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May: *Probably named for Maja Majesta, the Roman Goddess of Spring. Also dedicated to Ceres, the Goddess of Grain.*

Flowers: Hawthorn & Lily of the Valley



**'Sweet April Showers
Do Spring May flowers'**

THOMAS TUSSER:
A HUNDRED GOOD POINTS OF HUSBANDRY, 1557.



BERNARD FARRELL,
*playwright and author -
guest speaker at our
40th Anniversary Dinner
in
Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel
on
Friday 11th April 2014*



Dalkey Community Council Annual Collection

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SUMMARY OF DCC APRIL MEETING



The DCC Monthly Meeting took place on Monday 7th April 2014 in OLH.

DTT: Any areas displaying graffiti should be reported so that the markings can be cleaned.
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NW: ID for personnel calling house-to-house is good practice. If suspicions are aroused it is always advisable to check identities. Ask for the identity tag/card, close the door and phone the relevant agency or company. If there is no co-operation phone the Gardai immediately.

AOB: Enquiries will be made to the OPW about the vacant Garda station. DCC will contact DLR about the proposed new pedestrian crossing for the HBS on St. Patrick's Road.

The next meeting is the DCC Public Meeting on Tuesday 6th May at 8pm in OLH.

All residents of Dalkey are welcome to attend this meeting.



DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE



Dalkey Schoolroom Scene from 'Ulysses' on 16th June

Photo John Fahy

The summer programme begins on May 6th. A new character joins the tour this summer in the form of a ferocious looking Viking. The Vikings had a holding on Dalkey Island around 900AD from which they traded slaves. Viking coins were found in Dalkey in the 1800s, so we will tie in the story of coin minting with the Viking character.

Then, the living history tour moves through the ages to the medieval and Tudor. Visitors will see the medieval toilet (Garderobe) and be glad they were not passing by underneath when it was flushed out with a pail of water.

After all the exposure to 15th/16th century living, the history is well taken care of on the timeline and interactive screens in the newly updated Heritage Centre. Visitors can browse in the Writers' Gallery where the work of writers and creative artists from Joyce to Bono and Beckett to Binchy and forty more are on view.

The live show from the 'Discover Dalkey's Literary Gems' series, called 'On Yer Bike with Dalkey's Writers' has had some outings for American visitors. Shay Linehan's adaptation of Maeve Binchy's 'Minding Frankie' will be staged as part of the 'Dalkey Creates' Festival in October. Dalkey Creates is a new festival to add to Dalkey's calendar. It will have a number of leading writing-tutors including Bernard Farrell, Mark O'Rowe and Ferdia Mc Anna. Participants can learn to write or improve their writing skills. It will complement the Dalkey Book Festival and continue to showcase the literary talent of the area.

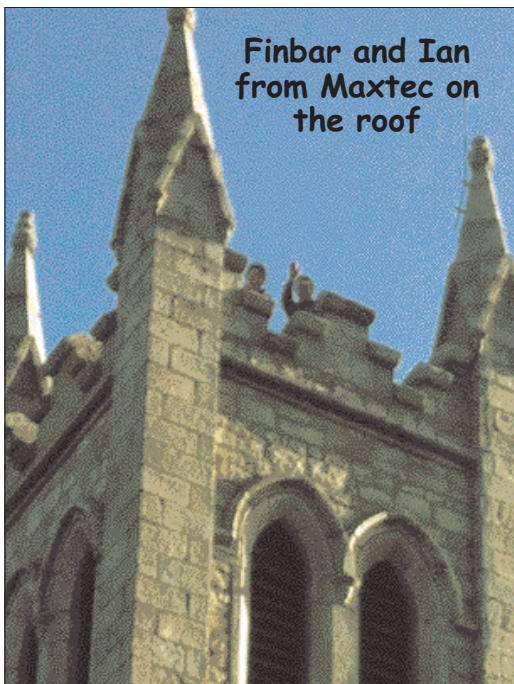
Bloomsday 16th June will be celebrated, as usual, in Dalkey Castle with the re-creation of the Dalkey Schoolroom Scene from 'Ulysses' and a guided Joycean Walk at 15.30. You can finish off your Bloomsday with the 'Joycean Evening' when fun extracts from Joyce's work are linked by music and song.

The fifth **Dalkey Book Festival** takes place from 20th -22nd June. There will be major international publicity with the appearance of Salman Rushdie as the headline event. Organisers, David Mc Williams and Sian Smyth are busily adding names to the programme. Some surprising new venues will be added again this year.

Civil wedding ceremonies: We have a number of civil wedding ceremonies coming up in the beautifully refurbished Dalkey Town Hall. It is a wonderful alternative to traditional wedding venues.

For more information, contact margaret@dalkeycastle.com

MARGARET DUNNE – *Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Dalkey*



APPEAL FOR ROAD REPRESENTATIVES

To continue to properly represent the residents of Dalkey we urgently need Road Representatives for the following areas:

- **Castlelands**
- **Castle Park Road**
- **Ulverton Road**

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At this very moment, I am enjoying my daily fix, its 11am and Yes, it's a real cup of delicious good, strong coffee: have to have it!

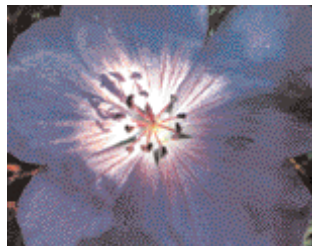
Years ago, I wrote some gardening articles for our Dalkey Newsletter so, on being invited to do so again, I had to take a backward step, sit down and re-think what to honestly write? Yes, Dalkey has been good to me, - us really, really good. And then, this is "Ireland's Longest Running Voluntary Community Newsletter", Heartiest Congratulations and Happy 40th Anniversary to Our Dalkey Residents, 1974 - 2014. So, now it has to be 'pay back time'so, if in some small way by writing this article, I can help or tempt a single person..... then these few lines, will have been worth the effort.

As I now write, my mind is being taken right back, to my earlier years, my childhood. As a little girl, I spent endless hours of pleasure in our garden creating fairy forts, out of old dank tree trunks, decorating them with the likes of Candyturf, iberis, that so-clean crisp white flower, then old scented rose petals, marigolds, dark velvety wallflowers, blue bells and white bells, lichens and different types of mosses etc., and of course, then, those 'May Altars' that some of us relished in. Away from home, in secondary school which I loved - equally as much as home, I detested our Science Laboratory and those glass Bunsen burners and the likes of that formula H₂ 'O' SO₄ - unsure? But lingers in my mind, Now, I find I am trying to replicate such glass containers with green life Isn't life amazing? I then spent a short while in Madras, S. India, doing voluntary work. There I was fascinated by the greenness of the rice paddy fields while travelling by train from Bombay to Madras and then the sweet scented garlands of incredibly waxy flowers that adorned the mosques and temples there. I also spent a little time working in the States, Southern California and was fascinated, (on pulling up in our Chrysler Imperial 64 model car, each morning, in Anaheim beside Disneyland) by those bright red poinsettias which almost shrouded our car in the parking lot.

