



# DALKEY - Deilginis 'Thorn Island'

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Irish Heritage Town

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**October:** Roman word 'Octo' which means eight, the eight month of the old Roman Calendar. The Anglo-Saxons called it 'Win monath' the month for making wine. They also called it 'Winter-fylleth' (winter falls) because it was thought winter began with the new moon in October.

**Flower: Calendula/Dahlia**



October gave a party;  
The leaves by hundreds came-  
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,  
And leaves of every name.  
The Sunshine spread a carpet,  
And everything was grand,  
Miss Weather led the dancing,  
Professor Wind the band.

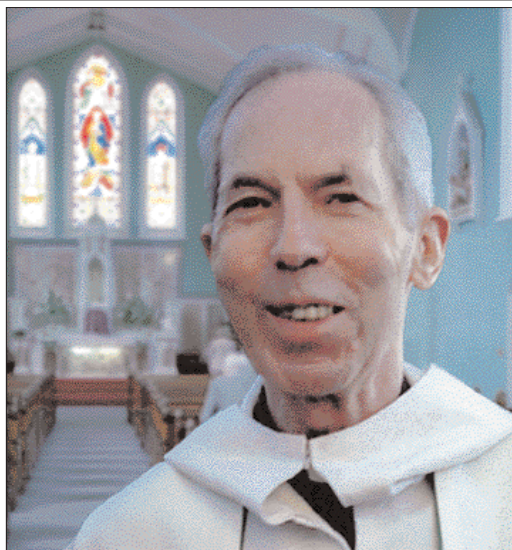
George Cooper, 'October's Party'



## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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shamhna

We wish our young children  
lots of safe fun  
at Halloween



**Parish Priest of Dalkey 1985 - 2000**

## Father Des Forristal,

**R.I.P.**

**1930-2012**

The late Father Des Forristal, former Parish Priest of Dalkey. He was a well-loved man who had many strings to his bow: playwright, author, philosopher, teacher, television documentary maker, Parish Priest and, apparently, unbeatable Scrabble player!

*See page 33*

Your Area Representative is.....

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## SUMMARY OF DCC AUGUST MEETING



Summary of the DCC Monthly Meeting held 3rd September in OLH.

Susan welcomed members to the September meeting. We stood for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for the late Dr. Julian Hart who died in a tragic accident last month and who represented the residents of Saval Park Road.

**Newsletter:** Gerard reported that there has been a very positive reaction to the September issue of the newsletter with many favourable comments on the tribute to the late Maeve Binchy. DCC are looking for new volunteers to join the organisation or help deliver the newsletters.

**DTT:** There has been a re-occurrence of graffiti on Barnhill Road, The Metals, opposite the Church and the Vico Railway Bridge. It is important that incidents are reported as DLR and the Gardai are building profiles on them. Call 1800 403 503/205 4817

**NW:** Unfortunately distraction crime is on the increase and people are urged to be aware and act with caution.

**AOB:** There is no bin at the entry/exit at the DART station. DCC will investigate. The next meeting is Monday 1st October 2012 in OLH.



## DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE



Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre enjoyed a good summer season. Language School business continues to grow. There was a great influx of Americans for the Notre Dame v Navy Game. We had over 1,000 pre-booked and more came unannounced afterwards. Many came back around the town to the bars and restaurants in the evenings. There was very positive feedback and we expect it will lead to more U S business in the future. We have already received another large US booking for next September. There were over 35,000 in the country and they all descended on Dublin in the days prior to the game and immediately afterwards. They stayed in hotels all over Dublin, Meath and Kildare. Tourism bodies used the opportunity to publicise The Gathering for next year.

Lobster Crab and all that Jazz Festival brought huge numbers and great atmosphere to the town. It is now planned to make it an annual event.

Heritage Week occurred at the end of August as usual. In addition to our Living History tours we had coin minting demonstrations on the street. The coins are styled from the 'Dalkey Hoard' of Viking coins from the 900s now in the British Museum.

Refurbishment works: Tenders are in and Martello Media of Sandycove has been announced as the preferred company to completely re-vamp the interpretation systems. This will be largely funded by Failte Ireland. The Centre will be closed during November and December. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co as owners of the building are having the entrance foyer completely re-vamped. We are looking forward to seeing the fruits of all their labours with an inviting entrance and a state of the art interpretation system in the New Year. Congratulations to Dalkey Tidy Towns who won the county award yet again and increased their marks by a substantial five to 293. Great credit is due to the tireless volunteers who



*Sitric with two young coin minters*

clean up other peoples' rubbish around the town all year long. They are our unsung heroes! Sadness: We have had great sadness in the town too. Maevie Binchy our esteemed and world renowned local writer died. Thousands attended her simple and very moving funeral. There were media representatives from all over the globe. We had the funeral service relayed into the Town Hall to provide an overflow in case of rain, and rain it did. Many signed the book of condolences which was open in the Town Hall over the weekend. More recently another writer and former Dalkey Parish Priest Fr Desmond Forristal died after a long illness. May they both rest in the peace they so richly deserve.

Guided Tours continue every day except Tuesdays.

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*Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is part funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co, Dept SP (Pobal).*



## DALKEY LOBSTER AND CRAB FESTIVAL



*People enjoying the inaugural Dalkey Lobsterfest 2012 in the Tramyard. Photo: D. Coulson*

### **DALKEY LOBSTER AND CRAB FESTIVAL 2012**

The weekend of 24th - 26th August saw the splendid revival of the 1980s Dalkey Festival but this time with a difference. The main opening event was 'The Discovery Gospel Choir' in the Church of the Assumption, which was really terrific but all too short.

The Tramyard was a hive of activity and beautifully decorated for the occasion with its various stalls and competitions. One of the highlights I think was 'The Masterchef Competition'. People queuing for plates of lobster and crab hoping the suppliers wouldn't run short. Jazz music at every street corner. All very exciting. A big thank you to all the organisers.

*Roll on Festival 2013!!*

**Marie Byrne – Dalkey**



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# TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 2012



## Adjudication Report

Centre: **DALKEY**  
 County: **Dublin (DunLaoghaire-Rathdown)**  
 Category: **E**

Ref: 170  
 Mark: **293**  
 Date(s): 5/7/2012 29/7/2012

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2011	Mark Awarded 2012
Overall Development Approach	50	44	44
The Built Environment	50	41	42
Landscaping	50	34	35
Wildlife & Natural Amenities	50	32	33
Litter Control	50	32	33
Tidiness	30	20	21
Waste Minimisation	20	13	13
Residential Areas	40	32	32
Roads, Streets & Back Areas	50	32	32
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>293</b>

**Overall Development Approach** – Dalkey is welcome to the 2012 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed entry form, map and supporting documentation. You have a good working committee of eight which has representatives from Dunlaoghaire/Rathdown County Council and local Heritage. You engage well with the local schools, traders and residents groups. Getting support from the partnership in the form of two workers is encouraging to the committee. It is positive after much negotiating that plans have been agreed for improvements to Bullock Harbour some of which were noticed and the remainder when complete will add much enhancement to this important part of Dalkey. The adjudicator was impressed by the number of events that takes place each year in Dalkey Castle in particular the Book Festival which is anticipated will be the adjudicators return visit this year. Congratulations on the schools achievement. It is great to see that they got centre stage on your website. The Tidy Schools initiative is a great way to get interested and to instill important areas such as wildlife and waste minimisation. The future indeed looks bright for your area. The website is a good way to keep in contact with your community and share information about upcoming events. Maybe a Facebook page would be a good addition to further promote your area and upcoming events. Your approach to the competition is a positive one, keep up the good work.

