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DAWN FROM SORRENTO PARK, DALKEY



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SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 2018 MONTHLY MEETING

The Meeting was held on Monday 12th February 2018 in OLH.

HC: Congratulations to Dalkey Castle who for the third year has been awarded the Award of Excellence 2017 from CIE Tours. The Manager Margaret Dunne is commended on her continued work and commitment to promote the town of Dalkey.

TT: DTT has completed the paving path to the old well in Dillon's Park. The "Seven Castles" project is proceeding and there are plans to upgrade the planter boxes at SuperValu, Writer's Corner and to attend to the paving at the rear of Our Lady's Hall. DTT will hold a Recycling Workshop in the HC on Tuesday 13th March. (See page 24)

NW: Garda Ailbhe gave us a report on crime trends for the Dalkey area that reflects a downturn in crime on the same period last year. She had leaflets on the Senior Alert Scheme that is a very good security system for the elderly. Ailbhe also alerted us to the scam text messages that are being sent and under no circumstances should these messages be opened – if any are received delete immediately. Ailbhe is willing to visit any resident who has mobility difficulties and is unable to come to the twice monthly Garda Clinics held in OLH. If requests are called into Dun Laoghaire Garda Station (666 5000) she will follow up on them.

Planning: There were 269 observations made for the latest planning application for Bulloch Harbour and a decision is awaited on it.

AOB: Alan Winter is carrying out feasibility studies for the positioning of towers for the lifts at Dalkey DART Station. The online petition can be still be accessed (www.petitions.ie/view-petitions/ireland/liftdalkeydart) and it is proposed to approach the relevant bodies when a plan has been finally drawn up.

Local Daffodil Day is Saturday 10th March from 10am-12:30pm in OLH.

The next DCC Meeting is Monday 12th March 2018.

❖ NEWS FROM DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 2017. The team at Dalkey Castle has for the third year won the Award of Excellence from CIÉ Tours. Elizabeth Crabill, CEO of CIÉ Tours International presented the award to Margaret Dunne at the National Gallery of Ireland in early February.

CIÉ tours visit the castle and the town from April–end of October. The Excellence Award is won by attaining a rating of 90%+, decided by client surveys. Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre welcome visitors from all US states on the CIE tours. These visitors have already been to Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland as part of a Scottish and Irish Focus tour. After partaking in the Living History tour with costumed actors from Deilg Inis at Dalkey Castle, the visitors enjoy a guided literary and historic walk in Dalkey. Visitors constantly comment on the 'village feel' of the town and love to see the traditional shop fronts especially at Dalkey Pharmacy. Finnegan's Sorrento Lounge, where Bono brought Michele Obama for lunch when she was First Lady, is a particular favourite.

The National Schools programme with all the local schools is in full swing every morning and is booked out up to Easter and beyond.

Dancing with the Stars the maple sprung floor in the Town Hall is proving a very popular venue for the rehearsals of the TV series, shown on RTE One on Sunday evenings.

INCOMING TOUR OPERATORS We will be attending the Incoming Tour Operators Conference in Fitzpatrick's Castle in March. This is the annual event where all the tour





Centre Manager Margaret Dunne with Tour Guides Catherine Murphy and Tony O'Reilly at the presentation of CIE Awards of Excellence. Photo CIE

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. We are constantly making pitches to various tour companies and feedback for 2018 is looking very positive.

Craft Shop. Staff members attended the Showcase in the RDS in January and are trying out some new ranges. New season knitwear from Tivoli and Ireland's Eye has just arrived in and there will be a week of special offers on selected lines from March 11th - 17th.

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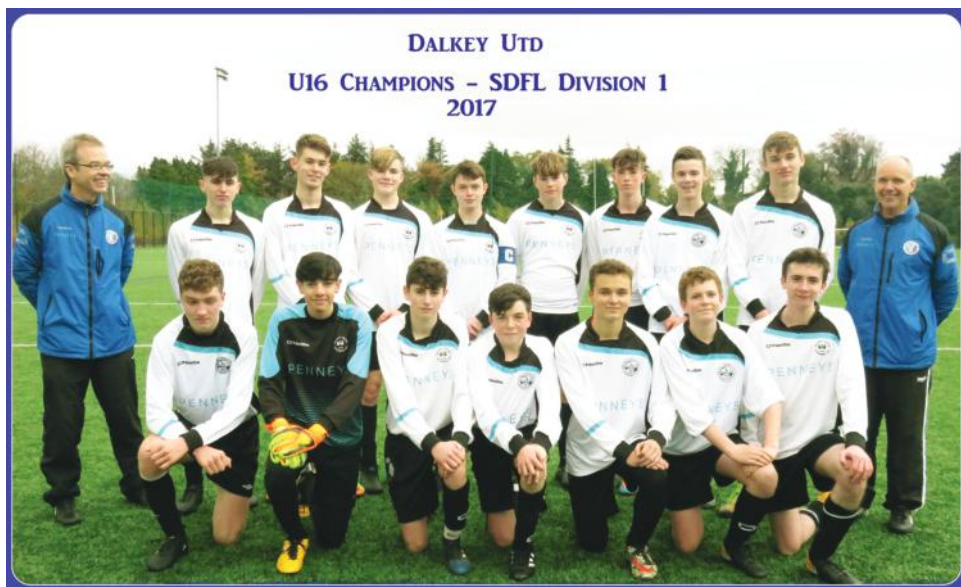


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U16 – THE ‘INVINCIBLES’

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Manager, Simon Turley.*

*Front Row: Nathan Columb, James Desigar, Sam Roberts, Harry Wall, Alex Solyskov,
Joe Speer, Conor Kelly.*

Not Pictured: Adam Kilroy, Ciaran Drohan, Zane Ombina

Photo: Dalkey United F.C.

The 2017 season proved a very successful one on the field for Dalkey United. Our Boys U16 team and Managers Darragh McCann and Simon Turley achieved unprecedented success in winning the SDFL First Division league title with two games to spare, while remaining unbeaten for the entire campaign. It's a remarkable achievement to not only go a whole campaign without tasting defeat, but to do it playing a style of football that was a joy to watch. The team will now begin life in the U17s SDFL Premier Division as a newly promoted team with high expectations off the back of their incredible road to glory.

A special note goes to our Girls 2016/17 U10 team who reached the final of the MGL Cup and our U18 Boys Team who reached the final of their SDFL Cup. On a personal level Josh Perrem and Emma Daughtry Lamb (U12 Boys & Girls) were selected for League representative honours.

As a Club we are open to new players joining particularly from U13 and upwards. Goalkeepers are always welcome and we provide specialist Goalkeeper training. For further information please see www.dalkeyunited.ie

***Kim Fortune**
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Easter Multi Activity Camp

We are now taking bookings for our camps. At our Multi Activity Camp children aged 4 - 12 years will enjoy a wide variety of sporting activities, games and art & crafts. There is also a fun swim daily. The camp is fully catered by our onsite chef with children getting a healthy break, a hot nutritious lunch and a dessert each day. The camp day starts at 9:30am and finishes at 3pm. Extended day-care options are available at an additional cost.

Parent and Toddler Class

Our parent and toddler groups are for children aged 6 months to 2 ½ years, accompanied by a parent in the water. The basics of swimming are introduced whilst babies become accustomed to the pool environment. Session's are every Thursday Morning from 9:15 -9:45AM. The new term is 9 weeks and costs €67.50.

Easter Swim Intensive Camp

Swim Intensive Camps are focused weeks aimed at improving swimming ability, confidence and stroke technique. The Camps are an ideal way to keep your child swimming throughout the holidays and are suited to all ages (from 4 upwards) and abilities. Camp times are from 3.15 – 4.00pm Monday – Friday. The cost is €55 per week.



