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An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Tom Murphy, at the recent launch of the Dalkey Seven Castles Trail.

*Also in attendance were Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD, Cllr. Cormac Devlin
and members of the Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee. See page 21*


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SUMMARY OF DCC APRIL MEETINGS

The DCC AGM took place on Monday 9th April in OLH. The financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2017 was adopted and the new Executive was elected. The members for 2018/19 committee are: Ethna Blake, Rosaleen Callaghan, Gerard Coakley, Elaine Feely, Lena Feely, Martine Lavery, Susan McDonnell, Danny Merity, Eileen O'Duffy, Ed O'Neill, Ann Perry and Eileen White. Susan McDonnell was re-elected as Chairman. The 12th AGM was brought to a close after the members agreed the remuneration of the auditors.

The April Monthly Meeting followed the AGM

TT: The 7 Castles Project was officially launched in the HC on Thursday 22nd March and An Cathaoirleach Tom Murphy unveiled the information panel at Archbold's Castle. DTT are busy tidying the eucalyptus grove on Torca Road and the Cat's Ladder. There is plenty of work to be done around the town in preparation for the upcoming TT competition.

Planning: The developer for Bulloch Harbour has lodged an appeal to ABP and it is hoped that many people have lodged observations in relation to this appeal.

AOB: The DCC Public Meeting will take place on **Monday 14th May**. The reports from the different committees will be presented and Sgt. James Malone will give a talk on crime prevention and personal security. All residents of Dalkey are invited to attend this meeting.

DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE

Seven Castles Project Launch. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Tom Murphy, launched Dalkey Tidy Towns' 'Seven Castles' project at Dalkey Castle on March 22nd. The project began early in 2017. During Heritage Week, Christian Corlett, of the National Monuments section at the Dept of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht gave a talk and led a walk to the approximate locations of the seven castles. Charles Smith of 'Society, Economy in Small Medieval Town' (medieval Dalkey) was very insightful on this walk also. During the months that followed, a sub-committee of the Dalkey Tidy Towns secured funding and had the seven icons installed in their approximate locations around the town.



Archbold's Castle The launch event saw the unveiling by An Cathaoirleach of an all-weather map of the locations of the seven castles at Archbold's.

Dalkey Castle produced an illustrated information brochure 'The Medieval Castles of Dalkey' to accompany the launch, detailing the uses, in so far as is known, of how the different floors in the castles were used and pointing out the features. The Fortified Townhouses/ castles, were mainly used as store-houses for the goods unloaded at Coliemore. They did however, have all the features of larger castles: Murder Hole, Machicolation, Battlements and arrow-looped windows for defensive purposes. The goods were subject to raids and attacks. Consequently, it is easy to understand how they were locally referred to as castles and were listed as such on Readings 1765 Map, as 'Castle and Garden'. (Surprisingly, Archbold's is not listed on Readings Map). The brochures are freely available in Dalkey Castle, Dalkey Library and in the local schools.

At the Archaeological Conference in Dalkey Town Hall in February 2005, John Kavanagh spoke on his excavation of the site under the former Systems Printing, where the long-sought seventh castle was located, Yellow Castle. Interestingly, among the artefacts, he remarked upon the presence of a plentiful amount of yellow clay. There is reference on Readings Map to 'fearann a caisleán buidhe' (the ground of the Yellow Castle).



At the launch of the Seven Castles Project were Deilg Inis actors Elva Crowley (left) and Brenda McSweeney (right) with An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Tom Murphy and Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle.

Photo: Ollie Rigney

The Tidy Towns judges have referred in the past to the lack of public historical information in the town, so the icons and the Seven Castles Map will be a good starting point.

DLR Council's Spring into Heritage As part of the DLR Council's Spring Programme, there will be eight DLR council-sponsored free tours in Dalkey Castle, for locals on **Sundays at 14.30 from 8th April to 27th May.**

This is a fully guided visit of Dalkey Castle and St Begnet's Church & Graveyard, the Heritage Centre and Writers' Gallery. Costumed actors bring history to life as part of the guided tour. Visitors can browse the multilingual, interactive screens. There is a wealth of historical information including the Pathé news footage of the crowning of the King of Dalkey, Alderman Thomas Kelly, on Dalkey Island in 1934. We look forward to welcoming you.

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*Long Tailed Tit**Photo: Michael Ryan*

During the worst of the weather we had regular visits at our bird feeders from a little flock of Long Tailed Tits. Making very distinctive '*brup brup*' calls to keep contact with each other, they often come through the garden in stages, the leading bird might have already gone when the later ones are still arriving or else they might all group together on a fat ball or peanut container, the higher up bird's tails overlapping the birds below. I remember somebody saying if it wasn't for their tail they'd probably be our smallest bird species and they're certainly one of our most endearing birds attracting lots of local names such as 'flying teaspoons'. On a particularly cold, bleak evening during the grim weather in February, returning from visiting somebody in hospital, my spirits were lifted listening to the RTE broadcaster John Creedon speaking about the avian visitors to his garden and observing that the eyes of Long Tailed Tits seem to be more forward facing on their head than other birds species and when they look directly at you they seem to be engaging with you. Like our smallest bird species, the Goldcrest, long tailed tits display little fear of humans and are very approachable. I'd often be refilling feeders and a long tailed tit would perch a few feet away almost indifferent to my presence.

We'd noticed two long tailed tits were spending a lot of time around one part of the garden, saw them regularly going into the foliage of one small tree later seeing they were carrying in nesting material. Both the male and female long tailed tit start nest building early in the year, February sometimes, since it can take up to three weeks to build their nest which is a wonder of nature, a dome shaped structure made of moss, lichen, hair, silk from spiders webs, lined with up to two thousand feathers and faced on the outside with lichen to help camouflage it. The nest is often described as a elastic ball since the moss and spider silk can expand so when the 8 to 12 chicks begin to grow the nest will stretch to accommodate them.

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As delightful as it to have these lovely little birds nesting in the garden the future of the nest is also a cause for concern. A long term study estimated long tailed tits only succeed with 17% of their nests since many are lost to predators such as crows, magpies and cats. Many of the predated nests will have been built in the middle of gorse or bramble bushes so what chance do our pair have when their nest is in a small tree in the open? If we can easily see the pair coming in and out I'm sure much sharper eyed creatures would have no bother spotting them.

