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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.



DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIMITED ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The Annual Public Meeting of the Community Council will take place on
MONDAY, 30th APRIL, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

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SUMMARY OF THE DCC MEETING HELD IN APRIL 2012



The DCC April Monthly Meeting was held on Monday 2nd in OLH.

As a mark of respect the meeting stood for a minutes silence for the late Dymphna Redmond who died last February. Dymphna was one of the founder members of the Community Council. She was also a member of the Ladies Club and was a great community worker. She will be sadly missed by all.

TT: The persistent problem of dog fouling is still a great problem for the town and with Coliemore, St. Patrick's and Convent Roads suffering from this dirty offence. It is important that dog owners are aware that it is their duty to clean up after their dogs particularly as the summer is approaching and there will be many visitors to the town. Businesses should also play their part in keeping the area outside their premises tidy.

NW: The Garda station is closing at the end of June with all operations transferring to the Dun Laoghaire station.

AOB: The Exchange Bookshop closed and DCC wish Michael a long and happy retirement.



DISCOVER DALKEY'S LITERARY GEMS



AT DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is introducing **Discover Dalkey's Literary Gems**, a series of Rehearsed Readings and Short Plays beginning on May 14th at 12.45pm. The shows will be on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Among the writers included are Maeve Binchy, Flann O'Brien, George Bernard Shaw, James Joyce and Hugh Leonard. Each week will be dedicated to the work of one writer. Week Four will have a compilation of many writers' work by playwright, Shay Linehan. The Shows will last no more than 50 mins and will run until Saturday June 23rd.

Maeve Binchy: Deeply Regretted By. The programme will start on Monday May 14th with a Rehearsed Reading by actors of Maeve Binchy's play 'Deeply Regretted By'. The Show will continue on 17th and 19th. The story of the play evolved from a real life family story that featured in the 'Irish Times' and was later developed by Maeve into an award-winning short play. This is an ideal opportunity to marvel at Maeve's empathy with her characters and witness her keen ear and magical way of telling a good human interest story. The play won a number of awards for television drama including the Jacobs Award and Best Script in the Prague Television Festival.



Maeve Binchy

Flann O'Brien: Week Two will feature the work of Brian O'Nolan aka Flann O'Brien. On May 21st, 24th and 26th we will have scenes from 'The Dalkey Archive', 'At Swim Two Birds', 'The Third Policeman' and others. The hilarious Ringend cow punching scene from 'At Swim...' will feature alongside some of the most famous 'Brother' scenes from the 'Cruiskeen Lawn'.

George Bernard Shaw: Week Three will celebrate the work of George Bernard Shaw who wrote that the happiest moment of his life was when he heard he was going to live on Dalkey Hill. Michael James Ford from Bewleys Café Theatre will direct a Rehearsed Reading his comedy 'Village Wooing' by GB Shaw on Monday 28th and Sat June 2nd. (No show on Thursday 31st on account of the Referendum). This classic short comedy tells of two vastly mismatched young people whose hilarious verbal jousting leads to the unlikeliest of romances. There is part of a major Shaw convention in Dalkey Castle on Friday June 1st. A rehearsed reading of 'An Elderly Gentleman' by GB Shaw will be open to the general public that day at 12.45pm.

On Yer Bike... with Dalkey's Writers: Week Four on June 4th, June 7th and June 9th features a compilation from the work of many writers by playwright Shay Linehan. This is a unique take on famous local writers- James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, Hugh Leonard, Flann O'Brien, Maeve Binchy, John Millington Synge and Joseph O'Connor. The show has a Flann O'Brien like character who is very well versed in all the literary luminaries ever associated with Dublin and Dalkey. He conjures up characters to play various well known scenes which will enlighten and entertain the audience.

James Joyce: As Week Five includes Bloomsday (Saturday 16th June), attention will centre on the work of James Joyce. On the 11th and the 14th the Show will feature well-known humorous scenes from 'Ulysses'. The audience will see scenes set on Sandymount Strand, Barney Kiernan's Pub and the bedroom at 7 Eccles St for part of Molly Bloom's soliloquy.

On June 16th the Dalkey Schoolroom Scene from Nestor episode of 'Ulysses' will be dramatised in the Heritage Centre at 15.30. This will be followed by a Guided Joycean Walk for those attending.

Hugh Leonard: The season will finish with a newly discovered play by Hugh Leonard about the Fit-Ups (travelling theatre companies) in Ireland called 'Magicality' on 18th, 21st and 23rd June. In true Leonard fashion this brings humour and pathos to a scenario that was all too prevalent in Ireland in the 40s and 50s when the Fit-Up touring companies travelled around Ireland putting 'wild ideas into the heads of the local youth'!

All shows start at 12.45 and end by 13.45. Admission is €8 for each show. Tokens for a discount on set lunch prices in participating local restaurants can be provided at Dalkey Castle with your theatre ticket. Free Guided Literary Walk in Dalkey for participants will occur at 3.00 pm on the days of the show. Booking at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre.

Tel 01 285 8366 Email maeve@dalkeycastle.com or book at reception in Dalkey Castle.

Chelsea Pensioners



A group of Chelsea Pensioners visited Dalkey in mid-April. Their Irish trip included touring the attractions of Dublin led by their Chief Tour Guide, Tipperary-man Bill 'Paddy' Fox B.E.M. (pictured centre) who was later to take the pensioners to Johnny Fox's Pub!

Photo: Jehan Ashmore

Please note that the June issue of the Dalkey Newsletter will contain details of THE ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION. Watch out for it!



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Each week our Director of Art, Ms Jane Ryan, nominates an “Artist of the Week” from among the student body. This may be a pupil who is working well within their timetabled art class each week, or someone who has produced an exceptional piece of work during one of the after-school art hobby classes. During the year there is a range of hobbies on offer in the Art Department, including jewellery making, puppetry, Celtic art, sculpture, knitting & crochet, cartoons & animation. The pupils also help in making props and scenery for many of the drama and music productions that take place throughout the year here at the School.