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DALKEY RELATIVES 1940 SEARCH URGENTLY NEEDS OUR HELP



Last month, we started a fascinating search which has yet to yield results. Briefly, we are looking for any information on relatives of eleven Corporals and Volunteers who manned the vital World War II Lookout Post No.7 which was positioned on the summit of our Sorrento Park. Their job, as part of the Coast Watching Service, was to log all movements of aircraft, day and night, at a time when Ireland and Dublin in particular could be bombed with very serious loss of life. Inspired by Michael Kennedy's fascinating book "*Guarding Neutral Ireland*" we issued a special request for your help. The children of some of the eleven individuals might still be in their 70's. There may even be a photo or memento out there which would be wonderful to see again. With the hope of having a special Information Panel erected in their honour, we need more details. If you have any information which could help, please email des@dalkeytidytowns.com with details.

Author and broadcaster Michael Kennedy has found another priceless photo which we have confirmed as taken on the summit of Sorrento Park in World War II. Look closely and you will clearly see Lamb Island beside Dalkey Island in the background. We have checked this with photos taken just last week. One of the two individuals shown can be seen wearing spurs which may indicate a Cavalry Corps and Armoured Car background. Another knowledgeable Newsletter reader, James Scannell, has also thrown light on the rotations and movement of the individuals in our search which really helps to bring it to life. Here again are the ELEVEN individuals from 1940 in our search:

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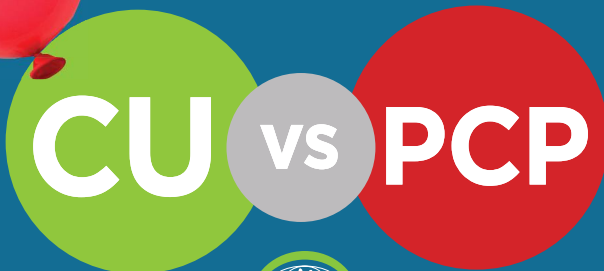
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4th Class Pupils

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TRYING NEW ACTIVITIES

Choir – Ms. Leeson started a choir in school this year. We did choir every Thursday and Tuesday in school for around 15mins. It was really fun! Then we were invited to sing in the Dalkey Church Carol Service. We were so excited to do that. It

was our first time singing in public. We sang ‘Somewhere only we know’ and ‘Silent Night’. The other schools were great. We loved hearing them sing. I was a bit nervous at first but then I was fine. I like how everyone sang some songs together at the end. Though some of us didn’t know some of the songs, at least we could see the words on the screen. I think everyone loved it.

By Sara O’Flaherty, 4th Class

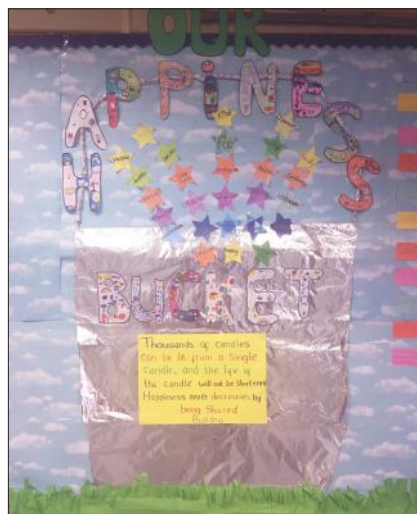
Credit Union Quiz – On Monday 29th January 2018, Dalkey School Project N.S. entered the Credit Union Junior Quiz in St Lawrence’s College, Loughlinstown. Our school was represented by two teams, one from 6th Class and one from 4th Class. I was chosen to represent 4th Class, along with three of my class mates, Ben, Emma and Theo. There were 36 teams taking part from all the different Primary schools in the area. The hall was full of children and full of excitement. We had to answer 60 general knowledge questions. We had great fun answering them and working together as a team. We were delighted when it was announced that both teams from Dalkey School Project N.S. came second and we have been asked to represent our school on 3rd March in Blanchardstown with other winners from schools in Leinster. It was a great honour to have represented our school and we are all looking forward to the next round!!

By Amelie Hennessy, 4th Class

‘Be the change you want to see in the world’

Every Thursday for the next couple of weeks, we will be working on a special project - How can we improve Sally Glen area for us and for all living things? We started off by going out in groups to Sallyglen to notice and take photos of things we never noticed before. We came back together and talked about what we saw- litter, dog poo, an abandoned Christmas tree, graffiti and worm holes.

The next week, we watched video clips that showed projects made by children. They made amazing differences to their communities and we hope to do the same with Sallyglen! *By 5th Class*



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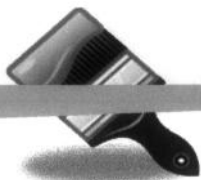
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Cuala Cups visit Harold Boys N. S.

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In December, the pupils in Harold Boys' N.S. were treated to a visit of the 10 cups Cuala/Dublin had recently won. The biggest & most impressive of all was the Sam Maguire. It is hard to believe it is here again the third time in three years! Michael Fitzsimons (who plays for Cuala & the Dublin team) spoke to the boys. He reminded

them to continue practising but most importantly to have fun & enjoy their games. It was a real honour to have Conor Mullally in the school. Conor is a past pupil of Harold Boys' N.S. & spoke of his enjoyment playing football for the school team. Hannah O'Dea (who also plays for Cuala) was there with the Brendan Martin Ladies' Football Cup. This is the ladies equivalent of the Sam Maguire. What an amazing achievement for Cuala! All in all they had 10 cups with them. The speakers were truly inspiring. We congratulate Cuala men's & ladies' teams on their success to date in both football & hurling & wish them the best of luck in the future.



LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL



A FAREWELL TO MRS. CORKERY

Mrs. Angela Corkery started teaching at Loreto Primary School, Dalkey in 1979. During her time as a teacher at Loreto, she was a class teacher, a learning support teacher and finished her career as the acting principal. She is a very talented teacher and has taught every class from junior infants to sixth class. Mrs. Corkery really enjoyed teaching music to her students. Mrs. Corkery was always very kind and helpful to all the students she worked with.

One of our fondest memories of Mrs. Corkery is how passionate she was about the commemoration of The 1916 Rising. In 2016 she asked all the students to come together to write 'Loreto's Proclamation for a New Generation'. In memory of 1916, we wrote our own proclamation. It made us feel very proud and hopeful for the future.

Every year Mrs. Corkery encouraged us to walk, cycle and scoot to school. She encouraged us to make positive changes both at home and at school to



Mrs. Angela Corkery

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help the environment. She was very proud when the school received its fifth Green Schools flag for Biodiversity last June.

Mrs. Corkery always tried to inspire us to be our best self and to share our talents with others. It is very clear that she led by example always. Just before Christmas, Mrs. Corkery retired from Loreto Primary School. Things will not be the same at Loreto without her and we will miss Mrs. Corkery very dearly. We wish her a very happy and healthy retirement.

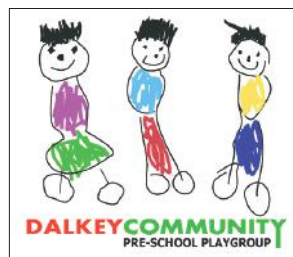
Ellen Kearns and Ana Madden Santos, 4th Class



DALKEY COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP



All of us at the Dalkey Community Preschool Playgroup wish to extend the most heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. We raised a very respectable €1,700. Such a brilliant figure would have been impossible without the continued help from the local businesses of Dalkey – Dalkey Pharmacy, Daisy Stone, Select Stores, Magpie Inn, Maxwell's, Thyme Out, Grapevine, Country Bake, SuperValu, Handworks, Robert's, Unique, Doyle's Butcher, The Grafton Barber, Dalkey Heritage Centre, Topaz and De Villes. Thanks also to Our Lady's Hall for being wholly accommodating to all our requests. Everyone involved really enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere/chaos on the day and loved engaging with every facet of the community in such a relaxed and fun way.



The funds raised will go towards the maintenance of the Playgroup building itself but on a far giddier note, the brand new outdoor equipment has arrived! We're planning a big playground overhaul this month. The new setup will include plenty of natural and sensory materials that will embrace the experiential

learning method we strive for at the Playgroup; water walls, blackboards and lots more. In addition to that, the kind folk of Dalkey Tidy Towns have already performed a mini makeover on the once tired planters, transforming them into a feast for the senses. Tactile and aromatic shrubs interplanted with seasonal bedding. Exciting times down Convent Road!



