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Dalkey Tidy Towns Volunteers with prizes from the 2017 National TT Competition, DLR Tidy Districts and Dalkey Community Council



Tidy Towns Volunteers - This photo was taken during the compulsory coffee break after their litter patrol of the town at The Queens in Castle Street – and it was also a chance for all to put their hands on the beautiful gold and silver.

To all who helped to make this a very special week the Tidy Towns Committee THANK YOU!

See pages 4 and 5 for more.....

Photo: Alex Perry

SUMMARY OF THE DCC OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

DCC Monthly Meeting held on Monday 9th October 2017 in OLB.

NW: Sgt. Paul Roche gave members advice on remaining secure in the home and especially as the darker evenings approach. Light up – have the house well lit, security lights outside, remove articles from the car and keep it locked. Keys should not be left on the hall table. Alarms should be activated and even at night time set for the perimeter to enable movement inside the house. Property should be marked and preferably photographed in case of loss.

TT: Congratulations to DTT who won a gold medal in the National TT Competition and increased their overall marks by 5 on last year's result. They also won the overall prize in the DLR Tidy Districts Competition.

Planning: The planning application for Charleville, Harbour Road has been refused on grounds of its scale, size and proximity to a protected structure. The Castle Park apartment application has been referred to ABP.

AOB: Sadly, Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home is due to close and will cease to operate sometime next March.

The next Monthly Meeting is Monday 6th November 2017.

DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE

ECHOES 2017 Gordon Snell in his opening address of welcome to attendees at ECHOES on Sat 30th September delighted the audience with his account of how he and Maeve used to write side by side at a long table in their studio in Dalkey. He likened the set up to two piano players at either end of the one piano, though he said neither could play the piano!

Audience members and speakers,

who came from as far away as United States,

Sweden, The Netherlands, Italy, France and Ireland, were fulsome in their praise of the completely immersive literary day, full of new information, fun and anecdotes.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Tom Murphy opened proceedings. **Prof Margaret Kelleher** UCD set out a most enlightening case as to why Maeve Binchy's work should be seen as social chronicle of Ireland and England in the 70s, 80s and 90s.

Contemporary writers Martina Devlin, Joe O'Connor and Róisín Ingle teased out connections between journalism and creative writing. Sarah Binchy, RTE producer, described how she had collated Maeve's journalism as a teenager. She and her brother Chris, also a writer, shared what it had



Gordon Snell welcomes delegates to ECHOES

Photo by Conor McCabe



been like to have a famous and encouraging Auntie.
There were numerous highlights throughout the day.

Barry McGovern A rare, extended interview with leading actor Barry McGovern was most insightful on the humanity of Samuel Beckett.

Striking a Pose for my Country The reading of Maeve’s account of sitting for her portrait by renowned Irish artist Maeve McCarthy, commissioned by the National Gallery of Ireland, was thoroughly enjoyed by all including the artist who was in attendance.

Prof John McCourt, University Trieste wove an intricate web around Maeve, James Joyce and Flann O’Brien and found links in the most unlikely of places.

Gunilla Sondell, Maeve’s Swedish publisher and Chris Green, her literary agent regaled the audience with many previously untold stories, including ones on Maeve the Matchmaker.

Maeve’s incredible work ethic was referenced constantly by those who worked closely with her professionally.

Playwright Bernard Farrell brought Saturday’s event to a close with a thoughtful and considered account of his years of friendship with Maeve and Gordon. He had the audience rolling in the aisles with his account of how Maeve always insisted he told his ‘potage du jour’ story at their gatherings!

Thanks to DLR Festival & Events support and Creative Ireland. There were many competitions along the way in the lead in to ECHOES, which got great local support. The prize winners from the international TBEX travel bloggers conference in Killarney came to Dublin especially for ECHOES. They were generously accommodated as part of their prize in Fitzpatrick’s Castle Hotel, Killiney. They were further treated to lunches in the **Dalkey Duck**, and dinner at **1909** and **Ouzos** in Dalkey.

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DALKEY TIDY TOWNS UPDATE

The Morning After in Dalkey

Following a fantastic week for Dalkey with our Awards in both the National Tidy Towns competition and also the DLRCC Tidy Districts Awards, our Worker Bees were back out early again next morning to continue our many projects.

From National Tidy Town Gold on Monday to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Tidy Districts Overall Winner Tonight – What a week for Dalkey!

Monday September 25th 2017 was an extraordinary day for Dalkey. Winning the GOLD MEDAL in the National Tidy Towns Awards for our category put Dalkey in the top 5% of all 870 entrants.

Tonight, the impossible happened. We were delighted to receive the DLRCC Award for the best Town with a population of over 3,000 souls. A lovely painting was presented to commemorate the occasion. At that stage, we felt there was nothing left to win – but there was! When Dean Eaton of DLRCC finally announced the OVERALL WINNER, we nearly fell off our seats. Yes, the Big One tonight was heading to Dalkey.

The beautiful Tidy Districts Overall Trophy was presented by An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Tom Murphy MCC, to our Dalkey Tidy Towns team representatives, Bláithín O'Brien, Paddy Rigney and Des Burke-Kennedy.

Congratulations to all the other dedicated Tidy Towns groups and now that the 2018 awards are just 12 months away, we had better get back to work as it will be even tougher to defend all these fantastic awards once again!

