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



**Happy Mother's Day 6th March**

**Happy St. Patrick's Day  
17th March**

**Happy Easter Sunday 27th March**



*Flower: Daffodil*



*John and Shane Rushe presenting a cheque for €2,000 to Terry Wheatley and Malcolm Connolly (Dalkey Tidy Towns); also featured is celebrity chef Kevin Dundon who gave a cooking demonstration in the SuperValu store (see page 37)*

*Photo: Tidy Towns*

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## ❖ SUMMARY OF DCC MONTHLY MEETING ❖

**Summary of the February Monthly Meeting held on Monday 8th 2016 in OLH**  
**Correspondence:** It is hoped that the door of the post box that was vandalised at Sue Ryder will be refitted after its restoration.

**Tidy Towns:** DTT repaired the damaged flower box at the Squareabout. Remedial work will commence on Dillon's Park. DTT encourage residents to "adopt an area". DTT can be contacted through their website if anyone is interested in taking up this task. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April will be the local day for the An Taisce National Spring Clean 2016.

**NW:** The Gardai are warning people about the dangers of online fraud. Notifications purporting to be from Revenue or other Financial Institutions have been received by local residents. It is very important not to reply with personal details and delete these emails immediately.

**AOB:** It was a short meeting as there followed a talk on old Dalkey place names from the 1900's. DCC would like to thank Andrew O'Rourke, Michael Mullen (Snr) and Barry McGee for a very interesting presentation.

**Next Meeting Monday 7th March 2016**

## ❖ DALKEY NEWSLETTER ONLINE ❖

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## ❖ DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE ❖

Dalkey Castle has been invited to stage the Maeve Binchy Tribute show '*Aches and Pains*' in Dalkey as part of the city-wide programme of events for Fáilte Ireland's St. Patrick's Day Festival. The play will be staged on Saturday, March 19th at 7.30pm in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. We will allocate a number of tickets for locals who missed the sell-out performances last time round.

Shay Linehan (of Deilg Inish Theatre Company) has sensitively adapted Maeve's work into a 55 minute play. In it, Maeve offers hilarious advice on: baring your body; motivating the patient in the next bed; hiding being lame; becoming a friend to your feet; making a will; how to be less nervy; terrific things to do when getting old; how to give up drink and many more unique and '*Maeviously*' wonderful perspectives on life. "*Aches and Pains* is Maeve at her wisest, funniest, and most tongue-in-cheek".

There will be a performance of 'On Yer Bike with Dalkey's Writers' in the Discover Dalkey's Literary Gems series at Dalkey Castle for a group of US visitors on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm. A small number of tickets will be available to the general public. So if you missed this show before, now is your chance. The show is a compilation of the work of famous local writers – James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, Hugh Leonard, Flann O'Brien, Maeve Binchy, John Millington Synge, Van Morrison and Joseph O'Connor. It features linking script by award-winning playwright, Shay Linehan and has a Flann O'Brien-like character who will conjure up characters to play various well known scenes from the work of the writers listed. It lasts about 55 minutes. The American group will dine locally in restaurant 1909 before the show.





*Michael Heavey and Margaret Toomey in Maeve Binchy's 'Aches and Pains' adapted by Shay*

*Linehan at Dalkey Castle*

*Photo by John Fahy*

As part of the DLR Council's 'Spring into Heritage' Programme, there will be eight council-sponsored free tours, for local adults on Sundays at 14.40. Admission is free but must be pre-booked. The schools module of 'Spring into Heritage' is now fully booked out. We will be attending the Incoming Tour Operators session in Fitzpatrick's Castle in March. This is the annual event where all the tour operators who bring groups into the country meet representatives of the industry. We hope to add more groups to the list of those already coming to Dalkey.

Dalkey Town Hall was the wedding venue in the inaugural episode of 'Don't Tell the Bride' on RTE Two Television recently. A couple from Shankill were getting married. The hall looked resplendent after its recent makeover by DLRCoCo.

Shop local: We have a fabulous range of new knitwear in spring colours coming into our shop from Tivoli Spinners and Áine knitwear. Drop in and take a look if you are passing.

Tickets for shows: [www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets](http://www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets).

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



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The first thing that we did was learn the glossary of the circle so that we were able to talk about it. Next, we gathered different sized circular objects around the classroom and we had to use string to measure the diameter and the circumference. Then we divided the circumference by diameter. We discovered a pattern. All the answers were just above three each time. This led us to  $\pi$ . We practiced using a compass to draw accurate circles and went into more detail learning the different parts of the circle. By understanding the glossary better, we were better able to describe mathematically what we were doing.

Finally we looked at finding the circumference and area of circles. We explored the range of circles outside in our environment. We worked in teams by leaving the classroom and finding out the diameter, radius, circumference and area of different circles around the school, for e.g. the circular windows in the gallery, the circular window by the gorilla, the circular hole in the bin, the many different sized circles in the playground. We also applied the formula for finding circumference and area to some delicious pizzas that we ordered in class. It was fun because we had different pizzas of different sizes so we had to calculate accurately each of the pizza's circumference and area before we were allowed to eat the pizzas! For each slice that we ate, we had to identify what fraction of the whole that it represented. Converting this fraction to its equivalent decimal and percentage was also part of our task! Thankfully these slices were not too cold before we got to eat them. The memory of area and circumference of circles is forever ingrained in our minds!

#### ***Some comments on the experience:***

*"We looked at how to find circumference of circles."*

*"The investigation involved both team work and mathematical skills."*

*"It was an inventive way to learn about circles."*

*"We were extremely lucky to be able to order a pizza to learn about this."*

*"It was fun!"*

*"We also had to use self-control as we were not allowed to eat any of the pizza until we were finished."*

*"We learned how to use circumference, area and volume in an authentic way. It wasn't just writing the math down on a sheet."*

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## LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Mary Ward Week at Loreto Primary School

We celebrated Mary Ward Week at Loreto Primary School Dalkey, from January 20th to 27th, 2016. Mary Ward was the Foundress of Loreto. She was born in England and lived from 1585-1645. There are a lot of Loreto schools around the world: in Spain, Canada, Australia, to mention but a few.

On the 20th of January, a Loreto nun, called Sr. Brigid Tunney, came to our school to talk to the whole school about Mary Ward and the Loreto School in



*Sr. Brigid Tunney speaks to the pupils of Loreto P.S.*

Rumbek. It is in South Sudan, a very poor country, where Loreto's newest school is built. Sr. Brigid told us that Mary Ward wanted an education for girls because boys' education was valued more than girls. The wealth in Sudan is measured by the amount of cattle which belongs to a family. Often, the men live in the cities while the women stay at home and work in the fields.

Sr. Brigid gave us a very informative and interesting PowerPoint Presentation about Rumbek, as she visited the new primary school recently. She told us that before the primary school was built, girls received their education outdoors, under the native Lulu trees. The day started off with the ringing of the bell which was a recycled hub of a wheel which was banged with a stick. Children gathered around the trees where the teacher used a

blackboard which was propped up against a tree, and the children used slates and chalk. The native language in South Sudan is Dinka. Children speak Dinka until third class where they are then expected to speak English full time. If they're caught speaking Dinka, they have to cut the grass (a punishment chosen by the girls themselves!)

The new primary school opened in Rumbek recently which has eight classrooms. One class has over forty – five girls. Because there aren't enough classrooms, two classes are held in the secondary school. When the bell rings in the morning, all the girls file to assembly. After that they go to their classrooms. There are four cooks in the school to cook one meal a day for the children. They eat rice, beans and groundnuts. Sometimes the children chew on a piece of sugarcane.

