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SUMMARY OF THE DCC OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING



The DCC Monthly Meeting was held in OLH on Monday 10th October 2016. The Chairman welcomed Eileen O’Duffy who is the new Representative for Village Gate and replaces Des Taylor who has retired after many years of loyal service.

Correspondence: A note was received from DTT thanking DCC for the donation of €1,500.

HC: Congratulations to Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre who won the National Heritage Award in the Tidy Towns National Competition for the restoration work that has been carried out to the centre.

TT: Congratulations to DTT who won their first Gold Medal in the TT Competition. Heading into the winter DTT have a full program including cutting back the growth inside the railings at Ardeevin Road, a clean up of The Flags, maintenance of the parks and local public areas along with their weekly litter patrols.

NW: There were seven burglaries during the past month and all are under investigation. Beware of bogus callers. Always check their identity, never allow anyone unknown to you into the house and never give money at the door. If in doubt make a report to the Gardaí.

Planning: There have been meetings with the representatives of the developers of Bulloch Harbour. The proposed development will have a big impact on the harbour as a recreational and historical amenity. Look out for notice of a public meeting to be held in the future.

AOB: DLR will be contacted regarding the foul smell that is occurring between the Ulster Bank and King’s Inn on Castle Street.

The next DCC Meeting is Monday 9th November 2016



DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE NOVEMBER UPDATE



National Heritage Award 2016

The Dalkey (Goat) Castle Restoration Project won the overall National Heritage Award 2016, which is part of the National Tidy Towns Competition.

The restoration work was designed and overseen by DLR Co.Co. Architects, Bob Hannan and Noelle Sweeney. The Manager, Margaret Dunne prepared Dalkey’s application for the Heritage Award this year.

The foyer of Dalkey Castle (formerly called Goat Castle), was stripped back to reveal all the layers of former interventions since the 1390s. The main philosophy was one of exposing the original structure guided interventions.

The restoration was carried out in tandem with the development of modern interpretation systems to communicate the value of the site to visitors and locals alike. Martello Media designed and carried out the interpretation

Left:

The late Hugh Leonard reading at Dalkey Castle

Photo: John Fahy



works which were jointly funded by the DLR and Fáilte Ireland. We were delighted to be in the Helix to hear the announcement and to hear Dalkey Tidy Towns win their first Gold Medal and improved their score by 7 marks to 315!

REMEMBERING HUGH LEONARD

Following on from our two sessions in October with readings and dramatisations of Hugh Leonard’s work and a guided walk led by his daughter, Danielle Keyes-Byrne, we are gearing up for the final part of the ‘remembering’ **on Friday Nov 11th at 7.30pm**. Playwright, Bernard Farrell and Joseph O’Connor, actors Nick Dunning and Lise-Ann McLaughlin and other famous speakers will lead a number of reminiscence pieces on the life and times of our local Tony award-winning writer. Tickets €10. Supported by DLR Events/Festivals.

Halloween Tours (end of October)

We have lots of fun spooky things for young people to do. They can pick their steps around a haunted graveyard and meet a real ghost, the ancient protector of Dalkey Castle. The secrets of a real Viking warrior, who captures slaves and imprisons them on Dalkey Island, will also be told. Pay the Viking taxes, or ‘pay through the nose’.

Make your own Viking coins to go into the Halloween Barm Brack. Later search for the Enchanted Ring. Stand in The Murder Room of the Castle, and watch what terrible things descend through it. Dare to sit upon the Barber Surgeon’s table and use the cruel weapons of medieval times. Bring to life the ‘Zombie Child’ – a magic puppet who comes to life at this time of year and dance the Witches’ Dance.

Times: Friday 28th Tours at 15.00 & 16.00;

Saturday 29th at 12.00,

Sunday 30th at 12.00, 15.00 & 16.00 and

Monday 31st October at 12.00.

Admission: €6.50 per person, Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

www.dalkeycastle.com. All events above can be booked online or by credit card over the phone. Telephone Dalkey Castle 01 2858366.



DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION 2016

Don’t forget to visit our Annual Art Exhibition in Our Lady’s Hall on Saturday, 12th November to Sunday, 13th November, 2016.

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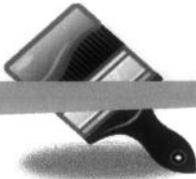
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DALKEY CELEBRATES GOLD AWARD IN TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION PLUS COMMUNITY AWARD IN TIDY DISTRICTS COMPETITION

We have all seen the many improvements in Dalkey this year. Painting, planting, landscaping, graffiti, litter, shop fronts, signage, community projects, environment improvements and many more. It is really great to see that our efforts to make our Heritage Town a special place for all has been recognized in both the Tidy Towns Competition and Tidy Districts Competition. Winning a Gold Medal in our category is a great achievement. Our Tidy Towns Gold Medal scoreboard in the SuperValu Tidy Towns competition, available on www.tidytowns.ie, makes very interesting reading. In fact, it is difficult to find any bad news !

As we can see, we improved in almost all score categories.

In fact, the only two negatives in the lengthy appraisal were for some litter seen in the Bulloch Harbour area and the poor condition of the rusting railings along Ardeevin Road. Clearly, the inspectors arrived before we resolved both of those issues. Bulloch Harbour



The Dalkey Tidy Towns' Team working hard in Dillon's Park

Photo. Dalkey Tidy Towns

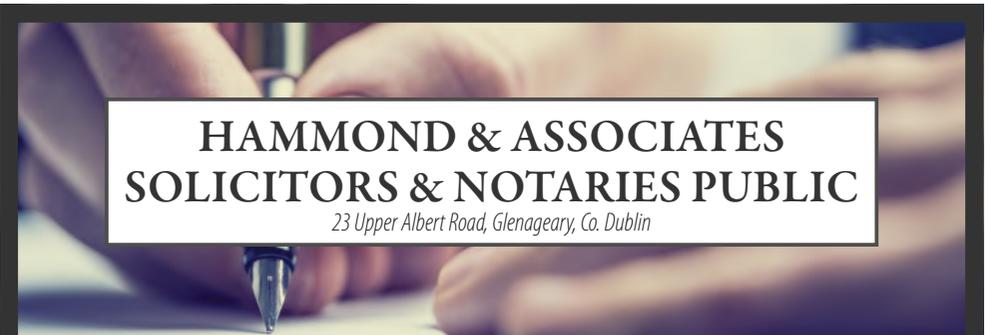


Dalkey Tidy Towns' team

Photo, Dalkey Tidy Towns

has now never looked so good and our Ardeevin Road neighbours have already painted the entire 350m of rusty railings. These already improves our outcome for 2017.

Well done to all our volunteers who donated their time and efforts to achieve so much in 2016. If you would like to join us at any time, you will be most welcome. Just stop any one of our volunteers on the street for details.



