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Irish Heritage Town

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November: Believed to derive from 'novem' which is the Latin for the number 'nine'. In the ancient Roman calendar November was the ninth month after March. As part of the seasonal calendar November is the time of the 'Snow Moon' according to Pagan beliefs and the period described as the 'Moon of the Falling Leaves' by Black Elk. The Anglo-Saxons called November 'Windmonath' or 'Wind-month'.

Flower: Chrysanthemum If there's ice in November to bear a duck There'll be nothing after but sludge and muck.



Oliver McCabe presenting The McCabe Sports Cup to Sarah Patton

DO WE WANT AN OIL RIG 6km FROM OUR SHORE?

A foreshore licence was granted on October 12th 2012 by Minister Jan O'Sullivan for an exploration rig 6km from our shoreline

- Ireland will not benefit financially as it should from its own natural resources
- We risk destroying Dublin Bay

PUBLIC MEETING

to brief Dublin Bay residents

Venue: FitzPatrick's Castle Hotel,

Killinev.

Date: Tuesday, November 13th '12

Time: 8pm

Your Area Representative is	
Telephone:	E-Mail:



The October Monthly meeting was held on Monday 1st October in OLH.

The members stood for a minute's silence as a mark respect for the late Maureen Keating who died on 9th September last. Maureen joined DCC in 2006 following the death of her husband Tom who had been a Chairman and long serving member. Maureen was the Road Rep for Wolverton Glen.

DCC welcomed a new member Donal Denham who has joined the organisation as Road Rep for Fairlawns and Saval Park Road.

HC: The refurbishment of the Heritage Centre will commence in November. The Centre will remain closed for two months. See report inside.

NW: There have been several thefts from cars in the area. The Gardai warn against leaving items on display in unlocked cars.

AOB: DCC are in communication with Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown in relation to several local traffic issues.

The next Monthly Meeting is Monday 5th November.

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❖ LATEST NEWS FROM DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE ❖



Archer Bow Fingers - Photo: John Fahy

NEW INTERPRETATION SYSTEM AND GENERAL UPGRADE WORKS

Work commencing November 1st 2012
It is part of Fáilte Ireland's Tourism Capital Investment Programme and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's Heritage Assets Programme.

We in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre are delighted to inform you that we have been successful in securing grant aid under Fáilte Ireland's Tourism Capital Investment Programme and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's Heritage Assets Programme.

Consequently the Centre will be closed from 1st November until 14th January 2013.

The work will include a brand new bright and attractive entrance which will offer an exciting 'first impression' that will be enhanced as the visit continues. The ancient internal stone work which dates back to the 1390s will be exposed and the wonderful features of the barrel vaulted ceiling will be highlighted with a new lighting installation. The new Interpretation System will introduce 21st century technology to a 14th century Fortified Townhouse that will enhance, respect and upgrade

the structure and help to sustain its viability into the future. It will beautifully complement the existing, highly successful Living History model of imparting historical information and will be available in six languages.

The Heritage Centre and St. Begnet's Graveyard will benefit from the works through the introduction of the interpretive panels which will contain an interactive element to encourage the visitor to learn more about each of the fascinating elements of local history

unique to Dalkey e.g. Dalkey Island, Dalkey Quarry, the Funicular and Atmospheric Railways and the much loved Trams.

In The Writers Gallery the design will have an interactive 'magic frame' system to showcase the internationally famous writers and musicians of the area. Writers such as James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, Hugh Leonard and Maeve Binchy have strong connections with the area. World renowned musicians Bono, The Edge, Enya, and more who live locally will also feature.

We look forward to welcoming all of our regular groups and individuals back to enjoy these additional facilities to the Living History Tour early in 2013.

For more information:

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Contact Margaret Dunne at margaret@dalkeycastle.com or Tel 01 285 8366 until 1st November

HAROLD BOYS' N.S. AND THE RAVEN MYSTERIES



Rang 5 having fun at cycling class

have competitions to see who can trackstand the longest. A trackstand is where you pull the brakes and stop but don't put your feet of the pedals. Diarmuid Fanning learned how to cycle with Alan and now he is the greatest!

Cian Meghan

The cycling with Alan is great fun! He is teaching us the rules of the road and how to keep safe while we cycle. We do it for one hour on Thursdays. He gives us challenges to do at the end of each lesson. Sometimes they are hard and sometimes easy. One of the main courses to do is "Follow The Leader". You have to follow the person in front of you and keep a half bike distance away from each other. Another one is you must zig, zag through the cones without hitting them. The price is twelve euro for six weeks which is a good price!

Ben Finlay

CYCLING FUN IN HAROLD BOYS' N.S.

5th class are doing cycling with R.S.A. A man called Alan is teaching us. We are learning how to cross the road. It is hard to get it right but if we do we get to have fun! We play "Follow The Leader" when you have to follow the front man. When Alan blows the whistle the front man moves to the back and the next man moves up. We also



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ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT



Judge Patty and Best Overall Winners – Paddy and Sheila Murphy, Fairway, Harbour Road



Blaithín O'Brien with Joan Ó Sulleabháin – winner of the Environmental Award



Judge Patty & Philippa Thomas winner – 2nd Place Overall



Judge Patty and Brian Nolan winner of Best Display Garden



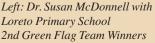
Judge Patty and Mrs Moya Kellet winner – 2nd Place, Best Display



Winning DCC team with Judge Patty Maher



Judge Patty and Sylvia Briggs accepting, on behalf of the Village Gate, winners of the Best Open Space





Lorraine Kearney, Winner - Third Prize Overall



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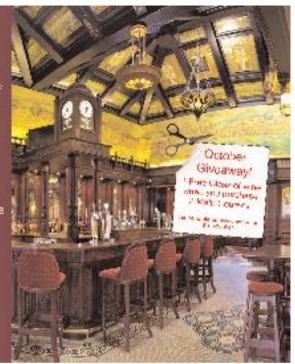


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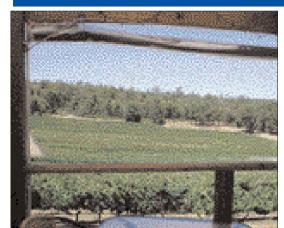
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rises 400m high out of the coastal plains to the East, which shields the vineyards from maritime influences, giving warmer daytime temperatures and cooler nights. These warm days are very important to let the grapes reach full ripeness.

