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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.



ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Dalkey Community Council cordially invites all residents of Dalkey to its Annual Public Meeting on Monday, 11th May 2015 at 8.00 p.m. in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey. All welcome.



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DCC ANNUAL COLLECTION

Dear Resident,

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SUMMARY OF DCC APRIL 2015 MONTHLY MEETING



The DCC Monthly Meeting was held on Monday 13th April in OLH.

NW: The Gardai are investigating several burglaries in the area. They will also follow up on a complaint about gangs of youths that have been seen at Hyde Road recreation area and Coliemore Road behaving in an unruly manner.

NS: DCC would like to thank all our residents who have given to the annual collection and remind those who may forgotten that it is not too late to make a donation.

Planning: Pegasus Life has withdrawn their application for the proposed 57 retirement apartments at Dalkey Manor. DCC will be monitoring this matter.

AOB: DLR Age Friendly Action Strategy will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 5th May at 2pm and all older people are invited to attend.

The next DCC meeting is the Public Meeting that will be held on Monday 11th May 2015. All residents of Dalkey are invited to attend this meeting.



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The Vikings are back!

The 1st of May sees the beginning of the busy summer season, though numbers have been spreading out through the year. Language school business continues to grow largely because of the interactive nature of the tour with live performances from actors of Deilg Inis Theatre Company.

Literary Heritage: The tribute evening to Fr Forristal, priest, pastor, playwright, historian and Dalkey Parish Priest from 1985-2001 was favoured with a full house in the Town Hall on April 17th. Fr Dermot McCarthy of RTE and Radharc was Master of Ceremonies. There were many memories shared and a selection of Fr Forristal's



work with Radharc was screened. There was a rehearsed reading of the trial scene from his play 'Trial by Fury'. The play had been premiered by Dalkey Players in the Town Hall in 1991. Some of the special souvenir programmes with articles all pertaining to Fr Forristal are still available in the Heritage Centre.

Maeve Binchy: Fans of Maeve's, particularly from the US, continue to visit the Centre to ask about Maeve. Shay Linehan, playwright is working on an adaptation of her work 'Aches and Pains' into a stage show. More details anon.

The Dalkey Island Ferry with Ken at the helm will be back in action in May and through the summer months. We have been working with Dr Jason Bolton, Architectural Conservation Consultant to produce an audio tour of the main features of the island on an MP3 player with the support of DLR. This is an action of the Dalkey Islands Conservation Plan. The players will be ready in mid-June and available in the Heritage Centre.

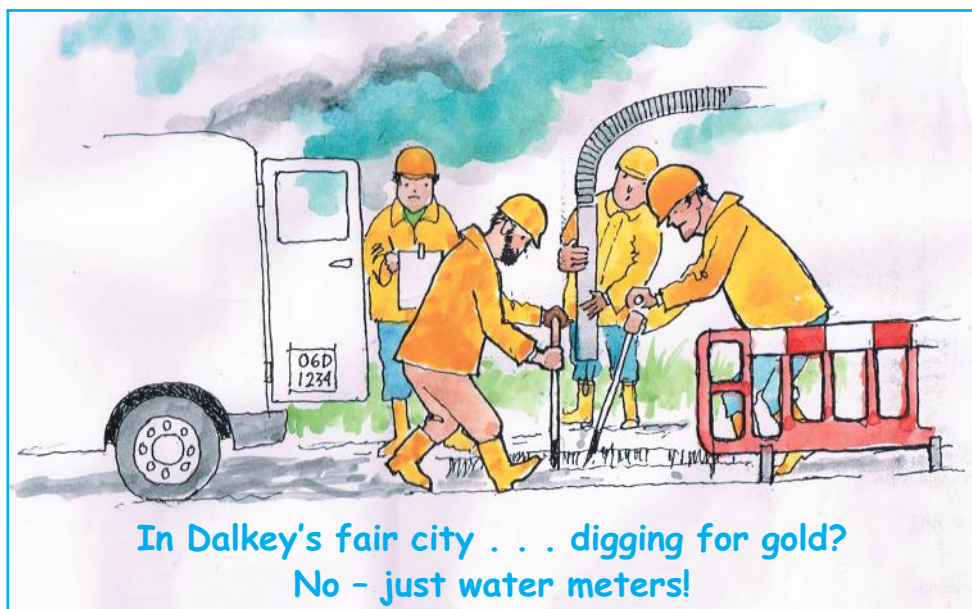
DATES FOR THE DIARY:

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

The sixth **Dalkey Book Festival** takes place from 11th-14th June. Organisers, David McWilliams and Sian Smyth are busily planning the programme. A Yeats Day will be a feature of the festival to mark the 150th anniversary of the poet's birth on June 13th. You can sign up for early festival updates at www.dalkeybookfestival.org.

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James whom I met last year. He had served many years in prison and when it came to his time to be released, a senior policeman would not release him until he had paid him a specific amount of money! In other words, he wanted a bribe and I refused to bow down to bribery even though we had the money to give him for James's release. It was the hardest thing for me not to do and I really struggled with it. To cut a long story short, as I write this, James has been released without us having to make that payment. There were lots of happy tears over James! On its own, this was a miracle considering the established culture within the authorities in Malawi. The poverty and horrific conditions that the prisoners exist in are simply beyond human comprehension. Such is the poverty amongst the prisoners that they burn the clothes we give them to use as fuel to cook their food. Sometimes I feel like I am watching a movie and I am going to wake only to realise I was dreaming. What I am witnessing is raw and real. One twenty-something boy stole my heart. Covered in sores on his face because of AIDS, no shoes on his feet, one dirty stinking t-shirt

Hello good people of Dalkey! Once again thank you for all your love and support and, most of all, encouragement through emails, What's App and texts. I am grateful for your thoughtfulness and the time you make for supporting Malawi Missions, the Poor Locations Feeding Programme, and me. Just felt I needed to send you the last update on Malawi before I fly out to Zambia and not sure what communication will be like depending on where I am there. So far, we have had success with the prison programs regardless of opposition challenges the details of which I won't go into here. It's absolutely shocking and disappointing to see so much corruption in my country and people suffering so much as a result of the police and army. Take, for instance,



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and a torn pair of shorts to his name, he was a heart-breaking sight. No family or friend to go see him, loneliness, rejection and hunger seemed to be his constant - and only - companions.