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*Sunflower Sparky**Photo. P. Thomas*

Our leaves are falling as well as our temperatures. Isn't there always something to be doing in our gardens, be it pruning, tidying or sowing/planting. Nevertheless, there is something easy about our gardens in November, It's our time for reflection but with one eye on the forthcoming year. Some people think that Autumn is the time to hack everything back before winter really sets in, however, its actually not a good time to prune many trees and shrubs – better done in late winter or early spring. Cherries if pruned are vulnerable to silver leaf disease, then evergreens are usually tackled in early spring after flowering. Beech, Hawthorn, Hazel, Climbing and Shrub Roses like to be pruned right now. I think, being out there in the garden is therapeutic in itself even if one achieves nothing. Honestly, I simply cannot imagine life without plants and flowers, even one single beautiful bud to look at, to admire near you, on your desk speaks volumes. Different plants and different scents evoke different emotions. Do you remember bringing velvety colours and velvety petals of wallflowers wrapped in newspaper to your May Altar in school? It's amazing what growing a few seeds over this past summer can lead to. I was accepted as one of the seed trial growers for the U.K. Garden 'Which' Magazine. I tried *Salvias*, a new strain of Sunflower, '*Sparky*', *Calendulas* etc. It was so interesting to wake up in the morning and email other like-minded growers and then, receiving a response, some of their information and advice/tips, were simply marvellous.

This month, I intend to lift our tender bulbs so as not to risk losing these precious varieties. I plan to store them in newspaper-lined trays filled with just-moist compost. Talking of bulbs, did you hear that apparently, a bacterial infection has hit some hyacinth bulb crops this year, turning bulbs to mush? So be sure to buy large/plump, firm, healthy bulbs from a reputable supplier and discard any with scabby spots, mould or bruising. Then, without wishing to scare you, beware of tulip fire which is a fungal disease that lives in the soil.



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The signs to look for are stunted or twisted leaves as the foliage emerges. If the leaves do open, they are often ragged with brown spots and the scorched appearance which gives the virus its name. Best to burn them and definitely not to add them to the compost heap as spores can rage through, in days. November is a great time to pick up bargains in the garden centres as they will want to get on with creating their Christmas Grotto, so they'll need the space their bulb display is presently occupying. So, get out there, there should be lots of price reductions on offer. Don't be frightened to leave the odd seed head to bring height and to create undulation to the front of the border. Verbenas, Teasels, Angelica, *Sylvestris*, *Erigeron Annuus*, Cow Parsley, Fennel and *Verbascums* all serve well here, creating a 3D effect



There is such a large variety of tulips available

Photo: P. Thomas

The odd strong lingering seed head, particularly the likes of *Agapanthus*, make such definite statements as well as providing food for wildlife and wildlife shelter.

Tree of Life, Ginkgo Biloba – The Tree of Life, or Maidenhair Tree, is a very hardy long lived deciduous tree that tolerates urban pollution. It is often said, to be a living fossil because it is largely unchanged over 250 million years. Its fan-shaped leaves turn a lovely buttery yellow colour around now. Most cultivated trees are male: if male and female trees are together, the females produce strangely tasting fruits with edible nuts inside. We have an absolute beauty here in Dalkey, growing magnificently at the seating area in Castle Street.

Hollies – Hollies are not just for Christmas as few other garden evergreens offer such a range of leaf shape and colours or such vivid, persistent berries. They are super too, for Topiary shapes or grown as a lollipop standard or for hedging. I always think of Hollies as luxurious, their shiny, healthy lustrous leaves that sparkle in winter sunshine. They provide structure, texture and colour throughout the year. The fruits of Hollies are technically drupes not berries; female plants must be grown to form berries and male plants nearby are usually necessary for pollination. Hollies are known by some and rightly so, as The Seasonal Stars of the Winter Garden.

A Tip from The 1899 Old Farmers' Almanac, 'Useful Hints'.

'Keep all fruit stones (pits) cooked or uncooked, dry them slowly in the oven, put in a large jar and in winter, throw a handful on the fire of an evening. They will crackle for a moment, send up a bright flame and fill the room with a delicious aroma.'



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Before our birds eat them all, cut a few stems of holly with berries for making Christmas garlands and stand them in a bucket of water in a sheltered spot where our feathered friends can't take them.

Winter winds can whip about and severely damage unprotected plants. An old nylon stocking (or cut tights), will stretch as the plants grow rather than cutting into the stem as string and wire can do.

Winter heating dries our air out in our homes considerably, so we can help our house plants to survive by misting them or placing the pots on a pebble filled tray of water or hydroponics to ensure adequate humidity and moisture.

If you are considering planting a new tree, bare-root trees can be planted from now until February. These are cheaper to buy and because roots are immediately in contact with soil, they establish so fast.

Raked leaves can be collected and stored in black plastic bags with pierced holes to slowly break down into leaf mould which can be used in a year's time as a soil improver.

Maybe, consider a Vintage Garden. Look out for Antique Fairs, Auction House and Car Boot Sales, for used, well-loved and reclaimed furniture for a fraction of the price of buying brand new.

Why not make a beautiful seasonal wreath with garlic, red and white onions, Chillies, peppers and herbs. Indeed, maybe start thinking about 'A handmade Christmas' and then, perhaps Handmade Christmas Presents.

NOVEMBER

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 Native American Indian Black Elk. The Anglo-Saxons called November 'Windmonath' or 'Wind-month'.

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



Flower: Chrysanthemum



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To mark our 60th year we have a new troop badge. This was designed by one of our leaders Simon Hall and it shows a tallship passing Dalkey Island and Dalkey Castle.

We also celebrated our 60th anniversary with an Alumni Reunion at the RIYC in Dun Laoghaire. There was a great turn out to the event and it was a pleasure to be joined by the five original members of the troop, who travelled from afar to be there on the night. They were all presented with a framed photo (by John Fahy) of our sailing boats in Bulloch Harbour. Thanks to Patrick O'Farrell for a very entertaining speech on the night highlighting the era that the troop was set up in, the input from all the families to get the troop off the ground and then many of the adventures they scouts all had together.

From strength to strength the Scouts section triumphant at the Liffey Descent:



Girls celebrating their success on the Scout Liffey Descent Photo: Dalkey Sea Scouts

Congratulations to Sophie, Sarah & Sinéad who won the best overall girls team at the scout Liffey Descent kayaking race in September. They all won a medal in their own class and went on to get the best overall girls team prize. Adam & Abe also won medals in their class.

We also had two teams compete in the Hamill Cup in Howth, as well as another team compete in the scout sailing regatta in Malahide on the first weekend in October.

The 60th anniversary and the Liffey Descent were just two of the highlights of our scouting programme this summer. The

Scout section had a very active boating season with two nights sailing and kayaking a week all summer from Bulloch Harbour. They also had a mini camp in Lough Dan in May, Powerscourt in June and a traditional 10 day summer camp this year on Lough Gowna in Co. Longford. This was a great success with 24 scouts enjoying the Irish weather in Longford.

Prior to that they were involved with hosting a troop from the UK who were on an Irish tour. The 4th Streatham (Princess Louise) troop spent 14 days on Ireland, 5 of which were in Blackrock where they had loads of opportunity to explore the local amenities, a highlight of which was a visit to Dalkey Island that coincided with the Bray Air Show. What a treat! We also had the perfect opportunity to present a fundraising cheque that we had raised to the RNLI while they were visiting the station.



