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September: Latin for seven, was the seventh month of the Roman Calendar

By all these lovely tokens September days are here
With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer.

HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY !!

8th September 2013

Flower: Aster



**Some happy Dalkey ladies
admiring the flowers
at Knockanree
during
THE COMMUNITY
COUNCIL
ANNUAL GARDEN
OUTING**

DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUPPORTER'S COLLECTION REMINDER

Dear Resident,

We rely completely on your contributions to carry out the many activities we engage in for Dalkey, such as making Representations to the County Council on all matters involving Dalkey, the Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Planning matters, sponsorship of worthy local causes e.g. Sports, Athletes, Garden Competition, Garden Outing, Art Exhibition, Cups etc. We would appreciate if you could return your contribution to your Road Representative or simply pop it in the post box in Our Lady's Hall.

KEEPING DALKEY SPECIAL ! Many thanks for your contribution

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SUMMARY OF DCC AUGUST MEETING



The August DCC Monthly Meeting was held in OLH on Tuesday 6th August 2013.

NW: Traffic must stop on a flashing amber light at the pedestrian crossing when there are pedestrians/ users crossing and must not proceed until the crossing is clear. There has been a number of incidents of dog thefts in the area and dog owners are reminded to keep their dogs within sight at all times.

AOB: There was a request for the placement of another pedestrian crossing between the church and the Heritage Centre. The yield signs on the squareabout are being ignored and they should be replaced with STOP signs. DCC will pursue these matters with DLR. The next DCC meeting is Monday 2nd September in OLH.



DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE



The visitor numbers continue to increase month on month. The new interpretation system and the Writers' Gallery are proving to be a great hit with visitors. We have secured a regular slot from a leading tour company in 2014 after years of trying. Plans are in the preliminary stages to increase further the profile of Dalkey as a tourism 'must see' destination while visitors are in Ireland. So we are constantly 'on message' to ensure that, in addition to the top class product with our Living History Tours, our levels of service, our welcome and our 'meet and greet' are of the highest order. We have



Archer and Princess T-shirts

Photo: John Fahy

recently been awarded a certificate of excellence by TripAdvisor. We are confident that visitors will receive a high level of service and a warm welcome in the rest of the town also. Word of mouth is one of the most important advertising tools.

Shop local: we have added new merchandise to the offering in our shop. In addition to the usual items of memorabilia for visitors, we now have a number of items for locals that are not available in other shops in Dalkey. There are beautiful new baby gifts from an Irish company called Baby.Bow. We have Fruit of the Loom T-Shirts with the Castle Archer and Princess on them for the under 10s. A new collection of cuff-links, featuring beautiful Irish coins, are made right here on Castle Street in Dalkey. They would make an ideal and unusual gift for the men in your life. We have added Carraig Donn to our knitwear section.

Do call in and take a look!

The series celebrating the literary heritage of the county, *'Discover Dalkey's Literary Gems'* finished in great style on August 9th with *'Scenes from Minding Frankie'*. This is an adaptation for stage by Shay Linehan of Maeve Binchy's famous novel, *'Minding Frankie'*. The play, directed by Margaret Dunne, played to a capacity audience and had a long waiting list for cancellations. In the light of this, we are considering staging it again before the year end. Let us know by email if you missed it and would like the opportunity to see it.

We intend to promote the literary heritage further by themed literary evenings in Dalkey Town Hall in summer 2014. We aim to package this with an evening meal for visitors. We continue to do our utmost to grow the numbers coming to Dalkey for the benefit of all.

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TIDY TOWNS REPORT TO COMMUNITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2013



DALKEY ACTION DAY AT DILLON'S PARK

On Thursday the 16th August, the An Taisce Clean Coasts team and Dalkey Tidy Towns Coastcare Group extended a warm welcome to 8 volunteers from a local business, AMDOCS. AMDOCS are a global organisation that specialise in customer care, billing and order management systems for telecommunications carriers and Internet services providers, and expressed an interest in getting involved in an opportunity for local community action. As we are lucky to boast over 5,000 kilometres of richly diverse coastline, there is always plenty to do in maintaining, protecting and enhancing our local coastal areas.

August 16th saw AMDOCS join forces with Dalkey Tidy Towns Coastcare Group to undertake a cleanup of Dillons Park, Dalkey. This local beauty spot is a treasured local amenity with a beautiful view over to Dalkey Island. It is always very well kept by the local Tidy Towns group, and all new helpers are always welcome to lend a hand in the maintenance. The An Taisce Clean Coasts Team and Dalkey Tidy Towns Coastcare Group would like to say well done and thank you to the volunteers from AMDOCS who generously donated their time and put in a good morning of hard work clearing and litter picking in the park. "I would like to thank all of the members of Dalkey Tidy Towns Coastcare Group and AMDOCS for linking in with the Clean Coasts Programme in An



Micheál, Dalkey Tidy Towns' youngest volunteer



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Taisce, and making this day possible. There was so much hard work done on this day, and the enthusiasm was fantastic. Well done to all” Michelle O’Sullivan, Coastal Programmes Officer, An Taisce Environment Education Unit.

The An Taisce Clean Coasts Programme strives to improve the economic and aesthetic value of the coastline for community & visitors alike by involving local communities in beach management and encouraging them to be guardians of their coastline. Currently, the Clean Coasts Programme includes over 347 group’s, stretching along the length of the Irish coastline. These groups work tirelessly to maintain and improve the environmental and amenity value of their coastal areas for all of our enjoyment. The Clean Coasts programme is owned and operated by An Taisce in Ireland and is funded by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government, Fáilte Ireland and Coca-Cola. To find out more about An Taisce’s Clean Coasts programme please contact Michelle O’Sullivan, Coastal Programmes Officer, An Taisce on 01 4002228 or website: www.cleancoasts.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/CleanCoasts.



CBC ZAMBIAN IMMERSION PROJECT



On Sat 14th of Sept. some of the students and parents of CBC Monkstown are holding a Sale of Work in aid of the Zambia Immersion Project in Our Lady’s Hall, Dalkey from 10.00 am- 4.00 pm.

