modestly. Then he told us a fascinating tale of his days with the Great Northern Railway, working in their office in Dublin. He had discovered that the station-master at Drogheda was a chess player, and they devised a kind of distance chess. They each kept a board and a chart of their moves, and the station-master would give a note of his latest move to the Guard on the train to Dublin, who would pass it on to Derek. Derek in turn would send his move back on the next day's train to Drogheda. Maeve got very interested in this ingenious system, and questioned Derek about the details. She told me later that she thought it could be the basis for a short story, with a mystery: one day, the move wasn't on the train....

It certainly gave Derek an idea. "We could use the same kind of system!" he said. "We could each go across the lane and post our moves through the back gate."

We thought it was a great idea. And so we began a series of the most enjoyable and unevenly matched chess contests. Derek put a smart brass letter-box into his green wooden back gate, and we posted the little chart of moves into it every evening. Next day he crossed the lane and put his return move in through our cat-flap.

The final score in the series was: DEREK - 65. MAEVE & GORDON - 2.

In spite of the obvious difference in our skills, as we stumbled from one defeat to another, Derek was always telling us: "*I think you are definitely showing an improvement.*" But as the score shows, he never went easy on us by down-playing his own skill at the game. I think our two wins were due to momentary losses of concentration on his part, rather than sudden inspiration on ours.

It was great fun for all three of us, part of the general delight and privilege of having Derek as a neighbour and friend for so long. I will miss the chess games - and the help I got from him in my attempts at sketching. But most of all I will miss his company and his friendship. We talked about our families and friends, and all he had done in his life. He was modest about his own amazing range of skills, which included painting, furniture-making, meteorology, water-divining, and conjuring.

He was a great man, and a great loss to us all.



Derek Campbell

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 3-6 13/01/2014 to 7/2/2014

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

Reg. Ref.D14B/0011

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Jan-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Andria O'Donovan, Khyber Pass, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for alterations, additions and refurbishment works to existing house (198 sqm) to include new store at ground level (with patio over), new kitchen and extended bedroom at first floor level, 2 storey front portico and other minor internal and external modifications. (New total living area to be 270 sqm and 16 sqm external store).

Reg. Ref.D14B/0015

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Jan-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Frank Farrell, Rock Cottage, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for removal of existing roof of cottage and proposed new roof structure with zinc cladding finish at revised roof height, proposed two storey extension to the rear of cottage, removal of single storey entrance annex and proposed new two storey annex to incorporate entrance, WC and bathroom, pitched roof to existing front extension with zinc cladding finish, 5 no. velux roof windows and new window at ground floor level to north west elevation and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.D14A/0049

Application Rec'd Date: 6-Feb-2014

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

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

Reg. Ref.D14A/0053

Application Rec'd Date: 7-Feb-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Allied Irish Banks plc., 29/30, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for material alterations to an existing Protected Structure RPS:1492, to comprise of the following: (1) Installation of new self-service banking hall which will necessitate the removal of the existing teller counter to open up access within the customer banking area. (2) Removal of existing dilapidated herringbone parquet flooring and concrete in-fills behind banking counter. Reduction of overall finish floor level to teller area only (behind counter) to eliminate 45mm step-change in level within banking hall, in-fill and lay new carpet. (3) Installation of specialised self-service banking equipment in recognised company design, with new 'secure line' to partition walling and teller counters.

Reg. Ref.D14B/0024

Application Rec'd Date: 3-Feb-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Joe O'Shea, Roslyn, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for house extensions and modifications, consisting of: (1) Existing garage and stores of 26.8 m2 located to the west side of house is to be converted to an en-suite dressing room, main bathroom and courtyard. The front facade is to incorporate a narrow floor to ceiling window. (2) A dormer window to attic store to rear and a velux window on side roof pitch. (3) Single storey living/bedroom en-suite accommodation located to the rear, arranged around two external courtyards, internal area of 96 m2. (4) Internal alterations.

Reg. Ref.D14B/0027

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Feb-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Charles & Ann Russell, Killmullen, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) The demolition of the garage to the side, porch to the front and single storey extensions to the rear of the existing detached bungalow. (2) Construction of new single storey extensions to the front, side and rear. New canopy and window to the front elevation. Alterations to the window openings on the front and side elevations. (3) New roof lights to the front and rear. (4) Associated site works.

