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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**



*Fr Gallagher accepting the Community Council's Community Cup from Susan MacDonnell
on behalf of church gardener Michael McDonnell*

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SUMMARY OF DCC OCTOBER MEETING



The DCC Monthly Meeting was held in OLH on Monday 7th October 2013. The members stood for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for the late Ken Dixon who was a member and Chairman of DCC for the period of 2008-2010.

NW: The incidents of crime for the Dalkey area were significantly down on last year's figures but the Gardai remind us to remain vigilant. The installation of the new water meters will be rolling out soon and all personnel will have identity tags. There is no need for the work crews to gain access to the house and anything out of the normal should be immediately reported to the Gardai in Dun Laoghaire at 666 5000.

The next DCC meeting is Monday 4th November in OLH.



SCOUTING NEWS FROM 41st DUBLIN



Sarah McDonagh

The Liffey Descent:

Congratulations to Sarah Mc Donagh, Rover and Kayaking instructor with the 41st Dublin, who won the Liffey Descent in late September.

It is a 28km race down the Liffey and is the pinnacle of kayaking achievements. It was Sarah's first time doing it and due to the very dry summer there was very little water on the river, making it a more challenging and gruelling race than usual.

Sarah finished in a time of 2hrs 55 minutes which was longer than usual but given the slow flow of the river it is in line with, and just ahead of, the other competitors! Sarah won by a good margin (7 minutes) and it is the first senior race that she has competed in, so this is quite an achievement. It is a very physically and mentally challenging race. Well done, Sarah.



41st Dublin with Cyril Byrne of the Irish Times

Our Gathering Event:

In June the 41st Dublin scouts shared a 'gathering event' with the 6th Bebington troop from Eastham, near Liverpool.

Congratulations to Cyril Byrne, the Irish Times photographer who photographed the event, and had his photo picked to go on the cover of the Irish Hospice Foundation fundraising book – *The Gathering, Reflection on Ireland*. The photo shows Dalkey sea scouts with the troop from Bebington on Dalkey Island. It was a very proud moment for the group to have our photo chosen and to be invited to the book launch in City Hall with an Taoiseach, Enda Kenny. Photos taken that night made the inside of the Irish Times the next day.

It was also a pleasure to meet John Geoghegan on the night. John is a director of the World Scouting Federation and in the book you get to read about his career and the impact scouting has had on his life. Thank you, John! You also can read about the Irish Wolfhound Club which held its own gathering event during the summer and we had the pleasure of getting our photo taken with Darcey and Keelagh on the steps of city hall.

The book is available for sale online and would make a super Christmas gift as well as supporting a great cause. <http://hospicefoundation.ie/shop/books/the-gathering-book-shipping-within-ireland/>

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*41st Dublin with John Geoghegan,
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ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT



Oliver McCabe presented the McCabe Sports Cup to Marie Fahy Manager of the Dalkey Community Games Swimming Team



Gardening Judge Emer Torpey with Anne Kinsella 2nd Prize for Best Front Garden Category



Josie Dixon: Winner of 3rd Place in the Best Front Garden Category



Emer presents Cup for 1st Prize in Best Front Garden Category to Rosemary Coulter Cooke



Alex Perry receives the Comerford Cup for Young Achievers from Susan MacDonnell. Alex won four Gold Medals in National Gymnastic Competitions



Judge Emer presented Mervyn Stewart, Chef de Cuisine, Guinea Pig Restaurant with Third Prize for Best Display Category



Killiney Towers Garden Committee who received First Prize for Best Open Space Category



Emer with Philip and Joan Brady who received cup for Surprise Garden Category

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Christmas Lights

We are looking forward to the warm festive season in our business community. We are organising the Dalkey Christmas Lights once more which are anticipated to be switched on, on Sunday 8th December when Santa arrives to our Heritage Town. The Christmas Lights cost local business €11,000 to be erected around the town. Over the past years our assistant chairperson Bláithín O'Brien has put in a huge amount of work to collect money for the lights. This year is the toughest to make payment by local businesses on the cost of the Christmas Lights because of budgeting and commitment. We are taking the time now to make the local community and residents aware of the cost and organisation of the Christmas Lights. We are hoping that we can fund the Lights this year but we may have to look to fundraising within the Dalkey community during the weeks before 8th December. Please keep an eye out in your local shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants for information on such fundraising events or fundraising collection boxes. If we can't make payment we may have to skip the Dalkey Christmas Lights for this year! If you would like to get involved please contact dalkeybusinessgroup@gmail.com Thank you.



Last year's Festival of Light in Dalkey Photo: John Fahy

'Dalkey Creates' writing Festival – 16th to 19th October 2014

A new festival is coming soon to Dalkey with emphasis on writers' workshops. Including singer songwriter writing activities, creative writing workshops and theatre writing. Work with tutors across 4 days and then present at the end. Contact Anna Fox for more information or if you like to get involved at solartheatre1@gmail.com

Finally we would like to congratulate Dalkey Tidy Towns committee for all their hard voluntary work throughout the year which paid off with their success at this year's National Tidy Towns Awards. Next year we may WIN! So it's important that we all pick up after ourselves and maintain our beautiful town of Dalkey.

Please keep up to date with what's happening in Dalkey Business Group on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th November if you would like to join!



A LITTLE DALKEY HISTORY



Wednesday November 26th 1890 Dalkey Township Commissioners Meeting

Mr. Samuel Comas, J.P., chaired the above meeting at which the attendance included W.E. Porter, John Fleming, J.P., G.D. Beggs, John Myles, B.L., C. Higginbotham, and John Leahy. Also in attendance was the Township Surveyor R.W. Walshe, C.E.

Township Sewers – Mr. W G. Strype, C.E., forwarded tracings and sections of sewers

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which he considered were urgent cases for reconstruction. He indicated that he was suffering from a serious illness at that time and promised to forward a full report on the remainder of the sewers as soon as he was in a position to do so. After some discussion it was decided to postpone the proposed work on the sewers until they had received Mr. Strype's full report.

Water Supply Problems – Several Dalkey Hill ratepayers submitted written complaints about being without water for 5 days. Mr. Walsh, C.E., said that they had to clean out the tank and put in a new pipe at the bottom of it, that the water had been off for 3 days, but it was all-right now and that there was plenty of water in the tank at that time.

The Wicklow People - Saturday November 29th 1890.

James Scannell

NEWS FROM HAROLD BOYS' N.S.



Recently my school started cycling. It takes place in our school yard in Harold Boys' School. A man named Alan teaches us. He will teach us for six Thursdays. On the first week he took us to the school hall and taught us about basic cycling safety. It was quite interesting. On the second week we went out to our yard and he taught us about road safety. He brought in a van with all the bikes and the helmets. He teaches us about turning. It really is fun and I'm learning a lot. It is run by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.