Sixteen 4th and 5th year boys and some of their teachers are going to



CBC students and parents preparing the container for Zambia

work in Zambia in October. For the two weeks that the boys are there, they will work to help the poor people in the St. Lawrence Community and the N’Gombe Compound in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. The students who travel will help in the community school, ZOC’s, during their stay. They will also visit the Mother Teresa Home for the sick and the terminally ill. They will work with the Home Based Care workers and help with the small children at the Kondwa centre. The group are raising money to bring to Zambia to assist in all of the above projects. They have also raised money to fund the cost of a container transporting medical equipment donated by St Michael’s Hospital Dun Laoghaire, computers, new clothes, books and dictionaries for the people of the community of the N’Gombe compound.

The sale will include homemade cakes/ breads, plants, books, bric- a- brac and hand knits. Please come and support us. For more details of the project see www.Cbczambia2013.org and the CBC school website.

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Dalkey Island Conservation

Plan: This is to be presented to the County Councillors soon for their approval.

Marine Mammals: On a related note, the Irish Whale & Dolphin Group (IWDG)'s 56ft ketch, Celtic Mist (donated by the Haughey family) was in Killiney Bay during late July. Also in Dun Laoghaire Harbour, Minister for Heritage, Jimmy Deenihan launched '*Atlas of Marine Mammals in Irish Offshore Waters*'.

The Minister, last November announced a 'designate' Rockabill and Dalkey Island Special Conservation Area (SAC) as a habitat for Annex II species including Harbour Porpoises. Incidentally, the designate SAC is believed to overlap the site of the exploratory drill rig as had been proposed by Providence Resources.

Coliemore Harbour Survey Report: Originally to be submitted to DLRCoCo in May is now deferred to mid-August. Consultants cite further drilling to confirm stability of certain sections of harbour walls.

Bulloch Harbour: The Blessing of the Boats took place on 11 August, where the lifeboat RNLB Anna Livia (14-05) berthed as part of a RNLI fundraiser and where a large turnout enjoyed a BBQ in the sun!

Dalkey Currach: Naomh Beagnait, continued to forge new links beyond local waters. She participated in the first Dublin Currach Regatta in Clontarf. There are around five such traditional craft based in Dublin Bay and her current home Bulloch Harbour is where rowers have included Dalkey Sea Scouts.



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Celtic Mist in Killiney Bay, note crew member on lookout duty aloft the mast!

Queen Elizabeth

Following the call of 'QM2', another 'Cunarder' Queen Elizabeth made her maiden visit offshore of Dun Laoghaire Harbour in August with 2,100 passengers. In the previous issue, the topic of Marconi was featured, conveniently this leads to present day Wi-Fi technology, where such 'coverage' is much sought by cruise passengers as costs at sea are notoriously expensive. In response, Dun Laoghaire Business Association beam out 'Free' Wi-Fi to these cruise ships.



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*RNLB Anna Livia berthed Bulloch Harbour
for the Blessing of the Boats*

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“AFLOAT” Visual Artist Roisin Cunningham continues her project “Afloat” at Coliemore Harbour. She intends to launch the project fully in mid September from the Muglins, where fifty vessels will be set afloat with messages and artworks... who knows who will find them! Leave a message by visiting

www.facebook.com/roisincunninghamafloat



POSTCARD FROM HELSINKI



As requested, a few words from the northernmost EU capital at the close of a hectic first week in situ.



There is still a great stretch in the evenings and this week has been both warm and sunny...which pleases everyone here no end! Indeed, our welcome has been an extremely warm one in every respect; everywhere you go, people are both friendly and helpful and speak English so well.

Helsinki is lovely in her summer clothes. In the harbour, large cruise liners to and from Sweden and St. Petersburg and beyond vie with countless smaller craft while high-speed ferries ply their trade across to Tallinn in Estonia. Lush green parks abound; no hint of what lies in store later

in the year!

A morning spent walking around the city centre takes in a visit to both a food and a flea market—little that isn’t familiar in either but interesting, nonetheless... There are, of course, lots of fluffy reindeer soft toys! There is also an excellent city tram system, easy to learn to use and not too crowded at this time of year.

And in the afternoon, it was time to mow the grass in the back garden...and to wonder how it will look under a covering of snow in a few months time...but that is for another day.... No rush, eh! In the meantime, much of Finland is on vacation, with many families exchanging the city for countryside in a land where lake and forest abound.

So, I will say Hei, hei! (*bye, bye*) for now,
All the best



Helsinki Zoo Island

Your Finland Station correspondent

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

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Divyen Trivedi, one of the winners of a local schools' drawing competition held in honour of the late Maeve Binchy, called 'Impressions of Circle of Friends and The Lilac Bus'.

It was part of the Dalkey Book Festival 2013 and was sponsored by Select Stores, Dalkey Business Group, Country Bake and The Jelly Bean Factory. Pictured with Divyen are L-R: Mary Kingston, one of the judges, Oliver McCabe, Select Stores and Gordon Snell, husband of the late Maeve Binchy.

Dalkey enjoyed the fourth annual Book Festival in June. Many of the events were sold out in advance. There was special tribute to Maeve Binchy, who was an excellent supporter of the festival. We extend a big thank you to David McWilliams and Sian Smyth and a team of volunteers for all their expertise and hard work in ensuring a really successful festival. Many Business Group members were involved too, providing resources and venues. Pat Kenny gave Dalkey fantastic promotion when his programme came live from Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on the Friday.

Nicky Logue, General Manager of Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney, has taken over as Chairman from Kathy Irwin for the year ahead. Together with a very strong committee and the efforts of the business owners in the area, he hopes to improve Dalkey and, most importantly, bring in more visitors to the area which will benefit all businesses.

Nicky says "Dalkey has had representative business associations since the early 1900s. The current Dalkey Business Group is in its fourth year and has achieved a lot in that time and brought businesses together. There is a lot more we can achieve but we need your active participation and membership to do this. Much has been achieved and, as the saying goes, 'there is more to do!'



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For the year ahead, we have set the following goals:

- To Increase membership numbers
- To continue to support Festivals and add at least one more
- To promote Dalkey locally, nationally & internationally- with a strongly focused marketing plan especially in the US following the amazing Obama visit to Dalkey
- To get parking charges and terms and conditions lowered in Dalkey, particularly at weekends.
- To keep pressure on for a further reduction in DLR rates following last year's 2% decrease.
- To hold a Gathering event later in the year as part of The Gathering 2013
- To encourage a Christmas campaign to entice people to spend €10 more in Dalkey".

