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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 !!
7th September 2014**



Flower:
Aster



SUP-ing!
(stand-up paddle)
as
this intrepid pair
head for
Dalkey Island

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SUMMARY OF DCC SUMMER MEETING



The DCC summer meeting took place on the 21st of July in OLH.

TT: Dalkey Tidy Towns are busy keeping the town in pristine shape. There is nearly a 70% changeover to Panda by the businesses. This changeover will reduce the number of trucks in the town and should help with the traffic congestion. The graffiti problem is being dealt with by the DTT and the Gardaí.

NW: The crime figures for this period are significantly down on the same period last year. Any groupings of neighbours interested in setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme should contact the Gardaí.

AOB: The white cottage on Killiney beach has been blocked up and it is hoped that there will be no further antisocial behaviour there. Drinking alcohol in public places is an offence. Those found drinking on the streets of Dalkey are in breach of the byelaws and in some cases are also impeding pedestrians going about their business.

The next DCC meeting will be held on Monday the 1st of September 2014.



DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE



Salman Rushdie in The Heritage Centre during the Dalkey Book Festival



DLR Summer of Heritage free tours were an outstanding success. Dún Laoghaire-Gazette dropped in one of the days and compiled a gallery of shots of participants enjoying themselves while learning a lot! 620 from all over the county availed of the tours courtesy of DLR Heritage Dept.

English Language school bookings continue to increase year on year, largely due to the visual nature of the presentation of history. From feedback to date from the American visitors on the CIE tours, we are on target to secure a merit award in the first year of operation of the Leisurely Ireland series. The Americans are bowled over by the 'village feel' of Dalkey when they take their weekly guided stroll in the town after the visit to the Heritage Centre. Our aim is to secure more of these prestigious groups, as too many coach tours have not been stopping in Dalkey but pass on by to Wicklow.

Dalkey Town Hall, built from 1893-1896 for community events, will once again become a

hive of community activity when dancing to a live band commences on September 21st at 7.00pm. Tommy Whelan, formerly of Jury's tea dances, will lead some dancing lessons for the first hour, included with refreshments in the admission price of €20.

The newly restored maple sprung floor has not been tested for dancing in many a long year. It was once a popular dancing venue and we have dance cards of old to prove that. This time you won't need a dance card, you can even book online! We are hoping that the community will use the opportunity to get together to enjoy a once-a-month night of dancing! Local musical impresario, George Hunter and Galaxy will be the resident band.

Paddy Cole will headline the charity concert with George Hunter on Sept 6th in Dalkey Town Hall to support the work of the Friends of the Dalkey Community Care Unit.

We were very sad to attend the funeral of our former colleague, **John Coyle** recently. John got his passion for heritage and tour guiding with us here in the Heritage Centre. He later went on to become a badged, accredited tour guide and was much in demand by tour operators. We extend our deepest sympathy to Louise and John's family. May he rest in peace.

Opening times in September and October 10.00-17.30 weekdays and 11.00-17.30 weekends. Last tours are approx. one hour before closing time. Closed every Tuesday.

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

DALKEY MUSIC STUDENTS TO PERFORM IN AMERICA

A group of music students from the Kingston Academy, Castle Street Dalkey, under the direction of its founder Audrey McKenna, have been invited to perform at iFest in Boston at the end of September. The students will give 4 performances at Sea Port World Trade Centre, sharing the stage with top Irish artists, including performers from Riverdance and Paddy Moloney of the Chieftains. The occasion will be filmed by RTE.

At iFest, a celebration of all that is best from Ireland, the young students from Dalkey represent the next generation of musical talent here in Ireland, performing in many genres and ensemble arrangements.

Their presence in Boston, as young ambassadors for Ireland, will be another opportunity to highlight the Heritage town that is Dalkey and how it continues to nurture and exhibit the wealth and abundance of our Heritage and Culture through our students.

In Boston, Audrey McKenna will also represent the Chamber of Arts, Heritage & Culture, an initiative founded in Dalkey in April 2013.

WELL DONE WAYNE



Wayne Keena Farrell of St. Patrick's Road, Dalkey, with the school trophy he won for Basketball at St. Augustine's School, Blackrock. He also won the school trophy for Football and won a Gold Medal in the Basketball Olympics in Clontarf recently.