Reg. Ref.D14B/0029

Application Rec'd Date: 6-Feb-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Colm & Freda Swords, 1, Wolverton Glen, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for new single storey extension to the rear of single storey family dwelling and a new skylight and retention permission is sought for a single storey extension to rear and shed to the side of the same property. Site Notice declared invalid. 31 Jan. 2-14

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 3-4 13/1/2014 to 7/2/2014

- Reg. Ref.** D13A/0602 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 17-Jan-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Michael Smyth, Magpie Inn Public House, 115/116, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) Retention permission for a 19.5 sqm partially enclosed roofed area to the side and rear of the public house for use as a smoking area (2) Permission for the erection of internal and external sound absorbing and deflection structures, including a 1.2m high sound barrier/deflector over the existing openings in the roof structure to the smoking area and a 2m high barrier in front of existing rooftop plant located to the side and rear of public house. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area. **Applic. Type:** Permission.
- Reg. Ref.** D13B/0361 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 13-Jan-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Adrian & Elena Brooks, 1, Hyde Park, Hyde Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) A first floor extension and dormer style window to the rear of the house and (2) Alterations to front porch design.
- Reg. Ref.** D13A/0632 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 30-Jan-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Nigel & Suzanne Duke, 125, Hillside, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for Retention of previously widened vehicular access to a two storey dwelling.
Application Type: Permission for Retention
- Reg. Ref.** D13A/0634 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 30-Jan-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Aedín Neilan, Avalon, 8, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the refurbishment, alteration and extension of the existing detached dwelling, including the widening of the existing vehicular access gate to Cunningham Road, the provision of 1 no. additional car parking space to front garden, the remodelling of the front, side and rear elevations, the provision of a 2-storey extension (7.6 sqm at ground floor level and 2.9 sqm at 1st floor level) and terrace at rear, the upgrading of existing windows and external doors, the provision of 1 no. rooflight to each of the east and west roof pitches (2 no. total) and associated landscaping and drainage works. **Application Type:** Permission
- Reg. Ref.** D08A/0504/E **Decision:** Request Additional Info **Date:** 5-Feb-2014
Applicant Name & Location: Oliver Kavanagh, 2, Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: A new detached two storey residential dwelling located to the rear of existing detached house consisting at ground floor of: 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, with living, dining and kitchen areas at first floor, including site boundary treatment, car parking for two vehicles with new vehicular entrance and gate to Harbour Road and all associated site works, including diverting existing public sewer. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.
- Reg. Ref.:** D13A/0648 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 3-Feb-2014
Reg. Ref. Simon & Olivia Hughes, 48, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) Demolition of an existing single storey structure to side of dwelling. (2) Ground floor extensions to front and rear of dwelling. (3) Two storey extension to side of dwelling. (4) Conversion of existing attic and proposed attic in two storey extension to habitable space. (5) Roof-lights to front, side and rear elevations. (6) Alterations to rear elevation. (7) Widening of vehicular entrance. (8) Ancillary site works. **Application Type:** Permission.
- Reg. Ref.** D13A/0659 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 5-Feb-2014
Reg. Ref. Peter & Nuala O'Neill, St Mary's, Victoria Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for minor works consisting of replacement of existing boundary wall to Victoria Road, with coursed rubble granite wall, including repositioning of existing pedestrian access gate, replacement of windows and entrance door to front elevation, including lowering of cill heights, new French doors to kitchen and new bay window to TV room, together with associated works.
- Reg. Ref.** D13B/0394 **Decision:** Request Additional Info **Date:** 3-Feb-2014
Reg. Ref. Nicholas & Orla Fahy, 3 The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the extension of our existing split level dwelling. The extension will consist of a family games room. Permission for the work was previously granted under planning application D06B/0325 which has now expired. Permission for change of design is also sought for the extension that has previously been granted under planning application D09B/0462. The change of design will

consist of the inclusion of additional velux roof lights to the front and rear of the proposed extension and new patio doors and canopy to the rear of the dwelling.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 3-6 13/1/'14 to 17/1/'14

Reg Ref: D13A/0226 **Registration Date:** 09-May-2013

Location: The Magpie Inn Public House, 115-116, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Development: Permission for development consisting of: (i) Retention permission for a 19.5 sqm partially enclosed roofed area to the side and rear of the public house for use as a smoking area. (ii) Planning permission for the erection of internal and external sound absorbing and deflection structures including a 1.2m high sound barrier over the existing opes in the roof structure of the smoking area and a 2m high barrier in front of existing rooftop plant located to rear of public house. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area.