One bit of behaviour related to failed nests goes a bit further towards enhancing the perception of long tailed tits as benign little creatures. If their nest is destroyed and it's too late in the season to nest again they will help other long tailed tits, often ones related to them, to feed and raise their young.

At time of writing, mid-April, we haven't yet seen a swallow, house or sand martin in the damp angry skies or through the fog but the first weekend of April brought a number of Chiffchaffs into our garden and the following day we saw and heard our first Willow Warbler singing on Killiney Hill. The preceding days had strong south easterly winds blowing which possibly carried in the migrants which would then move out of the breeze to calmer areas where they're more likely to find insects.

Last year we spent a night at a very pleasant B&B in Thomastown in Kilkenny. Situated directly opposite Jerpoint Abbey the B&B has the substantial remains of an old mill in its grounds built beside a small river. Overlooking the river the patio had a profusion of *Verbascum* plants growing all over it, dozens of them, in varying sizes sprouting from the slightest crack between the tiles. With large, soft, almost furry leaves, *verbascum*, also known as Mullein, produces a tall spike in its second year which will be covered in small yellow flowers in mid-summer. My most impressive sighting of them many years ago was masses of them in flower on disturbed ground above Broadlough Lake near Wicklow town, a sea of soft green and yellow. It's a native wild flower, a very valuable source of pollen for many insects especially in late summer. They seed and spread easily, growing out of very dry surfaces such as walls or rubble. The landlady of the B&B wasn't as impressed with the wealth of wild plants as we were, telling us she was going to have the patio sprayed with weedkiller and told us we were welcome to as many as we wanted so we took her up on her offer. Very shallow rooted we were easily able to gather up a few dozen and bring them home and even managed to plant most of them.

According to Zoe Devlin's excellent website, wildflowersofireland.net the leaves also provide food for the mullein moth caterpillar and the seedheads are wintering habitat for ladybirds so if they flower this year hopefully they'll provide food and shelter for some small creatures as well as a pleasant sight for the eyes.



Blue Tit checking out squirrel nest box
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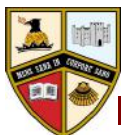
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New Swim Term

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Summer Multi Activity Camp

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

Parent & Toddler Class

New Parent & Toddler class continuing on Thursdays at 9:15am. This class is for babies and toddlers aged 6 months to 2.5 years, accompanied by a parent in the water. The basics of swimming are introduced whilst babies become accustomed to the pool environment. The class will run for 7 weeks at a cost of €55. Bookings are now open online via our website.



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Loreto Primary School Ceili

March was a very busy month in Loreto Primary School. On March 16th the girls in sixth class were confirmed in the Church of the Assumption by Father Kieran McDermott. Fourth and Fifth class sang at the Confirmation ceremony and family and friends gathered in the church to support the girls on their special day.

A variety of activities took place in our school to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The school orchestra performed a traditional Irish jig called 'Tenpenny Bit'. The whole school gathered in the hall and each class sang an Irish song. We also had a céilí. We had lots of fun doing 'The Siege of Ennis' and 'The Walls of Limerick' and many more jigs and reels. Pupils from third class to sixth class took part in an Irish quiz. Miss Ní hEochagáin was the quizmaster. There were five rounds with eight questions in each round. All the questions were in Irish and the answers had to be written down in Irish too!

We enjoyed singing, dancing and dressing up to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

By Maddie Fitzsimons and Alexandra Barford (5th class)

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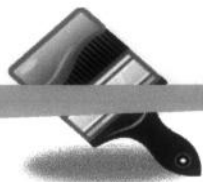
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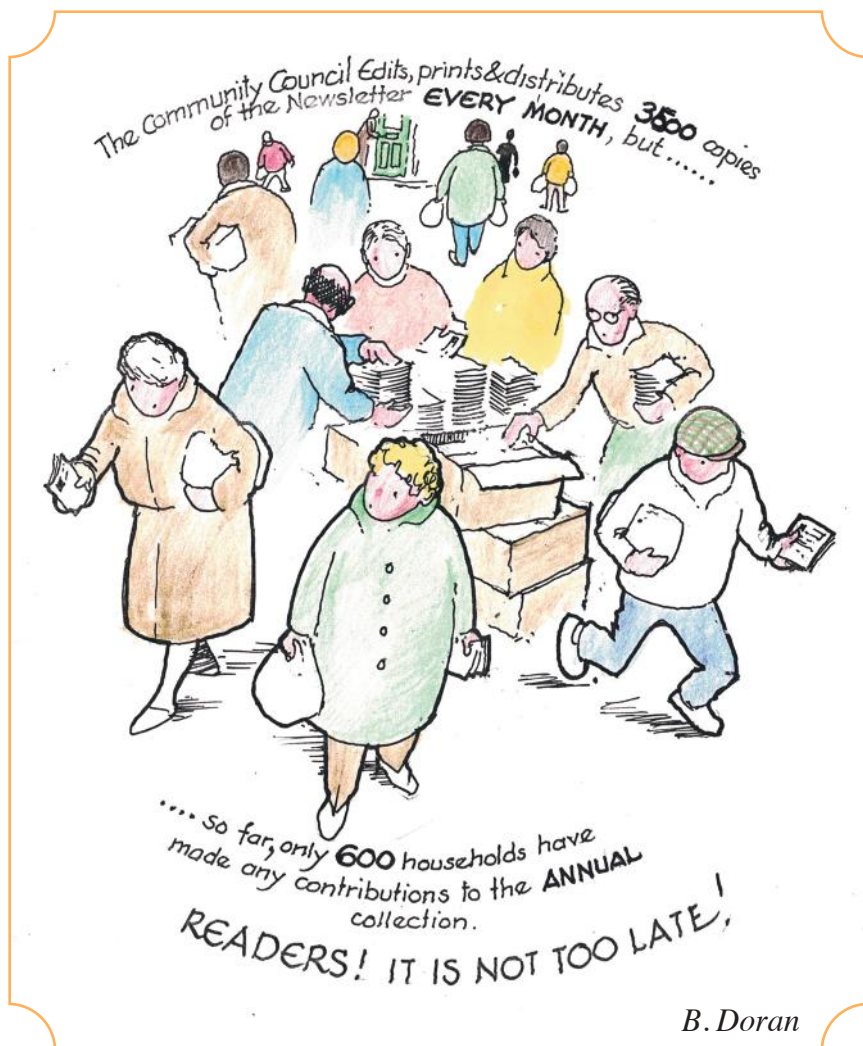
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The Spring Term is always a busy time at Castle Park School and this year was no exception. Two of the highlights would have to have been our CP Day Celebrations and the Annual School Musical. On Thursday, 15th March, we celebrated Castle Park School's 114th birthday. This day marks the purchase of the School building and grounds by Mr Wilfred P. Toone, founder and first headmaster of Castle Park. The morning started when