Des Burke-Kennedy – Dalkey Tidy Towns

Winning Dalkey Tidy Towns Volunteer Team



Photos: Dalkey Tidy Towns



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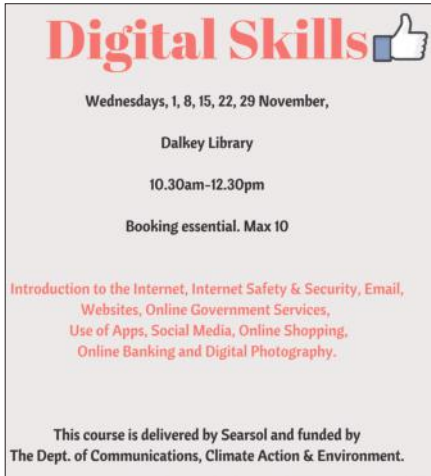
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Humans of Dalkey – We are delighted to be working with Dalkey Education Centre on this exhibition and series of talks. Dalkey Education Centre, St. John of God, and Dublin South East presents Humans of Dalkey: It is more than a photographic exhibition telling their stories as well as the stories of everyday people in the Dalkey community. This exhibition aims to challenge people's perceptions on how they see others and showcase ability above disability, age and appearance with a focus on how everyone can contribute to society. Service Users would like to invite local schools to their presentation and talk on **Friday 10 & 17 November at 10.30am** in the library, and local businesses and employers to join the service users in the library on **Thursday 16 November at 6.15pm** for their showcase.

Do we dare mention Christmas????

Watch out for our seasonal programme which starts later this month. The first two events take place on 23rd and 30th at 6.30pm in the library with the programme continuing for another 4 weeks in December. Full details are available on our website.


Sugarcraft: 23 November 6.30-7.30pm

Decorating your cakes at Christmas. Demonstration by Sinead from Crown Your Cake.

Fresh Flowers for Christmas

30 November 6.30-7.15pm

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We were in the right place at the right time and thanks to them, and the bold decision of the Minister, our future became brighter!

M Streil

Enjoying Loreto National School Re-Union



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Loreto P.S. Yard

New Beginnings at Loreto Primary School

Over the summer holidays, our school at Loreto had a makeover. The first thing you see when you come in through the gates is a beautiful yellow “Welcome” sign.

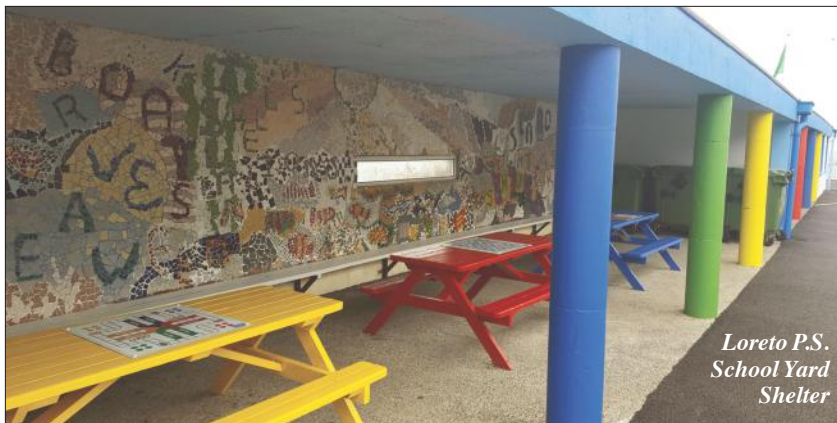
Our caretaker, Attila, painted the railings of the school garden and the benches and pillars of the shed area in bright blue, yellow, green and red. There is new tarmac laid on the senior yard and a running track that goes all the way around it. We have lots of new games painted on the senior yard – Tic-tac-toe, Hopscotch, Snakes and Ladders, Twister, a Letter Snail and many more.

Mrs. Corkery also got a variety of lovely new wall and table games that Attila has placed around the yard. These include a Ring toss game, Sudoku and Ludo. Our new Student Council is excited about organising a rota for these games so every class will have an opportunity to play them.

As well as our new games, the outside of the school was painted a light grey and one wall is a lovely shade of blue. We got a new red floor in the conservatory and the floors in the classrooms were polished.

Finally, another thing that made school feel more fresh and happy was the school uniform. We now have a wonderfully detailed brand new crest. None of these improvements could have taken place without the help of our brilliant Fundraising Committee. We are delighted to be back in Loreto Primary School and we have to thank our wonderful principal Mrs Corkery and our amazing caretaker Attila for working so hard over the summer holidays to make our school an even better place.

Giovanna Borza, Yvette Carney, Lily McKenna, Alice O’ Hagan and Ellie Saunders



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Dalkey Mitchells, Dublin Junior Hurling Champions 1967. Courtesy of M. Kennedy



Dalkey Mitchells, Dublin junior hurling champions 1967

(Back Row L to R) H.Roberts, J.Branelly, A.Wallace, D.Byrne, J.Doran, P.Anders, B.Maher, T.Purcell,
J.O'Donnell, J.Kerins, M.Gleeson, T. Ryan, M.Hayes, P.Murphy.
(Front Row L to R) G.Wallace, J.McMonigle, S.Byrne, M.Kennedy, K.Dunphy, J.Delehunty, H.McCann



LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

I hope this communication finds you and your family in good health. All is good down here in God's own country.

I read with interest the reference to Dalkey's Seven Castles in the October issue of your excellent magazine.

I am surprised that this is not common knowledge with Dalkey residents albeit we are now in a much different era and Dalkey has grown enormously with the influx of new residents. During my schooling in the Harold Boys School in the early Fifties, it was often drummed into us that Dalkey was formerly known as the Port of the Seven Castles. We used to get great enjoyment in trying to identify all castles, needless to say that we invariably got it wrong.

Regards,

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



Flower: Chrysanthemum



❖ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ART EXHIBITION 2017 ❖



Dalkey Community Council's Annual Art Exhibition will take place in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey from **Friday 17th to Sunday, November 19th 2017**.

Entry Forms, together with full payment, must be submitted by post (no entries will be taken at the door) to: Dalkey Community Council Art Exhibition, DCC Postbox, Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin no later than **3rd November**. There will

be a charge of **€5.00** per picture and a commission of 10% will apply to all sales.

Paintings, framed and ready for hanging, must be brought to Our Lady's Hall on Friday, 17th November **at 2.00 p.m.** Paintings must be accompanied by a signed Disclaimer and Exhibition Number(s) for the painting(s).

OPENING RECEPTION: Friday 17th November, 2017 at 8.00pm.