Council Decision: Grant Permission for Retention. **Appeal Lodged:** 17-Jan-2014.

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

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála - Wks. 2-5 6/1/'14 to 31/1/2014

Reg. Ref. D13B/0250

Appeal Decided: 22-Jan-2014

Appraisal Decision: REFUSE PERMISSION. **Council's Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION

Location: Ardbrugh Lodge., Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission to construct single storey rear extension and first floor level rear extension and to provide pitched roof over flat roofed front part of living room, all at detached single storey dwelling. **Applicant:** Brendan McLoughlin

MARCH 2014 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS

Wed. March 5th at 8pm – The Rathmichael Historical Society meets in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill. Colm Lennon will present his lecture on *“The Battle of Clontarf”*. All welcome.

Thurs. March 6th at 8pm – The Mount Merrion Historical Society meets in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion. Conor Doyle will present his lecture on *‘Dublin’s Theatre Royal’*. All welcome - admission €4.

Fri. March 14th at 8pm – The Military History Society of Ireland meets in Griffith College, South Circular Road. Dr. Marie Coleman will present her lecture *“Military Service Pensions for veterans of the Irish Revolution”*. All welcome.

Wed. March 19th at 8pm – The Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society meets in The Kingston Hotel, Adelaide St., Dun Laoghaire. Peter Pearson will present his lecture *‘Portrait of an Edwardian Town’*. All welcome. Admission non-members €3.50; Retired €2.

Thurs. March 20th at 8pm – The Bray Cualann Historical Soc. meets in Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce, Quinsboro Road, Bray. Ray McGovern will present his lecture on *‘The Pugin Family, the Great Church architects’*. All welcome - €4

Mon. March 31st at 8pm – The Clondalkin History Soc. meets in Áras Cronáin, Watery Lane, Clondalkin. Brian White will present his lecture *“The Shamrock Fund in WW1”*. All welcome.

The Old Dublin Society meets at 6.30 p.m. on each Wednesday night of February in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

Speakers and their subjects are -

March 5th: Pat Sheridan - *‘The Life and Work of Edward Lovett Pearce, architect’*.

March 12th: Joan Sharkey - *‘Marie Elizabeth Hayes - A Dublin Doctor and Missionary’*.

March 19th: Ann Matthews - *‘A New Perspective on the Irish Citizen Army’*.

March 26th: Fergus Mulligan - *‘William Dargan’*.

All lectures conclude by 8 p.m. All welcome - admission free.



Going for Gold - will YOU help get us there?

Dalkey Tidy Towns won a number of major prizes last year, including a National Silver Medal Award and it is our goal to improve further this year. Prize winnings form the bulk of our financial resources and are put back into supporting the activities of our volunteers. For example, the purchasing/repairing of equipment, materials such as paint, cement and weed killer, etc.

The National Tidy Towns competition is not just about being litter free and tidy; it embraces a lot more! The adjudication covers no fewer than eight different categories, viz.:-

Community involvement and Planning

Landscaping and open spaces

Residential Streets & Housing Areas

Wild life, Habitats & Natural Amenities

Streetscapes/Built environment

Tidiness and Litter control

Approach roads, Streets & lanes

Sustainable Waste & Resource Management

YOU can help to enhance Dalkey as an attractive place to live, visit and do business..

If you are a resident by ensuring -

- The footpath/road outside your home is kept neat (free of weeds/grass cut, etc.).
- Your front garden is well presented.
- Waste bins are not left on outside paths longer than necessary.
- A conscious effort is made to minimise household waste and recycle as much as possible.
- Communal areas are well presented.



New Planter in Dalkey

We seek additional volunteers and if you feel you would like to contribute to this effort please contact us at

tidy@dalkeytidytowns.com. Or drop into Dalkey Pharmacy on Railway Rd. Or meet up with our volunteers on the first Tuesday or third Saturday every month, at 10.30 a.m. outside Select Stores, or at Dylan's Park on the second Thursday, again at 10.30 a.m. We would love to see you!!

Do you have a project you would like to see happen in Dalkey? We can support and help you. Get in touch!!

