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Local Shopkeeper, Des Conway, being presented with the Community Council's Cup by Council Chairman, Dr Susan McDonnell, for his remarkable contribution to the community of Dalkey

See page 5 for further recipients

Photo: Alex Perry

Summary of the DCC Monthly Meeting held on Monday 4th Sept 2017 in OLH

TT: The Flags have been tidied the grass cut and the mess cleared from under the fir trees. Work is coming to a close on Dillon's Park and an engraved marker stone will be placed at the entrance. There has been much praise for the Commemorative Compass on the Summit point in Sorrento Park. The results from the TT Competition are eagerly awaited and are due to be released later this month.

Planning: The Castle Park application has been refused as the proposed development covered most of the site and the scale and bulk was too big and did not take the educational future planning of the school into account. An application for the demolition of Charleville, a large house in its own grounds on Harbour Road and the erection of four apartment blocks four storey over basement will be reviewed by the Planning Group. Permission is also being sought for ten duplex houses at 34, Barnhill Road (Eamon Walshe's Garage) and traffic implications are one of the many issues here as this site is opposite Dalkey Manor. Current traffic is very heavy on this very busy narrow road.

AOB: A petition organised by Bláthnaid MacGinty to request Iarnród Éireann to provide a lift at Dalkey DART Station is ongoing.

The next Monthly Meeting is Monday 9th October 2017.

❖ DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

ECHOES: As the Newsletter is distributed by an army of volunteers into over 3,300 homes in Dalkey, this is the weekend that the inaugural ECHOES Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers will take place at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. If you missed out, check with the Heritage Centre if there are tickets for **Saturday 30th** still available.

Max Chevers: During Heritage Week at the end of August, we were delighted to welcome Max Chevers to Dalkey Castle to launch his book *The House of Chevers*. It was such an historic occasion to have a direct link, eight generations apart, to the Chevers family of Monkstown Castle and later Goat Castle with us to launch the book on the family's history.

Dalkey Castle was called Goat Castle from the middle 1600s when it was owned by the Chevers of Monkstown Castle. (One of the earliest manifestations of the Chevers name was Chevre, 'chevre' being the French for goat). One of the family, Walter Chevers lived at 'THE Castle at Dalkey' later named Goat Castle after him, where he died in 1678.

2002: The link to the modern Chevers family happened in 2002 when the Manager first made contact with Max Chevers and they have been in contact ever since. Subsequently, Dalkey Castle got all the necessary permissions from the Chief Herald's office to fly the banner of the three goats from the Chevers family crest over Dalkey Castle. The crest is also on the front of the historic book. Copies of the book can be purchased online from Amazon.com.

Halloween Tours. We have lots of fun, seasonal, spooky things for young people to do. They can pick their steps around a haunted graveyard and meet a real ghost, the ancient protector of Dalkey Castle. The secrets of a real Viking warrior, who captures slaves and imprisons them on Dalkey Island, will also be told. Pay the Viking taxes, or 'pay through the nose'. Make your own Viking coins to go into the Halloween Barm Brack. Later, search for the Enchanted Ring. Stand in The Murder Room of the Castle, and watch what



terrible things descend through it. Dare to sit upon the Barber Surgeon's table and use the cruel weapons of medieval times. Bring to life the 'Zombie Child' – a magic puppet who comes to life at this time of year and dances the Witches' Dance.

Times: Friday 27th Tours at 15.00 & 16.00;
Saturday 28th at 12.00,
Sunday 29th at 12.00, 15.00 and 16.00

Monday 30th October at 12.00.
Admission: €7.50 per person, (Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult).

Castle Christmas tours: we will be running the highly popular Christmas tours again with Santa on Sat 9th & Sun 10th and Sat 16th and Sun 17th December.

Details next month and on the website.

Booking All events above can be booked online www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets TEL: by credit card over the phone at 01 2858366.

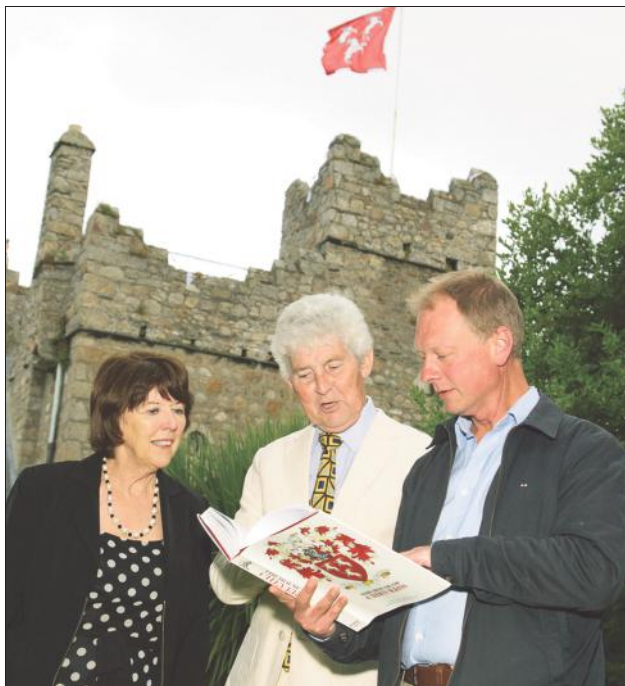


Photo by John Fahy shows Max Chevers (centre) with Chris Corlett, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and Margaret Dunne at the launch of The House of Chevers

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

The 25th Anniversary Hospice Coffee Morning held on Thursday 14th September in Benitos raised €1,250 for the Blackrock Hospice. We thank all those who came along on the day and to the Dalkey Business community for their generous support. We also thank the management and staff in Benitos for the use of this great venue.



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*The McCabe Cup for Sport:
Winner, Cuala GAA, Dalkey*



*Surprise Garden winner,
Sheila Barnes, Mary Rose Cottage*



*The Garden Competition Judges:
Lucille Healy and Angela Moore*



*Above:
Best Overall Garden
Category:
Frances Wallace
3rd Place
and
Philippa Thomas
1st Place*



*Best Front Garden:
Joan Uí Suilleabháin*



*Left:
Winners of
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Display of Pots*



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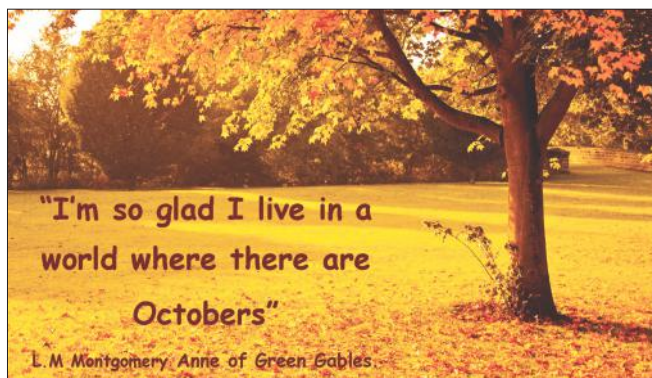
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Time for a Tale: Friday 20th at 10.30 and 11.45. Suitable for 3rd to 5th classes. Join us in Dalkey Library for some fantastic story telling sessions with renowned storyteller, Patrick Ryan.