Another stage I remember well was when I started college I initially, lived in digs and there I simply had to have something alive in my bedroom! Be it a leaf, a bud, a twig - just something alive. I actually remember too, using the top of a beautiful perfume bottle as a vase, for a sprig of quince *Cydonia japonica*. Flats and apartments followed. Be it a terracotta pot, a window box , whatever - just to add a little bit of yourself to some dark, dull spot was special, personal, worthwhile and rewarding. Montessori was my career so our little nature table there almost always provided a welcome spot for a hub of chit-chat, commands, conversations and quizzes. I remember too, at one stage, in my 3-6 age group class, I had 32 tiny felt mats, one on each child's table, with their own little terracotta pot - to grow whatever they fancied.

Finally, married life came. Initially we spent some time in East Africa. I couldn't mess about too much with pots there as snakes occasionally coiled themselves around our pots in order to keep cool and safe from their predators. Instead, I pressed beautiful flowers there and made them into cards for the expatriates to send home to their wives.

Presently, we came to live here in Dalkey and every inch of our precious little garden is like gold. A garden is a ' treasure', it is to be enjoyed, to have pleasure and fun in. One can



This fantastic Geranium, 'Rozanne', won a special award at The Chelsea Flower Show. Out of ten plants selected from the last 100 years, Geranium 'Rozanne' was given the top place, making it the RHS plant of The Chelsea Show

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create almost any type of atmosphere and capitalise enormously with glass patio doors, windows, trellis, arches, fences, railway sleepers, slabs, pebbles, copperized mirrors etc. EVERY SEASON IS SO VERY PRECIOUS. Gardening can alleviate pressure, tension - is so therapeutic and creative. Just like we have cushions on our sofa, furniture in our house so, too our gardens, well some are crying out loud for some beautiful trees, shrubs or plants.

My interest in gardening seems to have taken various stages. I initially, couldn't see beyond annuals, biennials and perennials. Now my fascination is in herbaceous plants, small ornamental trees and shrubs and textures and tiny, glossy leaves. Basically I adore greens - all the different shades, cool greens, limey greens, olive greens and almost, black greens.

I too have a big thing about Orchids. They have their own special way of creeping and stealing their way into your heart. I particularly love the species Masdevallias, pleurothallis, coelogyne, scaphosepalum and some dendrobiums. Their exotic, gangly, wispy, sometimes, 'eerie' shapes and straggleness appeal to me. In the winter, when it is cold and wet, to be outside: I can play 'dolls house' with my various little pots of orchids.

Must say I also have a little bit of a thing about badly finished, bare, concrete walls and often think they are screaming out to be clad with some type of tracery or beautiful foliage.

MIGHT DO, MAYBE, MAY JOBS:

1. Maybe, try growing different types of basil. It is such a versatile herb, fresh or cooked. It is easy to grow in a greenhouse or conservatory but struggles outdoors as our summer weather is not warm enough. There is still time to sow this month. Basil too, can be preserved by freezing dry or in ice cubes. Did you know, there are lime and lemon scented kinds and clove scented. 'Siam Queen' is a form of Thai basil, derived from sweet basil with an aniseed flavour.
2. Allow the foliage of daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs to die down naturally and replenish their energy - only remove the foliage once it has turned brown.
3. Plants that were rooted from cuttings taken last summer and autumn are likely to be in active growth and they should be potted up now individually in small pots.
4. During hot and sunny weather from now on, increase ventilation by opening your vents in the greenhouse or leaving the door open during the day if possible.
5. Before clipping your hedges, always check thoroughly for nesting birds, delaying the pruning if necessary. Enjoy!



WINTER ACONITE - Hacquetia Epipactis, Thor



GARDEN EVENTS



Foxrock & District Garden Club – Tuesday 27th May 2014 at 7.30pm sharp AGM followed by Q & A's by a celebrity panel to be announced at a later date.

National Botanic Gardens – Friday 2nd May - Sunday 25th May

Irish Society of Botanical Art: Aibítir - The Irish Alphabet in Botanical Art

The Irish Alphabet in Botanical Art is the inaugural exhibition of the Irish Society of Botanical Artists. Working with the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, artists have

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION ON VICO LODGE

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Both Maura and Rosemary would like to sincerely thank all who contributed to this annual event which raised **€2,495** a fantastic amount!

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created portraits of native plants accompanied by the first letter of their Irish name. Over 70 botanical artists, each with their own distinctive style, have participated in this project. This has resulted in the creation of three eighteen-letter Irish alphabets. Free demonstrations in Botanical Art will take place during the exhibition. Educational worksheets for schools, based on the exhibition will be available for download on the Irish Society of Botanical Artists website: www.irishbotanicalartists.com Daily in the Gallery space, Visitor Centre. Admission Free.

Friday 30th May - Sunday 8th June – An Óige, Annual Photographic Exhibition

This Annual Photographic Exhibition, now in its 76th year, is organised by An Óige Photographic Group. It features a wide range of prize-winning images for 2014, including a section exploring images of the National Botanic Gardens. Daily in the Gallery space, Visitor Centre. Admission Free.

Thursday, 15th May. 8.00 p.m. – Alpine Garden Centre ‘Cream of Alpines’ - Cliff Booker, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin.



DALKEY BUSINESS GROUP UPDATE



Christmas Lights Contributors: Dalkey Business Group would like to acknowledge all the businesses that contributed to fund the Christmas lights which had Dalkey looking festive over Christmas. A big thank you to: AIB, Benito's, Celeste, Country Bake, Credit Union, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Dalkey News, Dalkey Pharmacy, Denise French, De Villes, Doyle's Butchers, Finnegan's, Fitzpatrick's Hotel, Golden Apple, Handworks, Hunters, Jaipur, Katmandu, Kerins, Kings Inn, Maxwell's, Pet Stop, Photogenic, Rhona's Salon, Select Stores, Sherry Fitzgerald, Supervalu, Thyme Out, Tuck Box, Ulster Bank and Xtend. Bláithín O'Brien, Vice Chairman did trojan work in collating and collecting the subscriptions. The deficit this year was €3,500 covered by reserves in the Business Group. Unfortunately, this is not sustainable into the future.

Dalkey - First 'SmartNetTown': DBG has spear-headed an initiative by which Dalkey has become Ireland's first 'SmartNetTown'. The initiative, in association with Value Nation was launched by An Tánaiste, Eamon Gilmore in Dalkey Town Hall on Friday April 25th. Business groups from other regions attended to see how the scheme works, prior to it being rolled out nationally. An Tánaiste said "It is great to see Irish entrepreneurs and Irish communities coming together to help find a solution that encapsulates a shop local mentality, community spirit and also welcomes tourists".

Dalkey Book Festival: David Mc Williams briefed the Group at its last meeting on the forthcoming Fifth Dalkey Book Festival which, as usual, is on the third weekend in June, from 20th -22nd. An amazing line up of authors will be headed by Salman Rushdie. President Michael D Higgins is expected and many more besides. Check the Festival website to ensure you get the tickets you want, as some sell out very quickly.

