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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 spoirt  
d'ár bpáistí óga oíche  
shamhna

We wish our young children  
lots of safe fun  
at Halloween



*Dun Laoghaire Lifeboat 'RNLB Anna Livia' approaching Bulloch Harbour  
for the Annual Blessing of the Boats*

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Photo: Brian Meyer

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## SUMMARY OF DCC SEPTEMBER MEETING



The DCC Meeting was held on Monday 1st September in OLH.

A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for the late Maura Murray and John Coyle both of whom sadly died during the month of July.

**DTT:** The small green area at the side of the Masonic Hall is currently being refurbished. This is a project undertaken by DTT and grant aided by DLR. DCC had been nominated by DLR to take part in the “Pride of Place” competition. This is an all Ireland competition and the local authorities nominate certain projects or groups. DCC made a power point presentation to the two judges in the HC on Tuesday 26th August and afterwards gave them a tour of the town and harbours. DCC thank Margaret Dunne for the use of the HC and also Malcolm Connolly and Terry Wheatley who both worked hard putting the presentation together.

**AOB:** DCC will check out the complaint about the tree roots that are protruding through Coliemore Road at the bad bend at Coliemore Villas. In order to avoid them cars have to pull out and motorists can find themselves facing into oncoming traffic.

*The next DCC Meeting is Monday 20th October 2014.*



## DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE



*Actor Nick Dunning and  
TD Mary Mitchell O'Connor launch  
the Ballroom Dancing Season in  
Dalkey Town Hall.*

*Continues Sunday Oct 12th at 7.00pm*

*Photo: Jason Clarke Photography*



Large numbers of locals have availed of the free tours of the Heritage Centre as part of DLR Summer of Heritage and Culture Night. A spin -off of this

has been that people have been sending their friends and families back, which has been a great bonus! The provision of these tours has afforded us a great opportunity to showcase all the historical information that is at one's fingertips in the new interpretation gallery. We look forward to all of those participants becoming our 'ambassadors' when they meet visitors in the town. We are also working with Ken the Ferryman on providing orientation to those going on trips to Dalkey Island. The fine summer weather has been a great asset to the development of the trips under Ken and Dave's supervision.

**Ballroom Dancing** will continue on Sunday 12th October at 7.00pm. Tommy Whelan formerly of Jury's tea dances will lead some dancing lessons for the first hour. Then dancing continues to the live music of George Hunter and his band Galaxy. Lesson, dancing and refreshments are included in the admission price €20.

**Dalkey Creates** is a new writing festival for Dalkey which runs from October 16th -19th. Dalkey Castle is involved in providing some literary events to

complement the festival, both for participants and the locals.

On Friday 17th, **Jennifer Johnston** will be in conversation with **Martina Devlin** at



7.30pm. Jennifer Johnston, who is a most prolific writer, has a new novel on its way to the printers. Her previous one *'The Sixpenny Song'* was published last year. Huge congratulations are due to Martina Devlin whose newly published novel, *'The House where it Happened'* has been optioned by a film company.

**The work of Maeve Binchy:** There will be a complete focus on the work of our own Maeve Binchy on the Saturday evening. Gordon Snell, Maeve's husband, will introduce the highly popular *'Scenes from Minding Frankie'* on Saturday 18th at 7.30pm. This stage play by Shay Linehan is adapted from Maeve's novel *'Minding Frankie'*. It stars Michel Heavey as Tony and it has been my pleasure to direct it.

**Talk back:** Gillian Binchy will interview the writer Shay Linehan after the performance on the process involved in adapting the novel for stage.

**Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre opening times** in September and October are from 10.00- 17.30 weekdays and 11.00-17.30 weekends. Last tours are approx. one hour before closing time. Closed every Tuesday.

**Bookings** for events: Ballroom Dancing and Literary events in Dalkey Creates online on the website [www.dalkeycastle.com/booking](http://www.dalkeycastle.com/booking)

Call into reception at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre or Tel 01 285 8366

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



## D.A.R.A. UPDATE



On the 15th September D.A.R.A. hosted a Coffee Morning and Get-Together. We had a very interesting and informative talk from Bill Hastings, Chairman of the Dalkey Business Association (re-branded now as Discover Dalkey). He told us all about forthcoming festivals in Dalkey. There is going to be one each month. So keep a lookout for the details. Then he told us a little of the heritage of Dalkey. Telling us that on Dalkey Island evidence has been found to prove that Dalkey Island was the earliest settlement in Ireland, dating back from 4,000 and 10,000 B.C.

We could have listened to Bill all day. He was so interesting and knowledgeable on Dalkey.

**ROSEMARY PEARSON, D.A.R.A. Correspondent**



Maeve  
Binchy  
Memorial  
Garden  
Dalkey  
Library

Photo. Carmel Kelly,  
Dalkey Library





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## ADJUDICATION REPORT

Centre: Dalkey Ref: 170  
Category: E Date(s): 18/06/2014

County: Dublin Mark: 298

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2014
Community Involvement & Planning	60	47
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	45
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	37
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	37
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	17
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	49
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	34
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	32
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>298</b>

**Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:** It was a pleasure to adjudicate Dalkey, a long standing contestant of 28 years in the annual SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition which is over 50 years old, on an usually hot Summer's evening with bright blue sea and sky creating a wonderful, joyful atmosphere. The comprehensively completed entry form with enclosures and particularly the maps were most helpful during our visit. Your very clear and succinct objectives are easily achievable once everybody in Dalkey is equally committed and the holistic strategy encompassing heritage, culture, built environment and natural amenities to achieve same is the appropriate way forward. Stemming from a committee of just eight your network of volunteers and close association with so many groups and statutory authorities is clearly an effective formula. Working in conjunction with the schools particularly augers well for the future. Please appreciate that it is not within the scope of this report to make reference to or comment on all the work and improvements you have made since last year, rather to cite some examples and offer constructive criticism where warranted.

**Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:** Dalkey possesses a fine streetscape with buildings ranging from mediaeval to contemporary, creating a vibrant atmosphere. Most shopfronts clearly are well kept. However, in general the upper floors did not look so well as they might - more frequent painting and weeding at roof level including chimneys would have been advantageous. Nonetheless the retention of so many sash windows is highly commended. Our favourite premises were those where the overall composition from ground to roof is designed and consistently maintained as one unit. The Guinea Pig was festooned with floral adornment. Photogenic is a well renowned contemporary building but the awnings beginning to fray detracted a little. The contemporary take on traditional of Design House with sash windows was liked. The carefully considered window display of Dalkey Pharmacy perfectly harmonised with the entire façade. Finnegan's by virtue of its size and design including simple traditional signage, decorated with flowers, made quite an impact. McDonagh's with its shady forecourt looked most inviting on a hot afternoon but the railings will soon need repainting. The front of The Queen's was packed to capacity. SuperValu has been transformed in recent times but weeds on high level ledges should be removed. Similarly, weeds were evident on the roof of the elegant 1901 Public Library and chimney of Our Lady's Hall.