Here are some examples of the work that illustrate the scope of our Artists of the Week:

A. Mollard



DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL COLLECTION

DID YOU FORGET?

Dalkey Community Council Limited would like to thank all residents who have contributed to the Council's Annual Collection through the collection envelopes recently. Your generosity is most appreciated, as without your help the Community Council could not bring you the Newsletter, Christmas Tree Lighting (& Santa's Visit) and many other activities to the community. To those who may still wish to contribute please leave your contribution in a sealed envelope in the Council postbox in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street or contact your Road Representative. Once again, many thanks for contributing to the community spirit that makes Dalkey such a special place for all of us.

PARISH FETE

SATURDAY MAY 12TH

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May is a delightful month of new foliage as our trees and shrubs continue to display their new leaves and the whole garden has a freshness of energy that is unique at this time of the year. It is our month of a dazzling array of bright greens, ochre, gold, copper, purples, bronzes and Irises, Peonies, Oriental Poppies, Camellias, all offer their lavish blooms.

'We love May for the warmth that has returned to the soil and how even the sleepest of hibernating plants has been jolted into life. The nakedness of those bare branches has been covered by leaves and from now until Autumn it is just one long succession of flower, colour, sunshine, showers and eventually, fruit. 'Wahay for May!'

Gardening in our sleeveless tops and with warm sunshine on our backs, does us so much good. Our Dalkey children generally love the chance of digging a patch, especially in a new garden site where they might find anything from old bottles to lost coins or ancient pieces of pottery. I remember well, my own various patches that I was allocated as a little girl in Limerick. Others such as worms, beetles, ants, and larvae give them such a thrill. Showing our children how to look after young seedlings and plants gives them ownership and cultivates sometimes, a lively interest. Ideal seeds for them to plant are large seeds, such as peas, broad beans, pumpkins, and sunflowers. Lollipop sticks can be written on and used as markers for the various seeds.

Some plants are always and always with us, sometimes less appreciated but providing a valuable role as durable, easily grown and fill spaces without fuss. One of these has to be, the Azalea (there are deciduous and evergreen). Azaleas have a distinctive charm that sets them apart this month, their flowers open on their bare branches, then their first leaves peeping. They vary in colour from blazing oranges, red, salmon, peach, pinks of every hue and marmalade. Azaleas thrive in moist lime free soil with plenty of leaf mould.



Bamboos: Bamboos are beautiful, fashionable and oh! so useful. Their movement in the lightest wind is a constant delight. But if purchasing, make sure, you choose the right one. Bamboos are really grasses and some have creeping Rhizomes that become invasive. The most popular bamboos are phyllostachys. These are well-behaved plants with upright canes, small leaves and elegant habit. Some bamboo only flower every century and some die after flowering. Sometimes, we wonder why our bamboos look scorched and damaged. Its usually because of the constant rattling of the leaves against each other and their stems can cause a shattering of foliage or withering of the leaves. Why not cut out a cane or two and rejuvenate your plant.

Lemon Balm in my opinion is a brilliant herb. *Melissa Officinalis*. It is related to mint and is so so easy to grow. Its only problem is, it too can be invasive. We can use it to garnish, to make a tea infusion, add to cakes, whipped cream, ice cream or your berry sauces - delicious with orange or mango sauce. We can even infuse its leaves in castor sugar for a day and then use that sugar for baking cakes or biscuits, so versatile.

MIGHT DO / MAYBE MAY JOBS

1. Feed potted Lilies and Agapanthus with Tomato Food to encourage bountiful summer flowering and make sure to water as required.
2. It's a good idea to feed all permanent plants in pots such as Acers, Phormiums, Camellias, Hostas - every two or three weeks to ensure good active growth.

Bamboos are beautiful. There is a purple and a black species. Their movement in the lightest wind is a constant delight.

Remember the larger the container the easier it is to look after. This is because a large volume of compost is less prone to drying out and so plants are less stressed during their growing season.



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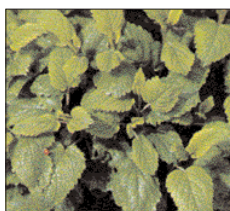
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3. Cymbidium Orchids (not Phaelenopsis, the indoor house orchid) that have finished flowering can be moved to a sheltered shady spot, outdoors.
4. Remember, Greenflies, Red Spider Mites and scale insects build up in numbers especially on juicy tender buds. So, time to take your desired choice of necessary precautions.
5. Now is the time to plant up hanging baskets for masses of colour or subdued tones, all summer long. They can be prepared right now and left in the greenhouse or conservatory to grow on or planted up in late May for immediate use outdoors.
6. Seeds of Sage, Thyme, Fennel, Chives, Parsley, Chervil and Lovage can be sown in the open ground now.

Right: Tulipa Acuminata is a remarkable old variety that is as different to a bedding tulip as mud is to mouse. Its petals are as delicate as spiders legs.



Left: Verbena - A great plant for our hanging basket. Verbena 'Diamond Merci' is a vigorous trailing variety with good disease resistance



Left: Lemon Balm, also called bee balm, its scent is quite strong and distinctive.

'Happiness held is the seed, Happiness shared is the flower' – UNKNOWN



GARDEN EVENTS – MAY 2012



BOTANIC GARDENS

Thursday, 10th May - Sunday, 10th June. Exhibition: **The Wildflowers of Ireland**

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22nd A.G.M. at 7.30 p.m. sharp followed by a demonstration **'Summer Pzazz'**, Windyridge Nurseries and Garden Centre. Plants for sale.



DALKEY CHESS TEAM



The u16's Dalkey Chess Team, who won the Dublin Community Games in January 2012, played in the Finals of the Leinster Community Games in Carlow on Sunday 25th March. All the boys played well (a nail biting final game) but narrowly lost to Ashbourne Co.Meath, in a 2-3 result.