Flying High! Kites, Stories and a little Music: 21st October at 11.30am. Suitable for 5 to 9 year olds. We are delighted to welcome author and illustrator of *The Smashing Red Kite*, Ann

Lorraine Mack, and her musical friends, including jazz singer Emilie Conway, to the library for an event filled with stories, music and kite making. Ann Lorraine's book follows the adventures of a little red kite as he sets out to explore the world. Along the way he learns about belonging and acceptance, and the importance of good friends.

Halloween Storytime: Friday 27th October 3pm to 4.45pm Ages 3 to 6. Join us for some spooky stories and fun with a special guest storyteller. All Welcome.

Build a Book: Lego sessions. 11th October 3pm to 4pm. Ages 7 to 10. We supply the Lego and you supply the imagination. Build a scene from your favourite book. Booking essential as places are limited to 15.

Teddy Bear Sleepover: October 24th 6.30pm to 7.15pm. Bring your teddy to the library for a special LiBeary Storytime and tuck them in for a good night's sleep. We hope they behave themselves and will be keeping a close eye on them during the night. We think



there may be teddies sleeping over in Cabinteely and Dundrum libraries too. Who's teddy is the best behaved? Updates will be posted on our social media accounts.

Our regular events for adults continue and all are welcome to these.

Saturday Book Club:

1st Saturday of the month at 10am

Wednesday Book Club:

3rd Wednesday of the month at 11am

Club Leabhair:

1st Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm

Dalkey Writers Group:

Alternative Thursdays at 6.30pm

Local History Group:

Last Tuesday of month at 6.30pm

Maria O'Sullivan, Senior Librarian, Dalkey Library



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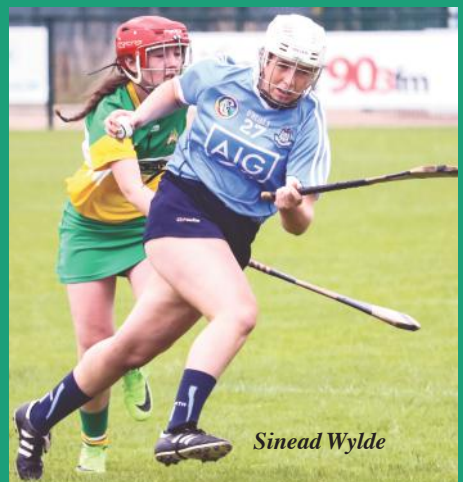
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

I am not sure where I can report this but the dog poo in Dalkey is seriously getting out of hand, especially on Convent Road where we need to walk every day and it's constantly littered with poo.

I'm hoping that my message can get out to the Dalkey Community and that you may be able to help.

Julien, Loreto Avenue, Dalkey

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Dear Editor,

DISABLED PARKING

I'm sure it was a comfort to Disabled People to watch the RTÉ News on the 1st March 2017, and to hear that Gardaí had begun to target those who abuse Disabled Parking places and also those who misuse Disabled Parking permits.

That exercise should be extended to all Garda Divisions, including Dun Laoghaire.

Special attention should be paid to St. Patrick's Road, Dalkey, where able bodied people are parking daily and using Disabled Permits to avoid paying a Parking fee especially when they are not transporting a Disabled Person in their car.

Disabled Permit's may **only** be used by a Disabled Person, if they are a driver or by a relative when they are transporting a Disabled Person in their car to or from a doctor.

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Richard Mooney, Dalkey Town



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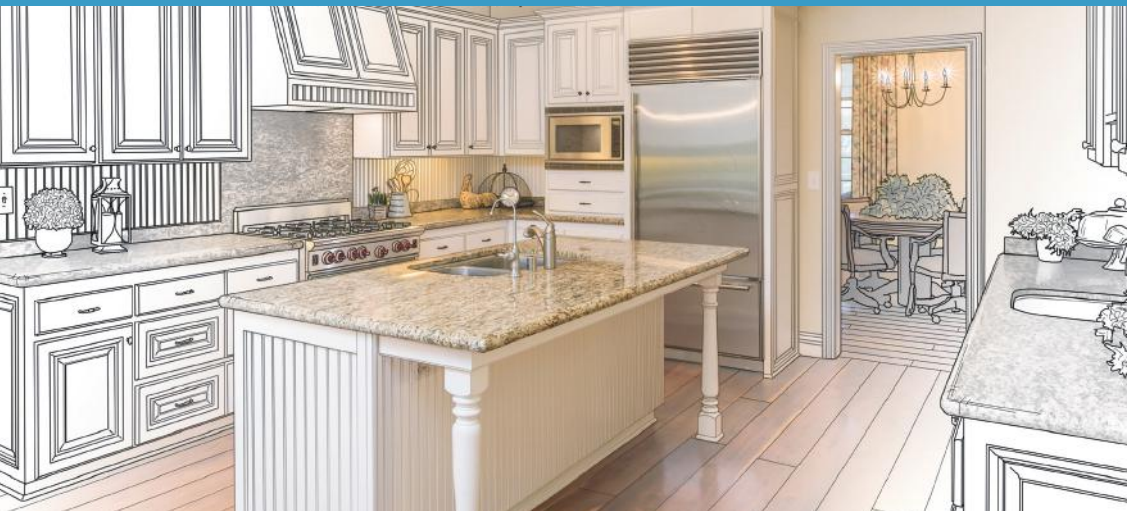


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Seven Castle Tours

Photo: Tidy Towns

New Focus on Dalkey's Seven Castles

Did you know that Dalkey had no less than SEVEN Castles dating back to the 14th century and earlier? Christian Corlett, archaeologist, author and photographer, who works with the National Monuments Service and is Cultural Tourism Officer with the Department of Arts, Heritage and

the Gaeltacht, headed a fascinating tour of their original locations here in Dalkey recently. Our Dalkey Tidy Towns team and others were included in a group visit which was organised by Margaret Dunne, Manager of Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre. Together, the group joined Christian Corlett as he gave an introduction at each original Castle location with the history of the seven Castles, including Archbolds, Wolvertons, Dungans One and Dungans Two, Dalkey Castle, Yellow Castle and Black Castle. As the records on some aspects are not as complete as we would like, experts are likely to debate some of the details, names etc., but the history as we know it is fascinating.