Sr. Brigid showed us a picture where the girls had drawn Mary Ward's name in the sand. It's nice to see that Mary Ward is celebrated in all Loreto schools.

We all loved the visit from Sr. Brigid and learned so much. We hope to see her again.

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## NATURE CORNER

by Michael Ryan



The *Observer* newspaper had a feature on a photographer Joel Sartore, who intends photographing 12,000 species of animals. He has already photographed 5,500 species and some of his photos of primates were featured in the article. There were orang utan, macaque, lemurs and gibbon, not in their natural habitats but photographed in what looked like a portrait studio setting, close up shots against white or dark backdrops, well-lit and pin sharp. Many of the primates photographed are looking directly at the camera, with expressions that range from slightly anxious to intense curiosity to mild boredom but all have expressions we could recognise among ourselves.

A project which results in beautiful photographs of thousands of species of animals sounds idyllic except the whole concept, named *Photo Ark*, originates from a very sad premise, the 12,000 species being photographed all have a very high probability of becoming extinct in the very near future and Sartore has created the project to heighten awareness of the very real threat to their survival. Some of the species are only surviving in captivity, in zoos and animal refuges. Sartore had been photographing threatened species in the wild for the National Geographic magazine for years but found he could generate more response to their plight and more empathy between the viewer and the animal if it was shown in close up, particularly in the case of the primates. He was aware that insects and reptiles aren't going to elicit the same response as apes with their expressions and emotions similar to our own species. But there is another very positive reason for giving the primates such prominence. As with many species they are at risk because their habitat is threatened and if their habitat can be saved it will also be saving many other threatened creatures that exist there.

In reality the apes and lemurs in the photos rather than gazing soulfully at the camera were often concentrating on food held by or behind the photographer although Sartore says many of the smaller species of apes would be so fascinated by their own reflection their breath would fog up the lens. Hanging backdrops would often be torn down, especially by the chimpanzees who he has yet never been able to photograph, so painted backdrops had to be used for many of the shots.

It's well worth looking at the photos which you can find by doing a online search for *Photo Ark* which is linked to *National Geographic's* own website. Although spectacular photographs of Snow Leopards and Rhinoceros capture the splendour of these animals which could soon disappear from the wild it's equally sad when you learn that the Rabb's Fringe-Limbed Tree Frog photographed is believed to be the only surviving individual of its species.

I was fortunate to be able to attend an outing organised by the Dublin Naturalist Field Club in January. There outings are usually outdoors and cover all manner of subjects from lichens to fungi, native flora to birds and bats but this particular outing was held indoors. Not normally open to the public a large building in the former barracks complex at Beggar's Bush houses the Natural History Collections Research Building which contains many of the undisplayed objects



*A box of stuffed raptors from the Natural History Collections Research Building which had been lent out for a movie set Photo by Brian Gormley*

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from the Natural History Museum, as well as being as a research facility for students and academics. On this occasion the doors had been opened to members of the DNFC, one of whom kindly invited me along on the guided tour. The building itself, previously cold and dilapidated, was now bright and clean. It had been built by the British army and at the entrance to one room under a staircase, the barracks magazine, we were shown the two locks on the heavy doors with the keys to each lock being held by two officers on duty so access to the guns could only be obtained under strict orders with the two designated officers present.

We were shown refrigerators with phials containing skin sample taken from the bodies of whales and dolphins which had been washed up around the coastline over the last few years. These DNA sample records will help establish movements of populations and to see if different populations are interbreeding. Another fridge contained corpses of animals, many of them road casualties, which had been sent in by the public (or 'Citizen Scientists'). The heads of four stuffed raptors peered out of a cardboard box having recently being lent out to a film production team. We saw fossilized remains from creatures extinct for millions of years as well as jars containing less exotic creatures such as rats, floating in evil looking liquids.

A jawbone, found in a cave in Cork, containing very impressive, powerful and surprisingly well preserved teeth was handed around and our guide, the museum curator, said it used to perplex many students when they were asked to try and identify it after being told it was a native Irish predator. I don't think any of the students guessed correctly what it was, the jawbone of a hyena, a creature which had roamed these lands thirty thousand years ago. Equally fascinating and impressive by its great size was a bone from the leg of a woolly mammoth, also found in the same cave as the hyena remains. Our guide passed around jars containing animals that, although they 'didn't exist in Ireland', had been found here in the wild around the beginning of the 20th century. They were all individual grass snakes which had almost certainly been brought into the country as pets before escaping or being released. Although fascinating it was a reminder that many of the specimens on display or in storage had been collected in times when the only method of collection would be to kill the species. We saw a stuffed display of a large unfortunate cat, shot in Donegal under the mistaken impression it was the same species as the Scottish Wild Cat, a species, distinct from native cats, which we now know never existed in Ireland.

One of the largest collections of bird specimens bequeathed to the museum came about when lighthouse keepers were asked by the great Irish naturalist R.M. Barrington to collect the corpses of birds that had been blinded by the lighthouse beacon light before fatally colliding with it. Between 1888 and 1897 lighthouse keepers from all around the coast of Ireland submitted dead specimens, their wings and legs or, if it was a rare bird, the whole body with records of when they were found and the climatic conditions and direction of the winds that blew them in. Barrington would cover all the postage and costs the lighthouse keepers had incurred and they undertook the project with great enthusiasm. As many as sixteen of the species represented in this collection had not been proved to visit Ireland at all until the light keepers sent them to Barrington at his home in Fassaroe in Wicklow. The correlation of this data provided very valuable knowledge about bird migration and the study remained as the standard work on bird migration until the 1950s when bird observatories were introduced. This collection isn't on view at the museum itself but is stored in the Research Building we were visiting and it was fascinating to hold envelopes containing specimens of birds with labels handwritten by Barrington himself.

I mentioned the woods in Killiney last month saying we'd seen two red squirrels since reds had been absent from the woods for most of last winter. Subsequently, this year we'd seen three individuals together, then, in early February, we followed a red from the larch it'd been feeding in down through the treetops (the squirrel, not us) till it reached another group of larches where we were delighted to see another red. Within seconds they were both on the same tree then, in a brief flurry of activity, they mated before disappearing into a big clump of ivy.

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## MARITIME DALKEY

by Jehan Ashmore



**Dalkey's Namesake:** Former Dublin Port Company tug *Deilginis* named after our hometown in Irish (see, June 2011 and Sept 2012 issues) initially served the Dublin Port & Docks Board. The 1997 built tug was their last to be given a naming theme based on Dublin Bay coastal suburbs, aptly given Dalkey's former status as the old port of Dublin. The 335 tonne tug in recent years operated for Killybegs interests as a 'Guard' vessel for oil and gas installations in Atlantic waters.

*Deilginis* has since been resold to owners in Spain from where she was built and was renamed VB Braco. Upon further research, the tug last year at Algeciras in southern Spain, (west of Gibraltar), was docked by sheer coincidence to *IBN Batouta*, a former Dun Laoghaire ferry! the *Stena Antrim*.

The Harland and Wolff built relief ferry had on occasion stood in for the last conventional Holyhead ferry, before fast ferry *HSS Stena Explorer* took over in 1996. In an update to the last issue, it transpires new Turkish owners will use the HSS fast-ferry for their own purposes as a static floating 'HQ' in Istanbul. As for a reinstated ferry to Wales in 2016?... still no news at time of writing.

The successor of *Deilginis* and her fleetmates, are sisters *Beaufort* (also last issue) and *Shackleton*, named in honour of the Kildare born polar explorer. On a related note, the *Shackleton* Expedition Exhibition held in the former HSS ferry terminal, Dun Laoghaire closed last December, however a 15ft model of the Antarctic expedition vessel, *Endurance* is displayed at the Athy Heritage Centre.