*To join Dalkey Business Group or to get more information email
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Sheep Thrills – Owing to popular demand our community based textile group will recommence on Thursday 26th Sept at 11am in the Carry Hall opposite Fitzpatrick's hotel (59 bus). We have great varied ability which is shared with much enthusiasm.

We look forward to lots of new ideas for products to give and sell for the homeless both at home and abroad, with proceeds shared between the Parish and chosen charities.

Everyone welcome, no rules, just turn up, admission €3-€5 contact Joan @ 087 2460078

Killiney Mens' Society – The new programme of events for the new season is now available. The 1st meeting will be on Thursday 26th September at 8pm in the Carry Hall. The theme of the evening is entitled 'Back to the Future'. All our Gentleman are very welcome to attend. More information from Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

Table Tennis – The table tennis season starts on Monday, 2nd September @ 8pm in the Carry Hall. If you are interested in trying out table tennis, you would be very welcome (and we will even lend you a bat!). For more information contact Linda Franck (086 8296029).

Ladies Guild – The Guild will meet on Tuesday 10th September in the Carry Hall. All welcome. **New! SILK** - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney

The main object of the Society is to provide a basis for a close fellowship among women in the greater Killiney area. We plan to do this through a programme of events focusing on areas such as education, recreation and fun. The first meeting (a wine tasting) will be held on Wednesday 18th September at 8pm in the Carry Hall. It is hoped that meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8pm. The society will meet in the Carry Hall, Killiney; however, due to the variety of the programme a number of events will be held 'off site'. New members are welcome to join us at any gathering. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

Bible Study and Prayer Group – The Bible Study resumes on Tuesday 24th September. The group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 10.30 am in the Carry Hall. This year the Bible study will focus on linking the Old & New Testaments. All are very welcome to attend. Further expressions of interest may be addressed to the Rector.

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Dear Editor,

I am writing regarding an issue of grave importance to the residents of Dalkey, a piece of history and heritage of our town that is at risk of being completely forgotten about and, worse still, destroyed.

I am referring to the Public Right of Way, as stated in appendix G of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's 2010-2016 County Development Plan, that leads from 'Loreto Road to the Lady's Well on the Foreshore' and known locally as 'Our Lady's Well'.

The right of way, which comprises a passageway, now completely overgrown, and the tunnel which has fallen



The Tunnel



Tunnel Entrance

through in places and is unsafe for access is still nonetheless a right of way and the public have every right to access it as they have been entitled to since the tunnel was first constructed by Charles Leslie of 'Carraig Na Greine' in the early part of the 19th Century.

The tunnel was built by Charles Leslie to allow passage of the local peasantry across his land and access to the freshwater well, which flows to this day, without having the displeasure of seeing them from the windows of his house.

The blocked-up end, which, according to local popular folklore was an escape route to Dalkey Island, was really just a convenient short cut to allow access to nearby 'Villagio' which was at the time owned by Leslie's son-in-law, a Mr. Peacocke.

Elderly residents of Dalkey recall their mothers and grandmothers going down to the well, where a Celtic Cross had been inscribed into the stone by a local man by the name of Green, to pray and leave coins hidden in various places around it to bring them good luck. Many too will remember running down the tunnel as children and wondering at the possibilities of what lay beyond the blocked-up end. It is a shame to think that these memories currently lie hidden underground, inaccessible, and that current residents and maybe future generations too can't safely access the well and carry on the town's many traditions.

When land was redeveloped in recent years to make way for hockey pitches and playing fields it is clear that measures were taken deliberately by the then Board of Management of the Loreto School to make the tunnel unsafe for access, thereby ensuring local youths and undesirables could not use the place to drink and engage in other illegal activities. By these measures I mean the huge boulders thrown into the circular air-grates in the ceiling of the tunnel and the vast amounts of earth thrown on top to render it unsafe. Sometime after this the tunnel was blocked up with cavity blocks about halfway along, at two separate points, and also at the entrance.

It is shameful that this public right of way has been almost



Celtic Cross

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forgotten about and lain in such utter disrepair for the last thirty years, and in a time when rights of way and other historical features are slowly disappearing, I think it is our duty as residents of Dalkey, if indeed we consider Dalkey to truly be a 'Heritage' town, and to our future generations that we do something to save this truly unique and forgotten piece of our history.

I am anxious to hear the opinions of the residents of Dalkey and I can be contacted by email at: conallcoleman@gmail.com

Yours faithfully,

Conall Coleman. Dalkey



A DALKEY REVERIE!



Moving to Dalkey was a wise decision. Its artistic atmosphere, especially the literary, spurred me on to publish my two novels.

For too many years I went down the traditional route of acquiring a literary agent who sent my work to publishers. But times have changed over the years, especially during the past decade.

In the past large publishers financed a number of quality work by publishing "Best Sellers". Nowadays due to the takeover by conglomerates, increasing attention is paid solely to making money. With this in mind, I decided to be modern and adventurous and turn my attention to publishing online seeing that an increasing number of people are reading on Kindle.

Writers like me who have published online differ from those who are published in the traditional form for we not only have to write, but we also have to promote our work. In doing this we don the cap of a businessman like any other self-employed craftsman.

Firstly I established what market I should aim for. My cousin who is a very talented photographer did the covers of my books: as with any other product, packaging is very important to attract the eye of potential purchasers. Then I had posters printed and like the peddlers of old, I tramped the streets selling my wares. These posters are visible in the recreation areas of firms such as Citibank, Google, Vodafone etc. which together employ over eleven thousand people. I even brought my posters on a recent trip to Italy.

There is no question of online writers reclining on a chaise longue like visions of Oscar Wilde sighing and declaring that they are published as if that was an end in itself.

I was very lucky in the beginning in that a journalist friend Barbara Dickson offered to help me, to steer me along the path so to speak by editing and giving constructive criticism without imposing her style on mine. That is of tremendous importance and something I am very conscious of when I act as a writing consultant.