Considering the very early start, to arrive in Carlow for 10am on the Sunday (the morning the clocks went forward!) we would like to especially thank all the chess players, their parents and Marathon Travel for getting them there and back safely, not to mention Dalkey Community Council who kindly sponsored the trip and a delicious pizza picnic afterwards.

Thank you.



Photo : clockwise from top left: Jim O'Reilly, Ross McCann, Tom Wall, Rory Ellard, Ferdia Fagan.

Brigid Fagan, Chess Team Co-ordinator



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A major international Coast Guard conference was held in the Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Killiney, in March, where search and rescue (SAR) delegates gathered from all over the world. They included China, Finland, France, Italy, Portugal and the USA.

Ireland is bidding to bring the proposed Europe-wide coastguard secretariat to be based in Dublin, where it aims to share SAR resources across the EU, as well as assist in pollution response, patrolling of fisheries and maritime security.

Following the conference a SAR exhibition was held in Weston Airport, in Leixlip, where the main attraction on display was the Irish Coast Guard's new SAR Sikorsky S-92 helicopter. Beforehand on the day of the exhibition the new helicopter had flown high above Dalkey Sound.

The helicopter was constructed in Pennsylvania and was shipped across the Atlantic to Southampton, where it was assembled before flown to her base in Shannon. In total five new SAR helicopters (four are second-hand) costing €500m, are to replace the fleet completely when they relocate from Scotland to SAR bases in Dublin, Sligo and Waterford by 2013.

Also on exhibit was the ICG's older SAR Sikorsky S-61 helicopter. The Dublin based helicopter is to retire after 50 years!.. Apart from attending to emergencies, frequent practices exercises take place over Dalkey Island and can involve RNLB Anna Livia (See last issue) and are sometimes carried out at night. Notably on rarer occasions a winch-man is lowered from the helicopter onto the Martello Tower.

In addition to Irish Coast Guard activities similar winch-man exercises have been operated by the Irish Air Corps in recent years, whose Eurocopter EC135 which was an exhibit, made a rare, albeit brief landing earlier this year on the island close to the harbour.



Air Corps Eurocopter about to land close to the harbour on Dalkey Island



The new Irish Coast Guard SAR helicopter

Other Air Corps craft exhibited were an Agusta Westland AW139 army troop helicopter and a fixed-wing CASA CN325 Maritime Patrol aircraft while from across the Irish Sea a helicopter represented RAF Valley, Anglesey, where Prince William was based. The Naval Service 'flagship' L.É. Eithne (P31) of 1,910 tonnes is the navy's only Helicopter Patrol Vessel (HPV) which was equipped with Dauphine helicopters but they are no longer in service. It is believed that since her launch in 1984, the vessel has only transited Dalkey Sound on a mere handful of occasions



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and she is the largest ship to do so in modern times. In comparison the rest of the seven-strong fleet make more frequent passages through the sound, where L.É. Niamh (P52) was en-route to take up patrol position off the island in advance of Queen Elizabeth's flight (a British Aerospace 146 jet) which flew above Dalkey to land at the Air Corps at Baldonnel (See July 2011 issue). L.É. Eithne, whose adopted homeport is Dun Laoghaire, is unique in being the last vessel of any type built in the Republic at Verolme Cork Dockyard (VCD), Rushbrooke near Cobh. Among other accolades, she is the first Naval Service vessel to cross the Atlantic to the USA in 1986, also the first to make an official visit to the North since partition in 1922, when she called to Belfast in 2003.



L.E. Eithne makes a rare passage through Dalkey Sound



The older SAR helicopter hovers close to St. Begnet's Church.

Another historic first for the navy was when L.É. Eithne became the first to be deployed beyond the southern hemisphere to South America in 2006 which included the 150th anniversary of the death of Mayo-born Admiral William Brown, founder of the Argentinian Navy.

Two years later the Argentinian Ambassador attended the unveiling ceremony of Dr. John de Courcy Ireland's binocular-scope at Coliemore Harbour where a plaque lists the nation among others that had decorated the 'Father of Maritime Ireland'. To read an account of the unveiling and more visit: www.shipsireland.com

Words and Photos: **Jehan Ashmore**

GARDA MESSAGE



Following the recent announcement of the closure of a number of Garda stations by the Minister for Justice, Dalkey Garda Station will formally close on the 30th of June 2012.

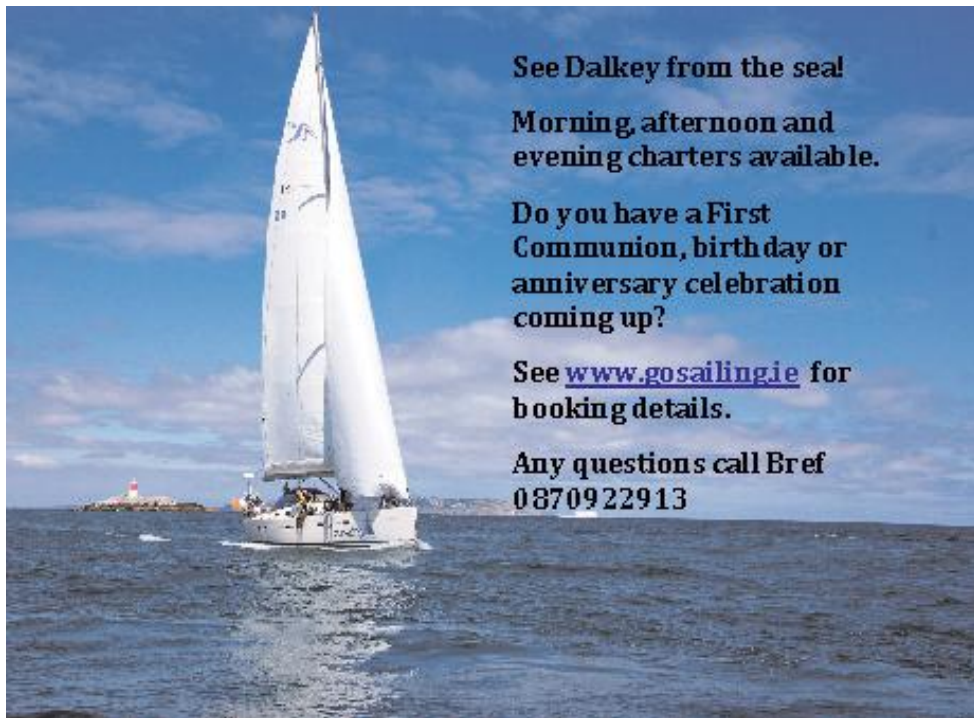
As and from this date the Dalkey District will be subsumed into the Dun Laoghaire District.

