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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.



THE OBELISK ON KILLINEY HILL on ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENING

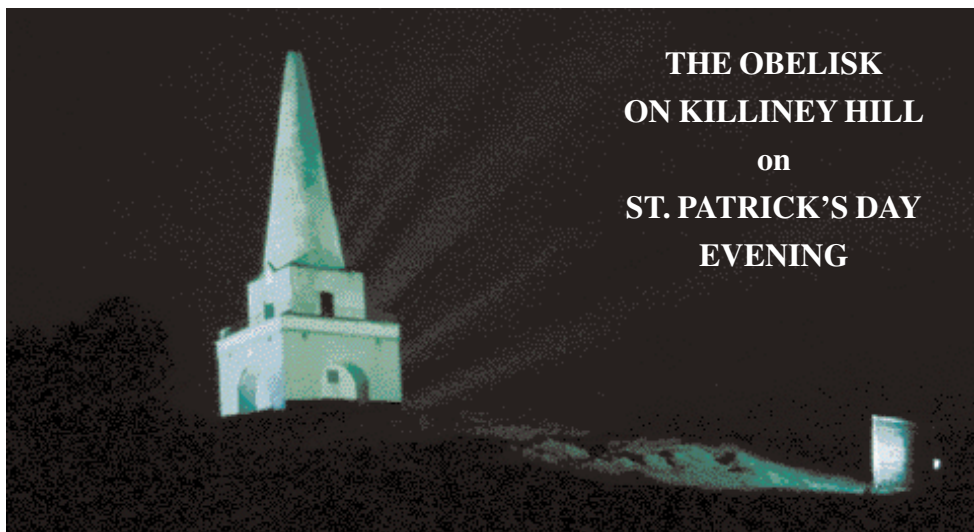


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SUMMARY OF DCC PUBLIC MEETING



The 7th DCC Annual Public Meeting took place on Monday 8th April in Our Lady's Hall. The various committees presented their reports and please refer to the enclosed supplement.

AOB: DLR will be contacted as there were several spots around the area that suffered badly due to the excess water that lodged on the roads as a result of the latest heavy rains. It was pointed out that this will be the third year that Coliemore Harbour is without a ferry service to Dalkey Island. The lobby on the Local Councillors will be continued to urge them to keep this matter moving forward.

As there was no further business the meeting ended.



DALKEY BUSINESS GROUP



*Caitriona Fogarty,
Oliver McCabe and
Katherine Irwin
at the Re-Launch
of the ILD Website*

With many thanks to Margaret Dunne, Failte Ireland, Sites 2 Go and Dalkey Business Group for all their hard work in establishing this truly international current colourful website.

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*Margaret Dunne Heritage Centre
Manager*



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For more information visit: <http://www.dalkeybookfestival.org>

DALKEY BUSINESS GROUP - OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS



Katherine Irwin

As outgoing Chair of the Dalkey Business Group I would reflect briefly on what has been a very busy year for the group. With the support of a very able Committee and the wider membership of the Group we have supported a multiplicity of events including the Book Festival, the Lobster and Crab Festival and we have liaised with Tidy Towns and Community Council regarding signage for the roads. We have engaged with the Action groups concerning access to Dalkey Island. We have said good bye to our local Garda Station and we have liaised with the Business Watch Scheme set up by An Garda Síochána in Dun Laoghaire.

Perhaps our most lasting achievement will be the launch of the I LOVE DALKEY web site which was funded by Fáilte Ireland and has already increased Dalkey's profile and has attracted many new members to the Dalkey Business Group.

I wish to thank everybody who has supported us as a Committee through out the year and I wish to finally say that it has been extremely enjoyable to learn more about the workings of businesses in Dalkey and the inter play between tourism and footfall.

Katherine Irwin – Dalkey



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The Early Bird Catches The Cold – We were walking on the Killiney Bay side of the hill which is usually sheltered from the worst winds but this day offered no shelter from the bitter east wind that seemed to have been blowing for weeks. Less than a hundred miles north, farmers were digging out sheep from deep snow drifts, some alive but many dead, after experiencing some of the worst weather ever for a time of year, normally a time when newly born lambs could be expected to be finding their feet in the spring sunshine.

Here we'd escaped the snow and the power cuts but still had the bone chilling cold winds. I had just been thinking that despite the heavy snow covering much of the UK and Ireland early Swallows and Sand Martins would surely already have been seen. Arriving early is a gamble for migrant birds, the advantage being they can get to a good nesting site and claim it before other birds of the same species arrive, the disadvantage being the chance they've come while the weather is still bad. If it is bad, cold or very wet, there's likely to be very few insects around for these aerial hunters to feed on and it's hard to imagine this year's weather could be any worse for them. Would they turn around and fly back south to warmer regions or try to find some meagre food on coasts or in milder pockets of land. Or would they gradually weaken and die, a tragic end to a journey of thousands of miles. At this stage our walk had brought us into the shelter of a fence and trees when a bird shot past us into the brambles ahead of us. It was small and initial impression was of a light colour bird, almost yellow. My companion saw it too and noted it had dark legs almost certainly confirming its identification as a chiffchaff. Chiffchaff are another early migrant species but unlike the swallows and martins they would feed on insects in bushes and woodlands rather than in the air. Hopefully it will be able to find enough to eat in the undergrowth. The northerly winds may have slowed down the arrival of some migrants but you could only hope for the best for those that had already arrived.

Songbird Slaughter – Further south, for millions of migrant birds the problem facing them isn't the weather. Every spring millions of birds are slaughtered as they cross the Mediterranean. After crossing big expanses of sea, birds will make for land where the warm thermals will help them fly and they can stop over for food and rest. Unfortunately a lot of the places they will land or pass over have long traditions of killing migrants. They're shot for 'sport' in Malta and Italy and trapped in Spain and Sardinia, totally indiscriminately and completely illegally.

In Cyprus an old tradition of trapping birds to eat has seen a resurgence, apparently partly because of the financial disaster befalling the country. Small birds are caught on limesticks, the branches which have been coated with glue or jam. The birds will perch on the branches maybe to roost overnight but their feet, wings and tail feathers will then get stuck on the glue and they usually end up hanging upside down either dying from exhaustion, hunger or when the trapper comes along to collect his haul.

Other birds are caught in nets lured in by the sound of bird calls played through a speaker. In one article the writer describes the bird catcher disentangling half a dozen blackcaps from the net then breaking their necks with his teeth before dropping them in a bucket. The birds caught, blackcaps, robins and other warblers are known as 'ambelopoulia' and are served boiled or pickled in the country's tavernas.





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When Cyprus joined the EU in 2004 strict laws were brought in and trappers were cast as greedy villains out to line their pockets without regard for the ensnared birds. The threat of a maximum €17,000 fine, a three-year jail term or both persuaded many to quit trapping. But with the present economic crisis, many people consider the risk of being caught balanced out by what they can make by selling the pathetic remains to restaurants. I heard an item on the radio recently about an organisation *The Committee against Bird Slaughter* who every spring send a group of volunteers to Cyprus to try and counter the trapping. Escorted by local police and anti poaching officials (their spokesman has twice been beaten up by trappers) they search the countryside for mist nests and limesticks. If they find birds trapped on limesticks they will clean their feathers with soapy water and release them if they are fit to fly, otherwise they bring them back to their hotel, keep them overnight and release them the following day when they have recovered.

Although they can help only a tiny percentage of the over two and a half million birds they estimate are caught and killed in Cyprus every year, it helps to raise awareness of the problem. Since the limesticks are totally indiscriminate they catch many other species as well and there are many very distressing photographs of hoopoes, kingfishers and many other birds dangling helplessly from branches and nets.

Old Birds – A sparrowhawk perched in the back garden giving me very good views and a chance to take a photograph. I sent the photo to a friend who estimated it might be a one to two year old male but it would be very hard to know for sure.

It's disappointing to learn that many of our commonest and most liked garden birds, robins and blue tits, have a very short average life span, most only living two years or less. That robin, who for years has been coming and serenading us as we work in the garden, is probably not a old friend but a succession of different birds.

There's a very high mortality rate for young and juvenile birds most not even surviving to their first birthday but it would seem that if a bird exceeds a certain average age it can live considerably longer, benefiting from its experience and refining its survival skills.

This is where ringing birds can provide some very interesting information and a list of longest living birds recorded provides some fascinating facts. Some of the birds would have been ringed as chicks in the nest but others would have been caught as adults so the researcher would know only what their minimum age was meaning they could even be older than recorded. Some of the record oldest birds were caught alive and some were found dead.

A robin that was found dead in the Czech Republic had achieved the grand age of 19 years and 4 months.

A blackbird in Germany was still alive when its age was recorded as 21 years 10 months.

Another common garden bird, the dunnock, had at least one of its species live to 20 years 10 months.

A lot of people wouldn't be happy to learn that a magpie had managed to live to the age of 21 years 8 months before being shot.

As for sparrowhawks, in Denmark the remains was found of one who had lived to 20 years and three months.



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A CHANGING DUBLIN BAY: NEW DYNAMICS FOR DALKEY - Right on our doorstep is the wonderful scenic horseshoe shaped Dublin Bay, a unique amenity among European capitals, and from where stakeholders potentially from the marine leisure, cruiseships and exploration/renewable sectors pose long-term consequences, some immediately felt and others abstract.

Such new businesses will be welcomed with increased tourism to the revamped Heritage Centre and the town through spin-off trade. However is Dalkey and the borough prepared in terms of managing the impacts involved (and a Dublin Bay Agency?) to co-ordinate in a practical yet holistic approach?

Before we even attempt to imagine what the inter-relationship of Dublin Bay (ports, environment and industry) will be in 5 years let alone a decade, firstly is a recent development with the opening on Easter Monday of a the new 230-berth marina in Greystones.

So what's that got to do with Dalkey? Quite simply as the Oil 'Prospect' saga has demonstrated, Dublin and Killiney Bays are open to a wide variety of users and purposes which will become increasingly busier and possibly from all of above mentioned stakeholders.

Invariably increased 'marine-leisure' traffic will concentrate in Dalkey Sound which is the most direct coastal 'transitory' short-cut route while also being an attractive anchorage area as well off the Vico, as craft ply between the new marina and Dun Laoghaire, the country's largest marina of 800 berths.

Added to this, Dublin Bay Cruises 100 passenger St. Bridget was to begin in mid-April excursion trips between Dun Laoghaire (East Pier) and Howth harbours, on a route passing the Muglins and Ireland's Eye with its own ferryboat service from the peninsula. Originally St. Bridget was instead to use the one-year old cruiseship tender-craft pontoon at the Coal Harbour. (See photo, Feb. issue)

As regards the Dalkey Island ferryboat service, this looks likely to be another year as the structural survey report of Coliemore Harbour, not due till May is to be submitted to Dun



P&O Cruises Arcadia enters Dublin Bay in the background with St. Begnet's Church on Dalkey Island in the foreground

Photo: Jehan Ashmore

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Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Nor can work proceed to upgrade the island slipway until a foreshore licence is granted plus protected terns ‘nesting’ till late Summer. Incidentally, the former ‘mail-boat’ pier, chosen as the landmark site for the International Diaspora Centre, was in the Spring used to unload huge fermentation tanks from three cargo ships (a trade not seen since the early 1990’s) which were bound for Guinness’s Brewery.