John Maguire 5th Class

For six Thursdays 5th class from Harold Boys' School are doing cycling lessons. Our teacher's name is Alan and he is from the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown cycling group. We are doing this course for road safety. So far we have learned skills such as signals, turnings and about the clothing that we should wear. Some people have learned how to cycle which is an amazing achievement. We still have a few weeks remaining in our lessons with the last one being a presentation. Everyone is having lots of fun.

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William Blackall

Even a seemingly nondescript lane can have a history that makes it suddenly interesting. And this was the case when Tim Ryan took me down the lane to the side of Fujifilm.

The unremarkable building to the right at the end was St. Laurence's Hall where man (men only) played cards mostly on Sundays and an early version of Bingo called Housy-Housy - the winner calling out 'House' when the all the numbers were covered.

There was a small farm at the end of the lane and the building to the left was Mulcahy's Motors which was originally the stables for Tim's grandfather's horses.

Tim's grandfather, Joe Ryan, was employed by The Dublin United Tramway Company, firstly as the driver of horse trams, then the electric trams when they were introduced in early

1900s. He also drove the now almost forgotten 'sand tram' which spread sand on the road to prevent the horses of the passenger trams from slipping on the icy tracks, the most notorious being the stretch of road by Bullock Castle, now part of Our Lady's Manor.

Joe's horses were used in the delivery of coal and groceries from shops such as Findlaters, the present site of Eurospar. The groceries were put in small individual parcels which were then packed into tea chests, put on to the carts, later lorries, and delivered to the 'rich' on 'Hungry Hill'. It was called that because in the days before refrigeration, its inhabitants had their food supplies delivered daily and thus to the initial surprise of newly employed daily domestics, there didn't seem to be any food in the house.

There was a fish shop on Patrick's Road on the side of present day Roberts where one can see the ledge of a bricked off window that formed part of the opening to the fish and vegetable shop which had sliding doors instead of solid ones.

The town had two slaughter houses, both to the rere of O'Brien's and McConkeys butcher shops.

The toilets for the tram men were behind the Dispensary, the urinals were open for all to see, but thank goodness, the one solitary WC had a door that closed.

Some wags referred to Dalkey as "Scald Dalkey" because, they said, one could get a halfpence worth of tea for a penny.

Among people not entirely forgotten by the inhabitants of Dalkey Town is Nurse O'Connor who was a maternity nurse and lived opposite The Club Pub and is said to have delivered all the babies in Dalkey. There is Dicky Ryan who was drum major in the pipe band which practiced upstairs in Forrester's Hall which was on Convent Road some doors down from present day Powers Bookies. There was the premises known as Johnston's, now the EBS which repaired clocks, many of which remained there for months after being repaired. Has anyone noticed the small white washed cottage that forms the back wall of the cafe in the Tramyard? That was the home of a tram driver called Mr Kenna.

My apologies to Yvonne Fogarty of Yvonne Joan Bakery. A cat did not sit on the counter as I wrote in the last edition, instead it sat on Ma Riley's counter. As I said before, Ma Riley became very eccentric in her later years. Apparently she wore her long hair in a bun and was seen to stick money into it. There is another story that when returning cheese that had bits eaten out of it, the customer was told by Ma Riley that it couldn't have been mice, because, she said, "My cat sleeps on the cheese all night!"

WILLIAM BLACKALL

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INSPECTOR PRATT IS BACK!

Inspector Pratt is paying another visit to the Pavilion Theatre, courtesy of St Patrick's Dramatic Society.

Many will remember the group's previous very successful production featuring the bumbling policeman with a penchant for malapropisms. His record of crime detection is not enviable - the body count mounted disastrously as he looked on, helpless, hapless and hopeless.

DEATH BY FATAL MURDER is another spoof by Peter Gordon in the Agatha Christie mould. Directed by William Mansfield, it is set in the dark days of the early 1940s. Inspector Pratt, played again by Seymour Cresswell, is soon embroiled in more mystery at Bagshot House, now home to Nancy Allwright (Maria Fitzgerald). He's aided and abetted once more by Miss Maple (Madelyn Chapman) and Constable Thomkins (Mark Aylward). Also there to add to the general mayhem are upper-crust Ginny Farquhar (Amy Creswell); Enzo Garibaldi, the Italian gigolo (Michael Stokes); Welsh busybody and clairvoyant, Blodwyn Morgan (Carmel McCrea) and Roger 'Stiffy' Alwright (Robert Boland). Expect to be left laughing and wondering 'whodunit', as chaos reigns supreme once again at the Pavilion Theatre.

❖ NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ❖

Recent Church Concert – The highlight event last month was the Prazak String Quartet visit to St. Patrick's Church where a full house was entertained by works from Josef Haydn, Leos Janacek and Beethoven. This evening was concluded with a glass of wine in the Northover Hall which was sponsored by the Czech Embassy.



Many thanks to Gillian McCutcheon for organising this concert. A special tribute was paid to her father, John Ruddock who died earlier this year. John was instrumental for organising many such excellent concerts in St. Patrick's and indeed had marked this particular concert in our calendar prior to his death. We now very much hope the Gillian will keep up these contacts and organise many other concerts in the future.

St. Begnet's Day – A joint ecumenical service will take place in the grounds of St. Begnet, beside the Heritage Centre, on Sunday 10th November at 1.15pm. This will be a short service hosted by the two Dalkey Churches, so please do join us.

Parish Activities in the Northover Hall – With the autumn well upon us, we have many activities to entertain and occupy you through the dark evenings please contact the Parish Office for full details and any enquiries you may have.

Parish Fair – Our annual Parish Christmas Fair takes place in the Northover Hall on Sat 7th December commencing at 10am. This is an excellent opportunity to obtain some tremendous bargains or simply to meet all your friends for a cup of coffee and sample some of the excellent refreshments on offer. Please mark this date in your diary.

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POSTCARD FROM FINLAND II



The amazing, mighty, Oulu Irish Festival, the eighth of its kind, has just ended for another year. Where, you might ask is Oulu and why does it have an Irish Festival? Oulu is a city of some 200,000 people, situated at the apex of the Gulf of Bothnia in Northern Finland, about 200km from the Arctic Circle, capital city of the High North.

The Irish Festival, www.irkku.fi, is the brainchild of talented Irish American, Brent Cassidy (bodhrán player and proud wearer of a gold Fainné); Brent is married to a Finnish lady and of New York Irish stock, passionate about his roots.

This year's Festival featured among others, a stellar Irish list of Irish musical talent, Lúnasa, the



Máirtín O'Connor Band, Fullset and the extremely talented Grainne Holland and companions, Shannúa and local group Droichead, as well as poetry by Pat Boran, a Theatre presentation of "Joyced!" from Katie O'Kelly (who flew back to Dublin directly afterwards to appear in "Lock-out") and music workshops. All in all, there were over 50 musicians performing through the five-day Festival.