At first I found it difficult to even look at him. Everything in me as a human being was being challenged left, right and centre in sheer disbelief as well as a feeling of helplessness combined with feelings of being overwhelmed by seeing a fellow human being enduring such suffering. We began a feeding program for this young man and started visiting him and taking food to him. At times, he would sell this food, including the slippers we bought for him, all for comfort money and some of the other prisoners were stealing his food. On one occasion I decided I would ask permission from the soldiers with whom I have been working if I could take the young man into an official's office and make sure this lad ate his food. We were granted permission and I have never seen a hungry man who couldn't wait to get his hands on the rice porridge we brought for him

together with some egg sandwiches as he quickly devoured all four of them. Then it was time for him to go back to the terrible conditions of the cells and seeing him being led back by the soldiers through the iron bars of the prison left me deeply moved because for the first time I felt such a wave of love in my heart for this boy and almost felt the loneliness he felt and I could see the great fear in him. Gone was the stench I smelt the first day I met him which was replaced by the excitement of seeing him again and the chance to feed him. He has since come through a lot and the sores on his face are better and he looks brighter and healthier. The sad thing is that he has no one at all to visit him, and such is the case with so many of them. The things we take for granted! The AIDS prisoners are being fed to the best of my ability and I am going to see them tomorrow to drop in some more food. Dave had been extremely underweight and I was very happy to be informed that he had gained a little weight all because of the peanut butter we had taken to him together with some other treats. The Women's Prison has been the most challenging for me as there I saw little one-month old babies with their mothers and two-year old little boys with no shoes. Even more difficult to comprehend was the fact that the women had no sanitary pads and they have to stand under a cold shower to 'bleed out ' so to speak during menstruation. I was able to get lots of pads for them and I was shocked to see them clap their hands in excitement and appreciation when they saw the pads. I say this from the depth of my heart that I felt so overwhelmed and embarrassed at the same time and great disappointment towards the leaders of my country who appear to be failing their own. A precious friend, Caitríona Fogarty in Dalkey, has worked relentlessly with me to send more pads and underwear to the women and is in the midst of trying to negotiate with a Dublin company to donate pads to send out to the women even after I have left Africa. We have taken food and milk for the children and for the women. Going to drop a few clothes and shoes for the little boy. Good news is that two of the mothers have been released! Two more to go! The last Poor



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Locations Feed took place on the 15th and it was a success. It's a joy to see the children get excited to receive a treat of orange juice, never mind pasta, which is a complete luxury for them. There are so many cases we are dealing with that time will not allow me to share everything but I look forward to meeting up with you all when I get back to Dalkey in May and to show you photos and share the rest. On a final note, I am learning a lot and being humbled every day. Through the prisoners, I am learning that everybody deserves a second chance in life and somebody to believe in them even when society has given up on them. Nobody wants to go to prison. We can't change the world but we can extend our hands and reach out to somebody in need and it doesn't have to be far away. People need love and compassion and most of them are just outside our own doorsteps. We may not have the answers to everything in life, sometimes we may ask questions that we may never get answers to but one thing I sure am learning in the most challenging of ways is to reach out to those that we may not look twice at and not want to be associated with. Like I said I am being humbled in every sense of the way and I have found this work to be of great reward. Lots of tears have been shed too over these precious people but all in all, they have brought and given me such joy in allowing me to be a little part of their lives for the duration of time I have been here. This I will cherish for the rest of my life. Once again thank you from my heart for your love and care. I look forward to seeing you all in May.



Photo: P. Row

Prishela Row – *A Dalkey Resident, originally from Malawi.*

MALAWI FEEDING PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

All Poor Location Feeds in Malawi were done in the Blantyre region of Matope in Mpemba district. They are aimed at poor children where decent, nourishing food is a luxury in most areas of this locality. Pasta, meatballs, savoury rice and plain rice, beef meat lentils, dry fish and nsima (Maize flour cooked into a thick pulp, Malawi's staple food) were part and parcel of the menu for these feeds and they were highly appreciated by the people of this extremely poor area.



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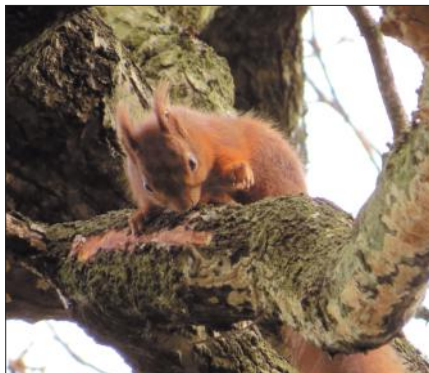
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*Female Linnet**Photo: M. Ryan*

It was as if somebody had flicked a switch as the windy, wet, cold weather of Good Friday transformed overnight to Easter Saturday's beautiful blue skies, sunshine and rapidly rising temperatures and it kick-started all sorts of activity. I had taken my own advice and left out little clumps of dog hair on hedges and bushes in the garden as nest material and saw it being gathered by greenfinch and dunnocks. Round the hills it seemed as if birds were suddenly sprouting handlebar moustaches as they filled their bills with stems and grasses, a female linnet taking her nest building material into the gorse above the path. We were able to spot two separate pairs of mistle thrushes who had started bringing moss and twigs to nests high in the forks of beech trees. I often wonder how they manage to breed successfully as they build highly visible nests on open limbs of trees and they seem to be in a constant state of battle with magpies and other potential predators. As we were watching one mistle thrush sitting in her nest a pair of jays appeared nearby. At first they were eating ivy berries then they too began gathering nesting material and flying off with it. We couldn't see where they went but it looks like they're not going to nest near last year's site where they had some, probably unwanted, close neighbours in a pair of sparrowhawks. We saw three butterflies that same warm morning, two peacocks and a small tortoiseshell which would have awoken from hibernation. Back in the garden I was able to witness ladybirds mating, long periods of total immobility broken by short bursts of activity when the, presumably, male on top would do little sideways wiggles.

We were very glad to hear from a friend we met on the hill that a number of red squirrels had taken up winter residence in a big garden off Killiney Hill Road, up to four individual females at one time, to the delight of the owner. Although we'd heard of sightings we ourselves hadn't seen any reds on the hill for a few months so we were delighted to hear they were still in the vicinity. Just a few minutes after we met our friend as we headed up through the trees we were lucky enough to spot the subject of our conversation, first one, and then another red squirrel moving through some Scots pines. Looking up at them from below we were able to ascertain they were a male and a female, hopefully a breeding pair. We watched them for ages, chewing moss or fungus off the bark of a tree trunk and holding little stems of larch between their paws as they nibbled the fresh young buds, looking as if they were playing some type of woodwind instrument. Seeing them at all, feeding or just perched, is always a pleasure but your heart soars when you see them moving, leaping effortlessly from tree to tree as these did, covering great distances in seconds. You can't help but be a bit concerned as they throw themselves from one slight branch to the next. Despite their agility and sharp claws squirrels do occasionally fall out of

*Red Squirrel**Photo: M. Ryan*



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trees and indeed we did once see one fall out of a tree though thankfully its descent was broken by other branches and it recovered quickly, seemingly unharmed, after hitting the ground.