Our Dalkey Tidy Towns group and DLRCC are now investigating how best to share the wonderful story of the seven castles with us all over the years ahead. As all seven were located in Castle Street, what a wonderful shared heritage we have. Hopefully, we will also have some good news on this innovative project soon.

Des Burke-Kennedy, Dalkey Tidy Towns

SORRENTO PARK MYSTERY – 200 MILLION CANDLE WATT BEAM!

Last month, we asked if anybody could help us with information on what the summit of Sorrento Park was used for during World War II. While constructing the beautiful new viewing compass platform with DLRCC and our Dalkey Tidy Towns group, a large number of red bricks were uncovered on the summit – and now reused to form a circle. To our delight, Mr James Scannell of The Old Dublin Society quickly responded as follows:

“According to Michael Kennedy in his book *‘Guarding Neutral Ireland: The Coast Watching Service and Military Intelligence, 1939-1945’*, (Four Courts Press 2008), Look Out Post (LOP) No. 7, was based at Sorrento Park near Vico Road, commanding a view northwards of the entrance of Dublin Bay and Howth and southwards to Bray Head and on a good day Wicklow Head. This position was part of a larger military establishment in Sorrento Park which included a searchlight platform, a bank of sound detectors, and an



*Anti-Aircraft listening Deceptor
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anti-aircraft position which may have been equipped with a machine gun or machine guns to engage low flying aircraft. The position was connected by a dedicated telephone line to Air Defence Command in Clondalkin where the movements of all belligerent aircraft were plotted and monitored.

With regards to the Bofors Guns, two of the four at the disposal of Air Defence Command were based at Baldonnel Aerodrome and the other two at Dublin Airport, then known as Collinstown Airport. It is unlikely that these or any of the other 3.7 inch and 3 inch guns available for anti-aircraft defence were based in the park as the former were based in Ringsend Park and Clontarf, and the latter in Ballyfermot, Booterstown, and later Stillorgan. In 1942 the Ballyfermot guns were moved to Dublin Airport and replaced with four 3.7 inch guns in concrete.

The searchlight at Dalkey provided a 90cm 210-million candle watt beam to light up the night sky.”

We thank James Scannell for this fascinating report and would ask any others with further information or photos to add to this to contact us at des@dalkeytidytowns.com

❖ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ART EXHIBITION 2017 ❖



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

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

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

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

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

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Remember, a gardener's work is never done! ...So, let's enjoy our amazingly coloured leaves and late flowers around our irreplaceable Dalkey. Remember too, change is constant – if a plant is not happy, maybe move it to a different spot, perhaps with more light or shade, gritty soil or richly manured soil – You decide. I consider, that at this time of our year, such a good time to plant perennials and, when buying them, look out for plants that have filled their pots with lots of roots and shoots, emerging from the bottom. And after our wonderful past Summer of growth, this is such an advantage. Maybe, get out your old bread knife, then carefully, cut the plant in two or four pieces depending on its size, making sure each piece has strong roots attached; plant up in individual pots with good compost – in time, you will have multiplied your very own supply of new plants. ...If, however, you notice some roots have dried out completely, simply cut them away; likewise, if you find the roots coiled or matted at their bottom/ base, gently tease them out in order to encourage them to grow their roots away from their rootball.

Why not be adventurous this Autumn, by planting your containers so that they will last until late Spring? Maybe, consider planting '*something*' that none of the neighbours plant in a pot. In a year or so, if it grows too large, you can take it out and dig it into some suitable place in your garden. Maybe, try a black grass, *Ophiopogon Nigrescens*, (there are some gorgeous dwarf varieties.) or perhaps, an unusual crocus...then, Violas can be more reliable than most Winter pansies. A small short daffodil, *Narcissus*, such as '*Stint*' or the double '*Tête à Tête*' or '*Rip van Winkle*' too, are so worthwhile as is Special Hellibore '*Winter Moonbeam*' with its mottled marbled leaves or maybe dwarf chrysanthemums... Really, there is a huge variety of *Narcissi* to choose from including the classic Petal-and-Trumpet shape to Double or Multi-headed. There are oranges, yellows of course, white and bi-colour varieties. So, by selecting a number of *Narcissus* varieties, you can have flowers from December to May. All should be planted now in bright positions with well drained soil. If you really want to dazzle with another bulb, nothing stops admirers more in their tracks than a display of Parrot tulips – some of these beauties produce flamboyant, huge striped patterned and frilly edged flowers that last for several weeks, right into late May.

'Best Buy', '*Seed Trials*' via Garden '*Which*' Magazine, September 2017.

Salad Niche Oriental Mixed – This is a mix of nine mainly Japanese leaves including peppery rocket and Mizuna with a fiery mustard and cooling, mild *Komastuma*, which



The Three Stages of New Seed, Aster, 'Star Violet', Very Easy To Grow, Love It. Photo P. Thomas

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creates a delicious blend of flavours for a salad. These leaves can be picked from November to April but seem to be at their peak in February. Seeds are available from Thompson & Morgan and can be grown indoors or outdoors, approximately €1 for 500 seeds. – An extra addition of mustard ‘Red Lace’, adds a pleasing touch of even more fire!

Did You Hear?

The very first truly blue, (not dyed) *Chrysanthemum* has been created by plant biologists in Japan using colour-creating genes from Canterbury Bells and the tropical Butterfly Pea. Then, on another note, watch out for *phytophthora*, which is infecting



The first truly blue Chrysanthemum

Larch, Rhododendron, Beech, Oak and some other trees – simply keep an eye out for blackened foliage and a black liquid leaking from the bark.

I read recently, but also feel it in my very own bones, that the colour green helps to alleviate anxiety. Forest shades and limes etc. are tranquil, refreshing and cool. Green soothes and relaxes and then a green in your conservatory can link your space out into your garden.

MIGHT DO, MAYBE OCTOBER JOBS

- Make a leaf mould bin with chicken wire fastened to four posts, this will help contain leaves so that they can rot down and make leaf mould: - Alternatively, put them in black bin bags with a few holes for drainage.
- Did you know that there are perennial Sunflowers that only need planting once and thus, re-appear here, there and everywhere year after year? Worthwhile sourcing out a good seed packet.
- We can buy bare-root Roses much, much cheaper right now in most of our garden centres. Feed herbaceous Hellebores now as they are developing their buds that will flower in late Winter and early Spring.
- Many growers raise seedlings in homemade paper pots, (generally newspaper) that may be planted out in the garden, - pot and all. This avoids root disturbance



‘Surprise’, A Deliciously Crisp, juicy newly-restored variety of Apple from c 1830 with pink flesh

Huge 2017 Autumnal News: Apple Surprise.