CP Founders Day Celebrations

Photo: Castle Park School

the whole School came together for Assembly. Our Headmaster, Mr McSweeney, spoke to the children about Castle Park both past and present. A birthday cake was cut by the sixth class pupils, who have attended Castle Park since 2009, and are the longest enrolled pupils in the School. Following the cake cutting, everyone made their way outside to the front of the Castle for the raising of the School flag. Then it was back inside for hot chocolate and birthday cake. After break the children all converged on the Astro Pitch to play the Crocodile game, a much-loved tradition of CP Day. In the afternoon we were delighted to welcome back many of our past pupils or Old Cepians as they are known. They joined our sixth class pupils in the Sports Hall for fun and games. It was a wonderful day of celebration and will have created many lasting memories for the children.

'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious', the only word that could be used to describe the outstanding performances of our fifth and sixth class pupils in the annual School Musical. This year's production *Mary Poppins Jr.* did not disappoint. Over two evenings the



Mary Poppins - Castle Park Musical

Photo: Castle Park School

audience were treated to a lively, colourful show, full of entertaining musical numbers. The children performed with confidence, poise and demonstrated extraordinary stage presence. The audience were thoroughly entertained from beginning to end. Many thanks to Ms McKiernan and Ms Ridge for all their hard work producing the show and to all those who were involved in the production behind the scenes: it was a great team effort.

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The winning Team Three accepting the Ronan Maguire Trophy – Congratulations

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The Ronan Maguire Perpetual Trophy

Every year, we, the boys in Harold Boys' look forward to the Ronan Maguire Perpetual Trophy because we get to play football all day. Ronan Maguire was our school caretaker for many years. He was very popular with both staff and boys, especially the boys who supported Liverpool F.C. Unfortunately, he became ill and sadly passed away in 2012. The teachers in Harold Boys' decided to remember Ronan in a nice way by having a soccer tournament in his name.

Monday the 12th of March was the day of The Ronan Maguire tournament. Mr. Smith was the referee for all the matches. The victors of all the knockout rounds were Team Three and Team Seven. The final was an amazing game. Ciaran Fitzgerald scored the opener and a few minutes later Team Three conceded a penalty after a hand ball in the box, Daniel Doyle saved the penalty. Then a corner was whipped in and unluckily hit Alvaro Goizueta on the back of the head and went in the net. The keeper had no chance! It went to penalties and all the shots were saved or were off target until Charlie Finlay the captain, placed one in the bottom right corner. The keeper, Christopher O'Toole was close to saving it but he didn't manage it. In the end Team Three won and Christopher O'Toole was awarded Man of the Match.

Ronan's family came to the trophy ceremony. Mr. Smith gave a few words, thanking the Maguire family for coming in and the boys for a good, clean tournament. Charlie the captain prepared a speech with Milo and Charlie delivered a touching speech. Ronan's brother, Ger, handed over The Shield. We would like to congratulate Team Three. We would also like to thank the Maguire family for coming into the school.

By Declan Jones and Gabriel Murphy

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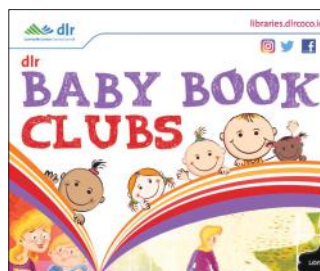
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LÉ George Bernard Shaw propellers

Photo Naval Services

LÉ George Bernard Shaw was floated-out for the first time at a UK shipyard on Friday, March 2, marking the fourth OPV90 '*Samuel Beckett*' or '*Playwright*' class sister as they are also known. The 2,256 tonnes newbuild proceeded for fitting-out also at Babcock Marine UK. The shipyard in Appledore, Bideford, north Devon is located on the Bristol Channel which meets the Severn Estuary.

Also during that first weekend in March, was held the 90th Academy Awards ceremony. Shaw who wrote more than 60 plays was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1925 and an 'Oscar' in 1938 for Best Writing, Screenplay for assisting in the adaptation of his play *Pygmalion*.

Shaw, for the next 75 years held a unique record, as the only person to be awarded both an Oscar and Nobel prize, however all that was to change with a US born musician, Bob Dylan. The famous songwriter won an Oscar in 2000 in the Best Song category for "Things Have Changed" from "Wonder Boys." Only three years later, Dylan won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. Much earlier during the Swinging 60's, while on a UK tour, Dylan took the car ferry across the Severn Estuary, before the opening of the first Severn Bridge. Again in March this year, during episode 31 of BBC 2's 'University Challenge' presented by Jeremy Paxman (who it transpires grew up on the banks of Severn!), began the academic quiz show at a quarter-final stage with a question about Shaw.

The question put to teams from Edinburgh University and Merton College, Oxford was: 'Who is the only person to have won both an Academy Award and a Nobel Prize? A prompt buzz came from Oxford with the reply: 'George Bernard Shaw' in which the former 'Newsnight' presenter confirmed as correct! (This ought to be challenged?)

Returning to *LÉ George Bernard Shaw* which is to carry out sea-trials in the Bristol Channel, before acceptance by the Dept. of Defence. The 90m OPV's delivery voyage across the Celtic Sea is as expected to debut in Cork Harbour, home to the Irish Naval Base on Haulbowline Island opposite Cobh.

As for the lead ship *LÉ Samuel Beckett* (and sisters also built by Babcock) which was delivered in April 2014; *LÉ James Joyce* in 2015 (see: October issue) the naming ceremony was held in Dún Laoghaire Harbour. The last sister ship, *LÉ William Butler Yeats* to be commissioned entered service in 2016.

Maritime Dalkey looks forward to covering *LÉ George Bernard Shaw* in local waters. As

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alluded to already, the playwright's former home overlooking Killiney Bay appropriately faces in the direction of the shipyard from where a career beckons full of purpose under the Irish tricolour.

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To consult back issues visit www.dalkeycommunitycouncil.com/newsletters-back%20issues.htm

*LÉ George Bernard Shaw Float-out
Photo Naval Services*



DALKEY TIDY TOWNS

AND YOU THOUGHT THERE WERE ONLY TWO . . . !!