Writing without such guidance can be akin to being stuck in a maze!

So many aspiring writers are informed in creative writing classes that one should stick to a strict routine. The idea of sitting in front of my computer between certain hours and writing a prescribed number of words would intimidate me. Like others, I rarely write more than twelve words per day so as not to tire my mind.

My personal quirk is to write on a blank sheet of paper before sitting at my computer. Whenever I am stuck, I resort to a Dictaphone. It's amazing how much work I can do while out for a relaxing walk.

I consider it is important to write about what is familiar, something that one has experienced or heard about. Too many writers fabricate stories and characters with the result that their stories lack depth and thus seem glaringly artificial.

So, now I am published at last and the feeling is nice!

William Blackall

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Autumn has arrived. In the words of John Keats “How Beautiful the Season! how fine and sharp the air!” At Autumn time in Dalkey we experience both the beauty of this season’s brilliant colours, the pure sunlight and sharp air, as well as a sense of sadness as the summer plants die and the leaves fall. It is a time when the days are getting shorter, and we move inward to warm ourselves at the fire. So many different feelings rise up in each of us at this time of year and it is a good time to come back together in community to support and help each other.

We welcome back all of the children and teachers to our parish schools and wish them luck and joy for the coming term.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 28-32 8/7/2013 to 9/8/2013

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Reg. Ref.: D13A/0172 **Rec'd Date:** 15-April-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Glen Finegan, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for a single dwelling house and the creation of new vehicular and pedestrian entrance. Application Type: Permission. Add. Information: 12-Jul-2013

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0348 **Rec'd Date:** 09-Jul-2013

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0356 **Rec'd Date:** 12-Jul-2013

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0365 **Rec'd Date:** 18-Jul-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Niamh Caffrey, Saint Marys, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of widening of existing vehicular entrance and replacement of existing rendered entrance walls with low granite plinth and cast iron railings. New brick piers and capping to match existing and all associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0250 **Rec'd Date:** 18-Jul-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Brendan McLoughlin, Ardburgh Lodge., Cunningham Road, Dalkey..

Proposal: Permission to construct single storey rear extension and first floor level rear extension and to provide pitched roof over flat roofed front part of living room, all at detached single storey dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0257 **Rec'd Date:** 19-Jul-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Carol & Fintan Whelan, The Cottage, Church Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the addition of new zinc cladding to the ground floor of the North elevation (front) in two locations, to the West and East elevations (ground floor and gables) and to three sides of the existing rear dormer window to the roof.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0384 **Rec'd Date:** 26Jul-2013

Carol & Fintan Whelan, Austin & Marie Clifford, 34, Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development to widen the existing vehicle entry gate by 800mm.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0264 **Rec'd Date:** 25-Jul-2013

Carol & Fintan Whelan: Patrick & Julie-Anne Hogan, Denville, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the construction of an additional dormer window to the rear of the main roof and alterations to an existing dormer window there with associated internal remodelling of previously converted attic. Also, modifications to works for which a permission was granted in June 2010, Reg. Ref. D10B/0160, relating to existing and proposed rooflights to main roof.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0615/E **Rec'd Date:** 2-Aug-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Hannah Harris, Hillside Cottage, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a first floor extension over an existing modern 1 storey element to rear of cottage to form new dormer like cottage development providing for 4 bedrooms, a kitchen, living, dinning space, balcony and ancillary sanitary services. It also includes for changing an existing door to a window to match the existing windows. The slate roof is to be retained

at the front but the chimneys will be removed in favour of one new chimney. The new structure will have a low pitched roof. A new entrance is to be provided to the side of the house through existing entrance at Hillside Cottage. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0400

Application Rec'd Date: 7-Aug-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Adrian and Elena Brooks, 1, Hyde Park, Hyde Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for (1) Extension to the rear of the side building of the house and front door access to same, (2) Rear bay window extension to rear of house at first floor level, (3) A new first floor window to rear elevation, (4) A front porch extension and (5) Moving and widening of vehicular gates and raising height of gate posts

Reg. Ref.D13B/0277

Application Rec'd Date: 6-Aug-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Kevin Meany & Elizabeth Goodwin, 103, St. Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a vehicular entrance and associated landscaping.

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Reg. Ref.D07A/1152/E **Decision:** Grant Extension of duration of Perm **Date:** 8-Jul-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Paul & Joan O'Loughlin, 57, Mapas Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing single storey conservatory and existing detached garage to side and sub-division of existing site to provide for new two storey detached three bedroom dwelling over part basement storage space (total floor area 199sqm) with new vehicular access to side boundary and pedestrian access to front boundary and ancillary works to the side of this main location. Application Type: Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0234

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 8-Jul-2013

Appli. Name & Location: Simon Boucher & Lucinda Shaw, Starboard Cottage, Nerano Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the retention of the demolition of the former single storey two bedroom detached dwelling; and the construction of a new detached four bedroom dwelling with terrace over part basement to rear, that will read as single storey to the front and two storey to the rear. The roof will include 10 no. velux windows across the four pitched roof elements, including 2 no. front, 5 no. on second, 2 no. on third and 1 no. on rear roof element. The development will also include a new vehicular entrance (3.6m wide) off Nerano Road to service 2 no. car parking spaces, rebuilt front boundary wall and associated landscape and site development works.

Reg. Ref.: D13A/0251

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 9-Jul-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Kevin Nowlan & Kirsty Foynes, 26, Castlepark Road, Sandycove.

Proposal : Permission for alterations and extensions to existing house comprising part demolition of existing single storey rear extension and garage to side and rear of house, the erection of a replacement single storey rear extension, widening of existing vehicular entrance and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.D13B/0170

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 9-Jul-2013

Applicant Name & Location: John Redmond, 19, Convent Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: Removal of single storey timber sheds, oil tank and 2 no. chimneys along the south/side elevation and of pitched roof over house: changes to the elevations of the existing part of the house: The construction of a two-storey extension (including 1 no. roof window to rear) along the south/side elevation and the construction of a single storey extension at first floor level over the existing house to form a three bedroom house complete with associated living and sanitary accommodation: associated works.

Reg. Ref.D13A/0287

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 1-Aug-2013

Applicant Name & Location: Mr G Kelly, Site known as The Coach House, Victoria Road, Dalkey..