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Dalkey School Project N.S. Ashoka Changemaker Award

schools in the network are the same. What unites these schools and educators is a belief and determination to empower the next generation, and to encourage all children to believe in their ability to change the world for the better. Every child in a Changemaker School has an identity. This identity is ‘Everyone a Changemaker’ (EACH).” (<https://ashokaireland.exposure.co/ashoka-ireland-changemaker-schools>) Miriam believes that DSP was nominated for its focus on creating an emotionally inclusive environment for all the pupils and staff members through

- the Forest School initiative, which brings students into their natural environment to learn history, geography, science and art
- the innovative mental health programme, devised by their 6th class pupils
- use of restorative practices
- the movement and massage program for SEN pupils
- world café style staff meetings for staff wellbeing

Principal Miriam Hurley with Ashoka award

On Oct 3rd, Principal Miriam Hurley accepted an award recognising Dalkey School Project as an Ashoka Changemaker School - one of only fifteen in the country. “The **Changemaker Schools movement** aims to connect and support innovative schools throughout the world, who believe in the importance of empowering children for the common good. **Changemaker Schools** actively foster empathy, leadership, teamwork and creativity, equipping children with the skills of changemaking. No two





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A BICYCLE OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE



The attached is possibly one of the oldest bicycles still in use. I'm not sure of its make but pleased to see that it is still upright.

When I was very much younger I used see its owner cycling around Dalkey as he went about his work, calling to many houses, including ours on Ardeevin Road.

As you can see it's a Gentleman's 'Upstairs' model of a different era. It

would not at all surprise me if it was originally his father's bike as he went about his work as a member of the police force. I often saw it carefully parked in the front garden of his home on Railway Road, directly next door to what is now the Guinea Pig restaurant. I knew he played tennis as I used see him astride his bike, with bag carefully balanced on crossbar and handlebar. In 1954 two of my classmates, Ray Lyons and Dan Gleeson, asked me if I would like to join Sandycove LTC. They made the overtures on my behalf and he, the cyclist, proposed me for membership. I knew well of the club as both my sisters had been members, although both had moved on for other sporting reasons.

Naturally enough, I cycled or walked to Elton Park where we whiled away our Summer school holidays, wet or fine, playing tennis, table tennis or having occasional bike races around the courts. When we graduated to Intermediate or Senior status we were permitted to play in the evenings, one of the ever present seniors would be our man on his bike. In fact, he captained my first league outing for the club, played in Taney Parish LTC. We won the match 6-3!

He later encouraged a few of us to join Clarinda Badminton Club, who played in Dalkey Town Hall, alas since defunct. With him I had the great pleasure of supporting the nomination of one of Clarinda greats to join Sandycove, the outstanding Vinnie Dunphy whose contribution to the Club surpasses all others and all done in true sporting fashion. I'm minded of accompanying him on occasion to Milltown for Shamrock Rovers matches, sometimes playing against Dundalk. I can still hear one lady supporter of Dundalk, above all other voices shouting in very Louth accent (almost a banshee tenor!) ***Come on Dundalk!*** She was famous.

The years rolled by and not long after he died his sister, Sheila, gifted the treasured steed to a young eager member of Sandycove, Brendan Hennessy, note Hennessy! Brendan moved to Cork, bringing the bike with him. Not only has Brendan kept the bike, which survived the destruction of the Aghada Tennis Club premises, but he has taken it on a variety of excursions including the Ring of Kerry. We met yesterday as he and his parents, Jeremy and Nadine, were in Dalkey at the funeral of Conrad, Jeremy's brother.

What a bike! What a man!

By now some of you will have guessed of whom I write: yes, Jim Farrell, better known to all and sundry as Gus! I hope his nieces will find this an appropriate memoir.

This is a mere snapshot of a great man but I hope it reflects just how much he meant to so many for so long.

More than all else, I hope you enjoy this brief contribution.

Brendan Henderson

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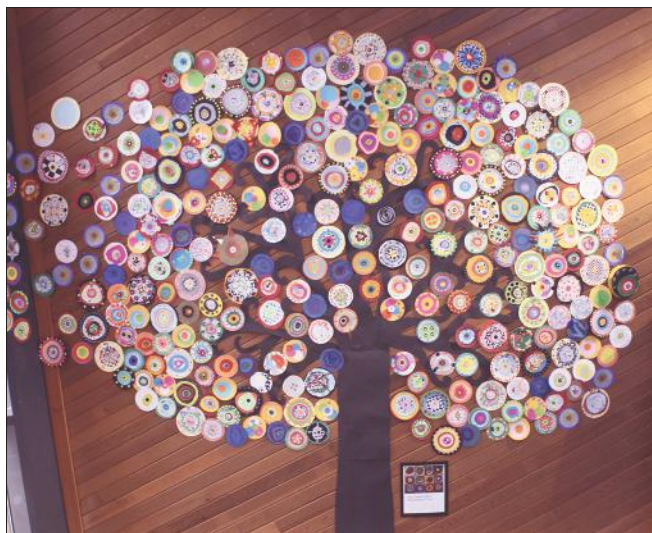


Autumn Term is up and running at Castle Park School, October 2017

Autumn is the time to notice the changing colours on the branches of the trees surrounding our School which our younger children in particular have been enthusiastically discovering

on their nature walks, bringing back with them many beautiful items for their classroom Nature Tables.

However, this autumn we also have an indoor tree which has been designed in the style of Kandinsky and is decorated with beautiful “leaves” created by each child in the School. The tree has taken root in The Street, the internal thoroughfare of the School, and reminds us to look forward to a creative and colourful year ahead. Many thanks to Ms. Ros O’Neill, Head of Art & Design, for co-ordinating this project.



Indoor Tree

During the summer holidays our Pre-Prep playground underwent a transformation and the children in our 3 to 6 year old classes are now enjoying their outdoor playtime in an expanded and upgraded outdoor space. The most popular activity seems to be taking the time to explore their very own Castle.