The contact number for Dun Laoghaire Garda Station is 01 6665000.

For a short period of time arrangements have been made with regards to people who mistakenly phone the old Dalkey Number they will be connected to Dun Laoghaire Garda Station.

Senior Garda Management from Dun Laoghaire Garda Station will be in attendance at the Dalkey Community Council Public Meeting on the 30th of April 2012 at 8.30pm.

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TIDY TOWNS REPORT – Blaithín O'Brien



Spring has well and truly arrived as you may have noticed...not least by all the weeds joyously appearing in ever crack in the pavement....Their days are numbered.... over the next few weeks Dalkey will be sprayed and hoed to remove them all.

We have been busy all over Dalkey. Down at **Bulloch Harbour** the broken benches have been removed and some have been repositioned. The winch has been painted and old signs are to be replaced with new ones. Discussions are ongoing with the Dublin Port Co. and DLRCC re upgrading paths, bollards and spraying weeds. The grass verge is not being ignored, it's improvement is the subject of a lot of discussion.

The flower beds at the steps up by **Our Lady's Manor** have also been weeded and sprayed. New bark has been applied to the beds. The railings are scheduled for repainting and the walls are to be repointed and repaired

The paving around **Archbolds Castle** is scheduled for weeding and spraying. The entrance to the **Church car park** on Castle Street is getting a new tree to replace the one struck by lightning last year. DLRCC will also be landscaping the whole area which should make for a more attractive and smarter space in the heart of the town. Keep an eye out for the new tree planted at Ormeau Drive, here too the whole area has been given a spring makeover.

All the bollards in Castle Street are to be painted with paint given by Dulux for community improvements. Other pieces of street furniture will be painted over the summer.

In addition some new heritage style signs will be appearing in the town shortly, this is the start of a scheme to replace the mish mash of signs with an integrated and appropriate signage suitable for a Heritage Town. This work is undertaken with DLRCC and of course, cost is a major inhibitory factor. We are starting with local signs and eventually hope to move out to M50 signage, but this involves discussions with the NRA.

Please welcome Saulius Jatulis, a new helper with the Tidy Towns, assigned to us by Southside Partnership. He will be seen all over Dalkey during the next few months making major improvements actually happen.

You will be glad to know the Binoculars are back on Coliemore Road, having recovered from its latest attack by vandals. It is designed only to focus out to sea and will not swing around 360 degrees to intrude on residents.

Thank you to all correspondents, we are always happy to receive feedback, but would also love to see more active volunteers. If everyone is more aware of the state of their town it can only discourage vandals and negligent dog owners from leaving their mark.

Saturday April 28th, 10.00am at Eurospar carpark is Dalkey's Annual Clean Up Day. Please come along and support it. Please report any local graffiti to tidy@tidytowns.com or DLRCC at 2054817 to have it removed.

LITTER PATROLS – However litter patrols still go on – Outside Select Stores on the first Tuesday, Sorrento Park on the second Thursday and Select Stores on the third Saturday of every month. All start at 10.30 a.m and everyone is welcome.



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Back from Malta after a heavenly holiday. I didn't know anything about Malta when I booked with The Travel Department last July. It was an exercise in escapism from Christmas. The Maltese archipelago lies in the Mediterranean and consists of three islands, viz. Malta, Gozo and Comino. We left Killiney at 3.45 a.m. It was raining cats and dogs and arrived in Malta four and a half hours later into glorious sunshine. We were transferred to our hotel at St. Julian's. A very attractive venue looking out at the Mediterranean. A lovely port of buildings made of limestone with lots of building cranes everywhere - similar to Ireland a few years ago. Unfortunately, the limestone quarries are almost empty. This is money from grants from Europe.

Maltese history is very similar to ours except they suffered two World Wars and had families wiped out. When they were under British Rule, they were not allowed to speak their own language. Their minimum salary is only €1,000 per month. If they refuse employment, their Dole is stopped immediately. The people are very friendly and obviously the Wars have effected their personalities. They are a quiet and gentle race and they like wearing dark clothes. On Christmas Eve we went on a tour of the Three Cities. We drove past Cospicua to Vittoriosa where we walked through narrow streets shaded by buildings and churches and then to Senglea where we enjoyed the views around the Grand Harbour all sunshine and showers of rain. Actually, there are approximately 365 churches in Malta. Nearly all are Catholic. There is one Mosque. We had a very good Christmas dinner after evening Mass at our own hotel. I also went to Midnight Mass to hear their choir. It was simply lovely but not a patch on Dalkey! On Christmas morning we had a divine breakfast and a walk around the Harbour again and Mass at 11 a.m. This was in Latin and I so enjoyed it. It was just like old times. We had a formal lunch with crackers and music and amazing food - but no stuffing in the turkey! In the evening we played Gin Rummy and Bridge. The Gin Rummy was very exciting. I would swop it for Bridge. On St. Stephen's Day we had a full day trip to Gozo, a sister island of Malta. Twenty minutes on a ferry and we were there. Gozo was beautiful and green. We visited the Azure Window at Dwejra, the Citadel in Victoria and the Bay Xlendi and free time for shopping. There was beautiful knitwear and lace making products. Five of us bought woollen jackets and we all had lunch together. By now we all knew each other. Forty two of us in total. On Day Five we went to view the Barracka Gardens and then to St. John's Co-Cathedral adorned in niches that date back to the Knights of Malta. The most exciting thing was their two Caravaggio paintings, The Beheading of St. John the Baptist and St. Jerome. I really felt overwhelmed by these and the beautiful Flemish tapestries. On the last day was a trip to Mdina, the central part of Malta, through the narrow streets of Mdina, the Silent City. Malta is the sort of place of place you can wander around safely and I had a great time.