You may have seen the very amusing video of sheep being herded by a Carlow farmer using a remote controlled drone. The drone itself is filming the sheep while it moves them around the fields and the film is speeded up to a soundtrack of music familiar from the Benny Hill shows. I saw the farmer being interviewed on TV where, when asked how his sheepdog felt about it, said the sheepdog was sitting outside the back door enjoying a Pina Colada, having retired from shepherding duties. Drones, as they get better and cheaper, are now used for all sort of activities some very worthwhile, some totally irresponsible and dangerous.

When we were in Estonia last year we met a BBC reporter and a cameraman who were doing a piece about the popularity of bear watching. The sweeping overhead shots of vast forests they later used in their report were shot by a drone and drones are now often used by reporters to film trouble spots during warfare without putting a cameraman or pilot in danger.

There has been a degree of controversy in the falconry community as to the ethics of using drones to train birds of prey. Some birds have actually been trained to attack the drones themselves which could result in injury for the bird while other owners have dangled a lure, which would previously have been hung from a kite or balloon, underneath the drone which means it is far enough away from the drone to ensure there is no collision while simultaneously filming the bird spectacularly snatching the lure.

Drones have been banned from some US parks due to their potential disturbance of resident raptors but elsewhere they have also proved to be very useful in some aspects of wildlife conservation. In Indonesia and Malaysia conservationists working to protect orangutans use drones to monitor the animals in areas of rainforest that would be virtually inaccessible to humans as well as monitoring illegal clearance of forest. In Africa the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) plans on using drones to help protect elephants and rhinos by tracking poachers from the air. In Britain drones have recently been used to monitor the nests of Hen Harriers; very endangered ground nesting raptors who would be very disturbed by any human presence but will apparently tolerate a high flying machine.



Male Wren singing
Photo: M. Ryan



NATURE NOTES FOR MAY 2015



INDOOR MEETING

Tuesday 5th May 2015 at 8pm

Venue: Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney.

Title: Dublin Bay Birds - The Thrill is in the Chase.

Speaker: Ricky Whelan.

OUTDOOR MEETING

Sunday 10th May 2015 at 10:30am

Outing to: Arklow Ponds, Co. Wicklow.

Extra information: Meet in the carpark close to the ponds. Arklow Ponds are on the north side of the River Avoca close to the sea walk.

NATIONAL DAWN CHORUS DAY

Sunday 17th May 2015 at 4am

Outing to: Cabinteely Park, Co. Dublin.

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Dún Laoghaire Cruise-Berth Proposal

At the end of this April/early May, a finalised planning application from Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company on the proposed yet controversial €18m Cruise-Berth, is to be lodged to An Bord Pleanála along with an (EIS) Environmental Impact Statement.

The application followed a two-week Consultation Process for the general public and stakeholders to make submissions to DLHC. The proposed 435m jetty includes a 300m quay to handle cruiseships even longer of that length at a site near the harbour's centre and entrance. This issue formed part of the debate. Also raised was the financial merit from such business directly benefiting Dún Laoghaire and nearby Dalkey. Add to the mix, the backdrop of Dublin Port's plan for a €30m cruise terminal.

In previous 'Maritime' Dalkey coverage that focused on 'cruiseships' notably over the last three years, this was to highlight the changing dynamics of Dublin Bay and of the sheer physical size that these massive cruiseships potentially pose in occupying within Dún Laoghaire Harbour. Albeit, not fixed structures, they will certainly make an impact that may prove debatable for some on the local character of the harbour when compared to perhaps the romance of anchoring in Dublin Bay.

Should such larger ships dock in Dún Laoghaire, they will easily be bigger than the 3,000 passenger 'QM2' (see, July 2013 issue & photo from Bulloch). The 151,000 tonnes Cunard 'liner' in height terms is 61.9m compared to the now laid-up fast-ferry HSS Stena Explorer of only 22.5m.

Given the HSS (High-speed Sea Service) is no more, one could adapt the terminology to Huge-Scale Sided ships! DLHC wants to emulate Cobh Cruise Terminal's capability to handle such larger cruise ships, as they claim if facilities are not put in place, Ireland risks losing on expanding cruise markets.

This April the Port of Cork Company are to have completed an upgrade in Cobh to accept Europe's largest cruiseships, the Mega 'Quantum' class 168,000 tonnes carrying almost 5,000 passengers.



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As for Dún Laoghaire's first caller this season on 11 May, MSC's *Splendida*, of 137,000 tonnes has a 3,900 passenger capacity and 1,300 crew. In total a record 22 callers are to bring an estimated 100,000 passengers and crew in 2015. QM2 is to call again and P&O's *Britannia* of 143,000 tonnes.

Dalkey Island Ferry Following last year's much welcomed restoration of Coliemore Harbour-Dalkey Island licensed ferryboat service and notable upgraded island slipway, 'Ken the Ferryboat Man' will operate throughout the summer from late April. Call Ken 085 2426516 or at www.kentheferryman.com

Quirky 'Sounding' Craft As a resident close to Dalkey Sound over the years, the variety of vessels witnessed is broad and some are rather unusual looking, noting the SGT Pepper. The multi-cat workboat (with its name referencing to the 'Beatles' eighth-studio album), saw the craft contribute in constructing Greystones Marina. She made for a serial sight as a cargo van was parked on board.

Holyhead NO, Howth YES On a related note to car-carrying craft, the aforementioned HSS *Stena Explorer* which made her final voyage last September following closure of the historic Ireland-Wales link, saw Stena Line concentrate on the existing Dublin Port-Holyhead route.

As alluded to in the last issue, this leaves Dún Laoghaire with only one notable passenger-operator; in the form of

Dublin Bay Cruises. As mentioned before, DBC runs an evening cruise through Dalkey Sound to Killiney Bay, however, they also serve Dún Laoghaire-Howth.

The harbour to harbour link is somewhat ironic as the Royal Mail Packets in 1834 transferred operations from Howth to Dun Laoghaire after completion of the East Pier in Dún Laoghaire.

Finally, all may not be over as regards the Holyhead ferry, as DLHC sought and received seven interested parties to resume the seasonal-only service. Should this become a reality, the port company cite this would not be until 2016.

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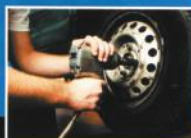
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Spring is at its height this month. Our Dawn Chorus is now a medley of native and migrant birds and our wildflowers are beautifully colouring our landscapes. Some of our herbaceous borders are growing in leaps and bounds. Is it not clear to us that our summer is approaching? In some ways, I don't need a list of what to do in the garden in May because every time I walk out there, the jobs are staring at me, straight in the face!