Children climbing frame castle



Photos: Castle Park School

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 37-40 11/9/2017 to 6/10/2017

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.: D17B/0425

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: James Broderick, 73, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for 2 no. rooflights to the front roof and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D12B/0392/E

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Jimmy & Sheila Nicholson, 29 & 30, Convent Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to (a) demolish 2 No. existing single storey flat roofed 'lock ups', (b) erect a single storey (dimension to eaves on SW side 3.925m and NE side 3.195m) pitched roofed 'lock up' for domestic use together with all associated site works. The property to which this application relates is located between No. 29 & 30 Convent Road.

Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0504

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Jun-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Tom Quinlan & Rena Lohan, 11, Church Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for off-street car parking space, widening of the garden entrance and ancillary works. **Additional Information:** 22-Sep-2017.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0844

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Fahy, 43 Killiney Road, Dalkey. A96 A667

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing detached house and construction of two new semi-detached four bedroom, three storey houses and ancillary works, including one new vehicular entrance to Killiney Road.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0846

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Harald Rinde & Nicole Stephenson Rinde, The Studio, Bartra Cove, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for variations to existing Grant of Permission (Reg. Ref. D15A/0656). Permission granted involved demolition of existing 3 storey dwelling and construction of a new replacement 3 storey dwelling. The proposed amendments include, reduction in overall floor area, alterations to façades at all levels, omission of east facing terrace at 1st floor level, alterations to extent of south facing terrace & provision of garage.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0865

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Des Barker, No 14 & Fermoy, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Demolition of single storey front extension and single storey buildings to side of house and rear chimney stack, proposed two-storey extension to side of house, proposed single storey extensions to front and rear of the house, proposed apex roof light to main roof ridge and four standard roof lights each on main front and rear pitches, widening of first floor window on front elevation and ancillary site works at No. 14. 2. Vehicular entrance alterations and improvements onto Ardeevin Road and widening of shared driveway to both.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0450

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Lise Underwood, Glengariffe House, Victoria Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a cantilevered balcony, 1.2m wide x 12.9m long, at upper ground floor level, to the side (south east) elevation of the existing dwelling. The proposed new balcony replaces a previous balcony, which was removed a number of years ago. The proposed new balcony will be in exactly the same position as the original balcony.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0874

Application Rec'd Date: 2-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Karl & Julia O'Connell, Eden Rock, 2 Dalkey Sound, Green Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for an extension to existing balcony at first floor level on the south façade of an existing dwelling including associated support and modifications to landscape.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0881

Application Rec'd Date: 4-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Peter McCrodden, 14 Barnhill Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for dormer type dwelling house in rear garden with new vehicular access and all associated site works. Works to include demolition of previously converted garage to side of existing dwelling house.

Declare Application Invalid. 6-Oct-2017.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0887

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Oct-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Eithne Hagan & Eoin McNamara, 15 Corrig Road, Dalkey, A96 N2K8

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing garage at the side of the house and its conversion and extension into a 30.6 sqm fibre cement-clad single storey granny flat with separate access. The application includes the re-cladding of the front porch to match the proposed garage conversion and ancillary works integrating the proposed granny flat with the existing accommodation.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 37-40 2017 11/9/2017 to 6/10/2017

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0674

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 20-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Denis & Ann-Maria Lucey, 4 Castle Close, Castlepark Road, Dalkey. A96X22

Proposal: Permission is sought for construction of a second car park space accessed via the eastern front boundary with associated piers, walls, gates and dished kerbing and installation of a 4m timber shed along the southern boundary with mono-pitch roof, height at highest point 2.7m and all associated enabling works.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0350

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 20-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Robert & Caoilfionn Trench, 18 Saint Begnets Villas, Dalkey. A96 VN50

Proposal: Permission for a rear extension at first floor level of 15.7m², removal of existing pitched roof to existing rear extension to be replaced with flat roof to match new extension, two velux roof lights to rear first floor extension, general internal alterations and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0704

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 27-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Chris & Diane Davison, Aelagh, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission sought for alterations & extension to existing two-storey detached period family dwelling, comprising a single storey ground floor breakfast/family room extension to the rear (south west) incorporating an existing previous extension and a single storey 1st floor master en-suite bathroom/wardrobe extension to the side (north west).

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0715

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 29-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Pauric & Susan O'Grady, 1 Harbour Crescent, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the division of the existing site and the erection to the side of the existing house a new 3 storey, 4 bedroom, detached, flat roofed dwelling with terrace at third floor level and all ancillary site works to include a new vehicular entrance and boundary treatment onto Harbour Crescent. Permission is also sought for works to the existing dwelling to include revised first floor fenestration treatment to the north-east and south-west elevations and internal modifications.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0362

