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October: *Roman word 'Octo' which means eight, the eighth 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

Guímid togha spoírt
d'ár bpáistí óga oiche
shamhna
We wish our young children
lots of safe fun
at Halloween

Dalkey Tidy Towns -Overall winner of DLR Tidy Districts Competition 2013.
Dalkey also won 1) Best Town/Village and 2) Most Improved Town/Village categories

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❖ SUMMARY OF DCC SEPTEMBER MEETING ❖

The DCC Monthly Meeting was held in OLH on Monday 2nd September 2013. The Chairman welcomed Margaret Ryan a new member who will be the new Road Rep for Killiney Towers.

HC: Stephen Vard gave a detailed report on the continuing success of the Heritage Centre. The award of the certificate of excellence from TripAdvisor and the exposure from the Obama trip has highlighted Dalkey and will help to promote the town as an attractive place to visit.

NW: The trend in crime figures for the month of August was significantly down on the figures for the same time period last year. Garda Marie Barry is leaving Community Policing and DCC thank her and wish her all the best in her new role.

TT: DTT has commenced the winter schedule for litter patrols.

The next DCC meeting is Monday 7th October in OLH.

❖ DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

Laura Fahy and 'Lady' Aileen Wymes, Deilg Inis Actor *Photo: John Fahy*

Come in and visit: In order to view the new exhibition and take part in the living history tour in Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre, we are offering four more in our series of free pre-booked tours for the local community. These will be on Sunday Oct 6th and Sunday 20th October at 11.15 and 13.45. Remember to book in advance to avoid disappointment as numbers on each tour are limited.

Congratulations: Huge congratulations and thanks are due to members of Dalkey Tidy Towns whose hard work and commitment ensured that Dalkey won the DLR County Award in the National Tidy Towns competition again this year with a total of 297 marks. They are ably assisted by the support of DLR Parks Dept.

Prize winning Tidy Towns Committee celebrate

Dalkey is edging ever closer to the magic number of 300 marks. With all our help let's hope 2014 will be the year it will be reached.

Shop local: as outlined recently, we have added new merchandise to the offering in our small shop. In addition to the usual items of memorabilia for visitors, we now have a number of items which should be of interest to locals.

World Coin Cufflinks: A new collection of cuff links, featuring beautiful Irish coins, are made right here on Castle Street in Dalkey. They are appealing to both coin collectors and people looking for unusual gifts. One set has the old 1928 'trupenny' bit! The 1928 coins were the first in a series of coins for the Irish Free State. Other sets have the Irish sixpence and the 10p. They would make an ideal and unusual gift. We also have beautiful new baby gifts from an Irish company called BabyBow. Fruit of the Loom T-Shirts feature the Castle Archer and Princess on them for the under 10s. We have Dalkey Castle branded natural soy candles poured in Dalkey by Martin Kennedy of Ecomelts in the Tramyard. Carraig Donn knitwear is proving popular as the evenings draw in. We look forward to you coming in and having a browse!

Living History tours continue with Deilg Inis actors and our front of house trained guides. The add-on of the new interpretation system makes a very complete experience for the visitor. They are spending much longer going through all the information after the tour. We are having a large group of Americans over for a choir congress in the middle of the month. Visitors continue to arrive in Dalkey from all over the globe. They particularly want to see and eat in Finnegan's where Michelle Obama was invited to lunch by Bono! We will never be able to thank Bono enough!

Dalkey Town Hall: The Town Hall re-furbishment by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo should be finished very soon. The Town Hall was built onto Goat Castle between 1893 and 1896. The engineer on the drawings was a Mr. Richard Walsh, civil engineer, South Frederick Street, Dublin. The exquisite drawings remain in the archives of the Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. They have been scanned onto the new interactive timeline in the Heritage Centre.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible on October 6th and 20th.

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❖ TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 2013 ❖

Adjudication Report

Centre:	**DALKEY**	Ref:	170
County:	**Dublin (DunLaoghaire-Rathdown)**	Mark:	**297**
Category:	**E**	Date(s):	21/6/2013 1/8/2013

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2012	Mark Awarded 2013
Overall Development Approach	50	44	45
The Built Environment	50	42	43
Landscaping	50	35	35
Wildlife & Natural Amenities	50	33	33
Litter Control	50	33	33
Sustainable Waste & Resource Management	20	13	13
Tidiness	30	21	21
Residential Areas	40	32	33
Roads, Streets & Back Areas	50	32	32
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	**400**	**293**	**297**

Overall Development Approach – Thank you kindly for the excellently completed application form, additional supplementary support material such as the Killiney Hill Biodiversity Programme and the local Community Council Newsletter which were invaluable to the adjudicator in understanding the Village and its surrounds. I would also like to comment on the quality and detail of the accompanying map which was such a help in finding places of interest and also projects that had been highlighted as part of the Three Year Work Plan which was also attached. Dalkey has a long and successful tradition in the Tidy Towns Competition since it first entered in 1983 and during this period it had a number of notable achievements. The committee of 8 is a very cross sectional representative group that works for the betterment of the town as a whole. It is clear that the committee has developed strong partnership links with the Local Authority, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council and with the various business entities that represent the commercial life of Dalkey. Most importantly the committee has enjoyed the practical support of over 13 local community groups and sports organisations such as the famed Cuala GAA Club. The community initiative with TUS has impacted positively on your work as a committee and it is very pleasing to note that it has benefited the two workers assigned to it in a practical way.

I feel as an adjudicator that having strong links with the local schools is one of the key components for success in the Tidy Towns and you have made sure to foster these links fully to exploit the attributes that school children bring to projects. You are very fortunate to have such solid community support as you rightly state in these economic restrictive times. As your application submission is very detailed it is impossible for the adjudicator to comment on every detail under every category suffice to say that under Overall Development you have set a high standard and an increase of additional marks is warranted.

The Built Environment – It's been quite a while since this adjudicator visited Dalkey and its idyllic surroundings that take in both Bullock and Coliemore Harbours. It is so interesting to traverse the village and observe such diversity in the built environment from the large properties, some of significant historical interest. On the cliff end of the village, the attractive cottage terrace type residences of St Patrick's Road are also of equal historical value as they represent an era when Dalkey was probably a dependent fishing village. It was the adjudicators first time to visit the Castle & Heritage Centre and I have to say that I was very impressed, one learns something new most days as I did not realise that Dalkey was the only Heritage Town in that greater area of Dublin.

Some remedial work was being carried out in Bullock Harbour on adjudication day probably of a landscaping nature and part of the on-going redevelopment plan, first started in 2011. Just as an aside the railing in front of a fairly large building on Harbour Road is getting a little rusty and in need of at least a coat of Hammerite or its nature and part of the on-going redevelopment plan, first started in 2011. Just as an aside the railing in front of a fairly large building on Harbour Road is getting a little rusty and in need of at least a coat of Hammerite or its

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equivalent. The very striking St Patrick's Anglican Church and grounds were quite impressive and credit is due to the personnel entrusted with its up keep. The famed Loreto Abbey and grounds looking out towards the Martello Tower on Dalkey Island were in a good state of presentation and the adjoining National School is having an extension built on. Coliemore Harbour looked secluded and resplendent with some fine stonework and cobblestone in place since this adjudicator last visited some many years ago. The information notice board is tastefully designed and informative without being over crammed with information. The once vibrant building that is Queenstown Castle looks run down and has a for sale sign on it, one would assume that whatever reserve it has on it would take quite a packet to restore to former glory. In the core area of the village all the properties both private and commercial were maintained to a very high standard. I did not encounter what could be termed as a serious example of a building in disrepair or unoccupied in the village proper, then again I doubt if absentee landlords are plentiful in the area.

Cuala GAA Club, memories of the late great Mick Holden, have a fine, well kept facility that provides support for the younger population of Dalkey and the surrounds and full credit to all its volunteers for their input. Some very pertinent changes and additions have happened since 2012, a new tourist map has been placed at the Catholic Church of the Assumption (Feast day 15th August), new stone planters, improvements to areas at the Dart Station and the Dalkey Wayfinder Project which is ongoing but has some new bi-lingual signs in place. Both the Harry Latham Memorial plaque, stone seat and the seating area at main junction of village were also admired for simplicity of design and practicality. The following commercial premises appealed to the adjudicator for reasons of simple design both traditional and contemporary: the previously mentioned Eurospar, Our Lady's Hall, Kerins Pharmacy, McDonaghs synonymous with Dalkey, Ouzos, No 2 Optician and a number of private town houses - one or two with exceptional gardens. A very good standard achieved overall.