**The Built Environment** – The Castle and Heritage Centre part of the rich heritage of the town was the first stop. It is great that the castle is been used as a public building and the locals get to enjoy such an important part of the towns heritage. The sign for Dalkey Heritage seen at entrance to town could be cleaned. Wandering through the streets of this charming town, past the seat of Harry Latham 1922-2003 a nice paved area with nice lanterns was noted. On to the Kilbegnet close a nice area of hedging with bollards and lanterns and to quote last year's adjudicator do these lanterns require flowers, I do not think so. The Eurospar had a very attractive clock and is a picturesque building. It is somewhat taken from by the signage and advertisement in the window. This superb building does not need this amount of signage. The tram yard was very much admired with suitably designed trade stands. It is a joy to see you are maintaining a piece of history serving a purpose in a very traditional and innovative way. The two signs at the gate do not match in with the environment however. Patrick's road caught the eye with the row of red brick cottages which looked superb. The Queens was also noted by the adjudicator and was equally admired. The many traditional shop fronts were admired and it is great to see them been maintained and portrayed so well. There are a number of excellent examples of well-maintained buildings in Dalkey of architectural importance. This is indeed a strong category for you.

**Landscaping** – Landscaping in Dalkey is obvious to the visitor. Hanging baskets can be seen in many places but do ensure not to overdo, as too many can sometimes distract from an already picturesque area. Your committee have undertaken many projects on landscape this year. It is noted that the planting of trees and shrubs form a large part of your projects. This type of more seasonal planting is recommended by the Tidy Towns Unit as it is more sustainable and provides food for wildlife. The way you have outlined your projects in the different

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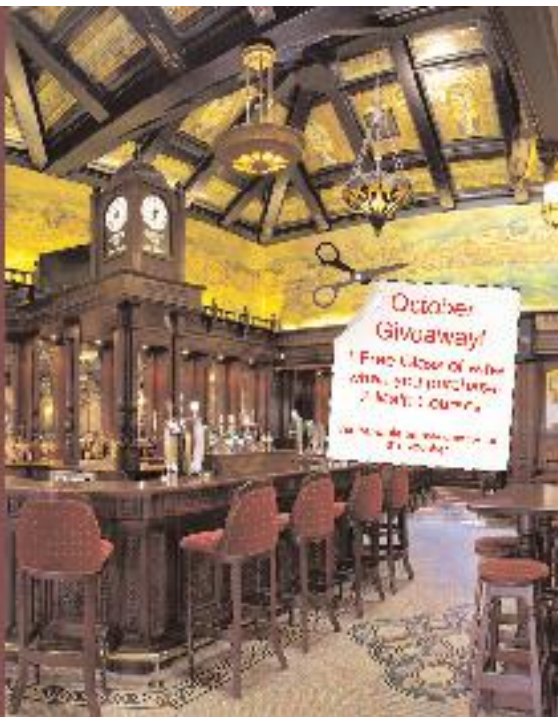


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categories has been very helpful to the adjudicator. The bollards, chain and the planting complement each other and add attractiveness to the streetscape. The garden competition is a great way to get people involved and put in the extra work and to equally award all the hard work. Well done to all the winners and keep up the good work.

**Wildlife and Natural Amenities** – The wildlife and natural amenities is at home in its natural surroundings in Dalkey. The place has an abundance of wildlife because of its location, the location will not change but how the area is managed could. As you stated in your entry vandalism can be a challenge which the committee have to address and repair any damaged plants or trees that would take from the natural surroundings. The information boards are very educational. You have started superb process in the schools projects giving the children the chance to learn about plants and wildlife that is part of everyday living in Dalkey. The many walkways in the town and harbour will be greatly enhanced further by the regeneration of Dalkey quarry. There are many projects that are worthy of mention but red squirrel conversation is that the adjudicator hopes is successful for you. It is great to see a few have been noticed in Dalkey hills. Your website gives a great guide to all wildlife in your area. Have you considered developing a downloadable guide giving an overview to wildlife in Dalkey to accompany a walk?

**Litter Control** – Your endeavour to have Dalkey town free of litter has been accomplished. It can be a slow process but a worthy one. Your numbers helping the cause is large and great to see the whole town is engaging in patrols. The only way to combat litter is to have everybody on board and this appears to be working as relatively no litter was noticed on the day of adjudicating. The town is clean and the town wants to keep it that way. The council are also very supportive to retaining this standard of Dalkey litter free. It is important to keep up this good work and keep spreading the word of no litter.

**Tidiness** – It is difficult to write about untidiness when nearly everywhere you look, it is tidy. The bring bank was tidy and clean which is rare to notice. On approach road sign which read Dalkey heritage needed cleaning. Also noted a school sign also needed cleaning. It is noted that you are working to upgrade signage in the town. This will be a good help. Generally the town has an order of tidiness, keep up the good work.

**Waste Minimisation** – This category has confused many of the entrants to the competition. The main point of this category is to actually reduce the amount of waste been produced. The end result is reducing the waste produced and cutting down on the amount of waste sent to landfill. Your area is making good progress in this area. It is difficult because to get full benefit it needs to be a community effort. It is noted on your website the tips in the race against waste. Household composting is an excellent start and this can be complimented by reducing the waste of food. You have given some excellent tips here on your site. The use of the website, social media and even text messaging is a good way in itself to cut down on paper. Carrying out a waste audit at household and business level is also good to identify areas of potential waste. Information days and workshops are also of great benefit in this area. Continue your progress in and do liaise with local businesses in this category as they are important in developing and progressing in this category.

**Residential Areas** – Patrick's road line of red brick houses with their superb chimneys set the tone for your adjudicator as the favourite dwellings. One would like to know the history behind these houses which were thought to be traditional to the old Dalkey and part of its heritage. The houses throughout the town were of another era and added another strand to the streetscape. The estates were all well maintained and cared for with attractive landscaping. Many private dwelling nestled behind high walls and gates that commands privacy is also part of the Dalkey streetscape. The diversity of the residential areas is noted.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas** – Dalkey town and surrounds is well serviced by good road surfaces and sturdy footpaths. The lanterns in the town compliment the area and are a nice addition. The wall around the corner to the well presented Corner Note was in need of some attention. It somewhat distracted from this area. Some directional signage needs updating and your planned project should help in this area. Streets noted that are well maintained were Castle Street and Coliemore Road. The traffic moved at ease through the town and is well facilitated with adequate parking.