An apple variety dating back to 1830, ‘Surprise’ is the result of careful breeding. It is prized for its unique orange coloured skin and then, pink flesh/ fruit, deliciously crisp and juicy – (Now available to buy here in Ireland) *“I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself than be crowded on a velvet cushion.”*

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

“The leaves are all falling and they’re falling like they’re in love with the ground.”

Some Amazing Orchids



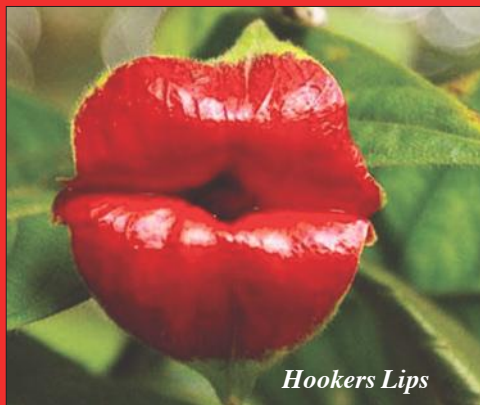
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 33-36 14/8/2017 to 1/9/2017

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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 it is read in the Dalkey Newsletter.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0730

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Aug-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Richard Glavin, 8 Sorrento Drive, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0734

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Aug-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Colette & Brian Houton, 19, Gosworth Park, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0741

Application Rec'd Date: 18-Aug-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Tracey Taylor, Apartments, 1 & 4, Queenstown Castle, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to install new raised deck outside Apartment 1 at lower ground floor level (to east side), retain internal alterations to Apartment 1 (kitchen & bathroom renovations), proposed internal alterations to Apartment 4 (new kitchen fittings & renovate bathrooms), provide chair lift on stairs to lower ground floor (to facilitate disabled access to Apartment 1), and sundry works associated with these proposals. A protected structure.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0376

Application Rec'd Date: 15-Aug-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Julie Goggin & Ben Beach, 20 St. Begnets Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development for demolition of the existing single-store structure to the rear, construction of a new part single-storey and part 2-storey addition to the rear, construction of a new roof with clerestory windows over the existing front porch, and external insulation of the existing front and rear elevations.

Declare Application Invalid 18-Aug-2017 and 30-Aug-2017.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0745

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Aug-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Torca Developments Ltd, Redan House, Ardburgh Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the existing two-storey detached dwelling (c.sq.m); Construction of 3 no. 2 bedroom, 2-3 storey terraced houses ranging in size from c.107sq.m to c.150sq.m; South facing courtyards/patios at first and second floor levels; All associated site development works, services provision, car parking, bin stores, open space, vehicular/pedestrian access, landscaping and boundary treatment works.

Declare Application Invalid: 24-Aug-2017.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0751

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Aug-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Windsor Homes Ltd, 34, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of an existing motor service/sales garage & the provision of an infill residential development comprising of the refurbishment of an existing terrace of 2 townhouses(including the retention of the old stone arch of a pre-existing forge) and the construction of a 1 bedroom apartment and a terrace of 10 duplex residential units, including a new site entrance arrangement, car & bicycle parking, landscaped open spaces, an enclosed refuse store & connections to the existing drainage system.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0756

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Aug-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Breda Mulcahy, Iona, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought to erect a new single bedroom two storey, dwelling house on site of demolished single storey garden room together with all associated drainage and site development works. **Application Type:** Outline Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0764

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Aug-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Sandra K Williams, Torca Hill, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for (i) the construction of a single storey conservatory structure over the existing ground floor terrace to the front of the house; (ii) the construction of a single storey garage at lower ground floor level to the front of the house; (iii) the construction of a single story extension to the existing games room at first floor level to the rear of the house.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0766

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Aug-2017

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

Proposal: Retention permission of a ground floor extension by the conversion of an exempt development garage to a study (24.75 sq.m.) and a store (10.5sq.m) to the rear of the study. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0769

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Aug-2017

Applic. Name & Location: Torca Developments Ltd., Redan Hse, Ardbrugh Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal:Permission for development of the demolition of the existing 2 storey detached dwelling (c108sq.m); Construction of 3 no. 2 bedroom, 2-3 storey terraced houses ranging in size from c.107sq.m to c.150sq.m; South facing courtyards/patios at first and second floor levels; All associated site development works, services provision, car parking, bin stores, open space, vehicular/pedestrian access, landscaping and boundary treatment works. All on a site of c.0.13 Ha at Redan House.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0771

Application Rec'd Date: 30-Aug-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Michael O'Grady & Sylvia Teskey, 2, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought to widen the existing vehicular entrance to 3.6m wide and amend the driveway layout to allow for off-street parking including all ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0797

Application Rec'd Date: 7-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Siobhan Smyth, Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for new dwelling house design and location in place of house granted under D06A/1619/E with entrance provided including driveways, landscaping, boundary wall, connections to drainage and services already provided and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0404

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Catherine & Padraig O'Driscoll, 3, Killiney Avenue, Killiney.

Proposal: Permission sought for a proposed single storey extension to side.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0418

Application Rec'd Date: 8-Sep-2017

Applicant Name: Catherine & Padraig O'Driscoll, 3 Killiney Avenue, Killiney.

Proposal: Permission for a single-storey extension to side.

Reg. Ref.: D17B/0407

Application Rec'd Date: 6-Sep-2017

Applicant Name & Location: Julie Goggin & Ben Beach, 20, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development for demolition of the existing single-storey structure to the rear, construction of a new part single-storey and part 2-storey addition to the rear, construction of a new roof with clerestory windows over the existing front porch, and external insulation of the existing front and rear elevations.

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Reg. Ref.: D17B/0317 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 18-Aug.'17

Applic. Name & Location: Anthony & Barbara Greene, 20 Hyde Rd., Dalkey, A96 T4C1

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing front porch, construction of a new two storey extension to the front of the dwelling, work will include internal alterations and amendments to front and side elevations and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D12A/0186/E **Decision:** Grant Exten. of Duration of Perm. **Date:** 23-Aug.'17

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0594 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 24 Aug-'17

Applicant Name & Location: Cian Ó Moráin & Adele Greene, 104 Saint Begnets Villas, Dalkey. A96 CF64

Proposal: Permission for the removal of the existing pedestrian entrance and the construction of a new vehicular entrance to the front. It includes a single car space in the front garden, a landscaped path, gravel drive and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref. D17A/0394 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 4-Sep-2017

Applicant Name: Siobhan Smyth, 3 Saval Park, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

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

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 33-36 14/8/17 to 1/9/17

Reg Ref: D17A/0525 **Reg. Date:** 9 Jun. 2017. **Location:** 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Killiney.