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There is a rich programme of events on offer across the library service and you can find full details of these in our **What's On** brochure. The following events are programmed for Dalkey Library for the coming month.

Mandala Art: feel your stresses melt away with artist Patricia Fitzgerald Wed 7 Mar 10.30am-12.30p. Booking essential. Take a journey of self-compassion and awareness through the ancient art form of Mandala. During this two-hour workshop you will learn a little of the philosophy behind Mandala; you will be led on a guided meditation journey and will colour and engage with your own mandala with a new-found awareness of this powerful healing process.

Mindfulness for Emotional and Mental Well-Being with Angelika Renger. Wed 14 March, 10.30am-12.30pm. Booking essential. There is no getting by without encountering some challenges and difficulties at some stage in everyone's life. Mindfulness teaches skills that are especially helpful for navigating every day challenges as they arise.

Early Years Programme: All Welcome to all events. No Booking required

March 2nd and 23rd. Let's Play Time are open play sessions led by the participants. We'll be supplying toys and Duplo Bricks for the children to play and create whatever they want. These sessions will take place on March 2nd and 23rd from 10.15 to 11.15am

March 9th Baby Book Club 10am to 11am. Explore books, rhyme and craft with your baby or young child with the help of Sarah Keating. We will also be joined by Yvonne Quinn, Senior Psychologist with HSE. Yvonne will work with those attending to think together about parent and baby well-being.

March 16th Storytime with library staff. 10.15am to 11am All welcome.

Don't forget you're never too young to join the library. Register your child for their own library card and let them pick from our great selection of fabulous picture books.



All images: Dalkey Library

Celebrate World Book Day with stories! Thurs 1 Mar, 3.00-4.00pm Ages 7-10yrs, all welcome Special storytelling session with well-known storyteller Jack Lynch. Children are invited to attend dressed up as a book character.

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11am

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❖ DALKEY PARISH OUTREACH COFFEE MORNINGS ❖

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Close to our hearts is our current collaboration with Sister Clare in Kitui, Kenya. Thanks to the continued support from Dalkey St. Columba's College can now boast 112 female students— many of whom come from difficult backgrounds. They are being trained in a range of subjects including Fashion and Design, and Food Processing that will allow them to earn an independent wage. Through education, and the opportunities created by St. Columba's, these girls can break out of the poverty cycle.

Come join us for a cuppa and a chat – with delicious homemade scones – the last Sunday of the month from 9am-12.30pm. We always have the kettle on!

The Team

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From a Dalkey Quarry Worker in 1921

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tis getan cold now here the same as twas at home an i hoap you worr able to get a good bit of wood in an Willie is a good help to you an the ten shillans im putin in here will be able to help you out a bit too plees God you doant have to worry yourself one bit about me becuse I have a good friend in a man by the name Joe O connor an i sleep an has my brekfast an dinner wit him an anoder man cald Mike Sullivan in his hut that he has on the hill up here an he egspecks heel get money out of it some day becuse he can sell the ground arowand it to rich men i woodan mind if I coud do that myself but me bean young an all the land gone with the six hunderd men i have no chance if i coud do that Mammy id be able to look after you an Willie an Josie an Peggy an Martin all of us togeder but sure god is good whats here is very interestang work some men blow up big slabs of rock out of the fase of the quarry with dinamite an uder men break it up the way the ganger wants an then me an uder men load it onto waggons ontill dare full an when one is full we push it an it goes off down the hill on iron traks an every one pulls anoder one up the oder side that's emty on traks too weer kep goan i can tell you Joe ses the way it works is called funickalar an made by injineers an dare very intelagent for a faked when i gets a chans to look dowan i can see the pier in Dunleery growan bit by bit with all the men the place is very dirty where they go to emty dare bowals that's what Joe calls it an tis very hard to go there an put up with it but dares noting else you can do dares a funy thing too some wimman are here an I doant know what thay do an Joe says im beter off witout the knowan i meets som of dem sumtimes an dare very nice an laff an say hello to you too Joe says I shoud be gettan fourteen shillans not twelve and i shud axe the gqanger why but he does be nice to me so i wont mabe after crissmass

your lovan son Tom

Dear Mammy

tis getan very cold now here the same as at home im sure but im manadjin well an Joe said im turnan into one of the strongast men on the hill he hasant been able to go to work now for a week hes sick an im buyan food for him too an thank God i am able to do that an he sez heel pay me back for evrythan when he gets money for the land he has his hut on the other man Mike isant able to afoard to help Joe becuse he has a famly to look after an he said Joe cud be worse an tis not very nice in the hut now any more between them but tis all right for me on account of Joe i amant able to put any money into this but the next time ile make sure so you can get things for Willie an Josie an Peggy an Martin an yourself of coarse all the men here dares about six hunerd of them stoppt workin last week and they all got togedder for a meetan so i went to it to see what twas all about and some of them got up on a wagon and were very ~~ang~~ cross an said they shud be gettin more money than fourteen shillans for the work dare doan but i think my twelve is allright untill after chrisssmass an im gettan along ok ~~egg~~ only for Joe gettan sick and havan to feed him but i sopose when you tink of it that way that some of the men have to feed dare family then tis a difrent storey this is a grate place to be livan evry time i gets a chanst i do spend it lookan out at Dublin bay im a bit tird now on a count of havin to make dinner for Joe too but heel be bettor soon and then ile have more than words to send on i tink evry evenan about sittan round the fire with you an Willie an Josie an Peggy an Martin evry evenan helpan them lern and lisanan to all your storys about when you was yung Mammy an Daddey an all

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THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DUN LEARY HARBOUR
17 January 1822

Mrs O’Kane
c/o Miss Maria Edgeworth
Edgeworthstown, County Longford

Dear Mrs O’Kane,

The members of the Board of Commissioners of Dun Leary Harbour beg to inform you that it has to communicate unfortunate tidings to you. It has felt advised to direct this through the good offices of Miss Edgeworth who is, we are given to understand, acquainted with you. It is with profound regret that we have to advise you of the death of your son, Thomas O’Kane. This resulted from an unfortunate accident which occurred on 3rd inst. when some large slabs of rock were dislodged unexpectedly from the cliff face at Dalkey, falling precipitously and with little warning on the base at which he was employed, injuring him fatally.

Exercising goodwill, the Board of Commissioners arranged for the interment of your son in the cemetery at Kill O’ The Grange in County Dublin, although he was not in the direct employ of the Board but of a contractor. This cemetery can be visited during all seven days of the week. In their charity the Commissioners herewith forward the sum of nine pounds and two shillings which corresponds to the remuneration that would have been disbursed by the Board in the case of your son, had he survived a further quarter in the employ of the Board’s contractor

With the sympathy of the members of the Board.

p.p. John Smythe

Elspeth Montgomery, Chairman.

By Kevin Hurley, Dalkey

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As Easter was approaching I thought it be a nice idea, now that Kieran was 3 years of age, if we could arrange an Easter egg hunt. Not having a garden, it had to be done somewhere outside, the lovely park near us seemed to be ideal for that. All we needed was children, eggs and an Easter bunny. We asked friends and neighbours with children to join us, decorate eggs with them and bring these to our house the day before Easter Sunday. We got a great gathering of people and a good pile of eggs. Nel, the mother of Kieran's best friend Peter, offered to help me with the hiding of the eggs. All that was needed now was an Easter Bunny suit, which I made for myself.

Off we went early on the day with the eggs, suit and face paints. The park was lovely and quiet, not a soul to be seen. We picked a bushy area right in the middle of the park. Once all the eggs were hidden I started to put on my suit and then in the middle of painting my face Nel bursted out in hilarious laughter. She thought it the funniest thing and decided there and then that she had to take a photo. She insisted on going home and getting her camera. No matter what I said I couldn't keep her there. I had a role planned for her. "Please Nel, you have to meet the crowd at the gate at 10 am and lead them to this place!" "You won't have enough time!" Nel insisted that the 20-min. left was enough time and off she went.