**General Impression** – Dalkey was a pleasure to visit and was promised a return visit on another day. The buildings, the location beside the sea all bring a special richness to this superb town. Your commitment to the towns development and enhancement of its fine amenities is being rewarded and continued success with your endeavours.

### **Second Round Adjudication:**

This second adjudicator can concur with the first adjudicator that Dalkey is a fine spot, not only well preserved, but full of bustle and attraction. The main features are all beautifully presented with the natural granite stone of



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local origin being a most distinctive feature. As an adjudicator it is our job sometimes to nitpick but rest assured that the overall impression is extremely positive. The lane beside the Heritage Centre, a key location for the town, is marred somewhat by crash barriers and old barbed wire hanging from a gutter. This adjudicator likes the abundance of flower baskets on street poles and on the 'Queens' pub as they add great summer colour to the urban environment. The Tramyard is a most enticing enclave with its stalls and cafe. This is a great recent addition to the town. Your work to establish a coordinated approach to signage is welcome and this adjudicator agrees that signage at Spar is intrusive in the context of the far more tasteful shop fronts in the surrounding area. Dalkey abounds in attractive businesses, the 'Corner Note' deserves a special mention. It was sad to see the demise of the local bookshop. The 'Writers Corner' is a beautiful spot (shame about the billboard). The unusual tree here probably doesn't need the rubber tie do watch out that it doesn't end up damaging the bark. A back lane leading to the sea is a charming feature is badly littered unfortunately (leading from Rockbrook cottage).

As you are aware Dalkey is blessed with natural heritage and its coast is a proposed natural heritage area while the islands are part of a recently designated special protection area. The viewing area at Coliimore harbour is excellent and the new telescope was admired. Your newly resident dolphins have attracted a lot of attention but we note that there have been reports of excessive harassment of these animals by jet skis and powerboats. This needs to be actively discouraged.



## SINÉAD'S WINE CORNER

by Sinéad Tyrrell



Barossa Valley

After we arrived in Perth we discovered that "The Good Food and Wine Show" was also visiting for one weekend only so after some more research a group of us decided to go on a sunny Saturday, however, so did the rest of the City. This proved to work in our favour as we didn't need to ask for directions, we just followed the crowds.

We arrived in a huge hall full of stalls and I was concerned that we would not get around to everything. So next step was to get a wine glass and start

tasting. It was very cleverly laid out. Stalls corresponded with their regions, for example, there was a Margaret River area and a Barossa Valley area and Clare Valley to name but a few. This made it a lot easier to determine which style of wine was to our taste as each region's wines are completely different from one another. Barossa Valley seemed to me to be the most popular. It had the largest volume of people at the stalls and the wines I tasted were fantastic.

Barossa Valley is in South Australia, quite a distance from us in Perth, but it is definitely on our travel list during the year. The best time to visit this region is at the end of April/start of May. A week-long festival called The Barossa Vintage festival has been happening there for over sixty years. It has a huge number of events, everything from wine tasting to parades.

Barossa Valley is most well known for its Shiraz. Dark, berry fruits and lots of oak. Alcohol can be quite high so make sure to check it before you have a few glasses. I would recommend you try a Barossa Valley Shiraz yourself as it really is a fantastic region and it would be hard to find one that you do not like... I have tried quite a few and haven't found a bad one yet.

**Sinéad Tyrrell, Perth, Western Australia**


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## MY GARDEN by PHILIPPA THOMAS

Autumn is already upon us and our misty mornings and shorter days are here ... As our autumn leaves fall and our berries blaze with colour, is not The Ripe Richness of our Season all around us that grabs us. Although autumn brings the end of our growing season, what a finale it makes. Some of our deciduous trees and shrubs prepare for our oncoming cold desiccating winds of winter by shedding their leaves. I heard at a recent lecture, that they withdraw as much as possible of the soluble nutrients the leaves contain and these are stored for winter in the trunk and branches, fascinating, isn't it?

The green chlorophyll is dismantled and stored and when this happens, the other pigments contained in the leaves are revealed. These yellow, red and purple pigments give our autumn leaves their showy colours. Don't they demand our attention? This moment can last and it can also be fleeting as our first hard frost can quickly send our scarlet and 'russity' leaves, from their precarious perches - dancing and twisting and twirling around until they fall onto the ground where they form quite a dazzling canopy at times. Why not visit a nearby arboretum as fast as you can.



*Purple Pineapple Lily or Eucomis. This bulbous plant, related to our hyacinth flowers in early Autumn and is so simple to grow*

As James Alexander Sinclair says, "we love October for an explosion of vermilion leaves, a rattling of berries and the graceful final curtain call of faded summer". So, in so many ways, this month belongs to our Dalkey trees.

Autumn gives a great opportunity to plant new plants and to lay foundations for the future. Maybe now is the time to give some thought, reflection and appreciation to our trees and shrubs in our garden, rather than always our annuals or perennials. Some house dwellers want fewer plants, some want plants that work hard but are not hard work. Some want their garden as a place to socialize, to entertain, - call, email or work in. We are all different and our needs are different, some just want that spot of grass to share with their favourite pet and wildlife. To some, every inch counts. The tawny tints and airy textures of ornamental grasses come to the fore in autumn, making structural statements that last long into winter. In a way, grasses are like boxers, they are like heavyweights, featherweights and bantams, beefy enough to make an impact but not dense enough to block out any interesting plants behind, some bamboos have similar qualities, then, practically, all sea hollies make a good withered stem, especially it seems, the taller kinds.

### MIGHT DO / MAYBE OCTOBER JOBS

1. Most perennial flowers can be lifted, divided and replanted but grasses are best left until spring.
2. Maybe a good idea, to leave your better seedheads to give value over the winter period, especially when frosted.
3. If you want to start growing fruit, October and November are the perfect time to plant all kinds of new fruit trees and shrubs – just choose a well drained spot and off you go.
4. Tomato or chilli plants may be pulled up now or early November, the soil shaken off and if the mood swings you, hang plants upside down to allow fruit to ripen, but watch for rotting.



Few trees are as flamboyantly colourful at this time of year as the Mountain Ash or Rowan tree, *Sorbus Aucuparia*. It loves poor or rocky soil and in these conditions gives its best show





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6. Maybe, empty established compost bins and use your compost for soil improvement.
7. Winter containers can come into their own. If you have no garden or limited space. This is a quick way to enliven your



*A bug ball makes a cosy home and attractive feature*



*Overwinter Begonias need now to dry out - allow their foliage to die down, their leaves will wilt then the shoots will break*

*away clearly from the tubers. Allow these tubers to rest on dry compost over winter*

outdoor area. A container, especially a large one, gives instant gratification in terms of longevity of interest, colour, texture and form and that there is a balanced yet stimulating mix of foliage, berries, flowers and bark. Better still, sometimes, just displaying one large beautiful specimen in a pot on its own, can speak volumes.