If you are a retail business: We are fortunate that businesses are supportive of the Tidy Towns effort and are very conscious of the importance of having a well presented town. Based on adjudicator observations, the following can be of help in maintaining and enhancing the town's appearance.

- Having fascia and shops frontages that are sympathetic to Dalkey's Heritage Town status is important not just to the competition but more importantly in attracting visitors & locals.
- Attractive and interesting shop windows add to the local colour and draw favourable comment.
- An uncluttered appearance and unobstructed pavements add to the town centre's look.
- Keeping bins/ packaging for collection out of sight can be vital.
- External electrical wiring that is redundant or no longer required should be removed or neatly sleeved, if at all possible.
- The floral arrangements in the summer add colour and convey a sense of welcome and warmth.
- Ideally, stall risers of shops should be kept clean and pavements swept daily.

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*Male Red Squirrel on Killiney Hill
in January.*

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If you spend most of your life living in trees, commuting between them by jumping from branch to branch the last thing you need is days of unrelenting high winds. Leaping from one tree on to a slender branch feet away can be a risk at the best of times but when the branch you are about to jump on to is swaying wildly in the high winds it can get extremely perilous.

We were very concerned for a red squirrel we were watching moving through the tops of a group of Scots Pines on Killiney Hill on one of the numerous windy mornings we had for weeks. We thought if the squirrels were active they might stay on the more sheltered side of the hill but this individual was on a tree near the peak of the hill. It was heart in the mouth moments as it jumped from tree to waving tree but it moved effortlessly and didn't come to any harm. Although red squirrels don't hibernate, when the weather is bad they will shelter in a nest, called a drey, composed of twigs, hollowed out inside and lined with dried grass, fur and other soft material. Dreys are positioned high in trees often towards the centre

of the crown where they are safer from wind damage. Each squirrel might have up to four different winter dreys in which it will sleep at night and shelter from bad weather. Their metabolism will drop so they won't need to eat as much when they're inactive. Since the red squirrel reintroduction on the hill there are also a number of very secure squirrel nest boxes so if they need to keep their heads down for a while they shouldn't have any problem finding a cosy shelter.

A few years ago I was very lucky one November afternoon to be able to watch a red squirrel building a winter drey in a Douglas Fir, tearing around at a ferocious rate breaking off twigs and bringing them back to the construction. Maybe it hoped to have its shelter built before night time, it was certainly busy enough.

Last year the squirrel researchers trapped five red squirrels on Killiney and three of those were juvenile males, born last year. For a few months previously we were able to tell the young squirrels from the adults since they hadn't been ear tagged but when they were trapped they were all given their new body decoration for easy identification. Whether the one we'd seen on the windy tree top was one of last year's young I could only speculate but wouldn't be totally surprised to find that it was a young male acting a bit recklessly.

When the winds did turn bitterly cold in February it brought some welcome returning visitors to the bird feeders. Last year we had at our feeders our first ever visiting Brambling, a Scandinavian member of the finch family. They are regular but not common winter visitors sometimes appearing in small numbers among big flocks of chaffinches but also happy to take advantage of garden feeders. He was back in early February this year and the day after we saw him we had our first Siskins of the year at the nyger seed feeder. But while the cold weather was bringing in some birds to feed in the garden, at the same

time other birds' minds were on something else. We'd seen a lovely male Goldfinch doing a seasonally early display, singing from top of an ash tree above the Vico Road. Last year Goldfinches held a territory in a garden on the Vico Road and there was every chance this was the male of that pair.

A few days later we watched a robin perched on a bramble doing a fascinating little bobbing and weaving dance, a mating display, crouching then stretching out sideways and shaking his tail while the object of his desire, the female robin looked on. Later that day I was cutting a tree from a ladder when a pair of battling blue tits flew into a conifer then fell out a few inches away, totally oblivious of me as they grappled with each other. Presumably two males already competing for nesting territory.

It's always worth having a look at Dalkey Island to see who's visiting and at this time of year it can play host to a flock of feeding Brent Geese. They'll have flown down from Sandymount or the Bull Island where they would have spent the night. Every day many of the Dublin geese will continue down to Wicklow to feed at the reserves at Kilcoole and Newcastle but some will have saved themselves a flight by stopping to feed on the island if the goats have left

enough grass for them. Dalkey Island is often one of the first resting places of Wheatears, one of our earliest arriving migrants and you can get a crossover of a bird that has just arrived from Africa while the geese feed up before their migration north to Arctic Canada. Leaving out dog hair at this time of year can provide a nice insulating lining for birds' nests and it's never too late to put up bird boxes. Even if they don't use them this year they'll get used to them for next year and there's always the chance a pair of birds whose first attempt at nesting will have failed would be trying to nest again and would avail of them.