Here I was on my own in this big park, dressed up as a bunny sitting in the bushes and to my horror without a watch. How does one guess time? My experience of cooking a boiled egg without looking at the clock, doesn't work. And that is only waiting for 3 minutes. Even waiting for 1 minute is a challenge. We used to have to be silent for one minute on the 4th of May to remember the victims of World War II. All the church bells in the whole of the Netherlands would chime and when they stopped, no matter where you were you had to stay silent for one minute. It always seemed ages. How was I going to guess 20 minutes? Knowing Nel I knew she wouldn't make it in time. I was getting more and more anxious. I could just imagine everybody gathering and not knowing what to do. Frank be there too with Kieran and Mona in the buggy. Everybody possibly asking him what to do.

Suddenly, when I was looking around I saw an elderly couple strolling on a path in my direction. Delighted I jumped out to ask them the time, forgetting about my attire. They nearly jumped out of their skins and the astonishment on their faces, even now writing this, still makes me laugh.

I had hoped that Nel would have welcomed the group and walked with them in the direction of the hiding place. As soon as they could spot me I would have hopped around the field before disappearing in another bush to undress. I wanted to keep the magic alive. I now had no choice. It was time to face the group on my own. I could see them from a distance and started hopping in their direction, but as soon as they could see me they ran so fast that my hopping had not enough speed to cope with that. First, I started to run and then decided it was a losing battle, so I just put up with the loss of magic and welcomed the children into the hiding place, which was fun interacting with the children as an Easter Bunny. It was lovely to see the excitement when the children found the eggs. It was well worth being part of it. Also the parents enjoyed themselves. Funnily enough some feedback later from the parents was that when they were in the park with their children, they were still looking for the bunny and the eggs a good while after that.

I can't include a photo here. Although Nel was part of the crowd, she must not have been able to find her camera in time!

Because it went so well, that from then on, we always had an Easter hunt until Kieran and Mona outgrew it and continued again when the grandchildren came along. For years we celebrated it in the mountains of Kippure Estate, where we hired one of their chalets for Easter week. Now the adults take it in turn to dress up and when the children spot the bunny on top of the mountain, which they can see from the window with binoculars, they know to start the hunt, which now includes chocolate eggs!

Elly McCrea



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A. Threadworms are a common childhood infection of the large intestine and are most often found in children under ten. The worms are white and look like a piece of thread and may be visible in a child's bottom or in their poo. They may not have any symptoms but often the main symptom is itching in the bottom or vagina especially at night. This may result in disturbed sleep.

A severe infection can cause symptoms of loss of appetite, weight loss, insomnia and bedwetting.

The worms lay their eggs at night and if scratched the eggs can lie under the fingernails and get re ingested which starts a new infection cycle. They can survive on surfaces for up to two weeks so it is important if an infection is discovered that all surfaces and bed linen, pyjamas etc. are disinfected.

Treatment is very straightforward and does not require a visit to the GP. Your Pharmacist can advise on the products and hygiene procedures needed to successfully treat the infection. A GP visit is only needed if you are pregnant or the child is under the age of 2.

Mebendazole is the medication used to treat threadworm and is available over the counter without prescription. The standard treatment is one dose initially followed by a second dose two weeks later. Everyone in the family should be treated at the same time.

The hygiene measures are important to ensure reinfection does not occur and should be followed for up to six weeks after treatment.

They are as follows:

- Wash all night clothes, bed linen, towels and soft toys at 60°C on diagnosis

- Avoid shaking any items that may be contaminated as this will spread the eggs in the air.

- Vacuum and mop the whole house but especially the bedrooms and bathrooms

- Wash hands frequently with warm soapy water especially under the nails particularly after going to the toilet

- Keep fingernails short and discourage nail biting or finger sucking

- Wear tight fitting underwear at night and change first thing in the morning washing them well

- Do not share towels and shower/bath regularly

- Children do not need to be kept out of school or crèche but they should be informed so the proper hygiene procedures can be followed.

Your Pharmacist should be able to provide all advice needed for the management of threadworms.

If you have any questions you would like answered please email us on maxwellpharmacydalkey@eircom.net and put Dalkey Newsletter in the message subject line.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 1-6 2/1/2018 to 9/2/2018

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.: D18A/0011

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Jan-2018

Application Name & Location: Laurence & Kathy Endersen, 3 Castle Close, Sandycove.

Proposal: Permission for; removal of existing shed to side (18.2 sqm); construction of new single storey porch to front (7.5 sqm); construction of new single storey extension to rear (20.5 sqm); construction of new shed (7 sqm) and bicycle shelter (4.3 sqm) to side; conversion of single storey garage to side to living accommodation (26 sqm); modifications to ground floor layout; provision of new roof light to front façade; modifications to all façades, installation of external insulation, replacement of fenestration; replacement of entrance gates and widening of opening; all associated ancillary, landscaping and site development works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0899

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Oct-2017

Application Name & Location: Brinnin Holdings Ltd. Rear of Saint Brendan's, Harbour Rd., Dalkey, and accessed off Ulverton Road between Aisling, Ulverton Road, Dalkey & Verona (68) Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for construction of one new three-storey flat roof (two-storey over lower ground floor) detached dwelling with roof terrace. New vehicular entrance off Ulverton Rd. New boundaries, landscaping, drainage, ancillary works & associated works.

Additional Information: 3-Jan-2018.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0027

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Jan-2018

Application Name & Location: David & Evelyn Coulson, Site to side of Shamrock Lodge, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a new two storey three bedroom detached dwelling with single storey return to rear, new 2 metre high boundary wall between proposed new site and existing dwelling, new vehicular entrance to serve existing dwelling, including new gate and piers and alterations to existing front boundary wall and all other associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0031

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Jan-2018

Application Name & Location: David & Rachel Shanley, 5 Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of 3 no. garden sheds, construction of a single storey extension to the rear and side of the existing house, garden store, alterations to the street façade. including windows, entrance door and vehicular gates, internal alterations, 4 no. roof lights and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0048

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Jan-2018

Application Name & Location: P J Gallagher, Old Rock, Ardbrough Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the existing part single storey, part two storey, 4 bedroom detached house. Construction of a new three storey, 5 bedroom detached house with balconies at first and second floor, to the front and rear. Relocation of the existing pedestrian gate and alterations to the existing vehicular entrance to the front boundary off Ardbrough Road. Associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0052

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Jan-2018

Application Name & Location: Stephen & Yvonne Vard, 16 Hyde Pk. Dalkey, A96 F6R0

Proposal: Permission for Retention of: 1. The widening and relocation of vehicular access.

2. The omission of the rear first floor extension proposed in Reg. Ref. D15B/0252. 3. Alterations to internal layout with related changes to window arrangement and number.

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D18B/0015

Application Rec'd Date: 15-Jan-2018

Application Name & Location: Karl James, 48 Castle Street, Dalkey.

Declare Application Invalid: 19-Jan-2018.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0059

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Jan-2018

Application Name & Location: Karl James, 48 Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal Permission for conversion of attic space (39 sqm) for habitable purposes and construction of 2 no. dormer roof window structures - 1 on the western (front) elevation and 1 on the eastern (rear) elevation, 2 no. velux roof windows on western (front) elevation, 1 no. velux roof window on southern (side) elevation and 1 no. velux roof window on eastern (rear) elevation, modifications to existing front porch and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0080

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Jan-2018

Application Name & Location: Irish O'Malley, Tetherdown, 21 Dalkey Ave., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a vehicular access at Dalkey Avenue to Tetherdown (which is house A per the approved plans D11A/0193 & D13A/0317 and PL06D.242469), a revised landscape plan and ancillary site development works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0093

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Feb-2018

Application Name & Location: Anna and Niall Breslin, 7, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of an extended raised paved terrace with railings and a store under to the front and all associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0098

Application Rec'd Date: 2-Feb-2018

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

Proposal: Retention Permission for the use of zinc to the roof instead of a green copper finish and permission for the deletion of *'the proposed roof shall have a green copper finish'* from condition no. 6 of planning permission PL06D.242469 (Reg. Ref: D13A/0317).

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0107

Application Rec'd Date: 6-Feb-2018

Application Name & Location: Gwen & Richard Porter, Rear of 59B Castle Street, Dalkey. A96 P997 (within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA)).