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*Full circle for Deilginis, as the tug returned to Spain from where built*

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## D.A.R.A. CHRISTMAS CONCERT



*Photo Vincent Ryan*

The D.A.R.A. Choir held their Christmas Concert on the 11th December, 2015 in the Church of the Assumption, Dalkey. We were joined by the cadenza !! STRINGS for a very enjoyable evening of music and Christmas carols. We raised over €2,000 for our charities: The Dalkey Vincent de Paul and the Blackrock Hospice.

*Marie Comiskey – D.A.R.A. Choir*

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## SINÉAD'S WINE CORNER



Located in the heart of London's Mayfair, Hedonism Wines is a new fine wine and spirits boutique which has already become the most talked about wine project of recent times. What better name for a shop which stocks the finest and rarest spirits in the world?

They claim to have "the highest level of customer service"...a very bold statement to make. I visited London earlier this year which naturally included a visit to Hedonism Wines and I can confirm that the statement is true. The staff are very knowledgeable and enthusiastic with a real passion for wine. The true "wine nerd" could spend a whole day here maybe even two if they didn't have to make a flight. To call it a "Labyrinth" of wine would be very apt. The collection includes many treasures of the wine world.

Krug Champagne 1937 Vintage is considered one of the greatest vintage years in Champagne. A magnum which is the equivalent of two bottles will set you back €35,000 here.

In July 2011, Chateau d'Yquem 1811 set a world record for being the most expensive bottle of white wine ever sold in the world. On today's market it is worth a cool €115,000. And yes you guessed right, Hedonism Wines have it. It is regarded by all who have tried it, as one of the finest sweet wines ever made. It recently scored a perfect 100/100 by world renowned critic Robert Parker. This wine has the ability to age 200+ years and still has an incredible palate. In this year "The Great Comet" passed by the Earth and I can't help but wonder if this made the vintage exceptional. I believe most Biodynamic winemakers would think so.

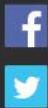
The wines above are the crème de la crème of this Boutique's collection but they have wines from every country, vintage, grape variety and price points (starting around €15). If you would like to unleash your inner wine nerd then I suggest a visit to Hedonism if you are visiting London. Check out this outstanding boutique [www.hedonism.co.uk](http://www.hedonism.co.uk).



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## MALAWI UPDATE – Part II

**Editor's Note:** Due to a production error the image published in the last issue of the Dalkey Newsletter under the Malawi Update Part I was an incorrect one and not connected to the Malawi Mission projects. Our apologies for this technical error.

### Background to the Origin of Malawi Missions

Seven years ago, I went to my native country of Malawi for a little break only to hear of children who were found in a field in the city of Blantyre in a poor neighbourhood called Lunzu. I personally went to see and meet these children because I couldn't believe what I



*Feeding Station*

was hearing. What I saw was heart wrenching. Children as young as ten years of age were house minding their siblings, no food – mostly having one meal a day but one particular man had started feeding these children after opening a 'Drop-In-Centre' (very basic with no water, electricity or flush toilets). To cut a long story short, I came back to Ireland and, whilst I knew a lot of people who I could have 'asked' for money for food for these children, it didn't feel right to me at all. Instead, I cooked lots of food in my rented home and invited just ten of my friends. I told them about the situation in Malawi and shared some photos of the children and invited them all to eat as much food as they wanted and if any wished to give money towards the feeding of these kids, to do so. (I collected a small amount of money that day). This to me was the Lottery! The kids could eat three meals at least. I began to send money to the man who had built the Drop-In centre and he was somebody I trusted. Thus began the Feeding Programmes with me cooking food for a year and asking 'personal friends' to come and eat my African curries. Although I'd sent out my own money on many occasions for other needs for the poor children whose needs were getting bigger.



*Feeding Station*

Father Declan kindly consented to a church gate collection. Then Ken, the former manager of Supervalu, Dalkey, also kindly gave us some bag-packing weekends and we began to see a good steady amount of money coming in to meet the vast needs of the poor children and the widows. Unfortunately, I discovered that the man we'd trusted had horribly and selfishly misused the money we'd been sending him for the children for his own personal needs. This was a massive disappointment but there was no way I was going



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to stop doing this work. The little children's faces haunted me, especially every time I recalled breaking one sweet and sharing that sweet with five kids! Seeing them cry because we'd run out of balloons for them: they just loved the balloons! Wouldn't a little love have gone a long way?

So, as an ice-breaker, I started going to Africa myself to do the Feeding Programmes for one month at a time and that's when the Prison Work began too. The needs became bigger and bigger as most of you know and that's why we committed to going for a few months at a time.

It's not easy to leave my massage business and the long-term and loyal clients, for which I have a passion but, when I see the suffering of the children and prisoners in these very poor localities of Africa, I feel compelled to go back. Like I always say; we're not here to

change the world but the little we can do goes a long way even on the streets of Dalkey where there are elderly people who are so lonely that they leave their homes to walk down the street just to talk to somebody or get a smile from someone. Even giving them five minutes of our time and chatting with them (throwing in a hug if we know them!) just brightens up their day; they feel cared for. It's great to see how the majority of the Dalkey folk take the time to talk to the elderly, especially the girls in SuperValu. I know a few of these girls and I've watched them for years taking time to chat to the elderly and giving of their time. So we really don't have to go too far to give and not everything is about the giving of money because we always equate the word 'give' with money. I'll never forget trying to give orphans hugs and they couldn't respond at all because they didn't know what a hug was. That taught me a lot.

Unlike adults, children cannot defend themselves and the vulnerability of these children in Africa is scary as they are susceptible to all kinds of abuse and violence. The governments just don't seem to care. Greed for power and money in Africa seems to be the main focus of many leaders and human value seems to have flown out of the window. Some of the things I've seen and heard and what goes on in the lives of these children; it's beyond human comprehension, especially in the poor localities where poverty strips people of their self-esteem, self-value, identity leaving them angry, isolated, and broken in confidence not knowing where your next meal will come from. I spent over two months in Mtendere in the city of Lusaka, Zambia, before flying back to Ireland in May of this year. The poverty there is heart-breaking. Ignorance of family planning is widespread so people end up just 'breeding children' with no proper income to help themselves, educate these children, let alone provide food for them. I came across many tragic cases, some simply too horrific to go into details.

However, one tragic case is worth mentioning because it typifies what happens sometimes. I came across two families whose four children were literally starving because of the lack of food. One of the little girls, who was only five years old was found 'sleeping' but she wasn't actually sleeping: she was feeling faint from lack of food. I met these families only two weeks before I was about to fly back to Ireland. Their accommodation situation was a



*Preparing the meals*



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sorry sight. We managed to get food to them, the two mothers were given money to start off small businesses (women in Africa generally seem to handle money far better than men who usually end up squandering it on drinking and womanising). We also arranged for small bank accounts to be opened for them. I was so excited to see all this happen especially the bank accounts being opened for them! We continue to get very positive updates about these families. Some wonderfully encouraging testimonies have come out as a result of the Dalkey



*Preparing the lunch boxes*

fundraising efforts. For example, Joshua is a young Malawian twenty something man whose father died when he was a little boy. His mother re-married and Joshua's step-father wasn't a good father to him - to say the least. He had no interest in his education and treated Joshua very badly. He wanted him to become a minibus driver, a very menial job with low income. Joshua is a super intelligent young man who only needed a chance in life. About four years ago, together with Tony Kelly and Mark Gray of Dalkey Newsagents, we did a church gate collection and some of that money was sent to give Joshua a jump start in his education. He is now currently in the University of Malawi studying to be a doctor after winning a scholarship which the Malawi Government is now paying for!

