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Samhain (November) 2014



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

**Margaret Dunne,
Manager,
Dalkey Castle and
Heritage Centre,
accepting the
Community Council Cup
for her work
over the years in
Dalkey Castle &
Heritage Centre.**

Photo: G.Coakley



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SUMMARY OF DCC OCTOBER MEETING



The DCC Meeting was held on Monday 20th October in OLH. DCC welcomed Claire Rogers who is replacing Margaret Farrell as Road Rep for Coliemore Road.

Correspondence: A letter from the remaining committee members of Save Our Hill campaign informing DCC that the residue of their fund will be handed over to us for the sole purpose of financing a specific project that will benefit the whole community. See page 11.

TT: There is a need for more litter bins, particularly on the surrounding areas of the town. The dog litter is still a very bad problem. We have to think tidy and pick up the litter.

NW: The Gardai advise vigilance and awareness of bogus callers. If suspicions are aroused alert the Gardai as all information helps with their investigations. (Dun Laoghaire Garda 666 5000)

The next meeting is **Monday 17th November 2014.**



DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE



Martina Devlin and Jennifer Johnston at Dalkey Creates Festival in Dalkey Castle

Photo John Fahy



It was the first year that this area took part in the national Culture Night events. Dalkey Castle had evening tours at 6.00, 7.00 & 8.00pm. There was a great sense of curiosity and celebration with people booking up the free tours supported by DLR Arts Office. Yet again, the Centre had new clients in who were mightily impressed and will be good word of mouth ambassadors for Dalkey.

CIE Leisurely Ireland series finished at the end of October. This brought groups of US visitors every week into the town for visits to the castle and a

leisurely guided walk in the town. This series will continue from April to November 2015. A Scottish coach tour company has also booked in similar numbers for 2015.

We are linking up with the **DART** and **Dublin Bay Cruises** to provide a looped trip for visitors around Dublin Bay. It will connect with Howth and Malahide on the north side and Dalkey and Dún Laoghaire on the south side. It has been taken on board and will be promoted internationally by Fáilte Ireland.

Ken the Ferryman finished up his licensed trips to Dalkey Island at the end of September. Locals and visitors alike were delighted to be able to legitimately access the island again. We look forward to developing further the orientation programme that we provide for visitors to the island next season.

Dalkey Creates: We hosted a number of literary events as part of the new Dalkey Creates writing festival. Locals enjoyed the discussion between renowned authors **Jennifer Johnston** and **Martina Devlin**. Gordon Snell introduced the highly popular **‘Scenes from Minding Frankie’** on Saturday 18th at 7.30pm. This stage play by Shay Linehan is adapted from Maeve Binchy’s novel. Michael Heavey, as Noel, was awarded another standing ovation for his performance. Gillian Binchy interviewed playwright, actor and director after the performance. **Peter Sheridan** brought his one man show ‘44 Seville Place’ to an appreciative Dalkey audience.

ART Exhibition November 1st & 2nd: The Dublin Art Society will hold their 52nd Art Exhibition in Dalkey Town Hall. Proceeds will go the RNLI.

Winter Fair: The Craft Fair returns to Dalkey Town Hall on 8th & 9th November. This affords a great opportunity to buy in beautiful, crafty Christmas gifts ahead of the December rush!

Ballroom Dancing will continue on Sunday 16th November 7.00pm. Tom Whelan formerly of Jury’s tea dances will lead a dancing lesson for the first hour. Then dancing continues to the live music. Lesson + dancing: €15. Dancing only: €10 (including tea and biscuits).

Tom will give a series of six dance lessons one night per week in 2015. Email to info@dalkeycastle.com if you would like to take part.

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre opening times in November and December are from 10.00- 17.00 weekdays and 11.00-17.00 weekends. Last tours are approx. one hour before closing time. Closed every Tuesday.

Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Dalkey

Dalkey Community Council

SUPPORTER’S COLLECTION REMINDER

Dear Resident,

We rely completely on your contributions to carry out the many activities we engage in for Dalkey, such as making Representations to the County Council on all matters involving Dalkey, the Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Planning matters, Sponsorship of worthy local causes e.g. Sports, Athletes, Garden Competition, Garden Outing, Art Exhibition, Cups etc. We would appreciate if you could return your contribution to your Road Representative or simply pop it into the post box on the table in the front room in Our Lady’s Hall.

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DALKEY MALAWI FUNDRAISING PROJECT



Dalkey resident Prishela Row has been raising funds for projects in her native Malawi for five years. This has been done through a series of annual Fundraising events and the generosity of the people of Dalkey has been most encouraging and has had a direct impact on the poor in Malawi over the years. The target groups are the poor, widows, orphans as well as prisoners all in very poor localities in Malawi. Prishela has been going to Malawi regularly during this time to follow up on the projects for which funds were raised in Dalkey. She has also photographed the results of this work.

She is keen to thank a number of outstanding individuals who have been great supporters of the Dalkey Malawi Project. They are:

1. Dalkey Ladies' Club
2. Imant and Barbara Kuda of Barnhill Avenue
3. Caitriona Fogarty and Fr. Declan Gallagher of the Church of the Assumption, Dalkey
4. Barry, Manager and all the helpful staff of SuperValu Dalkey
5. Finally, heartfelt thanks to Tony Kelly who deserves special appreciation for all the loyalty and work on the project over the past five years, never missing a day of fundraising come rain, hail or shine. Thank you for your big heart, Tony!

Unfortunately, all has not been rosy because of some unscrupulous people who have purported to represent the Dalkey Malawi Project and looked for 'donations' from Dalkey residents and even used the good name of UNICEF in their attempts to get money from residents. Please be alert to such people and do not give them anything unless you wish to donate directly. The best - and safest - way to do this is to contact Emma Parkin, Corrigan Road, Dun Laoghaire or directly on her 'phone at 087-28 68 764 (Mobile).



*Tony Kelly and
Lesley Morris*



Queuing for food



Prishela presenting a goat to a poor widow

Prishela will be visiting Malawi from December for a few months to follow up on the project work there. If you need any further information on this excellent project you can obtain it from Lynda Dible on 087-23 9 24 09.

The next Fundraising Event will take place on Saturday, 15th November next in Our Lady's Hall starting at 10 am and finishing at 2 pm. Prishela will be cooking Indian/African food and there will also be stands selling Art, Books, Jewellery, Cakes, Toys and lots more.

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SINÉAD'S WINE CORNER



Malaga in Spain is synonymous for olives, almonds, dried fruits and wine - these are all exported from the Mediterranean port in Malaga Bay. Its mild climate as well as its beautiful beaches along the coastline makes it a popular resort.

Vines were introduced to the region in 600 BC by the Greeks, so Malaga has a long history of winemaking. Its wines were popular in England and North America until mildew and phylloxera destroyed most vines in the 19th century and halted production. Tourism is now the driving force behind saving the industry in Malaga today.

Unlike French wineries, Spanish wineries charge for tastings. Prices vary but can be anything from €5 to €10

per person per tasting. Bookings are essential at most Bodegas (Cellar door) and it is important to check opening times as most wineries close their doors by 2pm.