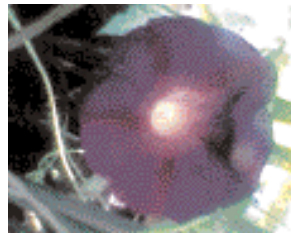
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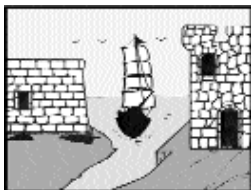
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## ❖ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ART EXHIBITION 2012 ❖



Dalkey Community Council's Annual Art Exhibition will take place in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey on **Saturday and Sunday, November 10th and 11th 2011.**

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*Johanna Lucretia greeted by Dalkey Rowing Club skiff. Photo © Jehan Ashmore*

As summer drew to a close, this did not stop several high-profile maritime events reaching a climax off Dalkey waters but also in the town with the inaugural 'international' Dalkey Lobster Fest! But firstly is the issue of ferry access from Coliemore Harbour to Dalkey Island.

**COLIEMORE FERRY:** Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council are preparing a consultant's harbour report, which has been requested by those attending a meeting with councillors in July (See Sept 2012 issue). The council claim structural repairs and improved boat safety access would be of significant expense and that there is no provision made for this in the Council's Capital Programme 2012-2015 to cover such works.

While Coliemore Harbour is nominally owned by the council, it is effectively controlled by local interests who claim historic rights, thus the council's reluctance to invest in such a facility. They claim the harbour's current condition is not a safe embarkation point for a licensed ferry service, a matter for the Marine Survey Office at the Department of Transport. The council's potential liability in advance of safety works been undertaken is one of the reasons why they will object to the issue of a licence.

As for the Council's PART 8 process, notably under its remit it does not address embarkation access from the mainland, however it does deal with proposals to build a 'new', safer and accessible island harbour, the refurbishment of Martello Tower and Fort, though St. Begnet's Church is under the auspices of the OPW. It has transpired that the council are to discuss PART 8 on 24 September in which a timeframe for a public consultation period should then be announced. However the proposals require the council to adopt an island Management Plan before any work proceeds.

**Lobster Fest:** The successful inaugural Dalkey Lobster Fest is to be welcomed, bringing fresh business and an action packed programme of activities (noting the BIM lobster stand)

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and all that jazz! Also to be praised is the new road signage, greatly improving directions for tourists to the town and the coastline.

**Plus Food & Wine for:** As the seafood themed fest develops, consideration should be given to embracing Bulloch with seafood stalls and maritime walking tours linked with Coliemore. In addition, as previously alluded to in this series, why not celebrate Dalkey's medieval port history, with the highlight being a Tallship anchored in Dalkey Sound from where a lighter (barge) would re-enact transferring of wine to Coliemore, followed by a horse and cart transit to the castle's Heritage Centre.

**BULLOCH:** The annual 'Blessing of the Boats' took place on Sunday 26th August, presided by Chaplain of Lifeboats, Fr Mangan. Music and a BBQ was held and as usual the Dun Laoghaire offshore lifeboat RNLB Anna Livia (14-06) attended and €1,500 was raised for the vital service.

**TALLSHIPS:** Having completed, albeit a stormy passage of the final race leg of the Tall Ships Races from La Coruña to Dublin Port, a handful of smaller Tallships headed for the capital via Dalkey Sound. Among them was the B-class UK flagged 96ft topsail schooner Johanna Lucretia (built 1945) which was greeted by an impromptu escort of a Dalkey Rowing Club skiff while out on an evening training practice.

**MOD70** European Tour: If the Tallships 'Parade of Sail' off Dun Laoghaire was not enough, we were treated to three days of spectacular sailing by the world's most modern ocean- racing yachting 'machines,' the multi-one-design class 70ft (MOD70) trimarans which had come from Kiel. Excellent vantage points from Bulloch saw the 'Formula 1' boats belt across Dublin Bay and on departure (9th September) saw them off the Muglins bound for Cascais, Portugal.

**ISLAND SWIM:** On the same day of the MOD70s' exodus, the 15th annual Dalkey Island charity swim to Coliemore took place. Swimmers jumped like lemmings from RIBS into the sound close to the island's Holy Well and the fundraiser was held in aid of the Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda.

**STENA HSS:** Dun Laoghaire-Holyhead sailings served by Stena Explorer (noting max speed of around 47 knots compared to MOD70's 40 knots - not bad!) finished her second year of high-season-only sailings on 11 September. However sailings will resume over the Christmas /New Year period.

*Jehan Ashmore is a marine correspondent and photographer (see [www.shipsireland.com](http://www.shipsireland.com)) and he is a regular contributor on [www.afloat.ie](http://www.afloat.ie)*



*MOD70s' race off  
Bulloch Rocks.*

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 32-36 7/8/2012 to 7/9/2012

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D12B/0266

**Application Rec'd Date:** 9-Aug-2012

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

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0140

**Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Apr-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Prof & Mrs. Gilchrist, 1, Seafield Terrace, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for retention and completion of new two storey extension to the rear and the restoration and internal configuration of the existing semi detached dwelling house (a protected structure), (previously granted permission, reference No. D08A/0387).

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0314

**Application Rec'd Date:** 15-Aug-2012

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

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for change of use of the ground floor from a shop (Presently deli and catering outlet) to Take-away & Delivery Pizza Outlet, with opening hours from 0900 hrs to 2400 hrs and new signage to existing shop front.

**Reg. Ref.:** D06A/1619/E

**Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Aug-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Derek and Jean Jago, 54A, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Development of site consisting of land being part of the garden of 54a Ulverton Road. The development will consist of a detached two - story, two bedroom dwelling together with shared entrance gateway, shared entrance driveway, associated screen walls and site works, car parking and minor structural modifications to north - east corner of No. 54a.

**Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0186

**Application Rec'd Date:** 14-May-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr Edward Doyle, Portion of lands to rear of 21, Castle St., Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for the demolition of a derelict shed on portion of lands to rear of 21, Castle Street and the provision of a shop/retail unit at ground floor level on the existing footprint, together with a two storey office extension above this proposed shop in order to extend the existing office unit number 3 adjacent to the site at the rear of 20 Castle Street.

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0243

**Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Jun-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Tony & Linda Corcoran, Ard Na Carraige, Green Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of existing terraced 2 storey over basement four bedroom house 280m<sup>2</sup>, and the construction of: 1 No. 2 bedroom dwelling of 154 m<sup>2</sup> together with 39m<sup>2</sup> of underground storage (House1), and 1 No. terraced 2 storey over basement dwelling consisting of a 4 bedroom house, 205 m<sup>2</sup> (House 2), both with external car-parking, roof mounted solar collectors and rainwater harvesting, with pedestrian and vehicular access from the Green Road, and associated landscaping and site works. **Additional Information:** 24-Aug-2012.

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0324

**Application Rec'd Date:** 24-Aug-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Marie Donnelly, Donnelly Art Gallery, Vico Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought to change the use of the Donnelly Art Gallery Building from its approved use as a private art gallery with caretaker accommodation and residential use to use as a private dwelling house.