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DALKEY PLAYERS’ NEWS

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Dalkey Players were overall winners at the recent Bray One Act Festival, the award for best actress went to Tara Maguire, best actor to Alan Nuzum and best director to Emer Casey for their production of “Two” by Jim Cartwright. Congratulations to all concerned!

It was with deep regret that we received the very sad news that Caroline Hickey (née Dwyer) passed away peacefully on March 25th. Caroline was a bright, enthusiastic and fun-loving friend. Her warm, witty, versatile and moving performances in the many roles she played delighted Dalkey audiences. She was just 35 years old and battled with illness for many years without complaint.



A smiling Caroline Hickey

May her gentle soul Rest in Peace



Tara Maguire, Alan Nuzum & Emer Casey



Tara and Alan in action

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D.A.R.A. UPDATE.

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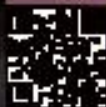
The Annual D.A.R.A. Art & Floral Exhibition was held on the weekend of 23rd-25th March. We exhibited 78 paintings and 12 Floral Displays. A new addition this year was a fabulous display of crafts from our new Craft Club. The general consensus was that the exhibition was better than ever. We have a lot of very talented people in Dalkey, and we on the D.A.R.A. committee are delighted to be able to showcase this event. So, all artists who are in D.A.R.A., bring along your paintings next year. We would be delighted to display them.

Rosemary Scanlon D.A.R.A.

A man and a woman are looking at a 'FOR SALE' sign in the background. The sign features a picture of a house. The man is on the left, looking towards the right. The woman is on the right, smiling and looking towards the man. They are both wearing scarves.

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41st Dublin (St. Patrick's, Dalkey) Scouting Ireland will be having a band night fundraiser, with supper, in the Northover Hall, Saturday 11th of May.

Our annual fundraiser this year is being referred to as the **'Clambake Undercover'** as we are deviating from our usual format after many years.



This year **'STEPASIDE'**, the legendary south Dublin rock band will be playing live music and whether or not you were one of the thousands of fans who followed Stepside in the 80's, why not take a nostalgic wander down memory lane and bring some friends to enjoy it also. As well as the usual delicious seafood chowder supplied courtesy of the Guinea Pig Restaurant, we will be serving Indian curry sponsored by the Bombay Pantry. So, this will definitely be something to look forward to with good value and a great night guaranteed.

Tickets are €20 each and all monies go towards equipment for the troop. Doors will open at 8pm, food at 9pm sharp. To book tickets, please email: clambake@dalkeyseascouts.ie. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

EDITORIAL NOTE

JAMES BOND Photo Credit Acknowledgment:

In the last issue (April) a photograph of actor Pierce Brosnan standing next to the binocular-scope at Coliemore Harbour was published under Dalkey Business Group (DBG) News (see page 2). We would like to acknowledge the photo was by Jehan Ashmore which was taken during a 'scene' for a Sky TV advertisement.

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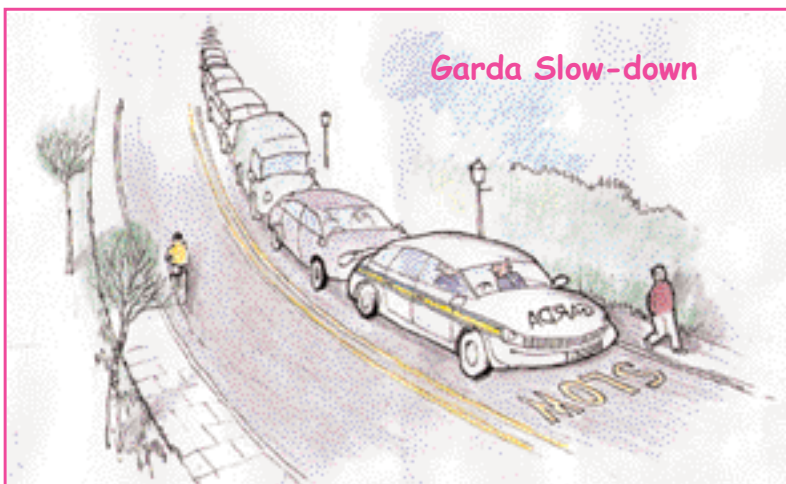
Dalkey as a Tidy Town would be a lot less tidy if it weren't for the consistent and dedicated efforts of two groups of helpers. ...the weekly Litter Patrol and Saulius Jatulis and Marius Covacian who have both been working with us under the Southside Partnership programme 'Supporting People, Supporting Communities'.

The Litter Patrol group are out and about twice a week in the summer months and once a week during the winter. They are easily recognisable by the yellow vests emblazoned with the Dalkey Tidy Towns logo. They see what needs to be done and do it. What drives them? An exasperation in seeing something neglected, a pride in their town, a sense of community, a can do attitude. A satisfaction in working with others and seeing results, a camaraderie in working with neighbours. A civic duty. Most of the volunteers are retired from the day job and have time to devote to the community, but we would love to see some younger members swell the ranks if they have any spare time. From May they will meet every Tuesday outside Select Stores in Castle St. and every Thursday at Dillon's Park on Coliemore Rd. at 10.30 a.m. It's an enjoyable two hours and sociable as well as being a valuable way of keeping our heritage town looking like the sort of place where you would like to live.

We would also like to pay tribute and say a huge "Thank You" to Saulius Jatulis and Marius Covacian who have been with us for the last year. Unfortunately, under the terms of the scheme, they can only work with us for a year. They have been a constant presence around the town in all weathers since last April. Not only were they enthusiastic workers, but they were both skilled craftsmen who could and did turn their hands to anything they were asked to do. They painted and weeded and dug and repaired and landscaped anything that needed doing. Sorrento Park was given a major facelift during the year thanks to Saulius and Marius, they applied weedkiller to kerbs, they planted, landscaped and maintained most of the open spaces around the town. They painted Our Lady's Hall, the wall in the church car park, the bandstand in Sorrento Park and the bollards and bins in and around Castle Street.

They helped in Bulloch Harbour and Dillon's Park, re-claimed a number of 'right-of-ways', including Torca and Knocknacree, removed graffiti and repaired benches, tubs and planters. Guys, we salute you and wish you well. We will miss you!

Blaithin O'Brien



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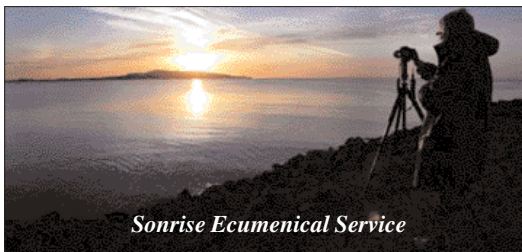
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Lenten Talks During February/March – Once again this year there was a great turnout for our annual ecumenical Lenten talks which were held in Our Lady's Hall each Tuesday during lent. The Theme was Christians together and thanks to our great line up of speakers we got a great insight into the other Christian Churches worldwide including African, Middle East, Indian and Chinese.

Easter – Easter is the most important time for our Church as we celebrate the risen Lord. We had a great congregation who gathered on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday and early Sunday morning for the annual Sunrise event. A wonderful re-enactment of Our Lord's Passion was staged at 12 noon by the Family Mass group and on Good Friday evening the Taize group led us in a beautiful service of prayer, reflection and music around the Cross.



*Crowd at Sunrise
Easter Sunday*



We were delighted to host the first Dalkey Easter Egg hunt which despite the weather was a great success and provided lots of fun for both children and adults alike.

Did you know that we are extremely fortunate to be able to source our Yew for Palm Sunday direct from Killiney Hill. In co-operation with DLR Parks dept, Finbarr cuts and collects enough Palm for the parish which is then blessed and distributed at Mass on Palm Sunday each year.

Yew is in scarce supply and we are one of the few parishes that can supply our own, direct from nature!

Partners In Faith – Partners in Faith are an agency for the personal and social development of adults from a faith perspective and provide opportunities and resources for people in areas where economic resources are low; to deepen and develop their understanding of God, God's dream for people and articulate the values they live out in the cultural, economic and spiritual climate of their milieu. They work organically, with people where they live and continually adapt sessions to what ever is emerging in conversation with the participants. We welcome the team from Partners in Faith who will help give us insights to the year of Faith, each Tuesday from 16th April to 7th May. All are welcome and we look forward to a lively conversation!



Easter Fire on Killiney Hill

First Communion & Confirmation – Congratulations to all our local schools whose 6th Class were confirmed during the month of March. We were delighted to welcome Archbishop Diarmuid Martin who was eager to meet all parents, teachers and children.

During May we will have 3 weekends of celebration as we join with the young people from



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Harold Boys, Loreto, Castlepark, and St Patrick's and Rathdown schools in June as they make their First Holy Communion. Confirmation and First Communion are key events in the community life of all Parishes including our own here in Dalkey.

In March our Parish also featured on German national TV News as an example of how parish faith is alive and well in Ireland in a piece about the election of our new Pope Francis.

We also featured in RTE's popular documentary 'First Communion' which followed a number of families as they prepared and partook in the Do this in Memory Preparation Programme.

School For Syria – Fr William Stuart would like to thank everyone in the community for their generosity in supporting the Schools for Syria sale of work which was held in OLH in April to supply teaching staff in Berkayak village in the Akkar valley. These funds are the only source of income and a direct means of educating these children.

Parish Outreach to Kitui – Our parish continues to support the poor of Kitui Kenya through our monthly coffee morning, on the last Sunday of every month from 9.15 to 1.30pm in Our Lady's Hall. Funds are helping to educate nine orphan children and projects which create income in local communities especially for women, in Poultry and Tie and Dye. Part of donations received goes to Trocaire working with communities hit by famine crisis, tackling the root causes of poverty in a variety of ways.

Join us, meet your neighbours, make new friends.

We continue to be a vibrant busy Parish and thank all of our wonderful parishioners for their ongoing help in keeping the Spirit alive. If you would like to volunteer to work in the Parish or help out for a few hours in Our Lady's Hall any morning please contact Caitriona in the Parish office office@dalkeyparish.org

❖ FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS IN HAROLD BOYS' N.S. ❖

6th Class took part in a BizMovie workshop as part of the BizWorld Ireland Programme. BizMovie teaches the basics of entrepreneurship, business and finance by showing children how the entrepreneurial cycle operates in a simulated movie production industry. BizMovie teaches basic computer programming skills to develop a movie and the boys used laptops to complete the movie. 6th class were divided into three 'Production Companies' who pitched a trailer of their movie to 3rd class. 3rd class had to decide which movie was worth seeing using their 'Bizbucks'. The three production companies were in competition to see who made the most profit and whose business risks paid off.



Rang 2

BizWorld showed the boys how they will benefit from entrepreneurship, gaining confidence to reach their goals and helping them become part of the next generation of innovators!