Improvements to the building of SherryFitzgerald were also noted but again there was a prominent weed at roof level. The 1894 building with Dalkey News is an architecturally important element of the streetscape - while the essence of the original shopfront remains consideration should be given to lessening signage and window advertising. The newer commercial premises on St Patrick's Road were neatly presented. The Tram Yard is a most interesting place, reminiscent of holidays abroad. Topaz was neatly presented but do try to avoid excessive clutter which indeed is synonymous with garage forecourts. Eamon Walshe garage on Barnhill Road was well decorated with hanging baskets - a rare sight at garages! Cuala Sports building will need repainting by next summer. It is a pity that the Garda Station appears to be no longer in use - it will deteriorate rapidly unless attended to. The





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Churches together with their magnificent grounds were once again admired. The flamboyant entrance to Castle Park School caught the eye. The Community Playgroup is a 'fun' building which the pre-schoolers must enjoy. Completion of building work at Harold Boys School is looked forward to. Loreto Abbey again made a valuable contribution. Dalkey Castle Heritage Centre makes a dramatic statement in the streetscape. The adjacent St Begnet's Church and Graveyard is an interesting place to visit. Dalkey Castle with the stone seat in memory of Harry Latham is a tranquil, reflective place. The railway station is an important entry point to the village and consequently it was pleasing to see the platform, building and area outside well presented as further expounded below. Nonetheless consideration could be given to replacing the sides of the pedestrian bridge over the railway line. The standard of street furniture varied somewhat. Despite worthwhile improvements some items regrettably were disfigured by graffiti. Rusty ESB poles in some areas including Coliemore Road looked poor. The recent small heritage type finger direction signs are effective and admired.

**Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:** A high standard under this heading had been sustained over the past year with numerous incidental areas of planting as well as the larger open spaces to be enjoyed. Dillon's Park with its uninterrupted view out to Sea and Dalkey Island is unique in many respects. The neat shrub beds in the Supervalu car park were particularly noticed, also the spectacular large containers at the entrance and at the back of Our Lady's Hall. Emerging from the railway station the combination of stone setts, timber seats, planting and lamp standards with hanging baskets looked most picturesque. There were however some instances of lack of consistency - for example, weedy outbreaks alongside decorative planting and other effective improvements at Bullock Harbour. There are numerous opportunities for further landscaping - the large traffic island at the top of Hyde Road, across the street from Termon and the paved area at the bottom of St Patrick's Avenue for instance - incidentally each of these space is dominated by advertising hoardings. Most grass verges and greens around Dalkey had been well mown but here and there as further mentioned below attention to detail such as trimming around trees and poles was inadequate. Raking of grass cuttings was necessary on the small green at Ormeau Drive. The various well cared for playground and sports facilities are important elements of open space. Young and mature trees throughout Dalkey contribute enormously to the ambience of the village. It is recommended that suckers growing from the base of the trees on Hyde Road should be cut off as they occur. Hanging baskets and window boxes play an important role but use them sparingly; too many can actually detract from the built environment! Having the services of a trainee landscaper and three volunteers will undoubtedly be of great benefit over the next year.

**Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Náúúrtha:** Dalkey is well endowed with natural amenities - especially the sea, accessible at Bullock Harbour, Coliemore Harbour, The Ramparts and White Rock Beach. Killiney Hill Park provides a multiplicity of opportunities for flora and fauna study as well as leisure pursuits. The Red Squirrel Conservation Project has been a great success, similarly the Roseate Tern Conservation Project. The proposed designation of Killiney Hill and Dalkey Coastal Zone as a Natural Heritage Area is true recognition of its national significance and the current Marine Special Area of Conservation designations means that Dalkey is well and truly on the 'map'. Dillon's Park and particularly Sorrento Park are interesting in that they combine Victorian concepts of landscaping with conservation of natural habitats. It was most encouraging to read about your various initiatives and projects involving the schools. The various interpretation displays are invaluable in raising awareness. Dalkey Quarry is a great asset but, without wishing to affect its natural attributes, perhaps the access from Ardrugh Road could be enhanced.

**Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:** It was gratifying to read that you took note of last year's report to such an extent that after less than a year you have carried out a survey of businesses, had meetings with various waste collection / recycling companies and now use just one company to recycle 100% of all waste with significant financial and environmental gains for the town.

Dalkey could well become 'Ireland's first green town'. The schools, it seems, as they gather green flags, are already leading the way - congratulations! Reduce and reuse will hopefully soon be an automatic response by residents and business people alike to waste minimisation. The recycling receptacles were generally tidy but could have been cleaner. A black plastic bag had been abandoned at the bottle banks at the railway station.





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**Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:** While most of Dalkey and outskirts had a tidy appearance lapses unfortunately reduced the standard. Despite the litter control measures you have in place, regrettably litter was a problem this year as a light scattering was evident along Ulverton Road, Bullock Harbour, Coliemore Road and Castle Street, not helped by overflowing bins. There were four plastic bottles in the gravelled area across the street from Termon and considerable litter and glass bottles in the vacant area behind railings between the top of Hyde Road and Topaz. The large advertising displays in both of these locations and elsewhere disfigure Dalkey and are totally out of keeping with its heritage town status.

Weeds too were a problem in several areas including Bullock Harbour, kerbsides on Rockfort Avenue, Tubbermore Road and particularly at the sides of Burma Road where weeds were growing from unswept grass cuttings. Smelly overflowing refuse bins in the laneway between Grapevine and Head on St Patrick's Road were a problem. Graffiti on street furniture and walls in laneways was disappointing. It is important that The Metals be regularly maintained to ensure it remains a safe and pleasant route to walk. The perimeter of car parks need to be regularly checked for weeds and litter - the inner railway station car park, Burma Road car park and Castle Street car park all needed attention.

**Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:** Road signs of several residential areas needed freshening up. Weeds were noted at the entrance to Castle Close but generally the 25 estates were extremely well presented. The extensive Barnhill Avenue etc area was well cared for but the green at the junction with Barnhill Road was overgrown. Beautiful houses with immaculate hedges were admired on Saval Park Road. Individual houses range from traditional through exotic to contemporary and all sizes are represented from sea level to the top of the hill. It is hard not to refer to the majestic Sorrento Terrace. Those residents who extend their effort to the roadside are to be especially commended. Cheerfully painted cottages on Ardburgh Road do their best to compensate for shortcomings as noted below. Well clipped hedges and prolific gardens were the notable feature of Castlepark Road. St Begnet's Villas had some freshly painted walls and the nasturtium planted mini roundabout exuded great pride just as the exemplary St Patrick's Square. The terraced brick cottages of Carysfort Road and St Patrick's Road are a significant part of the town centre - several were adorned with window boxes and the retention of so many sash windows is commended. Unfortunately one courtyard development had long grass. Kilbegnet Close dating from 1987 is a well-designed courtyard development but unfortunately suffered from weedy paving and poorly maintained grass. The terrace of four gable fronted houses at the Barnhill Road / Dalkey Avenue junction were admired, especially the boldly painted house at the corner. The distinctive building with sash windows at the corner on the way down to Bullock Harbour from Breffni Road would have benefitted from a fresh coat of white paint but generally the 25 estates were extremely well presented. The extensive Barnhill Avenue etc. area was well cared for but the green at the junction with Barnhill Road was overgrown. Beautiful houses with immaculate hedges were admired on Saval Park Road. Individual houses range from traditional through exotic to contemporary and all sizes are represented from sea level to the top of the hill. It is hard not to refer to the majestic Sorrento Terrace. Those residents who extend their effort to the roadside are to be especially commended. Cheerfully painted cottages on Ardburgh Road do their best to compensate for shortcomings as noted below. Well clipped hedges and prolific gardens were the notable feature of Castlepark Road. St Begnet's Villas had some freshly painted walls and the nasturtium planted mini roundabout exuded great pride just as the exemplary St Patrick's Square. The terraced brick cottages of Carysfort Road and St Patrick's Road are a significant part of the town centre - several were adorned with window boxes and the retention of so many sash windows is commended. Unfortunately one courtyard development had long grass. Kilbegnet Close dating from 1987 is a well-designed courtyard development but unfortunately suffered from weedy paving and poorly maintained grass. The terrace of four gable fronted houses at the Barnhill Road / Dalkey Avenue junction were admired, especially the boldly painted house at the corner. The distinctive building with sash windows at the corner on the way down to Bullock Harbour from Breffni Road would have benefitted from a fresh coat of white paint.

**Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:** – The stone Dalkey Heritage Town signs on the approach roads created a welcome introduction to, notably that well placed on the raised podium along with trees coming from Sandycove. Indeed beautiful stone walls





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as well as mature trees and hedges are a characteristic of all approaches. Grass verges where they occur were generally fine but long grass at poles and trees reduced the impact. Weeds along the road wall of Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel should have been cleared. Grass and trees on the roundabout at the top of Albert Road created a good impression on the Barnhill Road approach. The twisting narrow Leslie Avenue edged with stone walls evoked an intriguing sense of discovery. Vico Road was stunning on the adjudication day as the blue sea glistened. Travelling up Knocknacree Road and on to Ardburgh Road revealed expansive views across Dublin Bay. The standard of Ardburgh Road was surprisingly mixed in comparison with most other parts of Dalkey - unkempt roadsides, overgrown stone walls and a vacant site looked poor. The promise of work on Ardeevin Road is encouraging - the weedy footpath and rusty railings in particular looked poor. It was nice to see some of the old type of road direction signs still in use.

The first impression of Dalkey was very good but on closer scrutiny faults became apparent. At your level in the Competition rigorous attention to consistency and detail is important. Nonetheless, congratulations on your achievements to date and we look forward to returning next year!

*From the Hill to the Harbours*

❖ **BLESSING OF THE BOATS AT BULLOCH HARBOUR** ❖



*RNLB off Bulloch Harbour*

This annual event took place on Sunday 17th August. Despite heavy rain beforehand, the weather cleared and the large crowd had a most enjoyable sunny afternoon on the pier. The Blessing Ceremony was led by Rev. Asa Bjork Olafsdottir, Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire, Lifeboat Chaplain, and Fr Patrick Monahan, St Michael’s, Dun Laoghaire. Our M.C. William Byrne also provided the musical entertainment, supported by Banjo Jerry and Conall Coleman. We are most grateful to all the local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle, and to the Tramyard in Dalkey for facilitating advance raffle ticket sales. Our catering team provided great hot food and refreshments. Both the Inshore and All-Weather lifeboats were alongside, and many people had the opportunity to go on board the ‘RNLB Anna Livia’ in the harbour. There was also face painting to entertain the younger family members present.

Special thanks are due to Chris Lawless, Monica Smyth and their teams for work in the preparation and organisation of the event, and to the committee members of the Bulloch Harbour Association under chairperson, Kevin O’Halloran. The Association had pleasure in forwarding a cheque for €2000 to the RNL Dun Laoghaire as the proceeds of a very successful day.

**BRIAN MEYER**

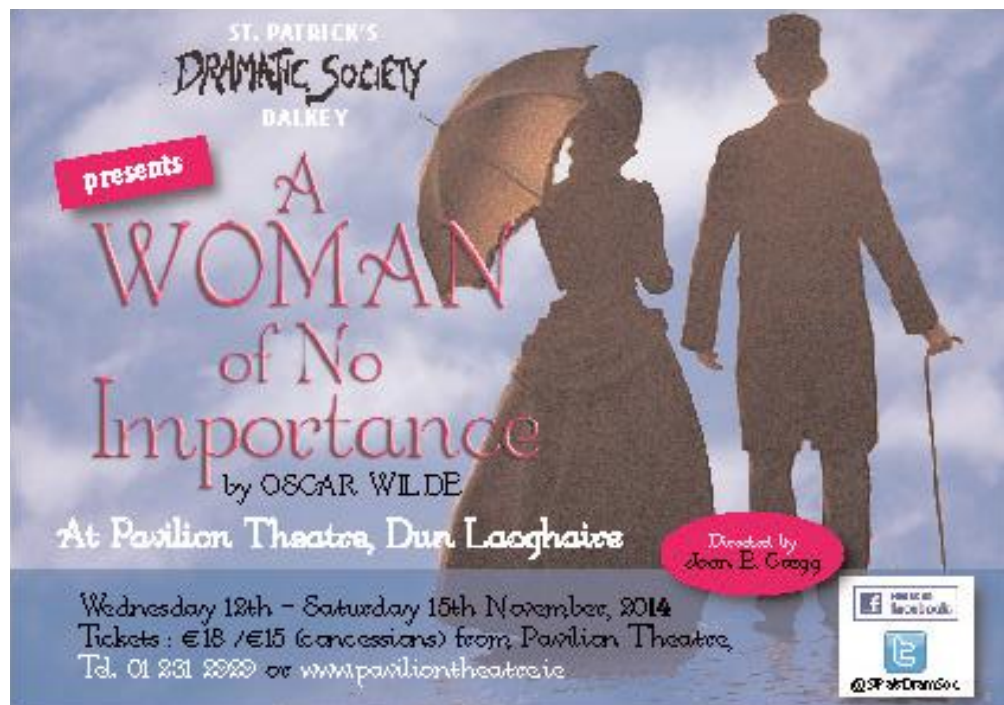
❖ **LETTER TO THE EDITOR** ❖



*Terry Connolly*

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the death of Terry Connolly R.I.P., the family would like to express their sincere gratitude and thanks for honouring Terry by attending the funeral Mass and burial. A special thank you to the 17th Dalkey Scout Troop for their wonderful turnout in such adverse conditions, also members of all other troops in the district. Thank you to the priests of the parish, Dalkey Adult Choir, organist, representatives of the Royal Hospital Donnybrook, friends, relatives, former Scouts who travelled long distances to be with us at this very sad time. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.





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*A brown bear in the woods**Photo: M. Ryan*

I've been in plenty of bird hides which are usually plain if solid structures with bench seating and with small discrete windows designed so they could be opened causing minimal disturbance to the creatures you'd come to watch. But the hide we were entering was much bigger than any bird hides I'd been in before, the windows didn't open and there were 12 bunk beds. The beds were a necessity since once you entered this hide, between 5 and 6 in the evening, you weren't allowed outside the door again till 8.00am the following morning. Also, we had been warned many times in advance not to put on anything that might smell strongly, so no deodorant,

perfume, aftershave or insect repellent sprays. This was because the creature we'd come to see, unlike birds, has a very highly developed sense of smell and the scent of humans could deter it from visiting. The animal we were hoping to see was a Brown Bear and we'd come to this hide in the middle of a remote forest in Estonia hoping to see it.

We'd gone to Estonia in the first week of June to spend a few days being driven around looking for wildlife and then to spend a few days in the famously beautiful and perfectly preserved old medieval sector in the centre of the capital city, Tallinn. I had thought it would be nice to go to a central or eastern European country before midsummer and was looking through wildlife tours around Estonia done by local people when I saw advertised a tour group which did bear watching trips. This would involve a guide taking you to spend two nights in a purpose built hide where there was a good chance a bear would come visiting through the night. Estonia is a small country but it has the highest density of brown bears of any European country, an estimated 700 individuals and the chance of seeing a large predator in its natural habitat was very tempting.