Hainault Winery is located in The Bickley Valley area. It was bought by Michael and Lyn Sykes in 2002. It is one of the most impressive in the region and has a wonderful vibe. This must be down to the fact that it is owned and run by family and volunteers. You can really see the love and care that went into creating this wonderful place where people flock to spend their weekends and days off. Not only is it a beautiful place but it also produces very tasty wines. Their cabernet sauvignon in particular must be written about. This particular wine won a gold medal, two silver and two bronze at the Perth Wine Show recently. It also bagged two trophies, one for the best value wine and the other for the best red in show. Expect lots of blackcurrant and eucalyptus. An added bonus is that it is aged in American and French oak for 22 months making it very smooth and easy drinking. The bad news is that it cannot be bought in a store in Ireland, however, you can order it online for 14 Euro for those of you who have really been tempted ...enjoy!

DALKEY LIBRARY HAS NOW RE-OPENED

Dalkey Library has now re-opened after extensive refurbishment during the summer.

A wonderful addition is the creation of a Reading Garden in memory of the late Maeve Binchy. This was marked at a ceremony there recently and was very much welcomed.



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committee delighted with Dalkey's performance in the 2012 **Tidy Towns Competition.** We got the highest marks in DLR Co Council area with **293 points** out of a possible 400. We also got a Silver Medal Award, which is a national award achieving a significant improvement in our score v. 2011. All the prize money received will be used to finance projects on our "to do" list.

The National Winners, Abbeyshrule, scored 312



Sorrento Park Bandstand

points, closely followed by Westport with 311 points. Westport is in the same 'Large Town' category as ourselves, so we've set our sights on chasing them in 2013.

We noted that all the new **signs** and the new **map** weren't included in the 2012 adjudication which hopefully will add to our marks in 2013.

Reviewing the report (published in last month's newsletter) the committee targeted the "Waste Minimisation" and "Wildlife and Natural Amenities" as two areas which need improvement. If any reader has ideas on either of these topics we would welcome any input. The committee would urge readers to implement wherever possible any recommendations made by the adjudicators in their report.

In the meantime work is still progressing at **Bullock Harbour**, and improvements are gradually being made. Over the winter months further work is planned so we can look forward to a favourable adjudication by the judges in 2013. For the new **Map**, frames are being made, to be erected at the DART station, at Writer's Corner and at the Bus Station. Final touches are being added to the pocket version, which will be most useful for tourists.

Most of the **street furniture** around the town, as well as the Church gate & railings, has been painted and is looking very smart. Have you seen the newly painted bandstand in **Sorrento Park**? We are very grateful to **Dulux** who kindly supplied us with the paint. Also keep your eyes peeled for the new plaques which will be dotted around the town to mark the Tidy Towns projects.

Litter Patrols continue -now on the Winter schedule - i.e. meeting on the 1st Tuesday of every month at Select Stores, the 2nd Thursday at Dillon's Park and the 3rd Saturday at Select Stores.

WASTE MINIMISATION TIP

Do you know that front loading washing machines use less energy, water and detergent than old top loaders. High efficiency washing machines are designed to circulate water and move clothing more efficiently. They may take longer to wash a load but advanced features ranging from internal water heating to computer controlled soil sensing technology make them very efficient. The downside to all this technology is that they need to be replaced more frequently. However manufactures claim that over a lifetime the new washers have a total lower cost than old machines.



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MY GARDEN by PHILIPPA THOMAS

Some people love autumn and others love it less because they see it as a time of decline. But our autumn can be a glorious time in our gardens as plants give a last burst of rich colour, we get a sense of achievement of the completion of another great annual cycle. November generally sees the start of cold and frosty weather while our days too are getting shorter. November and December are months for reflection on our gardens but more importantly, it's the time when most gardeners look forward to the next season. Seed catalogues have been released and you can now plan what flowers and vegetables you're going to sow. At this time of year the mood of our gardens changes every hour of every day, our coastal hydrangeas are taking on dusky maroons and purples while Hydrangea Annabella is upstanding. Our fruit and vegetable gardens are winding down, vet they say November is the perfect time to plant all kinds of new fruit trees and bushes, choosing a well drained spot.



All around us we see leaves falling, generally they rot where they fall, and release nutrients back into the soil to support

future growth. However, in our gardens fallen leaves can smother lawns and plants and steps, so instead of leaving them, collect the leaves up and compost them into leaf mould to use as mulch on borders and return their goodness to the soil.

Why not for a spectacular spring container display, use the double-decker or layering technique of planting bulbs. It's similar in a way to making a lasagne - in layers! Two or more types of bulbs that flower one after another are planted in layers into a single container so as to extend the overall flowering display period. You could choose bulbs which flower at the same time to provide contrasting or complimentary colour schemes; just remember that your drainage layer is in place. Narcissi, Tulips, Crocuses, Grape Hyacinths and Scillas are all ideal.

MIGHT DO / MAYBE NOVEMBER JOBS

- 1. This is a good time to tidy up your herb plants. These possibly now look woody and somewhat untidy. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of mint, Tarragon and Lovage replanting selected pieces from the outside of the clump. Control your more rampant herbs by replanting them in a bottomless pot. You could give your extra pieces to garden sales and your neighbours and friends.
- **2.** Wall shrubs and climbers made a lot of growth this past summer so it is important to check that they are securely tied before our winter gales arrive.



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Plant garlic now! Your autumn planted crop will come to maturity in early summer

- **3.** I've been told, garlic needs a cold spell to grow best and it is the perfect time to plant it now during our autumn in a well drained, sunny area, using the biggest cloves.
- 4. Most gardening books say the ideal time to plant new rose shrubs is in the late autumn. Rose shrubs are best left to be pruned until they are fully dormant in winter as they need to retain the sugars in their stems. However, climbing roses of all types should now be pruned and the remaining growth tied into position for winter to look well and avoid any wind damage.



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- 5. Maybe a good idea to tidy away unused pots and seed trays as they are used by snails as shelter from which in time they will venture out to feed. (poor little pets!) - They can do severe damage.
- **6.** Be careful watering your indoor plants at this time of year, more plants die from over-watering than anything else. Allow to dry slightly between watering.
- 7. If your pumpkins are not colouring, bring them into the greenhouse or conservatory to speed up the ripening process.
- **8.** Your vegetable plot can be dug over this autumn and left rough to allow hard weather to break the soil and reduce pests and diseases.