St. John's Co-Cathedral



Beheading of John the Baptist

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 11-14 12/3/2012 to 6/4/2012

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. D12A/0096

Application Rec'd Date: 15-Mar-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Ciara Byrne, Alcove, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for a new vehicular entrance onto Barnhill Road with car parking for two vehicles to front elevation.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0104

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Mar-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Ciaran McAlarey, 14, Springhill Park, Killiney, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for conversion of existing garage to side with first floor extension over to side, a single storey extension across the entire front elevation and a single storey extension across the entire rear elevation. Conversion of attic space for storage use with Velux roof-lights to front, side and rear and widening of existing vehicular entrance driveway to 3.8m.

Reg. Ref. D11A/0578

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Dec-2011

Applicant Name & Location: Board of Management, Loreto Abbey Secondary School, Loreto Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of the construction of a new stand alone, detached PE Sports Hall building with roof light windows, part 1 and part 2 storey, total area 1760m² approx, with external viewing terrace of sports pitch, existing boundary wall screening to prevent over-looking of adjacent properties, 12 new car-parking spaces, bicycle parking area and associated landscaping works all on the land on the West side of Loreto Avenue. The sports hall will be accessed from existing access road, Loreto Avenue. The site is adjacent to but outside the curtilage of Loreto Abbey which is a protected structure, RPS 1445. A Natura Appropriate Assessment Screening Report has been carried out and is attached to the application. Additional Information: 30-Mar-2012

Reg. Ref. D12A/0106

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Mar-2012

Applicant Name & Location: David and Kate Woolfson, Torca Hill, Torca Road, Dalkey,.

Proposal: Permission is sought for amendments to a granted permission Register Reference D10A/0418, which is an amended granted permission to Reg. Ref. D08A/1113 for a single storey over semi basement private dwelling house. Amendments to include reduction in size of lower ground floor and of garage, internal reconfiguration, new windows, revised fenestration and external finishes, and associated works.

Reg. Ref. D06A/1542/E

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Apr-2012

Applicant Name & Location: William Hastings, 30, Dalkey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: For residential development on a site of approximately 498 sq.m. (0.05 ha). The site is bounded to the north by residential properties at Hillside. It is also bounded to the east by a public lane and then residential properties; to the south by a public road and then a green belt and to the west by local level retail and then a Montessori school all at Dalkey Park. The proposed development will consist of the extension and partial conversion of the existing commercial/residential structure (166 sq.m. GFA approx) to a doctor's surgery/group practice (159 sq.m. GFA approx) with 2 no. two bedroom apartments at first and second floor level (133 sq.m. GFA approx). The development also proposes to retain the existing 6 no. off-street car parking spaces and includes external open space at first floor level (12 sq.m.) a garden shed, landscaping boundary and all other site development works above and below ground. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0118 Application Rec'd Date: 03-Apr-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Castle park Residence Management Ltd, JPA, Castlepark Garden Residence, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin (Formerly Mackey's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Harry Byrne's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove & part of No. 1 Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin).

Proposal: Retention permission is sought for development which seeks to retain modifications to

previously approved plans (Reg. Ref. D09A/0919 and PL06D.236838) which are the relocation of the recessed balconies at apartment units A.09 and A.17 at first and second floor level respectively from the approved location on the east gable to the current location on the south elevation of Block A and the resulting internal changes to the living/kitchen area within each apartment. Also included is the use of glass balustrade instead of brick finish as shown on original approved recessed balconies.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0120

Application Rec'd Date: 05-Apr-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Helen Stephenson, Bullock Martello Tower, 10, Bartra Rock, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Retention permission is sought for 'as built elements' to planning permission PL 06D.121973 Refurbishment of Martello Tower, for residential use, with new external access stairs and minor works at 10 Bartra Rock, A recorded Monument (DU 023-22) and protected structure, including metal and glass in lieu of timber and reorientation of external stairs, roof deck, 3 doors to front, stainless steel down pipes and spouts, boiler room, W.C., service cabinet and minor works.

Application Type: Permission for Retention

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 11-14

Reg. Ref. D12B/0021

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 16-Mar-2012

Applicant Name & Location:: Clodagh Lowry and John Quinn38, Castlepark Road, Sandycove.

Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of; 1) Demolition of the existing extension to the rear of the single storey detached dwelling. 2) Construction of a new two-storey extension to the rear, a new bay window and single storey extension to the front elevation. 3) Conversion of the attic to habitable space, including the removal of the existing hipped roof and replacement with a new half hipped roof profile. 4) New roof lights to the front and side elevations. 5) New dormer windows to the front and rear elevations. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref. D12A/0047

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 29-Mar-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Donald Hoey, 24, Church Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for the provision of off-street car parking by providing a new vehicular entrance and water-permeable surface within the front curtilage.

Reg. Ref. D07A/1030/E

Decision: REQUEST ADD. INFO.

Date: 2-Apr-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Peter Monaghan, Old Tramyard, 15, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development on this site of c. 460sqm subsequent to grant of permission as per Reg Ref D06A/0910; PL06D.220098. This permission relates to site which includes the tramlines which are PROTECTED STRUCTURES. Permission is sought for the provision of 2 no. retail units (1 no. unit c. 86sqm GFA, and 1 no. unit c. 100sqm) and 1 no. café unit (c. 35sqm GFA) at ground floor level in compliance with Condition 2(a) of Grant of Permission Reg Ref D06A/0910; PL06D.220098. This application also seeks revisions to elevations associated with the proposed commercial/ café uses at ground floor level. The total gross floor area relating to the application is c. 221sqm. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0055

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 5-Apr-2012

Applicant Name & Location: Tom and Helen Dunphy, 5, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for: 1. Demolition of side garage and shed and construction of two storey extension to side with rooflight, first floor side window and ground floor side door. 2. Construction of single storey extension to rear and single storey extension to front including front porch. 3. Widen vehicular access, solar panels to side roof and associated internal alterations.