When buying plants especially summer bedding, look for the ones that are green,

healthy and bushy with plenty of flower buds rather than open blooms. Some people believe that clashing colours don't seem to matter in the garden - get out there: 'The World Really is Your Oyster!' Vine Weevil larvae just love containerised plants and become active this month. Tip out the rootball of suspect plants and inspect for creamy, orange headed maggots which tend to curl up in a 'C' shape; there are various biological controls available. Likewise check lilies for red lily beetles and their yellow larvae. These bright red little darlings with their black heads and their yellow larvae can strip plants in days!



Lily Beetle

Some Micro Greens to Grow Right Now

Micro leaves are simply herbs and leafy greens in miniature and are just as full of goodness. In fact studies have found that important nutrients are four times more concentrated in micro form than in the mature, fully grown plants. Their flavour is also more intense in their first true leaves. Micro leaves are also usually eaten fresh and raw, there is no point in cooking their so tiny leaves and the fresher they are the more health giving vitamins and minerals they contain. Each little leaf is basically a goldmine of vitamins, antioxidants and minerals, such as iron, folic acid and potassium. The Garden Centres are full of teenage plantlets of salads, herbs and vegetables. For those that find growing from seed daunting this is the ideal solution. A special friend of mine was shopping locally last Saturday and left outside our hall door, a surprise of some beautiful fresh watercress. I noticed, some of the watercress had roots so before annihilating some I potted up several of these juicy delicious peppery roots. Now, we have three good sized pots of watercress, at our beck and call!

Some Micro Greens to Grow Generally

Rocket, radish, coriander (use the red-stemmed leaves), Pak Choi, mustard, watercress, basil, fennel, mizuna and flat leafed parsley.

MIGHT DO MAYBE MAY JOBS

1. Clean your greenhouse to keep pests and diseases at bay. Sweep benches and wash them down with garden disinfectant. I am promising myself, I will do same, before this coming weekend!

Look out for crevices where pests hide. Cleaning the glass also allows more light in.

2. Continue removing moss and weeds from terraces, paths and driveways; I find the very best way to remove weeds is to simply dig each one out by its roots, especially before they self seed.
3. Remember not to be beguiled by warm days. A late spring frost will wreck and cause havoc with your summer bedding unless protected and hardened off. (Harden the half-hardy plants by leaving them outside during the day and bringing them back under cover at night).

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4. Prune back spring flowering shrubs after flowering. Please check for nesting birds before clipping hedges.
5. It's a good idea to remove duckweed and blanket weed from ponds and thin excessive growth of submerged oxygenators. Lay removed weeds beside the pond overnight in order to allow insects, snails and other pond life to escape back to the water.
6. Keep mint roots under control by lifting and dividing or alternatively grow in pots. Once within a pot, they can be buried within a bed with other herbs, if preferred.
7. As we know, our water is such a precious commodity, so a good compost, supplemented with plenty of horticultural grit in tubs and pots will require far less watering.



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DALKEY ROWING CLUB NEWS



NEW SEASON/NEW BOAT!!

Dalkey Rowing Club is back on the water and inviting the people of Dalkey to come down and give it a go!

The new season started on the 28th April following the Blessing of our new boat on Sunday 26th April. The Blessing took place in the Tramyard on the Sunday afternoon where the new boat and its new name was revealed. It was blessed by Father Declan ready for its launch into Coliemore Harbour on the 28th. The club is really excited about the new boat and is looking forward to testing its capabilities in the upcoming season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people and businesses of Dalkey, whose generous support allowed this to happen.

Rowing is an inclusive sport that is not only great one of the best fitness workouts you can have but gives you access to the beautiful Dublin Bay. As well as the buzz in the harbour, being out on the sea is medicinal, and marine life spotted includes dolphins and porpoises.

Dalkey Rowing Club would like to invite local people to come down and give it a go! Anyone is welcome to come and join. We have members as young as 11 and as old as ...well it would impolite to say! Men and women. Monday nights are designated beginners nights and run from 7pm till sunset at Coliemore Harbour. If you are interested then please pop down.

The new boat will be put to test for the first time in the Dalkey regatta on the 14th June. The Dalkey regatta will kick off the racing season so it is important not just for the people of Dalkey but to the whole East Coast League. It is a great day out (particularly if it's sunny!) so please feel free to come down and give the rowers your support.

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DLR SPORTS PROGRAMMES & EVENTS



ACTIVE 4 ALL

On the 12th and 13th May dlr Sports Partnership is teaming up with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to organise two days of activity taster sessions in dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown. Anyone in the County over the age of 55 is invited to register for one of these fun days. The focus will be on group activities and light exercises, promoting movement to improve and enhance a healthy lifestyle. Pre-registration is essential by completing and returning an official Application Form that can be found on www.dlrsportspartnership.ie

GET WALKING IN DLR

We've held 2 walking programmes already this year in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown (dlr). On completion of either programme, participants have the option to join a walking group. This walking group, called the Movers, were set up last year and organise free walks twice per week around dlr. If you or anyone you know would like further information on this group please email sportspartnership@dlrcoco.ie

BIKE WEEK 2015

Ireland's annual Bike Week is taking place this week from 13th-21st June with a variety of cycling and awareness raising events across the county. This will include a Family Fun 10K Cycle from Blackrock to UCD and back on Sunday the 21st June at 3pm. This will be a free event organised by the Sports Partnership and the Smarter Travel Unit in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. For more information and a full list of the events taking place during the week, please keep an eye on our website www.dlrsportspartnership.ie

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

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0166 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Mar-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Siobhan Smyth, 54A Ulverton Road, Dalkey

Proposal: Permission for new dwelling house with entrance provided from Southwinds including driveways, landscaping, boundary wall, connections to drainage and services already provided and ancillary works at rear garden.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0071 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Mar-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Mrs McKenna-Carevic, 10 Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of addition of 6m² (six square meters) porch to the front of existing garage. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0404 **Application Rec'd Date:** 24-Jun-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Glencairn Flat Management Ltd, Glencairn Apartments, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for 4 additional apartments (2 at new 3rd floor level and one at each of 1st floor and 2nd floor levels) and associated circulation and landlord areas, representing an increase of two units from previously approved application reference D10A/0614 (PL06D.239478). Also, revised vehicular gate position (as previously approved) to facilitate additional car parking spaces and general elevational modifications to entire building.