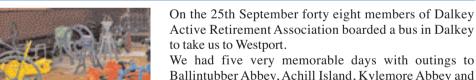


The best time for digging is autumn after it has been softened by a few weeks of rain but before it turns boggy

Philip

Mick and Philip who care for 200 acres, tirelessly and so enthusiasticially

D.A.R.A. NEWS





Agricultural and trade implements at Hennigan's Heritage Centre

Ballintubber Abbey, Achill Island, Kylemore Abbey and Castlebar. The highlight of the trip was a visit to Hennigan's Heritage Centre in Killaser, Swinford. At the top of a very narrow long road was a lovely thatched cottage which had been home to the Hennigan family for two hundred years. Tom Hennigan was there to meet us and brought us into his family home where all his siblings

were born. Three rooms for six children, one for his parents and one for Granny. Tom told us his family history and how they had survived on ten acres of poor land. Beside the house Tom had built a Heritage Centre which housed a comprehensive collection of agricultural and trade implements and many other items of interest, which he had collected over the years, including one of the very first washing machines made of wood! He told us about the old remedies for curing all ills.

If you are ever in this part of the country, I thoroughly recommend a visit to Tom Hennigan.

R. Pearson



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NEWS FROM CASTLE PARK SCHOOL - November 2012

A VISIT TO THE MOSQUE

Form VI paid a very interesting visit to the Mosque in Clonskeagh as part of their RE programme. Bas, who has just joined us from the Netherlands, wrote up a brief report on the trip which he really enjoyed:

Form VI visited the Mosque at Clonskeagh this week. A mosque is a building where Muslims pray, they believe in Allah, with the Prophet Muhammad as a messenger. Muslims pray on a prayer mat facing Mecca. The Mosque has a wall with an alcove that indicates the direction of prayer. This is called the mihrab. Beside the mihrab is often a mimbar, a kind of pulpit, where the imam preaches. Men and women generally pray separately. Before prayers they wash their hands, feet and face. A mosque may have a tall, narrow tower, this is a minaret. From the minaret Muslims are called 5 times daily to prayer, prayer time is called a salah.

After visiting the Mosque we went to a small shop, where you could buy some cookies or something else. Then we went to a restaurant, where they had some typical middle eastern food which was very tasty. I personally found the trip fun and informative. So I thought it was a very educational trip.

AUTUMN

Our younger children have been enjoying the outdoors too, with nature trips around the School grounds, collecting leaves, branches, nuts and conkers for their nature tables. They particularly enjoyed making bark rubbings with their coloured crayons and proudly displayed their work on the classroom walls.



They will shortly celebrate the bounty of the autumn harvest with a special concert for parents and friends, singing some wonderful songs and reciting special poems, including "Squirrel Nutkin", "Scratchety Hedgehogs" and "Five Little Pumpkins". A great deal of hard work is being spent rehearsing for this joyful occasion.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Our School Librarian, Ms Jane Kingston, has been busy over the summer ensuring our library software is up to date. We now have over 4500 fiction titles in stock and have just introduced a fantastic app linked to our library database, Micro Librarian. Children can log on to read and post reviews of books they've read; they can search for suggestions of similar genres or authors or find more books from an author whose work they really enjoy. There is also a facility to link to over 6000 safe websites that have been vetted and deemed appropriate for children to access. All the data on the app is monitored and screened prior to its inclusion and we really are finding it to be a wonderful new complement to the literacy provision within the School.



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DALKEY ISLAND 'PROSPECT'

As this column's copy date loomed in early October, news broke of the Department of Environment's granting Providence Resources Ltd of a foreshore licence to undertake (oil and gas) site investigations and drilling of a exploration well off Dalkev Island (see March issue). Providence said a 'jack-up' rig is to be sited 6kms off the island in early 2013.

The licence was announced by Jan O'Sullivan, Minister of State at the Dept. of the



A rig during a 'Sewage' project off Dalkey

Environment (see 'Oil Update' September issue, page 37). However her Labour Party Leader, Tánaiste Eamonn Gilmore T.D., stressed that "the licence is for a once-off exploratory drill". He added "if a commercial licence was sought at a future stage I would expect a public inquiry be held".

People Before Profit T.D., Richard Boyd Barrett, condemned the Department. for granting the licence as there was "no public inquiry called into the possible environmental impact on Dublin Bay". Speaking on 'Morning Ireland' he added "I have no problem for drilling oil and gas 70/80kms offshore, that's normal, but to have drilling this close is unprecedented" [in Irish waters].

Note: Across the Irish Sea in Liverpool Bay, the Lennox oil field is 6km off the coastline, according to a document on the Department's website:

www.environ.ie/en/Foreshore/News/MainBody,31221,en.htm

At the packed meeting in Dalkey Town Hall last January, Providence claims a representative attended to note issues raised and on other occasions met officials of Dalkey Community Council, Dalkey Business Group and local fishermen. February's deadline for public submissions to the Department of Environment, yielded a 4,000 signature petition and 700 submissions, the majority opposing the proposal.

Statutory bodies also made submissions to the Department, though notably with the exception of Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company, Dublin Port Company and Fingal County Council. Both ports were previously used as bases for exploration activities. Dublin Port and Loughshinny in Fingal, have been suggested as landfall sites, should a gas pipeline be required.

Following submissions, the Marine Licence Vetting Committee (MLVC) was of the view that a further round of public and prescribed body consultation was not required. Among the 'recommended conditions' is that 'No seismic or acoustic survey works shall be carried out on the foreshore during February-July inclusive, in the interest of nature conservation and the protection of fishery resources'.



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Seismic (see August issue re: BBC 'Coast') and site surveys of a maximum duration of 15 days, will both be required before any 'exploratory' drilling (maximum duration of 60 days) takes place. The process will necessitate a site survey ship and 'guard' vessel for a 500m radius exclusion safety zone.

In addition, up to three daily boat or helicopter flights are to transport personnel to/from the platform.