We committed ourselves to a tour and flew into Tallinn on a lovely sunny Sunday. We were met by Marko who would provide our transport and be our guide for our stay. A very pleasant companion, he spoke perfect English, was an excellent photographer, and was very knowledgeable about his country's rich flora and fauna. We loaded up into his car and it wasn't long before we'd left the suburbs and were driving along a wide straight highway with flat fields on one side and native conifer forest on the other. Driving along this road we saw our first mammal, an elk, which appeared at the edge of the forest.

We were staying in a B&B in the Alutaguse region near our bear watching destination and from there travelled around the surrounding countryside. White Tailed Sea Eagles, Buzzards, Marsh Harriers and many other species of raptor are present in Estonia and it would be a rare drive when you didn't see at least one species. As dusk approached we drove to the edge of a huge lake whose far shore was too distant to see and we watched a osprey plunge into the water and carry off a large fish

Driving back to the B&B we stopped to look at a raptor which had crossed the road then saw a Ural owl quartering the farmland beside the road. As we watched it in the fading light



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a Nightingale sang, a Cuckoo called and a Corncrake made its ‘kraking’ call from a meadow, a wonderful soundtrack and a perfect evocation of the magic of springtime in old Europe.

Our first night at the bear hide would be the following day, Monday. In the morning we walked along a forest road and Marko showed us trees where bears had scratched deep ruts in the trunk and peeled off the bark. He warned us that if a bear did appear we should stand perfectly still since running away would trigger their natural predator reactions. There’s a well-known whimsical saying that if running away from bears, or any other wild animal that might be in pursuit, you don’t have to be the fastest runner as long as you’re not the slowest but it wasn’t something we wanted to put to the test. Despite their enormous size, brown bears are extremely fast, having been clocked at speeds of 48 kilometres per hour. It’s well over 100 years since anyone was killed by a bear in Estonia but many people get injured during accidental encounters and if the bear has cubs it can be particularly dangerous if you meet one. The bears won’t try to eat you, just frighten you away by showing their dominance but a swipe from a bear paw could do you serious damage.

In late afternoon we parked on the edge of the forest and walked a few kilometres along a trail to the hide. There were four other tourists as well as three guides staying in the hide and once we entered we all spoke in whispered tones and settled down for a possible long wait. A pair of Pied Flycatchers busied themselves at a nearby nest box and later a Great Spotted Woodpecker gave great views at a feeding station on a tree just outside the hide.

There was no guarantee we’d see a bear so there was relief and great excitement only an hour or so into our stay when my companion Lucy exclaimed “there’s one coming!” Our first ever sighting of Europe’s biggest predator lumbering through the trees was something to remember with that huge head with disproportionately small eyes and the great hulking mass of its body as it ambled around in front of us. Raw fish had been placed under a heavy board which was no problem to the bear. It lifted it up, retrieved the fish and ambled off into the woods.

Bears returned regularly during the night but there were other visitors as well. A fox often appeared, looking for any scraps the bear may have missed, getting instantly alert before disappearing into the trees when it sensed a bear was returning.

Another fascinating visitor appeared, a Raccoon Dog. With its bandit mask face markings and similar fur it resembles a raccoon but is in fact a member of the canid family, one of only three species of that family that climbs trees and the only canid species that hibernates. The Raccoon Dog originates in East Asia but was intensely bred in Russia for its fur. It was



*A Raccoon Dog*

*Photo: M. Ryan*

released into many areas of Russia and the Baltic States during the mid-twentieth century then spread all over Europe reaching France and Switzerland as well as the Nordic countries. It has reached high nuisance status in many countries where it preys on the eggs and young of ground nesting birds as well as taking many native amphibians. It has possibly caused the reduction in native mammals by outcompeting them for prey but another serious concern is the fact it can carry rabies.



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In 1950, 86 raccoon dogs were let loose in various regions in Estonia with the intention that they would breed in the wild, increase their population and subsequently be hunted for their fur but they now number many thousands. It's a shame they are such a negative presence since they are very appealing animals. At one stage three of them busied themselves in front of the hide totally ignoring the bear that was less than fifty yards away from them. Later that night during the few hours of darkness I got up to use the toilet and found a few stalwarts still up watching a group of wild boar, their distinct shapes silhouetted in the clearing outside.

I had been a bit apprehensive entering the hide earlier that evening, not at the thought of the bears but at the thought of spending the night with strangers in a small warm enclosed space where nobody had any deodorant on but it was actually a really pleasant experience. We were very comfortable, had a great night's sleep and were all very happy, bonded with our shared experience, when we emerged from the hide the following morning.

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NEWS FROM HAROLD BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

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During the last term before the summer holidays there was great excitement in our school as a new classroom was being built. This was phase 2 of our building plan for two new classrooms. The first classroom was built last year. It is used for the 2nd class. 6th class (or our class) is using the other new classroom. The extra new classroom is now finished and is coming to great use as the school is getting full. We now have a new teacher and her name is Ms. Healy. Finally every class has a separate room. What more could you want with a lovely school and nice teachers? That's right! Nothing!



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### **CHANGING TIMES:**

*The bow of cruiseship Wind Surf berthed in Dun Laoghaire Harbour and behind, the HSS Stena Explorer prior to making her return leg of the daily operated single round trip service from Holyhead.*

*Photo: Jehan Ashmore*

**REFLECTIONS:** As this season draws to a close, Maritime Dalkey reflects not only on the much welcomed restoration of the Dalkey Island ferryboat service, but other local commercial activity within Dublin Bay, plus the prospect of a dramatic rise in cruiseships to Dun Laoghaire Harbour in 2015.

**DUBLIN BAY CRUISES:** Now in their second season, Dublin Bay Cruises have been operating five excursion options linking Dublin City Quays, Dun Laoghaire and Howth harbours, plus, as previously reported (June issue) a weekend evening cruise from Dun Laoghaire through Dalkey Sound and into Killiney Bay.

In addition the 120 passenger St. Bridget resumed a 'direct' Dun Laoghaire-Howth harbours cruise in September. The re-launch followed popular demand for this cruise which they operated last year. Final cruises on all routes were due to end on Tuesday 30 September.

These cruises have brought a whole new dynamic to coastal Dublin as views of the capital and surroundings can be seen from an offshore perspective. All cruises cater for bicycles, increasing the flexibility and appeal to visit places like Dalkey.

**STENA HSS SERVICE:** As regards our 'doorstep' Irish Sea ferry route, Stena Line's fourth year of the 'summer-only' operated service concluded with HSS Stena Explorer departing Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead in early September. She returns for a short period over Christmas and New Year periods and her schedule is virtually the same as for last year, operating for around 12 days.

More importantly, will Stena continue the summer service in 2015? After many years of speculation it seems increasingly unlikely that the expensive to operate, fuel-thirsty HSS will return. This would break an historic link of almost 200 years of continuous mailboat/ferry services to and from North Wales.

**DUN LAOGHAIRE CRUISESHIPS:** In lieu of the diminishing role of the HSS fast-ferry, the harbour's new lifeline is increasingly the attraction of the cruise industry. Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company are finalising an application to An Bord Pleanála to build a €15m berth to handle 'next generation' cruiseships.