Application Type: Permission: Additional Information: 23-Mar-2015.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0208 **Application Rec'd Date:** 27-Mar-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Gerard Ryan, 36 Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling, including removal of existing septic tank; construction of new 4 bedroom dwelling of 2 storeys over basement level and store; associated landscaping, site development works and service.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0089 **Application Rec'd Date:** 25-Mar-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Julie & Cyril McGuire, 12 Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of an existing single storey extension to the rear, the construction of new two storey extension with roof terrace to the rear and removal of existing roof with new second storey extension also with roof terrace.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0108 **Application Rec'd Date:** 02-Apr-2015

Applicant Name & Location: P Murphy, 8 Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for partial demolition of existing flat roof garage to the side of existing detached house and construction of: 1. New single storey extension to the side with flat parapet roof. 2. New steps to the side of existing garage to access new house entrance. 3. roof lights in new flat roof. 4. Internal alterations and associated site and drainage works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0792 **Application Rec'd Date:** 09-Dec-2014

Applic. Name & Location: Adrian Lynch & Louise Gallagher, 4 Victoria Tce, Dalkey Ave., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the reconfiguring of existing rear extension, including the addition of 11.3 sqm at first floor level to accommodate an en-suite bathroom and dressing area and for the remodelling of existing rear dormer window at roof level and for associated site works, including widening the front gateway. Additional Information: 10-Apr-2015.

PLANNING DECISIONS WEEKS 11-15 2015 9/3/2015 to 2/4/2015

- Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0008 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 9-Mar-2015
Applicant Name & Location: A & J McGouran, 12 Ulverton Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for a single storey extension to the side and rear of existing house, new boathouse to the rear, a new pedestrian entrance from Ulverton Road and a new vehicular access from Carysfort Road and changes to existing external finishes. Located in an Architectural Conservation Area.
- Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0030 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 13-Mar-2015
Applicant Name & Location: Iris O'Malley, 21 Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey. (The White House)
Proposal: Permission for Retention for a revised alignment to the boundary wall between House B (constructed) and approved House A (D13A/0317 PL06D.242469).
Application Type: Permission for Retention.
- Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0052 **Decision:** Withdraw the Application **Date:** 12-Mar-2015
Applicant Name & Location: Siobhan Smyth, 54A Ulverton Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for Granny Annex extension/alterations to side of two storey dwelling house previously granted permission under D06A/1619/E (PL06D.221728). The application will cover new entrance and driveways, landscaping, boundary wall, provision of drainage and services and ancillary works at rear garden.
- Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0051 **Decision:** Withdraw the Application **Date:** 24-Mar-2015
Applicant Name & Location: PegasusLife, Lands at Dalkey Manor, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.
Proposal:
Permission for the demolition of existing two storey dwelling 'Dalkey Manor' (273 sqm), entrance gates, piers and splay walls and the construction of a specialised 'later living' development, consisting of: (i) 6 no. four storey blocks in two terraces with a recessed fifth floor level (over basement car parking level) providing 57 no. accommodation units with private balconies/terraces etc.
- Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0067 **Decision:** Withdraw the Application **Date:** 26-Mar-2015
Applicant Name & Location: Pam Rafferty, 48 Carysfort Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the following: 1. The demolition of the existing rear single storey garage and the provision in its place of a single storey granny flat with pedestrian access from Carysfort Drive. 2. The provision of a new vehicle access in revised location to replace the existing vehicle access on Carysfort Drive with sliding gate in the side boundary wall. 3. To increase the height of the existing side concrete block wall to a height of 2 metres along the boundary with Carysfort Drive.
- Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0083 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 31-Mar-2015
Applicant Name & Location: Richard McCarthy, Ulysses, Ardbrough Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for extension and renovation to existing dwelling house. More specifically: (i) Demolish existing porch; construct front (south) extension comprising sunroom and entrance/porch to ground-floor, winder-garden and balcony above to first-floor. Iii) 2 no. new balconies to first-floor rear (north) elevation. (iii) Modification of window opes and doors and associated modifications of internal layout. (iv) New rooflights to rear (north) slope. (v) Existing front (south) boundary wall raised to height of existing timber plank fence, in line with height of neighbour's wall to west, with new sliding gate to existing access.
- Reg. Ref.:** D15A/0088 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 2-Apr-2015
Applicant Name & Location: Michael Hamilton, Site to rear of 28 Sorrento Road, Dalkey, (also known as 8 Rockfort Avenue)
Proposal: Permission for: Demolition of 1.5 storey extension and single storey garage to the rear of existing dwelling; making good and alterations to the rear facade of existing property; demolition of boundary walls and gates along the laneway to the north; construction of 1 no. dwelling (part 2-storey, part single storey) with off-street car park space, drainage connection and all associated site and landscape works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0089

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 1-Apr-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Michelle Dolan, Topcliffe, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Demolishing existing dwelling house and 2. The construction of a new replacement fully serviced three storey dwelling house and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0092

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 1-Apr-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Paul & Kieran Aherne, 9 Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Construction of first floor extension to side over existing single storey part dwelling with new door to side. 2. Demolition of single storey shed to rear and construction of single storey extension to rear and altered first floor window design. 3. Construction of single storey front porch. 4. Conversion of attic to study room with roof lights to front, side and rear. 5. Widen vehicular access, solar panels to side roof and associated internal alterations.

Reg. Ref.: D15B/0028

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 31-Mar-2015

Applicant Name & Location: Kenneth & Heather Brown, The Cottage, Vico Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a 7.55 sqm dormer extension of length 8.35m and height 2.575m to the sea-facing roof slope of the house.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks.11-15 9/3/'15 to 2/4/'15

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APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks.10-14 2/3/'15 to 27/3/'15

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Graffiti

Guilty vandals will continue to be processed by the Gardaí and a number are already under investigation. If convicted, they may lose their ability to obtain visas to enter the USA, Australia, Canada and many other countries. Employment opportunities may also be damaged. In other words, Graffiti vandals are exposing themselves to life-changing penalties. Parents, please do what you can to help make this known.

The month of March certainly saw some appreciated reductions in the level of damage done by the Graffiti vandals. A total of 45 tags were removed from granite walls, road signs, railings and street furniture. The peak last year was in August with 316 tags! All these tags were forwarded to the Gardaí, DLRCC and Irish Rail. With the Summer holidays now approaching, extensive use of cameras will be in place to help prevent this damage from destroying the special attraction of Dalkey. Please report any Graffiti sightings or knowledge of these vandals to : info@DalkeyAdoptMyStreet.com.



A DELIGHTFUL TRIP TO DALKEY ISLAND



On Friday, 5th September last - a glorious day - we were taken over to Dalkey Island on the boat, ‘Lily Rose’ by Paul Cunningham (The Ferryman’s brother). I hadn’t been over there since I was a child. On one occasion when I was fourteen or fifteen, my friend and I tried to swim over to the Island from Coliemore Harbour, but had to be rescued by a passing boat not realising the strength of the currents and, of

course at that age, one is much more adventurous!

Anyway, on the Island again we saw the 13th Century church, the Martello Tower and the Gun Battery at the end of the Island. In the distance was Lamb Island, Maiden Rock and the Muglins Lighthouse; all very interesting. We brought a picnic and enjoyed the sunshine. The Island itself badly needs to be cultivated as there are multitudes of brown thorns, nettles and rabbit burrow holes. In fact, one would need to be quite agile to get around it safely.