Information during the project will be posted on: www.providenceresources.com/dalkevisland.aspx

Also reported in the August issue, Mr. Leo Varadkar, Minister for Transport, is to report back to Government this October, with an Action Plan to address "key deficiencies" in the Irish Coast Guard's ability to manage major maritime emergencies such as oil pollution incidents.

COLIEMORE 'FERRY'

Due to the above topic, space restrictions have infringed on covering another on-going



Installation of handrail on Island's harbour slip

issue, that is a 'Campaign' to restore access for the 'local traditional ferry' from Coliemore Harbour to the Dalkey Island. which gained momentum following a meeting in July (see September issue). At a meeting of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) on 24th September,. councillors gave their support to the restoration of the

historic ferry service, intrinsic to our maritime cultural heritage, with links far beyond the harbour's completion in 1868, but stretching back over the centuries.

However structural issues at present day Coliemore require a 'full' engineer's report, although the question is how monies are to be raised for potentially expensive repairs. Also required is a tendering process to operate a 'licensed' ferry from Coliemore, Bulloch or as reported Dun Laoghaire? (see June issue).

Surprisingly, a handrail was installed on the Island slipway in September, ahead of a further meeting scheduled by DLRCC in January, 2013 about the Island's PART 8 Public Consultation Process and issues at Coliemore.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 37-40 10/9/2012 to 5/10/2012

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

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0358 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Sep-2012

Applicant Name& Location: Board of Management, Harold Boys School, St. Patrick's Rd., Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission is sought for development which will consist of a single storey extension containing two classrooms to the front of the existing school building constructed in two phases, with associated internal alterations, external signage and ancillary site works, including temporary site entrance at front boundary.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0363 **Application Rec'd Date:** 14-Sep-2012

Applicant Name& Location: Iris O'Malley, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey. (The White House)

Proposal: Permission for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Refs. D11A/0193, D11A/0389 and D11A/0454 to approved House C only to include minor modifications to window positions, sizes and fenestration pattering together with minor increase in dept of roof eaves, raising of height of chimney and increase in width of house by 300mm thus increasing its approved floor area by 8 sq.m.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0368 **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Sep-2012

Applicant Name& Location: Ms. Breda Keena, 90, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for demolition of existing modern single storey extension to rear, erection of new single storey flat roofed extension to rear accommodating new kitchen and dining area, new window ope to family bathroom, new opening casement windows throughout, conversion of existing attic space into store accommodating new dormer window to rear and Velux type rooflight to front.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0293 Application Rec'd Date: 21-Sep-2012

Applicant Name& Location: Siobhan Noonan & Noel Minogue, 3 Wolverton Glen, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Proposed new roof extension over part of existing 178m2 single storey dwelling to creat limited 2 storey accommodation of 60m2 within new roof profile including 2 bedrooms (one with walk in wardrobe with roof light, dormer window and roof light, one with 2 roof lights), a shower room (with dormer window), a plant/store room, landing/stair access from below (with 2 roof lights replacing existing) and associated minor internal alterations to the existing ground floor giving a proposed total floor area of 238m2.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0378 Application Rec'd Date: 27-Sep-2012

Applicant Name& Location: Mr & Mrs Alan and Pinel Burke, 17, Convent Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for, A) Single storey extension to rear (35.5 sq.m) with new window to east elevation and enlarged window on west elevation of rear return, with glass block window at ground floor level to south elevation, along with 4 No. roof lights to roof facing west. B) New 3.5m wide vehicular access with car parking space to front, along with storage area (13.25 sq.m) under same and new pedestrian gates to rear and front south boundary walls.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0305 Application Rec'd Date: 28-Sep-2012

Applicant Name Location: Emer Wilson, Bradda, 1, Monte Vella, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the retention of two alterations to planning permission reference number D12B/0010. These are the addition of a window on the east facing gable wall at attic level and the alteration of the ground floor glazing on the west elevation of the domestic extension.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0299 Application Rec'd Date: 26-Sep-2012

Applicant Name& Location: Siobhan Noonan & Noel Minogue, 3 Wolverton Glen, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Proposed new roof extension over part of existing 178m2 single storey dwelling to create limited 2 create limited 2 storey accommodation of 60m2 within new roof profile including 2roms (one bedrooms (one with walk in wardrobe with roof light, dormer window and roof light, one with 2 roof one with 2 roof lights), a shower room (with dormer window), a plant/store room, landing/stair access from below (with 2 roof lights replacing existing) and associated minor internal alterations to the existing ground floor giving a proposed total floor area of 238m2.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1702/E **Application Rec'd Date:** 02-Oct-2012

Applicant Name& Location: P.J. Gallagher, Old Rock, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Demolition of existing single & two storey 4 bedroom detached dwelling and the construction of a replacement two storey 5 bedroom detached dwelling with 2 no. balconies to the north elevation at first floor level and the widening and minor relocation of the existing vehicular access in an easterly direction (circa 1 m). **Application Type:**Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0386 **Application Rec'd Date:** 03-Oct-2012

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0317 **Application Rec'd Date:** 05-Oct-2012

Applicant Name& Location: Conor and Tara Nolan, 97, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a single storey extension to rear of house with pitched roof and velux roof windows also internal alterations to existing house and associated works.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks. 37-40 10/9/2012 to 5/10/2012

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0186 **Decision**: Grant Permission **Date**: 12-Sep-2012 **Applicant Name& Location:** Mr Edward Doyle, Portion of lands to rear of 21, Castle St., Dalkey. **Proposal**: Planning permission is sought for the demolition of a derelict shed on portion of lands to rear of 21, Castle Street and the provision of a shop/retail unit at ground floor level on the existing footprint, together with a two storey office extension above this proposed shop in order to extend the existing office unit number 3 adjacent to the site at the rear of 20 Castle St. Applic. Type Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0243 **Decision**: Grant Permission **Date**: 12-Sep-2012 **Applicant Name& Location:** Tony & Linda Corcoran, Ard Na Carraige, Green Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing terraced 2 storey over basement four bedroom house 280m2, and the construction of: 1 No. 2 bedroom dwelling of 154 m2 together with 39m2 of underground storage (House1), and 1 No. terraced 2 storey over basement dwelling consisting of a 4 bedroom house, 205 m 2 (House 2), both with external car-parking, roof mounted solar collectors and rainwater harvesting, with pedestrian and vehicular access from the Green Road, and associated landscaping and site works. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0252 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 19-Sep-2012