It made one feel extremely proud to be Irish, to have so many ambassadors of Irish culture in such a special location. And almost 10,000

visitors to Oulu would agree that it was a veritable feast of Irish music and culture and not bad for the local economy, a conservative estimate of which benefited by some €2million.

The festival was supported by The Ministry of Education & Culture, the City of Oulu and, on our side, by Culture Ireland and the Embassy of Ireland, matched by funding from private-sector sponsors. It was a brilliant example in cultural promotion, exponential added-value for a modest investment.

One footnote for history buffs: Oulu made its reputation - and initial prosperity - as the centre of Baltic Tar production in the 18th and 19th centuries: much of what was exported made its way to the UK. And, as we know, much of the wood used in the Royal Navy's fleet of empire-building, wooden sailing vessels was sourced in Ireland; Irish hearts of oak supporting English "Jolly Tars", held together by Finnish glue...now, there's a connection between Ireland, least-forested country in Europe and Finland!

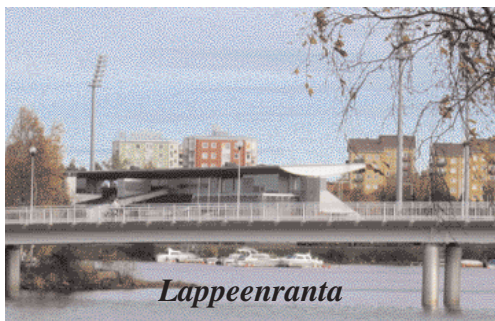
All the best,

Your Finland Station Correspondent

(A Dalkey man based in Helsinki for the next few years)

PS Almost forgot: The Elks v Harps game held in Oulu on Saturday evening was a great success. The Harps won, 4 goals, 7 points to 9 points in front of a crowd of over 300, mostly young Finns; it was the most northerly GAA fixture ever held! (and, significantly for the future of the sport, both teams had a large number of Finnish players).

The game was streamed live on the internet and attracted a Twitter audience of almost 100,000! Our sporting culture is also alive and well and thriving in The High North. - Imagine!





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“AFLOAT” Project Launched: Visual artist Roisin Cunningham with the valued support of the Dalkey Rowing Club and their Ladies Junior crew set off on 6 October from Coliemore Harbour to launch the ‘Afloat’ project off The Muglins with its lighthouse. The skiff’s crew were Sinead McCullogh, Nadine and Claire Cunningham, Mary-Grace Power and cox Pat Dalton.

In swells and overcast skies, the crew demonstrated their graceful rowing skills out beyond the waters of the Muglins which can be notoriously unpredictable. On a high tide, Roisin dropped 50 vessels/ jars into currents of Dublin Bay. Each jar contained people’s messages/ reflections about the recession, a paper boat and a numbered piece taken from a painting by Roisin of the Muglins.

Artists Statement: The idea for the project originated years ago on the main theme of communication between people and how this can be achieved. I liked the idea of using ordinary people’s messages, often because their ideas have no platform. In recent years we seemed to have, as an Island people, had many ideas and criteria forced on us. I wanted to gauge what was the general mood among people.

As the ideas gathered, I was surprised and encouraged at how when asked to send a message to a stranger, people engaged in such a positive way. No messages were altered, they ranged from personal words to inspirational quotes or greetings. I have found it a most enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Roisin wishes to extend special thanks to Dalkey Rowing Club, especially the logistics involved launching the skiff. Who knows where those jars will end up! So visit: www.facebook.com/roisincunningham

Dalkey Island Conservation Plan Approved:

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council approved the Dalkey Island Conservation Plan 2013-2023. A ‘draft’ plan was open to public consultation up to August. The plan is a management structure for the next decade of the island which is regarded as one of the most important national heritage sites which is a mere 300m offshore and close to the capital.



The winning ladies crew, see photo (L-R) are: Susannah Grogan, Jenny Dille, Paul Cunningham (cox), Sue Hill and Cliona O'Reilly

Dalkey Rowing Club: Congratulations to the Ladies Crew who won Gold in the “The Hope Cup” 13km rowing race and came 2nd overall which included a mixed ‘skiff’ crew. The September event was hosted by Stella Maris Rowing Club, Poolbeg Marina, Ringsend. The winning ladies crew, see photo (L-R) are: Susannagh Grogan, Jenny Dilley, Paul Cunningham (cox), Sue Hill and Cliona O’Reilly.

Dun Laoghaire Cruiseships: Eithne Scott Lennon, CEO of Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Killiney has been appointed chairperson of the Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company, the first female to take this board position. Since joining the board in 1984, she has played a significant role and in the ‘Masterplan’, which includes a proposed €18m cruise berth terminal (See July issue) which formed part of her presentation given in September to a Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport and Communication.

Farewell ‘Emer’: Naval Service’s oldest vessel OPV L.É. Emer (P21) in early September undertook a special ‘cruise’ for former crew members in Dublin Bay and a final transit of Dalkey Sound. The decommissioned vessel is to be auctioned on 23 October. Fleetmate ‘flagship’ L.É. Eithne (P31) used to make rare transits too (see: May 2012 issue) while calling to Dun Laoghaire, her ‘adopted’ homeport.

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NEWS FROM LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL



Countdown to the New Classrooms in Loreto

The countdown is on, only 30 days left and we could be in our new classrooms. A year ago when we heard that we were moving, everyone was so excited because it would be amazing to be in new classrooms. It has been an interesting distraction for us in the

prefabs watching the building progress. Most of us have been caught looking out the window watching our new classrooms get bigger and bigger each day. One day in early September we saw the plaster going on. It looked a horrible colour but when it dried it was a really nice cream colour. In late September we saw a truck arrive at the school with portapotties at the back. We all joked that we might have to use them while they were putting in the new toilets. Around that time too we saw this colossal truck arrive, with big stones at the back. We had to snoop out the window to see what would happen next. The back of the truck started lifting up so high from horizontal to vertical. All the stones came rushing down like an avalanche. They were all clattering together. It was really exciting! It will all be worth the wait because the two 4th classes are going to be the first classes to go into the new classrooms. So we have definitely started the countdown!

By Niamh Prior, Abigail Forde, May Quinn, Sophia Gorby. (4th Class)

❖ CRIME PREVENTION – WATER METERING PROGRAMME ❖

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

Issued by Irish Water to An Garda Síochána August 2013

Introduction – Irish Water has commenced its Meter Installation Programme in certain parts of Ireland and will be expanding into new areas over the coming weeks and months. There will be a number of Irish Water staff and contractors on streets throughout Ireland, and we are aware that some criminals may take this opportunity to gain access to houses claiming to be acting under the programme.