Development: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing two storey detached dwelling and single-storey garage; construction of 3 no. 3-storey dwellings, (1no. detached and 2no. semi-detached, 194sq.m each) with setback first-floor and set back second-floor including rooflights on each dwelling; relocation and alteration of existing vehicular entrance and two new vehicular entrances and on-site parking for two cars at each house, new boundary treatment, landscaping, ancillary works and associated works necessary to facilitate the development. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission.

Appeal Lodged: 28-Aug-2017. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission

Type of Appeal: 3rd Party Appeal

Reg Ref: D17A/0551 **Reg. Date:** 16-Jun-2017 **Location:** Lands at Castle Park School, Castle Park Road, Dalkey.

Development: Permission for development at this site. The proposed development comprises 50 no. apartments consisting of 5 no. 1-bed, 30 no. 2-bed and 15 no. 3-bed apartments, each with balcony / terrace space; the apartments are arranged in a number of blocks within 8 no. buildings which are linked by 7 no. glazed atrium, each providing access to two apartments blocks; the blocks range in height from 3-4 storeys over a single basement level; 80 no-car spaces are provided at basement level, 4 no. drop-off car spaces at surface level and 60 no. cycle spaces at basement and surface level (including a covered bike parking store catering for 10 spaces at surface level); all associated site development works including site excavation works, landscaping, provision of open space, all boundary treatments, lighting, children's play area, a single storey garden pavilion (c.92.3 m²), ESB substation (c.21.9m²); bin stores and plant at basement level and ancillary site attenuation (including green roofs to the apartment buildings); a new controlled pedestrian/cycle access gate is [proposed connecting to Castle Close. Vehicular access serving the scheme is off the existing avenue also serving via the existing school entrance off Castle Park Road; the use of the existing gate to the school for emergency/fire tender access purposes, for pedestrian access and for temporary construction access; All on a site of c.1.27ha within the grounds (House and Entrance Gateway both designated Protected Structures).

Council Decision: Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 6 Sept. 2017

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

Appeal Decision of An Bord Pleanála Wks 33-36 2017 7/8/17 to 1/9/17

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0183 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 24-Aug '17
Council's Decision: Refuse Permission **Location:** Site No. 4 Saval Park, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for dwelling house with associated parking, drainage, water connection, landscaping and ancillary works.

Applicant: Peter and Fiona O'Leary.

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.

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came-
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George Cooper, 'October's Party'



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Although a tragic little event it was lucky that it was Freda, a friend of Lucy, who spotted the tiny red squirrel on the ground not far from the Dalkey Hill car park. It was rolling around trying to right itself and it seems likely that it had fallen from the tree but it was a stroke of luck that Freda found it before one of the many dogs that roam the hill came upon it. Freda took it home,

wrapped it up warmly in a darkened box and consulted that

very useful website irishwildlifematters.ie. This website gives detailed practical help in assessing if an animal needs help, how to handle it and how to care for it as well as listing various individuals and organisations who specialise in treatment of our native creatures. It actually took some milk that Freda offered it and the little creature slept soundly that night. It took some more milk the following morning but as she was putting it in the car to take it to the vet she saw that the poor little creature had passed away. She said it had been dragging its back legs and it possibly had spinal injuries so its future wasn't very hopeful anyway and at least it was fortunate that the person who had found it had made its last few hours peaceful and stress free.

I had the body overnight before passing it on to the Squirrel Project researcher. Freda had previously said on the phone it was very young and fitted in the palm of her hand but I was still surprised when I saw how small the body was. Although it had well developed ear tufts and a bushy tail its claws looked very short and I wondered had the squirrel actually been out and about moving through the trees or had it actually fallen out of a dray before it was ready to leave by itself. Some years ago we'd seen a adult red squirrel slip and fall from a branch but luckily for it there were a number of leafy branches underneath it which broke



Young Red on Killiney Hill

Photo: M. Ryan

its fall and it just scampered off after landing. The agility of squirrels when moving through trees is spectacular but it's a skill that has to be learned and one mistake can be fatal.

We'd seen reds with nesting material in spring this year and had seen a female red squirrel on Killiney Hill some weeks before which had prominent teats and tummy so we presumed she was pregnant but the injured red was the first proof there had been successful breeding on the hills this year. It was very unfortunate it had died but just over a week later we spotted a group of three reds feeding in Beech and Scots Pine. Two were adults but the first of the group we spotted had no earclips so we knew it was another squirrel born this year so there's at least one of a new generation of squirrels on the hills.



Linnet on Gorse

Photo: Michael Ryan

Mighty Mites

Near the obelisk we noticed a number of gorse bushes shrouded in what looked like spiders web silk.

Initially I thought it might be due to a moth.

A few years ago in Estonia we'd come across some small trees completely covered in swathes of web.

Although mid-summer there were no leaves on the trees and the bare branches wrapped in their gray translucent shroud looked quite

sinister. Later we found out the 'silk' was produced by a moth, possibly the Small or Spindle Ermine, to protect the caterpillars it had lain on the tree and in fact it didn't do the trees any harm and the leaves would grow back the following year.

So initially we thought the web on the gorse on Killiney hill might be full of caterpillars, but it wasn't. Looking closely we saw thousands of tiny red particles in the silk and then noticed some of them were actually moving. They looked like tiny spiders and subsequently I discovered they were the gorse spider mite (*Tetranychus lintearius*). Aptly named, since it is host specific, only feeding on gorse, the mites damage the gorse cells tissue when they feed on it, even stopping the plant flowering and stunting the branch growth.

I found this out by a Google search but the search results for gorse spider mite generally refers to it in its context of a very important biological pest control of gorse. In Ireland gorse is a great habitat for insects, the flowers providing early spring nectar for many insects and is a good nesting plant for many birds though it can be a nuisance when it is maliciously set alight. I hadn't known that our native gorse when introduced to other continents including Australia and North America as a hedging plant or to feed livestock becomes a notoriously invasive weed, very difficult to eradicate, out-competing native plants and ruining habitats. It has taken over vast areas of grassland in Sri Lanka and is out competing native flora in Chile. But its most serious threat is its predilection towards burning and the dangers are accentuated when it is growing in very dry hot regions. One site refers to the fact it was instrumental in a ferocious fire in the town of Bandon in Oregon in 1936. An Irish immigrant had introduced gorse into the town 63 years before and it had spread around the town to the extent that when a wildfire broke out nearby it raged through the gorse destroying the town and resulting in the death of ten people.