The original **seven** castles of Dalkey were built in medieval times. In those days, Dalkey served as the port for Dublin, when large ships could anchor and unload their cargoes in the deep, sheltered waters of Dalkey Sound. The **seven** castles were built to store goods from these ships before being transported into Dublin city. Only **two** of the original **seven** castles remain today – Dalkey Castle – originally called Goat Castle – and Archbold's Castle.

To raise awareness, interest in, and knowledge of Dalkey's Medieval history, **seven** icons have been placed where the castles were originally built; these icons are positioned in the pavement. Information Panels, showing the location of each one, have been erected in the town to inform visitors and locals about some of Dalkey's historic past. As each icon is numbered, visitors are invited to visit all seven!

This project will add to Dalkey's existing heritage offering and will complement the various activities already being undertaken in Dalkey's Heritage Centre. It will add to the visitor experience and give an additional dimension to formal and informal tours, thus broadening Dalkey's appeal. The benefits are manifold – cultural, educational, tourism and economic and will supplement other tourism initiatives here in Dalkey.

Launching the project, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Tom Murphy said "*Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has recently adopted a new Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan for the county, with the aim of attracting more visitors to the county. This new project is a welcome initiative, highlighting Dalkey's rich heritage. I commend Dalkey Tidy Towns for instigating the project which has beneficial relevance for both locals and visitors and an educational value for schools*".

The 'Seven Medieval Castles' project was led and implemented by Dalkey Tidy Towns Group in collaboration with Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. It has been collectively sponsored by the Heritage Council, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dalkey Community Council and Pobal; we are very grateful to all for their support.



EU Beach Clean-Up Day

Photo: Cllr. Cormac Devlin, DLRCC

Over 50 volunteers from across the community descended on Killiney Beach last Sunday (25th March) to participate in the first **EU Beach Clean-Up Day** in Ireland in 2018. This environmental initiative was organised by Councillor Cormac Devlin as part of a wider European Commission initiative. Over 400 beach clean-ups have taken place across Europe so far in 2018 with more than 13,000 people participating. This campaign first began in 1996 and to-date more than 10,000 clean-ups have taken place across Europe. With the assistance of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, 15 bags of waste and rubbish were removed from the shoreline.



Plastic bottle on the beach Photo: Cllr. Cormac Devlin, DLRCC

Cllr. Devlin said “Hopefully this event will help raise awareness about the drawbacks of single use plastics. As a society we need to do more to tackle this scourge. A recent report has predicted that by 2050 oceans could contain more plastics than fish (by weight) if major changes aren’t made.” Cllr. Devlin stated “I especially want to thank Flossie Donnelly (11 years old) and all of the other volunteers from the local community as well as members from both Cabinteely and Dalkey Tidy Towns and the many families from St. Nicholas Montessori School in Dún Laoghaire who all volunteered and supported this important initiative. The next EU Beach Clean-Up will take place at Killiney Beach on **Saturday 12th May at 2pm** and more information is available on my website www.cormacdevlin.ie and Facebook.” Annually, 8 million tons of debris enters the oceans while 269,000 tons of that is plastic that floats on the surface of the ocean. 1 million marine animals die every year from marine litter and more information can be found on www.oceaninitiatives.org



FURTHER EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH



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

NATURE NOTES MAY 2018

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

Indoor Meeting

Tuesday 1st: *Lough Derg's White-tailed Sea Eagles* by Bob Foyle (a photo presentation)

Outdoor Meeting

Sunday 6th May: Visit to Avoca and Meeting of the Waters. Red Kite sightings guaranteed, also Dipper, Grey Wagtail and possibly Kingfisher.

Meet in church car park at 9am.

Sunday 13th May: Dawn Chorus Day walk on Killiney Hill. Meet in the main car park off Dalkey Avenue at 4am.

U3A (University of the Third Age) Dun Laoghaire Dalkey Killiney.

U3A meets every Tuesday at 10.30 am in The Pastoral Centre, St Josephs Church, Glashule.

Website for full program:

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 11-14 12/3/2018 to 6/4/2018

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0031

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Jan-2018

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

Proposal: Permission for demolition of 3 no. garden sheds, construction of a single storey extension to the rear and side of the existing house, garden store, alterations to the street façade. including windows, entrance door and vehicular gates, internal alterations, 4 no. roof lights and associated site works. **Additional Information:** 15-Mar-2018.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0215

Application Rec'd Date: 13-Mar-2018.

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

Proposal: Retention permission for alterations to previously approved permission Ref: D12A/0106 to include internal reorganisation and reduction in size of basement, garage conversion, repositioning of front gate and wall, and associated site works.

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0219

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Mar-2018

Application Name & Location: Ian Curley, Sunnyside, Vico Road, Killiney. A96 YF97

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the existing three-storey four bedroom detached dwelling and its replacement with a new three-storey five bedroom detached dwelling of approx. 582 sqm and all associated ancillary works to facilitate the development including site development works and landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0229

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Mar-2018

Application Name & Location: Eamonn MacAodh, Steepholt, 17 Killiney Rd, Dalkey. A96 VH99

Proposal: Permission for Retention of roof lights to existing dwelling. Also, full planning permission is sought for removal of existing single-storey structure to side of dwelling and the construction of a new single-storey flat roof extension to side of existing dwelling, new entrance porch to front, widening of existing vehicular entrance piers to 3.5m with new entrance gates and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0231

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Mar-2018

Application Name & Location: Michael & Brid Murphy, White Rock House, Vico Road, Killiney A96 V329.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing extensions and pitched roof, construction of a new second floor level and terraces, amendments to all elevations, internal amendments and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0237

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Mar-2018

Application Name & Location: Brinnin Holdings Ltd. Site accessed off Ulverton Road between Ashling, Ulverton Road, Dalkey and Verona (68) Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0238

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Mar-2018

Application Name & Location: Chantal McCabe, Bella Vista, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of existing house and replacement with the construction of a new dwelling house comprising of two stories over partial basement plus attic under pitched roof. Development will include new vehicular entrance and associated site works and landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0269

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Mar-2018

Application Name & Location: Richard Glavin, 8, Sorrento Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention planning permission for development in relation to planning application D17A/0730. The retention development will consist of the: Substantial additional demolition work and rebuilding to the existing property and ancillary and associated works then indicated in the granted planning application.