To ensure your personal safety, Irish Water has put in place a number of safety measures. These are detailed in this information for your protection.

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- * Householders do not need to be at home while the meter box or water meter is being installed. If you are at home, the installers working on behalf of Irish Water will knock on the door to let you know that they will be working outside - but again, there is no reason for the installers to cross the threshold of your home.
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DALKEY GARDA CLINICS



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

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 37-40 9/9/2013 to 4/10/2013

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

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0298

Application Rec'd Date: 9-Sep-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Colin Rafferty & Aveen McArdle, 9, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) demolition of single storey extension to the side of the existing semi-detached two storey property. (2) construction of a two storey pitched roof extension to the side of existing with dormer style window at attic level to the rear. (3) construction of single storey pitched roof extensions to the front, side and rear of new two storey extension. (4) elevational alterations to the front side and rear of the existing property. (5) new 'velux' style rooflights in the existing and extensions. (6) landscaping and associated site works including widening of existing vehicular entrance and new pedestrian entrance.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0308

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Sep-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Joseph Casey, 22, Castle Park Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin.

Proposal: Permission for Retention for (a) sun room extension to rear and (b) first floor extension to rear.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0310

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Sep-2013

Applicant Name & Location: The Lucey Family, 4 Castle Close, Dalkey, Co Dublin.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of a new single storey extension along the rear and at the south east side and also a new bedroom extension at first floor level over the existing playroom/utility room on the north/west end of the existing two storey detached dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0317

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Sep-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Emmet Chambers, 38, The Village Gate, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal : Permission for development consisting of a single storey extension to the rear, first floor extension with rooflights over existing ground floor structure with pop-out bay to the side, partial conversion of existing attic with new rooflights on the front and the rear, new canopy to the front and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0505

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Oct-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Raymond Gannon, Topcliffe, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of demolishing existing dwelling house & for the construction of a new fully serviced three storey over basement dwelling house and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. : D13A/0506

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Oct-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Declan O'Donovan, White Cottage, Nerano Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of the existing boundary wall to White Cottage and Starboard Cottage and modification of the wall to reduce the height of the wall to 2m above the ground level of the Starboard Cottage site; previously permitted development Register Reference D09A/0716.

PLANNING DECISIONS Weeks 37-40 9/9/2013 to 4/10/2013

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0365

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 11-Sep-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Niamh Caffrey, Saint Marys, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of widening of existing vehicular entrance and replacement of existing rendered entrance walls with low granite plinth and cast iron railings. New brick piers and capping to match existing and all associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0250

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 11-Sep-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Brendan McLoughlin, Ardburgh Lodge, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to construct single storey rear extension and 1st floor level rear extension and to provide pitched roof over flat roofed front part of living room, all at detached single storey dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0257

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 11-Sep-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Carol & Fintan Whelan, The Cottage, Church Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the addition of new zinc cladding to the ground floor of the North elevation (front) in two locations, to the West and East elevations (ground floor and gables) and to three sides of the existing rear dormer window to the roof.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0384 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 17-Sep-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Austin & Marie Clifford, 34, Hillside, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development to widen the existing vehicle entry gate by 800mm.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0264 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 17-Sep-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Patrick & Julie-Anne Hogan, Denville, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the construction of an additional dormer window to the rear of the main roof and alterations to an existing dormer window there with associated internal remodelling of previously converted attic. Also, modifications to works for which permission was granted in June 2010, Reg. Ref. D10B/0160, relating to existing and proposed rooflights to main roof.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0615/E **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 25-Sep-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Hannah Harris, Hillside Cottage, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a first floor extension over an existing modern 1 storey element to rear of cottage to form new dormer like cottage development providing for 4 bedrooms, a kitchen, living, dinning space, balcony and ancillary sanitary services. It also includes for changing an existing door to a window to match the existing windows. The slate roof is to be retained at the front but the chimneys will be removed in favour of one new chimney. The new structure will have a low pitched roof. A new entrance is to be provided to the side of the house through existing entrance at Hillside Cottage. **Applic. Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref.: D07A/1345/E **Decision:** Grant Exten. of Duration of Permission **Date:** 4-Oct-2013
Applicant Name & Location: M. Leahy & B. Breen, 4, Harbour Crescent, Harbour Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: For the construction of a two storey dwelling house and auxiliary works drainage and landscaping in the side garden of 4 Harbour Crescent.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0400 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 1-Oct-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Adrian & Elena Brooks, 1, Hyde Park, Hyde Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for (1) Extension to the rear of the side building of the house and front door access to same, (2) Rear bay window extension to rear of house at first floor level, (3) A new first floor window to rear elevation, (4) A front porch extension and (5) Moving and widening of vehicular gates and raising height of gate posts

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0413 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 4-Oct-2013
Applicant Name & Location: M O'Connell, Termon, 39B, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the demolition of existing single storey extension at the side and rear and demolition of detached garage to side and construction of new part single storey and part two storey extension to the rear and side and the widening of the existing driveway and roof-lights and new boundary walls and associated site works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 37-40 9/9/'13 to 4/10/'13

Reg Ref: D13A/0317 **Registration Date:** 25-Jun-2013 **Location:** 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.
Development: Permission for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Ref. D11A/0193 and D13A/0150, to House A only, for a change of house type from the approved two storey plus roof level accommodation five bedroom dwelling (305 sqm) with a second floor level terrace to a three storey with setback second floor level five bedroom dwelling (326 sqm), also with a second floor level terrace and ancillary works, including moving House A northwards by c.1.7 m.
Council Decision: Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 12-Sep-2013. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

Reg Ref: D13B/0250 **Registration Date:** 18-Jul-2013
Location: Ardburgh Lodge, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.
Development: Permission to construct single storey rear extension and first floor level rear extension and to provide pitched roof over flat roofed front part of living room, all at detached single storey dwelling. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 3-Oct-'13. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 36-39 2/9/2013 to 27/9/2013

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River at Tortuguero

Wildlife Watching In Costa Rica

Although Costa Rica isn't a lot bigger than Ireland with a similar population, 4.5 million, it holds 6% of the world's biodiversity and with 20 national parks, 26 protected areas, nine forest reserves, eight biological reserves and seven wildlife sanctuaries it has become the number one destination for ecotourism. It was my second trip to Costa Rica in 15 years and we decided to go in August the same month I'd gone the previous time which although it is in the rainy season the rain rarely lasts all day and leaves everywhere fresh and, though humid, rarely too hot.