Members of our troop with the 4th Streatham Troop who presented a cheque to the R.N.L.I. Photo: Dalkey Sea Scouts

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helped us with the joint fundraising for the troop and for the RNLi over the past year. We would also thank Mary Mitchell O Connor for facilitating a visit to Leinster House for our English guests and also Dalkey Rowing Club where they got to try out some sea rowing. Both our beaver and cub section had the best of adventures and experiences.
Yours in Scouting

Donnchadh O Madagáin – Group Leader

Our website is www.dalkeyseascouts.ie or follow us on Facebook

D.A.R.A. HOLIDAY TO SPAIN

For the first time Dalkey Active Retirement Association travelled as a group to Spain. We flew to Barcelona and on to Santa Susanna on the Costa Brava. We visited Lloret de Mar and Tossa de Mar, Barcelona, Monserrat and Gerona. All most enjoyable



Photo: DARA

trips. Our hotel was the Florida Park near the beach. The hotel was very comfortable with a great deal of food and a most helpful staff. We had lovely weather and good company. It was a wonderful experience for everybody and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Rosemary Pearson

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

The annual hospice coffee morning raised € 1,500 and money is still coming in. We thank all our business community and those who attended for their continued support.

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LORETO STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION 2016

Every year our school elects a Student Council. This council is made up of eight kind, helpful, responsible, trustworthy girls from sixth class. At the start of the campaign all the candidates hung up their posters, prepared their speeches and canvassed around the school. Everyone was excited.

On Thursday the 22nd of September at 9 o'clock everyone from Fourth Class up gathered in our assembly hall. Mrs. Corkery, our principal, welcomed everyone. Then the speeches began. Everyone was nervous and you could see the candidates shaking. They mentioned some of their ideas, for example, having a school newspaper, having more school trips and lots of other fun and helpful suggestions.

Later that day the teachers printed out the ballot papers with the candidates' names. Then the fourth, fifth and sixth classes came back to the hall to vote. First Mrs. Patton explained how the election process worked. All twenty five candidates stood at the top of the hall holding signs with their names written on them. Then everyone in the hall got a ballot paper. They had to vote for a candidate in order from 1-25. Afterwards the candidates got to vote as well. All the ballot papers were folded in half and placed in the ballot box.

On Friday the 23rd of September Mrs. Corkery made an announcement that the votes had been counted. We all gathered at our assembly hall to find out who had been elected. Ms. Ellard and Mrs. Patton had been counting the votes since eight o'clock that morning. They counted them five times. Everyone was anxious, especially the candidates. Mrs. Patton handed Mrs. Corkery a sheet of paper with the results on it. There were four members elected from each sixth class.

The new Student Council members are: Lucie Mowatt, Neasa O'Donnell, Mimi McCarthy, Simone Towns, Lily Egan, Lauren O'Callaghan, Ellie Breslin and Sinead Cagney.

We are looking forward to a great year in our beautiful school. We have a very reliable Student Council. They will report back some great ideas that will make this school a better place and these girls will help Mrs. Corkery, the staff and the pupils along the way throughout the year.

By Natasza Dobrzanska, Sixth Class

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On August 29th we welcomed all of the boys, especially the new 2nd class, to Harold Boys' N.S.

We said goodbye to our former secretary, Ms. Moira McGuirk in June and now we would like to welcome our new secretary, Ms. Orla Weafer. We also welcome our new S.N.A., Ms. Joan Ryan. We wish them many happy years in Harold Boys' N.S.

We also have new boys in other classes and we would like to welcome them.

Céad Mile Fáilte

6th

Marcos Egea Granda
Pablo Goizueta Granda
Sam Ledoux

5th

Julio Curazo Lacunza
Luca Ciobanu
Gabriel Murphy

4th

Dylan Hanlon
Alesc Michalesc
Jack Gatti

We wish all the boys a great year in Harold Boys' N.S.

The beginning of a new school year is always a busy time and this year is no different from all the others. We hope 2nd class have a good, fun year and especially enjoy their First Holy Communion. We also hope 6th class have a great Confirmation Day.

All sports, plans and activities are in the making at the moment. We promise a productive and exciting school year. Watch This Space!

Written by: Bobby Connolly and Kyle Delahunty

In Sixth class we had Ms. Mossop; again she is a nice teacher but I think we were a bit tired of her and she was a bit tired of us. We were really happy this year to get the big yard. At the start of the year we had Ms. Glynn as an SNA in the classroom that changed later to Ms. O'Neill. Ms. Mossop brought us on lots of great trips this year, like Croke Park the Dáil and Tom Crean to name a few. At the start of the year we did a project. We could choose between GAA, Maori, the Renaissance, Northern Ireland and the Great Famine. One of the most interesting things we did this year was Confirmation.

We spent a long time practising tin whistle but it paid off. One day Rory Saunders brought in his Segway or Hoverboard and gave Ms. Costello a go. Just after Confirmation Liam and Padraic and Harry were doing a job in the computer room when Mr. McCarthy's phone rang it was his wife! Padraic answered it and said 'Hello Honey' and Mr. McCarthy came and took the phone from him. Seán Ó Gormáin was one of my Favourite things and this year Santry was amazing! This year A'dam Fathallah won the school's first ever medal! He came 3rd in the sprint race. We gave him a guard of honour when he came back. After a few weeks we started mentoring.

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After a wonderful sunny summer break, DSPNS welcomed back children, staff, parents and guardians on 31st August – another beautiful sunny day. It was exciting to see returning friends, as well as some new faces whom we look forward to getting to know.

Gaeilge – Táimid ag cur béim ar an nGaeilge an bhliain seo. We are working on improving our use of oral Irish this year through using everyday phrases at school. Many children have already been rewarded with Cártaí Gaeilge. Maith sibh! Well done! This entitles them to a homework pass – a much sought after reward!



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- Not to park in a position that might prevent emergency vehicles from accessing the area

Our Values of the Month

Our value for the month of September is **RESPECT**.

- We will show respect to others by being polite, kind, mannerly and helpful.
- We will show respect for our own property and that of others by being careful with belongings and equipment.
- We will respect our surroundings by being tidy

Our value for the month of October is *Co-operation*.

- We co-operate together to get things done.
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On Thursday afternoons the Art Room at Castle Park is a hive of activity when pupils from Forms IV, V & VI gather to attend the Senior Art Club as one of their after school hobbies. During the first few weeks of the Autumn Term their work has focused on printed and painted textiles. They took rubbings on Vilene with fabric crayons which were then ironed and finally cut up to create their textured collages finished off with sewing detail on top.



Some fine examples of work done by the SENIOR ART CLUB as one of their after school hobbies

Amanda Mollard, Castle Park School

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 37-40 12/9/2016 to 7/10/2016

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

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

Reg. Ref. D16B/0385

Application Rec'd Date: 13-Sep-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Una Walsh, 6 Corrig Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of a stone wall at the pedestrian gate to the house (Ref. EMC8516). Planning permission for the construction of a first floor extension (84 sqm) to the existing house (140 sqm). The development will consist of 3 bedrooms, shower room and en-suite bathroom at first floor level along with associated internal modifications to the existing ground floor plan. The existing mature screen planting and gardens etc. are unaffected by the proposed development.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0391

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Sep-2016

Applic. Name & Location: Derina O'Connor & Stephen Dooley, 48 Mapas Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for conversion of attic to study room, including building up the side gable wall to form Dutch hip roof, dormer roof light to rear, demolish side chimney, roof lights to front and rear, new side window with altered existing side window.