This year there were only four visiting cruiseships, two of which were made by the impressive five mast, powered assisted Wind Surf. So what does the 2015 season have in store? Well, it is expected that a record total of 23 cruiseships (mostly at anchorage) will be bringing almost 67,000 passengers to Dun Laoghaire. This figure is set to exceed for the



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first time those visiting Dublin Port where close to 61,000 cruise-goers are expected. Among the highlights for Dun Laoghaire will be the return of Queen Mary 2 (see July 2013 issue) and Princess Cruises latest addition, Royal Princess. However, a major coup will be the call of her newer sister, the giant 143,000 tonnes Britannia, under the P&O Cruises brand. The 3,600 passenger cruiseship will be the largest ever built for the UK market and she is to make a maiden British Isles cruise in June 2015.

Obviously with such record visitor numbers calling, the impact on tourism will be felt also in Dalkey.

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## SHOWBIZ COMES TO DALKEY



There was a great night in Dalkey on Saturday 6th September in the town hall where the local community were entertained by the stars of showbiz Paddy Cole, Syl Fox and George Hunter. The audience was pleasantly surprised by the singing talent of our very own District



*Paddy Cole*



*George Hunter*

Nurse John Coleman who wowed us!

The success of the evening is due to the hard work of George Hunter who was responsible for the whole show and not forgetting his colleague Joe Dixon, Margaret Dunne (Manager of Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre), the staff of Dalkey Health centre and many more.

**The money raised from the Benefit Concert will go towards the support of the “*Friends of Le Chéile Community Care Unit*” in Dalkey.**

**And do we want more? Yes please!!**



*Syl Fox*

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## 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 **Dun Laoghaire Tel. 01-6665000**.

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 33-36 11/8/2014 to 5/9/2014

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0347/E

**Application Rec'd Date:** 14-Aug-2014

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

**Proposal:** Planning permission sought for alterations to front of existing dwelling house, work includes a two storey extension with balconies on both sides. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission. **Last date for observations:** 17-Sept-2014

**Reg. Ref.** D14B/0292

**Application Rec'd Date:** 14-Aug-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Bridget Kenny, 6A Castleview, Saint Patrick's Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of single storey extensions to the rear and construction of a single storey extension to the rear and side and associated works. **Last date for observations:** 17-9-'14.

**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0544

**Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Aug-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Kevin Meany & Elizabeth Goodwin, 103 Saint Begnet's Vls, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for: (a) Demolition of existing 4 sqm shed to rear of property. (b) Construction of 40 sqm ground floor extension to rear and side of existing dwelling. (c) Construction of 17 sqm first floor extension to rear of existing dwelling. (d) One number proposed window to existing dwelling - ground floor side elevation. (e) Opening up of existing window to first floor level rear. (f) Internal alterations to existing dwelling. (g) 3.0m wide vehicular entrance from Saint Begnets Villas. (h) All associated site works. **Last date for observations:** 24-Sept-2014.

**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0547

**Application Rec'd Date:** 22-Aug-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home Ltd. Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for refurbishment works and new extension to existing part two storey, part single storey pitched roof Nursing Home. Development to include: 1. Two storey pitched roof extension with part flat roof (1515 m2) to side and rear of existing building (south east) with roof level accommodation and associated dormers and velux, to provide 35 new bed spaces and associated ancillary rooms. 2. Single storey pitched roof extension (12 m2) to front of existing building (north) to provide new veranda and elevational changes. 3. Replacement of windows to front of existing building. 4. Internal refurbishment to existing building. 5. Landscaping to site generally. 6. Site works to include provision for 22 no. parking spaces (total), including 7 no. existing. Storage shed (20 m2) with flat roof. Associated drainage and site works. **Last date for observations:** 25-Sept-2014.

**Reg. Ref.:** D14B/0297

**Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Aug-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** The Lucey Family, 4 Castle Close, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for retention for changes to an approved development (reg. ref. D13B/0310). The changes relate to the approved new extension only and comprise of, (a) the alteration of front elevation windows from two storey glazing with timber cladding between floors to a two storey bay window with cladding between floors, (b) the enlargement of an opaque window on the side at first floor level, (c) two additional ground level windows to the utility room to the rear, (d) the lowering of the cill height of the rear first floor bedroom window. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention. **Last date for observations:** 22-Sept-2014

**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0555

**Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Aug-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Iarnród Éireann, Dalkey Station, Railway Rd, Dalkey, (A Protected Structure)

**Proposal:** Permission the relocation of a ticket vending machine, removal of metal grilles, access gate and turnstiles in the station building to the north of the railway lines and their replacement with new turnstiles, windows and glazed doors. A new level access drain, new turnstiles to replace the existing turnstiles and roller shutter will be installed in the shelter to the south of the railway lines. The central handrail at the steps to/from the shelter will be removed. Located in an Architectural Conservation



**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0558

**Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Aug-2014

**Applicant Name & Location::** Enda Kearns, 9 Mapas Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission to: (1) Construct a single storey extension to rear of dwelling. (2) Single storey extension with pitched roof to front of dwelling. (3) Conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation with first floor extension above. (4) Attic conversion with 1 no. dormer and 4 no. velux to side and front of dwelling and (5) Widening of front entrance from approx. 2.5m to 3m in width. the development will also include external insulation and render to dwelling and internal alterations and associated site development works. **Last date for observations:** 1-Oct-2014

**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0565

**Application Rec'd Date:** 29-Aug-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Siobhan O'Rourke, 1, Dalkey Grove, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission to construct a single-storey, flat-roofed detached dwelling (114sq.m.) in the existing side, rear garden including separate vehicular and pedestrian entrances, all associated site works, off-street parking, and the provision of a front boundary wall to the public footpath. **Last date for observations:** 2-Oct-2014.

**Reg. Ref.:** D14B/0310

**Application Rec'd Date:** 29-Aug-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Kevin and Grainne O'Donovan, Ravello, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission to retain the following variations to previously approved (D13B/0141) works, namely the omission of the following previously proposed works (1) the cladding to the front dormer windows, (2) the provision of a canopy over the front door and (3) the provision of a rear ground floor extension (10sq.m.). The tiled roof over the side and rear conservatory to remain as approved (D13B/0141). **Application Type:** Permission for Retention. **Last date for observations:** 02-Oct-2014

**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0274

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13-May-2014

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

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of two-storey structure and its replacement with new one/two storey extension, containing utility and bathrooms, all to the rear of the existing house. Construction of new two storey garden room extension and reconfiguration of existing parking area all to east side of the house and installation of two new ground floor window openings on west side of house. **Additional Information:** 2-Sep-2014.

## PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 32-36 11/8/2014 - 5/9/2014

**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0053

**Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION

**Date:** 11-Aug-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Allied Irish Banks plc. 29/30, Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for material alterations to an existing Protected Structure

RPS:1492, to comprise of the following: (1) Installation of new self-service banking hall which will necessitate the removal of the existing teller counter to open up access within the customer banking area. (2) Removal of existing dilapidated herringbone parquet flooring and concrete in-fills behind banking counter. Reduction of overall finish floor level to teller area only (behind counter) to eliminate 45mm step-change in level within banking hall, infill and lay new carpet. (3) Installation of specialised self-service banking equipment in recognised company design, with new 'secure line' to partition walling and teller counters.