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0326

**Application Rec'd Date:** 24-Aug-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** L. Murphy, Tigín, Saint Patrick's Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for (a) Change of use from residential to retail, (b) Internal alterations, (c) Alterations to front elevation, including new shopfront and signage and (d) All associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1081/E

**Application Rec'd Date:** 30-Aug-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Penny & Paul Lannin, 49, Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for amendments to previously granted planning permission Reg Ref: D06A/1413, including 13.3sqm second floor extension to family flat, to the side of the existing house.

**Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0340

**Application Rec'd Date:** 3-Sep-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Alan and Ann Kelly, 25, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission of development which will consist of the following: 1. Demolition of single/two storey structures to the side and rear of the dwelling. 2. Lowered ground floor level to the existing dwelling. 3. 92 sq.m ground floor extension to the rear, 54 sq.m first floor extension to the rear and 77 sq.m attic conversion resulting in an overall increase of the dwelling from 195 sq.m to 385 sq.m. 4. Elevation changes to the front, sides and rear including for revised roof profile. 5. Revised levels to the front garden. 6. Widening of existing vehicular access including new entrance piers and gates. 7. Incorporation and widening of Klobe, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin existing vehicular access including new entrance piers and all associated site development works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0347

**Application Rec'd Date:** 6-Sep-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr. David Cowzer, 6, Tubbermore Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for the demolition of the existing commercial unit, bedroom outbuilding, boiler house and shed with a total area of 138 sq.m and construction of a proposed new 86 sq.m single storey extension to the rear of the existing single storey end-terraced bungalow to include ancillary works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0348 **Application Rec'd Date:** 06-Sep-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Castle park School Ltd. Castlepark School, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a minor amendment to the previously approved planning permission register reference D11A/0570 to include 2 No. school crest signs to the approved new main entrance gates at Castle Park School. This application relates to a Protected Structure.

## PLANNING DECISIONS for WEEK 28 -31 7/8/2012 to 7/9/2012

**Reg. Ref.** D12B/0191

**Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Date:** 3-Aug-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr. & Mrs. J. Fagan, 4, Mont Alto, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought to build a first floor extension on the existing rear ground floor walls and associated works to include 3 Velux windows and the raising in height of existing rear chimneys.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0035/E **Decision:** Grant Extent. of Duration of Perm. **Date:** 13-Aug-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr C Mahon & S Charlton, Yonder, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission sought for demolition of existing 2 storey dormer style dwelling and the provision of 2no. detached part 2 storey/ part 3 storey houses with separate vehicular access to Ulverton road, together with all associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0140

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 7-Sep-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Prof & Mrs. Gilchrist, 1, Seafield Terrace, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for retention and completion of new two storey extension to the rear and the restoration and internal configuration of the existing semi detached dwelling house (a Protected Structure), (previously granted permission, reference No. D08A/0387).

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0271

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 6-Sep-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** Board of Management, Loreto Primary School, Loreto Ave., Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development consisting of the demolition of existing garage store (10m2 approx.) and the removal of temporary prefab stand-alone building with 2 classrooms (80m2 approx.) and construction of a single storey annex comprising 2 mainstream classrooms, store room, and ancillary site works, total area 200m2 approx. The extension will be located near to and behind the stone boundary wall fronting onto Loreto Avenue. The site is adjacent to, but outside the curtilage of Loreto Abbey which is a Protected Structure, RPS 1445.

**Reg. Ref.:** D12B/0232

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 4-Sep-2012

**Applicant Name & Location:** G. Kelly, 10, Hyde Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for extension and alterations to existing house to include the

construction of a two storey extension to the rear, the replacement of existing porch to the front, and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D12A/0248

**Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Date:** 28-Aug-2012

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

**Proposal:** Permission is sought to (a) demolish 2 No. existing single storey flat roofed 'lock ups'. (b) Erect lockups.b) erect a single storey (dimension to eaves on SW side 3.925m & NE side 3.195m) 3.195m )pitched roofed 'lock up' for domestic roof together with all associated site works.

## APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanala – Week 32-36 7/8/12 to 7/9/12

**Reg Ref:** D12A/0227

**Reg. Date:** 14-Jun-2012

**Location:** Maraviglia, Vico Road, Killiney, Co. Dublin

**Development:** Retention permission is sought for the retention of a new painted timber fence on top of the existing stone boundary wall fronting the Vico Road and all associated site works.

**Council Decision:** Refuse Permission for Retention.

**Appeal Lodged:** 28-Aug-2012. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

**Reg Ref:** D12B/0191

**Reg. Date:** 14-Jun-2012

**Location:** 4, Mont Alto, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

**Development:** Planning permission is sought to build a first floor extension on the existing rear ground floor walls and associated works to include 3 Velux windows and the raising in height of existing rear chimneys. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 30-Aug-2012

**Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

## APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala – Weeks 31-35 3/8/12 to 31/8/12

No Decisions for Dalkey Area



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*A Chara,*

I am writing this short note to acknowledge the kind remarks that your reviewer gave to 'The Men Will Talk To Me', a book that I edited and that was published by Mercier Press in June. The book was essentially the transcription of the interviews that veterans of the 1916 - 1923 gave to Ernie O'Malley and the provision of footnotes to allow the modern reader an insight into the incidents and personalities of the time. In the 1940's, Ernie O'Malley recognised that these veterans were becoming fewer each year and their heroic stories would die with them and so he set about recording these mens experiences in his almost indecipherable handwriting. Over the last three years, I set about interviewing these mens children most of whom are now in their late seventies or eighties, collecting details that would complement the information in the original interviews before such knowledge would be lost forever. The aim was to allow the stories of the men and women who struggled for Ireland's freedom to be passed down to future generations faithfully and without revision or re-interpretation. Two of those Kerry men, originally interviewed by O'Malley, Greg Ashe and Tom O'Connor, have children living in Dalkey and their great efforts to attend the launch of the book in Kerry served as testament to me of the importance an older generation places on preserving the memory of the sacrifices of their parents' generation so that this may be passed on to grandchildren and great grandchildren. Le gach dea ghufí,

**Dr Tim Horgan**





*HBS 3rd Class visit Pavilion Theatre*

One sunny morning, we walked along the seafront to the Pavilion.

“I suspect I may have fleas again”, was Marcus Sedgwick’s first line for starting his first book called *Flood and Fang*.

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Afterwards some boys bought books and Marcus signed them. RTÉ junior interviewed Cian, Sam, Alex and Manus about books, authors and the show.

If you would like more information about the books go to the Raven Mysteries website.