Dalkey Creates... an additional festival/event on weekend of October 16th -18th. The festival is spear-headed by Anna Fox and a team of volunteers.

The format of 'Dalkey Creates' will be to hold ten Writers Workshops of varying lengths over three days in locations around the centre of Dalkey. They will cover a wide range of genres. It will include courses for children and those who want to write in Irish. Each course will be taught by an experienced tutor who is also a published writer. More details next issue.

Dalkey Lobster Crab and All the Jazz Festival 22nd-24th August. Details in the next issue.

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LORETO – A GARDEN BY THE SEA



A piece of waste ground beside our school yard is gradually becoming a school garden for the education and enjoyment of the pupils of our school. The soil from the area around the new classrooms has been deposited and the layout of the garden is taking shape. The top part of the garden consists of wooden flower beds, one for each class, and we are busily growing plants from seed indoors so that we can put these seedlings out in these flower beds when the time is right. We will also have a herb garden.

We have planted many trees including in the lower part of the garden and hope to transfer our sensory garden out there also. During the week before Holy Week we put out 14 crosses around the garden and carried out a celebration of the Stations of the Cross for parents and pupils alike. We would like to draw on the expertise of gardeners in the community and look to them for advice on planting and maintenance.

We are sure we will spend many happy hours in this garden especially during the summer months and we know we will benefit enormously from the experience of growing our own plants and flowers.

Loreto Primary School



NEWS FROM 17th DALKEY SCOUTS - SKIP-A-TON



Following on from last year's successful Skip a Ton fundraising event run by the 17th Dalkey Scouts Troop, the Terry Connolly Fellowship are teaming up with the 17th this year in the hopes of making it an even better event.

This year's event will again be held in the car park on Hyde Road on the 10th of May.

How can you help?

Bring along your old and unwanted metal items and we will scrap it for you. Garden furniture, bikes, old tools, lawn mowers, pots & pans, barbeques, the list is endless. Have a van or trailer? Can you help us to collect items from people's houses on the 10th of May. Then call or text Alan at 0863611337

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I am told that the view from Vico road recalls the gulf of Naples. Somehow it does. The gentle hillside overlooking the sea, an embracing bay, a few homes - astonishing - hidden in the luxuriant woods..... If it wasn't for the sea lions that give away the cold water it would in a way resemble the Gulf. I do not mean to be cocky, but

Naples has no look-alike, no copycats, not even in Vegas. It is unique, one of a kind.

Many things contribute to make it so different from any other place on earth. I always say that Naples touches all of your senses plus one: sight, smell, touch, hearing, taste. And the sixth sense. The most important. the one that connects you to another world, a world of instinct, sensibility, feeling, passion, love. A direct route to your soul.

Naples is all those things combined. Not only the beauty, that is unquestionable, but the atmosphere that sense of being part of the whole world, because the whole world IS right there. With its turmoil, its messy swarming, different cultures living together in an apparent commotion. As Nietzsche one said : “you must have chaos in your soul to give birth to a dancing star”.

And in Naples you can get lost, mesmerized. And then, only then, when you really let yourself go you will find the real you.

Food. As I said in my previous column, food is a huge part of the Italian culture, and all that passion, all that intense living life to the top, actually finds its perfect apex in Neapolitan cooking. Food is colorful, because you want to nourish your sight first, extremely tasty, a real pleasure for the soul and palate.

Naples has been - (and it still is!) - built in layers. The Greeks, The Romans, and so forth have brought their culture during their dominations and the city is still imbued by it. It has always been a cradle for arts: architecture, painting, poetry, literature and, of course, music have found their perfect melting pot in the city of Naples. I would suggest you take at least a week to visit it, because any less would not give you the necessary time to fully appreciate it!

One unmissable experience is the tour of the Napoli Sotterranea - the underground Naples - the guides will walk you through an unexpected town in the town. If I may, I'd suggest you took the tour that starts in Via dei Tribunali, in the very heart of the city, because it is an amazing one and at the end, the guides will take you to well, ... you just have to go!

And then there is SpaccaNapoli (the long street that splits Naples in two halves - ‘spaccare’ is to break), and then Capodimonte, and then the Gulf, and then Vesuvius, and then La Floridiana, and then il Palazzo Reale, and then and then.....

Being quite a quite big city, you need to take the normal precautions and use the same common sense that you would in any other large city, e.g. Rome, Milan, New York, London, Dublin, etc.

There are so many things I would like to talk to you about, about my hometown, but I would have to use up the whole issue to do it.

I'll just dismiss myself by saying : ‘Vedi Napoli e Poi Muori’, (see Naples and then die), an old saying....which doesn't mean that it is a dangerous place, but that after seeing it, you can peacefully die because you will have seen it all!

Alla prossima - Till next time!

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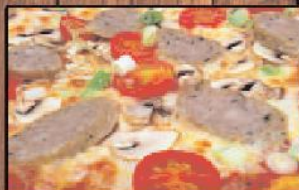
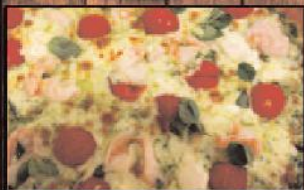


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A GREAT SADNESS DESCENDS ON DALKEY



I have been blessed to have had a long life here in Dalkey where I was born and reared. I recall days of great happiness in our family and, like so many of us fortunate to have wonderful parents and luck to have had our grandparents for a number of years. We have enjoyed the company of our families and extended families.

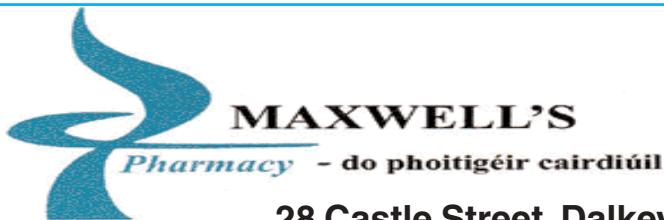
Then, when sadness descends on us with illness or when God calls one of those close to us Home, the sadness is shared with other family members, relations, friends and neighbours.

The most profound sadness to have effected the entire community of Dalkey or Dalkey people in whatever part of the world they were in happened when they heard that almost an entire family, Derry and Marcella Howard and ten of their thirteen children, James, Colette, Victoria, Marcella (Junior) Jackie, Margaret, Ronald, Catherine, Alan and Derek (Junior) died when their house on Carysfort Road was engulfed in a fire on 11th March 1974. Louise, their eldest daughter, was a beautiful girl died after a two-week battle against her injuries. Two sons, Colm and Anthony, survived the catastrophe and went to live in England.

The generations of the Howards were well respected in Dalkey. Derry's father worked for years as a road sweeper for Dun Laoghaire Corporation. They were a hardworking couple. I remember during the war years and particularly the years after the war when thousands of visitors came to Ireland from England for their holidays. Killiney beach during those fine summers was packed with people. Mr. Howard or 'Daddy Howard' as he was known by generations of school children in Dalkey, and Mrs. Howard, Derry's mother had a shop on the beach where they sold tea, scones and sandwiches every fine day. There was a line of huts along the beach up against the railway bank from the shelters to the White Cottage which sold similar items. Mrs. Howard spent the hours into the night preparing the goods for the following day, i.e. baking scones, etc. Mr. Daddy Howard (known to adults as Tom) finished work at 5 p.m. and got the next train out of Dalkey to Killiney to help his wife. When we were on the beach we could get a teapot filled with boiling water for threepennies. They worked there every day and right through the weekends when the weather was fine as it always seemed to be during the years of our youth.