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 26-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Bernice & Brian Barrington, 3, Church Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the following: a) Demolition of the existing rear single storey extension to the existing dwelling. b) Construction of a new single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dwelling. c) Erection of a 2.0m high fence along the existing shared boundary with the neighbouring property. d) Erection of a bin storage shed to the front curtilage of the dwelling, along with all associated site works and landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0707 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 2-Oct-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Winterbrook Homes Ltd. 0.715 ha at Charleville, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development shall provide for the demolition of the existing Charleville building (c.1,006 sqm)(currently in use by a charitable organisation and not in residential use), the Coach House (198.5sqm)(in established residential use), and other ancillary buildings on the site (c. 122.6 sqm) and the construction of 56 residential units including the replacement of the existing access at Harbour Road with a new, relocated entrance off Harbour Road. The residential development proposed includes four apartment block of generally 4 storeys over basement (plus plant equipment and lift overrun), with 4 no. 1-bed units, 42 no. 2-bed units and 10 no. 3-bed units all with associated balconies on the north, south, east and west elevations. Garden terraces are also provided at ground floor level. The development will also include 112 car parking spaces at basement level of the apartment block (c. 3,763 sqm), c. 3,166 sqm of landscaped communal courtyard spaces including a children`s play area, boundary treatment works, and all associated site development works above and below ground including site services and landscape works. The existing spy tower is maintained by the way of this development proposal.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0713 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 4-Oct-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Richard & Carol Cullen, Lismore, Knock-na-cree Grove, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Permission for demolition of the existing single storey glazed lean-to structure to the front and single storey pitched roof extensions to the side and rear of the existing 3 storey pitched roof dwelling and the demolition of the detached flat roof garage and the replacement with a new part 2 storey, part single storey flat roof extension to the rear and side with a terrace at first floor level. Within the existing house, development consists of general internal refurbishment and modifications to include the removal of internal partitions and reconfiguration of existing rooms and conservation of existing features, provision of 2 no. roof lights within the main roof, 2 no. new window openings at first floor level on the southern elevation, 1 no. new window opening at second floor level on the western elevation , all ancillary site works.A protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0730 **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 6-Oct-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Richard Glavin, 8 Sorrento Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for development consisting of the: 1. The demolition of existing detached garage to the side and partial demolition of the gable and of the existing semi-detached dormer bungalow. 2. The construction of a pitched roof side extension and a flat roofed single storey rear extension. 3. Alteration to existing dormers and the construction of a new side dormer with new velux roof light to the front and rear. 4. Repositioning of front entrance with new bay projection beside and elevational alterations to front and rear. 5. Repositioning of existing vehicular entrance and new pedestrian entrance with, landscaping, drainage works and ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0734 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 6-Oct-2017
Applicant Name & Location: Colette & Brian Houton, 19, Gosworth Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the following: a) Demolition of the existing single storey extension to the front of the existing dwelling. b) Construction of a new single storey extension to the front and side of the existing dwelling. c) Formation of a new window at 1st floor level to the side of the existing dwelling. d) Relocation of existing vehicular entrance and formation of a new vehicular entrance with an associated sliding gate. The existing vehicular entrance is to be blocked up. e) All associated site works and landscaping.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 37-40 11/9/'17 to 6/10/'17

Reg Ref: D17A/0394 **Reg. Date:** 28-Apr-'17 **Location:** 3 Saval Pk., Saval Park Rd., Dalkey.

Development: Permission for dwelling house with associated parking, drainage, water connection, landscaping and ancillary works. Planning permission is also sought to include the area of the Carer's Accommodation granted under Planning Ref. No. D15A/0429.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 29-Sep-2017

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks 36-39 2017 4/9/'17 to 29/9/'17

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0230 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 19-Sep-'17

Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** 8, Church Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for the demolition of an existing single-storey extension to the rear of the existing house; construction of a new single-storey extension to the rear, conversion of the existing attic into a master bedroom suite, alterations and refurbishment of the existing house, construction of a new vehicle site entrance and provision for car-parking to the front of the existing house. The works will include associated site works, new external store, drainage and landscaping.

Applicant: Mrs Mary Buckley.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0138 **Appeal Decision** Grant Permission **New Determination Date Due:** 24-Oct-2017. **Appeal Decided:** 27-Sep-2017.

Council's Decision: Refuse Permission. **Location:** Beulah, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for development. Protected structure. The development will consist of the refurbishment and conservation of Beulah House including the refurbishment of existing windows, new mechanical and electrical services, some internal alterations and re-roofing. The demolition of a single-storey extension to the side of the house and single storey sheds. The construction of 180sqm. The construction of a garden room and plant room of 50sqm, an out-door swimming pool a tennis court with associated fencing and lighting. New landscaping including changes to ground levels and all ancillary site works and services. No significant trees will be affected.

Applicant: Martello Finance Company Ltd.



I would like to remind Residents of the Dalkey Garda Clinic which operates every two weeks in **Our Lady's Hall, Dalkey from 11am – 12 noon.**

I would like to encourage and welcome Residents unable to attend the Station to come to the Garda Clinic. Any quality of life issues can be raised at the Garda Clinic as well as form completion and stamping. Home visits can be arranged if necessary.

Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald



Garda Clinic Dates Thursday 2nd, 16th & 30th November 2017

L-r: Community Garda, Marion Power; Dr. Susan McDonnell, Chairman, Dalkey Community Council; Ann Perry, Secretary, Dalkey Community Council and Assistant Editor Dalkey Newsletter, Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald at the announcement of the Dalkey Clinics for November.

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We went to Donegal for a week in July and on announcing our intended destination we received many ominous warnings about the weather. Sure enough we left Dublin in baking sunshine with the temperature in the mid-20s and by the time we reached Donegal it was raining heavily. But next day the sun was out and it was glorious as we drove north beside a sparkling sea stopping at a viewing area overlooking a lovely little bay where Lucy spotted a Porpoise with a calf. We were heading to Slieve

League. I'd visited the famous cliffs back in 1995 but there was nothing then like the throngs of

visitors that were there this time. It has two car parks, one at the base of the winding road the other at the top near the cliffs, full of cars, camper vans and fast food stalls. Taking advantage of the crowds or, more specifically, the uneaten food they leave behind were a pair of ravens, hopping around a few feet away and occasionally perching on direction signs. Further up the coast at Glencolumcille we got our only sighting of Chough when a little flock flew over. One place in Donegal we specifically wanted to visit was a nature reserve at a beach at Sheskinmore which earlier this year featured in a wonderful wildlife documentary about the Wild Atlantic Way, in a sequence where a nesting Skylark was filmed bringing food to its young. The cameraman had told us it was a lovely area with the beach backing onto dunes covered with wildflowers. As we wound along the path, lined with Common Spotted and Pyramidal Orchids, towards the beach a large raptor flew over, though only getting a glimpse, it was almost certainly a female Marsh Harrier. The beach was as lovely as we anticipated; miles of white sand with only a handful of people on a warm summer's day and as we rounded one headland we saw a big raft of ducks cruising through the surf. They were Eider, the largest of our duck species, beautiful birds with their distinctive sloping forehead who breed on many of the uninhabited islands off the Donegal coast. Further along Ringed Plover rushed around the beach probably having nested nearby.