The new landing slipway is certainly a brainwave as many visitors were going back and forth on the ferryboat that day.

After a thoroughly enjoyable day, Paul and his friend, Merlyn collected us at 3 p.m. Both were very helpful to us for getting on and off the boat. I believe that the trips don’t finish until the end of September or early October each year so a visit is highly recommended.

Marie Byrne – Dalkey



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massive range of glassware. Together they are revolutionising the way we drink wine.

So what is all the fuss about Riedel glasses? Surely if you pour the same wine into two different glasses the wine should taste the exact same?

As we all know, there are five senses that drive our perception- sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. When it comes to wine the most important are smell and taste, just as important as each other in fact. After extensive wine tastings over a number of years Georg's father Claus, in 1958, created a glass that was 'wine friendly'. Through his research he found that the perfect wine glass should be clear, undecorated, polished, and shaped like an egg and most importantly- crystal. They also make a glass for each grape varietal with this in mind and shape the glass so, as you drink your Sauvignon it hits the right taste receptors on your tongue. They even produce stemless wine glasses which are being hailed as the new 'modern' wine glass.

Today they produce 55 million pieces of glassware a year, from the Sommelier's glass to the affordable and popular Cabernet/Merlot glass. Unfortunately, they don't come cheap but I believe it is worth having a few in your press, because after much research, I have yet to find a sceptic- wine does in fact taste better from a Riedel glass.

In a recent interview Georg has said that his next challenge is to create the Riedel water glass, a hard challenge indeed especially when it has no taste or smell! "So where can I get these revolutionary glasses that are going to change the way I drink wine forever?" I hear you ask. Well Riedel's main distributor in Ireland is Mitchell & Son Wine Merchant's. Your nearest store is located in Glashule. However, with the lovely weather we are experiencing you might like to take a trip out to Wicklow and visit their store in Avoca Kilmacanogue. They stock a wide range of Riedel glassware and decanters. However, we should always remember the important rule when it comes to any quality wine glasses you may have- wash them the next day and NOT just after you have finished the bottle!

Sinéad Tyrrell

❖ NOTE FROM AN POST ❖

Note from An Post regarding the delivery area of Dalkey

As the town of Dalkey is covered by the delivery unit in Glenageary, all addresses in Dalkey would be considered a Glenageary address for the purposes of mail sortation and delivery. The postal addresses of Dalkey, Dún Laoghaire, Sallynoggin, Monkstown Farm, Kill O' The Grange, Glashule, Sandycove, Killiney, Loughlinstown, Ballybrack and Glenageary would follow this criterion

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On Monday 16th March Harold Boys' N.S. held the Ronan Maguire Soccer Tournament in memory of our late, respected caretaker. Eight teams made up of pupils from 4th, 5th & 6th class took part in the matches. At the end of an exciting day Team 7 and Team 1 took part in a great final and Team 7 came out on top. Billy Bridgeman and Killian O'Connor scored for Team 7 to take the lead and Jamie Brack got a goal back for Team 1. The presentation of the Ronan Maguire Shield was held in the school hall and our principal Ms. Buckley presented the prize. We would like to thank Ms. O'Carroll for organising the event and Mr. Smith for refereeing all the matches.

**By James Dunne,
Daniel Duarte
and Stephen Hogan**



*Ronan Maguire Perpetual Shield -
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Ms. Edel McKiernan, Head of Department, guides the music provision at the School and she also coordinates a team of seven visiting peripatetic teachers who offer lessons in voice, guitar, percussion, woodwind and strings including violin and cello to the children. Arising from such a strong creative input we are delighted to organise a School Orchestra as well as woodwind and string ensembles along with several different choirs. Our choirs regularly sing at events such as the Confirmation ceremony for our pupils at the Church of the Assumption and at the Wesley Music Festival.

Several of our children recently took part in the Rathdown Music Festival, both our String and Wind Ensembles entered the Instrumental Ensemble competition and took home both a First Prize (Strings) and a Second Prize/Highly Commended (Wind). At the Wesley Music Festival our School Orchestra won the Miller Cup for Primary Schools - a great achievement, many congratulations to the children in the Orchestra.

Annual Musical

Fifth and sixth form pupils presented "The Pinafore Pirates" to family and friends over two evening just before the end of the Spring Term. This fun caper through pirate infested waters has echoes of The Magnificent Seven as discovered when Daisy, daughter of Buttercup, seeks help to thwart a band of outrageous female pirates who have taken her suitor, Christopher, as a hostage. A hearty congratulations to all the talented performers under the guidance of Ms. McKiernan and Ms. Ridge, and many thanks to all who helped in so many ways with costumes, set and prop design, choreography, make-up and costumes.

A Mollard



DARA CHOIR



Bealtaine: the month to celebrate older people in our community.

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Loreto's Trip to Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

On Monday 9th of March 2015, Loreto Dalkey's 6th Class went to Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre. When we arrived we were greeted by our tour guide who brought us into the old and fascinating St. Begnet's Church. Here, we were told about the interesting history of the Church. In the middle of the tour guide's talk about the Viking Era in Dalkey, we were taken by surprise when a woman playing an escaped Irish slave fleeing from Dalkey Island ran into the church! We learnt that it was there on Dalkey Island that the Vikings kept their slaves. This particular slave was running from a Viking. After she told us her story we had to help hide her. It was great fun. Afterwards we were led back inside.

We then watched a fascinating film about Dalkey Island and the area of Dalkey. It had some amazing images and was very intriguing. We had a small snack and then we were split up into two groups. The first group went outside and learnt about the coins that were used in Dalkey hundreds of years ago. We even got to mint our own coin which was really fun and educational.



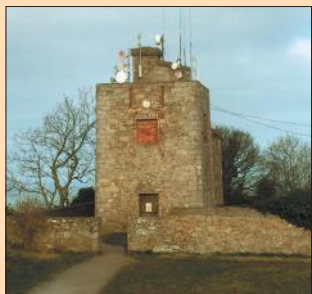
Vikings in Dalkey Heritage Centre

The other group met an actress dressed as a Victorian lady who lived in Goat Castle. Then they went upstairs to the battlements accompanied by an actor dressed as an archer. We learned what soldiers would do if they saw an enemy. It was both funny and engaging. We were then introduced to the cook which was one of our favourite moments of the tour. He told us lots of interesting facts about how food was prepared during the Medieval Era. Our tour ended with the King of Dalkey presenting each of us with a scroll thanking us for our visit. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre and we hope to go again soon. We feel very lucky to have this wonderful place so close to our school!



Vikings in Dalkey Heritage Centre

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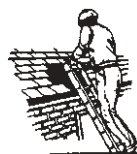
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A. What you are describing is most probably Hayfever which is an allergic condition to various pollens in the air. It normally starts in April when tree pollens start to appear (although it can happen earlier depending on weather conditions) and peaks in May-July when the grass pollen is at its highest level.