Declare Application Invalid: 22-Sep-2016

Reg. Ref. D16B/0396

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Sep-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Mr C & Mrs C Brady, 9, Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a) conversion of existing store into study, with a floor area of 14.5sq.m, along with extension of 11.0sq.m to same, to west side of dwelling with a new glazed roof over, b) first floor bedroom extension with a floor area of 26.6sq.m. over existing converted garage to the South East side of dwelling, c) new roof light to East side of existing main roof.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0400

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Sep-2016

Applic. Name & Location: Derina O'Connor & Stephen Dooley, 48, Mapas Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for conversion of attic to study room including building up the side gable wall to form Dutch hip roof, dormer rooflight to rear, demolish side chimney, rooflights to front and rear, new side window with altered existing side window.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0411

Application Rec'd Date: 30-Sep-2016

Applic. Name & Location: David & Karen Whelan, Kilfenora, 3 Killiney Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. The replacement of the dormer type roof to the south (adjacent No. 2) and west (garden) elevations, with new first floor accommodation below a flat roof to match that existing to the north and east elevations. 2. The extension of the living/dining room as a single storey, into the back garden. 3. Alterations to the street elevation to include a timber clad bay window at first floor and copper clad canopy at the entrance door. 4. All associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0718

Application Rec'd Date: 3-Oct-2016

Applicant Name & Location: J & A McGouran, 12 Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of modifications to previously approved permission reference number D15A/0008, as follows: 1. Completed ground floor footprint increased by 3 sqm (to 229 sqm). 2. Revised layout to house and gateposts. 3. Revised elevations, including 2 new windows on south elevation (at ground floor level).

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 37-40 12/9/2016 to 7/10/2016

- Reg. Ref.** D16A/0550 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 16-Sep-2016
Applicant Name & Location: Peter McCrodden, 14 Barnhill Park, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for one and half storey dwelling house in rear garden with vehicular access and all associated site works. Works to include demolition of previously converted garage to side of existing dwelling house.
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- Reg. Ref.** D16B/0333 **Decision:** Request Add. Information **Date:** 20-Sep-2016
Applicant Name & Location: Ronel and Darren Pickford, 5, Knocknacree Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development on this site. The development will consist of new single storey extension at lower ground floor to increase the size of two existing bedrooms, alterations to fenestration openings on rear and side elevations, new deck at rear ground floor over new bedroom extension with louvered screens on sides of new deck and associated works.
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- Reg. Ref.** D16A/0566 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 26-Sep-2016
Applicant Name & Location: Anne & Nick Furlong, 6, Castlepark Road, Sandycove.
Proposal: Permission for single storey flat roof extension to rear of existing dwelling to have 2 no. roof lights in flat roof, relocation of windows to rear and side of dwelling, internal alterations to the layout of the existing dwelling. Widening of existing pedestrian entrance to create a vehicular entrance with sliding gate and all ancillary site works.
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- Reg. Ref.** D16A/0581 **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 29-Sep-2016
Applicant Name & Location: Elizabeth Murphy, Dalkey Lodge, Barnhill Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)
Proposal: Permission for the erection of a 1.8m high fence, together with a planted hedge on either side to rear boundary and all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.
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- Reg. Ref.** D16A/0589 **Decision:** Grant & Refuse Permission **Date:** 30-Sep-2016
Applicant Name & Location: Paul Kinch, 2 Hyde Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for new part single and part two storey extension to the rear and side, new velux style roof lights to both sides of roof, new bay window to the front, new window to the side of ground floor living room, alterations to fenestration openings, new vehicular driveway in place of existing pedestrian access and associated works.
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- Reg. Ref.** D16B/0345 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 30-Sep-2016
Applicant Name & Location: Alan McNab & Jennifer Martin, Radharc, 5, Knock-na-cree Grove, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a roof terrace, with a glazed balustrade above an exempt development lower ground floor extension, to the rear of the existing dwelling house, accessed from the existing upper ground floor, together with all associated site works.
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- Reg. Ref.** D16A/0624 **Decision:** Withdraw the Application **Date:** 5-Oct-2016
Applicant Name & Location: Declan Corrigan, Wavecrest, Vico Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for: A. Demolition of the existing garage area at road level to the front of the house, along with the removal of the existing pedestrian access steps, gates and all railings to the existing terrace area which is associated with the ground floor of the house. B. Construction of a new garage and adjacent external covered area at road level to the front of the house, along with forming a new set of pedestrian access steps, gates, railings and piers to an extended terrace area which is associated with the ground floor of the house. C. All associated site works and landscaping. Located within an Architectural Conservation Area.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0355 **Decision:** Request Additional Info. **Date:** 7-Oct-2016
Applicant Name & Location: Mark Cassidy, 35 Corrig Road, Dalkey.
Proposal Permission for Retention of: A. Retention of refurbishment and alterations to existing two storey house of 86 sqm. B. Retention of two storey extension to rear of 44.75 sqm. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 37-40 12/9/16 to 7/10/16

Reg Ref D15A/0368 **Registration Date:** 3-Jun-2015
Location: Apartment 20 Skyview House, Vico Rock, Sorrento Court, Dalkey.
Development: Permission to retain the sub-division of the first floor and second floor into two separate apartments. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention
Appeal Lodged: 22-Sep-2016. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission.
Type of Appeal: 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref D16B/0300 **Registration Date:** 7-Jul-2016
Location: 55, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.
Development: Permission is sought for alterations and proposed extension to existing dwelling comprising rearrangement of the front elevation including the construction of a bay window and the relocation of the front door, the construction of a two storey extension to the rear of the dwelling (47sqm total), providing open plan kitchen living area to ground floor (32sqm) and additional bedroom at first floor (15sqm) and is to include all ancillary site development and landscaping work all at 55 St. Begnet's Villas Dalkey.
Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 21-Sep-2016.
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref D16A/0180 **Registration Date:** 18-Mar-2016
Location: Albert House, Victoria Road, Dalkey.
Development: Permission for development. The development consists of the construction of a 4-bed part 2-storey dwelling with new boundary and associated site works.
Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 27-Sep-2016.
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Condition(s). **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref D16A/0303 **Registration Date:** 5-May-2016
Location: The Breakers, 68 Coliemore Road, Dalkey.
Development: Permission for the demolition of existing single storey and part two storey extension (Gr Fl area 24.62sqm, 1st Fl area 8.89sqm) and erection of new part single storey and part two storey extension (Gr Fl area 38.94sqm, 1st Fl area 22.20sqm) including concealed roof terrace (area 10.44sqm), all to existing single storey semi-detached house (Total area increased from 82.87sqm to 109.81sqm). The works also involve alteration of vehicular entrance and front garden layout.
Council Decision: Grant & Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 29-Sep-2016.
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks 36-39 5/9/16 to 30/9/16

Reg. Ref. D16A/0163 **Appeal Decided:** 12-Sep-2016
Appeal Decision: Grant Permission. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission
Location: 9 Old Quarry, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Proposed Development: Permission for demolition of the existing detached single storey bungalow and the construction of two detached part single and part two storey four bed dormer style dwellings with altered existing vehicular access and additional new vehicular access, new boundary treatments and associated works. **Applicant:** Michael Kevany.