Derry and Marcella sold newspapers and organised the distribution of them all around Dalkey. They were a quiet, hardworking family. Their older children helped with the delivery of the papers and collecting the money for them on Friday evenings. Our house on Leslie Avenue was the last house on one of the 'paper rounds' and one of the nearest to their own house. We had a toilet and a hand basin just inside our hall door and whichever children were collecting the paper money would ask if they could wash their hands in the basin. They did this so that they would not have to queue for the bathroom at home. So, whoever had collected Farrell's was allowed by their mother to be first up to the table for dinner because she knew that their hands were clean!

I worked for many years in Jamesons' Jewellery shop in O'Connell Street, Dublin. I remember very vividly the Christmas of 1973. I met Derry on the street in Dalkey and he told me how he wanted to buy a nice ring for Marcella for Christmas. He told me that he could never afford to buy a good ring before then. He came in with Marcella. I know it was after 5.p.m. on Christmas Eve and I thought they were not coming. He bought a beautiful three stone diamond ring which fitted Marcella perfectly and he put it on her finger in the shop and the staff gave them a round of applause. Mr Jameson then gave Derry a special discount because they were friends of mine in Dalkey. They went away very happy. I will never forget the happiness on their faces; they were like one of the young couples who would come in to buy jewellery. Little did we know the tragedy that lay ahead.



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Please see our website for any alterations

As I said earlier, they were all hard workers. They were a very quiet, friendly, family and I never heard a bad word spoken about them. The sadness that descended on Dalkey on that terrible morning when we heard about the disaster lasted a long time. Although it is thirty five years (now forty!), I think of them every day in my prayers. I will always remember the funerals when all businesses and schools in Dalkey closed for the day. I can still see the line of white coffins in front of the altar with Derry and Marcella's in the centre. When Louise died a couple of weeks later after a heroic battle against her terrible burns her funeral was almost as large as the family one and that was the largest I ever saw in the town. I will never forget them and I sincerely hope that something is done in Dalkey to make sure that they will never be forgotten.

SHEILA FARRELL, Dalkey, *Deceased September 2010*
(*Extract from the Dalkey Anthology Volume II*)



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MAY 2014 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS



Thurs. May 1st at 8pm – The Mount Merrion Historical Soc. meets in Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion. Paddy Donohue will present his lecture *“Birth of Aviation in Ireland”*. All welcome - admission €4.

Tues. May 6th at 8.30pm – The Kilmacanogue History Soc. meets in The Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany. Terry Dolan will present his lecture *“Do the Irish Speak English?”* Admission €3.

Thurs. May 8th – The Enniskerry History Society meets in The Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry. James Scannell will present his lecture *“A Look at Enniskerry in 1914”*. All welcome. Admission €3.

Fri. May 9th at 8pm – The NUI Maynooth History Forum meets in Rhetoric House, NUI Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Dr. Aine Foley will present her lecture *“The Royal Manors of Medieval Dublin”*. All welcome.

Monday May 12th at 7.30pm – The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland meets in 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. Dr. Ellen Rowley will present her lecture *“Clearing hovels and building homes: an architectural history of Dublin housing, 1930 to 1960”*.

Tuesday May 13th at 8pm – The Genealogical Society of Ireland meets in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire. Maura Flood, MGSI, will speak on *“Technology and genealogy from a layperson’s point of view”*. All welcome - admission €3.

Thursday May 15th at 8pm

– The Bray Cualann Historical Society meets in Bray Methodist Church, Florence Road, Bray. Rev. D. A. Levistone Cooney will present his lecture *“A History of Methodism in Bray & North Wicklow”*. All welcome - voluntary donation.

Wednesday May 21st at 8pm – The Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society meets in The Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire. Conor Doyle will present his lecture recalling *“Memories of the Theatre Royal, Dublin”*. Admission €3.50.

Thursday May 29th at 7.30pm – The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland meets at in 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. Dr. Bernard Meehan will present the Helen Roe Memorial Lecture on *“80 Years of the Book of Kells”*..

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The Outline Team with their notice board

Update from The Outline Team in 6th Class

At the beginning of the year Form VIP started a news notice board to show some of the important events that are happening around the world. Our aim is to learn more about current affairs and world geography. We held a competition at the start of the year to come up with an original name and Niamh and Suzanna came up with the idea of The Outline.

We look at a range of interests in our class: national and international news, sport, technology, business and entertainment. We pin up our news every Friday and it often

links to subjects we are studying. For example last Autumn, we had completed a project on Extreme Weather so it was then relevant to find out more about Hurricane Haiyan. We change the news on our board on a regular basis and we explain our news articles in more detail by using these three key questions:

- **What is happening in the world?**
- **Where is it happening?**
- **And why is it in the news?**

In addition to working on The Outline all the pupils in both Form VIP and VIC take it in turns at Assembly to update the other children on a range of news items, for example, On This Day in History, Today's Weather, Irish & International Current Affairs or Sports News.

Outline Team Sixth Class.

Amanda Mollard

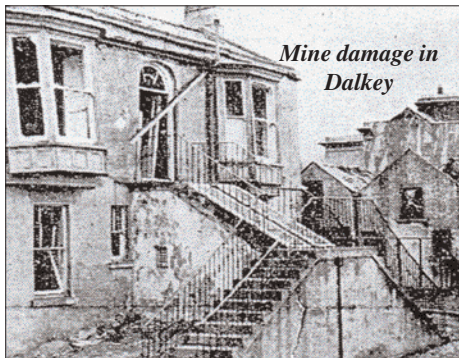


NAVAL MINE EXPLODES AT DALKEY



There were a number of lucky escapes in Dalkey on 12th March 1946 when a British naval mine exploded on a rock on Coliemore Road, Dalkey. The rock was, fortunately, one of the furthest from the houses. Several people in the houses and in the Cliff Castle Hotel received cuts from flying glass but, luckily, none were seriously injured. However, one lady, Mrs. Mary Byrne, was ill in bed in her home, Rarc an Ilan, next to the hotel, was moved to St. Michael's Hospital to continue her convalescence there.

Questions were raised about the matter in the Dáil on the 20th March 1946 – with Mr Cosgrave asking the Minister for External Affairs about the origin of the naval mine. In reply, the Minister for External Affairs (An Taoiseach) confirmed that it was of British origin. Mr Cosgrave informed the House that a number of houses were uninhabitable as a result and asked the Minister for Industry and Commerce that priority might be given to repairing those damaged houses. In reply, the Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce (Mr. O'Grady), told him that there was control on many of the materials needed - especially timber and cement - for such repairs at present but, permits to purchase the necessary materials would be granted where possible in this case.