**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0384

**Decision:** REQUEST ADD. INFORMATION

**Date:** 11-Aug-2014

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

**Proposal:** Permission for development consisting of amendments to existing planning permission D13A/0523 (under construction) to incorporate new pool house and gym to rear and side of house and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0399

**Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION

**Date:** 14-Aug-2014

**Applicant Name & Location:** Joe Hughes, 28 Tubbermore Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for development consisting of: 1. Demolition of existing 2 storey return to the side of the existing detached two storey property. Construction of a two storey pitched roof extension to the side and rear with a raised roof to provide habitable accommodation at attic level. 3. Construction of single storey pitched roof extension to the rear with rooflights. 4. Construction of single storey pitched roof entrance porch to the front. 5. Elevational alterations to the front, sides and rear of the existing property. 6. New Velux style roof lights in the main roof to the side. 7. Widening of existing vehicular entrance landscaping and associated site works.



**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0404 **Decision:** REQUEST ADD. INFORMATION **Date:** 15-Aug-2014  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Glencairn Flat Management Ltd. Glencairn Apartments, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for 4 additional apartments (2 at new 3rd floor level and one at each of 1st floor and 2nd floor levels) and associated circulation and landlord areas, representing an increase of two units from previously approved application reference D10A/0614 (PL06D.239478). Also, revised vehicular gate position (as previously approved) to facilitate additional car parking spaces and general elevational modifications to entire building.

**Reg. Ref.:** D14A/0418 **Decision:** WITHDRAW THE APPLICATION **Date:** 20-Aug-2014  
**Applicant Name & Location:** John Power, 2 Vico Terrace, Vico Road, Dalkey (located within an Architectural Conservation Area).

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of existing sunroom over garage extension and the construction of a new two storey over garage extension. The development also includes 2 no. replacement dormer windows, alteration of fenestration and upgrading works to the main house, landscaping, drainage and ancillary works to facilitate the development.

**Reg. Ref.** D14B/024 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 21-Aug-2014  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Catherine Deirdre Twomey, Linden House, rear of Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for development consisting of the construction of a detached single storey garden room (total GFA c.28m<sup>2</sup>) to the front of the permitted house in the north east corner of the site ancillary to the main family dwelling at Linden House, a development under construction (D12A/0423) to rear of Linden Lodge. The development will include all necessary site works and landscaping.

**Reg. Ref.** D13A/0577 **Decision:** DECLARE APPLIC. WITHDRAWN **Date:** 28-Aug-2014  
**Applicant Name & Location:** David Coulson, c.01 ha site within the Former Tramyard, 15, Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for Retention for a 3 year period for 6 no. timber structure market stalls (totalling c34.5 sqm). The application site is located within an Architectural Conservation Area and includes the Tram Lines, Gates and Entrance Piers which are Protected Structures (Refs. 1463 & 1471).

**Reg. Ref.** D14A/0434 **Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION **Date:** 27-Aug-2014  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Glasmount Investments Ltd. Site at Torca Road, Dalkey, bounded to the east by San Elmo Lodge, to the north by a right of way leading to Knocknacree Road and to the north -west by Torca Road

**Proposal:** Permission for development consisting of the construction of a 4-bedroom, 2-storey dwelling house (gross floor area c.300 sqm) with south-facing balcony. New vehicular entrance onto Torca Road with off-street parking

**Reg. Ref.:** D14B/0246 **Decision:** REQUEST ADD. INFORMATION **Date:** 2-Sep-2014  
**Applicant Name:** Joe O'Shea, Roslyn, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D14B/0247 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 2-Sep-2014  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Nihele Jabeur, Grange Court, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin  
**Proposal:** Permission for the construction of a single storey extension to the front in lieu of the permitted carport (Reg. Ref. D09B/0415), alterations to the entrance wall and associated works.

**APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 33-36 11/8/'14 to 5/9/'14**

None for Dalkey Area

**APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 32-34 5/8/'14 to 1/8/2014**

None for Dalkey Area





### Chateau Matourne

After our adventures in Vietnam it was time to return home but not before a quick stopover in the South of France. Where best to brush up on what has been happening in the European wine market after spending much of the past few years immersed in Australian Shiraz's and Cabernets.

Much internet browsing and research later, I picked a few wineries that I would like to revisit and one I had never

visited before - Chateau Matourne. I followed signs from the main road which seemed to end in someone's driveway but, being determined to find this Chateau, I continued on and was rewarded with a beautiful landscape of vines leading upwards to the Chateau. At the Cave (French for cellar door) the owner and winemaker Jürgen Spaethe greeted me and I was relieved to find that he spoke English. Jürgen is originally from Germany and spent many years living in Paris from where he bought Chateau Matourne in the Var and slowly built it up into an award winning Chateau that is popular with locals and tourists who visit the area. He planted his first vines in 1974 taking much of his inspiration from Bordeaux and trying to replicate their powerful reds with lots of luscious tannins. Under French law Jürgen was unable to use 100% of one grape so he adds 5% of another, only Bordeaux is allowed to use 100% of one grape.

Jürgen's estate is on an elevation of 500 metres and has deep clay soils allowing slow ripening of his grapes. He picks his grapes manually later in the season than other vineyards in the area. We tasted his whites, rosé and reds while chatting about the vintage and his wines.

Chateau Matourne Rosé 2012 is the classic pink colour of the region. A mix of three grape varieties Grenache, Mourvedre and Cinsault. Good fruit and acidity. Competition is rife in the production of Rosé in this region so it is hard to be on top but I would think that this Rosé would give most other wineries a run for their money.

Cuvée M 2012 is a powerful red and has a whopping 90% Mourvedre and 10% Grenache. It is harvested late to reach full maturity and bursts with black berry fruit and a hint of pepper with perfect tannins. This is a real food lovers wine.



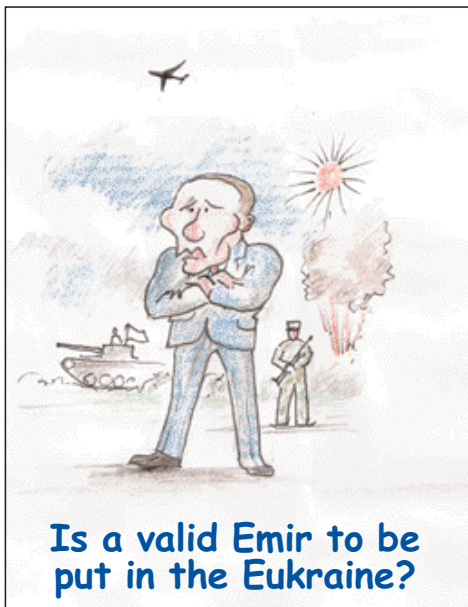
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*French Winery* Photo: S. Tyrrell

On my departure from this beautiful Chateau I asked Jürgen if he ever enters his wines in competitions. He told me that he doesn't need to anymore as the quality and flavours of his wine speaks for themselves and I have to agree. You can order Chateau Matournes wines at [www.mediterrawine.com](http://www.mediterrawine.com). They are very reasonably priced and magnums of both wines above can also be purchased. A lovely man, a beautiful Chateau and exceptional wines!





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## OCTOBER 2014 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS



**Wednesday October 1st 6.30pm** – The Old Dublin Society, Dublin City Library and Archive Conference Room, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2 - *The Way We Were - 80 Years of the Old Dublin Society* - Tony Behan. All welcome - admission free.

**Wednesday October 1st 8pm** Rathmichael Historical Society, Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill - *Stone monuments of the Boyne* - George Eogan. All welcome.

**Thursday October 2nd 8pm** – The Mount Merrion Historical Society, Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin - William Orpen: *The Life and Times of the Stillorgan born Painter & War Artist* - Dominic Lee. All welcome - admission €4 / Student €2.