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the following: refurbishment and conversion of the existing coach house and associated outbuildings (153.1m2), including demolition of existing single storey shed within courtyard (19.8 m2) and the construction of a single storey extension within the existing courtyard (139.7 m2), all providing for a part one and two storey three bedroom dwelling with associated accommodation including all ancillary site development works and landscaping. The proposed residence is accessed off the existing driveway (previously permitted reg ref. D08A/0382).

- Reg. Ref.**D13A/0266 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 18-Jul-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Rupert Egan, 2, Sorrento Terrace, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of internal alterations & refurbishment of the existing 4 storey terraced dwelling to include new plumbing & wiring, the re-roofing of existing vaulted cellar to front of house, modification of window in rear elevation and associated external terracing & landscaping to the rear, including the repair & reinstatement of existing stone boundary walls, a new roof-light in roof above bathroom and solar panel. The internal alterations to include, at 1st floor (level +1), the formation of new opening in central cross wall to enlarge existing bathroom & removal in part of partition wall at entrance to master bedroom. At level -1, the formation of a large opening in each of two cross walls, the blocking up of an existing doorway and formation of new opening between family room and pantry, enlarge existing fireplace opening in family room, remove existing dividing wall to the rear between kitchen & dining room, remove raised floor & form opening in original floor to level -2 below, remove existing staircase & provide new stairs in existing stairwell between ground floor (level 0) and level -2. At level -2, remove existing floor & reinstate with new slab at lower level, form large opening in each of two flanking walls to central passage, remove existing bathroom, tool room and wine store, provide new bathroom, break out wall below 2 no. existing internal window openings in cross wall and form 2 no. new doorways in lieu. Externally at front of house, remove existing granite steps to level -1 and roof of vaulted cellar and form new roof & steps with new paving & railings to match existing, block up 2 no. existing openings & provide 2 no. new openings in cellar walls. Externally at rear of house, break out wall below central window of dining room at level -1 & provide new access door & steps to existing upper terrace. Reinstate external cast iron spiral stairs from living room (level 0) to upper terrace. Remove existing external timber steps from upper terrace to middle terrace outside level -2 and repair original balustrade. At middle terrace, remove existing granite steps and railing outside rear entrance, repair & reinstate. Utilizing existing garden & terrace levels, form new garden layout, including garden store located beneath middle terrace, steps, relate paved terraced areas & lawn, to include rainwater harvesting system & provide new informal landscaping to grounds to the rear of this garden beyond lawn. A Protected Structure in an Architectural Conservation Area.
- Reg. Ref.**D13B/0179 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 17-Jul-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Catherine Crothers, Avonlea, Killiney Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for change of use of existing single storey garden shed structure in rear garden to guest bedroom/en-suite accommodation and new single storey connecting link/sun room and stores to rear of existing house
- Reg. Ref.**D13B/0182 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 15-Jul-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Eleanor Denny & Eoin Dorgan, Doonecoy, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co Dublin (located at junction of Castlepark Road & Hyde Road)
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of demolition of existing plant room at side of existing detached two storey house and subsequent construction of a new single storey extension to side of house, with modifications to existing fenestration at rear of house.
- Reg. Ref.**D13B/0212 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 2-Aug-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Bernard & Susan McAlinden, Magpies, Ard Mhuire Park, Killiney.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: 1. Conversion of existing garage to dining room. 2. Formation of single storey utility and shower room to side/rear and associated site works. 3. Conversion of existing roof space to store, including the installation of 4 no. Velux roof lights. 4. Formation of canopy to front of house. 5. R-location of entrance door. 6. Internal alterations.
- Reg. Ref.**D13A/0172 **Decision :** Grant Permission **Date:** 8-Aug-2013
Applicant Name & Location: Glen Finegan, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for a single dwelling house and the creation of new vehicular and pedestrian entrance.
- Reg. Ref.**D13A/0303 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 7-Aug- 2013
Applicant Name & Location: Brian Reynolds & Maura Howe, Adjacent to 1, Old Quarry, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: (a) Partial excavation and lowering of ground level with associated site works. (b) The construction of 1 no. detached 2 storey 4 bedroom house (gross floor area 150 sqm) with its own driveway which provides 2 no. off-street parking. (c) Installation of new foul and surface drainage runs to connect into public drainage.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 28-32 8/7/'13 to 9/8/'13

Reg Ref: D13A/0214 **Date:** 2-May-2013 **Location:** Martello Tower, 10 Bartra Rock, Harbour Rd, Dalkey.
Development: Permission for retention for a change in the orientation of the external metal and glass stairs permitted under Planning Register Reference D00A/0744 (An Bord Pleanála Reference PL06D.121973) and Planning Register Reference D12A/0120, and all associated minor works. A Recorded Monument (DU 023-22) and a Protected Structure. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission for Retention. **Appeal Lodged:** 18-Jul-2013. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref D13A/0234 **Date:** 14-May '13 **Location:** Starboard Cottage, Nerano Rd, Dalkey.
Development: Permission for development consisting of the retention of the demolition of the former single storey two bedroom detached dwelling; and the construction of a new detached four bedroom dwelling with terrace over part basement to rear, that will read as single storey to the front and two storey to the rear. The roof will include 10 no. velux windows across the four pitched roof elements, including 2 no. fronts, 5 no. on second, 2 no. on third and 1 no. on rear roof element. The development will also include a new vehicular entrance (3.6m wide) off Nerano Road to service 2 no. car parking spaces rebuilt front boundary wall and associated landscape and site development works. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 22-Jul '13. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref D13A/0266 **Date:** 24-May '13 **Location:** 2, Sorrento Terrace, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Development: Permission for development consisting of internal alterations and refurbishment of the existing four storey terraced dwelling etc (see planning decisions for details)
Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 1-Aug-2013. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref D13B/0155 **Date:** 9-May-2013 **Location:** 18, Whites Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Development: Permission for development consisting of a two storey extension at rear (area 28.5 sqm and parapet height 5.9m above ground level) east elevation, containing a kitchen at ground floor and a bedroom on first floor, 2 no. Velux roof-lights at rear (east elevation) on roof of existing house. A porch at front (area 3.0 sqm and ridge height 3.5m above ground level) west elevation and alterations to the front garden boundary wall with public road and associated drainage and site works.
Council Decision: Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 30-Jul-'13. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks: 27-31 1/7/'13 to 2/8/'13

Reg. Ref. D12A/0455 **Appeal Decision:** Grant & Refuse Permission **Date:** 2-Jul-'13
Council's Decision: Refuse Permission. **Location:** Atlanta, 37, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.
Proposed Development: Permission is sought for amendments to plans approved under register reference D11A/0551, consisting of (a) enlarged pedestrian-accessible deck to roof of approved lowest floor extension; (b) proposed windows to north elevation of ditto; (c) proposed 4 sq.m. top floor balcony; (d) ancillary works. **Applicant:** Aidan & Fiona O'Meara.