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0297

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Apr-2018

Applic. Name & Location: Frances Keely & Donal O'Raghallaigh, 6 Mapas Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for alterations to the previously granted single storey extension to the rear and single storey extension at first floor level to the side, Reg. Ref. D17A/0346 as follows; to construct a single storey extension at first floor to the rear, a dormer window to the existing attic roof to the rear, roof lights to the front and the addition of an overhang to the roof of the granted single storey extension to the rear.

Reg. Ref.: D18B/0157

Application Rec'd Date: 3-Apr-2018

Application Name & Location: Deirdre Bonus & Conor Whelan, Sabi, Saval Park Road, Dalkey. A96 WR60

Proposal: Permission for alterations to existing 2 storey dormer dwelling to include demolition of existing rear boiler room (4.8 sqm), proposed new rear ground floor extension (10.2 sqm), new first floor extensions to dormers to front and rear (31.9 sqm), reforming existing and new exterior window/door openings, new external façade materials, general internal reconfiguration including new stairs, 4 bedrooms with bathrooms and en-suites, home office, kitchen and family room and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18B/0158

Application Rec'd Date: 4-Apr-2018

Application Name & Location: Shane O'Gorman, 7 Castlelands, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention in relation to planning application D15A/0746. The retention application relates to repositioning of external utility access doorway from the side of the extension to the front of the extension.

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

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Reg. Ref.: D18A/0048

Decision: Request Additional Info

Date: 14-Mar-2018

Applicant Name: P J Gallagher, Old Rock, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0052

Decision: Grant Permission for Retention

Date: 14-Mar-2018

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

Proposal: Permission for Retention of: 1. The widening and relocation of vehicular access. 2. The omission of the rear first floor extension proposed in Reg. Ref. D15B/0252. 3.

Alterations to internal layout with related changes to window arrangement and number.

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0059 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 14-Mar-2018

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0080 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 23-Mar-2018

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0093 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 26-Mar-2018

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0098 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 26-Mar-2018

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0131 **Decision:** Request Add. Information **Date:** 6-Apr-2018

Applic. Name & Location: Charles & Sheenagh Chapman, Riva, 32, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development at this site. The development will consist of construction of the following to the existing 2-storey, mid-terraced dwelling house with front and rear gardens: 1) demolition of the existing (25m2) 2-storey monopitched roofed side (north) extension with ground floor walk-in closet and ensuite bathroom and lower ground floor utility room and coal bunker; 2) construction of a 2-storey (27m2) monopitched roofed and a 3-storey (35m2) hipped, pitched roofed extension to side (north) and rear (east) respectively with; a) ground floor walk-in-closet to the front (west), ensuite bathroom to rear and extended master bedroom with bay window to rear; b) lower ground floor bin store to front, extended utility room to rear and extended dining area with bay window to rear; c) a single-storey semi-basement storage areas extending under existing upper terrace in rear garden; 3) replacement of existing 2-storey curved bay window (to existing rear ground floor living room and lower ground floor bedroom) with a rectangular plan 2-storey bay window and associated modifications to roof; 4) new secondary front (north facing) entrance and door at ground floor level from Coliemore Road; 5) installation of rooflight to central valley of existing main roof; 6) replacement of existing rear timber windows and door with "aluclad" or similar metal finish windows and doors; 7) extensive internal alterations and refurbishment; 8) associated site works including site drainage and relocation of steps from rear garden to upper terrace.

Reg. Ref.: D18B/0090 **Decision:** Withdraw the Application **Date:** 4-Apr-2018

Application Name & Location: Deirdre Bonus & Conor Whelan, Sabi, Saval Park Road, Dalkey. A96 WR60

Proposal: Permission for alterations to existing 2 storey dormer dwelling to include demolition of existing rear boiler room (4.8 sqm), proposed new rear ground floor

extension (10.2 sqm), new first floor extensions to dormers to front and rear (31.9 sqm), reforming existing and new exterior window/door openings, new external façade materials, general internal reconfiguration including new stairs, 4 bedrooms with bathrooms and en-suites, home office, kitchen and family room and all associated site works.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 11-14 '18 12/3/18 to 6/4/18

Reg Ref: D17B/0579 **Reg. Date:** 15-Dec-2017 **Location:** 29, Carysfort Road, Dalkey
Development: Permission for development consisting of the demolition of the existing extension and shed to the rear and the construction of a new single storey extension to the rear of the existing single storey terraced house, with internal and external alterations including replacement of the existing windows and associated landscaping.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 14-Mar-2018. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Condition(s). **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D17A/1135 **Reg. Date:** 22-Dec-2017

Location: Former Western Marine Building, Bullock Harbour, Dalkey A96 X6W2.

Development: Permission is sought for the demolition and clearance of the existing industrial single storey warehouse and sheds (1210 sqm) and the development of a mixed-use marine commercial, leisure/community and residential based development. The proposal is for the construction of: 1) A craft boat building workshop / craft boat storage facility (416 sqm), 2) A single storey building incorporating relocated marine leisure unit (10 sqm), relocated marine commercial unit (10 sqm) and community water sports changing facility (42 sqm). 3) A three storey building incorporating a café (108 sqm), apartment entrance hall (44 sqm) and apartment car parking (2 spaces, 40 sqm) at ground floor level, a two bed apartment (160 sqm) with associated balcony at first floor level and a two bed apartment (160 sqm) with associated balconies at second floor level. 4) A single storey re-located seafood sales outlet (26 sqm). 5) 4 no. fisherman`s huts, (total area 18 sqm). 6) A new public square fronting on to the harbour (20m wide x 9m deep). 7) 3 no. three storey detached houses (each 412 sqm) each with roof terraces, and off street covered parking for 2 cars. 8) The existing south-western vehicular access from Bullock Harbour will be maintained and upgraded creating a two-way roadway and shared footpath affording access to the proposed dwellings to the rear of the development. 9) 5 no. visitor car parking spaces to the rear of the site. 10) The existing boundary wall will be maintained and repaired with natural coursed granite stone. 11) The development will also include piped infrastructure and ducting; changes in level; site landscaping and all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground.

Council Decision: Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 21-Mar-'18. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks 11-14 '18 5/3/18 to 30/3/18

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0766 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 12-Mar-'18
Council's Decision: Refuse Permission for Retention.

Location: Tetherdown, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Retention permission of a ground floor extension by the conversion of an exempt development garage to a study (24.75 sq.m.) and a store (10.5sq.m) to the rear of the study.