**Monday October 6th 7.30pm** – Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2 - *Burials, Battle Wounds, Earth and Stone*: the discovery and excavation of new early Christian church archaeology in Dublin and Wicklow - Edmond O'Donovan.

**Wednesday October 8th 6.30 p.m.** – The Old Dublin Society, Dublin City Library and Archive Conference Room, 138- 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2 - *Dublin 1843: O'Connell's Repeal Meetings* - Vincent Ruddy. All welcome - admission free.

**Thursday October 9th 8pm** – Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society, The Function Room, Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan - *Memories of the Emergency in Dublin* - Mary Muldowney. Contribution €3.

**Fri. October 10th 8pm** – The Military History Soc. of Ireland, Griffith College, South Circular Road, D.8 - *Ireland's Entry into war, 1914, acceptance or refusal?* - Dr. Catriona Pennell.

**Tuesday October 14th 8pm** – The Genealogical Society of Ireland, Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire - *Commonwealth War Graves Records for Ireland* - Patrick Lynch. Contribution €4.

**Wednesday October 15th 6.30pm** – The Old Dublin Society, Dublin City Library and Archive Conference Room, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2 - *Botany in print: botanical books and their readers in 18th century Dublin* - Máire Kennedy. All welcome - admission free.

**Wednesday October 15th 8 p.m.** – Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, The Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire - *The Castles of South County Dublin* - Prof. Tadhg O'Keefe. Contribution - Members €2.50; Visitors €3.50; Retired €2.

**Thursday October 16th 8pm** – Bray Cualann Historical Society, Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce, Quinsboro Road, Bray - *Commdt Edward Daly: The Man after Whom Bray Railway Station is Named* - Helen Litton. All welcome - admission €4.

**Tuesday October 22nd 8pm** – Foxrock Local History Club, Foxrock Pastoral Centre, beside Foxrock R.C. Church, Main Talk - *The First World War and its local impact* - Ken Kinsella & Short Talk - *Women from south county in the First World War* - Michael O'Flaherty. All welcome.

**Wednesday October 22nd 10.30am** – Genealogical Soc. of Ireland, Hardy's Bar, The Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire - October Morning Open Meeting - Contribution €3 includes Tea/ Coffee.

**Wednesday October 22nd 6.30 p.m.** – The Old Dublin Soc., Dublin City Library & Archive Conference Room, 138-144 Pearse St., D.2 - *Roman Catholic Churches in 19th century Dublin*: the contribution of patrons and architects - Brendan Grimes. All welcome - admission free.

**Thursday October 23rd 7.30 p.m.** – Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2 - Frank Mitchell Memorial Lecture - *Irish native woodlands: from a chequered past to an uncertain future* - Prof. Daniel Kelly.

**Wednesday October 29th 6.30pm** – The Old Dublin Society, Dublin City Library and Archive Conference Room, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2 - *Methodists from the Free State to the Republic* - Rev. Dudley Levistone Cooney. All welcome - admission free.





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I heard both on radio and TV recently that wildflowers may have been fighting their corner in the countryside but increasingly, they are finding a home in Irish gardens ..... just look around our homes here in Dalkey. It seems, demand for wildflower seed is at an all-time high. Thompson & Morgan, Mr. Fothergills, Scolia Seeds and the Suffolk Seed Company seed sales, are up more than 50% ..... apparently, *Papaver Rhoeas* (Field Poppy) is its most popular single species, and then a 'cornfield mix' is its best-selling blend. Obviously, the driver for wildflower sales is 'Wildlife'. Have you noticed, there has been a definite trend to make a mini 'meadow'? By planting many species now with our soil still warm, their chances are far better than in spring.

### Grasses and our 'Late Late Show'

Like all herbaceous plants, grasses change as our season advances but it is particularly in autumn that some species come into prominence. Grasses look great on their own, their tawny tints and airy textures making them sometimes a structural statement but then, the combination with other late blooming perennials creates dynamic effects, an almost magical transformation occurs and these displays often last well into winter.

### Gardeners Gold

Often described as Gardeners Gold, well rotted leaf mould is invaluable for use as a mulch, soil improver or for making potting compost. Compost fallen leaves into leaf mould by packing them into plastic bin bags. Pierce a few holes in the sides and then, dampen the leaves, tie the tops of the bags and store in a shady spot ..... Check your bags every month for moistness and don't allow



*A beautiful Grass, Stipa Calamagrostis*

*Photo: P. Thomas*

them to dry out. After one or two years, this same leaf mould should be crumbly enough to use as a mulch around plants or as a soil enricher/soil improver. One or two of my friends equate 'this' as better than - a night out!

### MIGHT DO, MAYBE OCTOBER JOBS

1. When choosing garden trees, plant those whose mature height and spread is suitable for the space available as several species of popular garden trees do not respond well to





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pruning. These include Betula (Birch), Acculus Hipocastanium (Horse Chestnut), Magnolia, Robinia and Juglans (Walnut). Hard pruning species that dislike being cut stimulates vigorous shoots that can spoil the trees shape and so delay flowering. Pruning may have to be regularly repeated in order to keep other trees safe.

2. Pot up and bring under glass tender plants such as Fuchsias, Citrus, Brugmansias, before the first frosts, cutting them back if necessary.
3. Remove weeds which can host overwintering pests and diseases.
4. Ventilate glasshouse on warm days to clear any stale, humid air that can promote fungal diseases.
5. This is a super time to lift and divide herbaceous plants keeping only their strongest portions.
6. Some kinds of kitchen herbs, those which are non-woody perennials, can be lifted and divided, now.
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*Red Admirals on Leoneodon Rigens in Blessington*

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## OCTOBER NATURE NOTES



**Tuesday 7th October**, the South Dublin Branch of BWI meeting in the Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel in Killiney. John Fox will present a talk on photography titled *“From Hen Harrier to House Sparrow”*. Members and non members welcome.

**Sunday 12th October** a field trip to the Booterstown Marsh Reserve area. Duration is approx 2 hours. Meet at the Booterstown Dart Station car park at 10.30 am.

### DLR COMMUNITY 5K - SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Want to take part in a fun event for all the family and get a little exercise? If so register now for the dlr Community 5K 2014, taking place on **Saturday 11th October at 2pm** in Kilbogget Park. Places are limited so it's important to book yours today. Register online at [www.dlrsportspartnership.ie](http://www.dlrsportspartnership.ie) or return a completed registration form which is available by calling 01-2719502.



## DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ART EXHIBITION 2014



Dalkey Community Council's Annual Art Exhibition will take place in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey on **Saturday and Sunday, November 8th and 9th 2014**.

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, 7th November at **2.00 p.m.** Paintings must be accompanied by a signed Disclaimer and Exhibition Number(s) for the painting(s).

### OPENING RECEPTION: Friday 7th November, 2014.

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, 9th November, 2014**



## ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION ENTRY FORM

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**Services for October 2014** **Sundays:** 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service  
**Midweek Services:** Thursdays at 10.30 am.

**The Carry Hall** – Rector's Glebewarden, Alleyn Manley signed contracts on behalf of the parish for the Carry Centre Project, he is pictured here with our Architect, Peter Roberts. Work began on the hall in late August - things are well underway - already 3 skips have been filled! Further news next month.

**Sheep Thrills** – Sheep Thrills continues to meet every Thursday @ 11am in St Pauls Hall, Glenageary until The Carry Centre is ready 1st week in November.