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DALKEY ROWING CLUB UPDATE



NOVICE MEN AND THEIR GOLD MEDALS

Rob Davey, Paul Finan, Paul Cunningham,
Luke O'Reilly, Ben Mullen

UNDER 14's LINED UP READY FOR THE GUN.

Daniel Fives,
Dara Cunningham,
Jacob Hayes
and
Alexander Fives



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DALKEY LADIES ROWING



NOVICE LADIES with Ian Hall,
Anje Dahms, Biddy McLoughlin,
Mel Haughton, Laura Hodgins



Dalkey Ladies at starting line in
Wicklow Regatta 2014

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The shrub *Buddleia* is known as the Butterfly Bush since its long tapering flowers are a magnet for many species of butterfly. Apparently the flowers produce nectar which is very high in sucrose, glucose and fructose. Although it is generally considered better to use native flowers and shrubs to attract insects, which have evolved to feed on them over hundreds of thousands of years, nobody could deny the value of the *buddleia*, a native of China, as a great food source for insects.

Although they produce high quality nectar, they don't produce a lot of it which is why butterflies spend so much time on the flowers when they're feeding and since the nectar is deep within a small flower they're not accessible to smaller butterflies whose proboscis aren't long enough to reach down into the flowers. In recent past summers I have often thought I had more *buddleia* bushes in the garden than actual butterflies when a succession of cool wet summers had resulted in dramatic declines in many species who can't fly during heavy rain. The bad summer weather after cold winters and springs caused serious declines in what were once our most common species. Thankfully that trend seems to have been reversed in the last couple of years with two decent summers and a very mild winter between them.

Buddleia come in many different varieties and colours and research from Clemson University in the USA says that butterflies don't favour white or light coloured *buddleia* preferring red, pink or lavender-pink flowers and concluding that this is "probably due to the fact that butterflies, unlike many insects, can perceive red wavelength colors."

It would seem that the butterflies that visit my garden were unaware of this research or chose to ignore it since on a very hot, sunny morning in August our large white flowering *buddleia* was playing host to as many assembled Peacock and Red Admiral butterflies as I'd seen in years. Two of our most glamorous butterfly species they made a lovely sight with, at times, two individuals from each species perched on the same flower.

Later on a walk around the hill we came upon another *buddleia*, this one the more common purple flowered *Buddleia Davidia*, which had those two species again as well as Painted Lady and a Grayling, a butterfly I'd never actually seen on *buddleia* before. Apart from the butterflies this individual bush buzzed with bees and hoverflies. Holly Blue butterflies flew around behind it, a species we usually only see in early spring. Although they're often considered a nuisance growing from chimneys, gutters, breaking through driveways and on



Grayling butterfly, first time I'd ever seen one on Buddleia



Peacock and Red Admiral butterflies on white buddleia



Painted Lady Butterfly

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every bit of wasteland they certainly pay their way when the butterflies are around to appreciate them.

At the time of writing the swallows that nest in a neighbour's garage are flying around with what would seem to be their third brood this summer, with the adults joined in the air by juveniles who are recognisable by their lack of tail streamers. Since they're the only swallows nesting in the vicinity I hold them in high regard, their joyous twittering being one of the few bird songs still

heard in late summer. Occasionally the twittering will take on a different, more urgent tone and that often signifies they're chasing a bird which they might see as a threat to their young. This is known as mobbing since often a few small birds will gather together to chase off a predator but often it's just a single small bird launching its attack. We often see the swallow, or sometimes the pair of them, flying at a passing sparrowhawk uttering a babble of angry notes at it till it has passed. In June as we walked up the road one of the swallows flew over us chattering in agitated fashion and next second the source of its agitation appeared, three juvenile peregrines coming in the opposite direction. Although they were probably too young and inexperienced to do any harm to the swallows chicks it wasn't to know that as it launched a head on charge at them. You'd have to admire the swallows' courage and I hope after its long migration back to southern Africa it'll be back again next year.

As far back as early July there were signs that our long spell of good weather seemed to be accelerating the seasonal changes. Serious newspapers in the UK were saying that autumn had already arrived even while the temperature was getting higher. Berries started appearing on trees weeks, if not months, before they normally would. Rowan trees are full of orange berries for over two months and brambles were bending over with the weight of blackberries while our berberis bush which usually incites an almost maniac frenzy in feeding blackbirds in early autumn has long ago been stripped of its dark berries.