Applicant Name& Location: Dermot O'Riordan, 19, Mapas Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for an extension to side at first floor over garage including attic conversion with dormer windows to rear and Velux rooflights to front, side and rear.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0293 **Decision:** Declare Applic. Invalid **Date:** 27-Sep-2012

Applicant Name& Location: Siobhan Noonan & Noel Minogue, 3 Wolverton Glen, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Proposed new roof extension over part of existing 178m2 single storey dwelling to creat limited 2 storey accommodation of 60m2 within new roof profile including 2 bedrooms (one with walk in wardrobe with roof light, dormer window and roof light, one with 2 roof lights), a shower room (with dormer window), a plant/store room, landing/stair access from below (with 2 roof lights replacing existing) and associated minor internal alterations to the existing ground floor giving a proposed total floor area of 238m2.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0314 **Decision**: Grant Permission **Date**: 5-Oct-2012

Applicant Name& Location: David Williams, 2A, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: (Presently deli and catering outlet) to Take-away & Delivery Pizza Outlet, with opening hours from 0900 hrs to 2400 hrs and new signage to existing shop front. Applic. Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0266 **Decision**: Grant Permission **Date**: 2-Oct-2012

Applicant Name Location: David Mowatt & Annemarie Walsh, 6, Leslie Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for, front extension to line up with 5, Leslie Avenue with new window openings, garage conversion with new door, changing pitch of roof to be 550mm higher, frosted glass windows to the side and 1 metre double storey extension to the rear and single storey extension to rear and side. Attic conversion with small window in rear gable and 5 No. rooflights, new front boundary wall with sliding gate associated siteworks. Application Type: Permission.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY An Bord Pleanala Wks. 37-40 10/9/12 to 5/10/12

Reg Ref: D12A/0271 **Reg. Date:**18-Jul-2012 Location:Loreto Primary School, Loreto Ave., Dalkey **Development**: Permission is sought for development consisting of the demolition of existing garage store (10m2 approx.) and the removal of temporary prefab standalone building with 2 classrooms (80m2 approx.) and construction of a single storey annex comprising 2 mainstream classrooms, store room, and ancillary site works, total area 200m2 approx. The extension will be located near to and behind the stone boundary wall fronting onto Loreto Avenue. The site is adjacent to but outside the curtilage of Loreto Abbey which is a protected structure, RPS 1445.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 17-Sep-2012. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala Wks 36-39 31/8/2012 to 28/9/2012

None for Dalkey Area

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Oliver McCabe

GOLFING NEWS



Dun Laoghaire Golf Club secured victory in the All Ireland Challenge Cup 2012 held at Courtown Golf Club recently. Having won the East Leinster Final at the end of August, the Dun Laoghaire team saw off tough competition from Mullingar in the Semis to beat Castletroy in a well-won final.

Dalkey residents Denise Keavney (Captain), Mary Barry, Siobhán O'Kelly and Isolde McKenna (Manager) were joined by Bridget Whelan, Julie Rayel, Marian Rushe and Bernice McCarthy to bring the All Ireland Pennant to East Leinster. There was a strong Dalkey representation on the winning team.

PLAYERS

Lady Captain: Denise Keavney (Dalkey), Siobhán O'Kelly (Dalkey), Mary Barry (Dalkey), Bridget Whelan (Glenageary), Bernice McCarthy (Monkstown)

NATURE NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

Tuesday 6 November: Ireland's Waders: *Tips on ID*, by Niall Keogh (BirdWatch Ireland). Venue Kingston Hotel, Dun Laoghaire @8pm.

Sunday 11 November: Coach trip to Wexford. Coach leaves Stena Ferry Terminal, Dún Laoghaire, at 8:30am sharp. Book your place at any of the meetings or email ppod48ka@upcmail (for Wexford trip only).

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There were big movements of birds around in early October with big flocks of Goldfinches and other finch species flying around the hills but it was a much smaller but more spectacular flock that came over Dalkey Hill in the middle of the month. A flock of around thirty ravens croaking, weaving and rolling in the air heading towards the coast before turning around and heading back inland. I'd seen a similar sized flock years ago at the same time of the year and supposed they might be heading towards the biggest raven roost in the British Isles in Newborough in Angelsea in Wales, just a skip and a jump across the sea to a bird. At one stage the winter roost held 4,000 individuals making it the second biggest raven roost in the world.

Though small family groups of five or six birds can be seen a flock of ravens this size is unusual. They can be distinguished from hooded crows or rooks by their large size, splayed wing feathers almost like fingers, their wedge shaped, as opposed to fan shaped tail tails and of course the range of deep resonant croaks.

A stroll down the West Pier in Dun Laoghaire can be a very good spot for seeing wintering birds. Apart from Red Throated Divers in the harbour itself dozens and sometimes hundreds of Great Crested Grebes can be seen in the Bay, we had over 800 grebes on one winter count last winter.

Along the pier itself you might see Turnstones, Purple Sandpipers and sometimes even Snow Buntings. Grey Herons fish from the back of the pier and sometimes as the light fades you might witness the fly past of big flocks of Brent geese which rise up over the east pier dip down then back over the west pier as they head north to roost at the end of a days feeding in Wicklow.

Sometimes on bird outings or Dawn Chorus events you have to draw comparison with some everyday sound to describe to people the call of a bird and sometimes when doing this I think we're showing our age. Our smallest bird the Goldcrest is often easier heard then seen. It's not particularly shy but its tiny size makes it very difficult to see since it keeps close to the trunk of conifers where it is often heard before it's seen if it's seen at all. Its protracted high pitched song is often described as sounding like a sewing machine but would that mean anything to anyone under 40 years of age? Would they have ever seen a sewing machine let alone heard one?

At this time of year Mistle Thrushes often fly in extended family groups, small flocks that tend to make a double wing flap as they pass overhead. They have a very distinct recognisable call they make in flight which is often described as sounding like a football rattle but has anybody brought a football rattle to a match since the 1970s?

Sometimes the comparison can be very accurate since the bird actually copies the man made noise surrounding it. There is a famous recording of a Lyre Bird (you can watch it on YouTube) in Australia whose display song imitates the calls of other birds but also

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incorporates sounds of camera shutters and camera motors (pre digital camera age), car alarms and an amazing imitation of the sound of a chainsaw being fired up and operated.