We stayed in Dunfanaghy and went on a lovely walk which passes along Tramore Beach before coming back through a pine wood. The start of the walk passes through a nature reserve where a signpost explained its importance as a breeding habitat for the caterpillars of the day flying Cinnabar moth. The caterpillars feed on ragwort and absorb the toxic substances from the plant making themselves unpalatable to predators. The caterpillars have the classic, warning to predators, colours of yellow and black stripes and the adult moth's black body and vivid red wings send out a similar warning sign to anything that might want to eat them. We had arrived as the ragwort was in flower among the dunes and virtually every plant had cinnabar caterpillars feeding on them, thousands of them. I was thinking such a large number of caterpillars facing no threat from predators must be very successful but apparently they will often totally devour their food plants and lots end up starving or resorting to cannibalism. We emerged from the dunes onto another stretch of long pristine sandy beach again almost empty of people and made our way over to where the path continued up slopes of soft grasses with a lovely patch of vivid



Black Raven perched on signpost at Slieve League cliffs in Donegal

Photo: Michael Ryan

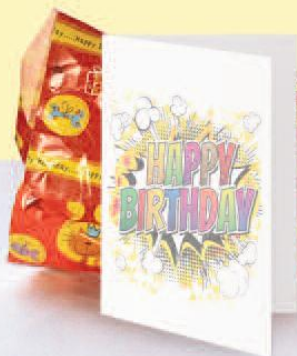
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pink ragged robin beside us and it was here, feeding on clover, I saw one of the highlights of our trip, a Dark Green Fritillary butterfly. Our next B&B stay had our most unlikely sighting of the trip when, walking up a hill side, we saw a llama sitting between some gorse bushes, evidently left to wander the hillside like the sheep.

Our final destination in Donegal was Burt where a nature reserve runs around some of the banks of Drongawn Lough and though a fairly persistent drizzle was coming down when we reached there a walk down the path was accompanied by Meadow Pipits, Stonechat and Reed Bunting while Swifts and Sand Martins skimmed over the water catching low flying insects. We were staying in Burt because of its proximity to the town of Muff and specifically a little wood there called Lis Na Gra where there's a well-known population of red squirrels. They're something of a tourist attraction and are given supplementary food by a local wildlife group. We went that evening to find the wood's location, planning on going again early the following morning when the squirrels would, hopefully, be active. A lovely wood, with stately old beeches, moss covered fallen trunks and nicely spaced Scots Pine letting sunlight beam into the woods. Jays moved through the trees and a Buzzard called from above. As we returned to our B&B a car in front stopped on the road and put on its warning lights. The driver got out, went to the other side of the road and picked up something. It was a young swallow, which had been hit by a



*Dark Green Fritillary Butterfly,
Dunfanaghy Photo: Michael Ryan*



*Cinnabar Moths feeding on
Ragwort, Tramore Beach,
Dunfanaghy in Donegal
Photo: Michael Ryan*

passing car. On our way to the wood I'd wondered at the agility of the swallows flying so low along the same high hedged road sweeping up insects but this unfortunate hadn't made it. I thought it very decent of the other driver to stop and try to help the bird but there was blood coming from its bill and it passed away soon after.

The next morning we were up early and off to Lis Na Gra Wood again getting there by 6.30a.m. We were only there a few minutes when Lucy heard scales dropping down from a cone and we saw a beautiful red squirrel sitting high up in the Scots Pine we'd parked under. Another couple of people arrived who'd just driven from Derry. This was a favourite spot of theirs to visit and they told us a lot of newlyweds come there to have their wedding photos taken. I don't think there was anywhere we visited in Donegal that we wouldn't go to again and though the time we visited was great for wild flowers and butterflies we'd love to visit in spring or early summer when skylarks are singing and cuckoos are calling.

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LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2017



Wednesday 1st at 8pm: Jason Bolton will present his lecture '*Early Medieval Masons in Rathdown*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill. All welcome – admission €4.

Monday 6th at 7.30pm: Timothy O'Neill will present his talk '*The medieval missal of Merrion Square: a Fragile Masterpiece revealed*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Sq. Sth, D. 2. All welcome.

Wednesday 8th at 6pm: Mary O'Connell will present her lecture '*From Meath of the Pastures to Smithfield: A Story of a Cattle Market and a Family Who Lived There*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

At 7.45pm Maeve Casserly will present her lecture '*The Irish Revolution 1917/1918*' to the Knocklyon History Society in the Iona Centre, Knocklyon, Templeogue, Dublin 16. All welcome – admission charge.

Thursday November 9th at 7.30pm: Seán Cain will give an illustrated presentation '*Life on the Railway in County Laois*' to the Irish Railway Record Society in the IRRS Premises, Heuston Station, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

At 8pm Diarmuid Ó Gráda will present his lecture '*Georgian Dublin: The Forces That Shaped the City*' to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society in Glenalbyn Sports Centre, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission charge.

At 8.30pm Rob Goodbody will present his lecture '*The Martello Towers of the Dublin Coastline*' to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms and Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village. All welcome – admission €5.

Tuesday 14th at 8pm Tadhg O'Shea will present his lecture '*irishgenealogy.ie – a National Treasure*' to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Wednesday 15th at 8pm: Neal Doherty will present his lecture '*The Complete Guide to the Statues and Sculptures of Dublin*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €3.50.

Thursday 16th at 8pm: Pádraig Laffan will recall '*The Desperate Fight to Save the Harvest of 1946 & The Severe Winter of 1946/47*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All Welcome – members free – visitors €5.

Saturday 18th at 2.30pm: The Annual Joint Meeting by the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) with the Leinster Regiment Association will take place in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

Tuesday 21st at 8pm: Declan Ryan will present his lecture '*The Boundary Commission of 1925*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church. This lecture will be preceded by the AGM. All welcome – Adm. €5.

Wednesday 22nd at 6pm: Frank Whearity will present his lecture '*A Centenary Perspective on Thomas Ashe (1885-1917), Commandant, 5th Battalion, Dublin Brigade*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, D. 2. The AGM of the Society will follow this lecture. All welcome – admission free.