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 11-14 11/3/2013 to 5/4/2013

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. D13A/0118

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Mar-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Marie Geraghty, The Mews, 89A, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: 1. Ground floor extension (9 sqm) to rear of existing single storey dwelling. 2. First floor extension (78 sqm) with slated pitched roof over existing single storey dwelling. 3. All ancillary site works to facilitate proposal.

Reg. Ref: D13B/0086

Application Rec'd Date: 13-Mar -2013

Applicant Name & Location: A Finlay & M Callan, Carlton, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission consisting of the demolition of existing two storey return to rear and construction of a new two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling and all ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0143

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Mar-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Jennifer & David Branigan, 55, Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the demolition of a shed to the rear and the single storey rooms to the side, the construction of a two storey extension to the side and front, the conversion of the attic including fitting rooflights to the front and side, the widening of the existing vehicular entrance onto Hillside and all associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0149

Application Rec'd Date: 2-Apr-2013

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

Proposal: Permission for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Refs.: D11A/0193 and D12A/0505, to approved House B only to include minor modifications to all window positions, sizes and fenestration patterning including roof dormer together with minor increase in depth of roof eaves and raising of the chimney.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0150

Application Rec'd Date: 02-Apr-2013

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

Proposal: Permission for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Ref.: D11A/0193, to approved House A only, to convert attic space to provide an additional e-suite bedroom (51sq.m) with 2 no. dormer windows and a second floor level terrace, and minor increases in depth of eaves.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0151

Application Rec'd Date: 3-Apr-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Glen Finegan, Ardbrough Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a single dwelling house.

Reg. Ref. D13B/0111

Application Rec'd Date: 4-Apr-2013

Applicant Name: Paul Cassidy & Vicky Hassett, 13, Hyde Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for 81.5 sq.m extension to 127 sq.m existing house comprising two storey extension to side and single storey extensions to front, side and rear.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 11-14 11/3/2013 to 5/4/2013

Reg. Ref. D07A/1081/E

Date: 12-Mar-2013

Decision: Declare Application Withdrawn

Applicant Name & Location: Penny & Paul Lannin, 49, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for amendments to previously granted planning permission Reg Ref: D06A/1413, including 13.3sqm second floor extension to family flat, to the side of the existing house. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0031

Date: 15-Mar-2013

Decision: Request Additional Information

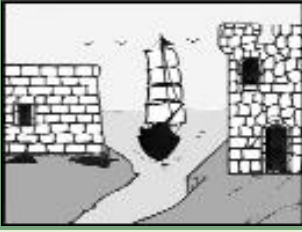
Applicant Name & Location: Miriam English, Woodbine Cottage, 24, Ardbrough Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of a first floor extension with a living room/diner and kitchen with staircase access. The north side (front) will have a small balcony. Some internal alterations at ground floor will provide a second bedroom and visitors toilet.

Reg. Ref: D13B/0020

Date: 11-Mar-2013

Decision: Grant Permission



DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORTS

from the

PUBLIC MEETING

held in

OUR LADY'S HALL

on

Monday 8th April 2013 at 8pm

Special Supplement

BACKGROUND

Dalkey Community was born out of a tragedy when the entire Howard family was lost in a house fire in 1973. With such an amount of community and, indeed, national grief, it was felt that an active community-based organisation was necessary to assist and support the growing community of Dalkey at that time. The Community Council was formed on the back of the success of the Ladies Club and a formal inauguration was held in Hyde Road presided over by the then President, Erskine Childers.

Ever since, the Community Council has striven to build on the initial goals through its Memorandum of Association, having being incorporated in recent years.

This has been done through the following goals as listed in the Memorandum:

1. To represent the residents, businesses, clubs and organisations in Dalkey.
 - (a) To increase community harmony and fellowship.
 - (b) To foster the well-being of all the inhabitants of Dalkey without any distinction of any nature whatsoever.
 - (c) To foster facilities in the interest of social well-being, health, recreation and leisure.

The overall improvement in the general well-being of people in Dalkey during this time is marked. One of the methods used successfully has been the regular publication of a Newsletter, which is believed to be the longest running free community-based newsletter run entirely on a voluntary basis. Indeed, the entire Community Council is run by residents who are volunteers in their community and new members are always most welcome.

This Supplement represents the Reports from the various parts of the Community Council at the recent Annual Public Meeting held in Dalkey. We would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed Reports to the Meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman's Report for Public Meeting, April 2013

The Community Council was set up approximately 40 years ago by several residents actively involved in the community and the then equivalent of the Department of the Environment to, amongst other aims, foster community harmony and fellowship and to protect, defend and improve the facilities and amenities of Dalkey for all its residents, visitors and those doing business in Dalkey.

The Council consists of representatives drawn from approximately 40 small areas of Dalkey consisting of one or two streets or roads. In addition, various community groups and organisations send their reps to attend our monthly meetings to voice their opinions. This allows us to know the views of the community at grass root level; we then liaise with other community groups, various departments in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and other bodies..ie. An Taisce, CIE etc.

Members attend the monthly meetings and deliver our Newsletter to their area. Various sub-committees have been set up over the years to help to put our aims in place; they will be giving their reports tonight.

Our activities include funding our local Community Games, helping to organise and fund the Dalkey Christmas Event, the production and distribution of our monthly Newsletter, involvement and support of the Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee, organising our annual Garden Competition and Art Exhibition as well as meeting local County Councillors, TD's and members of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to discuss local issues. We have also worked with other Dalkey community groups and the County Council to improve the local infrastructure eg the area outside the DART station and the seating area on St Patrick's Ave.

We continue to be contacted by the general public about many issues affecting Dalkey such as parking, traffic and planning matters.

We are however experiencing difficulties in recruiting new members to continue our activities and to represent all areas of Dalkey adequately; we would encourage anyone who wishes to become more involved in their community to join us and become more informed on local issues that ultimately affect us all. It would be regrettable if Dalkey Community Council ceased to exist due to lack of community interest-I believe there are people in our community who are concerned about local issues and have a lot to offer but are unaware of the Community Council and its activities; I would urge them to contact us and become involved- they will find it rewarding.

Our annual collection saw a surprising increase this year compared to previous years; I should like to thank all the members who actively went round their areas and assiduously collected the contributions- not an easy task! I should also like to thank all those Dalkey residents who contributed; without your donations we would be unable to continue our activities. You will notice that this month's newsletter has an envelope for this years' collection – I would urge all Dalkey residents to find a way to put something in it.

Our Newsletter goes from strength to strength – our Editor will be giving his report later. I should like to thank the members of the Editorial team for their work throughout the year to make this such a successful operation; thanks are especially due to Helena Feely our Advertising Manager who has increased our advertising revenue in particularly challenging times.

This year saw the untimely deaths of two of our members – Dr. Julian Harte who had been a long standing member and former member of the Executive died following a tragic accident; Dominic Dowling who was a previous Secretary of the Community Council and our representative on the Board of the Heritage Centre, died following a short illness. His contribution to the Community Council and the Heritage Centre will be greatly missed. We extend our sympathy to the families of Julian and Dominic.

I should like to now mention some items of general interest:

January saw the application for a foreshore licence for seismic studies and exploratory drilling by Providence Resources in an area approximately 6km from Dalkey's coastline. The information was lodged at Dalkey Garda station in accordance with the legal requirement; it was fortunate that we had our Community Gardaí who realised the significance of the documents and contacted us and the Business Group. It was discussed at our January meeting and it was agreed that we had insufficient material available to make an informed submission to the Department of the Environment and we decided to hold a public information meeting. This took place on 24th February in the Town Hall where we had a capacity audience; in fact there were almost as many people outside unable to gain access as those inside. A further meeting was held in Dun Laoghaire, where again there was a "full house", to help to inform the public of the issues involved. At both meetings there was a call to the Minister to hold a Public Inquiry and to extend the length of time to be able to present a submission. We sent in our submission along with over 750 others from concerned individuals and groups. The Minister granted permission for the licence in October, but did not hold a Public Inquiry despite the public's request for one. We held another Public Information Meeting in Killiney Castle Hotel in November, attended by approximately 600 people. Later in the year, An Taisce lodged a legal challenge to the decision based on the fact that there were certain elements of the EU Environment Impact Assessment Directive that had not been transposed correctly into law by the Irish Government and the lack of an E.I.A being carried out by Providence.

In February of this year, Providence voluntarily surrendered their licence back to the government as there was a likelihood of further legal challenges to the Exploration Licence and any subsequent exploration activities.

The beginning of the year saw the announcement by the government of the closure of the Garda station in Dalkey; few details were immediately available but more information was gradually released. We met with Chief Superintendent John Dowling and Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald of Dun Laoghaire Garda station to discuss the changes in policing for Dalkey; they confirmed that Dalkey Garda station would close at the end of May. They agreed to give a presentation to the Community Council to update us of the changes in the delivery of Garda services to Dalkey which took place at the beginning of

November. They confirmed that our two Community Garda, Marie Barry and Cathy Burke will continue to serve the Dalkey area and they are now located in the Dun Laoghaire station.

Garda Clinics are now taking place fortnightly in OLH when a member of the Community Policing Team is in attendance.

The Gardaí stress that any problems occurring in Dalkey should be reported to them in the Dun Laoghaire Garda station.

We were contacted by concerned residents about safety issues relating to the roundabout at Killiney Towers throughout the year, which we passed on to the Traffic department in DLRCC. They carried out investigation works and decided to amend the roundabout to improve cycle and vehicular safety; work is presently taking place including the removal of the yellow and black hedgehog kerbing.

Concerns were raised in the summer of 2012 about the restoration of a ferry service between Coliemore harbour and Dalkey Island. 25 local groups and organisations worked together and a steering group, the Coliemore Harbour Action Group (of which, we are a member) was formed to facilitate communication between the various groups and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the 2001-2012 Planning and Development Regulations, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council proposed in December 2012 the upgrade to the existing Slipway at Dalkey Island to include: raising the existing slipway to create a stepped top surface, widening of the existing channel, a new raised pier section with transitional steps, a handrail, mooring rings and an access ladder.

Coliemore Action Group supported this proposal with the proviso that any decision to carry out the upgrade works to the existing island slipway should not endanger nor should be interpreted in a way that may endanger the special relationship between Dalkey Island and Coliemore Harbour. That special relationship requires that the historical transportation link between the harbour and the island be permitted to continue through the operation of a licensed, managed ferry service which meets conditions designed to protect the heritage of the island in cooperation with the County Council.

We circulated our submission to all of the councillors in the Blackrock, Dun Laoghaire and Ballybrack electoral areas in advance of the Council meeting which considered the results of the Part 8 Consultation on the upgrade of the island's slipway on 11th March.

Three related issues will affect the timing of the restoration of the historic travel connection between Coliemore Harbour and the Island.