We had the third prisoner being bailed out on September 16<sup>th</sup> (again, Dalkey Fundraising!) in Malawi and are elated at this young man being given another chance to make a fresh start in his life. I met him personally and spent a lot of time with him. The Feeding Programme continues for some of the prisoners. Dave, who is HIV Positive, is still doing well and I look forward to seeing him again early next year.

Unfortunately, not all cases have happy endings. I heard of an extremely distressing case a few days before I returned to Ireland. This took place in Mtendere where a mother sent her child to go and buy something from the shop with an amount of money equivalent to €5. The child lost the money. Upon returning and telling her mother what had happened, the mother took oil, poured it on a pan, heated it until it was hot and then put the child's hand into it as a form of 'punishment'! As I write this, the mother is now in prison but I'm not sure that prison is the right place for her. She clearly needs psychological help. I came across too many people, especially men, in the Malawian prison system who were seriously mentally disturbed and suffered by not being put in the right place where they could receive treatment and medication for their condition. I found this very difficult to understand. I do hope that someday things will change for these people who, in most cases are being treated like animals.

***It is not possible for me to finish this update without thanking some of the wonderful people close to my heart who have stood with me in these endeavours.***

*God Bless you all.*

***PRISHELA ROW***

*Prishela is currently in Africa doing work for the Malawi Missions and will return to Dalkey in May. She will be taking appointments for massage therapy after 10th April, 2016. Strictly by appointment only.*

**Anyone claiming to know Prishela and asking for money please DO NOT GIVE any as these people are not connected with the Malawi Mission Projects.**



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## ASK THE PHARMACIST



***Q. I have been experiencing a pain in the joint of my big toe which is very swollen and red. My Doctor diagnosed it as Gout. Do you know what might have caused this and if there is anything I can do to stop it happening again?***

**A.** The most common symptom of gout is a sudden and severe pain in a joint, along with swelling and redness. The joint of the big toe is the most commonly affected, but it can develop in any joint. The symptoms come on quickly and are at their worst in just 6 to 24 hours. Symptoms usually last for 3 to 10 days, when the joint will start to feel and look normal again, and the pain of the attack should disappear completely. However once a person experiences a gout attack they are more likely to experience one in the future.



Gout is caused when there is a build-up of uric acid in the body. Uric acid is a waste product made in the body every day and which is excreted mainly via the kidneys. If you produce too much uric acid or excrete too little when you urinate, the uric acid builds up and this can cause tiny crystals of sodium urate to form in and around joints. These hard, needle-shaped crystals build up slowly over several years and if there is a high concentration of crystals in your joints, the crystals may spill over from the joint cartilage and inflame the soft lining of the joint, causing the pain and inflammation of an acute attack of gout.

There are certain risk factors that can increase the amount of uric acid in your blood, making you more likely to develop gout. These can be:

- Medical conditions which are known to increase levels of uric acid – these include high blood pressure, diabetes, kidney disease, high cholesterol and osteoarthritis
- Lifestyle factors – these are caused by diet (foods high in purines such as red meat, shellfish and offal), alcohol, sugary drinks and certain medication.
- Genetics – a family history of gout may make you more likely to develop gout. Gender also plays a role with men more likely to develop gout than women.

Two ways that you can try to prevent further attacks of gout are by making lifestyle changes or by taking medication to reduce uric acid levels.

The best thing to do during a gout attack is to rest, raise your limb and avoid knocking or damaging the affected joint. You should also keep the joint cool by applying an ice pack for around 20 minutes.

Do not apply ice directly to your skin and do not apply it for more than 20 minutes at a time because this could damage the skin.

The main initial treatment at an outbreak of Gout is to use Non-Steroidal Anti Inflammatory (NSAIDS). *You should ask your Pharmacist or Doctor which would be the most suitable treatment option for you.*

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 2-5 11/1/2016 to 5/2/2016

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

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0014

**Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Jan-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** Brian Rowan, 30 Corrig Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for a single storey extension to the front of the existing house.

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0020

**Application Rec'd Date:** 15-Jan-2016

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

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0699

**Application Rec'd Date:** 5-Nov-2015

**Applicant Name & Location:** Name Robert Fisk, The Billows, Vico Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development which is located within an Architectural Conservation Area. The development will consist of the following: Provision of a single storey extension of 79 msq. To the east side of existing main house, minor internal modifications to existing house on ground floor to facilitate connection to new extension, provision of new roof terrace to flat roofs of the single storey extension, relocation of existing drainage services, modifications to some external retaining garden walls, provision of new patio to rear and all ancillary and associated works. Additional Information: 25-Jan-2016

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0039

**Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Jan-2016

**Applicant & Location:** Bernard & Dawn McCormick, Site at The Barn, Atmospheric Rd, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for construction of two new dwellings on this site to the side of the existing house, as well as associated landscape and site development works. House A will be a detached two storey over part basement four bedroom house with balcony to southern elevation and vehicular access via the existing entrance on Atmospheric Road. House B will be a detached two storey four bedroom house with vehicular access via a new entrance from Barnhill Lawn. Each house will be served by two dedicated car parking spaces.

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0052

**Application Rec'd Date:** 29-Jan-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** Louise Byrne, 1 Torca Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of existing second floor attic conversion and construction of a new second floor level with flat roof, existing first floor roof to be replaced with flat roof, amendments to all elevations, internal alterations and all associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0061

**Application Rec'd Date:** 2-Feb-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** Ecologic Design & Build Ltd. Clonlost, Killiney Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for minor changes to House Type to gable end units 2,10, 11 & 20 including window changes to gables overlooking open space as previously granted permission under planning register reference no. D14A/0033.

**Reg. Ref.:** D16B/0032

**Application Rec'd Date:** 3-Feb-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** Matthew Lyster & Patricia Duignan, 1 Sorrento Lawn, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for an extension to existing dwelling, as well as elevational changes to existing dwelling, together with all associated and ancillary site works. **Application Declared Invalid on 5-Feb-2016.**

**Reg. Ref.:** D16B/0035**Application Rec'd Date:** 4-Feb-2016**Applicant Name & Location:** Joan & Paul O'Loughlin, 57 Mapas Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for: 1. 2.2m high wall to front and rear gardens, sub-dividing existing site. 2. Removal of existing side door and screen to kitchen. 3. Provision of roof light to kitchen lean to roof. 4. Retention of variations to previously approved (D09A/0275), relocated conservatory (area 12.3 sqm) to rear of existing house and ancillary works.

### PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 2-5 2016 11/1/2016 to 5/2/2016

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0703**Decision:** Refuse Permission**Date:** 12-Jan-2016**Applicant Name & Location:** Tack Packaging 2000, Victoria House, Victoria Road, Killiney.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing pedestrian gate, gate posts, steps and walkway on Vico Road with the construction of a new covered car port with grass roof, new stone gate posts, sliding gate and amendments to stone boundary wall. The site works and associated landscaping all on site of approximately 0.031 hectares.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0730**Decision:** Request Additional Information**Date:** 21-Jan-2016**Applicant Name & Location:** John Sheridan, Saint Germans, Vico Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for a new flat roof, 4 bedroom, 2 and a half storey split level dwelling and all ancillary site works including access road, terrace, landscaping, and a carport. The proposal is located to the rear of and within the curtilage which is a Protected and is accessed from Torca Road, where a new vehicular entrance is proposed.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0735**Decision:** Grant Permission**Date:** 22-Jan-2016**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr. Robert Maharry, Shiosai, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** The development consists of a single storey side extension to the existing gatehouse and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0815**Decision:** Withdraw Application**Date:** 19-Jan-2016**Applicant Name & Location:** Louise Byrne, 1 Torca Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for development. The development will consist of demolition of existing second floor attic conversion and construction of a new second floor level with flat roof, existing first floor roof to be replaced with flat roof, amendments to all elevations, internal alterations and all associated site works. Application Type Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0420**Decision:** Grant Permission**Date:** 22-Jan-2016**Applicant Name & Location:** Mark Nolan, Lingleath, Killiney Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a new extension to the front elevation consisting of the of the relocation of a study at ground floor, a new entrance hall with a roof light, other works including a new stairs to access a new loft space at roof level which will be lit by a proprietary roof terrace window to the rear and relocate the family bathroom at first floor.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0681**Decision:** Grant Permission**Date:** 28-Jan-2016**Applicant Name & Location:** Helen Stephenson, Martello Tower, Bartra Rock, Harbour Rd, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the removal of the existing metal and glass external stairs and construction of a single storey extension adjacent to the boundary wall linked to the tower by new covered stairs and all associated site works. A Recorded Monument (DU 023-22) and a Protected Structure.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0746**Decision:** Grant Permission**Date:** 27-Jan-2016**Applicant Name & Location:** Shane O'Gorman, 7, Castlelands, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for development on this site. The development consists of new single storey extensions to the side and rear of existing detached house with new roof lights and the widening of the existing vehicular driveway and associated works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0750**Decision:** Grant Permission**Date:** 28-Jan-2016**Applicant Name & Location:** Noreen Farrar, site adjacent to 24, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for alterations to previously approved plans for a two-storey dwelling at a site (Reg. Ref. D07A/0507). The alterations will comprise an enlarged ground floor plan by

extending to the west by 0.9 metre, altered entrance porch, revised elevations, a first floor balcony on the northern elevation and internal alterations.

Application Type Permission

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0759 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 28-Jan-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** David Whelan & Cathy Egan, 3 Tubbermore Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the conversion of existing garage to living accommodation, replacement of existing garage doors with new window and widening of existing site entrance.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0382 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 29-Jan-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** Julie and Cyril Maguire, 12, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of existing single storey extension to the rear and the construction of new two storey extension with balcony to the rear.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0430 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 27-Jan-2016

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

**Proposal:** Permission for development on this site. The development consists of extending existing front bay to lower ground level, demolition of rear single storey ground floor 'lean-to' extension and construction of new single storey rear extension with lantern style roof light and associated landscaping and site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0755 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 2-Feb-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** Conor McGlynn & Ruth Staunton, 3, The Rise, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for: a) Demolition of existing side garage; b) Construction of new 18sqm side/front extension with pitched roof; c) Relocation of front entrance with new porch canopy; d) Conversion of existing attic space with associated roof lights and dormer/apex windows; e) Internal alterations to complete ground floor layout; and f) Close up existing vehicular entrance and new 3.2m entrance formed adjacent existing pedestrian gate.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15B/0445 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 5-Feb-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** Eugene McCann, 68, Springhill Park, Killiney.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for conversion of attic space to habitable floor space comprising of dormer structure to rear, gable window to side, demolition of chimney and associated works.

### Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 2-5 2016 11/1/16 to 5/2/16

None for Dalkey

### Appeals Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 1-5 4/1/16 to 29/1/16

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0368 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 6-Jan-2016

**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention

**Applicant Name & Location:** James Delaney, Apartment 20 Skyview House, Vico Rock, Sorrento Court, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** Permission to retain the sub-division of the first floor and second floor into two separate apartments.

**Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0482 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 20-Jan-2016

**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission

**Applicant Name & Location:** John Power, 2, Vico Terrace, Vico Road, Dalkey.

**Proposed Development:** Permission is sought for the demolition of existing sunroom over garage extension and the construction of a new two storey over garage extension. The development also includes 4 no. replacement dormer windows, 2 no. new dormer windows, alteration of fenestration and upgrading works to the main house, landscaping, drainage and ancillary works to facilitate the development. (Located within an Architectural Conservation Area).



## MY GARDEN

by Philippa Thomas

Our March of Many Weathers. Our longer evenings, that first genuine heat from the sun through our glass. The frenzy of birdsong and just to see the way our various leaves are visibly unfurling, all signals to us, that it is time to simply – “Get Going!”. Nothing makes me happier than waking up, going out to our little garden and then, to witness tiny lime green shoots bursting through the soil. It’s like as if we can almost breathe Life into our borders. Spring sees most of us, almost with impatient enthusiasm and isn’t there something about gardening in the cold and wet that gives us a glow of satisfaction. We can then return to our kitchen table with slightly numb fingers and windswept hair, for a well earned herbal tea and chunk of cheese cake or - whatever.

“We love March for sunshine yellow. I think it is nearly the end of winter, not quite but nearly. If you look carefully, buds are fattening and the colour is slowly returning to our gardens; the birds are getting a bit noisier and the rabbits are eyeing each other up. The first flowers are almost always yellow but before we meet again in April the tulips will be beginning and we will all be skipping around like Julie Andrews”.

Words by: James Alexander-Sinclair

Despite a lot of wet and chilly weather in our early weeks of the New Year, the mild start to winter has plants in good condition so they are ready to take advantage of any good spell. Buds are beginning to swell on our earliest trees and our daffodils are performing their annual miracle unless they are ‘blind’. If some of your clumps of daffodils are blind, mark them to lift and divide, once their foliage dies back, then plant with some organic manure, at three times the bulbs depth, to encourage blooms for next year. This is the time of year when the greenhouse really pays its way, so try to maximise the benefits of an early start to growth that it offers by sowing a range of vegetables, flower seeds and starting off tender tubers and bulbs.

At present, we see many of our trees and shrubs flower on bare branches which makes them even more appealing. Camellias have enough flower power to change the appearance of a whole garden with a single large plant/shrub in flower. Camellias for garden use in this climate are the *Williams Camellias*, mostly bred in Cornwall. I’m so excited, I bought two vines in a supermarket in France, last September. I potted them up in large pots and intend shortly finding the perfect spot in the garden to plant them. Grapevines can be grown for decorative effects as well as for fruit. They have the most amazing relatives known as the vine family, ‘*Vitaceae*’ – they can be vigorous growers, the *parthenocissus* species attach themselves by way of tendrils with adhesive pads which secrete minute amounts of calcium carbonate which allows the vine to stick directly to wall surfaces without causing any penetration and harm. Obviously, this process gives them high advantage over other climbers.



*The Chocolate Vine*



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Prune roses to encourage strong new growth.

Deadhead hydrangeas before their new growth appears.

Check whether containers need watering. Even at this time of the year they can dry out. Pots that are sheltered by eaves or balconies can miss out on rainfall. Aim to keep pots moist not wet and try never to let them dry out.

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Maybe, bring bags of good compost into the greenhouse to warm up for a week or so before you start sowing.

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When planting, prepare the soil over a wider area in order to encourage the plant roots to spread out.

Cut out the top rosette of leaves of *mahonia* shrubs after they have flowered to encourage branching

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**Wednesday 2nd at 1pm:** Capt. Claire Mortimer will present her lecture '*Researching family history in Military Archives, a focus on 1916*' in Rathmines Library, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, D.6. Admission free but booking recommended – call 01-4973539 or email: [rathmineslibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:rathmineslibrary@dublincity.ie).

**Wednesday 2nd at 8pm:** Aideen Ireland will present her lecture '*Fanciful suggestions more suited to the poem of a Celtic bard that the prose of an English Law – The Brighter Hoard as Treasure Trove*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill. All welcome.