I'm sure I've heard the sound of car or house alarms being incorporated into Blackbird's song during the spring months. At this time of the year the blackbird won't be singing but I always think of its alarm call at dusk as one of the most evocative sounds of winter. The

Robin will be one of the few birds singing during winter to defend territory, most other birds having moved off their breeding ground. But there is one other glorious songster who can make the winter seem shorter. Often in mid winter in the dark hours before dawn a Song Thrush will begin to sing, the quiet cold air seeming to amplify its song. During last year's generally mild winter Song Thrushes were singing from November right through till spring. There is a theory that these are young male birds practicing for their first breeding season but whatever the reason they're very welcome.

There is now a page on Facebook, Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Group, dedicated to the red squirrel conservation project on Killiney Hill. With lots of photos of the released squirrels and a means to record any sightings you might have of reds or greys in the locality.

After release some of the squirrels dispersed quite far away from the pen. Thankfully most came back to the parkland though at time of writing one is still in residence in a garden on Military Road where it's been over a month but it seems happy enough. It's been a bad year for seed and nut production on trees and it might be the shortage of natural food that's bringing the other squirrels back for the supplementary food left out for them near the pens. Last year had a spectacular crop of beech mast but it's been very poor this year. Trees have a natural cycle when they'll have one good seed year followed by a few barren years.

The locally-released reds have been feeding on Scots Pine and Douglas Fir seeds which though smaller then beech have a high food value. Female reds need to obtain a certain body weight before they'll be able to give birth so hopefully these seeds combined with the supplementary food will keep them fit and healthy and ready to breed in the spring.

Gardening for birds usually means you planting trees and bushes that will provide food, cover and nesting habitats but occasionally you might experience gardening by birds. You can see which bushes berries are most popular with the birds when new bushes appear around your garden. Brambles appear everywhere as the blackberries pass through the bird's digestive system before being ejected within their own little package of fertiliser. Berberis are another big favourite which will be spread by the bird and I've mentioned

before the popularity of the Leycestaria, or pheasant bush. We had Blackcaps eating early ripened leycestaria berries in August with Bullfinches and Blackbirds tucking into them soon after. For years I've had new plants appearing all over the garden and I'm always reluctant to pull up such a valuable food source. But it was food eaten not from bushes but from the feeders that had two sunflowers appear in flower pots where presumably the birds had perched after eating the sunflower seeds. In a dismal year for gardening it was nice to have a sunflower opening in mid October thanks to a feathered friend.



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❖ NOVEMBER 2012 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS − James Scannell

Thursday November 1st at 8pm Tim Carey will present his lecture 'In Honour and Memory - The Memorials of Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission €4.

Tuesday November 6th at 8.30pm Michael J.Conry will present his lecture '*Picking Bilberries*, *Fraocháns and Whorts - part of our heritage*' to the Kilmacanogue History Soc. in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, Co.Wicklow - entry donation €3.

Wednesday November 7th at 6.30pm. Ms. Rosemary Raughter will present her lecture 'Unbounded charity and unfortunate females: Lady Arbella Denny and the early years of the Leeson Street Magdalen Asylum' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive. Admission free - all welcome.

At 8 p.m. a guest speaker will present a talk on 'Martello Towers' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin - all welcome.

Thursday November 8th at 8pm Anthony McEvoy will present his lecture 'The Russo-Finnish Winter War: A Stillorgan Connection' to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society in the Function Room, Glenalbyn, Stillorgan, Co.Dublin. Admission €4.

At 8.30 p.m. Liam Clare will present his lecture 'Victorian Bray' in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €3.

Monday November 12th at 8.15pm Padraig Laffan will present his lecture 'The Development of Dublin Bay from Ford of the Hurdles to the Kish Light including Clontarf Market, once the biggest and best in Europe' to the Clontarf Historical Society in the Resource Centre, St. John the Baptist Church, Howth Road, Dublin 3. Admission €4.

Tuesday November 13th at 8pm Dr. Patrick N. Wyse Jackson will speak on '*Richard Griffith* (1784-1878), *Public Servant Valuator and Geologist*' to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Contribution €4.

Wednesday November 14th at 6.30pm Dr. F. O'Dwyer will present his lecture 'Building the' First Class Airport': Collinstown 1935 - 1950' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Admission free - all welcome.

At 7.45pm Gerry Cooley will present his talk 'Santry House and Demesne' to the Knocklyon History Society in the Iona Centre, bedside St. Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon, Dublin 15. Admission €4.

At 8pm Jim Robinson will present his talk 'Lady Nelson: The people of HMS Nelson' to the Killiney & Ballybrack Historical Society in upstairs lounge of The Graduate, Rochestown Avenue, Killiney. All welcome - admission €3.

Thursday November 15th at 8pm Ms. Liz Prendergast will present her lecture '*Jubilee Nurses*' to the Ballsbridge, Donnybrook and Sandymount Historical Society in St, Mary's National School, Belmont Ave. Donnybrook, Dublin 4. Admission €3 - car parking available.

At 8pm Des Byrne, Genealogist will present his lecture 'Wire Ropes and Skipping Ropes' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce, Quinsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €4.

Tuesday November 20th at 1.05pm Clare McCutcheon will present a 40-minute Friends of Medieval Dublin lunchtime talk, *'The Potter's Tale'*, in the Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Dublin 8. Admission free.



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Wednesday November 21st at 6.30pm the AGM of the Old Dublin Society takes place in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse St., Dublin 2, and will conclude with a short talk by James Scannell recalling 'A Dublin Day'.

At 8 p.m. Seamus Ó Maitiú will present his talk on '*Dublin's First Map - Speed's Map of 1610*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome - €3.50.

Tuesday November 27th at 7.15pm Brian White will present his lecture '*The Brabazons of Dublin & Bray*' to the Old Dublin Society in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. Admission free - all welcome.

Wednesday November 28th - Between 10.30am and 12.30pm the November 'Morning Open Meeting' of the Genealogical Society of Ireland takes place in Hardy's Bar, Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Contribution €4.

Thursday November 29th at 8pm Ms. Elizabeth Smith will present her lecture 'New York in Sections: Kate Doyle's Postcards, 1906 to 1908' to the Rathmines, Ranelagh and Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town hall, Rathmines, Dublin 6. All welcome admission €3.