1. The upgrade of the island slipway, which the Council deems unsafe, must be completed. It was expected that this work would be completed before the summer season but Councillors were informed at the March 11th meeting that a foreshore license is necessary before the work can be commenced and that a license has not yet been granted. While it had been envisaged that the work would be completed by May, this will not now be possible. Further, we understand that work may not be undertaken during certain periods of the year, including from May to August, due to

the breeding season of rare, migratory birdlife. The Council therefore has indicated that the upgrading of the slipway will not commence until Sept at the earliest.

2. The island has been designated a national heritage and wildlife centre. The restoration of a ferry service, from any location, will not be permitted until a conservation and management plan for the island has been adopted. A proposal for a Plan is expected to be presented to the Council for its consideration in the immediate future;
3. Council Management have expressed some safety concerns about the piers in Coliemore Harbour. While it had been expected that a survey of the piers which the Council has commissioned would be completed by end-February, it will not now be completed until May.

Against this background, it now appears that a ferry service from Coliemore harbour to the island will not be restored this year, as we had hoped.

Finally, I should like to thank all of the Executive for their help during the year and also to thank you, members of the Community Council, who continue to attend our meetings and deliver the newsletter (in all weathers), for your support, loyalty and dedication throughout the year.

Dr Susan McDonnell

Chairman, Dalkey Community Council Ltd.

DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE



Every year, for the past 14 years, Dominic Dowling would have addressed this meeting and given the Heritage Centre's Annual Report. He would have told you of his and our delight in all the improvements with the new works. These were made possible by funding and resources from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Fáilte Ireland. Sadly, as you all know, Dominic passed away in January and his loss is still keenly felt in the town.

Dalkey was important to him. He was a tangible presence in the town. It was his base, where he lived and from where he ran his legal practice. He was involved on the Community Council, serving as secretary for many years. He was also on the Parish Council in the Church of the Assumption for a number of years. He was active in many sporting organisations. He played tennis in Sandycove Tennis Club. He golfed, he sailed. He walkedor rather he strode!

Dominic joined the board of the Heritage Company from Dalkey Community Council on 10th May 1999. From the time he joined he introduced a new feeling of positivity in the relationship between the town of Dalkey, the Community Council and the Heritage Company.

The affairs of the company at that time were taken up with huge debt overruns on the building of the Heritage Centre, which were lumbered on to the Heritage Company's accounts. He was very involved, together with our past chairman Howard Kilroy, in the efforts to get that matter sorted and this was eventually successful in 2002.

Dominic supported every single potential initiative to grow the profile of the Heritage Centre. All fledgling ideas were run past him or thrashed out with him. The value of his sharp and astute mind fed into the end result. You could always rely on his advice, both legally and for sound common sense. He could always ask the pertinent question to put you on the right course in strategies that were being planned, or in steering funding applications. You knew when he took off his glasses to closely examine something that he was paying extra special attention!

But he was also great fun, had a good sense of humour and a self-deprecating turn of phrase. He was great company.

He believed that Dalkey was a valuable brand and should not be diluted. The voluntary work he did was to ensure that the heritage town of Dalkey and the Heritage Centre would be places that we would be proud of, proud to bring or send people to. He wanted the vision we had developed for the Centre brought to fruition in a most professional way. He believed Dalkey led the way in how Heritage Centres should be run in the rest of the country.

He was encouraging, in particular, of literary and theatrical events in the Centre. It was an area that fascinated him. He was the first to volunteer as a director in the setting up of Deilg Inis Living History Theatre Company in 2003. He got great satisfaction from the roll-out of copycat Living History in other locations around the country in recent years.

He often commented on how it gave him great satisfaction to see from his office window above Eurospar the large tour groups moving through the town, to and from the Heritage Centre.

He provided match funding support to the Fáilte Ireland 'Meet the Writers' show in 2011, when we showcased the work of the writers and creative artists of this area to the world at large: Hugh Leonard, Maeve Binchy, James Joyce, Flann O'Brien and others.

Many people at the time of his untimely death wondered out loud what could be done to commemorate his memory. For the moment, while we think about that, one way to commemorate his memory is to continue the work and the causes he was so passionate about.

There is great sadness that he is not around to see the plans he was involved in brought to glorious fruition. But we still feel his generous, caring spirit guides us in the Heritage Centre. We can look on the new works as a great testimonial to his memory.

We keep going in the belief that he will keep an eye on things for us from afar and guide us to make all our strategic decisions in Dalkey's best interests.

May he rest in peace.

Margaret Dunne

Manager,

Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre

FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2012

ANNUAL DINNER

The Dinner this year was held on April 28th in Our Lady's Hall. As it was the 200th Anniversary of Charles Dickens we decided to invite him to speak to us. He came, in the person of the actor Laurence Foster, as a tall, thin, bearded gentleman who talked of his visit to Ireland and the privations he found here. He also talked about his writing, his family and was very knowledgeable and entertaining about his subject. He was happy to answer questions from the audience.

GARDEN COMPETITION

There were more entries this year which was held a little later than usual which suited most of the participants. For the first time in years it was not raining on the day of the judging. The judges were excellent and particularly careful about studying all the gardens. Amazingly enough they managed to disappear. They were dropped off to judge a surprise garden on a road with no parking and when I went to join them they had gone, completely disappeared. I wondered, for a moment, if they had gone off to lunch on their own. Apparently, the owner of the garden had come out to see what they were doing and invited them in so they could look at his back garden -not in the competition, of course.

GARDEN OUTING

We went to Carlow on a lovely day. At least with this event we seem to have nice weather. Our first visit was to Burtown House near Athy. The house has been in the same Quaker family for hundreds of years. We had tea and coffee on the patio and then were shown around the garden by the lady of the house. The second house, in the afternoon, was Ballintubbert House in Stradbally, Co. Laois. This had been the home of Cecil Day Lewis' father (Daniel's grandfather) and more recently John Hurt. It had been bought by a multi-millionaire who is still in the process of spending a fortune on the garden and house. A lot of the garden was completed but some of it is still a pipe-dream. In between the two garden visits we managed to fit in lunch and a visit to a garden centre.

GARDEN RECEPTION AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

Once more, the Garden Reception proved to be a most popular event. One of the judges commented on all the gardens and was most encouraging to all the entrants. The first three winners in each category received vouchers for a local garden centre, with each overall winner receiving a cup.

Community Cup – was awarded to June Barnett for all her work for the Tidy Towns Committee. (As June was away on holiday this cup was presented to her at a later date.)

McCabe Sports Cup – was presented to Sarah Patten for her many sporting achievements particularly being selected to play hockey for Under 18 Leinster team.

Comerford Cup for Young Achievers – This was awarded to Loreto National School for their achievements in winning two flags for their work in environmental changes in the school.

ART EXHIBITION

This was a very well-supported event this year and there was a warm and pleasant atmosphere in the Hall. It was opened by local Art Historian, Dr. Patricia McCarthy, who was very encouraging to all the entrants. Despite the signs of austerity all around us, we managed to sell quite a few pictures.

CHRISTMAS MEETING

This is a quiet event and is for members of the Community Council. After our monthly meeting we enjoy mince pies and stollen as we socialise and look forward to the festive season.

None of these events would have been possible without the support of the other members of the Functions Committee. They are a very hardworking, encouraging and most supportive group who come along and help to set up for all the events and then clean up afterwards. So ladies and **one** gentleman please take a bow!

Rosaleen Callaghan

ANNUAL REPORT FROM DALKEY TIDY TOWNS TO DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2013

Dalkey had a great result in the 2012 Tidy Towns competition. We won the top prize in our category with a total of 293 points out of a possible 400. In addition we won a Silver Medal Award , a national prize for achieving a significant increase in our results since 2011. The winners in 2012 (Abbeyshrule) scored 312 points

The main projects we were involved in over the last year were:

New signposts in the town, elegant black and gold finger posts in the town centre, appropriate to a Heritage Town. This is Phase 1 of a three part project, the next phase is replacing the large signs at the 'Squareabout' and Phase 3 moves to the motorway

A new map was commissioned. It was designed with the visitor to Dalkey in mind, highlighting things to do, places to see and all the amenities of the town....and the sea. The first large map is on the Noticeboard in the Church car park. More will follow and a pocket size version is in progress.

Bullock Harbour has been upgraded significantly. The wall (which was in an advanced state of collapse) has been repaired. New signs have been erected, the paths, kerbs and grass areas have been repaired. Many thanks to Dublin Port and the residents of Bulloch for their support.

Sorrento Park has had the bandstand painted and a lot of the overgrown paths cleared and weeds removed.

Dillon's Park is routinely cleaned and weeded. Rights of way at Torca Road, The Cat's Ladder and Knocknacree Park have been cleared.

The Church Car Park has had a makeover, with new railings, signposts and painting. This project was undertaken with the Parish Council.

Negotiations with Iarnrod Eireann resulted in a lot of weed removal around Ardeevin Rd. New poster sites painting have made the entrance to our town more attractive.

The Tidy Towns committee has been working closely with the team in Eurospar. The handsome new fascia and working clock are in keeping with Dalkey's status as a Heritage town. Work at the rear car park is ongoing.

Graffiti is removed as soon as it appears. Tidy Towns Teams keep a vigilant eye on any areas which have been defaced.

Bollards, lamp posts, refuse bins and planters have been painted. Our Lady's Hall was painted as well as several other peeling walls.

Planting, weeding and litter picking are part of a regular maintenance programme.

The Tidy Towns were part of the community group who organised the Christmas Event in Dalkey.

We support and encourage local schools to take part in the Green Schools initiative.

Finally we also entered Dalkey in the Tidy Towns Competition, a mammoth task in itself. All our funding for our projects comes from our winnings.

We would like to thank everyone in Dalkey who has supported us and helped with all these projects.

Dalkey Tidy Towns works very closely with DLRCC especially the Roads, Parks and Environment, Departments, Dalkey Community Council, Dalkey Business Group, Dalkey Parish, Iarnrod Eireann and Dublin Port and Docks. We would also like to convey our thanks to them.

We would especially like to pay tribute to our fantastic team on the Litter Patrols who turn up week after week, see what needs to be done ...and do it.

This year, we had the services of Saulius and Marius who put in a Trojan amount of work. They made a huge difference to the amount of projects we could undertake.

Hopefully the results of the 2013 Competition will bring us the fruits of our labour.

As usual, all volunteers are welcome. Please contact us at: tidy@tidytowns.com

Blathín O'Brien

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT FOR 2012

Neighbourhood Watch is a scheme that aims to reduce the level of crime in an area and in conjunction with the Gardaí to provide additional protection for that area. It is crime strategy prevention where the residents work in partnership with the Gardaí.

Towards the end of 2011 the news broke that the Dalkey Garda station would close at the end of March 2012 but the closure date was changed to the end of June 2012. The loss of the Garda station was met with concern from both the residents of the area and the business people of the town. During 2012 DCC met Superintendent Fitzgerald and senior Gardaí to discuss the situation. We were informed that the Garda profile would be maintained with a visible Garda presence kept in the town. There will be Gardaí on the beat and the mountain bikes will be used as these have proved to be a very efficient resource and a fast response to call-outs.