I have been visiting this region for many years and up until this visit I was content in drinking the more well known Spanish wines- Cune, Marques De Riscal to name a few. I thought it was high time to try some wines produced locally, I chose a winery high up in the hills close to a town called Ronda – possibly the oldest village in Malaga and probably the most famous. I would recommend a visit to this town even if you are not a keen taster but it is essential to have a good head for heights.

Bodega Cortijo los Aguilares is surrounded by mountains and sits beneath a mountain range Sierra de las Nieves. It is 900 metres above sea level, this with the combined influence of the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea make this area perfect for grape growing.

I had done my research and was looking forward to trying the wineries 100% Petit Verdot red called Tadeo. It is hailed as one of the best red wines from Southern Spain in recent years. This wine has strawberry aromas and on the palate it has an intense spicy character. The quality of this wine may vary from year to year as the Petit Verdot grape can be hard to maintain and is more susceptible to diseases. The 2011 vintage was a resounding success so no wonder it has won many National and International awards. More information and Cortijo's full range of wines can be found at www.cortijosaguilares.com or if you are planning a trip to the South of Spain and would like to visit some wineries, "Trippy Vines" organise tours from Malaga, Marbella, Jerez and Seville. Visit www.trippyvines.com for an unforgettable wine experience.



Ronda

Sinéad Tyrrell, Dalkey



LADIES CLUB UPDATE



The club reopened with a very varied new programme. We have already had a most enjoyable outing to Shelbourne Park where we had some winners and some losers! In a few weeks there will be another outing, this time to tour Carton House, followed by afternoon tea. We will also have talks by authors discussing their recently-published books; a discourse on the poet Francis Ledwidge and lesser-known Boyne Valley poet, John Boyle O'Reilly; a charity Bring-and-Buy and a demonstration for Christmas floral arrangements - all for a cost of €4.00 (plus a cup of tea). The Ladies Club meets each Thursday at 7.30 in Our Lady's Hall. New members welcome.

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For a change the sun was splitting the stones on 7th September for the annual Dalkey Island Swim when 22 swimmers plunged into Dalkey Sound, braving jellyfish and a strong current, to raise money for the Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda.

Kisiizi is a well-run, church sponsored hospital in south-western Uganda, near to the Rwandan border and over the years has become the centre of excellence in that area. St Paul's church Glenageary has long been associated with it, sponsoring various building and development projects such as the new operating theatres, maternity and paediatric wards.



Swimmers lining up for the big swim



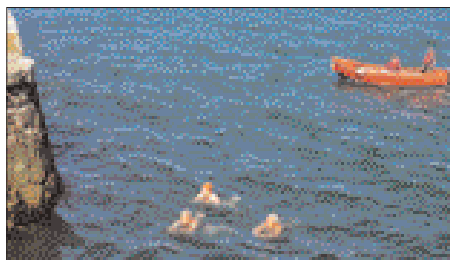
Kisiizi Hospital

Boats take the swimmers near to the island and, taking allowance of the strong currents, toss them into the water to swim back to the harbour.

This year almost €3000 has been raised by the swimmers for the hospital and the funds will be directly used to pay the salary of an additional surgeon to ensure the sustainability of the previously sponsored projects.

It needs to be said that the swim would not

be possible if it was not for the stalwart support provided by the safety boats year after year from Dalkey Divers, DMYC, the George and various private individuals as well as the loud hailer provided by Hill's Hire that saved my vocal chords! Their support is very much appreciated and crucial to the success of the swim. So a big thank you to them and the swimmers for help in raising badly needed funds for the hospital and they can be assured that every cent raised ends up where it is most needed and is used effectively.



Brave Swimmers in Dalkey Sound



Aerial view of Kisiizi Hospital

PETER CRAVEN

(Shore co-ordinator Dalkey Island Swim)

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D.A.R.A. Autumn Holiday to Castlerosse Hotel Killarney



On Sunday, 21st September, a party of fifty five people departed from Cuala, Hyde Road. Travel was by coach, with stops along the way for coffee and lunch.

The group enjoyed a varied programme:

Day One was a visit to Muckross House and an afternoon boat trip on the Lakes of Killarney. Day Two was an all-day trip around the Ring of Kerry. Day Three was a visit to Kenmare, Glengarriff and Garnish Island. Day Four was an all-day trip to Dingle and Sleah Head.

The hotel offered entertainment each night - music - quiz - dancing. On the last night the group enjoyed a Gala Dinner, with Spot Prizes, and a Sing-Song, at which many of the group displayed their musical talents. A few recitations were given by members of the group.

On Friday, 26th it was time to head back to Dalkey, via Cobh, with a very enjoyable visit to the Heritage Centre there.

The Castlerosse Hotel catering and entertainment was first class. We were fortunate to have been in Killarney to enjoy the fantastic 'Indian Summer'. It was a great holiday, enjoyed by everyone.

D.A.R.A. Correspondent

SAVE-OUR-HILL CAMPAIGN

In 1998 a group of people came together to protect the environment of Dalkey Hill from the threat caused by the suggestion that there may be a change of use for the area of the quarry.

Money was collected from concerned residents; solicitors, town planners and environmentalists were appointed and paid for out of these funds as the need arose. The balance of the money was placed in a bank account to be used should further issues occur.

It is believed by the remaining members of the committee that this threat no longer exists and they wish that the money should be returned to the community from which it was raised.

They have therefore decided to donate this money to Dalkey Community Council to be used for future projects that will benefit all the community.

Dalkey Community Council wishes to thank the committee for their generosity and the trust bestowed on them to use the fund for the improvement of the community.

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❖ SOME DALKEY FOLKLORE WITH BIDDY McLAUGHLIN ❖



About two months ago I was sitting on the wall of Coliemore Harbour, sniffing the sea air like a badger. Suddenly, there was a loud roar from the pier. A Polish fisherman was wrestling with a huge, angry conger eel.

I winced. The last time I saw a conger eel was on Montserrat in the West Indies where I once lived. I remember this huge ugly monster writhing on the floor of the little boat. I kept my knees firmly to my chin to stop the scary serpent biting my ankles. The fisherman put a wet sack over his eyes and this calmed him down.

At Coliemore, a small crowd had gathered to see the eel corkscrewing its sinuous body across the granite pier, zigzagging fiercely like a sea born heavyweight boxer.

An elderly lady from Dalkey moved up beside me.

“Oh, I love conger,” she said brightly.

“So, so delicious. I wonder would he give me some,”

I looked at her astonished.

“You eat it?”

“Oh yes,” she said with the rapt expression of a child eyeing up a “99,” from Teddy’s.

“Everyone In Dalkey used to eat Conger. They can last on dry land for several days without water. My husband used to hang them up on the outside shed door. After a few days, I would cut the big spine out and fillet it. You cook it in milk, butter, salt and pepper. It’s just like cod.” Then she disappeared. Being an avid cook, I was intrigued.