*Common or Viviparous Lizard on Dalkey Hill
taking a keen interest in Grasshoppers*

Photo: Lucy Desierdo

Last year we'd started seeing grasshoppers in good numbers around Dalkey Hill and since then, possibly because we've been actively looking for them, we've started seeing a lot more, especially on warm sunny days when they seem more active. They seem to be doing very well and in early autumn we spotted a few working on producing future generations, the smaller brighter coloured males perched atop the much larger duller females. The noise made by the grasshopper, which the male uses to attract females is known as stridulation and is caused by rubbing their legs against their

wing casing. They mate in autumn and the female grasshopper will conceal the eggs where they will overwinter before emerging as larvae in spring. Someone else taking an interest in the grasshoppers was a lizard which after perching motionlessly for a while suddenly sprang into life pouncing on a grasshopper and then grabbing a fly, quickly devouring both of them.

At home a number of my birdfeeders hang from an old apple tree which has a bumper crop of fruit this year, the weight of apples bending the boughs down almost to the ground. As I was refilling one of the feeders a falling apple just missed me. I presumed it had fallen naturally but looking up I saw a grey squirrel with another apple held in its mouth. Little I can do to stop the greys getting the apples but in a recent issue of Birdwatch Ireland's Wings magazine Niall Hatch gave a surprising tip to keep grey squirrels off the peanut and sunflower feeders which he kindly allowed me to pass on -

'I have a very handy suggestion when it comes to deterring squirrels from bird feeders. If you get hold of some hot chilli powder in the supermarket (make sure it is just pure chilli powder, with no salt or other ingredients added) and dust peanuts, seed, etc. with it before putting them in the feeders, it can be very effective. The chemical in chilli which causes the burning sensation in the mouth only works on mammals, including squirrels, rats and mice (and, of course, humans). Birds are unable to taste it, and it has no effect on them whatsoever. If a squirrel tries to eat the food, it gets a very unpleasant surprise, though no harm is caused to it: the pain caused by chilli is due to pain receptors being tricked, not actual physical damage. They pretty quickly learn to avoid the offending feeders, while the birds are none the wiser.'

There are periodic trappings of grey and red squirrels on Killiney Hill to remove the former and check on the latter and during October we came upon a red squirrel trapped in one of the cages. He wasn't overly concerned at being trapped, there's a box at the end of the trap where animals can hide if they feel exposed and we knew that the researcher and park staff would be around soon to release it after checking out its ear clip to identify it and then checking its health and weighing it. We kept out of his line of sight and it was fascinating watching him (we subsequently learned it was a male who'd been born in the woods last year) as he tried to figure out an escape route, at one stage walking backwards on his hind legs while earnestly inspecting the roof of the cage for a way out!

The following week we spotted another red moving through beech and scots pine, this one

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a female, her teats visible through the binoculars. Lucy speculated it might be pregnant but I said it was highly unlikely at this late time of the year. I was wrong, since we heard this squirrel was also trapped by William Carr the squirrel biologist who said the female red had indeed up until recently been suckling young. After seeing a family of at least three young reds in July it would seem likely there have been at least two litters of reds born on Killiney Hill this year which is very encouraging.

Usually in the grove of pines where we saw the female squirrel I'd be keeping my eyes trained upwards to the treetops so it was lucky I spotted a beetle on the ground before I stepped on it. It moved with the rear of its long body curved upward like a tiny scorpion, shiny black apart from two tiny white tips at the end of its abdomen which on closer inspection turned out to be two tiny pincers. Afraid that somebody, probably me, would step on it I tried to move it somewhere safer. I attempted to get it to climb on to a leaf then held my hand



Devil's Coach Horse beetle

Photo: Michael Ryan

down flat so it could climb on but it refused my entreaties and eventually dug down under some leaves and twigs, moving a fallen pine cone in the process which I thought quite impressive for a tiny creature. I had my suspicions what it was and sure enough on subsequently checking I found it was the dramatically named Devil's Coach Horse Beetle (*Ocypus olens*). They are 'voracious predators active at night, when they consume small slugs and snails, and a wide range of other invertebrates'. I also read that the scorpion's pose was a defensive action and when threatened it can emit a foul smelling odour from the two white pincers as well as inflict a nasty bite so I was glad it had ignored my hands-on approach. This beetle has been associated with the Devil since the Middle Ages, hence its common name. Other names include Devil's Footman or Devil's Steed. In Ireland the beetle is known as *darbhadal* (literally Devil's Beast) and it is said that the Devil assumes the form of this beetle to eat sinners!

Seasonal anomalies have become so normal it would be almost surprising if we didn't have reports of unseasonal spectacularly early or late plant flowerings or insects and other creatures emerging early. On Dalkey Hill there were wild Cranesbill flowering in mid-October while on a Mountain Ash (Rowan) tree there were wilted dying leaves on one stem while new bright green leaves had recently appeared on a lower stem. In the garden there were new flowers opening at the same time as the berries ripened on the *hypericum* and *berberis*. In the office car park the Pyracantha bush, resplendent with a mass of orange berries, also had a little bloom of white flowers emerging, at least six months earlier than normal.

Ireland has two native species of oak, the Common or Pendunculate Oak and the Sessile Oak both of which grow on Dalkey and Killiney Hills. It would be an exaggeration to say the woodland floor on Killiney Hill was carpeted by fallen acorns in early October but there was certainly a spectacular amount of them lying on the ground, denoting a bumper seed or 'mast' year for oaks. Apart from seasonal climatic factors, different species of trees have natural cycles of seed production so a certain number of years will pass with average or poor seed production before one year will produce a very heavy or mast crop and it certainly looks like this is going to be one of those years for oaks. The oak's mast years are



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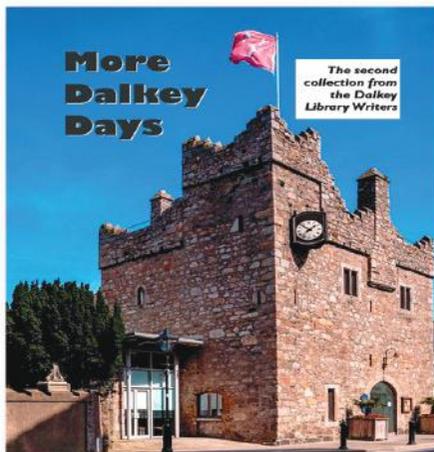
usually every three to five years when apparently a mature tree can produce up to 50,000 acorns although most of the early falling small green acorns won't produce seed, it's only the later brown woodier acorns that have the potential to grow into new trees. The oak is one of the last trees to lose its leaves in the autumn and the theory is when the leaves drop they will cover the already fallen acorns protecting them from frost and seed eating animals and birds. One of those seed eating birds which has become a very welcome presence around the hills is the jay, always associated with oak woods and we heard one's raucous call then saw it foraging for acorns high up near the crown of a oak. Jays will store caches of acorns for later in the winter either stashing them in tree trunks or burying them and they are credited with helping oak woods spread since acorns don't fall far from the parent tree but uneaten acorns the jays may have buried some distance away will often germinate.