Reg. Ref. D12B/0044

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 2-Apr-2012

Applicant Name & Location: David and Maria Bourke, 1, Ardburgh Close, Ardburgh Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for minor revisions to the existing permission D11B/0353: 1) Addition of glazed door to new small balcony at first floor level on south west corner of previously approved enlarged bay on front (south) elevation, 2) Minor increase in height and width of kitchen window on west elevation at first floor level. **Application Type:** Permission.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANALA WEEKS 11-14

Reg Ref: D11A/0579

Date: 20-Dec-2011

Location: 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey

Development: Permission is sought for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Ref. D11A/0193, D11A/0389 & D11A/0454 to convert the attic space of house C to provide an additional bedroom (16 sq.m) with a raising of the lower roof ridge and new dormer window to the front elevation.

Council Decision: REFUSE PERMISSION. Appeal Lodged: 12-Mar-2012

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

Reg Ref. 0412 **Location:** 115-116, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: (a) smoking shelter are to rear / side (b) provision of fans, condensers, air handling equipment and the like to the rear side of 115 / 116 Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Council Decision: GRANT CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION. Appeal Lodged: 12-Mar-2012

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Declaration. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal. 240337: 29 Hyde Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. (D11A/0585). **Case Type:** Planning Appeal. **Description:** Modifications to previously granted permission reg. ref. D11A/0027 for extension and other works to dwelling house. Date lodged: 20/03/2012

APPEAL DECISIONS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANALA FOR WEEKS 10-13

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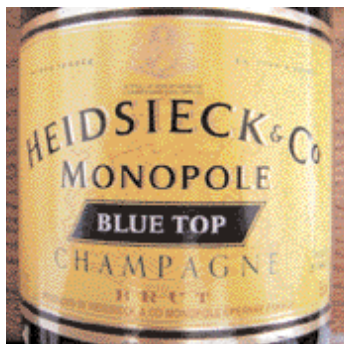


One hundred years ago last month the Titanic left Southampton for Cherbourg and made its way to Queenstown, now known to us as Cobh, Co. Cork. Its last port of call before its sinking which made history.

On board, its cargo contained one thousand bottles of wine! (this is not counting the wine in their reserves).

First class passengers enjoyed ten course dinners, each course coming with a different glass of wine. Their champagne, some of which was salvaged, included Moët & Chandon and Heidsieck & Co Monopole Blue Top Champagne Brut. The latter being the most popular with their first class passengers on board. Heidsieck

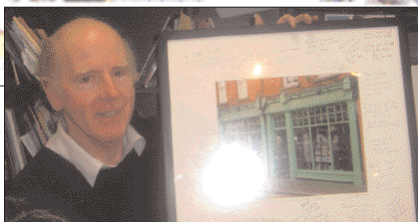
Monopole distributed one million bottles worldwide in 1895. When they brought the salvage from the wreck only a few years ago it still tasted delicious! This champagne is non vintage (NV) which means that it is taken from different grapes from different years and areas of Champagne. The French believe that it brings a more consistent finish and flavour. It is regarded as one of Champagnes best secrets! You can expect pear and toffee flavours ending with a beautifully creamy texture. Match it with smoked salmon, brie or caviar.



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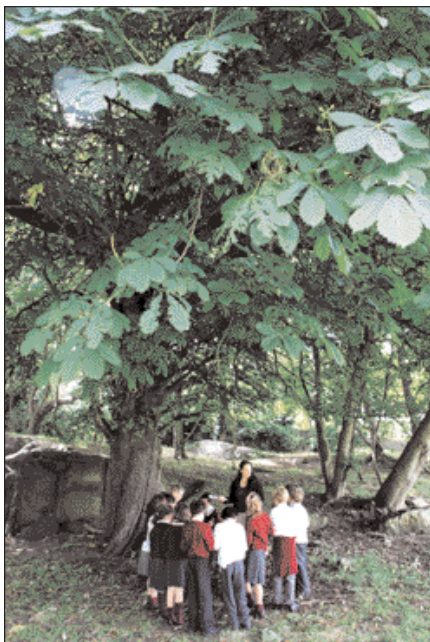
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REMEMBERING THE TITANIC

Here in Harold Boys we found out that the Horse Chestnut tree was planted in the same year that the Titanic sailed off in 1912.

Now it's a 100 years later and we are planning a remembrance ceremony for the planting of the tree and the Titanic tragedy. Many pupils will gather around the tree and remember the year of the planting and the disaster of the ship. You are welcome to come. May you all remember the year of the great tree - 1912. We will sell cards at the ceremony which will have a picture of the Titanic and a ribbon on which you write the name a relative who would have been around in 1912. We'll also have a picture



of the students in Harold Boys 1912 and 100 years on in 2012. We hope you will enjoy the ceremony .

*Ralph Swords, Matthew Hayes
and Oran Long*



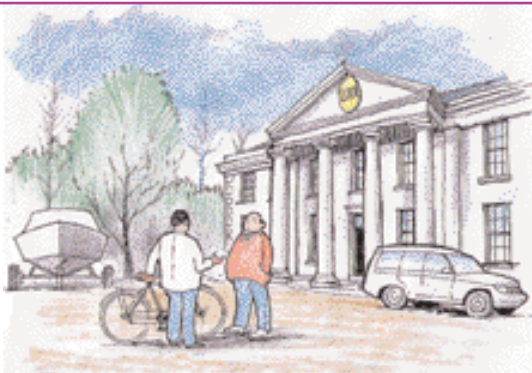
Left:

*Bhuaigh Louis Mac Cuilín Rang 2 an
Comórtas Scríobh Leabhar 2012.*

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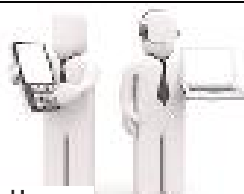
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As a young mother and resident of Dalkey I was delighted to see the arrival of the new playground in Cuala on Hyde Road. However, since the opening of it there has been nothing but, I don't quite know how to describe it, teenage cavorting going on.