Proposal: Permission for a ground and first floor extension.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR Wks 1-6 2018 2/1/2018 to 9/2/2018

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0250/E **Decision:** Grant Exten. of Duration of Perm. **Date:** 10-Jan '18

Application Name & Location: Michelle Delaney, Front of Saval Park House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a single storey, 2 bedroom house and associated site works with right of way and access off previously approved entrance (Reg. Ref. D95A/0259) on 0.0313 hectares at the front. **Applic. Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0985 **Decision:** Request Add. Info.

Date: 10-Jan-'18

Applic. Name & Location: St Laurence's Club, Rear of nos. 17 & 18 Castle St, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the construction of a single storey store room (3.5 sqm) to the rear of the existing single storey structure and for all associated site works and services above and below ground.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0988 **Decision:** Request Add. Info.

Date: 11-Jan-'18

Application Name & Location: Solly Whites Ltd, The Dalkey Duck, Castle St., Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention permission to retain single storey administration/office extension and separate bin store to the rear of property. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0995	Decision: Grant Permission	Date: 12-Jan-'18
Application Name & Location: John Sheridan, To the rear of and within the curtilage of Saint German's, Vico Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)		
Proposal: Permission for a new flat roof, 4 bedroom, 2 and a half storey split level dwelling & all ancillary site works including access road, terrace, landscaping and a carport, accessed from Torca Road, where a new vehicular entrance is proposed. The proposed development consists of amendments to previously approved development approved on this site under planning application ref. D15A/0730 final grant dated 4 May '16.		
Reg. Ref. D17A/0999	Decision: Request Add. Information	Date: 12-Jan-'18
Application Name & Location: David & Sarah Kelly, 10 Old Quarry, Dalkey.		
Proposal: Permission for: 1. Demolition of the existing garage to the rear and partial demolition of the rear structure of existing house. 2. Construction of a single storey flat roof extension to the side and rear. 3. New roof lights in existing and proposed roof. 4. Rear elevation changes and internal works. 5. Works to driveway, landscaping, soak away, drainage works and ancillary and associated works.		
Reg. Ref. D17B/0501	Decision: Grant Permission	Date: 10-Jan-'18
Application Name & Location: M & K Rockett, 46 Springhill Park, Dalkey.		
Proposal: Permission for demolition of existing utility room and boiler house and construction of a single storey extension to the side and rear.		
Reg. Ref.: D17A/0846	Decision: Grant Permission	Date: 15-Jan-'18
Application Name & Location: Harald Rinde & Nicole Stephenson Rinde, The Studio, Bartra Cove, Harbour Road, Dalkey.		
Proposal: Permission for variations to existing Grant of Permission (Reg. Ref. D15A/0656). Permission granted involved demolition of existing 3 storey dwelling and construction of a new replacement 3 storey dwelling. The proposed amendments include, reduction in overall floor area, alterations to façades at all levels, omission of east facing terrace at first floor level, alterations to extent of south facing terrace and provision of garage.		
Reg. Ref.: D17A/1013	Decision: Request Add. Information	Date: 18-Jan-'18
Application Name & Location: Sean & Giuliana Popplewell, 24 Castlepark Rd., Dalkey.		
Proposal: Permission for the construction of a new 1.8m high boundary wall to the front of the existing dwelling and all ancillary site works.		
Reg. Ref.: D17A/1014	Decision: Grant Permission	Date: 19-Jan-'18
Applic. Name & Location: Sean & Giuliana Popplewell, 24, Castlepark Rd., Dalkey.		
Proposal: Retention permission is sought for the demolition of existing two storey bay to the side and single storey lean-to to the rear and retention permission is sought for the construction of a single storey flat roof extension and pitched roof extension at first floor level all to the rear. Retention permission is sought for construction of new single storey flat roof bay and new entrance to the front including canopy and new fenestration to the side and rear of the existing dwelling. Permission is also sought for a new vehicular access onto Castlepark Road as per granted permission D15A/0390 and all ancillary site works.		
Reg. Ref.: D17A/0899	Decision: Refuse Permission	Date: 29-Jan-'18
Application Name & Location: Brinnin Holdings Ltd. Rear of Saint Brendans, Harbour Rd., Dalkey and accessed off Ulverton Road between Aisling, Ulverton road, Dalkey & Verona (68) Ulverton Road, Dalkey.		
Proposal: Permission for construction of one new three-storey flat roof (two-storey over lower ground floor) detached dwelling with roof terrace. New vehicular entrance off Ulverton Road. New boundaries, landscaping, drainage, ancillary works and associated works.		

Reg. Ref. D17A/1033 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 30-Jan-'18
Application Name & Location: Robert Fisk, The Billows,, Vico Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Planning permission is sought for development at the site which is located within an Architectural Conservation Area. The development will consist of the following: removal of existing garage (16 sqm); Provision of a single storey extension of 58 sqm and single storey garage of 22 sqm to the east side of existing main house, minor internal modifications to existing house at ground floor level to facilitate connection to new extension, provision of planted flat roofs to single storey extension and garage, drainage connections to existing drainage services and all ancillary and associated works necessary to facilitate this development.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/1044 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 1-Feb-'18
Application Name & Location: Leentje Folens, 56, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the following: a) to erect a two storey extension to the rear comprising a 23 sqm ground floor dining/kitchen extension and 6 sqm first floor bathroom extension b) a 13 sqm single storey gym/exercise room extension to the front c) retention of widened entrance gate opening d) 5 new windows to existing side elevation. New windows throughout. New heating, plumbing and electrical services. New foul and surface-water drainage - together with ancillary site works.

Reg Ref: D17B/0543 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 2-Feb-2018
Applic. Name & Location: Stephen & Catherine Pike, 14 Dalkey Grove, Dalkey, A96 YT22
Proposal: Permission for development. The proposed development consists of a single storey rear extension, glass covered pergola to side of house, internal amendments and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0191/E **Decision:** Grant Ext. of Duration of Perm. **Date:** 9-Feb-'18
Application Name & Location: John & Brigid Fagan, 4 Mont Alto, Sorrento Rd., Dalkey.
Proposal: Planning permission is sought to build a first floor extension on the existing rear ground floor walls and associated works to include 3 Velux windows and the raising in height of existing rear chimneys. **Application Type:** Exten. of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref. D17A/1072 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 7-Feb-2018
Application Name & Location: Bernice & Brian Barrington, 3 Church Road, Dalkey, (A portion of this site is located with the Dalkey Architectural Conservation Area)
Proposal: Permission for: A. Demolition of the existing rear single storey extension to the existing dwelling, including a section of the existing boundary wall onto the adjacent laneway. B. Construction of a new single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dwelling. C. Erection of 2.0m high fence along the existing shared boundary with the neighbouring property. D. Erection of a bin storage shed to the front curtilage of the dwelling, along with all associated site works and landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0563 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 8-Feb-2018
Application Name & Location: Michael & Antoinette Carroll, 22, Convent Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for, Permission for Proposed extensions, alterations and refurbishment of existing dwelling, including first floor dormer window extension full width of rear roof slope, extending floor area and increasing height of existing ground floor rear return. Proposed re-proportioning and sizing of all existing front and side window openings, proposed ground floor extension to side of dwelling and proposed remodelling and increased height of garden walls and screens.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 1-6 2/1/'18 to 9/2/'18

Reg Ref: D17A/0909 **Date:** 12-Oct-'17 **Location:** 14, Barnhill Park, Dalkey.
Development: Permission sought for dormer type dwelling house in rear garden with new

vehicular access and all associated site works. Works to include demolition of previously converted garage to side of existing dwelling house. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Lodged:** 9-Jan-2018. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal. **Reg Ref:** D17A/0938. **Reg. Date:** 20-Oct-'17 **Location:** Caldragh, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Development: Outline Permission for the demolition of existing detached dwelling and garage & construction of 3 no. detached 2-storey dwellings with access for House No. 1 through existing vehicular entrance which is to be improved, together with a proposed combined vehicular entrance to serve House Nos. 2 & 3. **Council Decision:** Refuse Outline Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 15-Jan-2018. **Nature of Appeal:** Against Refusal of Outline Perm. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks 1-6, 25/12'17 to 2/2'18

Reg. Ref.: D16A/0890 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 9-Jan-'18.

Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** 10, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Planning permission is sought for the demolition of an existing part-single, part-two storey house in poor condition while retaining the original boundary walls to rear and sides, and the construction of a new replacement, part single, part two storey house, on a new footprint partly within the old and retained original boundary walls, and construction of a new front garden wall and erection of a new sliding gate in the widened existing entrance location within the limits of the existing opening of the front boundary to the street together with all associated ancillary site works, services and landscaping. **Applicant:** John O'Keeffe and Yvonne Pettitt.



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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH

4th March	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
11th March	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age
18th March	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
25th March	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
Midweek	Every Thursday	10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 13th and the 27th of the month. An updated leaflet entitled '*Pastoral Care Information for Residents & Their Families*' is now available from the Parish office or from reception in the Manor. The leaflet gives details of service times, some prayers for personal use and contact details for the chaplain.

Craft Group – If you would like to drop in for a chat, or if you would like to try your hand at a craft, then you will find us in the Gallery Room of the Northover Hall any Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. The chat and the cup of tea is always good.

Lent – We look forward to reflecting alongside the parishioners of Church of the Assumption about family and what it means in the Ireland of today on Tuesday evenings during Lent in Our Lady's Hall at 7.30pm. Also the practice of centering prayer will continue to be developed in St. Patrick's Church on Mondays at 7.30pm. (People should though have attended the initial workshop in February for an introduction to the practice.)

Film Social – You are warmly invited to come along for some entertainment, a cup of tea and the opportunity for a chat, in the gallery room (upstairs in the Hall) at 2.30pm on 12th March.

Select Vestry – There will be a meeting of the Select Vestry at 8.00pm on 20th March.

Welcome Table – The Welcome Table seeks to assist Residents of Direct Provision centres who have little or no access to cooking facilities. To date we have welcomed to Dalkey participants from Georgia, Afghanistan and several African countries. Every two weeks we welcome a group of up to six asylum seekers to our Parish Hall where they cook alongside local volunteers. Whilst some of the prepared food is eaten on the day most is now taken back to the centre and used to supplement the normal diet. Everyone involved enjoys the interchange of recipes and forming of new friendships. If you would like to donate, or find out more about the Welcome Table you can do so on our parish website.

March

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



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March is truly, the first month of Spring and with longer days and rising temperatures, our gardens are coming alive. ...Having said 'This', March too, can be unpredictable. ... March is a busy time of the year in the greenhouse as it's time to sow many plants. Make sure, you have a good supply of 'Best Buy Compost' plus labels, trays and pots. Water your indoor plants more regularly, now that our weather is warmer. ...From your armchair, you can order your seeds and plug plants online. Give these plug plants a pinch, a couple of times while the plants are young. This will make them nice and bushy and they will have far more flowers. Honestly, there is so much available now, when it comes to growing your own. There are flowers of every possible description; their symmetry, their personality, how they reach for the sun, the light, - : their drama, romance, their hope - ...flowers basically grow and adapt or they don't survive.

They have, so to speak, a deep desire to stand in all their colourful glory, even in the most challenging environments.

I might try growing some new potatoes shortly, in a large container. The taste of home grown, new potatoes in early June is irresistible and I believe the varieties Orla, Colleen or Setanta are so easy to grow, are blight-resistant and packed full of flavour, have thin skinned balls of flour with that special 'New Potato' distinctive flavour.

The nestling period will be beginning about now, so it's best to avoid putting peanuts in your feeders as young nestlings can choke on them. Good foods to use in the Spring include black sunflower seeds, mealworms, wax worms, (wax worms are the caterpillar larvae of wax moths), soft apples and pears, bananas and grapes cut in half.

Did You Know?

Slugs Slugs have no external shell. They have evolved to have a reduced shell just under their skin. This means that they can easily travel underground and will hide there during daytime, they tend to hide in nooks and crannies and have been known to roost in shrubs and trees.

Snails. Snails require calcium to form their shells so most species are restricted to calcareous areas. Snails can become much more of a problem in limestone and chalky soils than in other areas. Slug and snail damage tends to peak in Spring and again in Autumn with a quieter period in the Summer when it is drier. ...Half a grapefruit filled with beer and left in the garden overnight will soon indicate your situation. ...Also, Slugs and snails do not like to cross copper. Snails and slugs have both male and female reproductive



Edgeworthia Chrisantha, Also Known As Paper Bush, Is A Shrub For All Seasons And Is A Collectors Plant. Incredibly Beautiful, Deciduous Flowering / Late February, March. Treated Ourselves to Same, Yesterday, Much Cheaper To Buy Than a Bunch of Flowers

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organs, so only one individual is needed to start a new population. Some slug species can lay hundreds of eggs at once and can reproduce multiple times each year. ...But remember, snails and slugs are part of the natural balance and work hard to break down decaying garden waste. They have a crucial role in the compost heap as many species eat only dead plant material and slugs and snails are also a food source for many creatures.

Also, Do You Know?

That children who garden generally eat more fruit and vegetables and, as a result, concentrate better in their various activities and at school.



These Vine Weevil Grubs, can devastate potted plants, by eating their roots

Photo: P. Thomas

MIGHT DO, MAYBE MARCH JOBS

Check for root-bound containers: It's worth checking over long term container plants to make sure their roots aren't coming out of their drainage holes. Re-pot into a container that is one size larger. If you don't want to put your plant in a larger put, then remove to a third of the existing root ball and re-pot into the same container.

Vine Weevil: The adult vine weevil makes distinctive notches in the edges of many plant leaves. This damage isn't much more than cosmetic. However, the white grubs underground can devastate plants by eating their roots. The best solution is to apply a biological control. This uses nematodes that attack the vine weevil.

Prune Roses: Remove all dead and crossing wood on your rose shrubs. Blackspot, powdery mildew and rust are often encountered on roses – roses can suffer from a range of diseases, best to use a fungicide formulation specifically designed for roses.

Hedges: often get neglected as they are sometimes the background of our displays but They Can Also Be Our Stars. In order to get strong healthy foliage it's well worth clearing the weeds within their bases, giving them a feed and then, mulching the bare soil.

The Chelsea Chop will extend the flowering period of late flowering perennials such as

sedum, phlox etc. and also makes the plants bushier.

Children – Consider giving yours a little patch of their very own, to grow whatever seeds they like, i.e. *Sunflower, Night-Scented Stock, Nasturtiums* and *Radishes* are super-fast growers.

Plant out any forced flower buds in the garden such as *Hyacinths* and miniature *Daffodils* which have finished flowering indoors.

Dead-head *Hydrangeas* before new growth appears.

It is worth giving your Watering Cans a good scrub to prevent fungal diseases.



The Adult Vine Weevil is a formidable attacker of our plants

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Annual Exhibition of Art/Floral Art/Craft
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Spare that dandelion, they're very important for insects
Photo Michael Ryan

With their fiendishly difficult to extract roots, Dandelions have long been considered a serious enemy of gardeners but they are actually a very useful plant as a early provider of pollen for many bees, hoverflies and other insects since they flower so early in the year before most garden plants. The National Biodiversity Data Centre have an All-Ireland Pollinator Plan to help bees and other insects and on their website, www.biodiversityireland.ie they have a number of very worthwhile pdfs to download for specific groups or areas such as gardens, schools, farms, councils and tidy town organisations,

showing how they can create pollinator friendly environments. In the garden section the first of '5 Examples of Pollinator Friendly Actions for Gardens is'. Let the Dandelions Bloom! They provide vital food for pollinators, especially in early spring when little else is flowering in our gardens'.

Apparently, in a very encouraging development Dalkey Tidy Towns have approached the Parks Department with a view to making Sorrento Park a pollinator friendly park.

A small compensation for Lucy being home sick with a very nasty flu was looking out the kitchen window and seeing two uncommon visitors to the bird feeders, a pair of jays. Her attention had initially been attracted by the finches and tits taking to the air, very unhappy with their interlopers and she saw one angry goldfinch actually pecking ineffectually at one of the jays as it skilfully hung upside down extracting sunflower seeds from the feeder.