A BOOK TO READ

"Michael Collins and the Civil War", by T. Ryle Dwyer, published by Mercier Press. 90 years ago the Irish Civil War was in progress and this book looks at events in Ireland between January and July 1922 as Collins and others attempted to stave off the inevitable looming civil war over the terms of the Anglo-Irish Peace Treaty which granted independence to 26 counties of Ireland, partitioned the island into 2 states, and left the Irish Free State still within the Empire. The vote to carry the Treaty had only been carried by the narrow margin of seven votes and almost immediately split in the republican movement. In this fascinating book new light is shed and revealed on the activities of Michael Collins

In this fascinating book new light is shed and revealed on the activities of Michael Collins who on one hand was undertaking his ministerial duties and engaging in negotiations with the British, while at the same time also secretly backing the IRA's campaign to destabilise the fledgling Northern Ireland state through kidnapping and assassination. Attacks on Unionists in Northern Ireland often resulted in sectarian attacks on the Nationalist and Catholic areas of Northern Ireland in reprisal which frequently resulted in counter-reprisals especially in the Border counties. At the same Collins was trying to reconcile the anti-Treaty IRA with the Provisional Government and the terms of the Treaty. If Collins comes across as devious and duplicitous, then equally De Valera comes across as unhelpful and also as deviously as Collins in saying one thing and doing another with this author revealing that at once stage the Anti-Treaty IRA had little or no time for de Valera who had to find a new political role for himself as he was in danger of being sidelined and consigned to oblivion.

The book also reveals how lawless the country had become during this six months with no official police force in place to replace the RIC and the amount of political violence, including intimidation of candidates, that occurred at public meetings in the run up to the June 1922 General Election in which supporters of the Treaty won the majority of the seats. By this time the anti-Treaty IRA had reached sufficient to pose a major threat to the Provisional Government which was then forced to take action again those occupying the Four Courts in June 1922 which triggered the start of the Civil War.

Collins always hoped for a quick end to the Civil War but his untimely death stopped this and this book gives a fascinating light into life in Ireland during the six months prior to the outbreak of the Civil War. Its worth mentioning that Pearse Lawlor's 'The Outrages 1920 - 1922', also published Mercier Press contain detailed accounts of many of the Northern Ireland and Border incidents mentioned in T. Ryle Dwyer's book.



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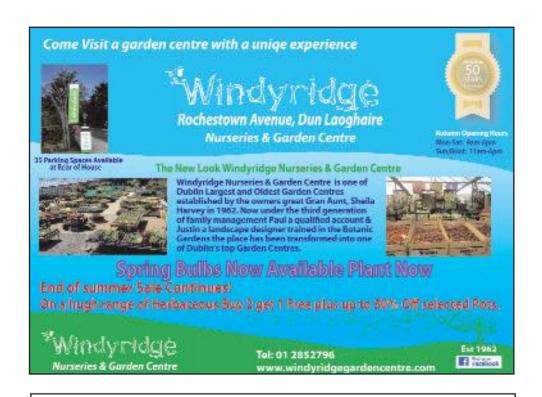
Take a 25 minute southbound DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transport) ride from Dublin City Centre and you'll find yourself at the idyllic genteel seaside village of Dalkey. This being Ireland, the journey thankfully is not particularly rapid and more of a leisurely meander. One stop further than Dalkey lies Killiney station. The stretch



between the two is arguably the most picturesque of this coastal train route.

The cool bohemian vibe of Dalkey owes much to it having become something of a magnet for artists, musicians and writers. Some of the more famous residents are U2's Bono, singer Enya and film director Neil Jordan. Although it's always a blast to see a bona-fide rock star grabbing a pint at Finnegan's Pub it is a rare sight indeed even for locals. If it should happen do the Dalkey thing and pretend it's perfectly normal to rub shoulders with global superstars. After a coffee, or indeed the ubiquitous pint, a good starting point is the Dalkey Heritage Centre where you can 'experience a live theatre performance as part of a guided tour'. This is genuinely entertaining and rather than being plied with endless historical facts visitors are treated to an array of memorable characters who tell their own particular tales of medieval life while weaving in the fascinating history of Goat Castle, the fortified strong-house in which the centre is located. You may even catch a glimpse of a ghost amongst the adjacent ruins of St. Begnet's Church which dates from the 10th century. Young children especially readily fall under the actors spell. Goat Castle is one of just two remaining out of the seven fortified houses which once dotted the village. The other, Archbold Castle, lies across the street and although well preserved there is no public access. Perhaps the highlight of the tour is the chance to go out onto the battlements where you'll be treated to panoramic views of the surrounding area.

After an hour of light-hearted historical fun which unobtrusively crams in a lot of local information you'll be ready to strike out on your own to explore. A leisurely stroll around the village to soak up the old-world atmosphere is a must. After that head for Coliemore Road and the harbour that once served as Dublin's main trading port. Heavier ships could not berth in the shallower waters at Ringsend therefore Coliemore became a hub of medieval commerce. The stretch of water between the harbour and Dalkey Island is known as Dalkey Sound and is particularly deep bearing in mind the proximity to the shore. The island boasts the ruins of another Church also named St. Begnet's, the remains of a military fort and, of particular interest, a Martello Tower. These towers line the Dublin coast and date from the 19th Century Napoleonic Wars. They are compact, almost impregnable and built within sight of each other so that warning signals could easily be passed along. A substantial seal colony lives on the far side of the island as well as a wide variety of birds including terns, guillemots and cormorants. In recent times there have been some sightings of three bottlenose dolphins both here and further along the Vico Road. Sadly there is no