Thursday 23rd at 7.30pm: The Irish Railway Record Society will hold an 'Illustrated Historical Quiz Night' in the IRRS Premises, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

At 7.30 p.m. Dr. James Lyttleton will present his lecture '*Settlement and architecture in Plantation Ireland: an Archaeological Perspective*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Dublin 2. All welcome.



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We have formed our Green Schools committee for this year. It is made up of at least two students from each class as well as some of our teachers, SNAs and our caretaker, Marvin. The first project we have started this year is our Wheelbarrow Gardens for the Dalkey Creates Festival.

Our Green Schools committee planted some flowers from pots such as violas, pansies and chrysanthemums in the colourful wheelbarrows, which was good fun. In one of our wheelbarrows, we just planted mustard seeds and green mature seeds. They have grown very quickly and can be seen in the wheelbarrows in our school garden.

As part of the Dalkey Creates Festival, we will wheel our three barrows down to Dalkey Church Garden on Friday 20th October. They will stay on display there for the weekend along with wheelbarrows from other local schools.

We also have a new Green Schools blog for our school where we have more pictures of our committee planting our Wheelbarrow Gardens and other Green Schools activities. You can also find out lots more about biodiversity, our Green Schools theme for this year. The blog can be found at hbnsgreenschools.weebly.com



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Services for November 2017

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

All Saint's / Remembrance-tide – This year we will be having a special time of remembrance during the morning service on Sunday 5th November; when amongst others we remember those who have died in the last year. We often commemorate loved ones with objects of all sorts. If you would like to consider donating a gift to Holy Trinity for the glory of God and in memory of a loved one please speak to a member of the Clergy.

Charity Christmas Cards – Following the service on the 12th 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!

Glenageary Killiney National School – Application forms for admission to Glenageary N.S. Autumn 2018 will be available for collection from the school office from Monday 6th November - Friday 17th November 2017 between 8.30 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. (weekdays). The closing date for receipt of completed Application forms is Monday 20th November 2017 by 2.15p.m. The current Admissions Policy is available on www.gkns.ie. During the vacancy at completed application forms may be returned to the school office leaving the 'Parochial Certificate' section blank, if they consider themselves part of Holy Trinity, Killiney. The Rural Dean will visit the school on Monday 20th November and sign the relevant forms.

Sunday Club – The Club meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month during term time. New members always welcome!

Service & Social – The next gathering will be on Sunday 10th December at 3pm in the Carry Centre. Please contact Joan Whyte for more information.

Select Vestry – The Vestry will meet at 8pm in the Carry Centre on Monday 13th November.

Ladies Guild – Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th November at 2.30 pm in the Carry Centre. We will learn some hands-on craftwork for Christmas. Visitors are welcome. Our Christmas lunch will be on Friday 8th December at 3.30 pm. Since we need to know the numbers to cater for, it is limited to paid-up members only.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney – The next gathering will be held on Wednesday 15th November for an outing to the Pavilion Theatre to see St. Patrick's Dramatic Society's production of Alan Ayckbourn's "*A Time of My Life*". For more information on SILK please contact Laura Martin on 0868708496.

The Killiney Winey Dineys – The next gathering will be on Thursday 16th November 2017 at 7pm and the venue will be Beaufield Mews, Stillorgan. We are delighted to welcome new diners at any stage and expressions of interest or queries may be sent to Zandra Laing at zandrалаing@hotmail.com.

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The Y Club ~ Killiney Mens' Society – The next meeting is on Thursday 23rd November. More information from Paul O'Brien or Nigel Teggin.

Christmas Sale – The annual sale will be held on Saturday 25th 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.

Bible Study and Prayer Group – The group continues to study St John's Gospel. The next meeting is on Tuesday 28th November at 10.30am in the Carry Centre. All are very welcome to attend. Further expressions of interest may be addressed to Ruth Heard.

Table Tennis – The club meets on Mondays 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 please contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

Sheep Thrills – We meet every Thursday in the Carry Centre at 11 am. No joining just come along, €3 for fresh coffee and homemade biscuits. Everyone welcome .We look forward to implementing new plans for the Autumn/Winter session and as always our group have great talents to share. Please contact Joan 087 2460078.

Sheep Thrills are now on Facebook - see www.facebook.com/Sheep-Thrills

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 Parish Archivist, Rebecca Hayes.

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH UPDATE

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Sunday Services for November	4th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
	12th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
	19th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
	26th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer

Midweek A midweek Eucharist is celebrated each Thursday during the month at 10.30am.

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on Tuesday 7th and Tuesday 21st November. Refreshments are served afterwards in the Coffee Shop.

Outing to Ardgillan Castle and Skerries Windmills – On the 9th September, our Wednesday Club visited Ardgillan Castle and Skerries Windmills. Ardgillan has something for everyone, coffee shop on arrival, flower gardens for the botanical, historic house for the cultural and wide open spaces for the dog walkers. In both places, we were fortunate to have excellent guides who shared with enthusiasm their wealth of historical and anecdotal information.

Welcome Table – The inaugural Welcome Table took place on Saturday 9th September in the Northover Hall. The Welcome Table offers a small group of the residents of Direct Provision (DP) centres access to our kitchen in the Northover Hall so that they can come, cook and share a meal with volunteers and also, take away whatever it is they prepared – for example healthy school lunches; homemade dinners and so on.

The fantastic newly kitted out kitchen in the Northover Hall worked brilliantly. The



Photo: St. Patrick's Church

volunteers and DP residents chatted and shared stories and cooking tips as they cooked. They are all looking forward to the next session. The Welcome Table will table place monthly in the Northover Hall. If you would like to donate to the Welcome Table you can do so on our page on the parish website. We have committed to supplying all ingredients for each session. If you would like to get involved in one of the cooking sessions please email welcometable@stpatrikdsdalkey.com

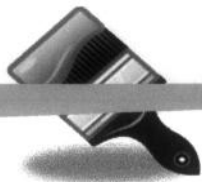
Football – Our football club takes places on Saturday 7th, 14th, 28th October, 4th, 18th & 25th November and 2nd December in Rathdown School at 6pm. It is open to young people of National School age. Please refer to our parish website for further details.