Landscaping – The layout of Dalkey and its immediate environs lends itself to good landscaping and the programme undertaken to date has been very effective and hugely attractive to the visitor and local alike. You highlight in your application, the need for access to nature is becoming more important because of the urbanisation of towns and villages. The addition of additional trees in the Loreto Abbey School were noticed when the adjudicator visited there. The themed Maeve Binchy Peace Garden is a well deserved recognition to one who put Dalkey in the public eye in a very positive way. Good to note that you have devised a planting programme that caters for year round effectiveness and that will use native species. The green area as one enters Dillon Park is quite bare at the moment and is not being exploited fully, maybe because it's not in the public eye as much as other areas. It could benefit from some landscaping revitalisation and would be easily re-incarnated into something attractive as it has access to the coast. Some lovely wild like flower arrangements were viewed in Sorrento Park and at the Cats Ladder and these were maintained in such a fashion that it didn't interfere with their visual impact. You have a good number of projects for the future outlined in your Three Year Plan and you are wished well with these. I would like to compliment all the private homeowners who had some extraordinary, colourful and tastefully designed gardens on view, this type of individual effort helps to portray a very good image of the village to the myriad of visitors that visit each year.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities – The natural havens for wildlife conservation and promotion in Dalkey are many and varied but it is how these are used to gain maximum effect is the challenge. The committee has succeeded admirably in putting together a large mix of initiatives that will have a lasting impact in the years ahead. In all I counted upwards on 20 ongoing and potential projects that are either complete or ongoing and that will be of huge value to Dalkey in terms of wildlife conservation and promotion. An increase in visitor numbers to the town and the immediate area brings a requirement for updated information on wild life and related activities and this has been done by the provision of attractive information boards such as that at Coliemore Harbour. The involvement of the various schools in the vicinity has given added impetus to your work under this category heading. Congratulations to the Loreto Primary School for the number and variety of wildlife school projects it has been involved in. This is the type of involvement that is encouraged as it gives school children a basic grounding in the subject that they can transfer into practical work on the ground. Continue to impart your expertise to the youth of the town in the hope that they may embrace both the spirit of co-operation and the work ethic that exists within your Tidy Town's group.

Litter Control – The ongoing work by the committee in promoting the message of good litter control is certainly paying off. All aspects of good litter management have been covered in your submission and the practical work of regular litter patrols have been organised on an area-based rotational system. The results of these are significant as on the day in question, which was on a weekend, only two pieces of what could be termed real litter was observed. One of these a Lucozade product plastic bottle was observed on Vico Road no less. It is good

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to see individuals take it upon themselves to pick up litter, as was witnessed on the day. One was particularly impressed on talking to local people how important it was to maintain a high standard of cleanliness and litter control. Many business premises had individual litter receptacles and it was noticeable that the much maligned cigarette butt was not as ubiquitous as in other places, in fact, it was for all intent and purposes absent. An excellent co-operative effort on the part of many in this category.

Sustainable Waste And Resource Management – This category caused great difficulty for many centres when it came into the competition in 2006 under the heading of Waste Management. Judging by previous years' reports, Dalkey Tidy Towns has done well in the category and had bought into the concept of reducing the production of actual waste. This year's application has a good cross section of projects that fit into the sustainable waste and resource waste management definition and you have heeded the conditions that were laid down under the new heading. You are to be commended for incorporating the new category under your Three Year Plan and for adapting the plan accordingly. Working with the four primary schools and the Loreto Abbey Secondary School is the way to go and judging by the list of projects, including the very innovative Marvin the Magician and his magic Recycle Show, the message of Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle is very much to the forefront in Dalkey. Keep creating awareness among the wider adult community in Dalkey and do consult websites such as www.localprevention.ie for further information on possible ideas that would suit the community and that would have practical benefits as well.

Tidiness – As was the case with litter control the initiatives that have been put in place to combat untidiness have been both practical and effective. There are issues that are often outside a Tidy Towns Committee and one has to realise this note where you have a concern about inappropriate hoardings and the reluctance of owners to remove them. To be honest unless they are breaking the statutory conditions vis a vis signage there is very little you can do as they are not obligated to take them down and in these stringent times businesses are trying to tout for customers to survive. Often the needs of the Tidy Towns Committees and the business communities are poles apart and threatened coercion doesn't work, it boils down to ongoing encouragement. It's not the first time as an adjudicator that I have come up against this problem. The basics of tidiness under the competition guidelines were very much adhered to and it was noticeable that there was an absence of fly posting, minimal obtrusion from unsightly wires, shop fronts free of clutter and kerbsides with one or two exceptions free from residue or cigarette butts. One or two side areas were a little messy by Dalkey standards but other than that an overall good standard was achieved and on par with last year.

Residential Areas – Dalkey is a town of contrasts when it comes to size of residential properties where one has the exclusive gated properties and then in the heart of the town there is the very attractive St Patrick's Road cottages. The adjudicator traversed areas such as St Begnet's Villas, Church Road, Hyde Road, Ballinaclea Road, and Ardeevin Road and on to Sorrento Terrace and Vico and Coliemore Roads and more. The one thing that all have in common is that all these areas and their homesteads are maintained to a very high standard. All boundary walls and gardens were very well presented, some with exquisite gardens and these are a credit to the owners. Name signs were clear and visible, footpaths were accessible and access was easy and not dangerous. The committee encourages people to keep properties in good condition and one feels that it doesn't take much to do that as one detects a sense of pride of place in Dalkey.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas – The approaches into the town were in a very presentable condition helped in no small measure to the absence of inter junctions and roundabouts. The main street and road network within the town is easy enough to get around, although the roads on the hilly area are narrow and one has to be cautions. The core of the town is served by a sufficient traffic control system and pedestrians are very much catered for as well. A number of improvements to areas mentioned in last year's reports have been completed and others are in the throes of work at present. The committee has lobbied strongly for these improvements to be made and as a result there has been significant works undertaken and an increase of an additional mark is warranted.

General Impression – This adjudicator had not been to Dalkey for a good number of years and many changes have occurred in that intervening period. It is a hugely attractive town primarily because of its location on the sea front. It has an advantage over most places as it might not be affected by the economic downturn as much as other places but the Tidy Towns Committee is very progressive and that is really why it is a top performer in the competition.

Second Round Adjudication – The second round adjudicator had a most enjoyable visit to Dalkey and its many buildings and other features of interest were explored and admired. The presence of such distinctive buildings like Bullock and Dalkey Castle provide so much character and distinctiveness to your heritage town and we were delighted to see that these buildings looked very well on adjudication day. Of course, Dalkey has many

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other elements of note, such as the many fine historical buildings in active use and commercial premises that are presented to a high standard. It is heartening to see the vacancy levels and that local businesses and traders continue to work very hard on the appearance of their buildings. Many excellent examples were seen during adjudication and a number stood out, such as the AIB building and the excellent Dalkey Pharmacy immediately adjacent. Finnegan's at the junction of Sorrento Road also looked particularly well while the Queens Pub impressed with its hanging baskets providing lovely summer colour to Castle Street. We were delighted to see that your engagement with the operator of the Eurospar has resulted in such a dramatic improvement in the appearance of this building, so well done to the committee and the operator for an excellent piece of work! The somewhat incidental open spaces in Dalkey were admired with colourful landscaping used to enhance the small seating area beside Hunters Pub to great effect. The landscaping beds at the entrance to the Church were a highlight with lovely colours and diversity of species to be seen and the treatment of the space adjacent to the Masonic Lodge drew positive attention. The large planters at the entrance to the Eurospar Car Park and the lovely St Patricks Square also add interest and colour. The landscaping beds at the space beside Dalkey Castle will need refreshing for 2014 by weeding and the planters at the entrance to the Eurospar Car Park and the lovely St Patricks Square also add interest and colour. The landscaping beds at the space beside Dalkey Castle will need refreshing for 2014 by weeding and the addition of new bark while the landscaping beds outside the Topaz also needed attention.