We eventually got down to Wicklow to have a look for the Glossy Ibis some of a number of these birds that had arrived in Ireland this winter. Some settled in Bunihlin bog in Co Westmeath and another at Lough Boora Discovery Park in Offaly but luckily for us three of them decided to come a lot closer and flew into Birdwatch Ireland's East Coast Reserve at Newcastle.

Two years ago Dick Coombes wrote an article in Birdwatch's Wings magazine speculating that glossy ibis might become a breeding species in Ireland following on Little Egrets which have gradually expanded their range north from Southern Europe and first nested in Ireland in 1997 with a dozen pairs simultaneously breeding in a Co. Waterford heronry and now commonplace around the country.

The Glossy Ibis are also birds of wetlands, resembling a curlew with long legs and down curving bill but larger and much darker. Although a gloomier theory is the birds are moving because their breeding areas are drying out glossy ibis have always been known as



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Glossy Ibis, one of three at Newcastle East Coast Nature Reserve

Photo Michael Ryan

adventurous birds, who have been expanding their territorial range for centuries (flying across the Atlantic Ocean to South America from where they've spread north) and it would be more positive to hope they were moving to expand their numbers. Some previous glossy ibis that arrived here had large coloured rings which could be read by telescope showing those particular birds came from Cota Donana in Spain.

At the East Coast Reserve, a Little Grebe and a flock of Wigeon swam in front of the first hide on glistening smooth water. Some people arrived who told us a woodpecker had been seen earlier and was doing its display drumming on a tree on the other

side of the road from the reserve but no sign of the ibis until suddenly a pair flew past, right



A jay visiting the bird feeders, welcome by me but not the other birds

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in front of the hide. We moved to another hide, couldn't see where they'd landed but saw three buzzards soaring in lazy spirals before one of them swooped low and suddenly the glossy ibis were in the air again. We moved back to the reserve entrance and from there we could see not two but three glossy ibis striding around jabbing their long bills into the soft ground and wandering in and out of a line of beech trees.

When passing Booterstown Marsh on the Dart you can often see groups of little egrets roosting on the raised mounds in the marsh at high tide and, who knows, in years to come they might be joined by glossy ibis.



COMMUNITY GAMES 2018



THE DALKEY DASHERS commence training for the Community Games on Wednesday **28th March at 7.00pm**. Training takes place every Wednesday evening from **7pm until 8pm** in the Loreto Dalkey school hockey pitches. Everyone between 6 years and 14 years living in the Dalkey area are welcome. There is a one off fee of €5 to register.

Parents coming with children MUST park on Harbour Road.

We are also looking for **new volunteers** either Parents or TY Students who are willing to help.



HOLY TRINITY UPDATE



The Venerable Gary Hastings

On Sunday 28th January, Holy Trinity was delighted to hear the announcement made by Helen Irwin, on behalf of our four Nominators (Stefanie O'Brien, Clive Christie, David Millar & herself) that, following the successful conclusion of the Board of Nomination for our parish, the Archbishop has appointed The Venerable Gary Hastings, Rector of Galway and Kilcummin Group & St Nicholas Collegiate Church, and Archdeacon of Tuam, to be incumbent of Holy Trinity.

He comes to us with almost twenty-five years of active Ministry, having a wide range of experience at Parochial, Central Church & Diocesan level. Using his language skills, he translated the Book of Common Prayer into Irish when it was introduced in its current format in 2004. In addition to

his parochial duties, Gary is at present Chaplain to four hospitals and two universities - the National University of Ireland Galway and the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT). Coming from Galway, where his parish includes two churches and is spread over almost 200 miles, he is very much looking forward to being "A True Parish Rector" and having a lot more time to, in his own words "be a pastor & shepherd, get to know and love the people in the parish, to hearten and befriend them, to give focus and identity to the church community, to be a leader through enabling the community to develop new structures necessary for ministry today". Having spent the last more than 20 years ministering in the West of Ireland, we appreciate this is a very big step for Gary and his wife Cairtriona to make, so we sincerely hope parishioners will warmly welcome them to Holy Trinity and ask you to please remember them in your prayers.

The Venerable Gary Hastings Institution service will take place on Friday 20th April.



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SERVICES FOR MARCH 2018

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday 25th March: 8.30 am: Holy Communion

(Palm Sunday) 10.45 am: The Liturgy of Palm Sunday

3pm: Service and Social group

Monday 26th at 8pm: Holy Trinity Killiney - Rev. Gary Dowd.

Tuesday 27th at 8pm: Christ Church Dun Laoghaire - Rev. Bruce Hayes

Wednesday 28th at 8pm: St. Patrick's Dalkey - Rev. Dr. William Olhausen

Thursday 29th at 8pm: St. Paul's Glenageary - Rev. Ása Björk Olafsdóttir O'Hanlon

Friday 30th at 8pm: St. Matthias Killiney/Ballybrack - preacher to be announced.

Sunday 1st April: Sunrise Service, The Obelisk, Victoria Park

(Easter Sunday) 8.30 am: Holy Communion

10.45 am: Family Communion

Select Vestry: The Vestry will meet at 8.00pm in the Carry Centre on Monday 5th March.

Ladies Guild: On March 13th it will be 'Curtain Up' with a visit from thespian Joan Cregg.

Diners Club – The KWDs: The date of our next gathering is Thursday 15th March, venue as yet unknown. Contact Zandra Laing at zandrалаing@hotmail.com for information.

Sunday Club Will next meet on March 18th in the Carry Centre.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney: On Wednesday 21st March at 8pm the Ladies will meet in the Carry Centre. Contact Laura Martin on 086 8708496.

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society) 22nd March at 8pm in the Carry Centre – Meal cooked by members of the Y Club. Contact Paul O'Brien or Nigel Teggan.

Service & Social: The next gathering will be on Sunday 25th March at 3pm. Please contact Joan Whyte for more information.

Bible Study and Prayer Group: The next gathering will be on Tuesday March 28th at 10.30am in the Carry Centre.

Table Tennis: The table tennis meets every Monday at 8pm in the Carry Centre.

Sheep Thrills meet every Thursday at 11 am in the Carry Centre Killiney.

Anyone interested in coming along please contact Joan @ 0872460078. Admission is €3.



LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY EVENTS – MARCH 2018



Thursday 1st at 8pm: John Kirby will present '*Viking Dublin and Wood Quay*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Monday 5th at 6.30pm: Ron Cox will present '*Cast Iron Bridges*' to the Engineers Ireland Heritage Society in 22 Clyde Road, Ballsbridge. All welcome – admission free.

At 7.30pm: Alan Hayden will present '*Everything but the apothecary: recent archaeological excavations, Kevin Street, Dublin*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Sq. Sth., D.2. All welcome – admission free.

Wednesday 7th at 8pm: Diarmuid Ó'Gráda will present '*Georgian Dublin: The Forces that Shaped the City*' to the Rathmichael Historical Soc. in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill. All welcome – admission €4.

Thursday 8th at 7pm: Maeve Casserly will present '*Surgeons, Starlets and Storytellers*' in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

At 7.30 pm: John Doyle will present his lecture '*Modernising the London Underground*' to the Irish Railway Record Society in the IRRS Premises, Heuston Station, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

At 8pm: Joseph Brady will present '*The Changing Landscape of South Dublin in the 1950s and 1960s*' to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society in the Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome – Contribution €3.

Friday March 9th at 8pm: Nicholas Page will present '*The destruction of the Irish divisions, March 1918*' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, D.8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Tuesday March 13th at 1.05pm: Howard Clarke will present '*The Mayor's Tale*' in the Dublin City Council Offices, Wood Quay, D.8. All welcome – admission free.

At 8 pm: Aiden Feerick will present '*Monsignor O'Flaherty*' to the Genealogical Soc. of Irl. in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street. All welcome – donation.

Wednesday March 14th at 6pm: Dr. Finnian Ó'Connellaithe will present '*The Dublin Paving Board (1774-1747): grime and grandeur of the city's streets*' to the Old Dublin Society in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144, Pearse Street, D.2. All welcome – admission free.