Superintendent Fitzgerald addressed the DCC November meeting. The Gardaí with the co-operation of DBG had set up a Business Watch scheme for the town that enables the circulation of information and a warning system for the businesses in the town. In December the Garda Clinic commenced in Our Lady's Hall and this provides a platform for the Gardaí to be present in the town from 11am to 12pm every second Thursday in each month. Garda Marie Barry and Garda Cathy Burke are still attached to Dalkey.

The NW AGM was held in Cabinteely Pastoral Centre on 21st May 2012. It was agreed to improve communication and there would be better support for the NW schemes from the Gardaí. NW would encourage youth participation and connect with other local groups. NW raises the awareness of crime and promotes preventative measures in tackling crime.

It is important that suspicious activity or incidents are reported to the Gardaí so that they are recorded and profiles can be built to help in the detection or prevention of crime. The most prevalent crime throughout the Dalkey area are burglaries. Many would be the outcome of opportunistic perpetrators. It is known that if householders take simple precautions to protect their property, alarms activated, property and articles properly secured, etc. this type of crime can be prevented. NW schemes help prevent crime by encouraging people to look out for one another, particularly the most vulnerable in our community. NW is the eyes and ears in the community that can help the Gardaí with their investigations and resolving/preventing further crime.

We have a duty of care towards preserving the unique status enjoyed by Dalkey and we should all play our part in helping to keep it a place where we feel safe and also an inviting place for others to enjoy. As stated before it is very important to report incidents to the Gardaí and not leave it to others to do. The Gardaí depend on our support in helping the fight against crime.

Dun Laoghaire Garda Station Tel: 666 5000.

Confidential line: 1800 666 111

Neighbourhood Watch Rep.

SPORTS REPORT 2012

Dalkey - Chess

The year began well for Dalkey with the success of the Boys U16 Chess team winning the Leinster Cup at the end of February. They were narrowly beaten in the National Final. DCC thank Brigid Fagan for co-ordinating the team.

Dalkey - Athletics

Dalkey Dashers – Dalkey Community Games had one of its most successful years ever at the Dublin County Finals held in Santry on 16th and 17th June.

This year once again Dalkey had one of the largest contingents at the Dublin Finals with nearly 50 boys and girls participating in Santry. There was strong competition from local communities all over Dublin.

As the weekend progressed Dalkey competitors came through victorious with 4 Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze medals. Each person competing for Dalkey in Santry received a medal from their coaches as they finished their final race.

Three Dalkey competitors represented Dublin in the National Community Games Finals held in Athlone on 25th and 26th August. The other gold medal was won by Caoimhe Byrne in the 900m Walk U 13 which is a Dublin only event.

Dalkey Community Games are very grateful for the support of the Dalkey Community Council. We also wish to thank Mr. Dunne, Principal for Loreto Abbey Dalkey, for the use of the hockey pitch for our training sessions.

Without the assistance of the parents who are prepared to coach the children each week the Dalkey Community Games could not continue or achieve the success it does. DCC would like to thank Conor Patton for his dedication and hard work with the athletes and all those coaches who work with the children each week and we look forward to the 2013 season.

Dalkey - Swimmers

The Swimming team had great success in the Tallaght Complex where they brought home several medals. This team is a young team and they are showing great potential for the future. DCC thanks the team management who are so active and prepare the competitors for the competitions.

DCC Sport's Cup

This year the DCC Sport's Cup was awarded to Sarah Patton for her achievement in hockey. She is a member of the Leinster team and earned a place on the Irish team.

Dublin Community Games

Ann and myself attended the monthly meetings of DCG during 2012 and the 45th AGM of DCG in October 2012 in Carmichael House. There were addresses from the President and Chairman of DCG followed by the various reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, PR

Officer, Games Director and the Youth Officers. 2012 was another good but very busy year for the Games.

The facilities at Athlone are undergoing an upgrade and the track is being improved and this is very welcome news for the officials and competitors.

The DCG committee is anxious to attract younger members and The Youth Development program is being supported by Local Councils to encourage young people to stay in the Games by educating them in sports and coaching, completing sport's coaching and child protection courses in association with Sports Council Ireland.

As 2013 has commenced we look forward to Dalkey celebrating more sporting triumphs and thank all those who help to make this possible.

Elaine Feely

Assistant Secretary

Dalkey Community Games

Dublin Community Games

NEWSLETTER REPORT FOR 2012 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Editorial

2012 was a successful year for the Newsletter's content. The regular contributors continued to maintain a steady flow of interesting and readable material for every issue. Our readers enjoyed what we gave them. Our regular contributors were wonderful in the way they delivered their material in accordance with our production schedule. The most popular subjects were Gardening, Nature Corner, Maritime Dalkey, Planning, Local History, Heritage Centre, Tidy Towns, Schools' Updates, Letter(s) to the Editor. Sinéad Tyrrell's Wine Corner, etc. with the occasional other article of general interest.

Production

Printing costs were maintained at the same level again this year in keeping with the general trend in the industry. We kept a grip on costs and deliveries with our current printer during the year. We also investigated other print quotations but, whilst apparently good, were not better enough to warrant changing to a new printer and typesetter. Our conclusion is that we are getting a good price for the service we expect from both the printers and the typesetters.

We streamlined the Newsletter's publication scheduling during 2012 which has proved quite successful. This manifests itself in the fact that every Dalkey resident gets a regular delivery of the Newsletter and this must, inevitably, improve our local profile as a reliable and a worthwhile community service.

Advertising

Last year saw our advertising income maintain at a high rate due to the excellent work of Ms Helena Feely, Advertising Manager and the attractiveness of the Newsletter to regular and potential advertisers. The use of colour advertising has been a great benefit to the advertising income. We found that we had to squeeze in some advertisements and balance them with the actual editorial copy. This is a result of our overall success with the Newsletter's readership which is obviously of keen interest to advertisers.

Special mention must be made in that we are most fortunate to have had the benefit of the experience and knowledge of our Advertising Manager, Helena Feely, throughout the year. She has been a superb member of our Editorial Team and has maintained an excellent relationship with the advertisers, even the ones who are late with payment!

Distribution

The sorting of the Newsletter takes place on Thursdays in Our Lady's Hall. Road Representatives collect their own bags as well as the bags for some others in their nearby areas. This has actually resulted in a more efficient distribution of the Newsletter, despite our initial concerns. We delivered more than 36,300 copies of the Newsletter in Dalkey during the year. As always, there will be minor hitches mainly to do with Road Representatives not delivering their Newsletters quickly after publication; this may be

due to family commitments, illness, holidays, etc.. Special thanks to our Distribution Manager, Danny Merity, who has done a splendid job in 2012 and continues to do so this year.

Costs

You will have seen on the front page of the April 2013 issue that the overall cost of the Newsletter is in the region of €35,000 per annum. This is almost entirely offset by the income from Advertising (€33,407) with the balance coming from a tightening of the issue sizes where possible.. We have maintained our advertising charges at the same levels as in past years but have expanded (a little) the number of pages available to advertisers. This overall approach has resulted in almost every issue costs being covered during 2012. The loyalty of our regular advertisers is to be welcomed. Also, we are fortunate in that we are getting more and more people interested in becoming contributors. We welcome this as long as we can maintain control on our costs and reflect what is happening in Dalkey generally. Finally, we can report that the Newsletter returned a small profit (€2,240) in 2012, which marks a big change from 2011. Thanks to all the Team!

Gerard Coakley
Editor
Dalkey Newsletter
Dalkey

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2012

We had twelve Monthly Meetings during 2012. Eleven of these were held in OLH and the August meeting was held in The Masonic Hall. DCC thank John Hewitson and the Masons of the Dalkey Lodge for accommodating us and also for the kind offer of the Masonic Hall for future meetings. There were ten full Executive meetings in 2012 with an abridged meeting held in December. It has been decided that the December Executive meeting scheduled for the month of December will be now tagged onto the Monthly meeting as issues are dealt with by that meeting.

The sorting of the Newsletter from 1pm to 2pm on the last Thursday of every month (except December) is working out very well. The wicker basket under the table in the Front room of OLH is invaluable for the pick-up of the newsletters and the drop off of the Illovedalkey bags when the magazines have been delivered. DCC would like to thank the Parish Council for permitting this facility and also thank Mairead for her help in scheduling the meetings and the events DCC runs throughout the year.

The Editorial Group continues to use the small room in St. Patrick's for the monthly Editorial meetings and DCC would like to express their appreciation to the Rector and the Select Vestry for their support. The amount of post received by DCC has fallen off dramatically as the preferred method for communicating with the council is via email. Issues or topics brought up at meetings are generally followed up with the relevant bodies by email.

Notice of meetings is done by texting. The number of texts sent for 2012 just went over the one thousand mark. Besides the notices for DCC meetings during the year, texts were sent for the Foreshore Licence meetings, Coliemore Harbour, DLR information evenings and other information that should be brought to the attention of members. I stress that mobile numbers are not passed onto third parties without the express permission of the owner.

Hopefully if DCC makes more use of social media in 2013 to highlight the organisation and the community based activities we might be successful in recruiting new volunteers.

Finally, I would like to thank my Assistant Secretary Elaine Feely for her support during the past year and to thank the Chairman and the other members of the Executive.

Ann Perry

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE DCC PUBLIC MEETING

Ed O'Neill gave a summary of the DCC finances ending 31st December 2012.

There are two main sources of income DCC annual collection and advertising. During 2012 the advertising revenue covered the costs of the Newsletter. Thanks to Lena for all her hard work. The annual collection for 2012 brought in €11,000 and this was due to the great effort made by the Road reps to collect the envelopes. In total three thousand envelopes are distributed but approximately 700 are only returned. The DCC relies on a small number who faithfully contribute to the collection. The monies go towards the running costs of DCC and the various activities that DCC support. There were donations to DTT towards the new signage in the town, the Dalkey Community Games competitors and funding to up skill the Group Leaders of the Dalkey Dashers, prizes for the Garden Competition and the Christmas Celebration. The DCC collection is voluntary one, and all subscriptions are much appreciated and are used for the benefit of the local community.

Edward O'Neill
Treasurer

PLANNING REPORT FOR YEAR 2012 FOR APRIL 2013 PUBLIC MEETING

There were 84 planning applications during 2012 for the Dalkey area compared to 70 applications in 2011. 2 of these were declared invalid for a variety of reasons, usually problems associated with the site notice and 2 were withdrawn.

There were 4 applications for retention and 3 of these were granted permission. Additional information was requested in 6 cases and supplied in 9 cases (3 relating to the previous years application)

A newer category of an application for extension of duration of permission appeared in 2011 for the first time; in 2012 there were 9 such cases, usually for apartment complexes, whose 5 year permission had run out of time. 2 of these were refused permission, 5 were granted and we are waiting for a decision on one other application.

74 decisions were made, of these 60 were granted permission and 10 were refused, and a decision had not been given in 4 applications by the end of the year.

11 decisions were appealed to An Bord Pleanala; of these 6 were 1st party appeals against either refusal for permission or the conditions imposed by the planning department of the County Council.