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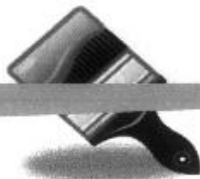
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*Squirrel cage on Killiney Hill*

Any doubts I had about the red squirrel reintroduction on Killiney I put behind me after I'd been up the hill on the evening of the day the first batch of squirrels arrived. In a grim summer this had been one of the worst days, sheets of rain and cool winds under a dark sky. I knew the squirrels were being removed from traps where they had been caught in Ravens Wood in Wexford and being brought to Killiney to be placed in one of the pens in the woodland to begin their two week stay. Any red squirrel reintroduction would involve the animals being kept in pens to familiarize themselves with the smells of the woodlands so they wouldn't try to return to their place of origin but I was worried would they be properly protected in woods where all sorts of anti social behaviour can take place, especially at night.

I made my way up through the trees in the rain in the dark slipping and sliding along the muddy paths. Although it was past 8.30 I heard voices and then saw a little group of people gathered around one of the enclosures, two of the researchers, Will and Flavel, Michael from the parks staff and another of the squirrel minders. They'd brought up the first three reds and were making sure the enclosure was secure and the hut they'd constructed that day would be watertight for whoever was going to spend the night with the squirrels. I was quite touched by the commitment and dedication of all involved, making sure their little guests were as safe and secure as possible and they provided round the clock protection for them all during their captivity.

When the squirrels had been taken out of the traps in Wexford they were fitted with radio collars and placed in nest boxes containing hazel and peanuts. To minimise handling they were transported in these boxes which were then fitted on the wires of their enclosure in Killiney. In the next few days a further 12 squirrels were brought up from Wexford. In the following few weeks we called up to see them regularly. Although the squirrels themselves

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could be difficult to see, most active at first light then spending a lot of the day in the boxes where with a constant supply of food there was no reason for them to emerge but there was always someone there keeping an eye on them and ready to explain the project to the public. The researchers made their own little hut as comfortable as possible for overnight stays. The usual seasonal drinking parties took part on the hill but the squirrel minders made their presence obvious and the drinkers kept their distance. The biggest nuisance for the minders was the proliferation of mosquitoes which the damp humid weather had produced in record numbers.

I'm sure all involved in the project must have felt a bit like parents sending their children off to their first day at school when the day came for the first pen to be opened. The release, widely publicised on TV and in the papers was a bit chaotic and not surprisingly the big crowd including lots of excited children meant the squirrels kept hidden in their boxes with no intention of coming out. The researchers would have preferred to quietly open the cage in the early morning giving the squirrels the whole day to find somewhere to roost but they had to accommodate the diary of the Minister who was due to launch the release. As it happened his early morning cabinet meeting was rescheduled to the afternoon and he couldn't come anyway but there was a RTÉ news crew there who as the time passed were getting more apprehensive as their deadline approached and the squirrels showed no sign of making their big break for freedom. One female squirrel eventually appeared but continuously circled the inside of the cage rather than heading up through the opened roof. I heard the reporter telling the cameraman they had to be back at the studio in 25 minutes so their footage could be edited for that evening's news but luckily within seconds the squirrel poked her head up over the top bar had a look around and then, as if she couldn't believe her luck, tore up the adjoining tree into the nearby branches. The cameraman got his shots, it looked great on the news and the squirrel after its initial freedom actually came back to spend the night in its nestbox in the pen.

After release the squirrels have been tracked by their radio collars, you may have seen Flavel with her radio signal detector following the individual signals and finding some of them had gone quite a distance away but some of those had then returned to near the pens. Some of the other squirrels stayed nearby with some sleeping in nest boxes that had been placed high in nearby trees. The researchers will continue to provide food for them until they start sourcing their own food in the wild.

I hope the project succeeds for the squirrels sake as well as for the people who have given so much time and dedication to it. Like other reintroductions of birds and wild animals there's no guarantee the project will succeed. It's very dependent on the area being kept free of grey squirrels which will be an ongoing procedure. The squirrels may decide they don't like the woods and move into surrounding gardens where they will be vulnerable to predation by cats and in danger of being hit by cars if they have to cross roads. But the existing red squirrel population had dropped to such tiny numbers that they couldn't be a viable population and this is the only hope for reds to continue to breed and survive on Dalkey and Killiney hills. If they don't succeed it won't be because of any lack of effort by the people involved.

If you support the aims of the project and want to help it wouldn't be any harm to let the local councillors know that you think it's very worthwhile and you hope they will still keep funding the removal of greys in the area.



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## ❖ OCTOBER 2012 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS – James Scannell ❖

**Tuesday October 2nd at 8.30 pm** Dick Bennett and Brian Donnelly will present their lecture '*Grangegorman Asylum - its History and Future*' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow - entry donation €3.

**Wednesday October 3rd at 8pm** there will be a series of short talks on '*40 Years of Rathmichael Historical Society - a Birthday Celebration*' by members of the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill.

**Monday October 8th at 7.30pm** Graham Hull will present his talk '*The Medieval Ringfort - fact or fiction? A medieval cashel at Caherconnell, Co. Clare*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2.

**At 8.15 p.m.** Liam Clare will present his lecture '*The Rise and Demise of Dublin Cattle Market, once the biggest and best in Europe*' to the Clontarf Historical Society in the Resource Centre, St. John the Baptist Church, Howth Road, Dublin 3. Admission €4.

**Tuesday October 9th at 1.05pm** Stuart Kinsella will present a 40-minute Friends of Medieval Dublin lunchtime talk, '*The Augustinian's Tale*', in the Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Dublin 8. Admission free

**At 8pm** Dara Guidera & Emily Moore will speak on '*The Registry of Deeds as an aid for the Genealogist*' to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Contribution €4.

**Wednesday October 10th at 6.30pm** Dr. Patricia McCarthy will present her lecture '*Amateur Theatricals in 18th Century Dublin*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Admission free - all welcome.

**At 7.45pm** Eddie Journal will present his talk '*Dunsoghly Castle (near Dublin Airport)*' to the Knocklyon History Society in the Iona Centre, bedside St. Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon, Dublin 15. Admission €4.

**Thursday October 11th at 8pm** Conal Hooper will present his lecture '*James Joyce and Handball: An Historical Meander*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission €4.

**At 8 p.m.** Dr. Barbara Walsh will present her lecture '*Woolworths: When the Shopping was Good*' to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society in the Function Room, Glenalbyn, Stillorgan. Admission €4.

**Wednesday October 17th at 6.30pm** Tom Geraghty will present his lecture '*Dublin Fire Brigade: 150 years of service*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive. Admission free - all welcome.

**At 8 p.m.** Pádraig Laffan will present his talk on '*From the Ford of the Hurdles to the Kish*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome - €3.50.

**Thursday October 18th at 8pm.** George S. Stewart, Genealogist will present his lecture '*An Introduction to Genealogy*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce, Quinsboro Road, Bray. All welcome - €4.

**At 8pm** Dr. Desmond Norton will present his lecture '*Irish Postal Services to 1922*' to the Ballsbridge, Donnybrook and Sandymount Historical Society in St. Mary's National



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**At 6.30pm** Rev Dr. R.B. McCarthy will present his lecture '*St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive. Admission free - all welcome.