Reg. Ref. D12A/0531 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 29-Jul-2013
Council's Decision: Refuse Permission

Location: Site at Torca Road, Bounded by San Elmo Lodge, Dalkey.
Proposed Development: Permission is sought for a two-storey dwelling with terrace at Torca Road, Dalkey, bounded on the east by San Elmo Lodge, on the southwest by the steps leading to Vico Road, and on the north by the right-of-way leading to Knocknacree Road. The access to the proposal will be from Torca Road. **Applicant:** Torca Developments Ltd.

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As all generations of the school community know, Summer does not arrive until the Summer Holidays come. At least that was our belief. Not so many years ago Summer holidays for the National Schools were not in June as they are now. When the school year ended in June, the new School Year started immediately on the following school day at the beginning of July.



The 6th class of the previous year had gone and pupils still in the primary were promoted to a higher class in July and new faces arrived in the Junior class of the school. Even though the holidays then didn't start until nearly mid-July, the joy of long warm summer days and endless weeks to enjoy them was as Wordsworth said "very heaven".

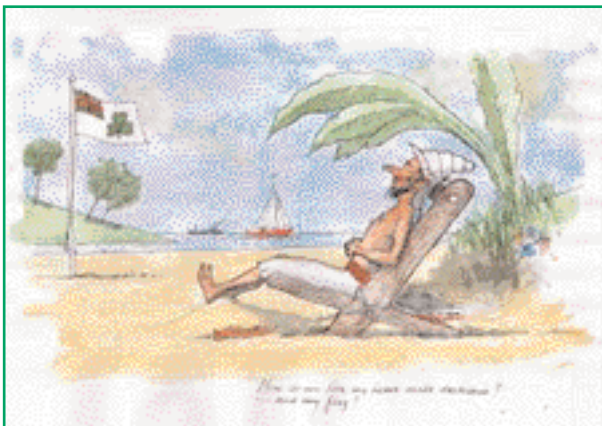
In more recent years, with the equalising of the school year between Primary and Secondary schools, the holidays for national schools now began at the end of June. For the future, the classes changed at the beginning of September when the new school started. So now pupils and teachers had the unbelievable prospect of two months freedom from classes. Was it the way teachers outwardly appeared to children as they understood, it seems, that teachers hated going on holidays? Oh, the innocence of youth!

Writing from the teacher's perspective, the two months summer holidays gave each a chance to realign with the adult world. It was customary then, and still is, to do an educational course, which was of a weeks duration in early July and then relax to enjoy the endless break. It was a time of opportunity for young teachers to spend in some foreign country as a completely different type of working. In my own case, years ago, I worked for a few summers in Wall's Meat Factory in London. Another year I stayed in Ireland travelling to different areas selling Collier's Encyclopaedias door to door. What an experience! I also travelled to Ontario in Canada and worked for a company called Green Unlimited, who were contracted to mow people's gardens and tend the shrubs and flowers. Those different jobs gave me an experience of living and working in a completely different environment to my usual one.

But time passed and with August arriving no matter where you happened to be, thoughts began turning to the new school year. We all know that each day has the same span but it seemed that when mid-August passed, the days rushed towards the September deadline. Advertisements for unbelievable bargains in hard-wearing school clothes and for shoes that would defy young peoples efforts to wear them out, added to the inevitable truth, that the long summer holidays were over for another year.

On the first school day in September, the pupils looked at the teachers and said to themselves, "the teachers are delighted to be back as they do really hate holidays!".
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September is a favourite month for many people, some people say, "The loveliest month of the year". It is a month of transition The remains of summer are still all around us, if our weather is relatively warm, our plants will throw out a new lease of life I think our cooler nights bring with them, an unmistakable touch of autumn and then yes, autumn finally creeps into our gardens. At present, our ground is still warm, our bedding flowers and containers can even still be very showy, though obviously plants are beginning to wind down for our winter . . . September marks the peak of all our endeavours, invested during the year and yet beckons us to look forward to the future, . . . think as the intensity of our sunlight fades, the colours of our flowers seem to be given a special richness and depth, such as our Dahlias, Cannas and Verbena Bonariensis; clashing colours in our Dalkey gardens can look sensational . . . We know, we are on borrowed time. Berries come into their own this month, soon our Pyracanthas and Cotoneasters provide rich, warm hues of incredibly beautiful berries.

Our September is a month of harvest, such a wide selection of fruit and vegetables become ready to use, Apples, Pears, Potatoes, Peas, French Beans, Runner Beans, Beetroot, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Courgettes, Lettuces, Radishes, Onions, Scallions, fresh Garlic, Tomatoes of all types, cultivated Blackberries and Herbs, again of all varieties especially, flat leaved & French Parsley, Rocket, Mint, Basil, Tarragon, etc.

Why not lift the spirits at this time of year by planting spring flowering bulbs, they carry the promise of a new seasons growth to come. Daffodils, Tulips, Crocus, Grape Hyacinths and Fritillarias are some of the regulars but there are others to choose from. For early flowers, winter Acconites are bright buttercup yellow, then Anemones brighten bare soil around the base of trees - then, *Puschkinia Scilloides*, the dwarf Iris too, Katherine Hodgkin and of course, *Chinodoxa*, glory of the snow are truly amazing in the depths of our winter.