**Thursday 3rd at 1pm:** Franc Myles will present his lecture '*Beating the Retreat? The final hours of the Rising in Moore Street*' in The Museum of Archaeology & History, Kildare Street, D. 2. Admission free - to reserve a place call 01-6486334, email: [educationarch@museum.ie](mailto:educationarch@museum.ie). Not wheelchair accessible.

**Thursday 3rd at 7pm:** Dr. Leo Keohane will present his lecture '*Captain Jack White*' in dlr Lexicon, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome – admission free.

**Monday 7th at 7.30pm:** Brian McCabe will present his talk '*Palmerstown House and the pickled Earl*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in The Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2.

**Thursday 10th at 7 p.m.:** Brian Hughes will present his lecture '*Michael Mallin*' in dlr Lexicon, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome – admission free.

**Thursday 10th at 7.30 p.m.:** Paddy Flanagan will present his lecture on '*The Cavan & Leitrim Railway – A 50 Year Retrospective*' to the Irish Railway Record Society in their Heuston Station, Dublin 7, premises. Strictly Members & their Guests only.

**Thursday 10th at 8pm:** Lorraine Bradshaw will present her lecture '*The History of Kiltiernan*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Soc. in The Kinsale Room, Royal Hotel, Bray. Admission €4.

**Thursday 10th at 8pm:** Niall Kerney and Ann Marie Richardson will present their lecture '*A Diplomat by Accident: Leopold Kerney, Irish Minister to Spain 1935 to 1946*' to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society in The Function Room, Glenalbyn, Stillorgan. All welcome – Contribution €3.

**Friday 11th at 8pm:** Damien Shiels will present his lecture '*In the footsteps of General Ginkle: the archaeology of a campaign*' to The Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, D. 8. All welcome – admission free.

**Sunday 13th at 3pm:** Brian Crowley will present his lecture '*The Strange thing that I am: A look at the life of P.H. Pearse*' in The Museum of Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. Admission free but booking required – call 01-6486453, email: [bookings@museum.ie](mailto:bookings@museum.ie).

**Tuesday 15th at 7.30pm:** Pat Murphy will present his lecture '*ASGARD on the Road to the Rising and Beyond*' in the National Maritime Museum of Ireland, Haig Terrace, Dun Laoghaire.

**Tuesday 15th at 8pm:** Brian McGuire will present his lecture '*Lighthouses on the Coast*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Pastoral Centre beside Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock. Co. Dublin. Martin McCarthy will give a short talk '*Local Government- Roads or Dispensaries*'. All welcome – admission €5.

**Wednesday 16th at 8pm:** Colin Scudds will present his lecture '*The Heart of Dun Laoghaire, a Journey through the Streets of the Town from 1960 to the Present*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome – admission €3.50.

**Wednesday 23rd at 1pm:** Neal Doherty will present his lecture '*Statues and Sculptures in Dublin*' to the Ballsbridge, Donnybrook & Sandymount Historical Society in Pembroke Library, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Admission free – booking recommended – call 01-6689575.

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**Wednesday 23rd at 6pm:** Frank Whearity will present his lecture *'Mary (Molly) Adrien, Cumann na mBan Volunteer, 1916'* to The Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse St., Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

**Wednesday 23rd at 7pm:** Brian White will present his lecture *'North Wicklow in 1916'* in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome – admission free.

**Thursday 24th at 7pm:** Donal Fallon will present his lecture *'Major John McBride'* in dlr Lexicon, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome – admission free.

**Thursday 24th at 7.30pm:** Dr. Eibhear Walsh will present her lecture *'In search of Speranza: Writing the diary of Mary Travers'* to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in The Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Sq. Sth., D. 2.

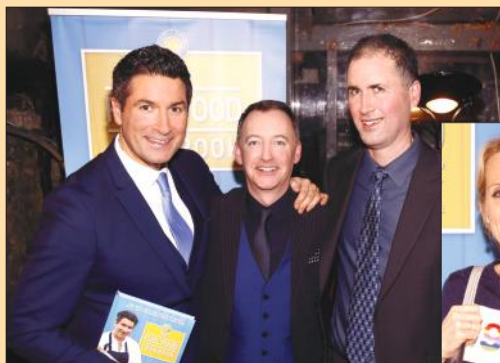
**Wednesday 30th at 2pm:** Brenda Malone will lead *'Proclaiming a Republic: The 1916 Rising Curator's Tour'* in The Museum of Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Benburb St. Dublin 7. Admission free, booking required – call 01-6486453, email-[bookings@museum.ie](mailto:bookings@museum.ie).

**Thursday 31st at 8pm:** Colin Love will present his lecture *'Ancient Rathdown'* to the Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society in The Holy Rosary Family Centre, Greystones. All welcome.

**Thursday 31st at 8pm:** Séamas Ó Maitiú will present his lecture *'The Jacob's Garrison & Portobello Bridge Easter 1916'* to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, D. 6. All welcome – admission €3. Car parking in the Swan Centre, evening rate €2 total, 5 p.m. to midnight.



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## ❖ TIDY TOWNS ❖

Shane Rushe of SuperValu, Dalkey has donated €2,000 towards the cost of the upgrade of the Ormeau Drive and Castle Street open space (beside the Masonic Lodge).

As Malcolm Connolly (DTT committee member) mentioned at the presentation of the cheque on Saturday 5th December:

*"Dalkey Tidy Towns greatly appreciate this financial support and recognition of the local effort and we wish SuperValu every success following their considerable investment in and upgrading of their store in Dalkey".*

## ❖ DALKEY SEA SCOUTS UPDATE ❖

Greetings to all our members, families, friends and supporters.

We are delighted to be able to look back on a very active year and announce that we are celebrating our 60th anniversary with lots more plans for 2016. Our troop has over a hundred members with a strong leadership team to keep the show on the road and we are very lucky to be able to enjoy a wide range of scouting activities both on the water and on land, right on our doorstep.

Last year one of our big highlights was an international scout trip to Denmark, where our scout section attended a Sea Scout jamboree in Aarhus. This was a great adventure and we would thank all the local businesses that helped us with sponsorship. As part of our fundraising drive we also have a donation for the RNLI, which will help support them with their activities.

On the scouting skills front, we had a team compete in the Hamill Cup in September. They got a great result as well as reinstating Dalkey in this competition! Also, last summer, two of our venturers Jeff Fahy and Brian Comerford, were selected for the Sea Scouts Tall ship race from Southampton to Belfast. Venture Brian Loakman, went to Japan as part of the Irish contingent at the international world Jamboree. Lastly, congratulations to Sarah McDonagh who won the DCC Cup this year. Sarah has been with the troop for a long time and is still involved now as a kayaking instructor.



*3rd Port of Dublin Beavers Cubs  
Sea Scouts Ventures & Rovers  
Sailing in Denmark*



*Christmas craft sale.  
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In addition to all our scouting activities, it was particularly busy just before Christmas. Members of our troop collected the Peace Light, which is transported by the International scout organisation from Bethlehem to homes and destinations all over the world. We delivered to the local churches as well as to the Sue Ryder Foundation.

Many members enjoyed a trip to the circus courtesy of Fossett's circus. We also had a great turnout for our carol singing/craft sale, all in aid of the Simon Community. This annual event saw the cubs out in force, supported by scouts, parents and even helpful scouting dogs, at Writers Corner in

Dalkey. We were delighted to donate the proceeds, over a thousand euros to that very worthy

cause, the homeless, at a particularly difficult time of year. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

This year, we will be starting our 60th celebrations with a **Founders day Service on February 14th at 10:15am**. This will be a family service, with a cup of tea afterwards and all are welcome. Our **Group Camp** will be held on the May Bank Holiday weekend in Lough Dan, which is a favourite venue of the troops, nestling in the Wicklow Mountains with access to the lake. We are also sharing the venue with the 8ú Calafort Gasóga Mara – 8th Port Dún Laoghaire Sea Scouts as they will be celebrating 50 years. So, we will have a very exciting camp to look forward to, as we will together be celebrating 110 years of scouting!