**Thursday October 25th at 7.30 p.m.** Michael Ryan will present the Frank Mitchell Memorial Lecture '*Frank Mitchell and the Heritage of Ireland*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2.

**Wednesday October 31st at 6.30pm** Denis McIntyre will present his lecture '*Bram Stoker and the Irish origins of Dracula*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive. Admission free - all welcome

**A BOOK TO READ – '*The Coming Revolution - The Political Writings and Speeches of Patrick Pearse*', with foreword by Gabriel Doherty, published by Mercier Press.**

Patrick Pearse was an excellent orator who possessed fiery idealism and this fascinating book is a collection of his political writings and speeches originally published in 1917, a year after his death in May 1916, which provides the reader with an insight into this man who is considered the driving force of the 1916 Rising and who stood in front of the General Post Office and read the 1916 Proclamation that fateful Easter Monday 1916 morning. During the Rising he was declared President of the Provisional Government in one of the bulletins issued by Rising's leader, but others associated with the Rising disputed this at that time and this matters still remains unresolved.

This book reveals his wide range of oratorical skills instanced by some of the speeches included in it e.g. '*How Does She Stand?*', while several pamphlets he wrote in the months prior to the 1916 Rising, expound his views on a wide range of issues including '*The Murder Machine*', a series of studies of the English education system in Ireland; and '*The Coming Revolution*', '*The Separatist Idea*', '*The Spiritual Nation*' and '*The Sovereign People*', written as late as 31 March 1916.

While Patrick Pearse is always associated the 1916 Rising, which he was one of the main architects of, his work in shaping the history of Ireland has tended to be overshadowed by the work of Michael Collins and Éamon de Valera so this book reveals the vital work that Patrick Pearse did in laying down the ground work for others to follow and the impact he had on shaping public opinion towards the concept of self rule.

As the countdown to 2016 continues, this book is an essential acquisition for the libraries / book collections of those interested in Irish history.

### **PARISH PICNIC – 30th SEPTEMBER 2012**

Fr Paddy, Fr Declan and the Parish Pastoral Council welcome all comers to our Parish Picnic on the Church Green from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Free attractions for all: Live music, Jungle Dave with his animals, supervised slides, bouncy castle, Giant Jenga, tea coffee and tasty buns, bring your own picnic or your old guitar! Chat to old and new friends and celebrate life in our parish!

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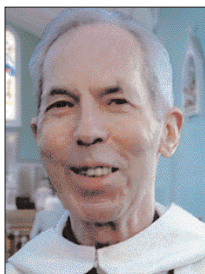
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### AN APPRECIATION

It was with sadness that we learnt of the passing of Fr Des Forristal last Sunday 9th Sept in St Josephs Nursing Home in Shankill. The last 12 years have been a long Calvary road for Fr Des who had been ill for the 11 years since he worked here among us as Parish priest in Dalkey.

Fr Des was unique. Priesthood can be exercised in many ways. Most commonly as pastors, caring for their communities. But others such as contemplatives, scholars, writers, teachers, administrators, broadcasters or musicians. Des combined every one of those forms of ministry in his 45 years of active life as a priest. And meanwhile he had a parallel life in the arts - writing, film making and theatre, writing plays which were staged in both the Gate and the Abbey, and translated into other languages and produced abroad.

In Sept 1959, Archbishop McQuaid sent him and his school classmate in Belvedere, Fr Joe Dunn, to New York to learn something about the new broadcast medium, television, that was due to begin in Ireland. When they returned they gathered a few like-minded priests with culture talent around them and began to produce short documentary films. When these were shown to Michael Barry, who was to become the Controller of the new TV Service, he immediately commissioned them for broadcast and the first Radharc programme was aired 12 days after the new station opened 50 years ago this year.

The Radharc programmes brought the stories and lives of our missionary priests to life and into the homes to every Irish family that had uncle or aunt or cousin working as a missionary somewhere across the world. It brought us to dangerous places, war zones, police states and famine locations. On one of these trips to Biafra in 1969, Fr Des's playwriting career began when he wrote 'Black Man's Country' which was sent to Hilton Edwards of the Gate Theatre and was the start of a friendship that lasted many long years.

He wrote 20 books covering a wide range of topics - all of them associated in some way with matters of faith or spirituality.

It is said that when he came here to Dalkey in 1985 that Fr Des really came into one of the happiest periods of his life. He loved Dalkey and Dalkey loved him. The parishioners here came to appreciate the sense of spirituality that radiated from him. He was one of a kind!

Ar deis Dé go raibh a h-Anam dilis.

*Taken from the homily notes of Fr Dermot McCarthy, Radharc producer 1965 - 1982.  
Editor, Religious Programmes RTE 1991 - 2009.*



## SHARAVOGUE SCHOOL



### Welcome back – September 2012

We would like to welcome all our current children back to Sharavogue Junior School and all our new pupils who started Sharavogue Montessori last week.

We look forward to a great year ahead. We have lots of exciting things planned this year, already our Senior Class have had a trip to the Pavilion for the Mountains to the Sea Festival. It was great to have the sun shining for our first week enabling lots of play in the garden and playground. We will be starting our Drama, French & Music, Multi-Sports & Swimming next week and will also be incorporating Zumba and Afterschool Science Club which everyone is really looking forward to. The Senior Class will continue in their

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endeavours toward leading Sharavogue nearer to the Green School Status and we will keep you informed of the continued progress. They are also starting their preparations for the young Scientist Exhibition following on from their great success last year.

We are thrilled that all our new babies in the Crèche have settled in so well over the last couple of weeks and look forward to watching them grow and develop during their time in Sharavogue. Some fond farewells took place for our older children who have been here for many years and were moving on - as said by one of their parents . .



(L-R) Esme Henson, Jessica Grogan, and Sophie Mc Alarey Senior Montessori

*“They may be wearing a different uniform, but Sharavogue will always be their first alma mater - the school that helped to make them who they are and who they will become.”*



## DALKEY BUSINESS GROUP



Dalkey Business Group (DBG) are working closely with Dalkey Community Council (DCC) and Dalkey Tidy Towns (DTT) in pursuing common goals to improve Dalkey for natives and visitors alike.

DBG donated €2,000 to Dalkey Tidy Towns towards the new Dalkey visitor Map, new Dalkey signage, flowers etc.

Dalkey Business Group was awarded a DLRC Grant aid of €5,000 to fund advertising and promoting Dalkey: we have taken adverts in a top French travel guide and Cara magazine. DBG funded a Failte Ireland backed promotion for the area in July and August which included the Dalkey Lobster Festival where DBG gave €1,500 to the larger marketing campaign and individual businesses gave prizes for radio stations. DBG is partnering with Dalkey Castle in taking a stand at the Tourism Village Event in RDS at the end of November. We aim to encourage more coach tours and the cruise business into the town. Congratulations to Margaret Dunne for securing over 1000 American visitors (in Ireland for the Notre Dame game in the Aviva on Sept 1st) into Dalkey. Also, congratulations and many thanks to Dalkey Tidy Towns on winning a silver medal in the National Tidy Towns Competition. A fantastic achievement!