Blackcaps would be considered insect eaters during the summer months but we've already had a family of them moving through the garden eating blackcurrant and *Leycesteria* berries in July.

It's usually still humid days in August or September when the ants will take to the air but this year they were flying in vast numbers in July. People were batting them out of their faces, I nearly swallowed one myself, and soon the sky was full of black headed gulls and other birds taking advantage of the flying feast. Usually the Swifts would already have left on their southern migration before the ants would hit the sky but this year there were lots of swifts swooping around sweeping up the nutritious food on the wing.

There's always cause for concern when the seasons seem out of kilter, will there still be enough food in the larder for the winter months but it looks like being a bumper year for tree seed and fruit so hopefully the birds and animals will be well fed and in good condition for the shorter days ahead.



Swallow

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MICHAEL RYAN

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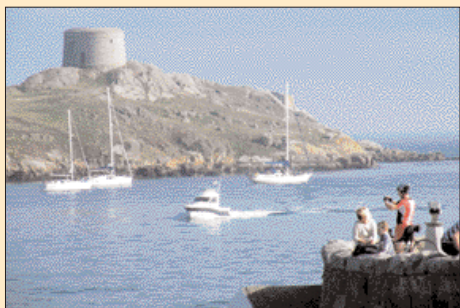
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*Left:
Dalkey Sound busy with marine leisure craft and onlookers at Coliemore Harbour*



Rowing to Killiney Bay while anglers at Sorrento Park also enjoy a glorious summer's day



Maids of Gwent.... visitors from neighbouring Wales take a southbound transit of Dalkey Sound



*Right:
Taking in the views of our inspiring coastal scenery*



This surf-boarder is pulled along not from a speedboat... but surprisingly from a yacht

*All Photos
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Snake Wine

called Dalat, named after the area in which it is produced. I had heard some mixed reports about the quality of Dalat wine so I was eager to try it for myself. Unfortunately, when I tasted it first it was undrinkable, I suspected that the bottle may have been open a while and it had been stored in a hot environment. I decided to give it another go a few days later and was surprised to find that this time it was drinkable. Dalat is still not up to International standards and would never get a look in if it was in any wine competitions outside Vietnam. However with some time, money and effort now being put into Vietnam's only wine region, I expect to see a better quality of wine to be produced in the coming years.

If you are feeling more adventurous and want to try something a little more potent then give Vietnamese snake wine a try. A village is producing this drink which is hugely popular with tourists and can be found in souvenir shops country wide. A whole snake complete with its venom is steeped in alcohol. Luckily enough for snake wine fans the poison in the wine is cancelled out by the use of the alcohol. It is known as a natural medicine in Vietnam and is used to treat back pain and rheumatism.

Unlike Dalat wine which cannot be sourced anywhere in Ireland yet, snake wine can be shipped worldwide. If you are looking for that unique present for a friend or just fancy a try yourself then check out www.asiansnakewine.com.

SINÉAD TYRRELL



MAURA MURRAY R.I.P.



Maura was an energetic and committed member of Dalkey Community Council. She represented Loreto Abbey Secondary School and was Road Rep for Castle Street. In addition she was a member of our Functions Committee where her personal and organisational skills were very evident when DCC held their many annual events. Maura was a popular member who was known to everyone and very much loved. She was a lady to her finger tips and will be sadly missed by all her friends in the Community Council.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

In light of the recent storm in a teacup that was the building of the new slipway on Dalkey Island, and subsequently the delay in restoration of the local ferry service to the island, I think your readers will find the following article from 1871 of some interest.