We are in agreement with the first round adjudicator in relation to your wide range of excellent projects to encourage wildlife and biodiversity in Dalkey with the Terns project on Dalkey Island and the Red Squirrel Conservation Project standing out. Additional interpretative signage for the nature trail is also recommended, but overall, we are very pleased to see that the committee is taking full advantage of the first class natural amenities in Dalkey and providing residents and tourists alike with lots of opportunities to access the coastline and other areas. Regrettably, litter had returned to a small number of areas in Dalkey by early August. While the central areas were remarkably clean and litter free, a small amount of litter was observed at the junction of Breffni Road and Castlepark Road, on the road adjacent to Coliemore Harbour, at the entrance to White Rock beach and in the grass verge approaching Bullock Harbour. We were delighted to read about your waste management initiatives - particularly your paperless communication strategy. Your work on raising awareness (through seminars and workshops) is to be commended and we strongly endorse the joint projects being undertaken with the school to minimise and eliminate waste generation.

The standard of tidiness being achieved was generally very high with the central areas appearing very neat and tidy and in excellent condition throughout. Some exceptions were noted. Bullock Harbour was somewhat of a disappointment despite its new seating area. Weed had returned in noticeable quantities, particularly at the base of the lamp post, at the Crows Nest Hut and the entrance to the boatyard. A very untidy litter bin was spotted and the verge beneath the bollards and chain link boundary was weedy and untidy looking. Sorrento Park was also a surprise. Despite its offering of unrivalled views, its appearance was quite untidy with very poor surfacing of pathways and an overgrown and untidy wooden signpost and board observed at the Sorrento Terrace entrance.

A very untidy railing and boundary was spotted on the Ardeevin Road adjacent to the railway station. Well done on your work to signage, particularly in the central areas as they looked very well and appear to be maintained to a high standard. However, a signage audit should be considered for 2014 as some untidy signs and poles were spotted at the junction of Vico Road and Sorrento Road and at the junction of Knock na Cree and Ardvough Road. It should be noted however that the overall performance of Dalkey was considered to very good and the above items were out of step with the high standard achieved elsewhere in your impressive Heritage Town. Well done on another excellent performance and we look forward to seeing further improvements in 2014.

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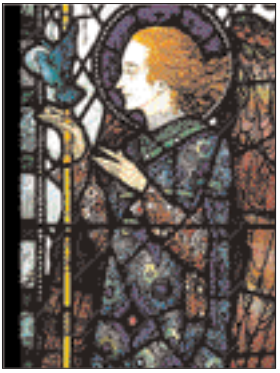

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Parish Retreat – It is hoped to have a Parish Retreat in Holy Trinity, Killiney with the Rev'd Grace Clunie, (The Centre for Celtic Spirituality, Armagh) on Saturday 2nd November 2013, 12.30pm to 5pm (TBC). Cost €20 per person, including lunch. To book your place, please contact the Rector.

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Killiney Mens' Society – The October meeting (Thursday 24th) will be a visit to the National Maritime Museum in Dun Laoghaire. Please meet outside the museum at 6.45pm. All Gentlemen are welcome to attend. More information from Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

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

Ladies Guild – The Guild will meet on Tuesday 8th October in the Carry Hall. Ken Brown will display a sample of his antiques collection. All welcome.

New! SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney – Still in its early stages the second meeting of the group will be held on Wednesday 16th October at 8pm in the Carry Hall. Alistair Jones will give a First Aid demonstration. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

Bible Study and Prayer Group – The Bible Study will meet on Tuesday 22nd October at 10.30am. The theme for the study will be 'Palestine during the final three centuries before the birth of Jesus'. All are very welcome to attend. Further expressions of interest may be addressed to the Rector.

Diners Club - The KWDs – After an enjoyable gathering in Walter's, Dun Laoghaire, the group will meet next on Thursday 17th October. The venue has yet to be decided. Further expressions of interest or queries may be addressed to Zandra Laing or the Rector.

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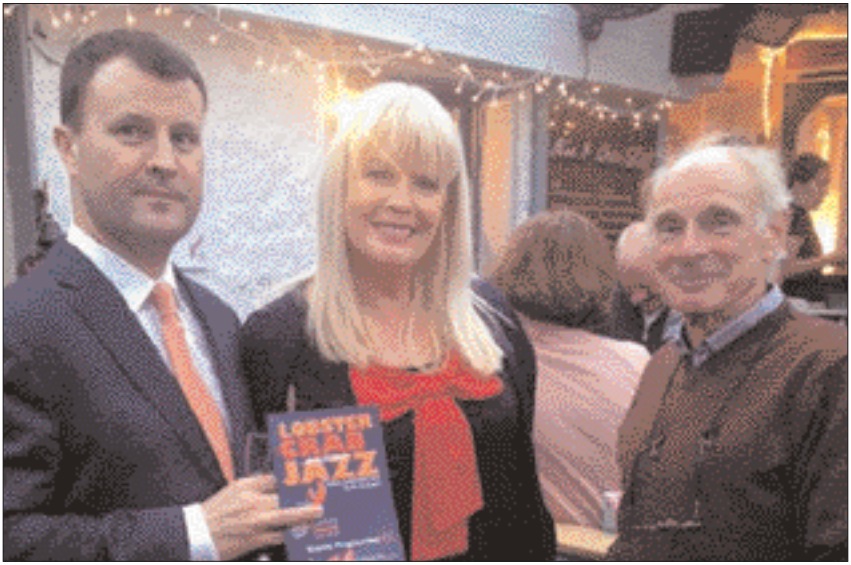

DBG chairman Nicky Logue of Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel with Mary Mitchell O'Connor T.D. and Malcolm, a local retired Bord Fáilte Ireland man

DALKEY LOBSTER FEST 2013 REVIEW

Dalkey is more than celebrities and stars. It is a thriving fishing town with a warm and welcoming local community. Dalkey Lobster Fest 2013, Lobster, Crab and all that Jazz was a community event and was aimed at families and those interested in great food and great jazz music. Local businesses had a very busy weekend, one business had their "busiest weekend in 10 years", others "busier than Christmas week".

There were 43 live music events over the three day weekend. Music acts included: Louis Stewart, Paddy Sherlock, Tevfic Kulak, Drazen Derek, Mary Coughlan, Sharon Shannon, Rob Strong, Brian Dunning, Richie Buckley, Mack Fleetwood and Sam Arnold.

Lobster village market at the church - loads of great crafts and gift ideas plus food demos from local chefs.

Little Masterchef - Catherine Cleary the journalist, was the judge.

Gerald Keane's Cookery Show was a hit.

Celebrity Ready Steady Cook (presented by Pat Kenny and with contestants Bobby Kerr, Louis Copeland, Lisa Murphy) Judges were Tom Doorley, Kathy Kenny, Mary Mitchell O Connor T.D. and RTÉ's Evelyn Cusack)

There was also the amazing Vintage Village at Sue Ryder Foundation with lots of competitions, children's play areas and local artisan stalls.

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Writers Corner - Family Fringe Events brought this public space alive, Zumba Music, Mass Street Drumming, Thank You Crumlin Love Mia Charity Raffle in aid of a new burns victim unit at Crumlin Children's Hospital. Sponsored by Select Stores, Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Caterhire, Fastway Couriers and Senso Studio.
The Laura Lynn Foundation was the official chosen Children's Charity partner for Dalkey Lobster Fest 2013.
The Official Sponsors of Dalkey Lobster Fest 2013 were: DLRCoCo, Failte Ireland, Calor, BIM.
There were also Art Houses of Dalkey – a chance to get a sneaky view into artists Gerard Byrne (who has just opened a new gallery in Dalkey) and Biddy McLoughlin houses).
And a chance to meet the King of Dalkey 'finnegan's awake' at Finnegans of Dalkey.
Extraordinary Crab Jam - finale event w all you can eat crab claws and great music.
Many Thanks to everyone who came along to enjoy our Festival.
Special thanks to organisers Padraic Hanley (Ouzos Restaurant), Dave Coulson (The Tramyard), Caitriona Fogarty (Dalkey Parish Council), Sara Macken (Borea Construction), Oliver McCabe (Select Stores), Dalkeyfestivals.com and Dalkey Business Group.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I write concerning the state of the tiles on the pathway in the town, especially outside the Country Bake shop, down to the lane beside Kerins Chemist. As I have limited mobility and use a walking stick it can be quite a trial watching out for these hazardous tiles as I go about my business around the Town. It is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs and then who will be held responsible?
Instead of painting up the town and making the place look beautiful, can we first and foremost deal with the safety of the people who use our Town. I will be in contact with the relevant department in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and intend to follow this matter up.
Yours ,

N. Bailey

SEAMUS HEANEY

The light is sudden dimmed
But still shines bright.
Words no more spoken
Yet full-heard in the quiet.
Deep thoughts flow swift on the page
And the world is set alight.