We commissioned a new short film by NOMOS (local film company) which is on view on the front page of [www.ilovedalkey.com](http://www.ilovedalkey.com) website and is attracting a lot of web hits going viral. The video creates the sublime atmosphere of Dalkey through the scenery, local people and visitors of Dalkey.

**LOBSTER CRAB AND ALL THAT JAZZ:** First time festival and judged an outstanding success. It was the brainchild of Padraig Hanly of Ouzos Restaurant with Dave Coulson The Tramyard, Rachel Clancy The Magpie Inn, John Tobin Axis Ltd, Drazen Derek musician, Caitriona Fogarty Dalkey Parish Council and Oliver McCabe Select Stores Dalkey. Businesses involved all reported the busiest weekend they ever had, it even surpassed Christmas. It has been decided to make it an annual event and the team who organised this year's event will meet soon to de-brief and plan for next year.

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We are concerned for the following reasons -

**SAFETY and ENVIRONMENT** – Drilling involves great pollution risk. 6kms from the 40 Foot in the Kish Basin is too close to shore in such a priceless natural amenity. A spill would be catastrophic for Dublin Bay. A spill would blanket the coast in oil in 2 hours and it is the responsibility of the local authorities to clean it up, not Providence, while Dublin Bay, as an amenity will be destroyed and take years to recover. Damage to devastated wildlife and fish stock and their breeding beds will be unquantifiable. Exploratory drilling is simply too dangerous in a conservation area like Dublin Bay.

**WILDLIFE** – The Kish basin is the largest nesting and feeding ground for many hundreds of species - exactly where Providence has applied to drill. Imagine our bay without birds.

**NO LOCAL JOBS** – Providence is under no obligation to create Irish jobs under the licensing terms. This means no security of any jobs on the rig or onshore.

**NO IRISH OWNERSHIP** – Under the terms of the deals done by our government we have no ownership or guaranteed supply rights to any oil or gas discovered in Ireland. If oil is discovered in Dublin Bay, it will most likely be sent directly to a UK refinery. Why are we giving away our resources and not securing our rights to supply?

**TAX REVENUE** – Irish oil and gas tax take is one of the lowest in the world, with no royalties to us of any kind, Providence can offset 100% of all costs (going back 25 years) against profits including decommissioning rig costs, before we see a penny in tax. How many pennies will we see, no one knows for sure the base rate of tax is 25%, but after Providence offsets costs this figure maybe in the single digit figures. Our neighbours in the UK and Norway earn upwards of 70%. Our concern is there will be little or no benefit to the Irish People at a time when we need it the most. Don't let your Government give away your natural resources.

**“BUT SURE THERE'S NOTHING THERE ANYWAY?”** – Oil companies argue our geology is more challenging which increases costs and therefore generous terms are needed to encourage exploration. This is not the case - geology, oil price and technology drive exploration. SIPTU estimate near \$1 trillion worth of oil in our waters which recent discoveries confirm. The geology of the Kish Basin is shallow, at 20 meters very cheap and easy to drill.

**UNDER THESE TERMS WE GAIN NOTHING, BUT STAND TO LOSE EVERYTHING. PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP SPREAD THE WORD**

1) Say NO to a rig in Dublin Bay and YES to an Environmentally Responsible Policy for development of our hydrocarbon resources that protects our health and safety.

2) Insist on a better profit sharing deal for you and everyone in Ireland. Please E-Mail your support and contact details to <mailto:oil@eastcoastconcern.ie> so we can add you to our petition and or join us on [www.facebook.com/EastCoastConcern](http://www.facebook.com/EastCoastConcern)

Write to Minister Jan O'Sullivan (who will shortly make the decision on whether or not to award a foreshore license to Providence at <mailto:jan.osullivan@oireachtas.ie> or call Dáil Office Tel 01 6183670 to register your concern.

*Regards – East Coast Concern, [www.eastcoastconcern.ie](http://www.eastcoastconcern.ie)*



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October DCC Meeting in OLH @ 8pm	Mon 1 Oct	Nov. DCC Meeting in OLH @ 8pm	Tues 5 Nov
Sorting Nov. Newsletter OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 25 Oct	Closing date for receipt of entry forms for the DCC Art Exhibition	Mon 5 Nov
Summer time ends - hour goes back	Sun 28 Oct		

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Pilates:** on Mondays in Heritage Centre from 6.15pm. Contact Lizanne Barry 087 8572408.

**Zumba Fitness classes:** in Dalkey Town Hall on Thursdays from 7.00pm. Contact Lukasz: 085 216 33 04, Email: info@zumbagalaxy.com

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**Dalkey Players** The Carry Hall Killiney from 7.30-10.30pm Tuesdays & Thursdays. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or check [www.dalkeyplayers.ie](http://www.dalkeyplayers.ie) for details.

**St. Patrick's Dramatic Society** Dalkey Northover Hall at 8pm Mondays & Thursdays. Contact Deirdre 087-9566460 or check [www.stpatsdramsoc.com](http://www.stpatsdramsoc.com) for further information.

**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.

**Holy Trinity Killiney** – Sunday 7th Oct. @ 10.45am. Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Holy Trinity Church, Killiney. Tuesday 23rd October @ 10.30am. Bible Study Group. The Carry Hall, Killiney Hill Road. Enquiries to Rev'd Niall Sloane at 2852695.

**Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Social Inclusion Week** - 13th - 20th October 2012

Mon. 1st Oct. **Media Launch**, 11.00am at The Metals, D'Laoghaire. Guest speakers: An Cathaoirleach Cllr Tom Joyce, Mary Davis, President & Managing Director, Special Olympics Europe, Eurasia Region & Dan Hurst, Network for Older People.

**13th Oct. Dlr Community 5k**, Kilbogget Park - Register at: [www.dlrsportpartnership.ie](http://www.dlrsportpartnership.ie)

**18th Oct. Inclusion Fusion**, Mill Theatre, Dundrum. Check out [www.dlrcoco.ie/socialinclusion](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/socialinclusion) for further info.

### NATURE NOTES

**Tuesday 2 October:** Birds, Weather and Migration, by Dick Coombes (BirdWatch Ireland). Kingston Hotel, Dún Laoghaire @ 8:00pm

**Sunday 7 October:** Outing to Booterstown Marsh in conjunction with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's Environment Department. Meet at Booterstown Dart car park, 10:30am.

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

I am looking forward to taking delivery of a new combination receiver in the next few days. The unit in question was part developed by an Irish company, and is designed to receive the new RTE digital channels and UK channels. As well as offering High Definition from the BBC and RTE, the unit also has a built in 2.5inch SATA hard drive for direct recording, unlike previous receivers where you had to add an external hard drive. Another feature of this unit is the ability to record one channel while watching a second channel, it also has the usual features you would expect, photo library, music library etc...

The one down side however is that the unit is not Saorview approved, which in short means that the “red button” features will not work. Test results in next months issue.

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