That night in the cottage, two lost cowboys from Texas and three denizens of Dalkey huddled by the turf fire. The evening was chilly. I told them about the eel. The eyes of the Dalkey man lit up. “Jesus Biddy, you only saw a small one! In 1915, a relative of mine called Willie Flanagan drew up an eel from Coliemore that was 19 foot, 2 and a half inches! We called it ‘The Monster from the Muglins.’ The sea is teeming with them. Just ask the scuba- divers.” Will I be swimming in Coliemore as enthusiastically as a lady next week? Not for the time being!

StoryNights at Biddy’s every Thursday 8pm 086-4117844

❖ DALKEY LIBRARY WRITERS GROUP ❖

To coincide with Dalkey Creates, the Dalkey Library Writers Group launched a collection of short stories, *Dalkey Days*, with contributions from fourteen local writers.

Margaret Dunne, Manager of the Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre, did the honours of launching the group’s first collection. Copies of the books are on sale locally.

In her Foreword, Sarah Webb refers to the ‘*hints and glints of Dalkey on every page*’, the Heritage Town being the theme for the publication.

Delighted with their first publication, the Dalkey Library Writers are grateful for Dalkey Library for hosting the launch, providing the space for the group to meet fortnightly at 6.30 p.m. For anyone interested in joining the group, kindly contact Dalkey Library or e-mail: dalkeylibrarywriters@gmail.com

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‘FROM THE HILL TO HARBOURS’

Who is responsible for this good news?

Has anyone noticed the beautiful landscaping beside the Masonic Hall? Did anyone wonder where it came from? Who designed it? Who paid for it? Well, to answer all these questions, it was the TIDY TOWNS Group. Like all our projects it has been hatching for a while. Getting permission, designing and sourcing materials all takes time. We are very grateful to Jason Blackmore the talented designer who came up with the interesting patterns and to DLRCC for their generous financial aid and support. Like all our projects it was funded by our winnings in Tidy Towns and Tidy Districts competitions.

The idea was to transform a fairly dull area into an attractive outdoor feature, which is easy to maintain. Stop and stare the next time you pass it by. Keep your eyes peeled for the next Dalkey Tidy Towns project coming soon.

Blaithín O’Brien



**Post Card
from
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1953**

Courtesy of Margaret Farrell



CARMONA SERVICES CHRISTMAS FOOD AND CRAFT FAIR

A fund raising event is taking place in Our Lady's Hall, Dalkey, on November 29th from 10am - 12.30pm in aid of the Parents & Friends of Carmona Services, Glenageary. Carmona Services is the Service Provider for children and adults with a learning difficulty in our community. Please do come along and support us.

Nessa Coffey, Member of the Parents & Friends Executive



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The busy start to the school year has ensured that our younger children have settled back quickly to school routines and activities.

Recently the eager children from our two Pre-Prep (Senior Infant) classes brought an abundance of fruit to School with them for a smoothie making morning. Careful cutting and preparation of the fruit resulted in some very sticky fingers but ensured that the platters were piled high with ingredients ready to make delicious smoothies. A difficult decision had to be made between a purely fruit drink or one with yoghurt added to make it creamier and then it was time to add the fruit to the blender and set it whizzing.

Everyone pronounced the smoothies delicious and asked when the next cooking session would be.

Just before the mid-term break the same children joined with the younger pupils in

Montessori Year Two (Junior Infants) to celebrate and give thanks for the Harvest. This was the first time that some of the children had taken to the stage and they very much enjoyed performing for family and friends, and presented with great enthusiasm songs about *"The Hairy Scary Castle"* and *"The Little Autumn Fairy"* as well as the ever popular *"Scratchedy Hedgehogs"*.



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The 'Nerano Sailor' who surveys over Dalkey Island.

The 'Nerano Sailor' - Perched on an outcrop of granite within the private grounds of Nerano House, Dalkey, is the striking 8ft statue of the 'Nerano Sailor' who surveys sweeping views of Dublin Bay and has a commanding aspect overlooking Dalkey Island.

The landmark statue during the days of sail is said to have been used by sailors to set a course. Dressed in a blue jersey, the Sailor holds aloft a flag-staff in his right hand next to a capstan and his left hand rests on an anchor.

In Peter Pearson's book *'Between the Mountains and the Sea'* (republished in 2008) the author says the statue was manufactured by MacAnaspie, one of the first residents of Nerano House, who owned MacAnaspie Roman cement and stucco works on Pearse Street (then Brunswick Street).

However in the September 2007 edition of this newsletter, which republished an extract from *"Glimpses of Old Dalkey"* by F.M. O'Flanagan, 1942, it refers to a Captain MacAnapsie, who had it made by a 'Plasto' works in Brunswick Street. It must be concluded this was the same family-owned manufacturer in which it is thought it was made as a memorial for his son who had served in the navy.

It has also been said that the stucco work, given its prominence, acted as an advertisement for the family business, given the numerous urns and eagles adorning nearby houses.

As for the statue's date, this can be traced at least to 1863, as the then owners, the Flemings, restored the statue after it was found abandoned lying on the terraced grounds.

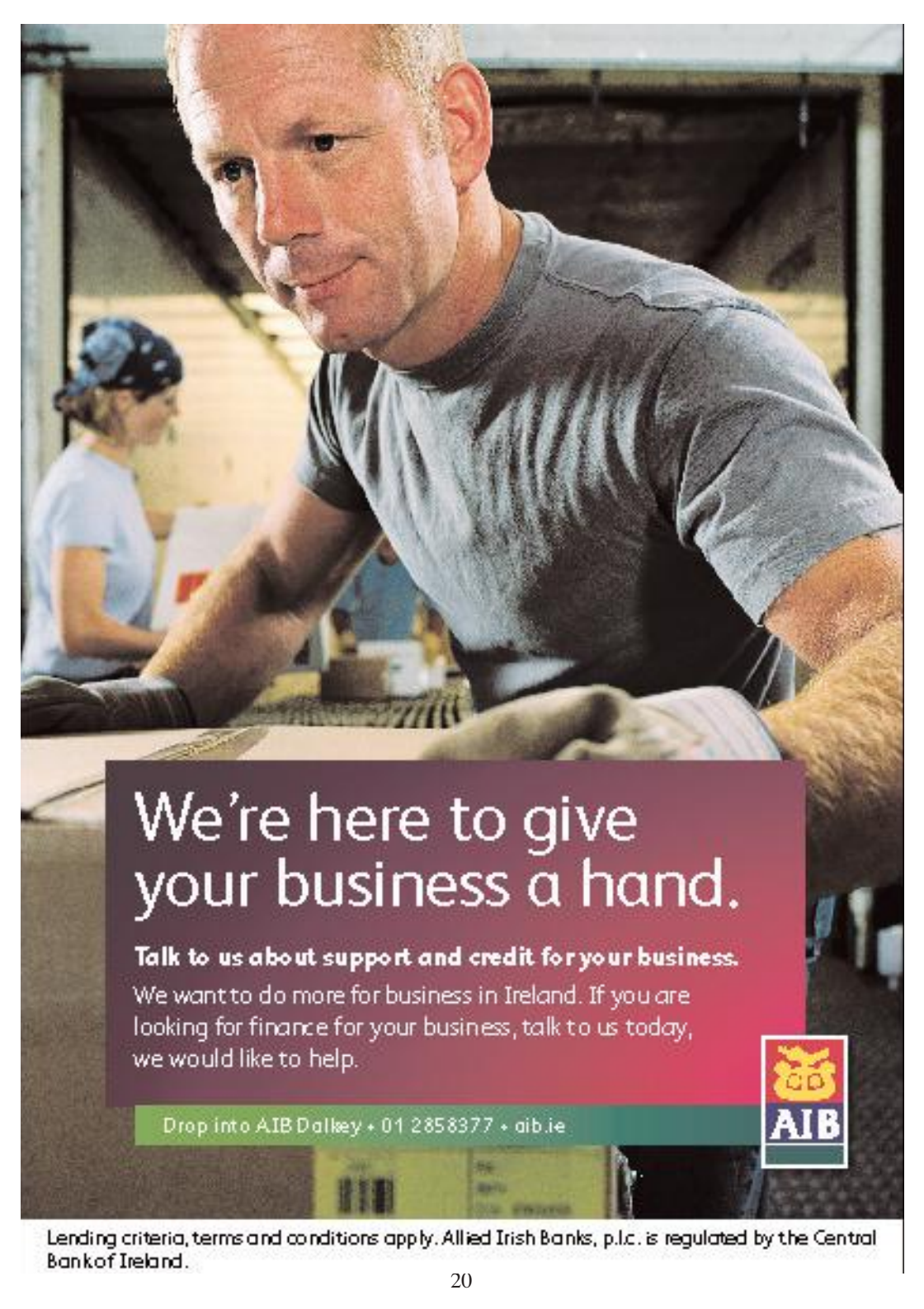
The statue which is likely to have had as many layers of paint as there are the number of reasons explaining its true origin and sense of purpose, was earlier this year given another fresh lick of paint!... The Nerano Sailor stands resplendent in that customary blue jersey, white trousers and black topped hat. I've been told by the current owners that his present grey beard, once lighter in shade and even a brown-red if I recall correctly, is now reflective of age, authority and all things shipshape!