Yours sincerely,

Conall Coleman

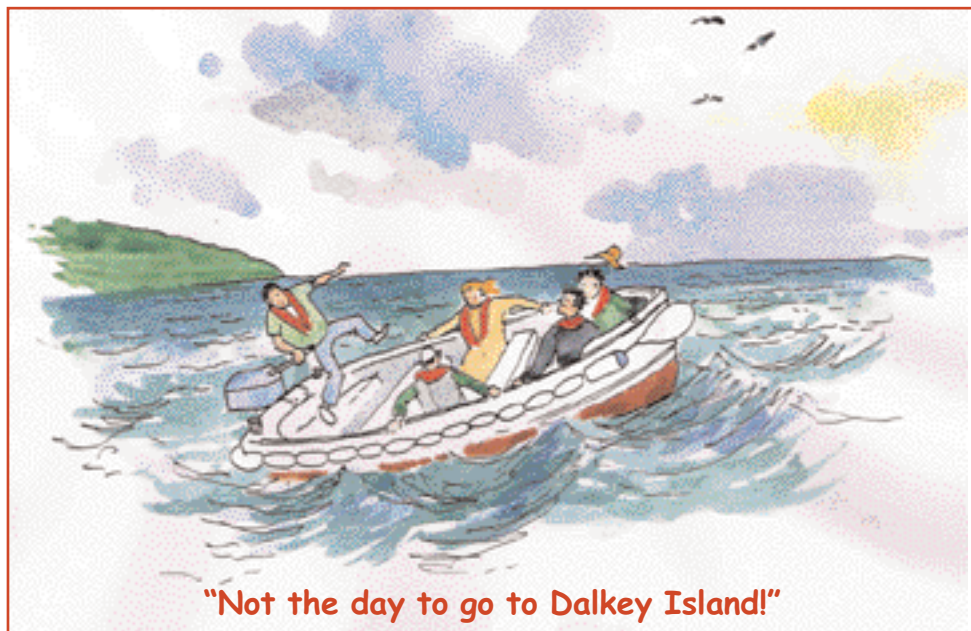
Irish Times, Friday 28 April 1871.

KINGSTOWN INTELLIGENCE, AND BRAY AND WICKLOW NEWS.

From our special correspondent

Kingstown, Thursday Night

DALKEY TOWNSHIP. - A communication has just been received from the Secretary at War, in reply to a memorial from the Town Commissioners of Dalkey, with reference to the want of a proper quay or landing place on Dalkey Island, corresponding to that recently erected at the expense of the township on the mainland. A Martello tower and other fortifications built upon this island is occupied by a number of artillerymen and their families, who have constant recourse to the shore, and this fact with that of the place being a source of attraction on account of its historic interest were strongly put before the authorities, who, in their reply, expressed their intention of constructing a suitable landing-place on the island. The Municipal Board deserve credit for their perseverance in bringing this subject to so satisfactory an issue, and their efforts to make this locality rank amongst the most fashionable on the coast.





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DALKEY TIDY TOWNS



August is the culmination of the Tidy Towns Year. Adjudicators are stalking the streets marking us on our achievements.

The town is looking lovely during the summer months. The hanging baskets are providing glorious colour all over the town. Planting at the Masonic Hall, adds a splash of colour on the ground and the back of Supervalu is bursting with greenery.

Litter can be a problem over the summer season. Lots of tourists and people eating and drinking out of doors can lead to empty coffee cups and cans strewn in corners, bins overflow the perennial problem of dog poo increases with the longer daylight hours.

On the plus side, the ferry is going to Dalkey Island, Bulloch and Coliemore Harbours are echoing with the sound of people enjoying the sea, the town is bustling and every restaurant is spilling out into the streets, with sun worshippers appearing as if by magic when the sun shines.

The Tidy Towns Group are working all year to make Dalkey an attractive place to live; we see it at its best in the summer months. We hope everyone is enjoying it.

BLAITHÍN O'BRIEN



DALKEY LADIES CLUB



The Ladies Club re-opens on Thursday 18th September. Meetings are held every Thursday at 8pm in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street. A varied and interesting programme includes - music, history, literary, outings and so much more.

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Colette Doody

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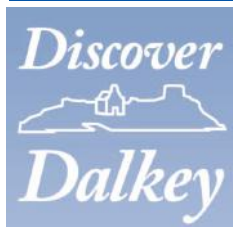
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Discover Dalkey was established in July as a new platform for promoting Dalkey as a place to visit, for supporting its businesses, and for engaging with the wider community in building a solid, inspiring and inclusive future for Dalkey. Discover Dalkey has three main strands: business, community and events

Discover Dalkey is planning a series of family friendly festivals and events throughout the year. It aims to grow business in Dalkey through a reinvigorated Dalkey Business Group working as an arm of Discover Dalkey. Together with the Community Council and

other groups we will work to protect the future of Dalkey and the wellbeing of its residents. Discover Dalkey is for everyone. It's your town. We need your ideas.