Brow creased in impish smile
Tells of gentle inner soul.
Giants of other years,
Becket, Yeates and Joyce,
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Yachts anchored off Sorrento Terrace

Dalkey's Festival Currach: Naomh Beagnait, the locally built vessel, was centre-stage in Coliemore Harbour for a publicity photo-call in advance of the second Lobster Crab Festival and indeed all that jazz! Perhaps festival organisers for next year will push the boat out even further and extend the festival culturally on the lines led by the community-orientated Beagnait's Boat project held earlier this year to highlight the intrinsic historical maritime links between the town, harbour and island. For example, seafood demos and stalls beside the harbour, reinstate the Dalkey Regatta and a 'visitors' cruise in company.

Coliemore Harbour Survey: From a distance, one could have thought that drilling for 'oil ashore' took place at Coliemore Harbour. On closer inspection a rotary-rig was busy boring into the ground as part of a geotechnical site investigation to ascertain rock structure along the wall overlooking the harbour. Originally, consultants were to have completed a report for Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) in June, yet further works had to be carried out with the published report due late September.

Rotary drill at Coliemore Harbour

Bathers at Whiterock Beach

Dalkey Island Conservation Plan 2013-2033: As part of the draft conservation plan under Education and Research actions, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council proposes to carry out an underwater archaeology survey around the islands. Notably, the oldest wreck listed in an inventory of 30 vessels, dates to 1308 when a vessel from Conway, north Wales, was lost in a violent storm off the island. Albeit submerged, these wrecks of our local maritime archaeology deserve this recognition.

Summer 'Heatwave': We can look back with fond memories to the glorious summer 'heatwave' that led to Mediterranean-like scenes with yachts anchored off Sorrento Terrace. In addition, the human invasion on Whiterock Beach and the 'blue-flagged' Killiney Beach. Water quality is to improve further since the upgrading of the Shanganagh Wastewater Plant, see piece and photo in the March issue.

Dublin Bay Cruises: As reported in the May issue, the first season of the new Dun Laoghaire-Howth harbours excursion operator began with 75 minute cruises. The route passes offshore of Dalkey Island then turns around and heads for the Howth Peninsula, the Baily Lighthouse and Lambay Island. After rounding the Nose of Howth, Ireland's Eye comes into view before reaching Howth. The fishing port has a wide choice of restaurants and scenic coastal walks. Dublin Bay Cruises also run charter cruises into October, on a circuit of Dalkey Sound, Killiney Bay and around Dalkey Island. For more information, visit: www.dublinbaycruises.com

"Afloat" Visual Artist Roisín Cunningham is set to launch her Afloat project at the back of the Muglins where strong currents meet! The date for the launch was the 21st or 22nd September, weather permitting. Roisín has gathered a diverse amount of messages from Facebook interactions and people she has encountered during the course of this project. The vessels will contain the messages, a piece of artwork and a paper boat. Dalkey Rowing Club's Junior Ladies have kindly offered to row out to the launch point with the vessels on board. Fingers crossed for good weather and strong currents! For further details visit: www.facebook.com/roisincunninghamafloat

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Harold boys – winners of the Séan O'Gorman Cup

Harold Boys' N.S. play a very challenging league every year called the Séan O'Gorman Cup. We play against Harold Glasthule. Training every week, Harold Boys' N.S. got better and better as the year went on.
Harold Boys' N.S. haven't won since 2005, so we were hoping to win the shield this year and bring it home.
Harold Boys' N.S. had won two games and Harold Glasthule won one game out of five games, so Harold Boys' N.S. were in the lead and the final was on the 26th June 2013.
The final game was coming up soon and we were training even harder. We really wanted to win. Our school wore green jerseys. On the day of the match the weather was nice and everyone came to watch the match, the whole school and the parents. Willie Brane, our coach, gave us our positions before the match. The game kicked off and we started. At half time we were losing by four points and it wasn't looking too good! But we came back and we were scoring like crazy and the whole school was cheering. And in the end we WON by 7 goals and we got medals and the cup.
We walked back to the school. When we got there we heard everyone clapping. They were all lined up in a row. It felt good!

Sam Roberts, Ben Finlay & Ryan de Leeuw - Rang 6

In Rang 6 when we had come back from the summer holidays we were excited to see the new classroom.
The classroom has a lovely smell, lots of tables and chairs, our very own toilets, a Smart board and 24 windows. Overall I would rate this classroom 5/5 stars!
When we were in fifth class the new classroom was being built. Sometimes it was very noisy and we couldn't leave the way we usually did. There were pipes all over the new classroom and they made a big hole in the wall so they could drive their vans in to the school because the van had their tools in it.

Jason Bourke & Diarmuid O'Mahony - Rang 6

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 33-36 12/8/2013 to 6/9/2013

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

Reg. Ref. D07A/1345/E **Application Rec'd Date:**14-Aug-2013
Applicant Name & Location: M. Leahy & B. Breen, 4, Harbour Crescent, Harbour Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: For the construction of a 2 storey dwelling house and auxiliary works drainage & landscaping in the side garden of 4 Harbour Cres.. Applic. Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref. D13A/0413 **Application Rec'd Date:**14-Aug-2013
Applicant Name & Location: O'Connell, Termon, 39B, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.
Proposal : Permission for development consisting of the demolition of existing single storey extension at the side and rear and demolition of detached garage to side and construction of new part single storey and part two storey extension to the rear and side and the widening of the existing driveway and roof-lights and new boundary walls and associated site works.
Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.D13A/0438 **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Aug-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Helen Stephenson, Bartra Studio, Harbour Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission sought for a two storey extension to the existing Studio and the separation of the existing studio from the main house at Bartra Cove with the formation of a new site, a solar panel to the existing south facing roof and all associated minor works.

Reg. Ref.D08A/0019/E **Application Rec'd Date:** 27-Aug-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Barry Devlin, Summerfield Cottage, Summerfield Close, Dalkey.
Proposal: The demolition of the existing single-storey buildings, and the construction of a new two-storey residence containing three bedrooms, and associated living quarters, with two gardens at ground level and one off street parking space. The existing boundary wall to Dalkey Avenue is to be retained and extended in an identical rendered finish along the Summerfield Close, edge of the site, and to incorporate new sliding timber gates to the existing vehicle access. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0466 **Application Rec'd Date:** 6-Sep-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Iris O'Malley, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for a new 4 metre wide shared vehicular access at The Flags to Houses B (currently under construction) and C; vehicular access to House A will remain at Dalkey Avenue; relief from condition no. 7 of planning permission Reg. Ref.: D11A/0193 and ancillary site development work.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0469 **Application Rec'd Date:** 6-Sep-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Aine and Phillip Sharpe, 18, Castlepark Road, Sandycove.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of renovation and extension works to existing 2 storey semi-detached house to include demolition of existing single storey extension to rear, 2 storey bay window to end gable and single storey garage to side, removal of existing window to ground floor level of south elevation and replacement with two new windows and construction of new 2 storey and single storey extension to north, east and west facing elevations to provide new front entrance, hall, living room, kitchen dining room and den with ancillary accommodation on the ground floor with 2 bedrooms and bathroom/en-suite accommodation over. Revised landscaping to front and rear gardens, revised parking area and proposed set back of existing corner vehicular entrance gate and piers

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks. 33-36 12/08/2013 to 6/9/2013

Reg. Ref. D08A/0034/E **Date:**16-Aug-20 Decision: Grant Extention of Duration of Perm.
Applicant Name & Location: Barnhill Limited Partnership , Carn, 31, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: The development will consist of demolition of existing two storey dwelling and attached single storey apartment and to construct two semi-detached two storey three bedroom dwellings with

off street car parking for 4 vehicles at front and additional vehicular entrance off Barnhill Road and all associated site works. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission

Reg. Ref. D13A/0317 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Decision Date:** 16-Aug-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Iris O'Malley, Location: 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission for modifications to approved plans, Reg. Ref. D11A/0193 and D13A/0150, to House A only, for a change of house type from the approved two storey plus roof level accommodation five bedroom dwelling (305 sq.m) with a second floor level terrace to a three storey with setback second floor level five bedroom dwelling (326 sq.m), also with a second floor level terrace and ancillary works, including moving House A northwards by c.1.7 m.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0348 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 26-Aug-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Colm and Paula Delves, Bartra House, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the existing single storey sunroom to the Northwest elevation due to disrepair, the construction of a new single storey sunroom, 31.4 sq.m, in the same location and the conversion of 2 no. windows to the rear and West ground floor elevations to doors. A Protected Structure.