Symptoms of Hayfever include:

- Runny nose: a clear, thin and watery discharge
- Sneezing
- Blocked nose
- Itchy and watery eyes
- Itchy nose and roof of the mouth

Hayfever is normally diagnosed based on the time of year the symptoms occur and the fact that it recurs year on year.

Hayfever can normally be managed quite simply with Over-The-Counter medicines which can be recommended by the Pharmacist.

The first ones that we would normally recommend to try are Antihistamine tablets. These are available in a number of different forms some that are taken once daily and others up to three times daily. They come in both branded and generic form so ask the Pharmacist for the best product for you.

Decongestants can be used to help with the symptoms of the blocked nose and are especially helpful short term while waiting for antihistamines or steroids to take effect.

Steroid nasal sprays would be recommended when antihistamines are not effective at managing the symptoms and they act to dampen down inflammation in the nasal passage which relieves the itching and runny nose.

Antihistamine eye drops can be used with antihistamine tablets or on their own depending on severity of the symptoms and they work locally in the eyes to bring down redness, itchy and discharge.

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MAY 2015 LOCAL HISTORY LECTURES



Tuesday May 5th at 8.30 p.m. – Stephen Ferguson will present his lecture '*The GPO - 200 years of History*' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in The Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €3.

Thursday May 7th at 11.30 a.m. – James Scannell will present an RMS Lusitania Centenary lecture - 'The Last Voyage of the RMS Lusitania' in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome - admission free.

At 6.30 p.m. Dr. Eibhear Walsh will present a lecture on '*The Embrace of Love: the Censoring of Kate O'Brien*' in The National Print Museum, Garrison Chapel, Beggars Bush Barracks, Haddington Road, Dublin 4. Admission free but booking essential as places are limited -info@nationalprintmuseum.ie

Thursday May 7th at 8 p.m. – Sean Cain will present his lecture '*For the sake of the Peat: an insight to the byways and Narrow Gauge Railways of Bord na Móna*' to the Mt. Merrion Community Centre, North Ave., Mt. Merrion. All welcome - Adm. €4 / Student €2.

Friday May 8th at 7.30 p.m. – Rob Goodbody will present his lecture '*Schools in Dublin in the late 18th and 19th century*' to the NUI Maynooth History Forum in Rhetoric House, South Campus, NUI Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Saturday May 9th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 -144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, will hold a Local History Society Group Morning at which 4 lectures will take place. All welcome - admission free. Details from 01-674 4999.

Monday May 11th at 7.30 p.m. – Dr. Colleen Thomas will present her talk '*Animal and Ornament: Shared Visual Traditions in the Insular World*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2.

Tuesday May 12th at 8 p.m. – Tom Mullin will present his lecture '*Family Crests*' to The Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Donation of €3 requested

Thursday May 14th at 8.30 p.m. – James Scannell will present his lecture '*Motoring in the Early 20th Century*' to The Enniskerry History Society in The Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow. Contribution €2.

Tuesday May 19th at 8 p.m. – Cmdt. Tony Roe will present his lecture '*Gallipoli 100 years*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Pastoral Centre, beside Foxrock R.C. Church, Junction Kill Lane/ Bray Road N11 Foxrock. All welcome - admission €5

Wednesday May 20th at 8 p.m. – James Scannell will present his lecture 'Captain Herman Goertz, the German Secret Agent who came in uniform' to The Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Admission €3.50 / Retired €2.

Thursday May 21st at 8 p.m. – James Scannell will present his lecture '*World War 1 Maritime Disasters: The RMS Lusitania, 1915, & The RMS Leinster 1918*' to The Bray Cualann Historical Soc. in Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Quinsboro Road, Bray. All welcome - admission €4.

Monday May 25th – James Scannell will present his lecture '*The Last Voyage of the RMS Lusitania*' to The Clondalkin Historical Society in Aras Chronáin, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Thursday May 28th at 7.30 p.m. – Ms. Aideen Ireland will present the Helen Roe Memorial Lecture - '*Treasure Trove and Robert Day: The Case of the Brighter Hoard*' to The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Irl. in Society House, 63 Merrion Sq. South, Dublin 2.

Thursday May 28th at 8 p.m. – Conor Doyle will present his lecture '*The Theatre Royal, Dublin*' to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Admission €3. Car parking available in the Swan Centre from 6 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. - €1.50.



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The Sinking of the RMS Leinster – The commander of UB-123 was Commander Robert Ramm not Captain Schmidt as mentioned in the above article in the April 2015 issue of the Dalkey Newsletter

James Scannell

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

Services for April: Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service
Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

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

Christian Aid – Christian Aid Sunday is on 10th May. A themed service will be held in Holy Trinity at 10.45am. We will welcome a guest speaker from Christian Aid Ireland. There will be a special reception for all in the Carry Centre afterwards. Donations for Christian Aid welcome!

Ascension Thursday - 14th May – A celebration of Holy Communion in Holy Trinity at 10.30am, followed by Bacon butties and refreshments afterwards.

Pentecost Service - Sunday 24th May – On the feast of Pentecost, we are planning to join the clergy & parishioners of St Matthias', Ballybrack for a festive Holy Communion in the Old Church of Killiney on Marino Ave. The service begins at 10.30am. All welcome.

Patronal Festival - Sunday 31st May – The Annual Patronal Festival a special Parish Communion will take place in Holy Trinity on Trinity Sunday at 10.45am. Preacher: The Rt. Hon and Rt. Rev'd Robin Eames, sometime Archbishop of Armagh.

A special lunch is available afterwards in Killiney Golf Club (subject to numbers). Cost €30 pp. (Please book places with a Churchwarden or the Rector)

Holy Week & Easter 2015 – The Bishop of Meath and Kildare, the Most Revd Pat Storey, led a series of talks in three of the five local churches during Holy Week. The series began on Tuesday night in St Paul's Church in Glenageary and continued on Tuesday in St Matthias' Church in Killiney-Ballybrack on Wednesday before concluding on Maundy Thursday in Holy Trinity, Killiney.

On Monday night we were in Dalkey (where we were joined by the Wicklow Gospel Choir) and on Good Friday we were in Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire. The liturgies were inspiring and it was great to be able to worship together during this solemn week of the year. Thank you to



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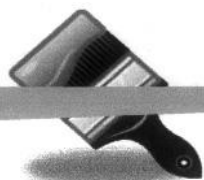
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Service & Social

The next gathering will be on Sunday 24th May at 3pm. Please contact Joan Whyte or the Rector for more information.

Sheep Thrills – Made in Ireland Every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre.

Anyone interested please contact Joan @ 0872460078. Admission €3-€5.