L.E. Aoife - Keeping to naval matters, L.E. Aoife (P22) the oldest offshore patrol vessel (OPV) with the Naval Service dating from 1979 is seen below making a transit of Dalkey Sound during low tide. These days seafarers and those high up the command chain are not



During a low-tide, L.E. Aoife makes a transit through Dalkey Sound. Lieutenant Commander Marie Gleeson Officer Commanding L.E. AOIFE joined the Naval Service in 1998.

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exclusively the preserve of men and statues as L.E. Aoife's current officer in charge is Lieutenant Commander Marie Gleeson.

It is understood following decommissioning this December, L.E. Aoife will be up for sale by auction. Her elder leadship-class sister, L.E Emer (see DCC newsletter, November 2013) was sold last year to Nigerian interests and serves as a 'private' security vessel where it is understood this involves anti-piracy patrols while protecting the interests of the energy sector off West Africa.

L.E. Aoife's direct replacement L.E. James Joyce (P61) is due to enter service in the first quarter of 2015. She is the second of a trio of UK-built newbuilds based on leadship, L.E. Samuel Beckett (P61) which was commissioned in May. L.E. James Joyce, whose namesake's father, is believed to have taken an interest in sailing within our local waters. The third - yet unnamed- OPV is due in 2016. Backcopy versions of the newsletter can be downloaded from www.dalkeycommunitycouncil.ie

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A selection of 'Maritime' Dalkey and Festive Season Sorrento Robin greeting cards are available for sale in The Dalkey News agent.



NEWS FROM HAROLD BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL



Murderous Maths!

As part of Maths Week my class and I walked to the Pavilion Theatre. I really enjoyed the walk along the sea front, but enjoyed the hilarious Kjartan Poskitt even more. When we got to the Pavilion we had to wait a while before we were allowed in. But when we were in we didn't have to wait long for the show to begin. Kjartan Poskitt is the author of the Murderous Maths series and is incredibly funny. He showed us magic tricks, magic squares, knots, codes and amazing number predictions. It was incredible. He even taught us our 1809 times tables and showed us the dragon squares. I don't think I stopped laughing once in the whole hour of Maths Fun. But like all good things it came to an end and we walked back to school. It was a Maths-nigicant Day!



Liam Prior, Kel Cunningham & Cillian Dunne



DALKEY ROWING CLUB



Dalkey Rowing Club has been part of the community for 80 years and after a relaunch last year the club membership is rising. The club is busy fundraising for a new boat to help facilitate all those who want to row and to allow the crews the time to train. As part of the fundraising the club will hold a Cake Sale in Our Lady's Hall on Saturday 22nd November from 10:30 to 2pm. So do come along and support us!

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 37-41 7/9/2014 to 10/10/2014

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

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

Reg. Ref. D09A/0780/E

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Sep-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Jennie & Andrew Power, Site at Ardeevin Tce., Ardeevin Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for construction of partially subterranean three bedroom two-storey-below-road-level detached house, with study, living, dining and kitchen, associated vehicular and pedestrian access, private car parking for 2 cars and ancillary site works. (Site model to scale submitted with application). Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0189

Application Rec'd Date: 08-Apr-2014

Applicant Name & Location: John & Vanessa O'Connor, Ballycrane, 57 Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for creation of a new vehicular access and associated site works to the front of the existing dwelling. Application Type: Permission. Additional Information: 11-Sep-2014.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0590

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Sep-2014

Applicant Name & Location: David Coulson, Former Tramyard, 15, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention permission for a 3 year period for development as follows: a) extension and change of use of previously approved single storey landscape studio (reg ref D12A/0071) to retail bookshop (8sq.m), b) extension to previously approved single storey coffee shop (reg ref D12A/0071) in 2 areas, including relocation of previous smoking area and incorporation of refurbished Tram as server area (82sq.m total), c) external seating of 14. no. movable bench seats with associated 4 no. timber planter screens, d) external tarpaulin roof structure for use for future winter weekend market area covering, e) all associated site development and landscaping including timber decking; at the c.01ha site. The application site is located within an Architectural Conservation area and includes the Tram Lines, Gates and Entrance Piers which are Protected Structures (Refs. 1463 & 1471).

Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0260

Application Rec'd Date: 6-May-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Allied Land Investments Ltd. Lands at Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a residential development comprising of 18 no. dwellings on this 0.59 ha site. The development will consist of 5 no. 2 bedroom houses, 3 no. 3 bedroom houses and 10 no. 4 bedroom houses. All houses are in terrace format. A basement car-park 370m2 with 8 no. private and 4 no. visitor parking spaces and a shared bin store, a public open space area of 589m2 including an external platform lift, 30 no. surface car-parking spaces -28 no. private and 2 no. visitor spaces, along with all associated and ancillary site and landscaping works. Add. Info. Rec'd (New Adds): 15/9/14.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0603

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Sep-2014

Applicant Name & Location: K & O Keating, Spindrift, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the replacement of existing boundary wall and gate to front of house with new wall and gate and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0316

Application Rec'd Date: 15-Sep-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Louise & Lawrence St John, Trentham, Nerano Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a new extension (floor area 9 sqm) at first floor level to the side of existing dwelling, with new window to the front and velux rooflight to the side and all ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0384

Application Rec'd Date: 18-Jun-2014

Applicant Name & Location: K & O Keating, Spindrift, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of amendments to existing planning permission D13A/0523 (under construction) to incorporate new pool house and gym to rear and side of house and associated site works. Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds): 26-Sep-2014.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0246

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Jul-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Joe O'Shea, Roslyn, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for house extensions and modifications which are to consist of: 1). Existing garage and stores of 26.8m² located to the west side of house is to be converted to an Ensuite, dressing room, main bathroom and courtyard. The front facade is to incorporate a narrow floor to ceiling window. 2). A dormer window to attic store to rear, and two velux windows on side roof pitch. 3). Internal alterations. Additional Information: 25-Sep-2014.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0325

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Sep-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Richard McCarthy, Ulysses, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for an extension and renovation to existing dwelling house.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0330

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Oct-2014

Applicant Name & Location: Mary Wilson, 39, The Village Gate, Dalkey Avenue.

Proposal: Permission for internal and external alterations, demolish and replace single storey rear extension, new flat roof over side passage, attic conversion incl. new dormer windows, and construct new detached single storey garage to front garden.

Reg. Ref.: D09B/0347/E

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Aug-2014

Applicant Name & Location: William & Anne McHugh, The Ardburgh, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission sought for alterations to front of existing dwelling house, work includes a two storey extension with balconies on both sides. Applic. Type: Extension of Duration of Permission. Additional Information: 8-Oct-2014.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0130/E

Application Rec'd Date: 6-Oct-2014

Applicant Name & Location: David Rogers, The 3 Garages, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the partial yet extensive demolition of the existing two storey structure, commonly known as the '3 Garages', and the replacement of this to provide a change of use to a new two storey studio dwelling in the same location. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0643

Application Rec'd Date: 6-Oct-2014

Applic. Name & Location: RCGB Ltd, Magpie Inn Public House, 115/116, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to: 1. Construct a new slated roof, including 2 no. roof lights over part of premises where a glazed roof currently exists (to be removed) including a Change of Use to the ground floor area below (19.5 sqm) to provide additional floor space to Public House; 2. Construct a new slated roof over and enclose part of existing external passage to the rear of the Public House and other minor internal soundproofing works. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0338

Application Rec'd Date: 9-Oct-2014

Applic. Name & Location: Oliver & Josephine Tierney, Santa Maria, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: Retention of an existing boundary fence (approx. 900mm high) to the side of the existing dwelling. Permission for new gate to side of the existing dwelling. All associated site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR Wks. 37-41 7/9/2014 to 10/10/2014

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0262

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 10-Sep-2014

Applic. Name & Location: Martin & Jayne Courtney, 28 Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to erect a detached single storey domestic garage and associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0467

Decision: REFUSE PERMISSION

Date: 15-Sep-2014

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

Proposal: Permission for modification to approved plans Reg. Ref. D13A/0317, PL06D.242469, to approved House A to construct a single storey extension (38 sqm) to the south of its Dalkey Avenue elevation.

Reg. Ref: D09B/0347/E

Decision: REQUEST ADD. INFORMATION

Date: 25-Sep-2014

Applic. Name & Location: William & Anne McHugh, The Ardburgh, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission sought for alterations to front of existing dwelling house, work includes a two storey extension with balconies on both sides. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0274

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 25-Sep-2014

Applic. Name & Location: David & Roberta Dodds, Alexis House, Convent Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of two-storey structure and its replacement with new one/two

storey extension, containing utility and bathrooms, all to the rear of the existing house. Construction of new two storey garden room extension and reconfiguration of existing parking area all to east side of the house and installation of two new ground floor window openings on west side of house.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0260

Decision: CLARIFICATION OF ADD. INFO

Date: 9-Oct-2014

Applic. Name & Location: Allied Land Investments Ltd, Lands at Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a residential development comprising of 18 no. dwellings on this 0.59 ha site. (For details, see Applications).

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 37-41 7/9/14 to 10/10/14

Reg Ref: D14A/0434

Registration Date: 7-Jul-2014

Location: Site at Torca Road, Dalkey bounded to the east by San Elmo Lodge, to the north by a right of way leading to Knocknacree Road and to the north-west by Torca Road

Development: Permission for development consisting of the construction of a 4-bedroom, 2-storey dwelling house (gross floor area c.300 sqm) with south-facing balcony. New vehicular entrance onto Torca Road with off-street parking. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. Appeal Lodged: 16/9/14.

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission

Type of Appeal: 1st Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 36-40 8/9/14 to 3/10/14

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0098

Appeal Decision: Refuse Permission

Appeal Decided: 11-Sep-'14

Council's Decision: Refuse Permission. **Location:** 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for modification to approved plans, Reg. Ref. D13A/0317 PL06D.242469, to approved House A to construct a single storey side extension (39 sqm) and a garden store (10 sqm). **Applicant:** Iris O'Malley

Reg. Ref. D14A/0183

Appeal Decision: Refuse Permission

Appeal Decided: 11-Sep-'14

Council's Decision: Refuse Permission. **Location:** 21, Dalkey Avenue.

Proposed Development: Permission for modification to approved plans (house A) Reg. Ref. D13A/0317 (PL06D. 242469) to change roof material from green copper to zinc. **Applicant:** Iris O'Malley.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0186

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 15-Sep-2014

Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** 26, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for Change of Use from retail shop to use as a café, including internal fitting out, redecoration of shop front and new external signage at ground floor. A protected structure. **Applicant:** Nero Holdings.

Reg. Ref.: D14B/0011

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 17-Sep-2014

Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** Khyber Pass, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for alterations, additions and refurbishment works to existing house (198 sqm) to include new store at ground level (with patio over), new kitchen and extended bedroom at first floor level, 2 storey front portico and other minor internal and external modifications. (New total living area to be 270 sqm and 16 sqm external store).

Applicant: Andria O'Donovan.

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Black veined Butterfly

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In a previous article I wrote about our early summer break in Estonia and our bear watching experience. After our few days in the countryside we returned to the capital city Tallinn for the remainder of the week. On our return drive we stopped at a wooden restaurant situated beside a dense wood facing a meadow of blooming wildflowers on the other side of the road. Out of this meadow a corncrake called as we ate while from the woodland the 'spinning coin' song of a Wood Warbler resounded from the trees. Our guide conversed with the restaurant owner who told him that recently a group of non-Estonian walkers had arrived in a very agitated state having come face to face with a brown bear while hiking through the woods. They expected the restaurant owner to notify the authorities but he had bemusedly explained that it was perfectly normal for the bear to be there and the police wouldn't have any interest in its presence.