Reg. Ref.D13B/0230 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 26-Aug-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Imant & Barbra Kuda, 51, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission and Retention permission consisting of: development of a single storey extension at the rear east elevation, containing kitchen, dining and living areas (area 24m2 and ridge height 4.2m above ground level) with new pitched roof extending over existing kitchen extension. Retention permission for a porch at front, west elevation (area 3.6m2 and height 3.72m above ground level). Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0232 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 26-Aug-2013

Applicant Name & Location: P Murphy, 8, Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (1) Two new pitched roof dormers to the front of the existing detached bungalow. (2) One new pitched roof dormer to the rear. (3) New central ridge rooflight. (4) Elevational alterations to both side gable walls to include high level circular windows at roof level. (5) New window in the side elevation at ground level. (6) New roof projection over porch area and associated site works. Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.D13A/0356 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Decision Date:** 05-Sep-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Imogen Murphy & Caroline Malone, Hawthorns, Barnhill Lawn, Atmospheric Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of alterations and extending an existing dwelling house, including demolition of an existing two storey section on the northern side and construction of a new two storey extension in lieu, changing an existing vehicular access to a pedestrian access and forming a new vehicular access with associated site works. Application Type: Permission

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála WKS. 33-36 12/8/'13 to 6/9/'13

NONE FOR DALKEY AREA.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanáls Weeks. 32- 35 6/8/2013 to 30/8/2013

Reg. Ref.D12A/0386 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 27-Aug-2013

Council's Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Location: Johnville, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for the construction of a two storey, four bedroom dwelling and associated works. **Applicant:** Ruth Lambkin and Brian Gibson

LOST ON CASTLE STREET, DALKEY

Friday, 6th September a gold pin brooch with square centrepiece, inscribed with 'P and N'. Reward if found. Please telephone: 085 7397686.

NATURE CORNER by Michael Ryan

Juvenile Red Squirrel

We were delighted to see at least one new juvenile red squirrel on Killiney Hill in August and were able to get some photos of it. The researchers had trapped two female reds during the summer and knew by their teats that they had given birth but until now we hadn't seen any squirrels we could identify as that year's young. Apart from their size the one certain way to identify the young squirrels is the absence of ear-clips since all the reintroduced red squirrels and the surviving original inhabitant had all been trapped, recorded and fitted with ear clips for easy identification.

The reintroduction of the red squirrels last year was unfortunate to coincide with one of the worst years ever for seed production on the trees due to the cold miserable spring and summer of 2012, putting pressure on the squirrels to find enough food. Supplementary feeding helped them through the winter and this year after our best summer in years the beech trees were almost bending over with the weight of beech mast on them. In fact when the researchers tried to trap the squirrels to check their condition and ear-clip the young ones they couldn't get them to come in to the traps to take the bait since they had plenty of natural food in the trees.

There are updates and lots of info about the squirrels on the Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Group page run by Aiden Kearns. Please have a look and click on the Like button.

Returning home from holidays in mid August our bird feeders had been empty for a few days and the regular visitors had gone elsewhere or found more natural foods as was the case with a bullfinch I saw perched on a elder bush. Elders are a favourite berry for many birds and this year has produced a fine crop. This particular bullfinch was a juvenile and it was doing the rapid fluttering of wings with head upturned and open bill while perched actions that a young bird uses to tell its parent it wants to be fed. Since it was so late in the summer it was possibly the result of a third brood, or family, that the bullfinches had. Since the weather had been so good and lots of food available many birds would have had second or third families where in previous recent years they'd have been lucky to successfully fledge one family. After the feeders had been refilled it wasn't long before the birds resumed their normal positions and the juvenile bullfinches, distinguished from female adults by the lack of a black cap on their head, staked out their favoured feeder.

Pair of juvenile bullfinches feeding

We had been on holidays in Costa Rica, a lovely country with lots of wonderful wildlife and thousands of hectares of protected rainforest and other habitats. It was my second time there having first travelled there 15 years ago. This time we saw lots more of the country and lots of wildlife including many species of mammals I hadn't seen on my previous visit as well as lots of birds, reptiles and insects which I will write about in future issues, but I will recount one particular incidence from my first visit.

I'd been staying in Monteverde, nearly 5,000 ft above sea level, a small community surrounded by spectacular views and lots of wildlife. My next destination was a hotel on a large ranch on the Pacific lowlands and although at any other time it would have been a lovely place to stay, after Monteverde it seemed a bit tame with uniform solar powered identical bungalows which although very comfortable didn't seem quite as exotic as my previous location.

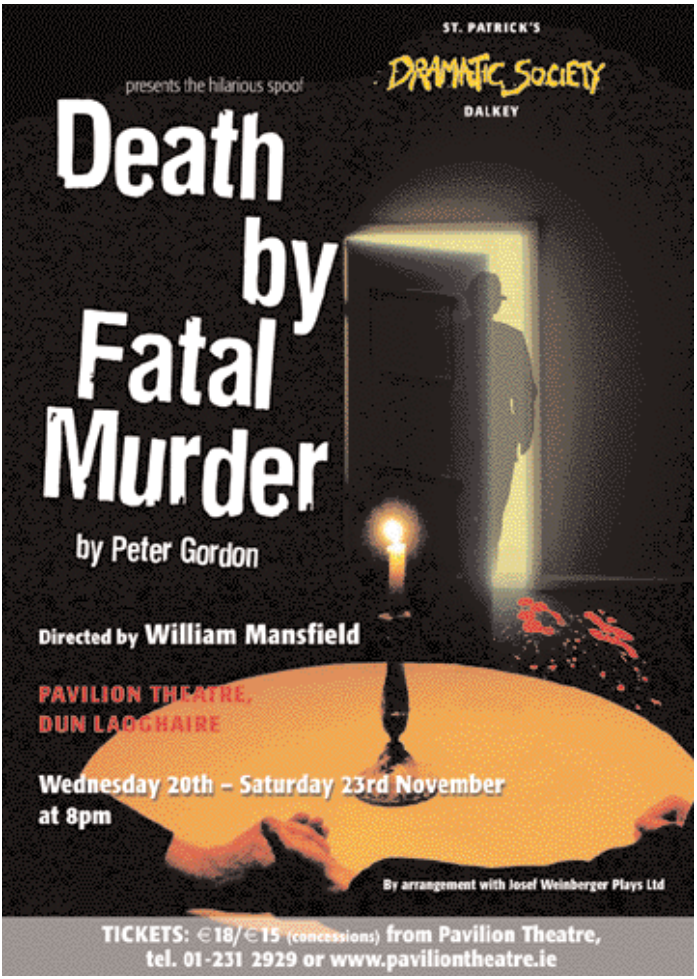
I checked in and went to my room which had a outdoor bathroom separated by a mesh screen door which I wasn't able to close completely. Wary of sharing my room with a few mosquitoes I told the manager about the faulty door and within minutes a maintenance man had arrived and fixed it.

That evening I went to the restaurant which was roofed but otherwise open with a little raised watercourse flowing through the room so you could watch fish swimming by as you dined. As I entered the restaurant I saw the manager sitting at one of the tables with some companions. He greeted me and asked was the door ok. I was replying, saying all was now fine but as I spoke I thought it a bit odd that the manager and his friends were gazing past me at something behind me.

Juvenile Red Squirrel

I turned around and perched on the back of a chair a few feet away was a small owl which had just flown in to the restaurant. It turned out the bird, a Pacific Screech Owl, was a regular visitor, having first been found in the laundry room where it had flown in through a open window. The manager had taken care of it and then released it back into the wild but the owl would regularly return, sometimes perching on the bar counter.