The gorse spider mite when introduced on to bushes won't totally eradicate the gorse but it can substantially slow down its growth to manageable levels where it can be controlled.

We went back to check the gorse bushes near the obelisk a few weeks after and the webs and mites were still there. I hadn't expected to see any change in the bushes but the gorse bushes supporting the mites were definitely bleached looking, much paler than any other adjoining gorse so evidently a multitude of munching mites were having an effect.



Gorse Spider mite on Killiney Hill

Photo: Michael Ryan



LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY EVENTS – OCTOBER 2017



Wednesday 4th at 8pm: *'The Black Death in the Dublin Region'* by Finbar Dwyer to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill. All welcome – admission €4.

Thursday 5th at 8pm: *'Paisanos: The forgotten Irish who changed the face of Latin America'* by Tim Fanning to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Tuesday 10th at 8pm: *'DMP Casualties during the War of Independence Continued'* by James Scannell to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome.

Wednesday 11th at 1pm: *'Baggot Street Hospital – 60 Years Ago'* by Michael Pegum to the Ballsbridge, Donnybrook and Sandymount Historical Society in Pembroke Library, Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge. All welcome – admission free but booking required through Pembroke Library via email: pembroke.library@dublincity.ie or call 01-668 9575.

At 6 pm *'The Keaney Hangings at Bohernabreena, 1815'* by John Fitzgerald to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, D. 2. All welcome – admission free.

At 7.45pm: *'Mills on the Dodder and the Poddle'* by Don McEntee to the Knocklyon Historical Society in the Iona Centre, Knocklyon, Templeogue, D.16. All welcome - admission charge.

Thursday 12th at 7.30pm: *'Enlisting in Armies: Irish Railwaymen, 1914 to 1923'* by Peter Rigney to the Irish Railway Record Society in the IRRS Premises, Heuston Station, D.8. Members and their guests only.

At 8pm *'The Rivers Dodder and Slang'* by Don McEntee to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society in the Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome – contribution €3.

Friday 13th at 8pm: *'A miserly and beggarly war' – dispelling the myths of Tyrone's Rebellion'* by Dr. James O'Neill to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Monday 16th at 6.30pm: *'Bi-centenary of Kingstown/Dun Laoghaire Harbour'* by Rob Goodbody to the Engineers Ireland Heritage Society in 22 Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. All welcome – admission free.

Tuesday 17th at 8pm: Main Talk: *'Leopardstown Park Hospital, 1917-2017'* by Dr. Eoin Kinsella, and Short Talk: *'Viking influence around us'* by Brian MacAongusa to the Foxrock Local Hist. Club in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre. All welcome – admission €5.

Wednesday 18th at 8pm: *'History of Dun Laoghaire Harbour: aspects of the harbour over the past Two Hundred Years'* by Cormac Lowth to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome – entrance €3.

Thursday 19th at 8pm: *'Irish Demesne Landscapes 1660 – 1740'* by Vandra Costello to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Bray. Members free – visitors €5.

Wednesday 25th at 6pm: *'Pre-Famine Dublin: A Calamity Waiting to Happen?'* by Vincent Ruddy to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

Thursday 26th at 7.30pm: *'Member's Slide Show – Irish & UK Subjects'* to the Irish Railway Record Society in the IRRS Premises, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

THANK YOU FROM THE OLD BRAY SOCIETY

The Society wishes to thank all those DCCN readers who responded to the inquiry about a post 1945 murder Dalkey which was the shooting dead of Ronald Ernest Brain and Robert Robinson in January 1948 by Henry Fitzsimon Cotton, who was later found guilty but insane.

THE DALKEY BURGLAR

Unlike today when many insurance companies require household policy holders to have their residences equipped with a burglar alarm, which in some cases has to be connected to a telephone monitoring service especially where properties are unoccupied during the day, in 1917 householders had to rely on good quality locks and window catches to deter all but the most professional

burglar. In September 1917 it was reported that the residence of Canon Hannay on the Vico Road had been the target of a burglary on the night of Tuesday 18th September during which a small amount of money and some valuables were taken. This was the second time that year that this property had been burgled. This burglary was the latest in the series of burglaries that had taken place in the Dalkey and Killiney over the past year but at that time the police had no idea who the perpetrator was despite their best efforts.

PUBLICATIONS

'History Ireland magazine – September/October 2017 issue', Editor Tommy Graham, published by History Ireland Publications. Variety of content is the hallmark of each issue of this Irish history magazine which is published six times a year. Some of the articles in the current issue include Jeanette Stronge's '*Who was Sam Maguire?*' in which she provides a short biography of the man after whom the highly sought GAA Trophy is named; Andy Bielenberg in '*Gerard Murphy, Disappearing Freemasons and the Limits of Ideological Revisionism*' discusses the Cork Fatality Register for the War of Independence, while in '*Half-Irish and all Slave*' Joe Regan covers the life of John Roy Lynch, whose political career during the post American civil war Reconstruction, is one of the most remarkable achievements in the pantheon of Irish-American politics. By way of contrast Niamh Howlin looks at the composition of the 1916 jury that tried and convicted Roger Casement in 'A typical collection of lower middle-class Londoners'; in '*Delia Larkin and the Game of House*'. Gerry Watts recalls an activity that could be used to embarrass her brother, Jim Larkin, at a very critical time in the fortunes of the labour movement in Ireland; in '*Corporeal Reform and Responsibility*' Ciara Breathnach looks at the Prison Medical Service and the treatment of Thomas Ashe, while Bernard Kelly in '*Breaking into Emergency Ireland*' reminds the reader that the sharp debates currently surrounding the issues of immigration and the securing borders, especially in the light of Brexit, call to mind a strange situation that the de Valera administration faced in later 1944 as the Second World War drew to an end.

These are just some of the articles in this excellent issue which can be obtained through newsagents or ordered by subscription from History Ireland on 01-2933568 or by email: helen@wordwellbooks.com. On news-stands from October is a special issue '*1916-1918 Changed Utterly*' which provides an analysis of Ireland immediately following the 1916 Rising.

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ADVENTURE CENTRE FUN FOR HAROLD BOYS' N.S.

Pupils in Harold Boys' N.S. recently visited Baltinglass Adventure Centre for their annual visit. It was a fun & action packed day! The boys enjoyed lessons in Archery before having a competition. They also took part in rock climbing & abseiling. Later they did orienteering in the forest. The final activity of the day was kayaking on the River Slaney. The boys returned to Dalkey late in the day. They were exhausted! But all agreed it was a great day out!