Then at the end of the summer, on **Saturday 17th September**, past members will be hosting an evening event for all members past and present, details to follow. All past members are welcome to share some of their fond memories....

In addition to the above, all our usual activities are planned for the coming year...you will see the Beavers out and about on Killiney Hill, on the beach and beyond. You may see the Cubs sailing, climbing and hiking in the Dublin Mountains and beyond. Our scout section will be on the hills and on the water, doing any number of activities as well as looking forward to a traditional summer camp this year, somewhere further west, destination to be confirmed.

This time of the year, our kayaking club are enjoying river kayaking and only recently did a trip from Rathdrum to the Meeting of the Waters.

And on top of all that we are also expecting a visit from a troop from London, the 4th Streatham Sea Scout (Princess Marie Louise's Own), who we met in Denmark. It will give us great pleasure showing them around Dalkey!

So, altogether a busy 2016 to look forward to.

Yours in Scouting,  
Donnchadh O Madagáin,  
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## POSTCARD FROM MELBOURNE



I am sitting 'neath the shade of an Aussie Eucalyptus gum tree, one of the 700 plus types of the species which is spread across, and synonymous with, this great continent. We are visiting our two grandchildren, delight of our lives, and our son and daughter and respective spouses who have made Melbourne their home.

We have come along the coast to spend a few days on the Mornington peninsula which frames one arm of the impressive bay which reaches out from the city. At its south eastern tip lies the old port town and holiday resort of Flinders which still has a 19th century General Store and sheltered boardwalk.

A few kilometres further lies Cape Shanck and its still and ever-working lighthouse, guarding the treacherous



*Eucalyptus or Gum Tree*



*Cape Shanck*

coastline overlooking the famous Bass Strait which links mainland Australia with Tasmania...and the Antarctic beyond! Yet, in one of those far too frequent "coincidences" that proves what a small world it really is, one of the first lighthouse museum exhibits one sees is a DVD interview with the keeper of Hook Head, Co. Wexford!

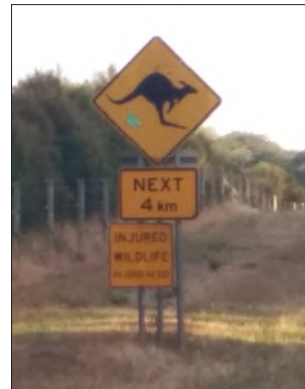
A beautiful three kilometre walk along the cliff edge (shades of Killiney Hill!) leads down to the remote, stunning Bushrangers Bay which forms part of

the Eden-like but potentially deadly coastline of the South Mornington. Three people a year, on average, are lost to the sea through succumbing to its treacherous, unforgiving, rip tide which gives the golden sand beaches their notoriety; the most "famous" such tragedy was an Australian Prime Minister in the mid '60's, Harold Holt. It is a sobering reminder of the arbitrary power and force of nature which we discount at our peril.

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## ❖ HAROLD BOYS' N.S. – SCIENCE OPEN EVENING ❖



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Rang 2 designed bridges, explored how plants drink (by using celery and food colouring) and saw raisins dancing in sparkling water. (The water contains carbon dioxide. When the raisins collect carbon dioxide bubbles they become lighter and float to the top!).

Rang 3 looked at fingerprints. They also made spiral snakes out of paper. The boys learned that the snakes began to spin over the radiator because warm air travels upwards and makes them spin.

Rang 4 made a Vinegar Volcano. They added baking soda to vinegar. When mixed together the volcano exploded. It made a huge mess!

Rang 5 did lots of experiments including a Tornado in a Bottle, Light Bending and Levitation by Air. There were cable cars, bridges and boats on display in Rang 6 which caught many of the visitors' attention.

In the Computer Room there was the science website on the computers. Many people came in and looked at the website. We also had Scratch, the programming website, on a few of the computers and many children played on it. After the adults looked at the website many of them asked the boys about their projects. The Science Open Evening was a great success. Please visit our Science website at

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### Sunday Services for March

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### Dalkey Inter-Church Lent Talks

Tuesday 1st March

Fr. Dermot Connolly, SPS, - Praying the Psalms

Tuesday 8th March

Sean Goan- Exodus, Passover, Resurrection

Many thanks to all those from both Dalkey churches who have put so much hard work in behind the scenes to make the Lenten series of talks so worthwhile.

**World Day of Prayer** – This year, the service has been written by women in Cuba and is themed 'Receive Children, Receive Me'. It will take place in St Stephen's Church on Killiney Hill Road on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.

**Retirement of Dermot Deverell** – After six years' service and a recent significant birthday, Dermot Deverell, has announced his retirement from the role of Parish Administrator. In the year 2010 Dermot took over from Jackie Cooke and quickly oversaw the modernisation of the office, with the establishment of a computer system to keep track of all the developments in the parish. Dermot played a significant part in supporting Canon Neil during his time as a rector and also lent significant help above and beyond that which would normally be expected during a vacancy. After the vacancy Dermot undertook the difficult task of training in a new Rector and acquainting him with the parish and the Dalkey way of life. Throughout all his years in the Parish Office Dermot brought a great pastoral awareness to every situation and always had the presence of mind to realise that a cup of coffee and a chat was what a lot of the visitors to the parish office enjoyed most. We will all miss his presence in the office but as he says 'I will not be far away'. In the new daily routine there will now hopefully be more time for play, daydreaming, and other artistic calisthenics for the imagination — as well as frequent encounters with his Rector and friends in the more relaxed environs of local cafes!

**Ash Wednesday Soup Lunch** – Many thanks to all who recently supported the Ash Wednesday Soup Lunch and gave so generously to the SVP Charity.

**Trio di Parma Concert** – The Trio di Parma perform on Sunday 13th March at 3.30pm in St. Patrick's Church. The programme: Beethoven *Kakadu Variations* Opus 121a Alkan Trio C Minor Opus 30 Saint-Saens Trio No. 2 E Minor opus 92. The Trio was formed in 1990 at the A. Boito Conservatory of Music in Parma. In 2000 the Trio was invited to participate in the Isaac Stern Chamber Music Workshop at Carnegie Hall in New York. Ivan Rabaglia plays a violin Giovanni Battista Guadagnini made in Piacenza in 1744 and Enrico Bronzi plays a cello Vincenzo Panormo made in London in 1775. Tickets, available on the door €25 (€20 OAP's, €15 students).

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## ❖ NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, DALKEY ❖



*'In like a Lion, out like a Lamb'.* At the time of writing we are in the midst of another storm and at a chilly 5 degrees. As the daffodils peep their sunny heads out we look forward to the return of warmer days and longer evenings!

In this year of Mercy we have been following Pope Francis's weekly words of wisdom via Twitter. One of his recent tweets included 'every Christian community should be an oasis of charity and warmth in the midst of a desert of solitude and indifference'. These words inspired us to open our own hearts and presbytery no 2 as a meeting place, a place of friendship and love. So each Tuesday after morning Mass from 10.30 until

11.30 everyone is welcome to the parish office to share a cup of tea, a biscuit and a chat. Everyone is most welcome, the kettle will be boiled and the heating on so don't be shy.