❖ **NATURE** ❖
NOTES NOVEMBER 2016

Tuesday 1 November: *A Pencil, a Brush and a Bird on the Brain: How a childhood love of birds and drawing became a way of life*, by bird artist Dave Daly. Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney, 8.00pm

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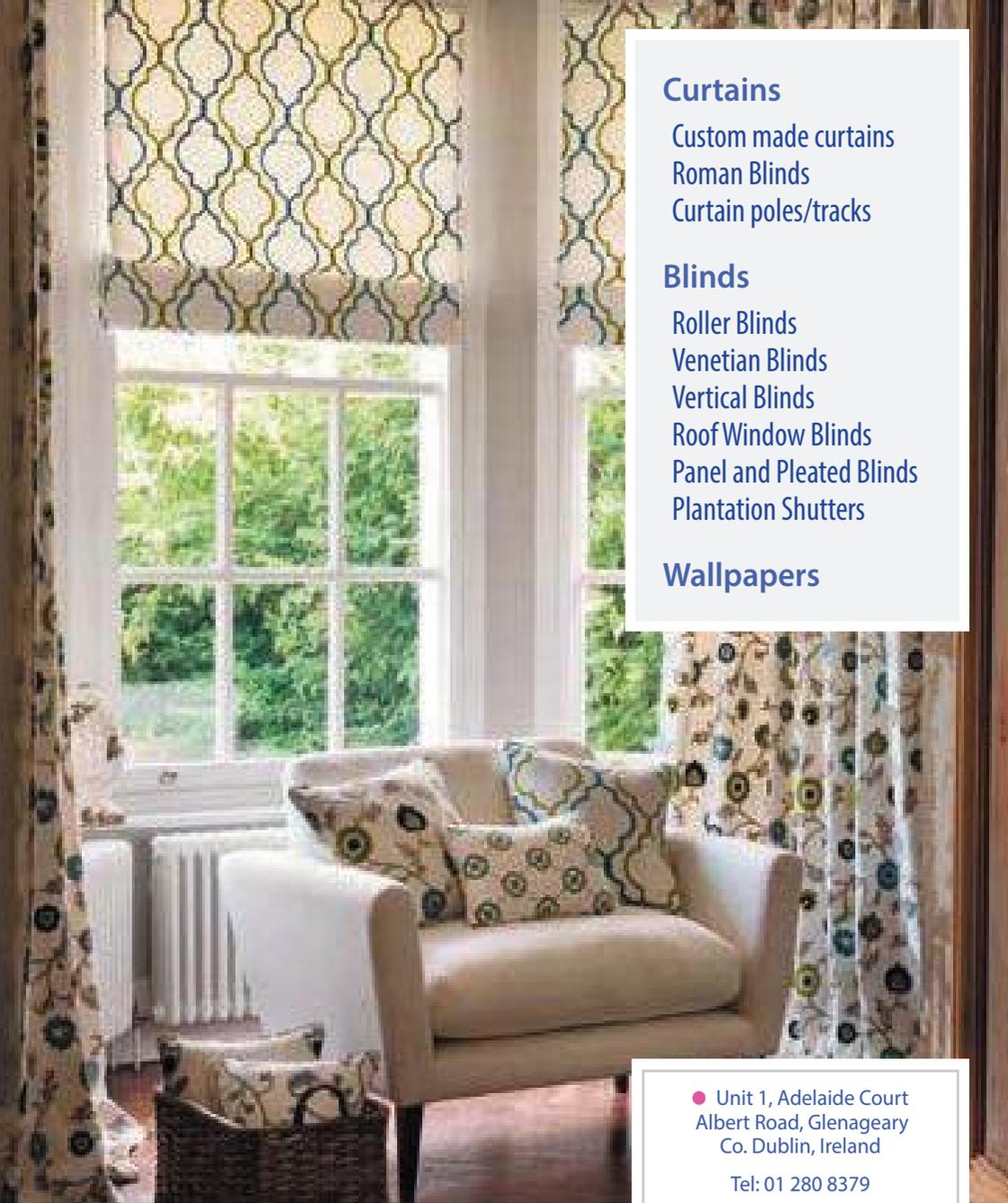
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Your child should be otherwise well when teething so if you are concerned that the symptoms such as crying may be more than teething always check with your Doctor or Pharmacist.

There are a number of products available *Over-The-Counter* that can help with the babies teething. Teething gels and granules can be used to provide local relief on the gums and most are suitable from 4 months of age. Pain killers such as Paracetamol or Ibuprofen liquids can be helpful if the baby is in a lot of pain. Chewing on teething rings which are stored in the fridge can provide some relief and give the baby something to chew on. Each product should contain instructions for how to store them. Generally children's teeth will emerge in the following

pattern:

bottom incisors (bottom front teeth) – these are usually the first to come through, usually at around 5 to 7 months, top incisors (top front teeth) – these tend to come through at about 6 to 8 months, top lateral incisors (either side of the top front teeth) – these come through at around 9 to 11 months, bottom lateral incisors (either side of the bottom front teeth) – these come through at around 10 to 12 months, first molars (back teeth) – these come through at around 12 to 16 months canines (towards the back of the mouth) – these come through at around 16 to 20 month, second molars – these come through at around 20 to 30 months.

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❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS NOVEMBER 2016 ❖

Tuesday 1st at 8pm: Joe Mooney will present his lecture '*Seán O'Casey and The Rebellion*' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany. All welcome – admission €3.

Wednesday 2nd 8pm: Cormac Lowth will present his lecture '*Trawling under Sail in Dublin Bay in the 19th Century*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill. All welcome – admission €4.

Thursday 3rd at 8pm: Neal Doherty will present his lecture '*Statues and Sculptures of Dublin*' to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome – Contribution €3.

Padraig Allen will present his lecture '*History of St. John's Ambulance*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in The Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Friday 4th 8pm: Dr. Darren McGettigan will present his lecture '*Nothing venture nothing have: Art Mac Murchadha Caomhanach at war with Richard II, 1391 and 1399*' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Monday 7th 7.30pm: Dr. Angela Griffin will present a talk '*illuminating Irish identities: Irish illustrate c.1830 – 1910*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2.

Tuesday 8th 8pm: Jim Herlihy will present his lecture '*Tracing Irish Police Ancestors*' to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome.

Wednesday 9th at 6pm: Lar Joye will present his lecture '*Five Months of Failure: the Battle of the Somme and the Irish Soldier*' to The Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

Thursday 10th 7.30pm: Barry Carse will give an illustrated presentation '*Valencia Harbour Branch – A 1935 Report*' to the Irish Railway Record Society in the IRRS Premises, Hueston Station, Dublin 8. Strictly members and their guests only.

Tuesday 15th at 8pm: The AGM of the Foxrock Local History Club takes place in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, and all members are requested to attend. The AGM will conclude with a talk by Davis Doyle on '*The Reverend Thomas Goff (1722-1844) of Carriglea.*' All welcome – admission €5.

Wednesday 16th 8pm: James Scannell will present his lecture '*Captain Herman Goertz, a German intelligence gatherer in Ireland during the Second World War*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in The Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome – admission €3.50.