Photo. Harold Boys' N.S



Castle Park Swim Academy & Sports Centre



HALLOWEEN MULTI ACTIVITY CAMP 2017

At our Halloween Multi Activity Camp children aged 4 - 12 years will enjoy a wide variety of sporting activities, games and art & crafts. There is also a fun swim daily. The camp is fully catered by our onsite chef with children getting a healthy break, a hot nutritious lunch and a dessert each day. The camp day starts at 9:30am and finishes at 3pm. Extended daycare options are available at an additional cost. The camp will run for two weeks - 23rd October to 27th October and 31st October to 3rd November 2017. Bookings are now open online via our website www.castleparkschool.ie

HALLOWEEN SWIM INTENSIVE CAMP 2017

Castle Park Swim Intensive Camp is a focused week which aims to improve swimming ability, confidence and stroke technique. Our low teacher: pupil ratio enables all children to maximise their swimming potential. The camp is suited to all ages (4yrs+) and abilities, and takes place from 3.15pm - 4pm daily. The Intensive Swim Camp will run from 31st October - 3rd November 2017. Bookings are now open online via our website www.castleparkschool.ie

PARENT & TODDLER CLASS

New Parent & Toddler class starting on Thursday 5th October at 9:15am. This class is for babies and toddlers aged 6 months to 2.5 years, accompanied by a parent in the water. The basics of swimming are introduced whilst babies become accustomed to the pool environment. The class will run for 10 weeks and costs €75. Bookings are now open online via our website www.castleparkschool.ie



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Dragons in Loreto

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BIZWORLD AT LORETO DALKEY

Fifth Class at Loreto Dalkey participated in BizWorld at the end of the last school term. BizWorld is a two-day programme where the class worked together in small teams taking on the role of directors in a company. On the first day, we learned how to create a business. We were taught the terms of business and how to market our products. In a team of six, we made a company of our own and designed a poster, logo and slogan. Then we had to find a reasonable price to sell our products at, ensuring that we would also make a profit! There were five groups, all with a different business idea, such as Flash: the binoculars that double as a camera, In 'n' Out: the food with sauce inside, Micro Find: a suitcase with a built in microchip, Party Planz: a party planning agency and Switch Up: decorated chargers and phone cases.

On the second day, we prepared our business pitch for the Venture Capitalists, who were managers from Bank of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire. Each company competed in the Biz factor competition for investment. As part of Biz factor we presented our company name, television advertisement and pitched our business plan. If the Venture Capitalists were interested in your business, they invested money in the business in return for a percentage of ownership of the company.

To finish the programme we wrote a letter to our 21-year-old selves outlining our hopes and dreams for the future.

Our class teacher, Ms. Rockett and our principal, Mrs. Corkery, were very proud of our presentations and of all our hard work and creativity.

We really enjoyed the workshop as we learned a lot and had lots of fun. The experience we gained will be put to good use next year when we set up our businesses in sixth class for Family Fun Day.

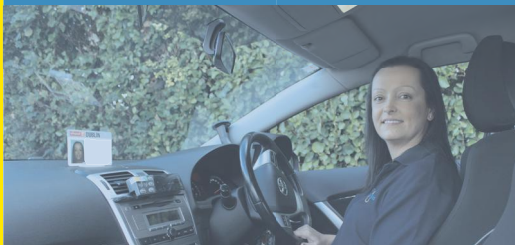
*Christy Pigott, Lily McKenna and Emma Wilson,
Fifth Class*



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Services for October 2017

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

Rector's Surgery: Holy Trinity Rectory every Tues. 7-8 pm. Last one on the 3rd October.



Revd. Canon Niall J. Sloane

From the Rector

On Sunday 27th August, it was announced that I have been appointed Incumbent of Limerick City Parish and Dean of Limerick. For nearly 6 years I have served as Rector of Holy Trinity, Killiney and what a privilege it has been. As Karen, Evelyn and I prepare for the move West, we do so with many, many happy and joyous memories we will all have an opportunity to say our farewells on Sunday 15th October and I extend a warm welcome to you all to join us at the 10.45am service.

The service of installation will be held in St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick on Saturday 21st October at 3pm and all are welcome to attend.

As the parish prepares to enter a vacancy I encourage you to support and pray for: the Rural

Dean, the Rev'd John Tanner who will have overall responsibility for the parish, the clergy and readers who will conduct services, the parochial nominators (Clive, Helen, Stefanie & David) who will be part of the board responsible for nominating the next Rector With every blessing,

Niall.

Harvest – The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday 1st October at 10.45am. The preacher on the occasion will be the Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, the Very Rev'd William Morton.

Diocesan Synods – The diocesan Synods of Dublin & Glendalough will be held on Tuesday 10th October in Greystones. Our parish will be represented by the Rector and David Millar, Lewis Purser and June Hurley.

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

Service & Social: The next gathering will be on Sunday 1st October at 3pm in the Carry Centre. Please contact Joan Whyte for more information.

Select Vestry will meet at 8pm in the Carry Centre on Monday 9th October.

Ladies Guild will meet on Tuesday 10th October in the Carry Centre. All welcome.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney: The next gathering will be held on



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Wednesday 18th October. Meetings are at 8pm in the Carry Centre. For more information on SILK please contact Laura Martin on 0868708496.

Bible Study & Prayer Group: This year we will be looking at St John's Gospel. The next meeting is on Tuesday 24th October at 10.30am in the Carry Centre. All are very welcome to attend. Further expressions of interest may be addressed to Ruth Heard.

The Y Club ~ Killiney Mens' Society meets on Thursday 26th October is a trip to Go Quest. Meet at Carry Centre at 6.50pm. Cost: €16pp. More information from Paul O'Brien or Nigel Teggins.

Sheep Thrills meet every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre. We look forward to making plans for the Autumn/Winter session. No joining just come along, €3 for fresh coffee and homemade biscuits. Please contact Joan @ 087 2460078. *Sheep Thrills are now on Facebook - see www.facebook.com/Sheep-Thrills*

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



NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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Sunday Services for October

1st October	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
8th October	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
15th October	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
22nd October	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
29th October	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist

Midweek

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

Harvest – Harvest Thanksgiving is on 8th October at 10.15am, the preacher will be Rev. Isy Hawthorne-Steele, Rector of St. Paul & St. Barnabas, Belfast

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on Tuesday 10th October and Tuesday 24th October. Refreshments are served afterwards in the Coffee Shop.