**Lenten Talks Series** – This year's Lenten talks series once again organized by our own and St Patrick's parish team will commence on Tues 16th Feb from 7.30 – 9.30 and run for 4 weeks. The theme is The Bible and Christian Faith today and includes topics such as The Composition of the Bible with Dr. Martin O'Kane, Emeritus Professor of Biblical Studies, University of Wales, The Prophecy of Isaiah with Dr. Katie Heffelfinger, Lecturer in Biblical Studies and Hermeneutics, Praying the Psalms with Fr. Dermot Connolly, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan and Exodus, Passover, Resurrection with Mr. Sean Goan, Faith Development Officer, Le Chéile Trust. Everyone is welcome and Adm is free.

**St Patricks Day** – Saint Patrick's first encounter with Ireland revealed a nation who was unaware of Christianity or thought of Christianity as an alien faith. Saint Patrick had a great compassion for Christianity and he also possessed an ability to hold on to what is essential about Christianity. He was able to draw people to the faith by offering a more open and welcoming aspect of the faith to them. Saint Patrick understood the Celtic people. Being a romanized Briton his real name was Magonus Saccatus Patricius. St. Patrick's father had been a deacon and his grandfather was a priest. At the age

of sixteen St. Patrick's life changed. He was abducted and taken into Irish slavery and was taken to the North east of the country to herd sheep. During his six years of enslavement he developed a life of prayer. Patrick even credits God for his escape from slavery. Patrick returned to Ireland as a missionary, to help teach the word of God. He helped to build churches and he baptised the pagans into Christianity, he also ordained bishops and priests but this did not come without difficulty. As time passed St Patrick and his followers spread the word of God around the country. They fasted and prayed at the top of what is now Croagh Patrick. Patrick made a promise to God on that day that the people of Ireland would



**St. Patrick expels snakes**

keep their faith until the end of time and the day they did not keep their faith would be the day of doom.

We celebrate the feast of St Patricks in Dalkey with Masses at 7.30pm on Weds 16th March and 8.45am, 10am, 11.15am 12.30pm and 7.30pm on Thursday 17th.

**Easter Preparation** – Our annual communal reconciliation service for Easter is on Monday 21st March at 7.30pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome. You are most welcome to join us for the powerful and reflective ‘Prayers around the Cross’ on Good Friday evening from 6pm to 9pm and also for the Ecumenical Celebration of Sonrise on Killiney Hill at sunrise 7.09am on Easter Sunday morning.

**Confirmations** – We welcome all the children coming from our local schools Harold Boys, Loreto, Castlepark, St Patricks and Rathdown for Confirmation this month. May the Holy Spirit guide and protect them as they grow and may we as a faith community encourage them achieve their best potential in life.

**Parent and toddlers group** – Our Parent and Toddler Group meet each Monday in the Youth hall (back of Our Lady’s Hall) at the usual time, 10.45-12.00. All are most welcome!

**Bereavement Counselling** – The bereavement counselling service, which is non denominational, offers confidential counselling on a one to one basis by trained volunteer counsellors in Presbytery No.2 on every Tuesday night from 7-9pm. Just call 01 8391766 for an appointment. There is no fee for this appointment but donations are welcome.

If you or someone you know is struggling with depression or anxiety, please call into the parish office and pick up some of the AWARE information leaflets. They contain lots of helpful advice information on support groups and meetings run by Aware in the local area.

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### SERVICES FOR MARCH 2016

**Sundays:** 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

**Midweek Services:** Wednesdays at 8.00 pm Thursdays at 10.30 am

**Rector's Surgery:** Holy Trinity Rectory every Tuesday from 7-8 pm

**From the Rector:** ELECTION REFLECTION – *Judge not lest ye be judged....* It is time to elect a new world leader, and only your vote counts. Here are the facts about the three candidates:

Candidate A: Associates with crooked politicians, and consults with astrologists. He's had two mistresses. He also chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 Martinis a day.

Candidate B: He was kicked out of office twice, sleeps until noon, used opium in college and drinks a quart of whisky every evening.

Candidate C: He is a decorated war hero. He's a vegetarian, doesn't smoke, drinks an occasional beer and never committed adultery.

Which of these candidates would be our choice? Decide first... No peeking, and then read below for the response.

*Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt. Candidate B is Winston Churchill. Candidate C is Adolf Hitler.*

### Makes you think before judging someone!

**Lent** – As we journey through Lent there will be a mid-week service every Wednesday at 8pm in Holy Trinity. All welcome.

**World Day of Prayer** – This years' service will be held on Friday 4th March at 11am. The congregation of St Stephen's, Killiney will host the service which will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**Ladies Guild** – The Guild will meet next on Tuesday 8th March in the Carry Centre at 2.30pm. All Welcome.

**Select Vestry** – The Vestry will meet at 8.00pm in the Carry Centre on Mon. 14th March.

**Glenageary Killiney National School** – The annual Easter service will take place in St Matthias' Church, Killiney. On March 15th the school will raise the National Flag for Proclamation Day.

**SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney** – On Wednesday March 16th the Ladies will meet in the Carry Centre. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

**Service & Social** – The next gathering will be on Sunday 20th March at 3pm. Please contact Joan Whyte or the Rector for more information.

**Diners Club – The KWDs** – Next gathering will be held on Thursday 21st April. Further expressions of interest or queries may be addressed to Zandra Laing or the Rector.

**Bible Study and Prayer Group** – The next gathering will be on Tuesday March 22nd at 10.30am in the Carry Centre.



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## DALKEY WEDNESDAY HOCKEY CLUB UPDATE



The Annual Wednesday Hockey St. Stephen's Day' hockey match, was held at Loreto Abbey, by kind permission of the Principal, Mr. Robert Dunne. This Annual Event has been taking place since 1985 with the proceeds going to 'Home and Away' charities. This year 24 hardy souls turned up and played in very wet conditions. Our usual Wednesday morning group of Albert Ladies are augmented by the teenage daughters of our 'regulars'. The two charities which benefited were GOAL and the BOCCIA club.

Après-match on-pitch refreshments are provided annually by Clarice and Peter Kerruish. Clarice, of course, also plays in the match, alongside her daughters.



*Stephanie Batt*



### CAKE SALE FOR HERVE

The day was a huge success and we are extremely thankful to all who came and supported us. We thank the local businesses and neighbours in Dalkey who donated raffle prizes and cakes. The amount raised was €1500 and this gives great encouragement in our fundraising campaign.



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Dalkey Daffodil Day Coffee Morning in OLH  
(10:00-12:30) Sat. 5 Mar.

Paddy Cole Concert in Town Hall  
at 8pm Sat. 5 Mar.

DCC March Monthly Meeting Mon. 7 Mar.

DARA Annual Art & Floral Exhibition in  
OLH (10:00-12:30) Sat & Sun 19 & 20 Mar.

Sorting of April Newsletter in OLH  
(1pm-2pm) Thurs. 24 Mar.

Summer time begins  
(clock forward 1 hour) Sun. 27 Mar.

Sonrise Service at  
The Obelisk 6:45am Sun. 27 Mar.

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Karate sessions for all age groups** in Town Hall from 5.00-9.00pm Mon. & Wednesdays

**Boxing/Conditioning Classes** - Also available. Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334

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

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

**The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society** meets monthly in Dalkey. Call 086-8391839

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

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

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

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

### Nature Notes March 2016

**March Tue 1<sup>st</sup>.** Branch AGM followed by Avian Quiz!! All members welcome.

**Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>.** Coach trip to WOW Centre (aka RSPB Reserve Belfast) and Lough Neagh. Booking essential, contact: [elekeane@gmail.com](mailto:elekeane@gmail.com)

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