Thursday 17th 1pm: Dr. Barra Ó Donnabháin will present his lecture '*The Fortress Prison; the archaeology of Victorian Spike Island, Co. Cork*' in the Museum of Archaeology, Kildare Street, D.2. Admission free - to reserve a place call 01-6486334, email: educationarch@museum.ie. Not wheelchair accessible.

At 8pm Tom Ferris will present his lecture '*The Railways of Ireland's East Coast*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in The Royal Hotel, Bray. All Welcome – Visitors €5.

At 8pm Commandant Colin McNamee will present his lecture '*Family Stories of 1916*' to the Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society in Holy Rosary Centre adjoining Holy Rosary Church, Greystones. All welcome – admission charge.

Wednesday 23rd at 6pm: The AGM of The Old Dublin Society takes place in The

Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, and all members are requested to attend. The AGM will be preceded by short talk by Bryan MacMahon on ‘*Valentine Jackson, member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, the Irish Volunteers and the Old Dublin Society.*’ All welcome – admission free.

Thursday 24th at 7.30pm: Dr. Jennifer Ní Ghraighaigh will present her lecture ‘*The High Cross as Art History*’ to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the The Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2.

At 8pm Stephen Ferguson will present his lecture ‘*Lives, Letters, Liberty – Dublin’s General Post Office*’ to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Admission €3 – Swan Centre Car Park Evening Rate €1.50 (Total) from 6pm to 12.30am.

Tuesday 29th 6.30pm: The Dalkey Library Local History Group meets in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. New members welcome.

A DALKEY WAR OF INDEPENDENCE HEROINE

In her book ‘*Women of the Irish Revolution*’ (Mercier Press) author Liz Gillas reveals that Molly O’Reilly, born 1902, from Gardiner Street, Dublin, hid some of the weapons from the Howth gun-running in her house, raised the Irish Citizen Army flag over Liberty Hall, Dublin, a week before the Easter Rising, and carried messages between the GPO and City Hall during the Rising until it was captured by British troops. During the War of Independence, she was assigned to the Dalkey IRA and often brought out arms and explosives from Dublin to it at night and had several close encounters with the Black and Tans but was never captured.

A BOOK TO READ

‘*2016 Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland*’,
published by the Genealogical Society of Ireland.

Variety of content is a feature of this excellent publication which features the following articles:- ‘Swords Family History’ by John Goggins; ‘*A strange thing happened*’ & ‘*Baraghilly (Barrahooley), Co. Antrim*’ by Sean McCartan; ‘*Where do you think you live?*’ by Billy Saunderson; ‘*Mount Levers Court, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare*’ by Gerard G. Costello; ‘*Excavating Working-class Histories in Dublin: Teelings and Longworths*’ by Karen Bridget Murray; ‘*DMP Casualties during the War of Independence – Part 2*’ & ‘*Easter 1913 in Bray, Co. Wicklow*’ by James Scannell; ‘Francis Bergin & Anne Power – *Marriage and Issue*’ & ‘*My Power / Fortescue Ancestors*’ by Thomas A. Burke; ‘*The Coleen Bawn – An Early CDV*’ & ‘*Amateur Entertainment in Kingstown & Blackrock from the 1890s onwards*’ by Tom Conlon; ‘*The Wilson Family – Croesi of Dublin*’ by Enda MacMahon; ‘*Patrick Pearse’s schooldays*’ by Aiden Feerick; ‘*Getting to Know Grandfather Through the Local Newspaper*’ by Mary Rose O’Shea; ‘*O’Reilly W966 Cheshire Regiment*’ by J.L.Walsh; and ‘*Right of Reply - 2013 GSI Journal*’ by John F. (Jack) McCukllagh.

Copies available at meetings of the Society, on Saturday afternoons between 2pm and 5pm from the Society’s Archive & Research Centre, An Daonchartlann, Carlisle Pier, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, or through www.familyhistory.ie.

James Scannell

U3A NOTICE Dun Laoghaire Dalkey Killiney U3A now meets every second Tuesday at 10.30am at The Pastoral Centre, St. Joseph’s Church, Glasthule.

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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

From the Rector – *Remembrance*

Once again, I am conscious that November heralds a more reflective time in the Church's year. As part of our liturgies I draw your attention to the All Saints' service on the 6th November in which we have an opportunity to remember those parishioners and loved ones who have passed away. As we remember them may we give thanks for their faith, love and example.

Student Reader – We welcome Sean Hanily to Holy Trinity who joins us from the Theological Institute.

Parish Retreat – It is hoped to have a Parish Retreat in Holy Trinity, Killiney on Saturday 5th November. Running this event will require a minimum of 10 people. A sign-up sheet is available at the church door.

Select Vestry – The Vestry will meet at 8pm in the Carry Centre on Monday 7th November.

The Killiney Winey Dineys – The next gathering will be on November 3rd, the venue is yet to be decided. Further expressions of interest or queries may be addressed to Zandra Laing or the Rector.

Ladies Guild – The next meeting on Tuesday 8th November will be held in the Carry Centre at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Charity Christmas Cards – Following the service on the 13th November, there will be Tea and Coffee in The Carry Centre. 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, Holy Trinity and hopefully others!

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney – The next gathering on Wednesday 16th November will be a trip to the Pavilion Theatre, Dun Laoghaire. For more information please contact Judy Jones – 2855159

Sunday Club – The Club meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month during term time (the next gathering is on Sunday 20th November). New members always welcome!

Bible Study and Prayer Group – This year we will be looking at figures in the Bible. The next meeting is on Tuesday 22nd October at 10.30am in the Carry Centre. All are very welcome to attend. Further expressions of interest may be addressed to the Rector.

The Y Club - Killiney Men's Society – The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th November in the Carry Centre. More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Teggin or the

Rector.

Christmas Sale – The annual sale will be held on Saturday 26th November. The usual stalls will be present along with the grotto for a very special guest! All are very welcome to join us in the Carry Centre from 11am – 1pm.

Sheep Thrills – Every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre. Like us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/Sheep-Thrills

Sheep Thrills products will be sold locally and given to selected charities for the homeless both at home and abroad. So anyone interested please contact Joan @ 0872460078. Admission €3-€5.

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



Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church, Killiney

Photo: Holy Trinity Church

Harvest – Many thanks to our Choir, Music Director Frank Hughes, the Parish choir, the G.K.N.S. choir, and the Flower Guild who decorated our Church with artistic flair and all who enhanced our worship during this autumn season. Our preachers were warmly received and we thank them for their inspiring reflections!

Glenageary Killiney National School – Applications for Junior Infants 2017 will be available for collection in person from the school office from Monday 7th November - Friday 18th November 2016 between 8.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. The closing date for receipt of completed Application forms is Monday 21st November 2016 by 2.15p.m. The current Admissions Policy is available on www.gkns.ie.

Parish Archives – We are looking for any photos, information or historical artefacts relating to Holy Trinity, Killiney. If you have any such records please contact the Rector.