The playground is for young kids not the local teenagers who have no where to go. The new AstroTurf pitch has been frequented by numerous teenagers whilst it is locked in the evenings and at weekends. They climb over the fences and onto the pitch to graze not play sport! The fences have been broken already. The rubbish is unbelievable and I won't even attempt to describe the bad language and bad behaviour of these young local teenagers.

I am very surprised parents of these kids let such antics go on at such a young age. I dread the summer as a resident of Hyde Road to see how they will behave. Perhaps their parents might see them.

Dalkey Resident (*Full Address Details with Editor*)

Old Quarry, Dalkey

Dear Sir

Despite rumours to the contrary, the new roundabout layout at the top of Barnhill Road /Killiney Towers junction is not a precursor to the new National Children's Hospital to be located in this area. While the design is very much in keeping with the historically important multiple botched "traffic calming" erections on Avondale Road over the past fifteen years or so, we should not be surprised, these gifted geniuses have been at this for years. One enterprising chap from Dalkey built a fine business and raised a large family by simply towing away the remains of vehicles impaled upon the former "interventions" on Avondale Road.

It stays faithful to the majestic talents of DLRCC highways and byways brigade, now honed to a veritable artistic pinnacle. Rejoice in the magical use of the absolute maximum number of signs, poles, markings, reflective bits, paving, and fabulously formed black and yellow barge boards. The total lack of ergonomic design gaily reveals the light-hearted vision of these great artistes. We are in the presence of a greatness that comes along but once in a millennium. Even the fabulous Roman road builders never had the self-belief or creative talent to be so bold. The wheel mangling black and yellow perils would have not been out of place in Ben Hur. It is a real showstopper and does a superb job in bringing the whole area to a standstill at peak times. The slimming down to but a single lane on the roundabout evokes images of a Victorian beauty, tightly bound in her micro-waist forming corsets. Simply fabulous, it is such a shame that it will be used by any form of mechanised transport.

The town end of Barnhill of course already has a unique architectural gem in the form of our prized "Squareabout" . None of your common-as-muck plain vanilla roundabouts for the good denizens of Dalkey!

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Yours faithfully

Peter Faulkner



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On the 27th of March 2012, the whole of 6th class, some of our teachers, our principal and our parents came to watch us play our Leinster Hockey Final against Kill O' The Grange. We were very nervous but excited. We had a team talk and we started. The first half was twenty minutes long. We all played well but at half time the score was still nil all. We had a very inspiring half-time team talk from Noelle our coach. We went back on the pitch with no more nerves. Lily Lloyd scored the first goal about four minutes into the second half. We continued to keep up our lead and then the other team scored a goal in the last three minutes of the game. It was 1-1 and the whistle blew. The referee told us that we would have to go into extra time, seven minutes each side. After the first seven minutes the score remained the same. Then, with four minutes to go Jennifer Dunne passed the ball to Laoise Horgan, who scored, which made the score 2-1. Our spectators went wild! Finally the whistle blew and we had won! We were the Leinster Champions! We were all so happy. Our parents and the rest of 6th class came onto the pitch, cheering and congratulating us. We were presented with medals and a trophy which we have proudly displayed in the school. Go Loreto!!



Loreto Primary School - Leinster Hockey Champions!

Lily Lloyd, Laoise Horgan

GROTTO – During the month of May we go to the grotto every morning and pray to Our Lady before we go start our classes. A different class leads the prayers each day and when we have finished praying we sing to Our Lady.

Victoria O'Keeffe

PILGRIMAGE – On the 31st of May every year we go on a pilgrimage and pray to Our Lady at different places around the school grounds. We stop at the basketball pitch, roundabout, end of the big yard overlooking the sea and the green area. The entire school goes. At the end of the pilgrimage when we are at the grotto we place a crown of flowers on Mary's head.

Alex Perry

SCHOOL GARDEN – The people who are involved in our Millennium Garden are 3rd class and Mrs. Hyland, a generous parent. She shows 3rd Class children how to sow seeds and water the plants. So far they have planted red and white onions, potatoes and garlic. They started in November and now continue every Wednesday afternoon for an hour. They do this to learn how to garden and to learn that we can grow and eat these foods. This garden also attracts butterflies and insects and looks lovely.

Michelle Reilly & Katie Olden

THE 50th INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Dublin from the 10th to the 17th of June. The Eucharistic Bell is coming to our school on the 3rd of May. We will be hoping to celebrate this occasion with an open-air Mass in the school grounds. This will be attended by the Primary and Secondary schools, parents and members of the parish. We are hoping it will be a nice day and everyone will enjoy it. A big thanks to Miss Howard's Dad for making this day so special for our school.

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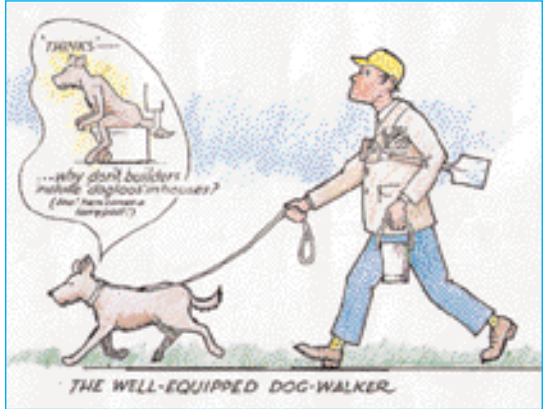
Bye-Laws

Under the Park Bye Laws, it is an offence for a dog to be off the lead in parks in the county with the exception of Killiney Hill Park and the specific offleash area in Marlay Park and Shanganagh Park.