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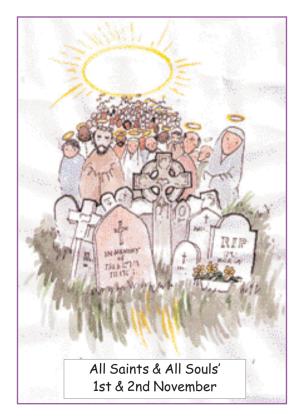
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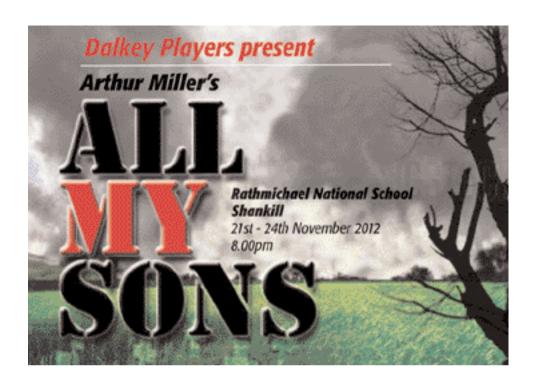
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regular boat service to the island although rumour has it that some enterprising boat owners may take visitors across for a small fee. Leave the grandiose Victorian mansions of Coliemore Road behind and head through tiny Sorrento Park opposite impressive Sorrento Terrace and on to the Vico Road which circumvents Killiney Hill. The views from the Vico are simply stunning so keep your fingers crossed for a clear day. This is one of the most sought-after addresses in the capital and has been called Dublin's Riviera. Access to the sea is in two locations: the first known as Vico Baths and the second White Rock, which has a small pebbly beach. Hardened residents bathe in both places year round so if you're feeling either brave or foolhardy why not take the plunge and join them. Continue along the Vico until you come to a beautiful Italianate house called Strawberry Hill. Adjacent you'll find a concertina of some 238 steps known locally as the Cat's Ladder. This takes you up to Killiney Hill which was opened to the public in 1887 and was originally known as Victoria Hill in honour of Oueen Victoria's Golden (50 year) Jubilee. Turn left at the top of the steps and a tranquil path leads you on to Killiney Hill Park and routes either to Dalkey Hill/Quarry or up to the Killiney Hill Obelisk commonly known as the Witches Hat. The area is extremely popular with dog-walkers, ramblers and nature lovers. It's also a great spot for an impromptu picnic weather permitting. The park boasts a colony of increasingly rare red squirrels. In order to attempt to reverse the decline a number of these beautiful creatures were released in August this year to supplement the existing population. As well as the spectacular scenery there is a variety of birds ranging from kestrels and sparrowhawks, often best seen at Dalkey Quarry which is also popular with rock-climbers,



to fulmars, wagtails, thrushes and warblers amongst others. A more exotic feathered visitor made a recent appearance in the form of a peahen owned by non-other than Bono who, it was rumoured, had bought a pair for his wife Ali's birthday. The noisy yet goodnatured creature briefly became almost as famous as her owner. As well as spending time in and around Killiney Hill she also ventured into private back-gardens and eventually became the subject of a bizarre phone-in on RTÉ Radio One. After all that walking you'll most likely be in need of more refreshment. Killiney Hill Road opposite the main Killinev Hill car park takes you back down into Dalkey Village. Grab a pint, or maybe two, in any of the six congenial pubs. A word of advice however, if you should happen to see Bono, don't mention the peahen!



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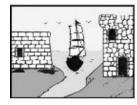
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❖ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ART EXHIBITION 2012 ❖



Dalkey Community Council's Annual Art Exhibition will take place in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey on **Saturday** and **Sunday**, **November 10th and 11th 2012.**

Entry Forms, together with full payment, must be submitted by post (no entries will be taken at the door) to: Dalkey Community Council Art Exhibition, DCC Postbox, Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. There will be a charge of €4.00 per picture and a commission of 10% will apply to all sales.

Paintings, framed and ready for hanging, must be brought to Our Lady's Hall on **Friday, 9th November at 12.30 p.m.** Paintings must be accompanied by a signed Disclaimer and Exhibition Number(s) for the painting(s).

Only two paintings per artist are allowed. "Not for Sale" exhibits will *not* be accepted.

All paintings must be collected from the Hall between 4 and 5pm on Sunday, 11th November, 2012.

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DCC Art Exhibition in OLH	Sat 10) - Sun 11 Nov	Coffee morning in aid of the Irish Guide Dogs in OLH 10.30-12.30 Christmas cards, calendars		
St. Patrick's Dramatic Society presents "Murdered to Death" in the Pavilion Theatre, Dun Laoghaire.		and merchandise	Sat 24 Nov		
		Sorting December Newsletter	Thurs 29 Nov		
		DCC December Meeting	Mon 3 Dec		
Nightly at 8.00pm	Wed 1	4 - Sat 17 Nov	Christmas Tree Celebrations	Sun 2 Dec	

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EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6.00-9.00pm Tues. & Thurs. Wayne Deegan at 086 857 2546 **Dalkey Players** The Carry Hall Killiney from 7.30-10.30pm. Tues & Thurs. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

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

The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. Call 086-8391839.

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

Pilates: on Mondays in Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel from 6.15pm. Contact Lizanne Barry 087 8572408. **Zumba Fitness classes**: in Cuala GAA Centre on Thurs. 7.00pm.Contact Lukasz: 085 216 33 04; Email:info@zumbagalaxy.com

St. Patrick's Church Harbour Road 14th Nov. 2012. String Quintet Concert in aid of Breadline Africa @8pm Tickets; €15 each from Noo Wallis, Christine Scott or at the door.

Holy Trinity Parish, Killiney (Killiney Hill Rd) Nov. 9th: Art & Antique Exhibition, viewing and wine reception from 6pm, auction from 8pm. The Carry Hall, Killiney Hill Road. Admission €5 Nov. 22nd: Killiney Men's Society, 'Men's Health' 8pm. The Carry Hall, Killiney Hill Road.

Nov. 27th: Bible Study Group. 10.30am. The Carry Hall, Killiney Hill Road.

Dec. 1st: Christmas Sale. 11am-1pm. The Carry Hall, Killiney Hill Road. Santa arrives at 11.30am. Adm. €2 **Nature Notes for November:** *See page 23*.

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

October the 24th has come and gone, and that's the end of analogue television as we knew it...from here on it's Digital all the way. For the last few weeks I have been testing a new combination receiver for the Irish and UK channels. The receiver is a small unit that has a 2.5-inch hard drive built in for recording (which can store as much as 400 hours). Picture quality is excellent as you would expect, and the menu structure is very basic, and simple to use. When recording you are also given the option of watching a second channel at the same time (I am not aware of any other receiver that has this facility, as normally you are stuck watching the channel that you are recording). Full details and pricing are available by calling the numbers below.

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