Applicant: Iris O'Malley.



A profusion of buds and flowers and gorgeous wafts of scent and then, maybe somewhere cool green, to sit in. This is what we seem to want from our gardens, patios, balconies in Summer; ‘Seasonality in the garden’, - It’s our season for exotics which may have spent the rest of our gardening year crouching under some chair or the likes in our glass house waiting eagerly for its holiday out of doors... We, likewise unwrap our tree ferns and suddenly, our garden looks like we are living abroad. Stepping outside our door on a sunny Summer morning in order to pick a handful of berries can bring great joy. Choose cultivars that will thrive in a patio container to provide a little fruit in even the smallest space – *Strawberry*, *Malling Opal*, a perpetual is an excellent variety; *Blueberry*: compact cultivars are Bluegold, Bluetta and Blues Brothers suit container growing; *Blackberries*, *Reuben* is a good patio variety. *Raspberries* - thornless patio raspberries have recently become available **“So please bring me sunshine !”**

A study by the James Hutton Institute should put potatoes firmly back on the menu. Many vitamins and minerals in potatoes, through processing and cooking, are retained. Plus eating them has been linked to lower risk of heart attacks.



New strawberry, ‘Just add cream’ crops from early May to the first frosts. You can both smell and taste its perfume

Photo: P. Thomas



A new inky bluedwarf deciduous Agapanthus ‘Flower of Love’ has prolific flower heads. Agapanthus thrive in all Dalkey gardens. Photo: P. Thomas

Herbs quite simply transform a meal into a feast. Don’t they make a meal come alive and then they also stimulate digestion. A Mediterranean herb that’s become increasingly known and incredibly useful is Savoury - , the most robust variety being ‘Winter Savoury’ Our hardy perennials often react most favourably to the Chelsea Chop, (having their stems cut back by half in May.) If you do it now, you will have shorter stems and a delay in flowering. Control release fertilizers are just as effective as liquid feeds but are far easier to use as they only need to be applied once per season. ...Our seedlings are still at particular risk, so maybe grow these under glass until they establish or cut off bases of clear plastic bottles to protect them. So, with many pressing jobs to attend to, time is the key ingredient this month, “Time is the grit in the gardening oyster,” – The irritant that makes things happen! ...Is there ever enough time? ...Even on the most fleeting visit outside, I

have promised myself, I will try to do one simple task and do the beginning, middle and the finish of that thing. ...This Summer, my aim is to try to make small but meaningful changes. I am trying to make a conscious decision to limit the range of plants, - concentrating on my favourites. My two absolute favourite plants this month being, *Anemone Memorosa*, 'Frenzy' and *Coryeopsis Pauciflora*, (*Buttercup Winter hazel shrub*). Remember, mild weather is just so right for our slugs and snails as they are simply waiting to get munching on all our best plants - , maybe use a torch at night to collect them and move them onwards.

MIGHT DO MAYBE MAY JOBS

Containers provide the flexibility to satisfy some of us with our hunger for new plants in a limited space. A useful technique is sinking a container to ground level under a tree, then if a plant is invasive, its roots too, can be restricted.

Clip evergreen hedges if required but check for nesting birds, first. Lavender needs three things: full sun, free-draining alkaline soil and correct pruning.

Many garden birds are incubating eggs or rearing chicks in May, take care not to disturb them. Late May is the ideal time to add bedding to borders and pots, many will bloom until the first frosts.

DO YOU KNOW

Did you know that many of our most heavenly scented flowers are white (with the exception of roses), many flowers such as Honeysuckle save their strongest scent until evening to attract moths of which depend on pollination.

Did you know that you can buy Ladybirds to release into your garden to control aphids. They're available from biological-control suppliers such as 'Gardening Naturally'.

Did you know that French Beans are increasing in popularity due to stronger flavours and stringless pods.

Did you know that centipedes always have an odd number of legs from 15 – 101 pairs. Centipedes do a super job in eating soil pests.

Bee Facts: Summer born adult worker bees live for around six weeks and forage 3 miles, (4.8 km), from their hive. Globally there are nearly 20,000 known species of bees.

Wasps: Wasps are generally only a problem in Autumn when the queen stops producing eggs and there are no larvae to give the workers a sweet food. Instead they look for other sources of sugar such as fallen fruit or - land on our picnic feasts!

A Derbyshire developer has been fined a record of over £10,000 for destroying a roost of brown long-eared bats in Matlock.

Spearmint: Crushed leaves rubbed into skin deter mosquitoes.

Some people find that a natural weedkiller based on vinegar and a 6% acetic acid for weeds in cracks in paving but less effective in roots in the ground.

Only cut away daffodil foliage once it has turned yellow, naturally.

Green flowers have a great leavening effect on bright colours, especially if you feel your colours are clashing. – Mayhem can become a magnificent tapestry.

Remember that single flowers are better food sources for insects than double flowers.



The Shield Bug or Stink Bug Pentatomidae live in meadows, fields and yards. They suck sap from fruiting parts of plants. They overpower caterpillars and beetle larvae keeping pests in control
Photo: P. Thomas

Random Thoughts – “Hope is the thing with feathers”, Logic will get you from A to B, imagination will get you everywhere”, “Use your fingers, hands and your soul”, “Always, remember Mother Nature is in control”

ENJOY, EVERY SINGLE MAY DAY



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Cuala Triumphant!

CUALA RETAIN THEIR ALL-IRELAND CROWN IN DRAMATIC FASHION

In a titanic struggle over two matches, it took 150 minutes plus injury time to separate Cuala and Na Piarasigh. But when the dust settled after an epic replay in Portlaoise it was the Dalkey men who were left holding the title after a 2-17 to 1-17 win over the Shannoniders.

After last gasp equalisers from Cuala in both normal and extra time on St. Patrick's Day there was never likely to be much between the Dublin and Limerick champions when they met for the replay in Portlaoise a week later. The neutrals among the crowd were not disappointed as the 2016 and 2017 champions served up a final that will surely be remembered as one of the all-time classics.

Mark Schutte got Cuala off to a good start with a fine point on the run but Na Piarasigh were not to be shaken off and the sides were level three times up to 0-4 a piece before Cuala went two ahead. Adrian Breen was the danger man for Na Piarasigh in the first half with 4 points from play and it wasn't until Mattie Kenny rejigged the back line, with Darragh O'Connell dropping deep to pick up Breen and Shane Stapleton coming on for the injured Cuala captain Paul Schutte, that his influence was curbed. Despite Breen's efforts Cuala took a 0-10 to 0-9 lead into the changing room at half time.