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DALKEY DRAMA GROUPS' NEWS



Recently St. Patrick's Dramatic Society played host to Dalkey Players in the Northover Hall, Harbour Road, where both groups presented their One Act plays prior to competing in the One Act Festival at the Mermaid Theatre in Bray.

The plays presented were "*The Wine List*", written by a St. Patrick's member - Mark Alyward, and "*27 Wagons Full of Cotton*" by Tennessee Williams. These played to a capacity audience who enjoyed the evening and a glass or two of wine afterwards made it a very convivial occasion.

Both plays enjoyed some successes at the Festival. Emma Jane Nulty of Dalkey Players carried off the Cup for Best Actress and Anni Dai of St. Patrick's was awarded Best Supporting Actress with Fiachra MacNamara winning the Most Promising Young Actor Cup, he is also a member of St. Patrick's.

Congratulations to the two Directors and all members of the casts and back stage teams,

JOAN GREGG



DALKEY GARDA CLINICS



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

The next Clinics for Dalkey residents will take place on

THURSDAY, 6th March 11 am to 12 noon and

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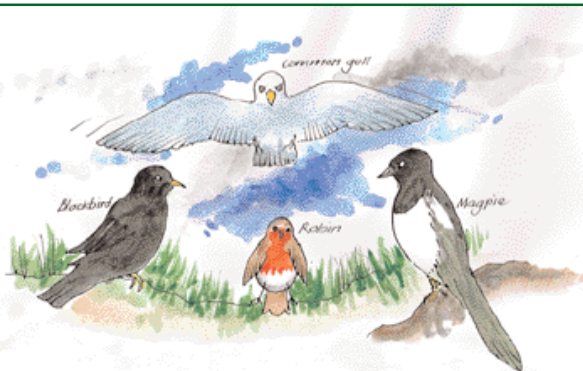
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commonly-seen
birds that
decide to stay
for
our winter**



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Penfold's on the other hand is now mass produced to appeal to everyone, never producing something fantastic. I did however enjoy their Cabernet Bin 407 at cellar door. It is a pure Cabernet with flavours reminiscent of blackcurrant, cassis and a hint of mint, these flavours combine well with the oak present. You can purchase this particular Cabernet online at www.wineonline.ie or why not try other Penfold's Bin Range at your local off licence? You might just find your favourite Bin number.

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| 9am Eucharist | 9am Eucharist | 9am Eucharist | 9am Eucharist | Mothering Sunday |
| 10.15am Eucharist. | 10.15am All Age | 10.15am Eucharist | 10.15am Morning Prayer | 9am Eucharist |
| | Family Service | | | 10.15am Eucharist |



**Solas
Project**

Ash Wednesday Soup Lunch

The Ash Wednesday Soup lunch this year is on Wednesday 5th March from 12noon until 2pm in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey. The charity which has been nominated this year is called 'The Solas Project'.

Annual Table Quiz – Our annual table quiz with the inimitable Gary Jermy takes place on Friday 7th March at 8pm. Please note that this is a new date from the one announced in last month's newsletter. This is always a most enjoyable event in our calendar. Tickets at €40 for a table of four are available from the Parish Office.

St. Patrick's Day – To celebrate our patron saint on the 17th March, there will be a Eucharist Service at 12 noon in St. Patrick's Church. All Welcome.

SISTER CHURCHES LENTEN COURSE, DALKEY 2014

Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall

This year's theme in response to requests from last year is
'Social Justice in the Bible and Today'

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| Mar 11th | Rev'd. Prof. John Bartlett, Social Justice Principles from the Bible |
| Mar 18th | Yanky Fachler Jewish Insights and Practice derived from Torah and Tanakh. |
| Mar 25th | Fr. Peter McVerry SJ Putting our Principles into Practice in today's world. |
| April 1st | Anne Thurston Gender, Justice and the Women of Luke's Gospel. |
| April 8th | Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA Welcoming the Alien and the Stranger. |

Clergy and parishioners of St Patrick's Church of Ireland and the Church of the Assumption are most grateful to our speakers. There is no charge for attendance, but contributions towards expenses and honoraria can be made on each occasion.