In fact our first day was the only day of the trip it stayed dull and damp all day as we went on a coach trip to a coffee plantation followed by a visit to the active Poas volcano. Beside this volcano was another inactive volcano which was filled with water too toxic to support any life but surrounded by thick vegetation and trees. Huge Gunnera plants grew on the slopes and it was on the leaves of one of these we saw our first hummingbird of the trip, a female of the aptly named Volcano Hummingbird species. Hummingbirds are magnificent little creatures hovering in front of flowers in a blur of beating wings their iridescent plumage flashing brilliantly in the changing light. After the volcano we went to the La Paz waterfall which had its own small zoo, aviary and butterfly house. But flying free in the gardens were many more hummingbirds which came to feeders which contained sugared water. They were almost oblivious to the presence of people and you could stand inches away from these tiny birds as they hovered or perched at the feeders or flew past your ear with a great thrumming noise.

Next day we went to Tortuguero on the Caribbean coast, travelling by coach to be transferred to a boat which would take us along a river to our hotel. We had a very amusing guide who among many other things told us that it was written in Costa Rica's constitution that visitors always had to have a camera ready to be prepared for the appearance of some spectacular bird or animal. We stopped to eat at a restaurant and before we sat down to eat he took us on a quick tour around the grounds to spot vivid red tree frogs among the roots of the trees.

Before leaving home I had read a review of this restaurant from someone who said they'd seen a sloth in the grounds of the hotel and I'd mentioned this to our guide wondering was there any chance we might see one. Before we'd finished eating he came over to us and told us, yes, there was a sloth in a tree in the grounds. Although sloths are famously one of the



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slowest moving of mammals and the chances of it being gone before we got there were very slim we rushed out to see it. Not only did we get to see the sloth but it also had a baby resting on its chest as it hung upside down from the tree, the baby reaching up to grasp the branch with its tiny claws. It turned out there was another sloth in the grounds climbing down a tree and then my companion Lucy spotted another one hidden in the fork of a palm tree.

That night from our hotel we travelled across the river to the coastal strip where we hoped to see Green Sea Turtles landing on the beach where they would dig out a hole in the sand to lay their eggs in. This Caribbean coastline is one of the most important breeding areas in the world for these turtles and for many years they suffered great losses from poaching of their eggs as well as the turtles themselves being killed for food or their shells which would be sold as ornaments. The turtles are now protected by rangers and many volunteers who monitor and guard them as they come in from the sea. Access to the beach when they are nesting is very scrupulously guarded and visitors are only allowed if accompanied by a registered guide and they are not allowed to take flash photographs or wear light coloured clothes which could deter the turtles from landing. The guides have infrared head torches whose light wouldn't disturb the turtles and we all had to follow the guide quietly and in single line. Once the turtle has begun to dig out a nest hole it won't stop and while it is doing this spectators are allowed to watch.

After our guide had his documents checked by the ranger we made our way on to the sand and eventually gathered around a turtle who was about to lay eggs. The turtles dig out a large hole with their flippers and we were able to watch the turtle laying her eggs into the bottom of the chamber. When the eggs eventually hatch the tiny baby turtles will dig themselves out and make the perilous journey to the water at risk from birds, crabs and mammals. Only a tiny percentage (one in a thousand it is estimated) of the baby turtles reach adulthood which is why the adult turtles lays around a hundred eggs at a time and may nest quite a few times every year.

You might feel it is intrusive gathering around this big creature at such a sensitive time but the income generated from turtle watching helps pay for all the conservation work and the presence of guards and tourists helps deter poachers. Before we set off on our holiday I'd heard a turtle warden had been murdered by poachers in Costa Rica and while there we heard suspects had been arrested for that crime.

The following day at Tortuguero we awoke to the resounding calls of a group of howler monkeys, apparently the second loudest call of any mammal. Our walk to the hotel restaurant would be enlightened by views of land crabs, one resident Rufus-tailed hummingbird, toucans and butterflies and once one of the staff called us to see a sloth climbing up from the base of a tree. Later that day we went on a boat trip through rivers and canals where vegetation spilled down over the river banks and we watched howler and white faced monkeys, river turtles and lizards and many different types of birds. On land you would see long lines of leaf cutting ants marching along with their tiny (and some not so tiny) segments of leaf held above. Here on a



Rufous Hummingbird

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stretch of water where trees leaned precariously over from opposite banks and where two trees met in the middle, we watched a long line of these ants marching up one trunk and down the other one to cross the water. Eventually the leaves are placed in the ants nest where they eventually break down and ferment into a fungus which the ants will feed on.

But one of the most fascinating creatures we saw on the water was the caiman, the Central American close relative of the alligator. Unfortunately scientists have very recently found that these particular Tortuguero caimans have high levels of pesticide in their bodies. The pesticide probably comes as run off from banana plantations upriver and the caimans ingest it through the fish they feed on. To produce regular shaped unblemished bananas a particular type of seedless banana is grown and this is particularly prone to fungal infections and disease. The fact that heavy rains often wash off the chemicals means the growers spray on even more chemicals, another good reason to buy organic bananas. A couple of our guides told us that intensive pineapple growing is also a big problem in Costa Rica with the pesticides run off polluting groundwater and land.

Whether sunning themselves on the bank or gliding through the water the caimans seem to have a deadly intent but they are primarily fish eaters and rarely grow to more than 6 feet in length unlike another much larger inhabitant of these waters, the American crocodile. We only saw one in Tortuguero, a very large specimen dragging itself onto the river bank but we would have much closer experiences later in our trip.



SHARAVOGUE ENERGY PROGRAMME



Sharavogue School Green Committee

We have started work on our second green flag for energy. Our new committee Rory Bowden (Chairperson), Jamie Murphy (Secretary), Tom Murphy (Energy Auditor) and Jonathan O'Donnell (Waste Auditor) are very excited about the challenge ahead.

We are all hoping to educate ourselves, our families and the wider community about saving energy. We are looking at various ways in which we can be more energy efficient in school and at home.

SHARAVOGUE'S TOP 10 ENERGY SAVING TIPS

1. Turn off the lights when you leave the room.
2. Keep doors closed to keep the heat in.
3. Turn off T.Vs and Computers. Say goodbye to Standby.
4. Use CFL light bulbs.
5. Leave the car at home and walk.
6. Turn down the heat and wear a jumper.
7. Hang your washing out on the line.
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9. Turn your thermostat down.
- 10 Use timers on your heating and water systems.

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At this time of year the mood of the garden changes possibly every hour of every day.....then our children too are learning more than ever that vegetables and fruit don't just appear on the shelves in the shops and that it can be such fun to grow a pumpkin for Halloween or to make a scarecrow and we older ones are rediscovering the exquisite taste and flavour of home grown vegetables and fresh fruit.