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society) - Saturday May 23rd

A Day trip to the North Cost of Ireland is being organized. All Gentlemen are very welcome to attend. More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

Table Tennis

The table tennis club meets every Monday at 8pm in the Carry Centre. If you are interested in trying out table tennis, you would be very welcome (and we will even lend you a bat!). For more information contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

Ladies Guild – The A.G.M. of the Guild will be held on Tuesday 12th May at 10.30 am in the Carry Centre. All welcome.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney

The next gathering will be a Dinner in the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire on Wednesday 20th May. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

Bible Study and Prayer Group

The next Bible Study on Tuesday 26th May at 10.30am in the Carry Centre. All are very welcome to attend.

Sunday Club

The final gathering (the annual Sunday Club Party) of the current academic year will be on Sunday 17th May in the Carry Centre. Please note comments from the Rector (above).

Diners Club - The KWDs

The next gathering has yet to be confirmed. Further expressions of interest or queries may be addressed to Zandra Laing or the Rector.

Parish Clean Up

Many thanks to all who assisted in the recent Parish Clean-Up!



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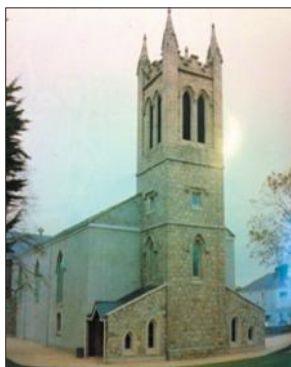
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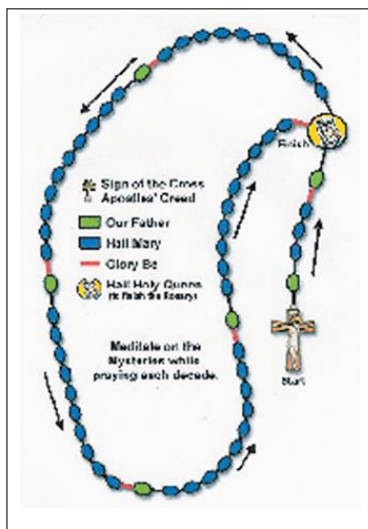
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As I write this piece for May it is in the middle of an unseasonably warm April week. The sky is crystal clear blue and birds are singing merrily as the trees and flowers start to bud and bloom. What a wonderful time of the year. The season of new beginnings and possibilities. Why not take some time out today to enjoy the fresh air and give thanks for the blessings in your life.

May is the month of Mary and a month that is very special in


our Church calendar. In the Western Church, the rosary is the pre-eminent form of prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Once a daily feature of Catholic life, it is now seeing a revival after decades of disuse. May is a very good month to begin praying and meditating with the rosary daily. For those who may have forgotten the sequence of prayer, have a look at the image to guide you how to pray the Rosary!



We welcome all of the children from all our local schools who will make their first Holy Communion on 9th, 16th and 23rd May. We thank all their teachers, their parents and the principals of the schools programme for all the work they put into preparing the children. Hearty congratulations to all the children and may they always cherish the Lord's presence. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful group of Parents and helpers who are committed to helping prepare the children through the Do this in Memory programme - which focuses on God's love for us and this precious gift that he has given us to share with each other. Following the great success of last year's parish picnic, we will once again host this fun event on Sunday 13th September after 12.30pm Mass in our own church grounds. Please note a change in date for our annual parish golf outing which will now take place in Killiney Golf Club on Friday 31st July. Just email office@dalkeyparish.ie to reserve your preferred tee time. There will be dinner afterwards in the club house and everyone is most welcome even if you are not interested in playing golf. Our annual away Day of Reflection will take place on Saturday 29th August. Details of venue etc. to follow.

And finally, we are calling all musicians! We are urgently seeking a Musical Director for our fledgling Gospel Choir. Could YOU take up the baton and the challenge? Or do you know someone who might be interested? In either case, please phone 01 2850352.

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3rd May	9am Eucharist	10.15am Parish Eucharist.
10th May	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age Family Worship.
17th May	9am Eucharist	10.15am Parish Eucharist.
24th May	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer.
31st May	9am Eucharist	10.15am Parish Eucharist.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY

Children's Programme – St. Patrick's Football Club is on Saturday 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May at 5pm in Castlepark School where new football players and trainers are always welcome.

St. Patrick's Parish Fête - 9th May 2015 – This year's fête promises to be bigger than ever with a huge range of new activities for kids. From bouncy castle to treasure maps, throwing wet-sponges at Dad, Buzzer games, face painting, wheel of fortune, pony rides, beat-the-goalie, wellie-boot throw, burgers, pancakes, smoothies, something has been planned for all young ages.

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

St. Patrick's Parish Outing – The May Parish Outing takes place on May 23rd to the Japanese Gardens and National Stud in Co. Kildare. This promises to be a most enjoyable day out for all the family. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

International Women's Choir - Monday 25th May – We are delighted to welcome back the International Women's Choir to St. Patrick's Church on Monday 26th May at 8pm. Tickets €6 at the door. This year's theme is 'Sunrise - Sunset'. This is a fund raiser for Special Needs Parents Association and is always a most enjoyable evening, so please do mark this date in your diary. Many thanks to Michi Maharry for organising this event.



DALKEY UNITED NEWS



Dalkey United are pleased to announce their 2nd 'Champions League' 5-a-side tournament taking place on **Sunday 3rd May 2015 between 10am and 4pm.**

Up to 300 boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 12 will take part in 6 age group tournaments in Hyde Park, Hyde Road.

The club is hoping to build on last year's successful tournament and is grateful to all of those who have volunteered to help out on the day and to those individuals and companies that have contributed financially or otherwise.

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St. Patrick's Church Fête from 10am-3pm	Sat 9 May
Fundraiser for Dun Laoghaire Musical & Dramatic Society in OLH from 10:30am -14:30pm	Sun 10 May
DCC Public Meeting in OLH at 8pm <i>(This meeting is open to all residents of Dalkey)</i>	Mon 11 May
Holy Trinity Parish Fête "Pirates & Princesses" in School Grounds Wyvern Estate from 11am -3pm	Sat 16 May
Sorting of June Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs. 28 May

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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

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

Combination systems are very popular these days, as there are no bills to pay after the installation charge. These systems receive RTE from a roof top aerial, and UK channels from a satellite dish, both the aerial and dish are then connected to a combination receiver. Some viewers who live on high ground can receive both Irish and UK channels from an aerial on its own, there is no need for a separate receiver, and all that is needed is a Saorview (Digital) television, and you only need one remote control (which is almost unheard of today). Location is the main factor when receiving terrestrial UK channels, the higher you are the better chance you have of receiving a good signal. As an example you have no hope of receiving terrestrial UK channels in Dalkey village, and every chance if you live on Ardbrugh road.

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