New members are always welcome, come along and bring a friend, no joining fee €3 to include some yarns, homemade biscuits and freshly made coffee. Contact Joan @ 087 2460078 for more information.

**Killiney Mens' Society** – The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd October in Holy Trinity Church. The title for the meeting is 'Come fly with me...' More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

**Table Tennis** – The table tennis meets on Mondays @ 8pm in Glenageary-Killiney National School. For more information contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

**Ladies Guild** – The Guild will meet on Tuesday 14th October in Holy Trinity Church. The talk is from a member of the Hospice Foundation and entitled "Think ahead, Speak for Yourself" All welcome.

**SILK** - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney – On Wednesday 15th October at 8pm in the Church there will be a Chocolate Tasting by Jason O'Brien.

**Bible Study and Prayer Group**

– Next meeting on Tuesday 28th October at 10.30am in Holy Trinity Rectory. All are very welcome to attend. Further expressions of interest may be addressed to the Rector.

**Killiney Diners Club - The**

**KWDs** – The next gathering is yet to be decided. Further expressions of interest or queries may be addressed to Zandra Laing or the Rector.

*Right:*

*Alleyn Manley (seated) signing the contracts for the Carry Centre Project (pictured with the architect)*







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### Sunday Services for October.

5th October 9am Eucharist

12th October 9am Eucharist

19th October 9am Eucharist

26th October 9am Eucharist

10.15am Eucharist.

10.15am Harvest Service

10.15am Eucharist.

10.15am Morning Prayer.

**Heritage Week** – We had the pleasure of opening the church for visitors during Heritage Week. As usual there was great interest in our historical exhibition and thanks are due to those who helped to staff the event. We had a steady stream of visitors from near and far, including several exploring family connections with our memorials and in the archives. We hosted two special talks “Archaeology of Dalkey Island” by Ian Doyle, Heritage Council and “Dalkey Quarries” by Rob Goodbody author of the DLRCC book “The Metals”.



*Heritage Week Speakers: Reg McCabe,  
Ian Doyle and Bill Hastings*

**St. Patrick's Football Club** – Saint Patrick's Football Club started on Saturday 30th August on the all-weather pitch at Castle Park School. Around 30 school age players have signed up and in a few years hopefully some of them will be commanding handsome fees in the transfer market.

**Handcraft Group** – Just to remind you that the Handcraft (& knitting) Group has started their meetings again each Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm in the Gallery Room of the Northover Hall. Please come along for a cup of tea and a chat, and bring your friends too.

**Montessori School** – ‘Smart Cookies’ Montessori School has now commenced in the Gallery Room each morning Monday to Friday. Please contact Lisa 087 993 4240 for further information.

**Harvest Festival** – Our Harvest Festival will take place in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 12th October at 10.15am. This is the showpiece of the Flower Guild when the church will be magnificently decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers. All are most welcome at this service when we give thanks for the abundance of food we receive. The school children and parishioners are asked to bring non-perishable food to this service, during which it will be collected and subsequently distributed to local charities.

**Church Concert** – Vyvienne Long will take part in the concert in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 12th October at 7pm (evening of the Harvest Festival). Vyvienne Long is a renowned composer, cellist and songwriter with a large following. Details can be found on her website [www.vyviennelong.com](http://www.vyviennelong.com). All proceeds from this concert are shared between our Restoration Fund and the Country Air Association.



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## NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION



We were truly blessed with the weather for our annual parish picnic on 7th September. The sun shone gloriously and it was a really fun day for all. Thanks to our hardworking PPC who made it all happen and to Tramyard Dalkey for the lovely food.

As we roll into October we notice a definite chill in the air along with the beautiful autumn mornings when the air is clean and sharp. So October is the closing down of the year, but it suggests not death but mystery, a sense of worlds beyond this, of past and future.

How lucky are we to live in this beautiful town so near to the sea and the city and with such a wonderful community. This is a good time to get involved if you are not already and make some new friends as the winter comes to greet us - if you want to volunteer or simply call in for a chat, our door is always open.

We welcome all of the children who have signed up for the DTIM First Communion Programme and who will be making their First Holy Communion this year. We, like most parishes in Ireland, use a parish programme of preparation, *Do This In Memory*, as a means of helping the child, their family and the wider parish community to prepare for these sacraments. It is a programme that helps the entire worshipping community to become actively involved in the sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. We also welcome our new mums and toddlers group who meet in Our Ladys Hall each month. Check out Our Lady's Hall noticeboard for more.

Everyone is invited to our annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Thurs 30th October at 8pm. This Mass of Gratitude is celebrated for everyone in our Parish and for all that we have to be grateful for. Everyone is most welcome and those who cannot be at the Mass are invited to join us for a cuppa afterwards in the Church.

We also invite you to a special Mass in remembrance of our parishioners who have died between Nov 13 and Oct 14. The Mass will be celebrated on Tues 4th Nov at 7.30pm in the Church and during the Mass a candle will be lit to the memory of the person who has died and a family member will be invited to carry the candle to the altar. Light refreshments will be served after wards in Our Lady's Hall on Castle St., We also remember all those who have departed in our Parish through the 'Altar list for the dead' on all souls day. These lists are available in the Church at the end of October if you would like to include a departed loved one for prayers on this day.

If you are interested in hearing more about the vision of Pope Francis we will be running a series of discussions about *Evangelii Gaudium* or The Joy of the Gospel each Tuesday in November, starting on 11th Nov, at 8pm in Our Lady's Hall. More details on [www.dalkeyparish.ie](http://www.dalkeyparish.ie) or on Twitter @dalkeychurch.

Finally, we are also in the process of setting up a new Dalkey Gospel Choir so if that tickles your voice box, let us know. Also if you or anyone you know has experience of setting up a choir and would like to be involved, please contact the office.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Dalkey Creates an inaugural writing festival for Dalkey	Thurs. 16-Sun 19 Oct
DCC Monthly Meeting at 8pm in OLH	Mon. 20 Oct
Summer time ends - clock goes back 1 hour	Sun 26 Oct
Bank Holiday	Mon 27 Oct
Publication November Newsletter in OLH (1-2pm)	Thurs. 30 Oct
Closing date for receipt of entry forms for the DCC Art Exhibition	Fri 31 Oct

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Karate sessions** for all age groups @ 6.00-9.00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Boxing/Conditioning Classes** - Mondays - Thursdays Tel: Wayne Deegan at 086 857 2546

**Dalkey Players:** Glenageary/Killiney National School, Wyvern 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: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Road from 8pm-10.30pm Mondays & Thursdays or check [www.stpatsdramsoc.com](http://www.stpatsdramsoc.com) for further information.

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

**Cuala Set Dancing Classes:** Every Sunday from 8-10pm. €6 per night. All welcome.

**Pilates: Classes** on Monday evenings in DHC at 6.15 pm 7.15pm .8.15 pm. Bookings please Contact Lizanne Barry STOTT Instructor on 087 857 2408 or See Facebook Page Lizanne Barry Pilates Classes for details.

**Zumba Fitness classes:** Thursdays at 7.30-8.30pm in the Town Hall. Contact Colette: 087 247 6673

**Scrabble & Afternoon Tea** in aid of Barnardos every Wednesday at 3pm in Derrymore, 35, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Call Di Fitzpatrick at 285 0593 for more information.

**October Nature Notes** see page 33.

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