Our Autumn colours peak in October and November with our Japanese maples, cherries as well as our



Daniella

magnificent beeches. Other outstanding trees are the *sorbus* (mountain ashes) and *vitis coignetiae*, (crimson glory grape vine) and *cercidiphyllum*, commonly call Katsura, the latter produces a fantastic display and a smell of burnt sugar as its leaves fallpossibly, the best trees for gold foliage are *Betula Ermanii*, a birch with cream bark and larger leaves and then, Gingo Biloba, the Chinese fossil tree which we have beautifully planted and is at present, in all its glory on our main street, here in Dalkey. Did you know, the leaf colours tend to be 'at their brightest' with sunny but cool autumnal days and chilly though not frosty nights Our hydrangeas here, too, are taking on dusky maroons and purples while hydrangea 'Annabelle' is standing sublimely in her lacy grace.

If one plant bulb says it is October and November more than any other, it must be the nerine lily...surely it gets all the stars for autumn. Its sparkling pink flowers brighten the garden on any overcast day and on a sunny day, they positively glitter. This is a South African flower bulb and it flowers reliably each autumn. It seems to be immune to pests and diseases and the older the bulbs become, the broader the clump grows. 'All' they ask for is a sunny position in a well drained spot.

Gardening for us who love it find November a hugely productive time of the year - and for even some others -, it's an obsession! Even if you have a balcony or a window sill, you can grow many plants, fruits or vegetables in pots. Some young gardeners will find it hard to believe that containerisation of plants was first developed here and in Britain, only in the late 1970's and early 1980. Plants in pots changed the way people gardened.... Instant gardening was born... Then, came the craze for bark mulch, then, that black fabric/plastic that is meant to curtail weeds...then, Photonia, 'Red Robin' and so on.

Finally, I have to mention one exotic evergreen hardy herbaceous, most attractive foliage plant. It is called Dianella, as yet it seems unfamiliar to many gardeners. There are around 30 species, probably the most common species here is *Dianella Tasmanica*, native to cool damp woodland in Tasmania; super as a pot specimen or makes excellent ground cover with its strappy foliage and arching stems of starry pale blue and yellow tiny flowers... But it is it's glossy electric blue berries that are so remarkable.

MIGHT DO: MAYBE, NOVEMBER JOBS:

1. Check under trays and pot plants for snails and slugs that can feed actively on greenhouse plants.
2. Tulips are best planted this month to reduce the risk of fungal diseases.
3. Resist the temptation to clear away stems and seed-heads as they begin to wither because these offer wonderful shape and texture in autumn and winter.
4. Tomato and chilli plants can be pulled up in November, the soil shaken off and the plants hung upside down to allow fruit to ripen but watch for rotting.
5. Autumn is the time to dig the soil while it is still open and not wet, spread manure or good soil enricher and dig it in or allow it to weather.
6. Maybe, buy some small bulbs for planting in the rock garden to give spots of colour in the spring - scillas, crocuses, dwarf daffodils such as paper white narcissus are especially lovely. Plant as soon as they are bought to avoid deterioration.
7. Climbing roses of all kinds can be pruned and tied in before our winter gales tear them.
8. Remember fallen leaves can be left in position around the base of shrubs and trees as the nutrients are returned and moisture conserved. *ENJOY!*



GARDEN EVENTS



SOUTH DUBLIN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, November 13th – Christine O'Flynn "*Pelargoniums – Small is Beautiful*".

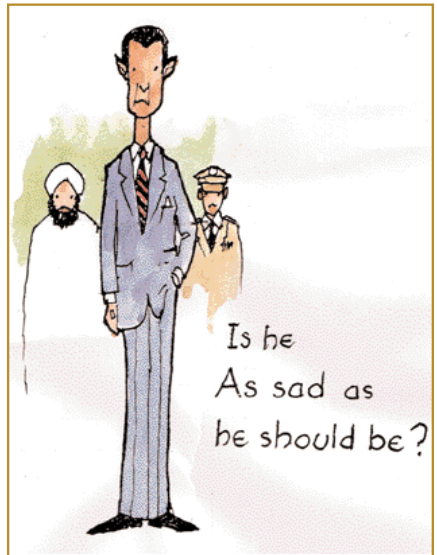
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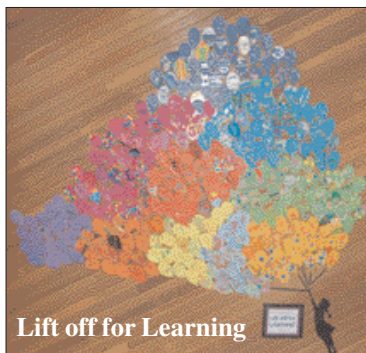
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LIFT OFF FOR LEARNING

The new academic year is well underway and we have settled back into our routines and timetables. Each child in the School has decorated a paper balloon and these have been gathered into a magnificent collage in “The Street” (the main thoroughfare of the school building, providing us with inspiration each day.



FORM VI RECENTLY VISITED THE MOSQUE IN CLONSKEAGH

Alanna tells the story:

“When we arrived at the centre we had a quick picture taken of us and then went straight into the Mosque, where we met our tour guide, Ali. He brought us into the Mosque and showed us three pictures depicting the three most important places of Muslim worship. One of them was a picture of the Kaaba (named after the cubic shape of the shrine.) Ali brought us into the main area of the Mosque where Muslims pray and he also showed us the Qu’ran (the Muslim holy book). Afterwards we ate lunch in the cafe where some were more adventurous than others in what they chose to eat! To finish off the trip we went shopping in the Muslim grocery shop and bought some tasty things there. All in all it was an interesting and enjoyable outing.”

Right: Form VI at the Mosque in Clonskeagh




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Wednesday November 6th – The Old Dublin Society meets at 6.30p.m. in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Frank Whearity will present his talk *“The founding of the Irish Volunteers at Dublin’s Rotunda Hall, 25 November 1913”*. All welcome - admission free.

At 8 p.m. The Rathmichael Historical Soc. meets in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Rd., (Dublin Rd. end), Shankill. Con Manning will present his lecture “Dublin Castle” All welcome.

Thursday 7th at 8p.m. – The Mount Merrion Historical Society meets in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Christopher Sands will present his lecture on *“Jammet’s Restaurant.”* All welcome. Admission €4.

At 8p.m. The Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society meets in the Function Room, Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Neil Cummins will present his lecture on *“Fr. Gleeson, WWI Chaplain.”* All welcome - admission €3.

Saturday 9th – at 10.30a.m. – The Irish Family History Society meets in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Dr. Susan Hood will speak on *“Gathering Church of Ireland Records.”* At 11.30a.m. Natasha Hearne will speak on *“Archives of the Royal Dublin Society.”* Admission free - all welcome.

Monday 11th at 7.30p.m. – The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland meets in 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2 - Dr. Karl Brady will present his talk *“Warships, U-boats & Liners; World War I & World War II Wrecks off the Irish Coast”*.

At 8 p.m. The Dundrum & District Historical Society meets in Dom Marmion House, Sandyford Rd. car park, Dundrum. John Lennon will present his lecture *“A Look at Dundrum History.”* All welcome.