There were 5 3rd party appeals against the grant of permission by the County Council.

An Bord Pleanala handed down 5 decisions during the year, of these 3 had previously been granted permission by the Council and upheld by the Bord.

1 was granted permission by Bord Pleanala that previously had been refused by the County Council.

1 was refused permission by both the County Council and by Bord Pleanala.

It is interesting to note the number of applications for planning permission in the Dalkey area in 2005 and 2006, when there were around 184 applications, the highest number lodged per year, compared to only 84 for last year.

I will now comment on some individual applications that are of particular interest.

Linden Lodge

There have been nine planning applications since 2006 for this 19th century house on its half-acre site on Castlepark Rd. An application was lodged in December 2010 for the renovation of the existing 'Lodge' with new extensions for office space, and the construction of 5 large 3- storey terraced houses. In February 2011 permission was granted but appealed to Bord Pleanala who subsequently granted permission. In June 2012, an application for the renovation of the Lodge was made and permission was granted later in the year; a further application was made for a 2-storey house in the grounds. A decision has not yet been made.

The Tramyard

In February 2012 an application for retention for three years for a coffee shop, artist's studio and other small developments in the curtilage of the Tramyard was lodged; this was granted permission in April.

Another application for extension of duration of permission relating to an application made in 2007 was made in February. Permission had been granted by Bord Pleanala subject to a condition to provide retail units at ground floor level. This new application sought permission for the provision of 2 no. retail units and 1 no. café unit at ground floor level in compliance with this condition. In May, permission was refused for this development.

Loreto Sports Hall

An application was lodged for a sports hall at Loreto Abbey Secondary School in December 2011; we had concerns about the small number of additional car parking spaces on site that were being proposed and the potential for increased difficulties with the traffic flow in the area. We had been approached by residents in the vicinity of the school who had similar concerns; we lodged our observations to the planning department. Permission was granted for the Sports Hall in April; one of the conditions states that all available car parking spaces including the tarmaced areas within the school grounds should be made available for use by the sports hall outside school hours. This decision was then appealed mainly on traffic related issues but later granted permission by Bord Pleanala. Subsequently, DLRCC have proposed a new traffic management scheme for the area which is presently being considered by the County Councillors.

Barnhill Stores

In December an application was lodged for the demolition of part of the existing retail area and the removal of both the temporary retail area and the unauthorised retail area to be replaced by a new single storey extension to the main shop. The 2nd retail unit is also to be extended. We voiced our concerns about the application mainly on traffic safety issues relating to the difficulty experienced by motorists approaching the adjacent roundabout and patrons and deliveries assessing the car park. Permission was granted earlier this year.

Art Gallery on Vico Rd.

In August, permission was sought to change the use of the Donnelly Art Gallery Building from its approved use as a private art gallery with caretaker accommodation and residential use to use as a private dwelling house. We objected on several grounds:

1. The zoning of the area as stated in 2010-2016 Development plan does not allow for residential use;
2. There is insufficient parking available for the building to continue as a public gallery. The location does not lend itself to add further parking on site.
3. There is limited on street parking which is at a premium during the summer months.

4. The present drainage/sewage system is inadequate and insufficient for use by the public if the building were to be used as a public gallery. The system is challenged as outlined in the accompanying drainage report for even small scale use.
5. The building does not have adequate disabled access and the site renders it impossible to overcome this issue.
6. The development has had huge negative impact on the area when viewed from Whiterock beach which is a very popular amenity for the public.

The Planning department refused permission but the owners appealed to Bord Pleanala. We voiced our concerns to Bord Pleanala but as yet no decision has been made. We believe a decision will be made in May.

Firmbank

We were concerned about an application for a 4 bed room house on this site which is situated on former allotments at "Clay Hill" following members of the public contacting us. There have been several applications in previous years for this site. The proposed development would be surrounded by public open space on three sides and would, we believe, appear incongruous in its setting and would not be a positive visual contribution to the area. We were concerned about the access which is across public lands owned by the County Council and its proximity to "the Metals". We were also concerned on traffic safety grounds about the entry onto Dalkey Park near the junction with Dalkey Ave. The Planning Department has not yet made its decision.

We are frequently asked about the procedure to lodge an observation /objection to the planning department.

In regard to planning applications, I should like to stress to everyone, the importance of vigilance in respect of site notices. If one appears in your neighbourhood, it is important that you find the time to inspect the relevant plans for the particular application in the Planning Office in County Hall, Dun Laoghaire if you believe the proposal will affect your property.

The applicant must lodge the plans with the Planning Department of the County Council within 14 days of displaying the site notice.

Following the lodgment of plans in the planning office, the public has 35 days to submit their observations and objections, accompanied with a 20-euro fee. If you believe you will be affected, it is vital that you write into the planning department to voice your concerns.

The planning authority will then make their decision.

Following the decision, the public has 28 days to appeal to Bord Pleanala if they had previously submitted the relevant objection to the planning department. The fee for this is 210 euros.

Following the lodgment of an appeal with An Bord Pleanála, the public has 28 days to submit their observations, the fee being 50 euros in this case.

Finally, I should like to thank the members of the planning committee who have continued to work throughout the year on your behalf.

Dr. Susan McDonnell
(Chairman, Dalkey Community Council)



DCC ACTIVITIES!

Applicant Name & Location: Laura Dalton, Grianan, 18, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for construction of a first floor bathroom extension with hipped concrete tiled roof to the side of existing semi-detached two storey house with all finishes matching existing

Reg. Ref.D13B/0025

Date: 13-Mar-2013

Decision: Grant Permission

Applicant Name & Location: Athene Keatinge, Roncalli, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the replacement of the dormer window to the rear and single storey extension to the rear, renovation of the existing dwelling by the insertion of insulation and replacement of existing windows, alterations to gate post to improve sight lines.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0028

Date: 19-Mar-2013

Decision: Grant Permission

Applicant Name & Location: Anne O'Neill, 1, Saval Grove, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of retention of existing single storey side extension and raised front pitched roof. Permission is also sought for demolition/replacement of existing single storey extension to rear of dwelling with enlarged single storey extension to side/rear. Works will also include a small single storey infill extension to the side, alterations to existing windows/doors, removal of chimney, internal alterations, widening of the existing vehicular entrance to 3.5m and all associated site, drainage and landscaping works.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0032

Date: 19-Mar-2013

Decision: Grant Permission

Applicant Name & Location: Lucy Hamilton Turley, 3, Whites Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission consisting of (A) the construction of a new bay window 3 metre square extension and porch canopy to the front of the house (B) 2 new windows, 2 new rooflights, enlargement of the existing windows and relocation of the side door to the ground floor level side and rear of the house (C) 2 new windows to the first floor at side & rear of the house (D) new driveway car entrance and gate including the relocation of a parking bay & associated drainage & landscape works.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0038

Date: 20-Mar-2013

Decision: Grant Permission

Applicant Name & Location: Ann Staunton, Ard Na Mara, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for alterations to porch at the front.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0386

Date: 25-Mar-2013

Decision: Grant Permission

Applicant Name & Location: Ruth Lambkin & Brian Gibson, Johnville, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a two storey, four bedroom dwelling and associated works.

Reg. Ref. D12A/051

Date : 25-Mar-2013

Decision: Grant Permission

Applicant Name & Location: Brian Craig, Rocklands House, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development at this site. The development will consist of: Works to a protected structure including: building fabric upgrade through the replacement of non-original windows and doors to the North, South, East and West elevations. The replacement of existing non-original windows with new double doors to the East elevation of the single storey annex to the main building and the instatement of a pitched roof over part of this annex to match existing pitched roof over same. Internal works to the ground floor level including the removal and relocation of the existing guest toilet from the existing separating corridor to the entrance hall, the removal of the remainder of the corridor walls. The closing-up of the existing connecting door between the garage and dwelling. The replacement of the existing kitchen servery hatch with new double doors. The reinstatement of two original fireplaces. Demolition of modern conservatory and reinstatement of hard and soft landscaping.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0061

Date: 2-Apr-2013

Decision: Request Add. Information

Applicant Name & Location: Linda Prentice, Willow House, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for (a) demolition of existing single storey light industrial / office structure, (b) construction of new two storey 4 bedroom detached dormer style family dwelling with detached garage and new motorised gates to existing vehicular entrance, (c) change of use from light industrial / office to residential use and (d) all associated site works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 11-14 11/3/'13 to 5/4/'13

Reg Ref: D12B/0392 **Registration Date:** 13-Dec-2012 **Location:** 29 & 30, Convent Road, Dalkey.
Development: Permission to (a) demolish 2 No. existing single storey flat roofed 'lock ups', (b) erect a single storey (dimension to eaves on SW side 3.925m and NE side 3.195m) pitched roofed 'lock up' for domestic use together with all associated site works. The property to which this application relates is located between No. 29 & 30 Convent Rd. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 12-Mar-2013. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission
Type of Appeal: 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D12A/0531

Registration Date: 28-Dec-2012

Location: Site at Torca Road, Bounded by San Elmo Lodge, Dalkey.

Development: Permission is sought for a two-storey dwelling with terrace at Torca Road, Dalkey, bounded on the east by San Elmo Lodge, on the southwest by the steps leading to Vico Road, and on the north by the right-of-way leading to Knocknacree Road. The access to the proposal will be from Torca Road. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 25-Mar-2013

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

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 10-14 4/3/'13 to 8/03/'13

None for Dalkey Area



COMMUNITY GAMES UPDATE



The Dalkey Dashers - Community Games has started again and takes place each Wednesday evening from 7.00pm until 8.00pm during April and May at the Loreto Abbey hockey pitch. Boys and girls age from the area aged 6 to 14 take part with as many as 50 being selected to represent Dalkey at the Dublin Finals of the Community Games in Santry on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th of June. Good luck to all the children taking part.

Swim Team

What a day the Dalkey Swim team had at the Dublin Community Games. We had 24 swimmers on the team. The team brought home - 10 individual Gold Medals, 6 Silver Medals, 3 Bronze Medals & 3 runner up Medals. In addition to this - the Girls under 16 relay team got Gold - our under 16 Boys team also got Gold and our under 13 boys team also took Gold. And if this was not enough we were also presented with the "Perpetual swimming Trophy for Best Area". This trophy has been presented every year since 1968 at the Dublin Community Games Swimming Gala & this is the first time that Dalkey had won it & brought it home. The swimmers, parents & team manager are thrilled with the achievements of our swim team. We now have 10 individual swimmers & 3 relays from Dalkey representing Dublin in Athlone at the end of May in the National Finals..... (Not a bad day's work!!) GO DALKEY



Tony Feeney, President of Dublin Community Games presenting the Perpetual Swimming Trophy for Best Area to Marie Fahy, Dalkey Team Swim Manager.

Marie Fahy



Camilla: Camellia, nearly 200 years old, still a hugely popular plant today.