We were sorry to leave the countryside but it helped that we were going to such a nice city. The old central area within Tallinn is remarkably well preserved with great walled towers of the medieval town combined with elegant streets and beautiful buildings from later centuries. As we approached through the suburbs we passed a large park which encompassed a stadium often used for performances by traditional choirs on national holidays. Choral singing is very popular in Estonia and midsummer night is one of the biggest festival days in the country with many choirs performing. But it wasn't the stadium that caught our attention. Dozens of large motorcycles were parked in rows within the park grounds. Our guide realised that this week the city was playing host to an annual get together of Harley Davidson owners. Over the next few days we would often see groups of denim and leather clad bikers strolling through the narrow cobbled streets or a line of powerful bikes moving across the town square but generally all seemed well behaved though the local chapter of Estonian Hell's Angels looked like the sort of people you wouldn't want to get on the wrong side of.

The ancient buildings played host to a healthy population of swifts and every evening flocks of them would screech above the narrow streets. We were pleasantly surprised that many of the sparrows within the city were in fact Tree Sparrows rather than House Sparrows which you'd normally expect in towns.

I'd read about the Paljassaare nature reserve on the outskirts of the city on a peninsula which stretched up into the Gulf of Finland and a short taxi ride took us to the area just beside the coast. There were areas of wetland with swaying reedbeds on either side of the path and Nightingales sang from the dense undergrowth. Marsh Harriers soared over the reeds before floating down, probably to nest sites.

Then we heard a low booming sound often described as like blowing over the top of a bottle, a sound which can carry for miles, the unmistakable call of the Bittern. A member of the heron family, bitterns are rare visitors to Ireland but thankfully much commoner in wetlands around Europe while Britain's population is slowly recovering. I assured my companion that although you'd hear them easily enough the chance of seeing one was incredibly unlikely, their plumage forming perfect camouflage among the reeds as they feed on small reptiles and fish. A couple of minutes later as I was trying to photograph a Willow Warbler singing from a tree she called me to say that those birds I'd been talking about were flying. I ran up to her from where we could see four bitterns milling about in the air! It looked like one nesting pair were having an altercation with another pair. So much for my assurance that we weren't likely to see any, but I was very happy to be proven wrong.

The only drawback to the reserve were the very active mosquitoes. Is it my imagination or are

the mosquito bites you get during the day much more irritating and painful than the ones you get at night? Anyhow, I got plenty of bites but undoubtedly the abundance of insects is a great food source for the birdlife. Sedge Warblers and Reed Buntings were the most easily seen birds as they obligingly often sing clinging to a reed in full view.

We walked down a path which ran beside the coastline and saw a flotilla of ducks moving gracefully across the sea. I realised they were Goosanders, many more than I'd ever seen together before. Unlike their close relative the Merganser which can be seen in Dublin Bay, Goosanders are relatively scarce in Ireland with Wicklow being a stronghold for this secretive bird. If you ever get to Glendalough in the early hours before the tourists start to arrive you might be lucky enough to see Goosanders on the lower lake before they move to quieter areas of the Avoca River. Many years ago I was very excited to see three pairs together at one time but here on the coast of Estonia we were looking at a flock of about twenty five birds. I don't know if they were non breeding birds or an extended family, it looked like a even mix of male and females but they were a very impressive sight on the mirror calm sea.

Further down the path we spotted, singing from the top of a tree one of the most colorful of European birds, the Scarlet Rosefinch. The male indeed lives up to his name in his breeding plumage, a colour you'd expect to find in the tropics rather than northern Europe.

Back in the city we walked up to one of the highest points to look out over the city at dusk. Perched high on a spire a blackbird's song rang out over the city as it might have done five hundred years ago.

Blackbird singing above Tallinn



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❖ DALKEY BUSINESS GROUP & DISCOVER DALKEY UPDATE ❖



We have had a busy few months in Discover Dalkey. After a very successful heritage week with over 20 different events on throughout the town then we held Dalkey's first Discover Dalkey Vintage event. It was a great success with 57 cars, worth approximately €5 million entering. We estimate that almost 2000 people attended and all of the funds raised - almost

4k - went to support the Downs Syndrome Centre. A big thanks to Camillo Borza for all his hard work and to all of the volunteers who helped make this inaugural festival a truly community event and a fun day out for everyone. Run on a shoestring budget it shows what can be done with a lot of hard work and enthusiasm. So if you would like to get involved with helping to run other events, please contact any of the committee or email dalkeybusinessgroup@gmail.com.

We have met with both Fáilte Ireland and DLRCC to discuss future plans for Dalkey and to ensure that we secure funding to support these activities. We are also talking to the Heritage council about the Village Design Statement process for Dalkey Town. This involves all key members of our community coming together to identify a vision for our town and working towards delivering that vision together.

We are now well underway with plans for Christmas events in the town. As you may be aware the cost of installing and erecting the street lights is massive given the size of our town so we are looking at more creative ways of lighting our streets for the festive season. We are also looking at a Christmas Fair in The Tramyard and in other places throughout the town. We plan to have a marquee to showcase local businesses goods and services and are looking at an alternative Christmas tree to light this year as our tree at the Church car park has still not yet established itself and needs another couple of years to grow!

Our meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month - at 6.30pm normally in the Magpie (thanks to Dave) and everyone is welcome. So if you would like to hear about

what's happening in your town or have any good ideas or suggestions pop along or simply drop us a line, tweet us @discoverdalkey or call Bill on 086 8097129.

*Best wishes from,
Bill, Padraic,
Caitriona, Dave,
Camillo, Sarah,
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Enjoying the first Discover Dalkey Vintage event

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We love November for its dignity in decay an explosion of vermillion leaves, a rattling of berries and a graceful final curtain call of faded summer.'

Words by James Alexander-Sinclair

Hello, to every single person living here in our beautiful Dalkey. Hopefully, you are enjoying your unique space in your November garden. Isn't Autumn a time of great beauty and flamboyance? There are masses of buttery yellows, smouldering rusts and oranges, smoky reds and those cherry pink shades of sparkle-like Nerines (bulbs) and asters. Bulbs and herbaceous plants lie strewn and exhausted here and there. Perhaps, one could cut down collapsed herbaceous stems and clear those tatty remains of annuals; however, it is aesthetically beneficial to leave a little cover of our perennials that fade so elegantly, such as our sedums and grass heads etc, that can look stunning, provide winter interest as well as much needed wildlife shelter. Maybe good, also, to remove dead growth on established bamboo clumps helping to expose some of the natural beauty of the plant. Isn't their movement and sound



Shape and structure



Lady of the Woods - Silver Birch

so thrilling to our senses.

In some ways, I think this month belongs to our trees and it's all our Autumn leaves that simply demand our attention. We have the warm coppery and yellow colours of beech. All those dramatic shades of crimson through to yellow of chestnuts. Our Ashes, Oaks and Sycamores all combine together to give us the most wonderful warm tapestry of life. At this time of year the mood of our gardens changes every hour of every day. Our coastal hydrangeas are taking on dusty maroons, purples and some granny smith greens.

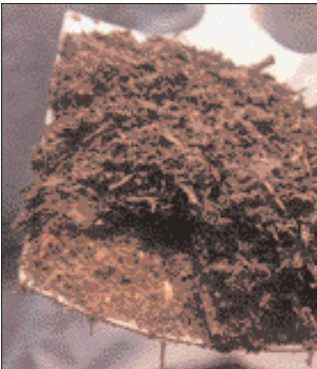
As home brewing becomes increasingly popular, gardeners can create unusual and tasty drinks using a range of plants from their gardens such as plums, lemon balm, nettles, elder, lavender, pears, parsnips, beetroot, then, rose petals, honeysuckle and lilac can be captured by infusing them in wine; Rosehip wine is made between Autumn and winter, after the first frosts.