Tuesday 12th at 1.05p.m. – The Friends of Medieval Dublin and Dublin City Council will host a 40-minute Milestones of Medieval Dublin lunchtime lecture on *“1387: The Coronation of Lambert Simnel”* presented by Sparky Booker in the Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. Admission free.

At 8 p.m. – The Genealogical Society of Ireland meets in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire. Fiona Fitzsimons will speak on *“Children in Care Records: Records of pre-1952 Adoptions”* All welcome - admission €4.

Wednesday 13th at 6.30p.m. – The Old Dublin Society meets in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Maighr  ad N   Mhurchadha will present her lecture *“An Entertainment for the Duke.”* All welcome - admission free.

Wednesday 20th at 6.30p.m. – The Old Dublin Society meets in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Rory McKenna will present his lecture *“Lusk Convict Prison, 1856 to 1886.”* All welcome - admission free.

Wednesday 20th at 8p.m. – Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society meets in The Kingston Hotel, Adelaide St., Dun Laoghaire. Colin Scudds will present his lecture on *“Rashers, Revolution & Royalty: Kingstown/Dun Laoghaire in the early 20th Century”* Adm. €3.50.

Thursday 21st at 8 p.m. – The Bray Cualann Historical Society meets in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce, Quinsboro Road, Bray. Fergus Mulligan will present his lecture *“William Dargan - An Honourable Life. 1799 to 1867: looking at the Life on the Railway Engineer William Dargan.”* All welcome - admission €4.

Wed. 27th at 6.30p.m. – The Old Dublin Society meets in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse St., Dublin 2. The AGM of the Society will be followed by a short talk from James Scannell recalling *“A Dublin Day - August 31st 1913”* All welcome - admission free.

Thursday 28th 7.30p.m. – The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland meets at in 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. Dr. Rachel Moss will present her lecture *“From Tieghearmas to Goldfinger: Compiling a Medieval Art History of Ireland Impressions and Realities.”*

At 8 p.m. – The Rathmines Ranaelagh and Rathgar Historical Society meets in Rathmines town Hall, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Tessa Finn will present her lecture *“Another Side of 1916 Rathmines Love Letters.”*

A BOOK TO READ

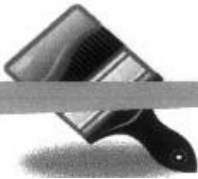
“Peter’s Key - Peter DeLoughry and the Fight for Irish Independence” by Declan Dunne,
published by Mercier Press.

The pivotal role of Peter DeLoughry in one of the most celebrated British prison escapes in Irish history was virtually unknown until the book was published as it reveals that he was the man who fashioned the key that made it possible for Eamon de Valera, Séan McGarry and Séan Milroy to escape from Lincoln Prison, in February 1919, by simply unlocking a series of internal doors, all of which used the same key, and were whisked away once they reached the outside by Harry Boland and Michael Collins in a waiting car.

While the central part of this fascinating book deals with the escape and the events leading up to it, the first and latter parts of it deal with the life and career of Peter DeLoughry from Kilkenny and provides new information on the bitter disputes between the Kilkenny Brigade of the I.R.A. and Ernie O’Malley who had been sent by GHQ to inspect them and after this considered the Kilkenny Brigade members “as slack, poor material with no direction from above and no drive”, remarks that did not endear him or GHQ with them. The author also provides the reader with a fascinating insight into the War of Independence as it was waged in and round Kilkenny City and county.

DeLoughry was a staunch republican who held to his principles, served as Lord Mayor of Kilkenny City from 1919 to 1925, sat in the first Seanad, where he became embroiled in issues such as divorce and film censorship.

DeLoughry died in 1931 at the young age of 49 and after that as articles and books on the Lincoln Prison escape were published, his pivotal role in this event was overlooked and excised from these accounts and so this biography of him, written by his grandson, outlining his pivotal role in this escape, gives him the proper long overdue recognition for his role in it as without his contribution it could never have happened.



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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2013

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

Christmas Sale - Advance Notice – As a change to the annual November sale, we have decided to move it back to Saturday 7th December. The usual stalls will be present along with the addition of a grotto for a very special guest! All are very welcome to join us in the Carry Hall on the 7th from 11am - 1pm.

Charity Christmas Cards – Following the service on the 10th November, there will be Tea and Coffee in The Carry Hall. During this time, Charity Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries and Gifts will be available for sale. Charities due to be represented are the R.N.L.I., Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Blackrock Hospice, The Laura Lynn Foundation, the Irish Cancer Society, and even some from Holy Trinity!

Sheep Thrills – Owing to popular demand our community based textile group will recommence on Thursday 26th Sept at 11am in the Carry Hall opposite Fitzpatrick's hotel (59 bus)

We have great varied ability which is shared with much enthusiasm.

We look forward to lots of new ideas for products to give and sell for the homeless both at home and abroad, with proceeds shared between the Parish and chosen charities .

Everyone welcome, no rules, just turn up, admission €3-€5 contact Joan @ 087 2460078

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society) – On Thursday 26th September Ken & Simon Brown displayed some of their (many) prized possessions, Peter Hayes also gave us a very helpful talk on issues concerning wills. We thank them all for their contributions. In October we had a trip to the National Maritime Museum in Dun Laoghaire. On November 28th Billy Garrioch will give us a cookery demonstration. All are Gentlemen are very welcome to attend. More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

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

Ladies Guild – The Guild will meet on Tuesday 12th November in the Carry Hall, the speaker will be Nigel Teggin who will talk on his experiences of working for Irish Lights. All welcome.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney – At its first gathering in the Carry Hall in September Johnny Mitchell brought the ladies on a tour of wines - thank you to him for a very enjoyable evening. Plans are already underway for the October meeting as we write. On Wednesday November 20th the theme will be Floral ideas for Christmas with Dot Roberts & Una Cullen. €5 Entrance. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

Bible Study and Prayer Group – The group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 10.30 am in the Carry Hall the next gathering will be on November 26th. This year the Bible study is focusing on linking the Old & New Testaments. All are very welcome to attend. Further expressions of interest may be addressed to the Rector.

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We have received a great reaction to the newly restored benches that arrived back in the church last month. They were lovingly cleaned and restored with all of the brass plates reinserted and back to their original condition. The new carpet has also been widely welcomed and admired. We thank all of the hardworking team who were involved in this project and to ICS who restored the benches so beautifully. Next year we hope to replace the Altar carpets and to also re-paint the Church interior to complete the refurbishment.

Churchbell – We have also had some work done to fix the Church bell which was ringing out of sequence for the Angelus. The Angelus or ‘call to prayer’ is the ringing of the church bell -- in three groups of three chimes with a pause in between each group, followed by 9 consecutive strokes -- at 6am, Noon, and 6pm. So we can now continue to enjoy the distinctive church bell ring out clearly once more.