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Sunday Services for November

6th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
13th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age
20th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
27th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
	7pm Advent Carol Service	
Midweek	– Every Thursday	10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor

The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on Tuesday 1st, 15th and 29th November at 2.30p.m.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Many thanks to all who supported the Harvest this year, a generous amount of food items were brought into the Capuchin Day Centre for homeless people in Dublin City. The offertory on the day went towards the Hurricane Matthew Appeal to help those in Haiti.

Bible Study – Come and enjoy conversation and spiritual growth as we study the Bible together. This group includes people familiar with the Bible and those new to the Holy Scriptures. It takes place in the Gallery Room of the Northover Hall on Thursday 10th, 17th and 24th November from 7.00-8.00p.m. The readings we look at are those for the coming Sunday, from the Revised Common Lectionary. Bibles are provided along with some study notes. All are welcome, including newcomers!

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society – We'd like to wish our Dramatic Society every success with "Night must Fall" by Emlyn Williams, which will run in The Pavilion Theatre Dun Laoghaire from Wednesday 16th to Saturday 19th November. This is a gripping psychological thriller, directed by Judith Elmes.

Craft Group – The Craft Group meets in the Gallery Room of the Northover Hall on each Tuesday of the month from 2.30p.m. One can bring one's own project to work on in convivial surroundings, some light refreshments are usually enjoyed before the end.



A home communion set is presented to Rev Kevin Conroy by Rector's Warden, Dorothy Taylor to celebrate his ordination

Photo: St. Patrick's Church, Dalkey



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

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

St. Patrick's F.C. – Our children's work continues during November with our football club will be training on most Saturdays of the month at 4pm in Castle Park School on the astro turf pitch. This is open to any children of national school age. The club strip is available from the Parish Office. Please check the parish website for up-to-date details.

School Enrolments – The Admission Process for St. Patrick's National School will begin shortly for September 2017. If you have not already done so, please fill out a 'Notification of Intention to Apply' form as soon as possible. This form is available on the parish and on the school website.

Wellspring Retreat – Wellspring is a silent retreat, which will be held in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 26th November. The day is from 9.30am to 4.00pm. Reflections are offered during the day interspersed with free time. All are welcome but numbers are limited so advance booking is essential. Bookings to be made through hello@ministryofhealing.ie or 087 4392669. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a snack lunch. Donation for the day €25. All welcome.

❖ CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION – NOVEMBER NEWS ❖



As we approach autumn and roll into November we notice a definite chill in the air along with the beautiful autumn mornings when the air is clean and sharp. November brings the closing down of the year and it suggests not death but mystery – a sense of worlds beyond this of past and future. We have been following the teachings of Pope Francis via his daily posts on Twitter. This week's post reminds us to cherish the world we live in especially at this harvest time – ***'God gave us the earth 'to till***

and to keep' in a balanced and respectful way'.

Many thanks for all of the positive feedback on our recent redecoration of the Church. We are now back to regular services including weekly Monday Adoration. If you are passing please feel most welcome to stop a while and say hello. We would like to thank all of our wonderful Loreto sisters for facilitating weekday Mass during the redecoration period in their beautiful chapel.



Archbishop Diarmuid Martin with Fr. Gallagher and Fr. Devitt

Photo: Church of the Assumption, Dalkey

On September 26th we celebrated the 175th anniversary of the dedication of our church in Dalkey. We had a wonderful evening and a Mass of Thanksgiving which was celebrated by Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin. Thanks to Margaret Dunne and her staff in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre for making their facilities available to us for this special occasion in our parish – thanks also to all our parishioners recalling many memories both happy and sad from the past which have helped build our faith community and contribute so much to the history of our

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Enjoying the 175th Jubilee Celebrations

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parish in Dalkey. This is the start of a year long schedule of anniversary celebrations and discussions, which kick started with a special performance of Handel's Messiah in the Church on Saturday 22nd Oct at 8pm. A team, led by Amy Luttrell is also working on a Young Adult initiative for over 18s, for more information email youngadultsdublin@gmail.com or keep an eye on the weekly parish newsletter for further details.

All Saints and All Souls – This month we 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.

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 Christian devotion. In the early days of the Church, the names of the faithful departed were posted in Church so that the community would

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remember them in prayer. We still remember all those who have departed in our Parish through the 'Altar list for the dead' on All Souls Day. These lists are available in the Church at the end of October if you would like to include a departed loved one for prayers on this day.

November Remembrance Mass – The annual Mass at which we remember all who have died in our Parish in the past year will be celebrated on Tues 22nd November 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.

Our bereavement counselling service is run by '**The Bereavement Counselling Service**' who are based in St Andrews Church in Dawson St. It is a non-denominational service and offers confidential counselling on a one to one basis by trained volunteer counsellors in Presbytery No.2 every Tuesday night from 7-9pm and Wednesday afternoons, 2-5pm. Please call 01 8391766 for an appointment on a donation basis.

Sometimes it is good to talk to someone, to share your grief as 'grieving is about remembering, not forgetting'.

Our Mums and baby Toddlers group meet each Monday from 10.30-12.00 in the Youth Hall behind Our Lady's Hall. Everyone is welcome, especially new mums/dads. Compline is at 6.30pm each Wednesday at 6.30 p.m. in the church and our parish meditation group meets every Thursday evening, from 7.30 to 8.30pm, at Presbytery No. 2 (parish office). All most welcome.

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Archbold's Castle free guided tour from 2pm-4pm	Sun 6 Nov
DCC Monthly Meeting at 7:30pm in OLH	Mon 7 Nov
DCC Art Exhibition in OLH (10am to 5pm)	Sat 12- Sun 13 Nov
Dalkey Players "Da" by Hugh Leonard in Dalkey Town Hall at 8pm	Tues 15 – Fri 18 Nov
St. Patrick's Dramatic Society presents "Night must Fall" by Emlyn Williams in the Pavilion Theatre at 8pm	Weds 16 – Sat 19 Nov
Fundraiser for Malawi in OLH (10am-3pm)	Sat 19 Nov
Holy Trinity Christmas Sale in The Carry Centre (11am-1pm)	Sat 26 Nov
Sorting of Dec'16/Jan'17 Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 1 Dec

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

- Karate sessions - for all age groups** in Town Hall from 5.00-9.00 pm Mondays & Wednesdays
- Boxing/Conditioning Classes** - Also available. Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334
- Dalkey Players:** Rehearsals in **Harold Boys School** from 7.30-10.30pm Tues. & Thurs. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or www.dalkeyplayers.ie check for details. New members welcome.
- St. Patrick's Dramatic Society:** Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Rd. 8pm-10.30pm Mondays & Thursdays or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information. New members welcome.
- The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society** meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested call 086-8391839.
- Cuala Set Dancing Classes:** Every Sunday from 8-10pm. €6 per night. All welcome.
- Scrabble & Afternoon Tea** in aid of Barnardos every Wednesday at 3pm in Derrymore, 35, Colliemore Road, Dalkey. Call Di Fitzpatrick at 285 0593 for more information.
- Baby & Toddler Group:** Pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome on Tues. from 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., €2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608
- Parkrun – Every Saturday at 9:30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Parks**
- Dalkey Library Local History Group** meets on the last Tuesday of every month in Dalkey Library starting at 6-6:30pm. All welcome.
- Nature Notes** page 31.

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