Our fallen Autumn Leaves can be such a resource. Our leaves, far from a nuisance, should be treasured as a future soil improver. If we take our cue from nature and look to deciduous forests, leaf litter there, provides a blanket that enriches soil as it breaks down. Its eventual result is crumbly dark humus. Of course, leaves must be removed from our pathways etc: Our fallen leaves can also prevent light and air getting to plants and lawns and these damp, dark soggy conditions are heaven on earth for our slugs, snails and many fungal diseases. However, if we rake our fallen leaves up, dampen them, then put in black bin liners, spiked with air holes That's of course, if you can bear the sight of them! Otherwise a simple

frame made of chicken wire or wood would be a marvellous way of making your own leaf mould. Leaf mould generally takes a full year to mature. Evergreens, such as laurels and holly do not make good leaf mould. Oak leaves take approximately two years: don't be tempted though, to use rose leaves as they can easily carry infections. Fine needles (pines), though slow to rot once decayed are ideal mulch for acid loving plants. All in all, leaf mould is quiet wizard as it aids breaking down heavy clay, sandy soils, returns moisture and then, increases worms and micro-organisms.

MIGHT DO, MAYBE NOVEMBER JOBS

1. Now is possibly the best time to plant roses, climbers and ramblers and you will certainly get The Best Choices of Our New Seasons Crop.
2. Plant tulip bulbs now. Plant plump bulbs 2-3 times their own depth and double their width apart. Remember tulips like good drainage and ideally should lie on a thin layer of grit. For a more natural look, throw handfuls of bulbs in the air and then plant them where they land.
3. Stand Tropical plants on trays of dampened gravel or hydroponics in order to help create a humid environment Grouping plants together will also help create a humid micro-climate.
4. Cacti, succulents and some orchids need a period of dormancy over winter so keep barely moist and apply no feed.
5. In order to avoid fungal diseases developing it's better to water the bases of the plants trying not to wet the leaves.



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NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS GLASNEVIN

Monday 3rd November Lecture: *Art and Orchids: An Evening with Deborah Lambkin.* Deborah, the Artist with the RHS Orchid Committee, will talk about her work at the RHS, and her recent trip to the World Orchid Conference in South Africa, There will be a visual presentation as well as a question and answer period at the end of the talk.. Time: 7.30 p.m. Education and Visitor Centre.

Fridays 7th, 14th & 21st November – Workshop: *Beginner's Photography with Eamonn O'Daly* of the Outdoor Studio. The three day workshop will cover all the basics of digital photography, how to understand your camera and take better and more creative photographs. Time: 10.30am - 3.30pm Cost: €100. Call 01-8492572 or book online at www.skerriesphotography.com.

Sunday, 9th November – Exhibition: *A Visual Odyssey Into Invisible Worlds.* For further information see Exhibitions section of the Gardens' brochure. Daily in the Gallery Space, Education and Visitor Centre.

Sunday, 9th November

Physics in the Garden

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Wednesday, 12th

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Wednesday November 5th 6.30pm The Old Dublin Society, Dublin City Library & Archive Conference Room, 138-144 Pearse St., Dublin 2 - *Swift and Dublin: Controversial Dean, Patriot Drapier and Inventor of Micro-credit* - Brendan Twomey. All welcome. Admission free.

Wed. November 5th 8pm Rathmichael Historical Soc., Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Rd. (Dublin Rd. end), Shankill - *Dublin 1756 to 1847* - Rob Goodbody. All welcome.

Thursday November 6th 8pm Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society, The Function Room, Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan - *A Leopardstown Story: from the Horse's Mouth* - Fergus D'Arcy. Contribution €3.

Thursday November 6th 8pm The Mount Merrion Historical Society, Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion - *Brian Boru, 1014 and the Battle of Clontarf* - Dennis McIntyre. All welcome - admission €4 / Student €2.

Friday November 7th 8pm The Military History Society of Ireland, Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8 - *John de Courcy and the battle of Downpatrick, 1177* - Dr. Steve Flanders. All welcome.

Tuesday November 11th 8pm Genealogical Society of Ireland, Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire - *The Loughlinstown Workhouse* - Liam Clare. Contribution €4.

Wednesday November 12th 6.30pm The Old Dublin Society, Dublin City Library and Archive Conference Room, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2 - *The Dublin Fusiliers; who they were and where they came from* - Tom Burke. All welcome - admission free.

Wednesday November 12th 7.45pm Knocklyon Historical Society, The Iona Centre, Knocklyon, Dublin 16 - *The Servant's Church* - Rathgar Parish Church - Angela O'Connell. All welcome - admission €4.

Thursday November 13th 6.30pm Dublin Western Front Association, The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 -144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2 - *August 1914, Surrender at St. Quentin* - John Hutton. All welcome.

Tuesday November 18th 8pm Foxrock Local History Club, Foxrock Pastoral Centre, Beside Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock - *150 Years of Tullow Parish* - Guest Speaker & *150 Years of Kill Parish* - Mary Williams. All welcome.

Wednesday November 19th 6.30pm The Old Dublin Society, Dublin City Library and Archive Conference Room, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2 - Robert Tressell, Dubliner: author of 'The Ragged-Trousered Philanthropist' - Bryan MacMahon. All welcome - admission free.

Wednesday November 19th 8pm Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, The Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin - *The Battle of Clontarf in Irish History and Legend* - Prof. Colm Lennon. Contribution - Members €2.50; Visitors €3.50; Retired €2.

Thursday November 20th 8pm Bray Cualann Historical Society, Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce, Quinsboro Road - *The Theatre Royal, Dublin* - Conor Doyle. All welcome - admission €4.

Wed. November 26th 10.30am Genealogical Soc. of Ireland, Hardy's Bar, The Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire - November Morning Open Meeting - Contribution €3 includes Tea/ Coffee.

Wednesday November 26th 6.30pm The Old Dublin Society, Dublin City Library & Archive Conference Room, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2 - *The Rathsay Castle shipwreck, 1831; the Rathmines connection* - Seamus Ó Maitiú. The AGM will follow this lecture. All welcome - admission free.

Thursday November 27th 7.30pm Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2 - *From the battle of Mons to Gallipoli - The Irish soldiers at war in the first nine months of World War 1* - Lar Joyce.

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Services for November '14

Christmas Sale - Advance Notice - The annual sale will be held on Saturday 6th 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 Centre from 11am - 1pm.

Charity Christmas Cards - Following the service on the 9th November, there will be Tea and Coffee in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel. 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, Holy Trinity and hopefully others!

The Carry Hall - Work is progressing well. The building committee meet weekly with the Architect to get updates on the project. The finishing time is now the end of November. It is planned that the first 'public' event in the new centre will be the Christmas Sale on 6th November (please see details elsewhere). The good news is that the project remains within budget and the building committee are confident that everybody will be very pleased with the end product. More news next month.