First Communion – We give a warm welcome to the children who have signed up for the ‘Do This in Memory’ First Communion Programme and who will be making their First Holy Communion next year.

‘Do This In Memory’ is a parish based programme of preparation for First Communion centred around in the parish celebration of Sunday Eucharist and in the home. The programme is designed to facilitate parents and guardians, families and the parishes’ active involvement in the preparation for this sacrament and it takes place once a month for eight months before First Eucharist and concludes during the parish celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Thanks to all of the parents and teachers for all their hard work in preparing the children and especially to parents Jane Brereton and Elaine Prior who have volunteered to coordinate the programme for the Parish.

Community Cup Award – Congratulations to Big Mick alias ‘Monty Don’ McDonnell who won The DCC Community Cup award for all of his work in keeping the Church grounds so beautiful. Several visitors have paid compliment to his work and this is in no part due to the many hours of work that he puts in week in week out each year. *‘Molann an obair an fear.’*

All Saints and All Souls – This month we also celebrate the Feast of All Saints and All Souls. Both the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls evolved in the life of the Church independently of paganism and Halloween. However, elements of pagan practices were perhaps “baptised” by some cultures or attached themselves to the celebration of All Saints and All Souls.

The exact origins of the Feast of All Saints celebration are uncertain, although, after the legalisation of Christianity in 313, a common commemoration of Saints, especially the martyrs, appeared in various areas throughout the Church. Quite simply, there were not enough days of the year for a feast day for each martyr and many of them died in groups. A common feast day for all saints, therefore seemed most appropriate. The designation of Nov. 1 as the Feast of All Saints occurred over time. Pope Gregory III (731-741) dedicated an oratory in the original St. Peter’s Basilica in honour of all the saints on Nov. 1, and this date then became the official date for the celebration of the Feast of All Saints in Rome.



*Fr Declan and our hard working
First Communion programme
volunteers, Jane Brereton and
Elaine Prior.*

Now for the pagan connection: Nov. 1 marked Samhain, the beginning of the Celtic winter. Samhain, for whom the feast was named, was the Celtic lord of death, and his name literally meant "summer's end." Since winter is the season of cold, darkness and death, the Celts soon made the connection with human death. The eve of Samhain, Oct. 31, was a time of Celtic pagan sacrifice, and Samhain allowed the souls of the dead to return to their earthly homes that evening. To protect themselves from marauding evil spirits on the eve of Samhain, the people extinguished their hearth fires and the Druids (the priests and spiritual teachers of the Celts) built a huge new year's bonfire of sacred oak branches. The Druids offered burnt sacrifices ie crops, animals, even humans and told fortunes of the coming year by examining the burned remains. From this new fire, the home hearths were again ignited. With the spread of Christianity and the establishment of All Saints Day, some of these pagan customs remained in the English speaking world for All Hallows Eve (or Halloween, All Saints Eve), perhaps at first more out of superstition and later, more out of fun. Nevertheless, All Saints Day clearly arose from genuine a Christian devotion.

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SINÉAD'S WINE CORNER



The Tropic of Capricorn is one of the five major circles that map the Earth, 9 kms North of this is Newman, a mining town in the heart of the Pilbara in Western Australia. The weather is harsh here, while writing the temperature outside is topping 40 degrees. As you can imagine humans can just about stand this climate so grapes have no chance. There are no wineries in this region, in fact, the furthest North of Western Australia that wine making is feasible is in a town called Geraldton which is over 11 hours south of Newman and a lot cooler. On a day off recently I went in search of a nice cold wine that I could enjoy in the sunshine. Luckily there are three "bottleshops" in Newman and all have a surprisingly good selection of wines. I picked up a bottle of Lindemans' "Henrys Sons" Riesling. I wasn't expecting much as it was priced at \$8.99 which is just over €6 but I thought I would give it a try. I was pleasantly surprised to find the wine very drinkable, even gaining a place in my top ten list.

"Henrys Sons" is made by Lindemans. They have a huge range of wines that are sold worldwide and are extremely popular. Dr. Henry Lindeman planted the first grapes in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales in 1843. This Riesling was one of a range of wines under the name "Henrys Sons" made as a tribute to his five sons, as Dr. Lindeman had said "these wines are made to be enjoyed in restaurants and bars in the company of great friends and characters - just like the characters of these wines". Interestingly enough another range made by Lindemans is called "Elizas Ten". A tribute to the Matriarch of the family who gave birth to ten children.

You can expect to be surprised by this wine. It is a dry Riesling with just a touch of sweetness. Very well balanced acidity and a long finish. Lots of citrus fruit that is nearly too bitter but I think it gives this wine the "character" Dr. Lindeman had described. Lindemans is imported from Australia to Ireland by several distributors so get out to your local store if you are interested in ordering it in if you can't find it on the shelves. Unfortunately for me the one and only bottle of this yummy Riesling was the only one left on the shelves here in Newman! So if you do get hold of this Riesling, have a glass for me!

Sinéad Tyrrell – Australia



FORTHCOMING EVENTS



November DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon 4 Nov
Closing date for receipt of entry forms for the DCC Art Exhibition	Fri 1 Nov
DCC Art Exhibition in OLH	Sat 9/Sun 10 Nov
St. Patrick's Dramatic Society presents " <i>Death by Fatal Murder</i> " in the Pavilion Theatre, Dun Laoghaire. Nightly at 8.00pm	Wed 20- Sat 23 Nov
Sorting Dec. Newsletter	Thurs 28 Nov
DCC December Meeting	8 Dec
Christmas tree Celebrations	8 Dec

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6.00-9.00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays. Contact Wayne Deegan at 086 857 2546

Dalkey Players The Carry Hall Killiney from 7.30-10.30pm Tuesdays & Thursdays
Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey Northover Hall (in the grounds of St. Patrick's Church) from 8pm-10.30pm Mondays & Thursdays. Contact Judith Elmes 087-2396673 or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information.

The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested please call 086-8391839

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

Pilates: on Mondays in Heritage Centre: three classes at 6.15pm, 7.15pm and 8.15pm.
Contact Lizanne Barry 087 8572408

Zumba Fitness classes: in Cuala GAA Club on Thursdays: at 7pm & 8pm. Contact Lukasz: 085 216 33 04; Email: info@zumbagalaxy.com

NATURE NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

Tuesday 5 November: The Mysteries of Migration - talk by Micheál Casey

Sunday 10 November: Outing to Broadmeadow Estuary, Swords. Meet at the car park of Woodie's DIY, by the Seatown Road Roundabout on the Swords bypass, at 10:30am.

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On a different note UTV has announced that its HD service will be available (via satellite) from late November.

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