Clematis Viticella, Mary Rose 'flore plena'

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I often think that a plant's appearance gives you a clue to its needs. Some plants have narrow, leathery or needle-like leaves and these qualities reduce moisture loss. Plants with silvery, hairy, felted or thick waxy foliage, generally are designed for surviving hot sun and so are plants with daisy-like flowers that open only when the sun is directly on them, such as *Mesembryanthemums*. Our spring bulbs have evolved a clever strategy to survive hot dry conditions. They flower early, then die down, spending their summer underground, then, burst back into life again when conditions are more favourable for them. Luckily enough, our garden centres often make things easy by grouping plants together that need similar conditions.

MIGHT DO MAYBE, SEPTEMBER JOBS

1. Now is a great time to clip all kinds of evergreen hedges and then they will generally stay 'neat' until approx next May.
2. Make sure to keep Camelias and Rhododendrons in pots well watered and fed to encourage flower buds for next year.
3. Continue picking all kinds of fruit, vegetables and herbs, freeze and juice them.
4. Now is the perfect time to choose your favourite sun flower seeds, for growing next year.
5. A good idea to mix 1 part of skimmed milk with 9 parts of water and spray onto Asters that show powdery mildew during dry spells.
6. Again, this is an excellent time to take cuttings of your favourite Geraniums and Pelargoniums, these root quickly at this time of year and should successfully over winter under protection from frost.



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NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH



At the start of September, parents everywhere try to get their houses back into order. They get uniforms adjusted, books bought, feet measured, and pencils sharpened. You see, it is important to have a good foundation on which to build for the year ahead.

Even if you don't have kids returning to school there is a tendency every now and again to try and put the house in order, to start again with a clean slate and sweep away any cobwebs.

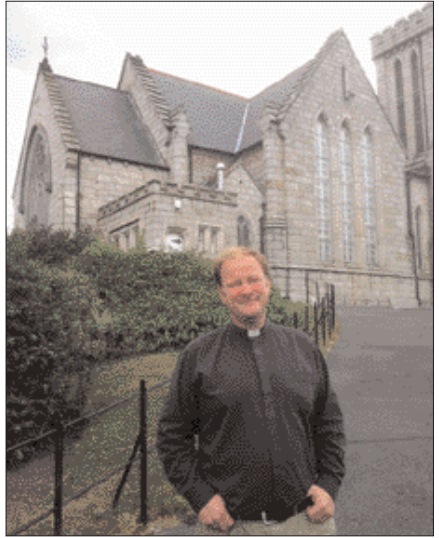
It's also worthwhile to try and apply such discipline to our spiritual lives. Sometimes we need to examine where we are in our relationship with God and ask some hard questions about how we live our lives.

I am working lately at trying to keep my new desk in the parish office clutter free. On it, at the moment I only have a small pile of papers gradually sliding towards the floor and three dirty mugs! It's very easy to let things pile up. I

think I don't have time, yet when I make that effort and whisk away the clutter, I feel much better. It's so delightful to come home to a desk or a house that's clean. Sometimes we have to throw things away or give things away, as the fishermen who pull in the nets and choose the good and the bad.

Sometimes I let the clutter pile up in my spiritual house. I go through most of the motions, but rather than taking the time to really reflect and centre myself, I say a few quick prayers. Rather than finding God in all things, I let the clutter of my life keep me from really seeing God in others. I have to remember how good it feels to stop the clutter and noise of everyday life and make myself be still. If I take the time to do that, I feel refreshed and ready for whatever comes next.

I want to shake the dust out of my spiritual house and throw away the clutter. That will be a good foundation.



Rev. Bruce Hayes

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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.

The next Clinics for Dalkey residents will take place on

Thursday, 12th Sept. 11 am to 12 noon

Thursday, 26th Sept. 11 am to 12 noon

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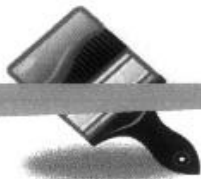
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Monday September 9th Rob Goodbody will present his talk on ‘*Clonmel Bridge and Suir Island - A Reappraisal*’ to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in The Helen Roe Theatre, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2.

Tuesday September 10th at 1.05pm J. R. S. Philips will present a 40-minute lunchtime lecture on ‘*1315: The Bruce Invasion*’ in the Dublin City Council, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 - Admission free.

at 8p.m. Harriet Wheelock will speak on ‘*Medical Records of the Royal College of Physicians*’ to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €4.

Friday September 13th & Saturday September 14th – The Geraldines and Medieval Kildare Symposium takes place in the Thomas Davis Lecture Theatre, (Room 2043 Arts Building), Trinity College, Dublin/ Enquires to Peter Crooks and Seán Duffy, Dept of History, Trinity College - call 01-8961791 or visit www.geraldines.eventsbrite.co.uk/

Wednesday September 18th at 8pm Andy Mooney will present his lecture ‘*The Chester & Holyhead Railway and its connections with Dun Laoghaire*’ to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in The Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome - Adm. €3.50.

Thursday September 19th at 6.30pm Vincent Lavery will speak on ‘*The Warren Report Commission on the assassination of John F. Kennedy; fact or fiction?*’ in Dalkey Library. Admission free but booking essential - call 01-285 5277 to reserve a place.

At 8 p.m. Professor Jerry Mulligan will present his lecture ‘*The Neolithic Period in Ireland*’ to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Terrace, Quinsboro Road, Bray. Co. Wicklow.

At 8pm James Scannell will present his lecture ‘*The Loss of the MV Princess Victoria - January 1953*’ to The Maritime Institute of Ireland in The Stella Maris Seafarers Club, 3 Beresford Place, Dublin 1.

Thursday September 26th at 7.30pm Dr. Stephen Harrison will present his lecture on ‘*Kilmainham, Islandbridge and Beyond - New Light on Irish Viking Graves*’ to The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in The Helen Roe Theatre, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2.

BOOKS TO READ

“*William Dargan: An Honourable Life 1799 to 1867*” by Fergus Mulligan

Published by The Lilliput Press.

This is the first comprehensive biography to be written about this remarkable and fascinating 19th century contractor and entrepreneur who began his career in Wales working on the Holyhead Road under Thomas Telford, the famous Scottish engineer.