The manager thought it might originally have been a pet since it had no fear of people. He was very protective of it and discouraged diners from using flash photography to picture it since it might affect its eyesight. Anyhow I ate my meal while the owl perched on the opposite chair, eyeing the fish swimming by. A very unusual dining partner and where a silent dining companion might be awkward at other times this one was very charming. The hotel turned out to be a lovely stay with lots of big iguanas and good birds in the grounds and surrounding countryside



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DALKEY IN THE OLD DAYS

Ringed by seven castles, Dalkey was the port of Dublin up until the 17th century when shipping was transferred to the new port at Ringsend.

Only two of the castles remain from those busy commercial days, Goat Castle which became the Town Hall in 1869 and is now the Heritage Centre, and Archibold's Castle called after an 18th century merchant family which stands on the opposite side of Castle Street.

But much more has disappeared over the decades.

Newcomers call it Dalkey Village, but the older, established generation call it Dalkey Town. What else could you call it seeing we had a town hall, they say.

As we sipped coffee and tea in Our Lady's Hall on Castle Street there was general agreement that the old days had gone. Gone are the old traditions and the sense of community: gone the trams, the old shops, the pipe band with its big drum parading along Castle Street, children skipping and waving and cheering them on; gone the Irish dancing by the bandstand in Sorrento Park - the concrete was too slippery for ballroom dancing; gone are the high stools for weary customers. I remember being perched on one such stool when my grandmother did her shopping.

The father of one of the ladies in the Hall was a tram conductor. His morning shift started at 5.00am. Unlike the automated machines of today, he took the fares and issued the tickets. Weekly wages were collected from the Depôt which is now Kerins Chemist. The drivers and conductors lived in the tram cottages near Whites Villas. To the regret of many, these stately trams ceased to glide in and out of Dublin on 9th July 1949.

Not everyone took kindly to the spanking new, green double-decker buses however. One conductor complained that the fare money kept spilling out of his leather pouch when coming down from the upper deck as the bus bounced and swayed over the cobbled streets. Travellers complained that the rocking made reading their newspapers difficult. "Damned impossible," muttered the hated gentlemen in their posh accents.

And who has heard of the 'Sand Tram' which travelled in front of passenger trams spreading sand to prevent the horses behind from slipping during the ice and snow?

The old shops have gone too, the most famous being the newspaper and sweet shop owned by Ma Reilly, at present Country Bake. There is a picture of her

Ma Reilly

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hanging there. One had to pass through a tunnel stacked high with old newspapers to get to the counter. She kept her takings in a bag behind her. In later years as she became more eccentric, she sold the newspapers from the door, customers having to queue outside in all weather. There was Yvonne Joan Bakery noted for its delectable jam slices and the cat curled up on the counter. There was Findlaters, now Eurospar, which opened in 1900. It had a suction system whereby money was whizzed up from the shop assistant to the cashier, returning with the change. That system though no longer visible is still in use today.

ASSORTED MEMORIES:

Kavanagh's cabs horse drawn cabs ferrying passengers to and from the railway station. There was Wallace's vegetable shop, Ryan's coal which traded from the Tramyard. The cinema on Convent Road which from some accounts was a wooden structure and which, if it was like the one in Glasthule, one could get in by selling jam jars - 1 penny for a small one and up to 7d for the larger. Running messages for neighbours in exchange for a piece of bread smeared with sugar. The Corpus Christi Parade in August when girls who had just received their First Communion collected rose petals the day before and put them into wicker baskets. When the parade passed through the town the following day, the girls took out the petals, kissed each one before dropping it on the road. What a wonderful sight that must have been - multicoloured petals dancing along the Dalkey cobbles in the breeze.

Yes indeed, the old days and traditions have gone.

WILLIAM BLACKALL

Flight Fest 2013 Dublin

SINÉAD'S WINE CORNER

My travels brought me back to Var in the South of France this year. As always, in this beautiful region that produces mouth-watering Rosé you have to do some tastings. In the very first tasting I was introduced to a most famous rosé called 'Pink Floyd'. It is made from 60% cinsault, grenache and shiraz. Strawberry and cherry fruits leap from the glass, it is crisp and refreshing and is a perfect pairing with salads but can still hold its own up against heavier food such as chicken. This Rosé is produced at Chateau Miraval in the village of Correns in Var. In May 2008 Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt decided to lease Chateau Miraval. It is also home to a world famous recording studio with Sting, The Cranberries and Pink Floyd having recorded songs at its studio.

So after sampling this beautiful Rosé we decided to take a trip out to see Chateau Miraval and maybe even get a glance of Brad and Ange. After much map studying, wrong turns and inaccessible roads we managed to find our way to the entrance of Chateau Miraval. Unfortunately, all we could see was iron gates and a very nice security guard who let us take photos. We left without any 'Pink Floyd' and wondering how many tourists before us that day had stood and taken pictures. Maybe next time we would be lucky and catch a glimpse of the famous owners but at least we had found a very drinkable rosé. If you are interested or just want an interesting wine that comes from a background of fame, then check out www.snooth.com and search Miraval.

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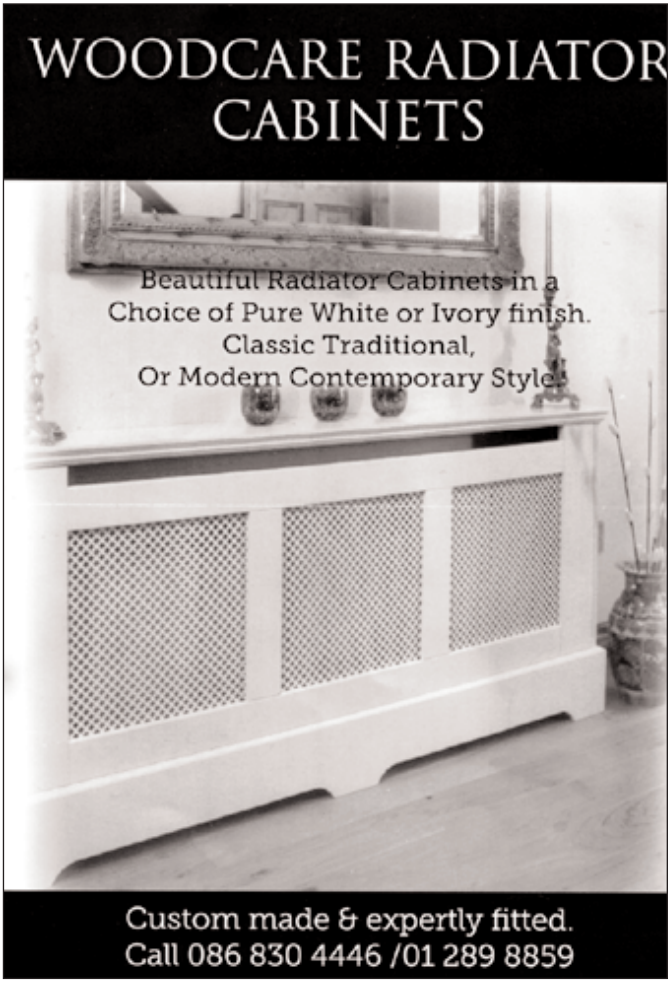

❖ NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ❖

Rector: **Rev. Bruce Hayes** **Email:** **dalkeyparish@gmail.com**
Phone: **280 3369** **Web:** **www.dalkey.dublin.anglican.org**

Church Concert – We are delighted to welcome the Prazak String Quartet to St. Patrick's Church on Friday 4th October at 8pm. The programme will include:

Josef Haydn	String Quartet Op 71/1
Leos Janacek:	String Quartet No. 2 Intimate Letters
Beethoven:	String Quartet Op 59/1

The Prazak Quartet have been together since 1972. They formed the quartet while still students at the Prague Conservatory. They were awarded 1st prize at the Evian International Competition in 1978 and at the Prague Spring Festival in 1979.

The Prazak Quartet have been regular visitors to Ireland and so this is a great opportunity to see them here in Dalkey. Tickets €20 with concession for students are available from the Parish Office 01 284 5941 or on the door.

In Town: Join Us for Prayers and Communion – Do you work in town? Or come into shop mid-week? Join us in St. Patrick's Church on Thursdays at 10.30a.m. for a 25-minute service to refresh and renew your spirit in the middle of the workday.