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NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

March is upon us and we begin the season of Lent, a time of preparation for the Feast of Resurrection. It is a time of reflection and a time to consider what we want to let go of in our lives. Prayer is a powerful healer as we let go of our worries and concerns and hand them over to God. Why not take some time this Lenten season to stop in our beautiful Church and take some time to sit with God?

Howard Family Memorial Mass – On Monday 10th March we will hold a special memorial service to remember the 13 members of the Howard Family from Carysfort Road who were tragically killed in a house fire 40 years ago. There will be a cup of tea and get-together afterwards in Our Lady's Hall at 8pm and all the community are most welcome.

Ash Wednesday – Lent begins on Weds 5th March and once again we join with our neighbours from St Patricks church to host the annual soup lunch in aid of St V de P on Ash Wednesday from 12 - 2pm in Our Lady's Hall and all are welcome.

Dates for your Diary – As we enter the season of Lent the ever popular series of

ecumenical Lenten talks, ably led by Rev Ginie Kennerly from St Patricks church will begin again. This year's theme in response to requests last year is 'Social Justice in the Bible and Today'. For details of talks and speakers *see page 31* "Church of St. Patrick News"

We are most grateful for the contribution of our speakers. There is no charge for attendance, but contributions towards expenses and honoraria are most welcome.

St. Patrick's Day

We celebrate our Patron Saint's feast day in Dalkey with Masses at 8.45, 10am and 11.15 am.

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The A Team – busy mulching our Christmas Trees

Seasonal Stirrings to all our Dalkey Residents. Make no mistake about it plants have begun to respond to our lengthening days And soon, our new growing season will be well under way. The beauty of tree shapes, their structure, their silhouettes is never more apparent than in winter. Evergreens of all types and shrubs come into their own at this time of the year. Isn't it so incredible but fascinating, how some plants come into focus in winter while others become almost invisible. In a way, it's almost like watching a slide show, while one image gradually fades away, the next 'slide' gradually, sharpens. Yesterday evening while walking Mr. Precious (our King Charles, Ruby) around Killiney Hill, a ray of moonlight seemed to be lighting up the bare twigs of some dogwood (Cornus) there and close by, a lime tree, obviously previously masked with foliage, stood majestically by its side.

February can bring the odd day of warm sun which may coax early blossoms to life, only for them to be crystallised by maybe, the odd vicious frost. Viburnums are among the most reliable of winter flowering shrubs. Some are deciduous and produce sweetly scented pink or white blooms on bare stems throughout winter. Last Monday, I decided to walk Killiney Hill with a friend and of course, our two little treasures, Cindy and Mr. Precious. I will never forget the scent of Pine trees wafting through the atmosphere as we left Dalkey Avenue and ambled our way towards the car park on Killiney Hill. There, heaped, rather meticulously, were dozens and dozens of Christmas trees - all types, all species from our Dalkey, Glenageary and Killiney homes. What a service, "Aren't we so lucky", as two or three residents remarked that day. Our local County Council Green Workers led by head gardener Mick Kingston were shredding a designated zone of cut, abandoned, Christmas trees into beautiful piles of acidic mulch. On inquiring, Mick enthusiastically told me that his team were going to lay paths throughout the woods with this amazing mulch and likewise, use it for top dressing Scots Pine trees and the likes. He continued to tell me that due to our stormy weather, they had to do a general 'all over check' of our tree forest and consequently, consult their usual tree surgeon, specialist, 'Donal Roe', who was at the time, lopping a tree that had split and become dangerous, (Ivy, growing around some trees can keep them standing but with shallow surface roots, obviously they can be hazardous). Again, Mick informed me, they generally leave the tree stump at a visible height so that 'passers by', won't bump into them as they walk. Occasionally, our green team leave a higher trunk of Larch, Oak, Ash, Sycamore or Beech, where fungus and algae generally thrive so to encourage animals to hibernate, likewise, birds, termites, bats and squirrels.