Craft Group – Craft Group meets on Tuesdays from 2.30pm in the Gallery Room.

Choir – Our Choir group rehearses weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Church and sing at the 10:15am service on Sundays. Apart from the serious work of learning the music – with Matthew’s expert tuition – and singing, we have a lot of laughs and enjoyment. Please think about joining us! If you are interested, please contact Matthew – 086 212 6185 – or talk to Bruce or any choir member.

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 Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

Dramatic Society – Alan Ayckbourn’s comedy, *Time of My Life* will be the autumn offering from St Patrick’s Dramatic Society, to be staged at Pavilion Theatre, Dun Laoghaire from Wednesday 15th November to Saturday 18th November inclusive.



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“I want to know what love is?”

I switched off the bedside radio and lamp in that order, snuggled down gazed at the ceiling saw nothing, it was dark. A Disc Jockey had, as usual, played inappropriate bedtime music. This time, some female torch singer was making an impassioned plea for an answer to a problem which was bothering her – “I want to know what love is.?” she demanded.

Silly moo “, I thought as I lay in the darkness –“Why doesn’t she go Clubbing, she’ll soon find out.”- On the other hand she might have been serious. Had she been just let down by a lover or perhaps had never had one? Hmm, I hummed to myself, I’m assuming that Love is associated with Sex.

Maybe this Damsel is in Distress. Maybe there is something deeper at play. After all, what is Love?

A profound question asked, with multitudinous answers. Elusive as ever, no definitive answer. Tonight that was a Pop artist who posed the question, whilst a like artist of an earlier genre was answering - assuring her “That love is a many splendored thing”.

I turned over, punched the pillow, and mused, that the world of Pop reflects the world generally. Through the ages so much has been written and sung on the subject of love. Yet it could be argued that all, can be placed into one of two categories: Joyful, - ecstatic, pleasurable, Or Sorrowful, heart-breaking- aching, depressive, destructive love.

Most of us have experienced the former, from a Kindergarten kid to a Teenage crush, and ultimately the physical experience of sex itself – but is this love?

I can’t get to sleep and “give-off” to myself for this theoretical thinking, but it keeps nagging – Marriage is shared love, Single life self love – perhaps, Ascetic life – no earthly love.

The Bible states that the greatest Gift is Love – one assumes it alludes to a spiritual love with which no Cleric, Rabbi, Imam, or Guru would disagree. The Atheist, and Humanist would.

One thing we can be sure of is, that love is a Chameleon – it adapts to circumstance, to the person, and to age. I had kept myself awake with these thoughts when I returned to reality.

So why was I in the bed alone? I have been blessed with long life and a marriage filled with love, “I want to know what Love is?”

But now, I have to face an aspect of love, not desired, not wished for, but thrust upon me. Its power and emotion is the true cause of my restlessness: - Yes, I am alone, and lonely as I think of my wife, in a hospital bed, in the loving care of the medical profession.

Despite their heroic efforts, she did not return. I can feel her presence and with it the trauma which love brings and it is shattering. Perhaps the singer was right to ask.

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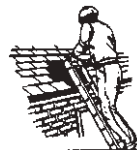
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U3A (University of the Third Age) Dun Laoghaire Dalkey Killiney. U3A meets every Tuesday at 10:30am in The Pastoral Centre, St. Joseph's Church, Glathule.

Email: dldk.u3a@gmail.com

Community First Responders – Volunteers needed for Dalkey First Responders (CFR).

Training given. Please contact: info@dalkeycfr.ie

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

NATURE NOTES NOVEMBER 2017

All talks take place at 8pm in The Killiney Room of the Graduate Bar, Rochestown Avenue.

All 10.30 start outings are approximately of 2 hours duration. Contact person is Eleanor Keane 087 6446029 elekeane@gmail.com www.southdublinbirds.com

Indoor Meeting – Tuesday 7th: Highlights of Branch Trip to the Canary Islands in February 2017 presented by Niall Hatch.

Sunday 12th: Coach Trip to Wexford. Places limited, booking essential. Meet at Ferry Terminal in Dun Laoghaire Coach departs at **8.30am** sharp.

Fundraiser for National Rehabilitation Hospital – The Holy Cross Visitation Group at the NRH is hosting a Quiz Night on Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm at Bakers Corner. Table of 4 is €40. Great prizes and raffle on the night. All funds raised go directly towards patients needs.

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NRH Fundraiser in Baker's Corner at 7:30pm	Thurs 9 Nov	Holy Trinity Christmas Sale in the Carry Centre	(11am-1pm) Sat 25 Nov
St. Patrick's Dramatic Society presents Alan Ayckbourn's, " <i>Time of My Life</i> " in Pavilion Theatre at 8pm	Weds 15-Sat 18 Nov	Sorting of November Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 30 Nov
DCC Art Exhibition in OLH (10am-5pm)	Sat18 – Sun 19 Nov	DARA Choir Annual Christmas Concert in Church of the Assumption 8pm	Fri 1 Dec

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups in Town Hall from 5.00-9.00 pm Mon. & Wednesdays.

Boxing /Conditioning Classes - Also available. Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334

Dalkey Players: Rehearsals resuming on Tuesday 5th September in **Harold Boys' School** from 7:30-10:30pm-Tuesdays & Thursdays. New members welcome.

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

The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. 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, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Call Di Fitzpatrick at 285 0593 for more information.

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

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

Dalkey Library Local History Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month in Dalkey Library starting at 6-6:30pm. All welcome. *See page 41 for more events.*

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

Every so often new channels become available (via satellite), unfortunately some of these channels are not worth mentioning, as in my opinion the programmes they broadcast are rubbish. However over the last few months some channels (which were previously pay channels) are now available free to anybody with a suitable satellite system. Dave, Quest, Home, Blaze and the travel channel are now available, and broadcast loads of interesting documentaries from around the globe. Most satellite receivers can be tuned to receive these channels by doing a satellite scan via the on-screen menus.

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