PARISH ACTIVITIES in the Northover Hall are:

Handcraft/Knitting Group	Tuesdays from 2.30 - 4.30 in the parish hall.
Parent and Toddler Group	Tuesdays from 10.30am to 12 noon.
Pilates	Mondays from 7pm to 9pm.
Yoga	Wed.from 6.30pm to 9.30pm and Thurs. 10am to 11.30pm
Cubs and Scouts	Fridays from 6.30pm
Art and Drawings	Wednesdays for 2pm to 3pm
Ballet Classes	Saturdays from 9.45am to 5.30pm
Dramatic Society	Thursdays 7pm to 10.30pm.

DALKEY GARDA CLINICS

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

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❖ MY GARDEN by Philippa Thomas ❖

Cotoneaster Horizontalis (evergreen with tiny white flowers, opening early summer) lies effortlessly against any flat surface and never fail to produce a mass of scarlet berries. Cotoneasters grow in sun or shade, damp or dry, sand or clay.

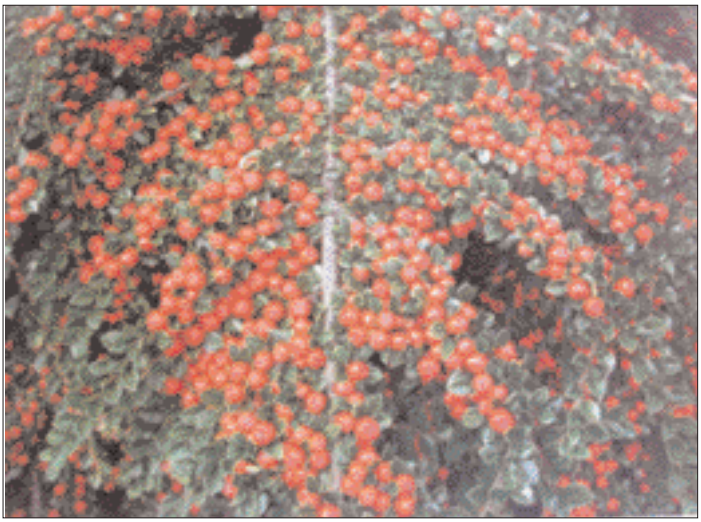
Autumn has its own beauty, a time of majesty in our gardens. Certainly, its own palette of colours and flowering delights. As our autumn leaves fall and berries blaze with colour, is not our ripe richness of this season all around us ? What a finale it makes! Our deciduous trees and shrubs prepare for our cold winds of winter by shedding their leaves and when this happens, the green chlorophyll is dismantled and stored for winter in the trunk and branches, then the other pigments contained in the leaves are revealed. These yellow, red and purple pigments give our autumn leaves their glory. Have we lost the autumn planting habit? 'Natures best time for planting is often right now, - not spring' .... Hundreds of years of trying, testing and planting by gardeners have re-affirmed that our autumn is our best time for planting. With the soil still warm and rain to come during late autumn and early winter, chances are far better than in spring. Some of our plants, trees and shrubs, despite 'my' maltreatment over the years, have matured nicely; mostly, they don't seem to care about my fickle gardening style.

When I think back over the years of my various flats, apartments, rental of houses, my mini, then 'Reno' boot, laden with pot plants of all types, being whisked in and out, here and there to their new destination. Suppose many of us at some stage, were almost nomadic gardeners! Remember, one time, my large Euonymus, found a new lease of life as a pretty perfect way to hide a gas meter. ..... Almost everything can be initially grown in pots, even large chunky evergreens, that one day might form the bone structure of a garden. Having said all this, who, today, doesn't come away from flower shows and garden centres with plants bought on impulse, usually in bloom - then, how many of us really have the guts to do the right thing and cut back to ground level those very flowers that enticed us, so that their roots can establish themselves and grow more quickly, (obviously, 'this' doesn't apply to all types of plants.)

A welcoming Sunflower which self-seeded itself with our garden bird seed

MIGHT DO .... MAYBE, OCTOBER JOBS

1. Some gardeners hold that the greenhouse is first to get going in spring and last to shut down in autumn. Abutilons, Streptocarpus, etc., tender plants put outdoors for the summer, should be taken undercover in October before our first frosts .
2. Watch out for scale insects causing sooty moulds to develop on Camellias, Ivies and Bay trees, so control with your own desired procedure.
3. Birch trees need little pruning, so aim to create well-shaped young trees and on mature trees only, remove branches where necessary. Best to carry out pruning after leaf fall before midwinter, to avoid 'bleeding', (sap weeping from new cuts).
4. The growth rate of young trees is reduced by half if they are growing in competition with grass and weeds, maybe make a weed-free area, of one metre.
5. If your lawn is looking tired and pale, maybe apply an autumn lawn fertilizer this month to boost late season growth and so will leave your lawn looking its best
6. A colourful scatter of fallen leaves on a lawn can look most decorative at this time of year but if left on the lawn for more than a week, the grass can turn yellow and can be seriously weakened as fallen leaves release chemicals that inhibit grass growth.
7. Fallen leaves raked from your lawn or driveway can be stacked to make leafmould, which can be used for making 'home-made' compost with soil.
8. If shrubs planted in recent years look like they were incorrectly positioned, they can be lifted and moved when their leaves fall.
9. Pergolas, arches, bowers, etc. It is often necessary at this time of year or every few years to prune back rampant, vigorous climbers to their older growth.
10. While our nation plants up summer containers - few do so for winter. There are more than ever before, plants available for winter colour and effect and foliage plants can come into their own. Winter Pansies, turbo Pansies, Cyclamen and the smaller flowered kinds are better at withstanding cold weather. Chrysanthemums of small sizes now, are widely available.

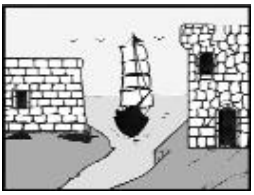


Pyracantha, either red, orange or yellow berries, its colours are bright and lively and associate really well with autumn colour foliage.

Ewe cannot be serious!

From original by Thomas Joseph

❖ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ART EXHIBITION 2013 ❖



Dalkey Community Council's Annual Art Exhibition will take place in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey on **Saturday** and **Sunday, November 9th and 10th 2013.**

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. 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, 8th November at 12.30 p.m**. Paintings must be accompanied by a signed Disclaimer and Exhibition Number(s) for the painting(s). Opening Reception: **8th November, 2013.**

Only two paintings per artist are allowed. "Not for Sale" exhibits will *not* be accepted.

All paintings must be collected from the Hall between **4** and **5pm** on **Sunday, 10th November, 2013**.

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION ENTRY FORM

Name: .....

Address: .....

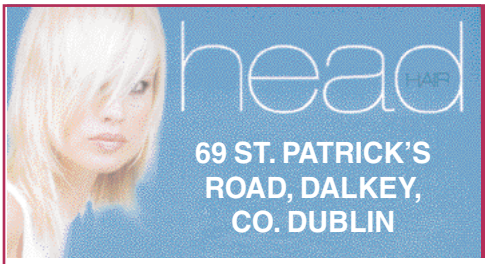
.....Tel. No. .....

Entry 1. .....Price: .....

Entry 2: .....Price: .....

Signature: .....Date .....

Please return completed form to: Ms. Rosaleen Callaghan (Tel.: 087-2109847) to arrive no later than **November 1st, 2013** or to the DCC Postbox in Our Lady's Hall, Dalkey.



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❖ POSTCARD FROM HELSINKI ❖

Helsinki Lake

It is dribbling rain in Helsinki, practically the first time it has done so during the day since we arrived six weeks ago so it is a good opportunity to sit down and scribble you a few lines.

Last weekend, we took advantage of a beautiful balmy Saturday to travel out of town to Nuuksio National Park; it is approximately 30km from downtown Helsinki and so a popular place for the locals to get to the forest and lake which is so much part of Finnish culture and society.

The park was created in 1994 and is 53 sq. km. in size, which makes it slightly larger than the city of San Francisco (49 sq. km). The brochure says one can " freely walk or ski (except in the gardens of private holiday homes), pick wild mushrooms and berries and fish with a simple rod and line or in an ice-hole), camp and light campfires in the special sites provided" but may you not "leave litter, damage or disturb vegetation, soils or wildlife or let pets off lead"...that all sounds sensible to me, although the ice-holes and ski sounds a bit ominous!