The second half started like the first ended with the sides swapping points and neither really threatening a goal. That all changed in dramatic fashion in the 39th minute. Firstly, a stray hand pass from Tommy Grimes in the Na Piarasigh defence found Cuala's Nicky Kenny who made a great run before finishing to the net from a tight angle. The huge Cuala support had barely sat back down after celebrating before Mark Schutte had raised a second

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A sea of red

the match put the Limerick men ahead with normal time running out. If there's two things this Cuala side are not short of though, it's courage and character, and they showed both in spades during the game's final moments as Con O'Callaghan scored a fine point under pressure to level the affair before David Treacy showed nerves of steel to score two injury time frees and a point from Mark Schutte settled the matter.

A sea of red and white clad fans swarmed onto the pitch as referee Paud O'Dwyer blew the final whistle and Cuala became only the fifth club to win back to back All-Ireland club champions.



Final Whistle

Michael Walsh

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Symptoms include:

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

It is distinguished from a winter cold based on the timings of the symptoms and the itchy feeling that accompanies it.

Hayfever is easily managed with over the counter pharmacy medicines. Your pharmacist will be able to recommend the most suitable product for you.

Antihistamine tablets are the first line treatment for Hayfever as they treat all the symptoms by dampening down the histamine reaction in your body that occurs as a result of the exposure to pollen. They are available in once a day non-drowsy formulation.

Antihistamine eye drops can also be used either on their own or in conjunction with the tablets to manage eye symptoms.

Steroid nasal sprays can be used for more long term management of Hayfever in addition to the antihistamines. They act to dampen down inflammation in the nasal passage to relieve the runny and itchy nose.

There are other sprays that act as a barrier to prevent the pollen travelling up the nasal passage and cause a reaction.

Some tips on helping to prevent Hayfever from affecting you are:

- Monitor pollen forecasts and if possible stay indoors when counts are high
- Keep windows and doors closed where possible
- On high pollen days, shower and wash your hair when you get home and change your clothes
- Avoid air drying clothes outside when counts are high
- Use Vaseline on your nostrils to trap pollen particles
- Wear wraparound sun glasses to avoid pollen in the eyes
- Vacuum regularly (a special HEPA filter can help) and dust with a damp cloth

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SERVICES FOR MAY 2018

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am

Ascension Thursday - 10th May: A celebration of Holy Communion will be held in Holy Trinity at 10.30am.

General Synod takes place from Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th May in Armagh. Please pray for all the work to be discussed.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney final event of the season is the annual dinner in the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire on Wednesday 9th May. (Please note the change of date.) For more information please contact Laura Martin on 086 8708496.

Diners Club – The KWDs The date of the next gathering is 10th May and the venue has not yet been decided. For queries and expressions of interest please contact Zandra Laing at zandraiaing@hotmail.com for information.

Sunday Club concludes their season's activities with their annual party on Sunday 13th May in the Carry Centre.

Select Vestry will meet at 8.00pm in the Carry Centre on Monday 14th May.

Bible Study and Prayer Group will have its final session before the summer break on Tuesday 22 May at 10.30am in the Carry Centre.

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society) meeting before the summer break will be on Thursday 24th May to enjoy a meal at the National Yacht Club. All are welcome.

Patronal Festival – Sunday 27th May

The Annual Patronal Festival will take place in Holy Trinity on Trinity Sunday at 10.45am.

Sheep Thrills are delighted with their bumper Easter sale in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland at the Victoria Tea Rooms, Killiney which made over €2000. The community textile group continues to meet every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre making lots of products which are sold locally and the proceeds going to the homeless & selected charities.

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

Ladies Guild

Another time wild-life enthusiast Michael Ryan captivated his audience with photographs of birds, animals, insects and plants, found on Killiney Hill. His superb pictures of red squirrels, lizards, peregrines, hummingbird hawk moths, oaks and orchids, showed the rich diversity that nature provides on our own doorstep.

For more information on upcoming events contact: Gillian Mollard

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13th May	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age
20th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
27th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
Midweek	Every Thursday	10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor

The Eucharist will be celebrated on 8th and 22nd May in Our Lady's Manor at 2.30pm.

Parent & Toddler – Come along and meet others for fun, support and fellowship at our Parent and Toddler Group. It takes place in the Northover Hall each week on a Tuesday at 10.30am for an hour and a half.

Choir Practice – The choir meets to prepare the music for the Sunday Service each Wednesday of the week at 7.30pm in the church. New members are always welcome.

175th Anniversary – This year we are celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the building of the church and a number of special celebratory events will be held over the next number of months. The first of which is a service on Sunday 29th April at 7pm to which you are all warmly invited.

Church Fête – Our church fête is on May 12th on our Church grounds from 10am to 3pm. There will be lots of food, great variety of stalls and fun games. All welcome.

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LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY EVENTS – MAY 2018



Tuesday 1st at 1pm: Peter Clarke will present '*Historic Doors & Staircases; their history and conservation*' in the Irish Georgian Society City Assembly House, 58 South William Street, D2. Attendance Fee is €15.

At 8pm: Fr. Brian Darcy will present '*The Irish Showband Phenomenon*' to the Kilmacanogue Hist. Soc. in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs. All welcome. Ad. €3.

Thursday 3rd at 6pm: '*Print Industry Reminiscence Evening*' in the Nat. Print Museum, Garrison Chapel, Beggars Bush Barracks, Haddington Rd, D4. All welcome – Adm. free.

At 8 p.m. Maurice Manning will present '*General Eoin O'Duffy from heroics to bathos*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Tues. 8th at 1pm: Ali Davey will present '*Historic ironwork; its history, significance and conservation*' in the Irish Georgian Society City Assembly House, D2. Adm. is €15.

At 7pm Frank Tracy will present '*Glendalough: the Ancient Church*' to the Tallaght Historical Soc. in the County Library, The Square, Tallaght, D24. Adm. free – all welcome.

At 8pm Dr. Maurice Gleeson will present '*DNA and Irish Genealogy: Where to now*' to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire. All welcome - €3 donation.

Wednesday 9th at 7.45pm: Úna Agnew will present '*Patrick Kavanagh: the Life and Times of the Monaghan Poet*' to the Knocklyon History Society in the Iona Centre, Knocklyon, Templeogue, D16. All welcome - admission €4.