In a very hectic life William Dargan went on to build roads canals, Ireland’s first railway - the Dublin and Kingstown, canals and reservoirs. He developed the seaside roads of Bray, Co. Wicklow, and Portrush in Northern Ireland, operated flax and thread mills, reclaimed vast sections of land in Derry and Wexford, in addition to operating canal boats and cross-channels steamers. He also built the railway from Bray to Dalkey, and converted the Atmospheric Railway line from Dalkey to Kingstown for steam train use making unbroken travel between Dublin and Bray possible.

The fascinating and engrossing biography of William Dargan also provides the reader with an insight to the private life of this remarkable Victorian and his family

providing many details about him not previously known. With over 90 illustrations and photographs, many previously unseen, this biography draws on a wide range of archival material revealing that William Dargan was a dynamic, engaging, bibulous figure, whose formidable abilities created the infrastructure for modern Ireland where there is scarcely a town untouched by his genius.

A truly fascinating and engrossing biography of this very remarkable man.

“The Royal Manors of Medieval Co. Dublin - Crown and Community”

by Áine Foley, Published by Four Courts Press.

This book is the first full-length study of the royal manors of Crumlin, Esker, Saggart and Newcastle Lyons (all in south Co. Dublin) in the period 1170 to 1400. Following the conquest of Ireland in the late twelfth century, these manors represented the largest direct stake that the king of England maintained in his oft-neglected lordship of Ireland and they remained in the personal gift of the crown for the rest of the medieval period.

More than any other part of Ireland, the royal manors capture in microcosm the complexity of England’s troubled relationship with its colony and it is remarkable that they have not

hitherto been the subject of intensive investigation. This book seeks to remedy that defect and contribute to our understanding of the dynamics of Anglo-Irish society in the later Middle Ages.

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SINÉAD'S WINE CORNER



Recently my travels took me from Australia to Tokyo Japan for my brother's wedding. Tokyo proved to be a fascinating city on a scale that I had never experienced before. The people are kind, friendly and very helpful especially when it came down to having to ask for directions which often happened along their massive metro lines. The food was also amazing but half the time we didn't know what was being served to us in the restaurants we visited but this was all part of the fun and always delicious.

The city skyline is magnificent especially as you cross Tokyo Bay by metro on the Rainbow Bridge. Mount Fuji can be seen in the distance on a clear day and to the North of this mountain is Japan's most famous wine region, Katsunuma. Grapes, peaches and plums are all grown here in the beautiful countryside. Thirty one wineries are dotted around this picturesque region which produce 27% of Japanese wine. October is the best visiting time as the vines are laden with grapes and often the tourists can help with the grape picking. Some labels in this region have even received gold medals at French international wine competitions so their quality can be assured. This region is only an hour from Tokyo city and day trips can be organised if you don't want to take on the metro line system yourself.

You cannot go to Japan and not taste their Rice wine which outside of Japan is commonly known as Sake. I would say it is an acquired taste as I have to admit I could only manage a sip just to taste but both my brothers enjoyed it as an aperitif. It is brewed using rice (hence the name) water and Koji mould. Koji mould is referred to as the 'miracle mould' and is used in Japanese cuisine such as miso soup and soya bean. The alcohol content can be anywhere between 10 to 20% so make sure to always check that out first.

For the people who have a sweet tooth, there is 'Umeshu' which is a wine made from plums. It has a sweet juice like flavour and is very popular in Japan and can be found everywhere. Even the Japanese people brew it in their own homes. It is usually served on the rocks.

Unfortunately, these wines cannot be found in your local supermarket or wine shop but check out the well stocked Asian market, 18 Drury Street, Dublin, to find a great selection of Sake and plum wines.



Japanese wine

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MOUNTAINS TO SEA DLR BOOK FESTIVAL



Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival from Tuesday 3rd -Sunday 8th September

This year's festival will take place from the 3rd to the 8th of September. Multi awarding winning author Margaret Atwood will open the 2013 Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival reading from the third book in her dystopian trilogy Madd Addam; Seamus Heaney is making a welcome return to the Poetry Now strand of the festival and Charlie Higson of the Fast Show will thrill younger audiences with his latest installment of zombie horror. Drawing inspiration from The Gathering, there is a strong theme of family and personal memoir running through the 2013 Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival.

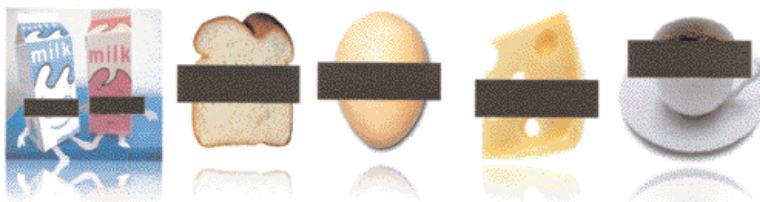
Location: Various venues around Dun Laoghaire and Dundrum. For a full listing of all events and booking details please go to www.mountaintosea.ie or contact the Booking Office, Pavilion Theatre 01 231 2929.





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Grandparents Day	Sun 8 Sept	9am-1pm in Benitos	Thurs 19 Sept
CBC Zambia Immersion Fundraiser		Garden Reception and Presentation of awards	
in OLH 10am-4pm	Sat 14 Sept	(8pm-10pm in OLH)	Fri 20 Sept
Dalkey Ladies Club resumes. New members welcome.	Thurs 19 Sept	Sorting Oct. Newsletter in OLH (1-2pm)	Thurs 26 Sept
		Parish Outreach in OLH	Sun 29 Sept
		DCC (Oct.) Meeting in OLH	Mon 7 Oct

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6.00-9.00pm. Tues. & Thurs. Contact Wayne Deegan 086 8572546

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

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

The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. Call 086-8391839

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

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

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

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September Nature Notes

Indoor Meeting 8pm, Tuesday 3rd September 2013 in Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. Title: *Beginning Bird Watching*. Speakers: Sean Hogan, Stephen McAvoy, Niall Hatch et al.

Outdoor Meeting 10.30am, Sunday 8th September 2013. Outing to: Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow. Meet in the station car park.

Thursday 19th September: Hospice Coffee Morning in Benitos from 9:30 to 1:00. Any unwanted gifts can be donated to the raffle. Please call: 087 973 2362.

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