Please note that restricted breeds are prohibited from being off-leash at either of these locations.

Under the Bye- Laws it is an offence for dogs to be on Corbawn, Killiney, White rock, Sandycove, Forty Foot and Seapoint beaches between 10am and 7pm from 1st June to 30th September each year.

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We would like to thank Michael Simmonds of The Exchange Bookshop for his 35 years of service to Dalkey and wish him every happiness in his retirement. His retirement was marked by a surprise party in his shop on his last day, 7th April.

We are looking forward to the annual Dalkey Book Festival (15th - 17th June) and promoting other summer events.

Our aim is to promote business in the town. If you are a local business and would like to find out more, you can email us: dalkeybusinessgroup@gmail.com



❖ MAY 2012 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS – JAMES SCANNELL ❖

Tuesday May 1st at 8.30p.m. Val Byrne will present his lecture *'Travels through the O'Byrne Country (1050 - 2012)'* to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Down, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €3.

Thursday May 3rd at 8.15p.m. Ms. Moira Laffan will present her lecture *'St. Helen's 18th Century Mansions'* to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome - admission €4.

Tuesday May 8th at 8p.m. James Scannell will speak to the Genealogical Society of Ireland on *'DMP Casualties during the War of Independence'* in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire - all welcome, contribution €3.

Wednesday May 9th at 7.45p.m. Terry Moylan will present his lecture *'The Sound of Ireland - 250 Years of Uileann Pipes'* to the Knocklyon History Society in the Iona Centre (beside St. Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon, Dublin 15. All welcome.

At 8 p.m. Tom Moran will present his lecture *'The Irish Cottage'* to the Killiney-Ballybrack Historical Society in The Graduate Lounge (Upstairs), Rochestown Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin. Admission €3 - Students / Unwaged €2.

Thursday May 10th at 8.30p.m. James Scannell will present his lecture *'Ireland First Railway'* to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow - admission €3.

Tuesday May 15th at 8p.m. Liam Clare will present his lecture *'Traveller's Tales'* to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Parish Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4.

Wednesday May 16th at 8p.m. Colin Scudds will present his lecture *'The Martello Towers of Dublin Bay'* to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Thursday May 17th at 8p.m. Professor Mike Cronin will present his lecture *'From Playing Pitches to Stadia - A History of Sport in Ireland'* to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce., Quinsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €4.

A BOOK TO READ – “LOVE ALL IN DEMPSEY'S FIELD”

by Frank Corr, published by the County Wicklow Lawn Tennis Club.

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This is a publication that anyone interested in the history of tennis or Irish sport will want to have on their bookshelf and copies price €10, can be obtained from Studio 54 Hair Studio, beside Bray Town Hall, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow, or from the Co. Wicklow Lawn Tennis Club House on Vevay Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

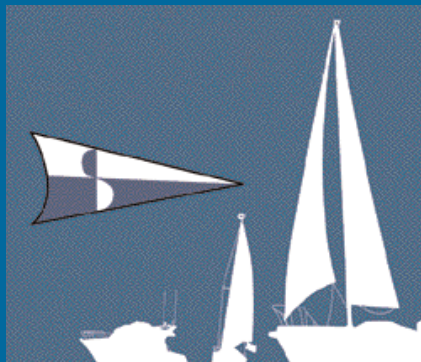
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SEEKING OLD FRIENDS



Although not from Dalkey, I am from Sallynoggin, I am looking for a couple of very old friends from the early 60s. They are Barbara Kells [née Hynes] from Hyde Road and her husband Brian. I last saw them in the early part of 1968 and have not heard nor seen them since. It would be very nice to even hear about them after such a long time.

My name is Karl Watson and I was from Sarsfield Street, Sallynoggin, and left there in January, 1968 at the age of 16 years and 3 months in search of some adventure.

If anyone can help in some way it would be very much appreciated.

KARL WATSON

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At Bulloch Harbour, waves break on the rocks
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To find a crab. Off to the Dublin docks,
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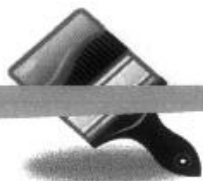
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Alzheimer Society of Irl. - Tea Day	Thurs 3 May	Sorting of June Newsletter	Thurs 24 May
Bank Holiday	Mon 7 May		
St. Patrick's Garden Fete (10am -3pm)	Sat 12 May	DCC June Monthly Meeting in OLH @8pm	Mon 28 May

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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

Dalkey Players Theatre Group - The Carry Hall Killiney from 7.30-10.30pm Tues. & Thurs. Contact Caroline Hickey 086-8092850 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey Northover Hall at 8pm Mons. & Thurs. Contact Deirdre 087-9566460 or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information.

The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. Call 086-8391839 Cuala Set Dancing Classes: Every Sunday from 8-10pm. €6 per night. All welcome.

Holy Trinity, Killiney Men's Society - Thursday 10th May. The possibility of a new organisation is being explored in the parish. The Men's Society hopes to attract men of all ages in the parish and beyond to meet for fellowship and fun. To explore the prospect further an introductory gathering is planned for Thursday 10th May at 8pm in the Carry Hall. Mitchell's Wines will host a wine tasting evening, which we hope will be a suitable 'taster' of things to come...

Christian Aid – Sunday 13th May – Christian Aid Sunday is on 13th 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 soup and cheese lunch in the Carry Hall afterwards. Suggested donation €5.

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Can weather conditions effect digital television? They sure can. During the good weather late last March I received countless complaints from customers regarding their SAORVIEW reception. The problem was caused by UK digital signals interfering with Irish digital signals (and visa versa), as a result SAORVIEW receivers get completely confused and the end result is picture freezing. Nothing can be done to rectify this issue, so in extreme good weather conditions SAORVIEW can and will be interfered with. DIGITAL reception from a satellite dish can also be effected by weather conditions, however its extremely heavy rain and snow that can cause picture freezing on a satellite system.

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