At 7.45pm: Bernard Neary will present '*Dublin 7*' to the Knocklyon History Society in the Iona Centre, Knocklyon, Templeogue, D.16. All welcome - admission charge.

Thursday March 15th at 8pm: Joan Kavanagh will present '*Glendalough through the eyes of a camera*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Main St., Bray. All welcome – admission €5.

Tuesday March 20th at 8pm: Eoin Kinsella will present '*Leopardstown Park Hospital, 1917 - 2017*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rear Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock. Myles Reid will give a short talk on '*The Remaining, the Lost and the Forgotten Gate Lodges of our Area*'. All welcome – admission €5.

Wednesday March 21st at 8pm: Rob Goodbody will present '*Ballycorus Lead Works*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome – entrance €3.

Thursday March 22nd at 7.30pm: The annual Irish Railway Record Society film show '*From Midland Branches to the Suir Valley - the films of Joe St. Leger*' will take place in the IRRS Premises, Heuston Station, D.8. Members and their guests only.

Friday March 23rd at 11.30am: James Scannell will present '*Easter 1918 in Bray, Co. Wicklow*' in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome – admission free.

Saturday March 24th - 10am to 1 pm: Local History Society Group Day – 4 talks in Dublin City Library & Archive, D.2. All welcome – admission free.

Tuesday March 27th at 6.30pm: March meeting of the Dalkey Library Local History Group in



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Dalkey Public Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. All welcome – admission free. New members welcome.

Wednesday March 28th at 6pm: Members' Night Presentation on the Old Dublin Society website and library to the Old Dublin Society in Dublin City Library & Archive, D.2. All welcome – admission free.

Thursday March 29th at 8pm: Brendan Langley will present '*The Bogs of Ireland*' to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Hist/ Soc. in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Rd., D.6. Admission €3 – Swan Centre Car Park Evening Rate, €2 (Total) from 5 pm to midnight.

LUCKY MR. JUDD

At the end of August 1915 it was announced that Mr. Raymond V. Judd, son of Mr. Michael. F. Judd, chairman of the Dalkey Urban District Council, had passed the Fellowship Examination of the Auctioneers' Institute, London, the only Irishman [at that time] to achieve this distinction by open examination. Employed by the Dublin estate agents Battersby & Co, he was recently admitted as a partner. He also survived the sinking of the *SS Arabic* on 19 August after it was torpedoed by the German submarine *U-24* off the Cork coast while en-route to New York, along with his sister Miss Ivy Judd and his brother, Dr. C.F. Judd, Medical Officer for Health, Stillorgan Division of the Rathdown Poor Law Union.

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This issue of this excellent quarterly Irish military history magazine has been published in e-format rather than hardcopy and contains an excellent array of articles covering a variety of topics including '*The RAF's Best Fighters are on the Ground*' in which Frank Brien, Royal Air Force Association (ROI) standard bearer, gives an account of his time in the Royal Air Force Regiment; '*Take a Step Back to the Royal Air Force 1939 – 1945*' looks at the uniforms and kit of RAF Pilots and Aircrew from 1939 to 1945; Pat Dargan investigates the remarkable Fort Shannon built by the Irish Army to defend the Shannon Estuary during the Second World War in '*Ireland's Emergency Fortress – Fort Shannon*'; '*Meeting his fate Among the Cloud Above*' tells the story of Joseph 'Joe' Kiernan who left his home in Mullingar in 1939 for a new career that would take him high above the clouds in Nazi Germany as revealed by Catherine Fleming who traces her uncle's wartime service; '*In Friendship and in Service – Supporting the RAF Family*' focuses on the members of the Royal Air Force Association, Republic of Ireland, which looks after the welfare of veterans in the Republic of Ireland; The Spitfire is as an aviation legend. Part of the Ulster Aviation Society's collection is a replica of a Spitfire Mk2a that has a unique association with Northern Ireland which is the subject of '*The "Down" Spitfire Mk2a; In 'Emergency Over Irish Skies – The Irish Air Corps 1939 – 1946*', AP (Tony) Kearns in the fifth part of this series, highlights the Irish Air Corps and its capabilities in the latter half of the Emergency years; '*Keeping Ireland's Aviation History Alive*' looks at the collection of the Ulster Aviation Society which has 36 aircraft and other aviation artefacts in its museum at Maze Long Kesh, outside Lisburn, Co. Antrim and the education and restoration work carried out by the Society; Seán Feast in '*Coming Down in the Drink*' recalls the story of a fighting Goldfish (Club) Flight Lieutenant John Brennan who died on April 20th 2017 and at that time was the last surviving wartime member of the Goldfish Club; The story of '*Michael O'Meara, V.C. – Irish/Australian V.C. of the First World War*', who died from the effects of the wartime wounds in 1935, is revealed by Ian Loftus; in '*The Ivy Patch Gun*' Kenneth L. Smith-Christmas, Lar Joye, and Commandant Stephen McEoin tell the story of an Irish Army's 18 pounder gun, possibly used at Dublin's Four Courts in 1922, that ended up guarding a diner in Virginia, U.S.A. and had now returned to Ireland and is currently undergoing restoration. To obtain a digital copy of this issue of *Ireland's Military Story*, price €3.50, log onto www.irelandsmilitarystory.com and follow the links to ordering a copy or email: subscriptions@irelandsmilitarystory.ie. Back issues are available.

James Scannell



MORE FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Parkrun - Every Saturday at 9.30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Park
Dalkey Library Local History Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month in Dalkey Library starting at 6-6:30pm. All welcome.

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

Dalkey Ukulele Klub Tuesdays 8-10pm upstairs at The Club. Free Ukulele Jamming session. All are very welcome. Call Debbie 087-2350726 for more information.

NATURE NOTES MARCH 2018

All talks take place at 20.00hours in The Killiney Room of the Graduate Bar, Rochestown Avenue. All 10.30 start outings are approximately of 2 hours duration. Contact person is Eleanor Keane 087 6446029 elekeane@gmail.com www.southdublinbirds.com

Indoor Meeting

Tuesday 6 March: Branch AGM and fun quiz in The Graduate Bar at 8.00pm.

Outdoor Meeting

Sat-Sun 10-11 March:

Overnight coach trip to Sligo area. (Already fully booked, but we have a waiting list.)

U3A (University of the Third Age)

Dun Laoghaire Dalkey Killiney.

U3A meets every Tuesday at 10.30 am in The Pastoral Centre, St Josephs Church, Glathule. Website for full program: u3adldk.ie



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Dalkey Daffodil Day in OLH from 10am-12:30pm	Sat 10 Mar
DCC March Monthly Meeting at 7:30pm in OLH	Mon 12 Mar
Recycling Workshop in Dalkey Castle & HC at 7:30pm	Tues 13 Mar
Dun Laoghaire Musical & Dramatic Society present “ <i>Oliver</i> ” in Pavilion Theatre at 8pm	Weds 14 – Sun 18 Mar
DARA Annual Art/Floral Art/Craft Exhibition in OLH from 10:30am-5pm	Sat & Sun 24-25 Mar
Dalkey Dashers commence training at 7pm at Loreto	Weds 28 Mar
Sorting of April Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 29 Mar
Sonrise Service at The Obelisk, Killiney Hill	Sun 1 Apr

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Dalkey Players: Rehearsals resuming on Tuesday 5th September in Harold Boys’ School from 7:30-10:30pm-Tuesdays & Thursdays. New members welcome.

St. Patrick’s Dramatic Society Dalkey: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Road from 8-10:30pm – Mondays & Thursdays. New members welcome.

The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested please call 086-8391839 - *NO Texts Please*

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

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

Baby & Toddler Group. All pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome on Tuesdays from 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., Dun Laoghaire.

€2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608

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

Viewers who watch the Irish channels on their Sky dish enjoy High Definition pictures from most of these channels. However for those licence payers who watch these channels via the "Saorview" platform (which requires an external aerial in most cases) the only High Definition pictures come from RTE 1 and RTE 2, the remainder of the channels (RTE 1 plus 1, TV3, TG4, 3E and be3) still broadcast in Standard Definition. I emailed the stations in question late last year asking why this was the case, but I never received any replies (no surprise there!)

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