Mine damage in Dalkey

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 11-15 10/3/2014 to 11/4/2014

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

Reg. Ref.D13B/0394

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Dec-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Nicholas & Orla Fahy, 3 The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the extension of our existing split level dwelling. The extension will consist of a family games room. Permission for the work was previously granted under planning application D06B/0325 which has now expired. Permission for change of design is also sought for the extension that has previously been granted under planning application D09B/0462. The change of design will consist of the inclusion of additional velux roof lights to the front and rear of the proposed extension and new patio doors and canopy to the rear of the dwelling. Additional Information: 10-Mar-2014.

Reg. Ref.D14A/0109

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Mar-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Cathy Crowe, 21, Corrig Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the change of the entrance from pedestrian to vehicular with gates and provision of off street parking for 2 no. cars. Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.D14A/0133

Application Rec'd Date: 18-Mar-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Niall & Gillian Hurley, Jamrud, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: (1) The construction of a two storey extension with pitched roof to the front with 4.8 sqm new build on each level. (2) A 15.2 sqm first floor extension with pitched roof and a roof light to the rear over the ground floor dining room area. (3) The replacement of the conservatory to the rear with a new glazed structure with flat roof, parapets and a glazed lantern roof light. (4) Pebbledash rendering of the brick extension to the side to match original house and to add two windows to the front and a roof light in the roof of same. (5) The replacement of all windows with painted double glazed hardwood windows. (6) The widening of the existing 3m vehicular entrance by 600mm with the addition of electric hardwood sliding gates. Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.D14B/0102

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Mar-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Mairead Donoghue, 35, Carysfort Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: demolition of existing flat roof structures to the rear and construction of: 1. New single storey extension to the rear with a mono pitch roof. 2. Porch extension. 3. Rooflights in rear of main roof. 4. New pedestrian entrance in side garden wall. 5. Internal alterations and associated site and drainage works. Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.D14A/0143

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Mar-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Nigel Kenny, Rear of 5 & 6a St Patrick's Rd. & rear of 18 Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of existing single-storey car repair workshop and for Permission for single-storey extension to the workshop with access from Castle Street, Dalkey.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0151

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Mar-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Alan & Ann Kelly, Site of 0.1061 ha at 25 Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) The demolition of the existing habitable dwelling on site (195 sqm). (2) The provision of 2 no. detached, 4-bed, 3 storey dwelling houses, as follows: 1 no. House Type A, 'Bayswater' 303 sqm, 1 no. House Type B, 'Anglesea' 326 sqm. (3) Widening of existing vehicular access, including new entrance piers and gates as granted under planning application ref. D12A/0340. (4) Incorporation and widening of Klobe, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin existing vehicular entrance, including new entrance piers. Permission will include all associated site works, including revised ground levels, hard and soft landscaping, associated parking provision, provision of foul and surface water service on site with connections to existing ones and the provision of water mains on site with connection to the existing water mains.

Reg. Ref. D14B/0011

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Jan-2014

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

Proposal: Permission for alterations, additions and refurbishment works to existing house (198 sqm)

to include new store at ground level (with patio over), new kitchen and extended bedroom at first floor level, 2 storey front portico and other minor internal and external modifications. (New total living area to be 270 sqm and 16 sqm external store). Add. Info. Rec'd (New Adds): 28-Mar-2014.

Reg. Ref. D14B/0103

Application Rec'd Date: 25-Mar-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Bernadette Hurley, Kilaster, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: a second storey extension to side of house with a hipped roof over, a single storey kitchen and sunroom extension to rear of house with a flat roof over and an attic conversion to storage room with a flat roof dormer to the rear.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0108

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Mar-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Maria Keogh, Grayswood, 1, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: 1. Demolition of single storey extension and out houses to the rear of the existing detached two storey property. 2. Construction of a two storey pitched roof extension with chimney to the side. 3. Construction of single storey and part two storey pitched roof extensions to the rear. 4. Construction of single storey pitched roof garage to the side. 5. Elevational alterations to the front side and rear of the existing property. 6. New 'Velux' style roof lights in the main roof to the side and rear. 7. Landscaping and associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D08A/1309/E

Application Rec'd Date 31-Mar-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Edward Doyle, Units 1 -4, The Courtyard, rear 19 Castle St., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the partial yet extensive demolition of the existing office Units 1 - 4, and the reconstruction of accommodation in an altered state to provide a change of use to one ground floor office to provide for an office / shop provision of three extended unit and the office units all reconstructed and remodelled providing new facades, upgraded and additional floor space on two and three levels accessed from the existing courtyard and by a new external staircase. **Applic. Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0180

Application Rec'd Date: 4-Apr-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Alied Land Investments Ltd. Lands at Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a residential development comprising of 18 no. dwellings on this 0.59 ha site. The development will consist of 5 no. 2 bedroom houses (4 no. house type A, two storey over basement -141.5m2 and 1 no. house type B1, part single & part two storey -137.1m2), 3 no. 3 bedroom houses (3 no. house type D, two and a half storey -142.4m2) and 10 no. 4 bedroom houses (2 no. house type B, part two and part three storey -205m2, 1 no. house type C, three storey -278m2, 1 no. house type D1, two and a half storey -171.6m2, 1 no. House Type E, three storey -177.8m2, 1 no. House Type E1, three storey -183.5m2, 1 no. House Type E2, part three storey and part two storey over basement -222.7m2 and 3 no. House Type F, three storey over basement -315m2). all houses are in terrace format. A basement car-park 370m2 with 8 no. private and 4 no. visitor parking spaces and a shared bin store, a public open space area of 589m2 including an external platform lift, 30 no. surface car-parking spaces -28 no. private and 2 no. visitor spaces, along with all associated and ancillary site and landscaping works

Reg. Ref. D14A/0183

Application Rec'd Date: 4-Apr-2014

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

Proposal: Permission for modification to approved plans (house A) **Reg. Ref.** D13A/0317 (PL06D. 242469) to change roof material from green copper to zinc.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0114

Application Rec'd Date: 31-Mar-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Brendan McLoughlin, Ard Burgh Lodge, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to construct single storey rear extension to form new ope & window to existing side wall and new roof lights to existing pitched roof, all at detached single storey dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0117

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Apr-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Ross & Elisabeth MacMahon, The Coach House, Vico Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of single storey appendage to south-west side of four storey dwelling and subsequent construction of two storey extension (at garden level below Vico Road), incorporating terrace and plant room at roof level and associated site works including altered ground levels to facilitate a new paved terrace adjacent to the extension.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0121

Application Rec'd Date: 4-Apr-2014

Applicant Name: Damian & Aisling Quinn, Wolverton, 13, Wolverton Glen, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: (1) A single storey extension to the rear of the house & (2) ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0186

Application Rec'd Date: 7-Apr-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Nero Holdings, 26, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Change of Use from retail shop to use as a café, including internal fitting out, redecoration of shop front and new external signage at ground floor. A protected structure.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0189

Application Rec'd Date: 8-Apr-2014

Applicant Name & Location: John & Vanessa O'Connor, Ballycrane, 57 Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for creation of a new vehicular access and associated site works to the front of the existing dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0192

Application Rec'd Date: 9-Apr-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Imogen Murphy & Caroline Malone, Hawthorns, Barnhill Lawn, Atmospheric Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to carry out alterations and extend an existing dwelling house, including demolition of an existing two storey extension on the northern side and construction of a new two storey extension in lieu and forming a new pedestrian access gate with associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0208

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Apr-2014

Applicant Name & Location: John & Heather Williams, 51a Castlepark Road, Glengearry, C/o Miley & Miley Solicitors.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of physical separation of existing houses number 51 and 51a. This division is to be achieved by the removal of the linking space between both houses to create a mews house at 51a. The access to the two houses remains the same the existing garden is divided to reflect this new arrangement.

PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FOR WEEKS 11-15 10/3/'14 to 11/4/'14

Reg. Ref. D08A/0504/E **Date:** 10-Mar-2014

Decision: Grant Extension of duration of perm.

Applicant Name: Oliver Kavanagh

Applicant Name & Location: 2, Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: A new detached 2 storey residential dwelling located to the rear of existing detached house consisting at ground floor of: 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, with living, dining and kitchen areas at first floor, including site boundary treatment, car parking for two vehicles with new vehicular entrance and gate to Harbour Road and all associated site works, including diverting existing public sewer.

Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref. D14A/0074 **Date:** 20-Mar-2014

Decision: Declare Invalid (Site Notice)

Applicant Name & Location: John & Heather Williams, (C/o Miley & Miley Solicitors) 51a Castlepark Road, Glengearry.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of physical separation of existing houses number 51 and 51a. This division is to be achieved by the removal of the linking space between both houses to create a mews house at 51a. The access to the two houses remains the same and the existing garden is divided to reflect this new arrangement.

Reg. Ref. D14B/0011 **Date:** 19-Mar-2014

Decision: Request Additional Information

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0015 **Date:** 25-Mar-2014

Decision: Grant Permission

Applicant Name: Frank Farrell

Location: Rock Cottage, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

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

Reg. Ref. D14B/0024 **Date:** 27-Mar-2014

Decision: Refuse Permission

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

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

Applicant Name & Location: Nicholas & Orla Fahy, 3 The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the extension of our existing split level dwelling. The extension will consist of a family games room. Permission for the work was previously granted under planning application D06B/0325 which has now expired. Permission for change of design is also sought for the extension that has previously been granted under planning application D09B/0462. The change of design will consist of the inclusion of additional velux roof lights to the front and rear of the proposed extension and new patio doors and canopy to the rear of the dwelling.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0049 **Date:** 31-Mar-2014 **Decision:** Request Add. Info.

Applicant Name: Bruce Hayes, Rector of St Patrick's Church Dalkey

Location: Sexton's Lodge, St Patrick's Church, Harbour Rd, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure RPS No. 1426)

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

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0053 **Date:** 2-Apr-2014 **Decision:** Request Additional Information

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0027 **Date:** 1-Apr-2014 **Decision:** Grant Permission

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

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) The demolition of the garage to the side, porch to the front and single storey extensions to the rear of the existing detached bungalow.

(2) Construction of new single storey extensions to the front, side and rear. New canopy and window to the front elevation. Alterations to the window openings on the front and side elevations. (3) New roof lights to the front and rear. (4) Associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0029 **Date:** 2-Apr-2014 **Decision:** Grant Permission

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

Proposal: Permission for new single storey extension to the rear of single storey family dwelling and a new skylight and retention permission is sought for a single storey extension to rear and shed to the side of the same property.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0066 **Date:** 9-Apr-2014 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Applicant Name & Location: Paul Murray & Sarah O'Brien, Iveragh, 21, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for alterations and an extension to include: (1) the widening of the vehicular access opening from the public road and replacement of the entrance gates; (2) alterations to the front entrance steps; (3) alterations to window openings and the relocation of a door in the front facade; (4) formation of steps to the proposed side entrance at ground floor level; (5) formation of a bay window in the gable wall of the first floor bedroom; (6) the construction of a ground floor extension to the side of the return at the rear; (7) the formation of a raised terrace and steps to the rear of the house and the carrying out of other ancillary contingent works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 11-15 10/3/'14 to 11/4/'14

Reg Ref: D14A/0004 **Date:** 08-Jan-2014 **Location:** 36 Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Development : Permission for the demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling, including removal of

existing septic tank and construction of new 2 storey over basement house (478 sqm) with associated landscaping and new main drainage connection. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. Appeal Lodged: 31-Mar-2014. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks:10-14 3/3/'14 to 4/4/'14

Reg. Ref: .D13A/0466 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Decided:** 28-Mar-2014

Council's Decision: Refuse Permission. **Location:** 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for a new 4 metre wide shared vehicular access at The Flags to Houses B (currently under construction) and C; vehicular access to House A will remain at Dalkey Avenue; relief from condition no. 7 of planning permission Reg. Ref.: D11A/0193 and ancillary site development work. **Applicant:** Iris O'Malley

Reg. Ref: .D13B/0298 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 28-Mar-2014

Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** 9, Hyde Park, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for development consisting of: (1) demolition of single storey extension to the side of the existing semi-detached two storey property. 2) construction of a two storey pitched roof extension to the side of existing with dormer style window at attic level to the rear. (3) construction of single storey pitched roof extensions to the front, side and rear of new two storey extension. (4) elevational alterations to the front side and rear of the existing property. (5) new 'velux' style rooflights in the existing and extensions. (6) landscaping and associated site works including widening of existing vehicular entrance and new pedestrian entrance.

Applicant: Colin Rafferty & Aveen McArdle.



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Saw our first summer migrant on Dalkey Hill, a Chiffchaff (a small warbler named after the male bird's song) in late March, singing from a sycamore. Within minutes we saw our second one and within the hour we'd heard our third, fourth and fifth chiffchaffs on the hills. It seemed as if they'd all arrived overnight and indeed they may well have. It was the same morning that many cars were covered in fine Sahara dust and the same warm winds blowing from the south might have speeded the arrival of many migrant birds.

These singing chiffchaffs were all males which will set up a territory and sing to defend it and attract females which will be arriving later. It was a few weeks later till we saw our first swallows flying over Dalkey quarry. As if often the way with them, after you see your first it's like a floodgate has been opened and the following day we saw at least a dozen more in Wexford where we'd headed in the early hours to do a bird survey.

Like over 200 other volunteers around the country I take part in the BirdWatch Ireland Countryside Bird Survey in which you are allocated a square kilometre which you survey twice a year during the breeding season. The survey squares are picked and allocated at random so they can be in any sort of habitat from industrial estate to remote bogland. It is a long running survey whose intention is to 'monitor population trends of Ireland's common and widespread breeding birds. The main aim of the CBS is to keep tabs on changes in breeding bird populations from year to year and over long term periods.'