After our relatively cold damp winter, along comes our precious month of May, possibly the best month in my gardening calendar. At the start of the month there is an air of Spring with the last of the tulips and cherry trees and by the end of the month there is a flavour of summer as our lilac trees (syringa), roses, azaleas, oriental poppies, irises, peonies, Camassias, take over with their sumptuous blooms. Late-comers will be those magnificent majestic trees, the ginkgo and robina and of course, then, all our fuchsias.

The month of May has a certain kindness about it, increasing warmth and long days that allow our plants to take advantage. The whole garden has a freshness and energy that is ...Aren't our Dalkey gardens a dazzling array of foliage, bright greens that is unique to this time of year. Some of us have been anxiously searching for new shoots on

precious plants that we earnestly collected, 'fussed over' and minded - and lo and behold...! Then, the green flowers of hellebores, alchemilla and stately Euphorbias are an excellent spring splash, for later summer companions... These flowers are clam and supple. My favourite green flowering perennial and certainly, most unusual is Paris polyphylla, a woodland plant; ours increases slightly every year in it's terracotta pot...it appears in late May, lasting well into autumn.

In today's uncertain times, planning, planting and watching your own garden grow, offers a reassuring sense of control, often the very thing that some people feel they are losing.

Gardening can be such a positive force in people's lives. Like most semi-gardeners, I think I have a favourite plant for every season and, likewise, for every month of the year.

Spring is a special season, omphalodes, starry eyes, this little beauty is perennial - it's very low carpet bears 'forget-me-not' like flowers in a burst of blue in springtime: it is its pale blue face with its dark blue eyes in the centre that gives it it's star like effect. Again, year after year, this little faithful 'comes up trumps' in its oblong terracotta pot. ...Last year, I transplanted a tiny root of it into a bed nearby where it is beginning 'to take off'....In another little while, I know, I won't be hardly able to wait, to have back again, two species of thalictrums that I planted last summer. They are full of mystery, their soft gauzy/misty flowers lend to almost a dream like touch. Plant one and you'll know exactly what I mean.They are like soft puffs of smoke, soft yellow flowers with veils of pale purple that move in the slightest breeze ... their soft motion brings such life to the garden and their gentle colours set off many other plants to perfection.

'The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.'

MARCEL PROUST

MIGHT DO, MAYBE, MAY JOBS:

1. After flowering, Primulas, polyanthus and primroses of all kinds can be lifted, divided and replanted in a new spot to reduce the risk of vine weevil.
2. Topiary. Topiary shapes such as balls and cubes -, their first flush of spring growth may have left them looking a bit shaggy by now, so a quick trim can only enhance their shape, hugely.



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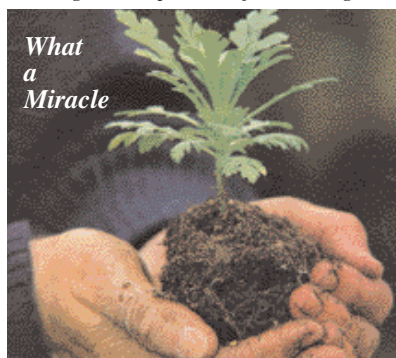
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3. Sage (*salvia officinalis*) is a super evergreen herb, marvellous for cooking and if this plant is kept well trimmed it will last for years.
4. Hoe between plants in your borders on sunny days. Hoeing means you can weed a lot of ground quickly and if you do a little and often, it means that annual weeds won't have the opportunity to establish themselves.
5. Vine weevil larvae becomes active this month especially in pots where they obviously feel more protected and 'snug as a bug'! Various biological controls are available.
6. Hostas are ideal for growing on their own in a large simple pot providing a unique sculptural effect.
7. Maybe feed potted lilies and agapanthus with tomato food to encourage bountiful summer flowering.
8. Ornamental grasses and bamboos can still be divided and transplanted, now.
9. The striking magenta flowers of Honesty are just going over now. I truly love Honesty because it has such an excellent survival rate....Try and invest in one, for approx. €2.50 it will self seed, so hopefully, you will have a 'Throne of Honesties', next Spring: - as cheap as a cup of coffee - out!

Plants really do thrive where conditions resemble their natural habitat and giving them their favourite kind of soil will keep them healthy and vigorous....Enjoy!



Sage is a super herb for cooking



THE DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION
Judging will take place on Tuesday, June 25. Application forms will be in the June issue or available in Our Lady's Hall at the beginning of June.



GARDEN EVENTS FOR MAY 2013



Alpine Garden Society Events – **Sat. 4th May** Ulster Group AGS Show, Greenmount, Co. Antrim.

Sat. 11 May 2.30pm Visit to Frank Lavery's Garden 30, Aylesbury Drive, Dublin. 4.

Thursday, 9th May 8.00pm. George Sevastopulo '*Nei dintomi dei laghi*' (Around the Italian Lakes) St Brigid's Parish Centre, Stillorgan

National Botanic Gardens – **Sun. May 5, 12, 19 & 26.** Guided Walk: '*Blossoms from the Orient*'. 2.30pm Meet at Education and Visitor Centre. **Thurs., 9th May** Drawing Workshop 10.30am. - 1pm.

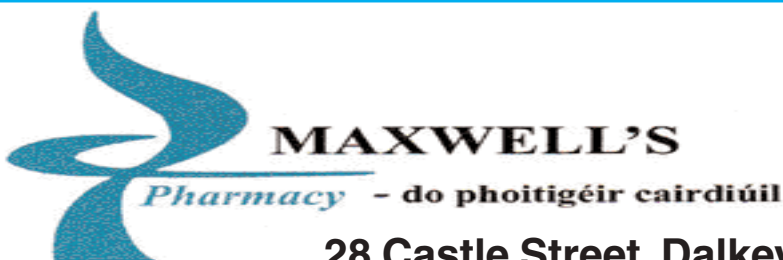
Sat. 11th May Family Event: Garden Bird Safari 10.00am Admission Free.

Sat. 11th May Gardening Workshop: Growing Summer Salads 11.00am. Meet at Education and Visitors Centre.

Wed. 15th May 3pm Lecture: *Be Brave with Bulbs* - Imaginative use of Bulbs in the Garden. Paul Fitters.

Sat. 18th May In Celebration of Fascination of Plants Day Workshop: Budding Botanists Flower Pressing Workshop 11.00am Admission free.

Saturday, 18th May Guided Walk: Fascinating Plants



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Archbishop Diarmuid Martin visits Dalkey

The 20th of March, our big day had finally arrived. We had been preparing for it since we started 6th class in September. We had prepared for our confirmation by studying the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit as well as designing and keeping our Confirmation scrapbooks, which everyone thought was great fun. Throughout the year we also learned how to be kind to one another and to live like Jesus.

As the day came closer everyone began talking about what they were doing after the Confirmation to celebrate the great occasion and how excited they were. At home everyone was preparing by making sure their school uniforms were spotless and we all had bought a new confirmation outfit to wear after the Confirmation.

We made our Confirmation with 6th Class from Sharavogue and St Patrick's. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin confirmed us with help from the priests of the parish, Fr. Patrick Devitt and Fr. Declan Gallagher. Everyone had a part to play in the ceremony. Everyone's family was there to witness the wonderful occasion.

At 11.00 am the Mass started. The Archbishop entered as the Loreto choir sang the first hymn. Before the ceremony ended the Archbishop thanked the choir, the teachers, our parents and everyone who had helped to make our Confirmation so special. The mass ended at 12.30pm and lots of pictures were taken with our class, our parents,

and with the Archbishop

After that we all left the church. The majority of us went to have lunch and others joined us later. We all had great fun and we played lots of games. We had great fun celebrating. Thank you to everyone who helped us to make our confirmation day so special.

**By Aisling Blake
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Christian Aid - Sunday 12th May – Christian Aid Sunday is on 12th 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.

Garden Fete Saturday 18th May – Everyone will have an opportunity to support this community and family event in the grounds on Glenageary-Killiney National School, Wyvern Estate on Saturday May 18th from 11am - 3pm. If you are free on the day, join us for a day filled with fun, laughter and excitement. The theme for the day will be ‘A Superhero’s Summer’ - Fancy dress is encouraged!

Table Tennis – New members and friends are always welcome on Monday nights in the Carry Hall at 8pm. The finals will be held on Wednesday 22nd May in The Carry Hall.

Killiney Mens’ Society Thursday 23rd May – The May meeting (Thurs. 23rd) will be the final gathering of the current season and will be a tour of the R.N.L.I. facilities in Dun Laoghaire followed by dinner in the National Yacht Club. Bookings with the Rev. Niall Sloane (2852695).

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Sat 25th May	Stillorgan	Stillorgan Village Overflow Car Park

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Thurs. May 2nd – Pat Sheridan will present his lecture ‘Edward Lovett Pearce’ at 8 p.m. to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome. Admission €4.

Thurs. May 9th – Cyril Dunne will present his lecture ‘*The Remarkable Story of F/Lt. E.J.A. Burke*’ at 8.30pm to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry. All welcome - admission €3.

Mon. May 13th – Mary Dunne will present her lecture ‘*The Civil Parish of Kilbarrack in the 18th/19th Centuries*’ at 8.15pm to the Clontarf Historical Society in the Parish Resource Centre, St. John the Baptist Church, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3. Admission €4.

Tues. May 14th – Christine Deakin will speak on ‘*The Preservation of Old Documents*’ at 8pm to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Contribution €4. The AGM of the Society will precede this talk.

Wed. May 15th – James Scannell will present his lecture ‘*Dublin & Dun Laoghaire Fire Fighters and the April 1941 Belfast Blitz*’ at 8pm to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire. Admission €3.50.

Sun. May 19th – Colin Scudds, Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, will lead a ‘Historical Walk of Dun Laoghaire Seafront’ at 2 p.m. Meet outside Hartley’s Restaurant, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire.

Mon. May 27th – Emer Ging will present a lecture ‘*Vikings*’ at 8pm to the Clondalkin Historical Society in Áras Cronáin, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin.

Thurs. May 30th – Nora O’Rourke will present her lecture ‘*The Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society: 100 Years*’ at 8pm to the Rathmines, Ranelagh and Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Admission €4.

BOOKS TO READ

“*Voices from the Great Houses: Cork and Kerry*”, by Jane O’Keeffe, published by Mercier Press, Have you ever seen a ‘Big House’ in the countryside and wondered who used to live in such a property? Have you ever been curious about the story behind such an old and historic house? This fascinating book reveals the story of some of the greatest houses in Ireland and provides the reader with a rare glimpse of life in Ireland’s big houses, including Blarney Castle and Bantry House in Cork and the Denny Estates in Kerry.

For “*Voices from the Great Houses: Cork and Kerry*” Jane O’Keeffe, of Irish Life and Lore, using interviews conducted by her husband Maurice, has created a compelling account of the stories of many of the Anglo-Irish and old Irish families who lived, and in many cases still live, in these great houses. For the first time, the surviving family members talk about their eventful family histories, their links to the communities in which they were and are based, and the fascinating details of life in these houses over many generations. They also speak about the challenges of maintaining an important part of Irish architectural heritage. With previously unpublished photographs and untold stories, this is a must-have book for those interested in the social history of Ireland.