I could wax lyrical about the flora and fauna but prefer this time to let a couple of photos speak instead. One thing I will say; the sound of silence was deafening in its power...and was an "awesome" spiritual experience. I can't wait to come back to listen to the magic of it with snow on the ground!

Another positive experience of a different sort was the Gaelic Football match I attended last Saturday morning, between the Helsinki Harps and the Oulu Elks! As I understand, the Harps were founded last year and the Elks, who claim to be the world's most northerly GAA club, established themselves in January of this year. While it is a sign of the times that we are exporting not just more goods and services than ever before but also the best of our young talent and our culture, it is a contemporary phenomenon that our national sports are also burnishing the image of Ireland abroad...and wonderful it is to see it in action!

Many of the founding club members are from Ireland, some providing the bedrock of each team with playing -history at county level, but there were Finns, a Glaswegian and a young Portuguese also on the field! How about that for globalisation of one of our great national sports traditions?!?

The shame of it is that while the clubs have paid membership fees to GAA HQ to be allowed to form themselves under the official GAA banner, they are still waiting for a response from Croke Park to their grant applications. It is hard to understand, let alone explain, the length of this delay which impacts negatively on morale. Needless to say, participation is on an entirely amateur level and so all costs are borne fully by the individual members. Both clubs are actively looking for longer-term sponsorship; all proposals welcome.

To end this postcard on a sunny note: I have been saying to anyone who will listen how friendly and helpful and open I have found everyone here. Several Finns have said, with a smile, that I should wait 'til winter comes before rushing to judgement...que sera...

Your Finland Station correspondent

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

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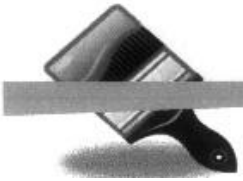

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❖ OCTOBER 2013 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS – James Scannell ❖

Wednesday October 2nd – The Old Dublin Society meets at 6.30pm in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Ken Kinlay will present his talk *"Dublin Day by Day"*. All welcome - admission free.

Thursday October 3rd – The Mount Merrion Historical Society meets at 8pm in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Francis Devine will present his lecture on *"The 1913 Lockout"* All welcome. Admission €4.

Monday October 7th – The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland meets at 7.30pm in 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2 - Dr. Jane Fenlon will present her talk *"Rathfarnham Castle – The Sixteenth Century House"*

Tuesday October 8th – The Friends of Medieval Dublin and Dublin City Council will host a 40-minute Milestones of Medieval Dublin lunchtime lecture at 1.05 pm on *"1349:The Black Death"* presented by Gillian Kenny in the Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. Admission free.

The Genealogical Society of Ireland meets **at 8 pm** in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. James Ryan will speak on *"Rental Sources as a Genealogical Source"* All welcome - admission €4.

Wednesday October 9th – The Old Dublin Society meets at 6.30 p.m. in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Paul Huddie will present his lecture *"Dublin and the Crimean War, 1854-56: the City at the Heart of it"*. All welcome – admission free.

Thursday October 10th – The Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society meets at 8 p.m. in The Function Room, Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Pádraig Yeates will present his lecture on *"Lockout: Dublin 1913"* All welcome - admission €3.

Wednesday October 16th – The Old Dublin Society meets at 6.30pm in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse St. Dublin 2. Bernardine Ruddy will present her lecture *"William Watson's Clontarf Nursery (1880-1920)"*. All welcome – admission free.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society meets at 8 p.m. in The Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Rob Goodbody will present his lecture on *"Old Roads of Killiney & Ballybrack"* - Adm. €3.50.

Thursday October 17th – The Bray Cualann Historical Society meets at 8pm in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce, Quinsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. Chris Corlett will present his lecture *"Here Lieth the 18th Century Headstones of County Wicklow"* All welcome - admission €4.

Wednesday October 23rd – The Old Dublin Society meets at 6.30pm in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Pádraig Yeates will present his lecture *"The 1913 Lockout: Why an Injury to One became a Concern for Al"* All welcome – admission free.

Wednesday October 30th – The Old Dublin Society meets at 6.30pm in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Brian White will present his lecture *"The Brabazons of Dublin and Wicklow."* All welcome - admission free.

Thursday October 31st – The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland meets at 7.30pm in 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. Dr. Katherine Simms will present The Frank Mitchell Memorial Lecture on *"Mulieres Nudae, Cardes Crusae. Gaelic Ulster, Impressions and Realities"*.

THANK YOU

Very many thanks to all those Dalkey Community Council Newsletter readers who responded about my request for a description/image of the Dalkey Atmospheric Railway

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station. None surfaced so it appears that it may never have been sketched or described in text and so may have taken the form of a covered / uncovered improvised platform. Absent from all published accounts of this system is how tickets were collected / issued at Dalkey.

James Scannell

A LITTLE DALKEY HISTORY – Watch v Speedometer!

In 1913 the road speed limit was 20 m.p.h./25 k.p.h. with motorists who ventured even only a fraction above it being prosecuted by the police when detected. At the Thursday August 21st 1913 sitting of Kingstown Police Court, Sgt. O'Neill summoned William J. Carruthers, Fritz Cottage, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, a Licensed Driver employed by a Mr. Booth, for having exceeded the speed limited of 20 m.p.h. over a measured distance on the Rock Road on July 7th. Sergeant O'Neill said that the defendant's car covered the measured distance of 440 yards (1/4 mile) in 334/5 seconds, being equal to a speed of 26106/169 miles per hour. Mr. Crewell, solicitor, who appeared for Mr. Carruthers, disputed the time recorded by the police, arguing that his client had not exceeded the speed limit. Mr. Carruthers told the court that he was aware of the police speed trap and had not exceeded the speed limit as he kept an eye on his speedometer to ensure he did not exceed it. In answer to a number of questions, he said that the speedometer was supposed to be accurate but Mr. Byrne, solicitor, who appeared for the police, argued that if the speedometer was even showing a shade over 20 m.p.h. while covering the measured distance, the defendant would have been travelling at 26 m.p.h. In the end, magistrate Mr. Hunt, found in favour of the police and fined Mr. Carruthers the lesser amount of 10s instead of the normal £1 imposed in such cases, as he had to pay this himself from his own pocket as his employer was not prepared to pay it.

The Wicklow Newsletter & Arklow Reporter - Saturday August 23rd 1913.

JAMES SCANNELL

KEN DIXON R.I.P.

It is with regret that we note the passing of Ken Dixon, a valued member of the Community Council for many years. Indeed, he held the position of Chairman for two of those years. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Josie, and their children at this sad time.

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Sunday 6th October: Meet in the car park at Booterstown DART Station at 10:30am. A winter bird walk at Booterstown Marsh to learn about the wintering waders and wildfowl that rely on the marsh and sand flats in the area. This is an annual event organised jointly by DLRCC, BirdWatch Ireland (South Dublin Branch), An Taisce and Friends of Booterstown Marsh.Leader: Members of BirdWatch Ireland (South Dublin Branch) No booking required.

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❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

October DCC Meeting in OLH @ 8pm in OLH	Mon 7 Oct
Sorting November Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 31 Oct
Summer time ends - hour goes back	Sun 27Oct
Bank Holiday	Mon 28 Oct
Closing date for receipt of entry forms for the DCC Art Exhibition	Fri 1 Nov
DCC November Meeting in OLH @ 8pm	Mon 4 Nov

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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

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

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey Northover Hall at 8pm. Mondays & Thursdays Contact Deirdre 087-9566460 or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information.

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

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

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

NATURE NOTES

Tuesday 1 October: Highlights of the South Dublin Branch's trip to Spain in March 2013, presented by Niall Hatch and Stephen McAvoy.

Sunday 6 October: Coach outing to Wexford, taking in Tacumshin Lake. Limited to 30 people. Please book at bookings@southdublinbirds.com.

Sunday 13 October: Bird watching at Booterstown Marsh in conjunction with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

DLR Biodiversity Events - Exploring Nature – see page 41

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

Sky has announced that its new generation of satellite receivers will no longer have the facility to use a "digital eye" and the coaxial output will no longer feature in the new receivers. Simply put, this means that you will no longer be able to share a Sky box with a second screen (or use the digital eye facility). To make matters worse existing receivers that have this facility will have it disabled by Sky. So if you are using a sky receiver and it's hooked up to more than one television, and you have the ability to switch channels from a different room you can expect this setup to stop working sometime in the near future. Thank you Sky !

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