The survey began in 1998 and I was allocated my square that year on a area that encompassed farmland and forestry in a valley in North Wexford. I've managed to do the survey every year since, apart from the year that Foot and Mouth disease threatened the agricultural industry and the survey was suspended. The survey is done by creating two parallel transects across the land which you then divide into five 200 metre sections which you walk, noting on a printed form, by sight or call, the birds you encounter on the way. I could have done my transects from north to south with one running along the road and the other across fields but I thought east to west transects would take in more varied habitats and would be more interesting. The farm is situated in a valley with very steep hills on one side and that's where I begin, climbing up the hillside to my start point then walking back down with survey form on the clipboard. When I started the surveys in '98 to the right of where I began on the other side of a little stream was a dense plantation of mature conifer trees straddling the hillside from which wrens and chaffinches would sing.

One April morning some years ago I arrived for my first survey of the season and found the conifer plantation had been completely clearfelled just leaving stumps and a few solitary birch trees on the hillside with for a few following seasons a subsequent almost total absence of birdlife.

When I did my first survey this year in April it still looked like the aftermath of a bombing raid



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but small clumps of bramble have grown back and wrens were now singing from them. Wrens appear in nearly every survey form returned from around the country every year and must be our most diverse bird, found in almost every habitat in the country from dense forests to city street gardens and from bare mountain top to bogs.

Further away I could see another bird perched atop a small bare tree which on closer inspection turned out to be a male Stonechat, a bird you'd never see in a forest but who is perfectly suited to scrubby hillsides. A Kestrel floated over, maybe looking for mice among the stumps and fallen timber. The survey has a separate form to detail any habitat change and how it might affect the birdlife and here you could see the gradual recolonisation of the area of felling, now getting birds that wouldn't have been there when the trees still stood there.

In the second late survey which is done in June (there has to be a minimum six weeks between the two annual surveys) I've had a Cuckoo calling and by then the swallows would be nesting in outhouses. Some years we've had Spotted Flycatchers another migrant of fluctuating populations on the farmland. And it's not just birds, if the weather is good on our June visit we often get Orange Tip and Common Blue butterflies, last year getting to see a pair mating. We had a great encounter with a red squirrel one year when my companion, Lucy, spotted one perched on a hazel tree, totally motionless presumably hoping we wouldn't see it.

Two years ago we had a pair of Red Kites over the survey square which were likely to be breeding in the area and we've had a Buzzard soaring overhead as well, birds which would have been so uncommon when the survey started they don't even appear in the list of coded initials of birds that you might find on the survey which was originally written in 1998,.

This year as usual I finished my first transect a quarter way into one of the farmer's fields. Bordered on three sides by hedges with dense woodland at the farther end, in past years I've seen deer grazing in the field and once the very charming sight of a vixen nestled in the grass with her cubs playing around her (I made sure not to mention them to the farmer).

Usually I finish the first transect here and go back to the car for a cup of tea and a break before beginning the second transect but I'd thought I'd heard a faint but distinct sound from the woods at the farther end and we walked a bit further into the field to investigate.

Then we heard it, much louder and clearer this time, the resonant tapping sound of a Great Spotted Woodpecker drumming on a tree trunk. The drumming, or pecking sound is only made by the male woodpecker guarding a territory or exhibiting for a mate so it looks like this chap was setting up shop. Another new bird on the survey list and a hope that we might hear or see it again on further surveys.

Birdwatch Ireland are always looking for volunteers to take on new squares so if you're interested in doing one get in touch with Dick Coombes at Birdwatch HQ, details can be found on their website.



Common Blue Butterflies mating in Wexford

Photos: Michael Ryan

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With their extensive wine list it was difficult to choose what to taste but because I had become fond of Barossa Cabernets I decided to try four of theirs at different levels. The H&V Cabernet 2010 really stood out for me, this is a big wine. Ripe plum, vanillin oak with firm tannins. It is all perfectly balanced to produce a fine Cabernet. This wine can be cellared up until 2020. A close second to the H&V was their Portrait Cabernet Sauvignon 2011. The cool climate of the 2011 vintage produced this fruit driven cabernet style. Softer tannins make this wine easy drinking and delicious. Ready to drink now but will still improve. You can always find one of Peter's wines in your local wine shop; look out for the picture on the label (pictured). If you would like Peter's wine delivered to you, check out www.comans.ie or www.wineonline.ie

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Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30am.

The Carry Hall, BACK TO THE 50'S - Friday 23rd May.

Theme: 1950's (*dress optional*) An evening of food, fun, memories and a unique opportunity for one person to win €1,000 (optional extra charge of €10 to enter this competition) Entertainment also includes luxury raffle (min entry €5). **Cost:** €20 per person (includes novelty surprise meal) ~ Bring your own bottle!

How you might win €1,000... Prior to the event we will be selling 200 tickets (priced at €10 each) to purchase a light. Each light forms part of a large board (of 200 lights) which will be present on 23rd May in the Hall. During the event the lights are gradually extinguished (by raffle) until only one is left - the winner, who will take home €1,000!

There are no limits to the amount of lights you may purchase. You may choose any number on the board (1-200); however, once a light is bought that number is removed from those available. Good luck! Meal & Light Tickets available from Anne Pierpoint (after 6pm) - 0876964554. Meal tickets limited to 125. Luxury Raffle Tickets will be available in The Carry Hall on the night of the 23rd May or may be purchased in advance from Holy Trinity Church or the Rev'd Niall Sloane. For further information visit www.carrycentre.ie

Summer in Holy Trinity – It is planned to have the Church open daily (Monday to Saturday 2-4pm) for July & August, if you are interested in volunteering with this, please speak with the Rector or put your name on the sign-up sheet in Church.

Christian Aid – Christian Aid Sunday is on 11th May. A themed service will be held in Holy Trinity at 10.45am. We will welcome a guest speaker from Christian Aid Ireland. There will be a special reception for all in the Carry Hall afterwards. Donations for Christian Aid welcome!

Ascension Thursday 29th May – There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in Holy Trinity at 10.30am, followed by Bacon butties and refreshments afterwards. Parish Clean Up - Saturday 17th May. Meet at the Carry Hall from 9.30am. Refreshments will be provided. All Welcome

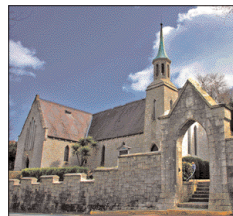
Calling All Golfers Golf Outing Posponed! and re-scheduled for Monday 22nd Sept. in Killiney Golf Club. Anyone interested in playing please contact Helen Irwin or Pam Clarke (*details in last Obelisk*) in July.

Sheep Thrills - Made in Ireland – Every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Hall. Anyone interested please contact Joan @ 0872460078. Admission €3-€5.

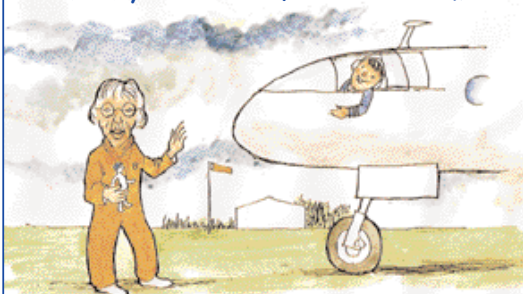
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NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

As we write this it is a glorious Holy Week here in Dalkey. The sun is warm and new growth is well underway. We would like to thank all who participated in this year's 'Sister Churches Lenten talks', which by general agreement was deemed to be the best yet.