Author Information – Since 1990 Jane O’Keeffe and her husband Maurice have worked on the writing and cataloguing of oral history collections, the recordings for which total over 3,000 and can be found at www.irishlifeandlore.com. Originally from Bandon, Co. Cork, Jane has lived in Tralee since her marriage in the mid 1970s.

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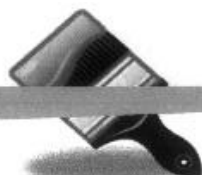
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Sir/Madam,

“BROADBAND BLACKSPOT”

Are you aware that Coliemore Road is a “*Broadband Blackspot*”? Has there ever been any attempt to resolve this issue or even to raise awareness of it - in the Community Newsletter or any other forum? Is there any Committee member who has a particular interest in this subject or any Community Forum available to offer advice or discuss support?

Broadband coverage on Coliemore Road is slow and unreliable. In spite of all the major broadband providers’ high-visibility advertising, none of their offerings are available to residents of Coliemore Road. While homes and businesses in the village itself have access to the highest-quality broadband, Coliemore Road is definitely “beyond the pale” when it comes to broadband.

Year after year I have done the rounds with each of the broadband providers. At one time or another I have tried most of them. I’ve tried the different “types” of broadband; landline, wireless, mobile, satellite.

All of them suffer from major drawbacks on Coliemore Road. The infrastructure simply isn’t there. Nobody is doing anything about it. Nobody seems to care.

If there is an interest in this subject at a community level I would be interested in tapping in to that forum.

Regards

Kevin Bracken



DALKEY’S HISTORIC POST BOXES



George V closed Post Box at Knocknacree Road



Edward VII Post Box on Castlepark Rd.



Victoria Regina on Sorrento Rd



Edward VII Post Box on Sorrento Rd.

Postboxes were introduced into the U.K. in the early 1850s, and arrived in Ireland in about 1857. It is worth noting that all postboxes in both Britain and Ireland were originally green in colour; the British authorities changed the colour in 1874 to red, due to the poor visibility of the boxes. The colour of the Irish boxes reverted to green after Independence.

Some of the older postboxes are still in use today, and several interesting examples survive in Dalkey. These are all of the wall-box variety, and date from the Victorian era up to the reign of George V. The Victorian boxes are at Coliemore Road, Sorrento Road, and at the top of Knocknacree Road. The Edwardian boxes are at Sorrento Road and at the Castlepark Road/Arkendale Road junction. A George V box (now closed) can also be found at Knocknacree Road. There is an unidentified wall-box on Ulverton Road; perhaps readers are aware of other boxes?

These are items of cultural and historic interest, and contribute to Dalkey’s image as a Heritage Town. As such, they should be valued and preserved.

Jeremy R. Chapman – Dalkey



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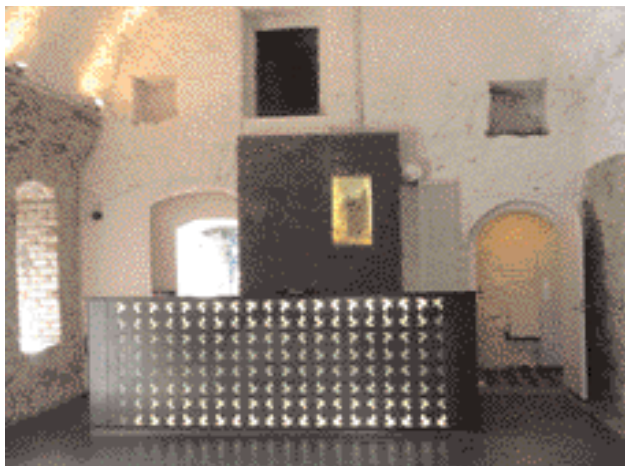
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The foyer Dalkey Heritage Centre

We are delighted to report that Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre re-opened, after major refurbishment works, on March 1st.

Passers-by can now see right in through the new glass doors to the medieval stonework and niches of the 1390s. The red brick arched insertions around the doors on the street and the doors into the Town Hall which were inserted in the late 1800s, are also exposed. Goat Castle's original doors were around the back of the castle, off the street.

Sections of the tracks of the wicker supports for the barrel vaulted ceiling are now plain to be seen and the storage niches are lit for better effect. All of this work was carried out under the creative design and supervision of the Architects' Department of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

In the Heritage Centre itself, there is a streamlined information timeline from 4500BC on Dalkey Island to modern times. This graphically marks all important points in both Dalkey and the county's history. Pathé News footage of the crowning of a king on Dalkey Island in 1934, when around 20,000 people thronged the island for the ceremony, lasts about 2 minutes on screen. Further information is carried on 4 Interactive screens in a total of 12 languages.

The Writers Gallery has a beautifully themed B/W montage of the writers and creative artists of the area. Two further interactive screens carry all the literary information that was contained in the 'DLR Bloomin Lit' exhibition of 2004 and some more recent international prize-winning authors. There is a Writers' trail map beginning with words from Samuel Beckett on Dún Laoghaire pier and finishing with script from Hugh Leonard on the bandstand in Sorrento Park. Martello Media in Sandycove, international award-winning interpretation designers planned and executed the interpretation work.

Two free guided tours for locals who would like to see the new set up will take place on Sunday May 12th at 11.15 and 13.45. These tours must be booked in advance, as numbers are limited, at Dalkey Castle. Tel 285 8366.

Dalkey Castle is running a giant fund raising raffle to help with the deficit on the building works. A generous prize of a 4 night stay for 2 people in either of the FitzPatrick Manhattan hotels in New York and 2 return economy class flights, courtesy of United Airlines, is the top prize. There are other valuable prizes also. Tickets at €10 each, or a book of 5 for €50, are available in the Heritage Centre. The draw will take place on May 21st at 7.30 p.m. in Dalkey Castle.

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Institution of Rev. Bruce Hayes – There was a full church for the Institution service of the Reverend Bruce Hayes on Friday, 12th April. All those present experienced great warmth and a joyful atmosphere which made it a truly memorable occasion. A large contingent travelled all the way from Bruce's previous parish in West Cork, and while undoubtedly feeling a great sadness at his departure, brought tremendous wishes for Bruce and his family, as well as for the whole parish of Dalkey, and for this we are extremely grateful.



*Institution of
Rev. Bruce Hayes*

There was a great party atmosphere in the adjoining Northover Hall following the Institutional service. Many speeches were made by the various clergy and parishioners. Father Declan Gallagher from the Church of the Assumption gave Bruce a warm welcome and is very much looking forward to continuing the great ecumenical links between our two parishes.

Garden Fête – Preparations are well underway for our Annual Garden Fête which takes place in the grounds of the rectory and school, and in the adjoining Northover Hall, on Saturday 11th May, beginning at 10am. Many thanks to Peter Kerruish, our Fête Organiser and his team, for their dedication and hard work. We look forward to seeing you all at the Fête.



Smiling Ladies

International Women's Choir – We are delighted to welcome back the International Women's Choir to St. Patrick's Church on Monday 20th May at 8pm. Titled 'Buzz, Flap and Ready to Sing', in aid of 'Make A Wish Foundation'. 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.

Larry Wilmott – Despite the great excitement in the build up to and during the Institution of Rev. Bruce Hayes, the entire parish is in great shock and sadness at the sudden death of Larry Wilmott after a very short illness. Larry was a truly larger than life character and was a life-long member of this parish. On submitting this article, time does not permit, or indeed the space, to give a true appreciation of Larry. His funeral service will take place in St. Patrick's Church on Thursday 18th April with undoubtedly a capacity crowd, as the entire community turn out to pay their respects. As we come to terms with our own grief, we are assured of his happiness as Larry is finally united with his loving wife Betty. To his sister Joyce and brother-in-law Harwell Orr, his godson David Greenlee, his nieces and nephews, and all his many friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

DALKEY GARDA CLINICS

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

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SURRENDER OF DALKEY FORESHORE LICENCE



Oftentimes, it is not the “What do we Want - When Do we Want It” approach that achieves the desired goal. Sometimes background diligent work, with a fundamental understanding of the issues at stake is the approach that bears most fruit.

An example of this is An Taisce’s legal challenge to the Foreshore Licence issued to Providence Resources plc for the area off Dalkey and the Kish Bank.

An Taisce sought, and was granted leave to Judicially Review the State’s decision to grant a foreshore licence to Providence Resources last December arguing that there was a fundamental flaw in the decision because of a transposition error in Irish legislation which did not implement the EU’s EIA Directive correctly.

The next development was on February 12th when Providence Resources Plc. voluntarily surrendered the Licence referring in their press statement to the lack of clarity the transposition error created and the consequential risk to the licence of legal challenges.

This challenge was brought to a successful conclusion, when lawyers acting for the State confirmed to the President of the High Court, Mr Justice Kearns, that the licence had been surrendered without any assurances or commitments being given to Providence regarding any future application; and that the

surrender has been accepted without any conditions.

The State’s Lawyers further confirmed that a review of the implementation of the Environmental Impact Assessment has commenced, to ensure that the inadequate transposition of the Directive identified by An Taisce in the proceedings will be remedied.

The High Court proceedings confirmed that the State have commenced a review of Ireland’s implementation of the EIA directive to ensure the sections at issue in this litigation will be properly implemented into Irish Law.

This vindicates the action that An Taisce, on behalf of concerned citizens, took. However, people need to be remain vigilant in relation to the protection and ecological importance of Dublin Bay and the amenity it provides.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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Sorting of June Newsletter in OLH
 (1pm-2pm) Thurs. 30 May
 DCC June Monthly Meeting Tues. 4 June

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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

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St. Patrick's Church, Dalkey, Saturday 11th May - St. Patrick's Garden Fete.

Holy Trinity Killiney, Saturday 18th May - Holy Trinity Garden Fete from 11am-3pm.

NATURE NOTES FOR MAY 2013

Tuesday 7 May: "The Red Kite Project" - Talk by Dr Mark Ruddock. Meet at the Kingston Hotel at 8.00pm.

Sunday 12 May: Outing to Redcross and Avoca for Red Kites. Meet at the Beehive Pub beside the N11 about 5 kilometres south of Wicklow town.

Saturday 18 May: Walk around Killiney Hill. Meet at the main car park at 9.00am.

Sunday 19 May: Dawn Chorus Day outing to Cabinteely Park. Meet at the Cabinteely House car park at 4.00am.

Check out the DLR events website for a comprehensive guide to what's happening in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area. Many of the events are FREE for everyone to enjoy. www.dlrevents.ie

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

Last year I mentioned that the BBC had to cut £70 million from their budget, and the effect it would have on television. As a result BBC HD has now disappeared from our screens, only to be merged with BBC2 HD. Regional versions of the BBC have also been dropped from satellite (with the exception of London, Ulster, Scotland and Wales). BBC3 and BBC4 will unfortunately be cutting back on production, and will also be shortening their broadcast hours. BBC1 HD has also launched, and in time will replace BBC1, which will also disappear from our screens shortly. Many viewers will need to re-tune their set-top boxes to receive these new channels.

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