Sheep Thrills - We have started with much enthusiasm in our new temporary premises, St Pauls Parish Centre, Glenageary where we will continue every Thursday at 11am until Thursday 27th November. We have lots of magnificent new products for the homeless and for Halloween, selling in the Tower Tea Rooms, Killiney Hill Road and will have lots to sell at the Holy Trinity Parish Christmas Sale 6th December in the Carry Centre (11am-1pm) and at the Rathmichael Christmas Market 29th November (12-4pm). We all wish to thank St Pauls very much for their kind help in accommodating us during our renovations. New members welcome €3 come as you like, homemade biscuits and freshly made Bewleys coffee. Contact Joan 087 2460078

The Y Club - The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th November in Holy Trinity Church. Nigel Teggins will be giving a talk on Irish Lights. More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

Table Tennis - The table tennis continues to meet in G.K.N.S. on Mondays @ 8pm. For more information contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

Ladies Guild - The Guild had a very informative talk from the Hospice foundation in October; they will meet next on Tuesday 11th November in Holy Trinity Church. The talk will be on explorer Ernest Shackleton and will be given by Neale Webb. All welcome.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of

Killiney - On Wednesday 12th Nov. (2nd Wednesday of the month): The Pavilion Theatre for St Patrick's Dramatic Society's production of Oscar Wilde's, "A Woman of No Importance". Cost €18. Please note there will be a monthly charge of €3 unless there is a specific entrance fee for that night. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159.





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Sunday Services for November

2nd November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist.
9th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age Family Worship
16th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist.
23rd November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer.
30th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Celtic Eucharist

Harvest Festival – Our Harvest Festival took place in the Church on Sunday 12th October at 10.15am. This is the showpiece of the Flower Guild when the church was magnificently decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers. Many thanks to all involved. A large volume of non-perishable food items was collected during the service and donated to “The Dining Room”, a charity started by Christ Church Dun Laoghaire to provide meals for all in need within the area.

Church Concert – As part of our harvest celebrations we had a concert in St. Patrick's Church by Vyvienne Long with the Balanescu Quartet and the Blunnie sisters. Those present were treated to a unique performance and a style setting them apart from any other string quartet.

Craft Group – The Craft Group continues each Tuesday afternoon in the Balcony Room at 2.30pm. Please come along for a cup of tea and a chat, and bring your friends too.

Wednesday Socials – Our winter season of Wednesday afternoon socials continue on the first Wednesday each month. Last month was the movie *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. All welcome! Come for some entertainment, a cup of tea and the opportunity for a chat, in the gallery room (upstairs in the Hall) at 2.30.

Children's Programme – Our Parish Football for juniors continues on 8th and 15th November. We meet at 5pm on the pitch in Castle Park School. Cinema Night for November at 22nd in the Northover Hall at 7pm.

Parish Mugs – Start off your day the right way! Enjoy your cup of tea in a beautiful limited edition mug with a picture of our church on it. Mugs are now available from the Parish Office for €10. All proceeds are in aid of children's ministry in the parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society – St Patrick's Dramatic Society is delighted to bring Oscar Wilde's breath-taking comedy, *A Woman of No Importance* to the Pavilion Theatre, Dun Laoghaire from Wednesday 12th November to Saturday 15th nightly at 8pm. This spectacular, riotously funny and captivating period drama is a must for all theatregoers. Tickets can be bought through the Pavilion Theatre.

Beetle Drive – A Beetle Drive takes place in St. Patrick's Northover Hall on Saturday 15th November at 7.30pm. All are most welcome.

The Tenore di Oliena Concert – The Tenore di Oliena group is coming to Ireland for two concerts. The second of which will be held in Dalkey on 30th November in St. Patrick's Church at 7pm. The Canto a Tenore is included into the intangible cultural World Heritage of Unesco. It is a very ancient way of singing pastoral songs that are part of Sardinian culture and traditions. It is performed by 4 men using 4 different voice types with no music. One of the characteristics is the deep guttural timbre of the voices and the lyrics are usually pieces or poems or prose in old Sardinian language. The concert in Dalkey will also include some Irish performers. This concert is kindly sponsored by Bel Gelato Dalkey, home of genuine Italian ice cream.



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Another busy month has passed in Dalkey parish - how the year is flying by!!

Despite the national trends (latest census) we have more weddings booked in for the first half of 2015 than we had for all of this year. We have also noticed a significant increase in the number of babies for Baptism - a local baby boom in Dalkey perhaps?

In spite of the bad storm the night before and some damage to the roof, there was a great turnout of around 60 people at Our Lady's Hall on Monday 6 Oct to attend a free Seminar on "Nursing Home versus Homecare". The event was arranged by Heritage Homecare in Dun Laoghaire. It was a very interesting evening with talks given by Caroline

Perry of Killiney Grove Nursing Home, who spoke about Fair Deal, how it works, and how to apply. Then Pauline Neary,

Nurse Care Manager from Heritage Homecare spoke about the Homecare options open to people. After the presentations there was a very lively Q&A session about Homecare or Nursing Home Care, options, costs and so on. Follow-up information on the event can be obtained by calling Heritage Homecare on 01 230 0020, or email to edcrotty@heritagehomecare.ie

The Joy of the Gospel – Pope Francis has touched the hearts of many people with his warmth and his message. Last November he wrote a wonderful booklet which he called 'the Joy of the Gospel', which shows us why he is a person of great joy. This November we are preparing four evenings to look at his writing and reflect on some of its central themes, it is an invitation to a renewed relationship with Jesus by letting the hope and joy of the gospel touch our hearts. The format of the evenings will be simple and welcoming, lasting about an hour or so. It could also help us to take a fresh look at renewing our lives and to explore ways of becoming stronger in our own faith. The sessions begin on Tues 11th November and continue on the following 3 Tuesdays at 7.30pm. There is no charge and all are most welcome.

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 the 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.

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

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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.

Feast of St Begnet – On Sunday 9th November we celebrate the feast of St Begnet with a celebration in the ruins of St Begnet Church immediately after 12.30 Mass. All are most welcome to join this service to honour our patron saint.

November Remembrance Mass – The annual Mass at which we remember all who have died in our Parish in the past year will be celebrated this Tues 4th Nov at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to come along to hold in prayerful memory the relations and friends, neighbours and fellow parishioners who died during the year. A candle will be lit for each person in their memory.

We welcome everyone who passes through our doors, young and old, visitor and local, we are delighted to see so many people coming back into the church and to sit a while with Jesus. Come along to the Eucharistic Adoration each Monday and experience the joy of being with Jesus in this special way. If you haven't yet - pop into Compline on a Wednesdays evening for evening prayer or to the Taize Mass on Sunday for some reflection, hymns and prayer. Our mother and toddler group will meet soon in Our Lady's Hall so keep an eye on our parish newsletter for more.

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in Dalkey Town Hall at 8pm
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November Nature Notes – Tuesday 4th November, the South Dublin Branch of BWI meeting in the Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel in Killiney. Members and non members welcome.

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