Having started these inter-church Lenten evenings four years ago by looking outward towards other faiths, we have now reached the point that we can happily consider Christian issues together as fellow Christians. For the agreed theme, "Social Justice in the Bible and Today", we had a mix of speakers from our different traditions and also a Jewish speaker, Yanky Fachler, who showed us how strong a theme Social Justice is not only in the Jewish scriptures but in the everyday life of the Jewish community.

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Thanks also to all who participated in our own Parish Retreat for Lent. To Clare and Ann for their thoughtfulness and efforts in putting it all together and to the companions for their time, commitment and love. It was a grace-filled experience for all.

Once again, May has been a busy month for all of our First Holy Communicants. It was wonderful to see all the children from Harold Boys, Loreto, Castlepark, St Patricks and Rathdown come together to celebrate this special event in their lives. We thank all their teachers, their parents and the principals of the schools programme for all the work they put into preparing the children. We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of Parents and helpers who are committed to helping prepare the children through the Do this in Memory programme. This programme unites the parish as well as school in enabling parents in helping their children grow in the experience of God's love in their lives.

Our sympathies to all who have been bereaved in the past few months - it is heartening to see all of our community gather to support those families who have to bear the pain of losing someone close. We should never underestimate our ability to support all who experience the trauma of loss and we are most grateful for the wonderful work of the Bereavement counselling team who continue to offer their services by donation in Pres no 2 every Tuesday night. This service can be contacted at 01 676 8882.

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Finally, this year's parish golf outing will take place on Friday 6th June with an afternoon timesheet in Killiney Golf Club. Spaces are filling up so if you would like to be included please contact the parish office asap. Once again we will have dinner and a social evening after the golf which you are also most welcome to come along to - places are limited due to space, so first come, first served!

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10.15am Eucharist.

25th May

9am Eucharist

10.15am Morning Prayer

Sister Churches Lenten Course, Dalkey 2014 in Our Lady's Hall

THERE SEEMED to be general agreement that this year's "Sister Churches' Lent Course" in Dalkey was the best yet.

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Fr. Kieran O'Mahony, Canon Ginnie Kennerley and Fr. Paddy Devitt

There was considerable discussion, over tea on this last evening, about what social justice projects our two churches might embrace together, and also about what subject we would favour for next year. There are questions on the Response Sheet in this issue of **Contact** which we would like all those who attended the Lent Course to answer, giving the sheet in to the Parish Office when completed. You may also fill it in if you did not attend, of course; but please make this clear on the sheet itself. *Ginnie Kennerley*

Garden Fête - Saturday 10th May – This year's fete promises to be bigger than ever with a huge range of new activities for kids. From bouncy castle to treasure maps, throwing wet-sponges at Dad, Buzzer games, face painting, wheel of fortune, pony rides, beat-the-goalie, wellie-boot throw, burgers, pancakes, smoothies, something has been planned for all young ages.

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Together with the emphasis on making it a real fun-packed day this year will see the introduction of an extended tent street in the school playground, adding to the range of stalls and bargains on offer for all. We will have all the usual favourites; teas, cakes, bric-a-brac, plants, good-as-new, books and jazz, and are counting on all to get the word out and support us on this important parish date. We look forward to seeing you all at the Fête.

Kenya Build Concert - Sunday 11th May – Celtic Tenor, James Nelson, and Soprano Maeve Coghlan present a concert of song for Kenyan Orphans in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 11th May at 8pm. Guests include Wesley Chamber choir and soprano Mary Callen Clarke. All proceeds go directly to feed, educate and house Kenyan Orphans

International Women's Choir - Monday 26th May – We are delighted to welcome back the International Women's Choir to St. Patrick's Church on Monday 26th May at 8pm. Titled 'A Musical Journey', in aid of 'Alzheimer's Society of Ireland'. This is always a most enjoyable evening so please do mark this date in your diary. Many thanks to Michi Maharry for organising this event.



DALKEY TIDY TOWNS GRAFFITI UPDATE



Due to the ongoing weekly work that DTT are doing, we are on top of a lot of problems, but would welcome suggestions for specific tasks to be under taken.

On another point, please keep a eye out for Graffiti artists, as they are having a blitz in Dalkey & the surrounding areas. We are cleaning up at least a dozen new tags each day, which is an uphill battle against the *Gob -Shiites*.

Please report any you come across to the Environmental section of the council, plus you can email us at tidy@dalkeytidytowns.com

Please include a location and image if possible. They are ruining beautiful stone walls, destroying paint work, etc., etc.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



DCC Public Meeting in OLH at 8pm (<i>This meeting is open to all residents of Dalkey</i>)	Tues.6 May
St. Patrick's Garden Fete (10am-3pm)	Sat. 10 May
Sorting of June Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs. 29 May
DCC June Monthly Meeting	Tues. 3 June

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6-9pm Tues. & Thurs. Tel: Wayne Deegan 086 857 2546.

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

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey: Northover Hall 8pm-10.30pm Mondays & Thursdays Contact Judith Elmes 087-2396673 or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information.

The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Soc. meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested 086-8391839.

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

Pilates: Mondays, Heritage Centre: 2 classes 7.15pm & 8.15pm. Tel: Lizanne Barry 087 8572408

Zumba Fitness classes: in Town Hall every Thurs.: 7:30pm - 8:30pm. Contact: Colette Burke 087 2476673 or email info@zumbafantasy.com website zumbafantasy.com

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

NATURE NOTES FOR MAY 2014

Tues. 6 May: The East Coast Tern Projects, by Niall Keogh (and others). A showing of The Kilcoole Little Tern Project documentary will follow.

Sun. 11 May: Outing to Kilcoole. Meet at the railway station car park at 10:30am

Sun. 18 May: Dawn Chorus Day. Meet- car park adjacent to Cabinteely House in Cabinteely Park at 4am.

Thurs. 22 May: Dusk Chorus walk at Herbert Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Meet at the park bandstand at 7:30pm. This event is organised by BirdWatch Ireland in conjunction with Dublin City Council.

Sat. 24 May: Dawn Chorus Walk at Liffey Valley Park, Saint Mary's Avenue West, just off Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, at 4:30am. Participants can enter East Timor Park through the kissing gates (at junction of the Avenue and Sarsfield Road) and continue through the park, over the motorway bridge and into Liffey Valley Park. This event is organised by BirdWatch Ireland in conjunction with Dublin City Council.

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Viewers who use Saorview to receive RTE would have seen the dreaded message “Re-scan required” appear on their screens recently. This was to facilitate the change from RTE 1 to RTE 1 HD, and required viewers to manually Re-Scan either their Saorview TVs or set-top receivers. Judging by the volume of calls to our office most viewers found it near impossible, and needed assistance either over the phone or by us calling to the customer’s house. Unfortunately there are many more changes planned for Saorview, and the “Re-Scan” required message will indeed be back on our screens sometime in the future.

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