MIGHT DO, MAYBE, FEBRUARY JOBS

1. At the beginning of February, most gardeners lift and divide their Snowdrops. It is usually called 'moving them in the green', which means lifting them while they still

- have their leaves and even their flowers. It generally takes two or three years for a clump to fully settle before we need to consider moving them again.
2. Small bulbs look a bit lost in a large border or flower bed but they look great in a rock garden or raised alpine bed. Crocuses, Grape Hyacinths, Miniature Daffodils Narcissus, Scillas and Iris Reticulatas, all thrive in good drainage.
 3. Now is the perfect time to plant a Wisteria. To get the very best from it, remember it must have a sunny spot. Some people believe it has a reputation for being a very greedy plant; so maybe use plenty of organic matter like well rotted horse manure. A mature Wisteria can be pruned now in winter by shortening to pencil length, those long whippy shoots.
 4. As growth starts early, prune all Roses, Climbers, Ramblers, Standards, etc.
 5. Some stems of shrubs such as Forsythia, Ornamental Quince, (Chaenomeles) Flowering Currant, Winter Jasmine, can be brought into a warm room to flower in a vase.
 6. Greenhouse Jasmines, Plumbagos, Brugmansias, Jacarandas etc. can all be pruned back now to strengthen them and to invigorate them.
 7. Plants that live permanently in containers become pot bound and it can be a big job to re-pot them. Over time, their compost 'becomes exhausted', so topdressing them around now can be of tremendous benefit.

GARDEN EVENTS MARCH '14

FOXROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Tuesday 25th March,
*'A Rainbow of People
& Plants, Sue Ward &
Jennifer Harman*

Venue: Foxrock
Pastoral Centre,
Foxrock 8p.m.

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Our swimming pool has been the focus of some determined fundraising efforts recently.

The children in the School participated in a sponsored swim in order to raise funds for communities in the Philippines devastated by Typhoon Haiyan, particularly focussing on the plight of children suffering immensely in the wake of the storm. It is estimated that 90% of the schools situated in the path of the typhoon were

destroyed, leaving nearly one million children with nowhere to go to school.

We are delighted to have forwarded €5188 to UNICEF to support their work - they have managed to screen 49,000 children for malnutrition, to provide 50,000 children with learning materials and have also restored clean water to half a million people since last November.

Fifty members of the Barracuda Swimming Club based at the Castle Park Swim Academy also took to the water at the beginning of February with the aim of swimming the distance of the English Channel, 21.5 miles/34.6km/1400 lengths of our pool, between them. The sponsorship money collected was for Chernobyl Children International which continues to support children affected by the aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear explosion in 1986.

Paddy McDonald, swimming lesson coordinator at The Swim Academy and Sports Centre, is travelling to volunteer at the Vesnova Children's Mental Asylum & Orphanage and the sum of €1500 raised will be donated to assist the children there.

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| March DCC Monthly Meeting | Monday 3 Mar |
| Soup Lunch in aid of Solas in OLH from 12-2pm | Wednesday 5 Mar |
| Daffodil Day in OLH from 10am-12:30pm | Saturday 15 Mar |
| 17th Dalkey Scouts Coffee Morning in OLH | Monday 22 Mar |
| Sorting of April Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm) | Thursday 27 Mar |
| Mother's Day | Sunday 30 Mar |
| Summertime begins - clock goes forward | Sunday 30 Mar |
| Dalkey Dashers training commences | Wednesday 2 April |

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6.00-9.00pm Tuesdays & Thursday Contact Wayne Deegan at 086 857 2546

Dalkey Players The Carry Hall Killiney from 7.30-10.30pm Tuesdays & Thursdays. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey Northover Hall (in the grounds of St. Patrick's Church) from 8pm-10.30pm Mondays & Thursdays Contact Judith Elmes 087-2396673 or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information.

The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested please call 086-8391839

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

Pilates: on Mondays in Heritage Centre: three classes at 6.15pm, 7.15pm and 8.15pm. Contact Lizanne Barry 087 8572408

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

Most of the “free” UK channels have now moved to a different satellite which uses a much tighter beam. This will have no bearing on people in Ireland, but it will affect viewers on the continent, and especially those in the Mediterranean. Previously you would need a very big dish to receive the UK channels abroad (typically anything between 2 and 3 metres in diameter), and now that the signals are even weaker large dishes will simply not receive the signals anymore.

So if you are in Italy for example, and you want to receive the BBC via satellite you are going to need a very very big satellite dish, 5 metres in diameter should do the trick, but it may not work in bad weather !

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