Special Visit to Dublin Zoo – Parishioners from St. Patrick's Parish and the Church of the Assumption, Dalkey recently hosted a day out at Dublin Zoo for group of asylum seekers from Mosney Direct Provision Centre, Co. Meath. On 21st August, the group of 33 people from Mosney and their Dalkey hosts braved torrential rain to see the new Zoorassic World exhibition at Dublin Zoo, as well as the usual elephants, lions and tigers. Rector of Dalkey, Rev. Bruce Hayes said, "We are trying to reach out to asylum seekers in the hope that we, in our own small way, can counteract the isolating effects of the Direct Provision System and to encourage integration with a local community."

Parish Organisations – Film Social returns on 9th October. Please refer to our parish website for further details of our other organisations.

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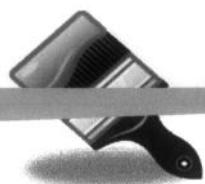
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Well done to the Dalkey Girls U18 Team who won their race in the recent Dalkey Rowing Regatta. The win secured them second place in their category in the East Coast Rowing Championship. L to R: Niall Haughton (Coxswain), Hazel Cunningham, Kiri Cunningham, Amy Pender and Chloe Byrne.

*Right:
Dalkey Ladies Rowing Club Team
training in Dalkey Sound*



*Below:
Dalkey Ladies Rowing Club
Team pulling ahead in recent
Dalkey Rowing Regatta*



Photos by John Fahy



AN EARLY MORNING DIP

I pull the door behind me, well
wrapped

I step into the cold morning air

Striped canvas bag swings in time with my step

Along the deserted road, curtains drawn

A porch light gleams

Its welcome dimmed by advancing light

Bird song breaks the silence

Cheerful chatter brightens a dull morning

Bare trees form skeletal figures against the grey
sky

An Evergreen stands out, its abundant foliage a
stark contrast

Yellow forsythia cheers me sharing a wall with a
privet hedge

A tortoise-shell cat greets me

A dog barks behind closed doors

Not a sinner about

Redundant traffic lights change

Red, amber, green

Ahead the sea and the sharp cry of gulls

The shoreline a stark landscape

Forty Foot

Sandycove



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Brendan Moore and Tim De Jong

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Many Dalkey residents will not be aware of the efforts of local man Brendan Moore who is cycling home from the south of Spain and raising money for a number of charities. Brendan has been teaching Geography in a British secondary school in the city of Cordoba, about 2 hours inland from Malaga, for the last 3 years. On August 1st he, and a friend Tim De Jong from Holland, (aka “Team Flamencos Extranjeros”) started an epic cycling journey which will take them and their bikes the length of Spain and France, through Luxembourg, Germany, Belgium and Holland (stopping briefly to say hello to Tim’s family in Rotterdam) before taking a ferry to Hull and cycling across England to Liverpool and taking another ferry to Dublin. He is expected to arrive home to Dalkey during the first week of November.

Brendan wants to thank all those friends and neighbours who supported his Table Quiz in The Club in Dalkey on 27th July which raised €1,230 for Charity and gave him such a warm send off. He also wants to thank the proprietors, management and staff of The Club who looked after us all so well on the night, and the many local businesses who donated prizes. We are indeed blessed to live in such a caring and supportive community. So far, this

project has raised almost €5,000 for charity, half of which goes to the Belgian NGO, SBOverseas, to support the education of Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. The other 50% of funds raised is shared between a number of local charities, including Aware and Focus Ireland. Full details are available on his fundraising website which is still accepting donations: www.idonate.ie/flamencosteam

If you are interested in reading about their sometimes funny and often hair raising adventures on the road, and seeing some great pictures and video clips, please take a look at Brendan’s blog, or web diary: www.flamencosteam.com



MORE FORTHCOMING EVENTS



DALKEY UKULELE KLUB

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

NATURE NOTES OCTOBER 2017

All talks take place at 20.00 hours in The Killiney Room of the Graduate Bar, Rochestown Avenue. All 10.30 start outings are approximately of 2 hours duration. Contact person is Eleanor Keane 087 6446029 elekeane@gmail.com www.southdublinbirds.com

Indoor Meeting – Tues, 3rd. All about: The Great Spotted Woodpecker. By Declan Murphy
Sunday 8th October. Visit to Rodgerstown Estuary for Birds of Prey and Waders. Meet for 10.30 at Turvey Carpark.

Troy Mental Health Association – Please support the fundraising event on Saturday 7th October in our Lady’s Hall in aid of the Troy Social Club that meets every Friday from 6-9pm. www.troymha.com

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DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon 9 Oct
Sorting of November Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 26 Oct
Halloween Tours in Heritage Centre	Fri 27 Oct to Mon 30
Fri: 3pm & 4pm, Sat: 12 noon, Sun: 12 noon, 3pm & 4pm, Mon: 12 noon.	
Closing date for receipt of entry forms for DCC Art Exhibition	Fri 3 Nov

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups in Town Hall from 5-9pm Mondays & Wednesdays
Boxing /Conditioning Classes - Also available. Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334
Dalkey Players: Rehearsals resuming on Tuesday 5th September in Harold Boys' School from 7:30-10:30pm-Tuesdays & Thursdays. New members welcome.
St. Patrick's Dramatic Society: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Road from 8-10:30pm – Mondays & Thursdays. New members welcome.
The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested please call 086-8391839 - NO Texts Please
Cuala Set Dancing Classes: Every Sunday from 8-10pm €6 per night. All welcome.
Scrabble & Afternoon Tea in aid of Barnardos every Wed, at 3pm in Derrymore, 35, Coliemore Rd., Dalkey. Call Di Fitzpatrick at 285 0593 for more information.
Baby & Toddler Group. All pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome. Tues. 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., Dun Laoghaire. €2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608
Parkrun - Every Sat. 9.30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh & Marlay Park.
Dalkey Library Local Hist. Group meets at 6-6:30pm on the last Tues. each month in Library.
U3A (University of the Third Age) Dun Laoghaire Dalkey Killiney. U3A meets every Tuesday at 10:30am in The Pastoral Centre, St. Joseph's Church, Glasthule. Email: dldk.u3a@gmail.com
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Oh! How Television (and Radio) has changed over the years

Finally there is now a Sports channel available on satellite FREE ! The channel called "FreeSport" is available to anybody with a suitable satellite system. The channel went live on the 31st of August, and is now broadcasting football from Portugal, Belgium, Spain and Ireland (Airtricity League), as well as football from AC Milan, Bayern Munich and FC Barcelona. There is also coverage of Rugby League, Tennis, Ice Hockey and much more. (Tuning details for those who know how to tune extra channels Astra 2, 11426v, symbol rate 27500, FEC 5/6). Unfortunately the channel is not broadcasting in High Definition, but I doubt that will matter to the majority of sports fans.

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