Monday 14th at 7.30pm: Ms. Alva McGowan will present '*The recent archaeological discoveries at Rathfarnham Castle*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63, Merrion Square South, D2. All welcome.

Tuesday 15th at 1pm: Lisa Edden will present '*Keeping the Water Out and What to Do When the Water Gets in*' in the Irish Georgian Soc. City Assembly House, D2. Adm is €15.

At 8pm Neal Webb will present '*Sir Ernest Shackleton & the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration*' to the Local History Club in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church. Pádraig Laffan will give a short talk on '*Our Townlands*'. Adm. €5.

Wednesday 16th at 8pm: Dr. Seamus Cannon will present '*The Cheevers Family of Monkstown*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Soc. in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome – entrance is €3.

Thursday 17th at 8pm: An evening devoted to '*Printed in Bray: the history of the printing industry in Bray and Co. Wicklow*' by the Bray Cualann Historical Soc. in The Royal Hotel, Bray. All welcome – admission €5.

Saturday 19th at 2.30pm: Bill Fulton will present '*Generals Died in the Great War*' to the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Benburb St., D7. All welcome - €3 donation.

Tuesday 22nd at 1pm: Sarah Halpin and Carl Raftery will present '*Energy Performance in Protected Structures; planning implications and grants*' in the Irish Georgian Society City Assembly House, D2. Attendance Fee €15.

At 7pm Christopher Moriarty will present '*The Dodder: History and Natural History*' to the Tallaght Historical Society in the County Library, D24. Admission free – all welcome.

Wednesday May 23rd at 10.30am: The '*May Open Morning Meeting*' of the Genealogical Society of Ireland takes place in The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome - a contribution of €3 includes tea/coffee.

Monday 28th at 8p.: Margaret Smyth will present '*Samuel Clayton, Freemason, Forger, Freeman*' to the Clondalkin Historical Society in Arás Chronáin, Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin. All welcome.

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Tuesday 29th at 1pm: Andrew Smith will present ‘*Historic Decorative Plasterwork; its significance and conservation*’ in the Irish Georgian Society City Assembly House, D. 2. Attendance Fee is €15.

At 6.30pm the May meeting of the Dalkey Library Local History Group meets in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. New members welcome.

Thurs. 31st at 7.30pm: Mr. Grellan O’Rourke will present ‘*The Helen Roe Lecture - Skellig Michael: unpeeling its many layers*’ to the Royal Soc. of Antiquaries of Irl, D 2. Adm. free.

At 8pm Trevor White will present ‘*Alfie Byrne, Lord Mayor of Dublin*’ to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Rd, D6. Admission is €3 – Swan Centre Car Park Evening Rate, €2 (Total) from 5pm to Midnight.

SPRING INTO SUMMER 2018

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has released details of its ‘Spring into Heritage 2018’ programme of guided tours which will run from April 2nd to May 27th offering tours of the James Joyce Tower and Museum, Monday to Sunday, the National Maritime Museum of Ireland on Mondays and Wednesdays, Cabinteely House on Tuesdays and Sundays, The Oratory, Dun Laoghaire, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, Seapoint Martello Tower on Wednesdays and Saturdays, Marlay House on Thursdays and Saturdays, Laurelmere Cottage on Saturdays, and Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre on Sundays. Tour information is available from 087-226 5013; Email – dlrheritageevents@dlrcoco.ie. Copies of the brochure are available from DLR branch libraries, the Tourist Information in County Hall, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, or downloaded from www.dlrevents.ie.

A DALKEY CONNECTION WITH THE SINKING OF THE RMS LUSITANIA

Mrs. Charles Pease, daughter of Colonel Biddulph, ‘Marie Lodge’, Dalkey, and wife of Captain Pease, then serving in the Cameroons, was staying in the Queen’s Hotel, Queenstown [Cobh] on May 7th 1915 when survivors from the torpedoing of the RMS Lusitania were landed. Trained as a nurse in Dublin’s Meath Hospital, she spent three days nursing them round the clock and attending to their needs. When she returned to Dalkey, an anonymous gift inscribed ‘To Mrs. Pease, for her kindness from a few survivors of the Lusitania’ was waiting for her. In accepting the gift Mrs. Pease said that she was only one of a number of ladies who had looked after the survivors and accepted it on all their behalf.

PUBLICATIONS

‘Autumn / Winter 2016 issue of the ‘Dublin Historical Record’, Editor Séamas Ó Maitiú, published by the Old Dublin Soc. The Old Dublin Society has some surplus copies of this special 1916 issue, based on a 1916 Seminar hosted by the Society which readers wishing to complete their collection of publications on the 1916 Rising may wish to acquire.

Articles featured in this issue include – ‘Letters, Lives & Liberty – Dublin’s General Post Office’ by Stephen Ferguson; ‘A few sidelights on Patrick H. Pearse as I saw him’ by Prionnais Ó Dubhthaigh; ‘The Battle of Mount Street Bridge, Easter Week 1916’ by Michael Pegum; ‘Uncle Robert and Boland’s Bakery’ by A. P. Behan; ‘Some Church of Ireland women in 1916 and after’ by Albert Fenton; ‘New Significance for Dublin’s Anzac Incident’ by Raymond Keogh; ‘Inside the GPO 1916: the eye-witness accounts’ by Ken Finlay; ‘Jacob’s 1916: the burnt biscuit and the Old Dublin Society’ by Séamas Ó Maitiú; ‘Is the North quiet?: Accounts of Easter Week 1916 in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland’ by Bryan MacMahon; ‘James J. Scannell: from Redmondite to republican supporter’ by James Scannell; ‘The Dead of the Easter Rising 2016’ by Ray Bateson; ‘Mary Ellen “Molly” Adrien (1873-1949): Cumann na mBan volunteer 1916’ by Frank Whearthy; and ‘A complicated patch of land: the evolution of the republican plot in Glasnevin Cemetery 1916 – 1930’ by Bláthnaid Ní Rathaille;

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Sorting of June Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 31 May

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dalkey Players: Rehearsals in Harold Boys' School from 7:30-10:30pm-Tuesdays and Thursdays. New members welcome.

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

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

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Baby & Toddler Group - All pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome on Tuesdays from 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., Dun Laoghaire. €2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608

Parkrun - Every Saturday at 9.30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Park

Dalkey Library Local History Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month in Dalkey Library starting at 6-6:30pm. All welcome.

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