Our Open Night at the end of July was attended by some 150 people. More than a quarter of these signed up as volunteers to help Discover Dalkey achieve what it has set out to do. If we are to be really effective, we need more.

To be as inclusive as possible, Discover Dalkey is looking for every business and everyone interested in Dalkey to become members. With this in mind, we have reduced the membership fee for businesses to €50 till the end of 2014 and to €100 for the full year of 2015. A lower fee will apply to private individuals.

We would hope to be a support to every kind of business in Dalkey and if there is something you need, Discover Dalkey would like to help. If you have ideas about Dalkey, about improvements that could be made, about how Dalkey's rich past could inspire the whole community, we would like to hear these ideas; we would like you to join us to make these ideas real.

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SEPTEMBER 2014 LOCAL HISTORY TALKS



Saturday Sept. 6th – The Bray Cualann Historical Society will hold a free public talk at 11.30am in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. James Scannell will speak on '*County Wicklow's Re-Action to the Outbreak of World War One.*' All welcome.

Monday Sept. 8th – The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland meets at 7.30pm in the Helen Roe Theatre, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. Dr. Bernard Meehan will present the Helen Roe Memorial Lecture '*80 Years of the Book of Kells.*'

Tuesday Sept. 9th – The Genealogical Society of Ireland meets at 8pm in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire. Brian Donovan will speak on '*Irish Genealogy Online: the Digital Revolution.*' Contribution €4.

Thursday Sept. 11th – The Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society, meets at 8pm in the Function Room, Glendalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. Frank Tracy will present his lecture '*Ireland's Ancient Stones.*' Contribution €3.

Wednesday Sept. 17th – The Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society meets at 8pm in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, Conor Doyle will present his lecture '*Memories of the Theatre Royal, Dublin.*' Contribution - Members €2.50; Visitors €3.50; Retired €2.

Thursday Sept. 18th - The Bray Cualann Historical Society meets at 8pm in Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce, Quinsboro Rd. Bray. Michael Seery will present his lecture '*Back to School: Education in Co. Wicklow.*' All welcome - admission €4.

Wednesday Sept. 24th – The Genealogical Society of Ireland will hold their '*September Morning Open Meeting*' from 10.30am to 12.30pm in Hardy's Bar, The Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, — Contribution €3 includes Tea/ Coffee.

Thursday Sept. 25th – The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland meets at 7.30pm in the Helen Roe Theatre, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. Prof. Daniel Kelly will present his lecture '*More Thames than Tiber - where 19th Century Irish sculptors were considered the 'best men of the art.'*'



A SUMMER WINDOW



It is a glorious day. I am basking in the warm sunshine as I write and drinking in the beauty of my little garden.

The lawn is manicured - each blade of grass standing to attention one inch above the ground. Its curved borders are razor edged. Flowers fight for my attention, their delicate faces turned towards the sun form a magnificent display of blazing colour. These are filled with flowers of a smaller variety. They too are fighting for my attention; the robust ones have pushed their weaker companions over the side, their tender roots clinging to the soil in a desperate attempt to stay alive to give a lovely soft effect to these arrangements.

Most of these flowers are protected by the shrub and his big brother the tree. They keep a watchful eye over their diminutive friends and protect them from the harsh winds. The rain that rests upon their leaves falls gently upon the soft petals of the flowers beneath them and slowly reaches their open mouths beneath the soil to quench their daily thirst. The stately trees, awakened from a long winter sleep, have just given birth to new growth and now stand proudly, their heads held high, while their young offspring, dressed in a mantle of green, play in the soft summer breeze.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 29-32 14/7/2014 to 18/8/2014

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

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

Reg. Ref. D14A/0053

Application Rec'd Date: 7-Feb-2014

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

Proposal: Permission for material alterations to an existing Protected Structure RPS:1492, to comprise of the following: (1) Installation of new self-service banking hall which will necessitate the removal of the existing teller counter to open up access within the customer banking area. (2) Removal of existing dilapidated herringbone parquet flooring and concrete in-fills behind banking counter. Reduction of overall finished floor level to teller area only (behind counter) to eliminate 45mm step-change in level within banking hall, in-fill and lay new carpet. (3) Installation of specialised self-service banking equipment in recognised company design, with new 'secure line' to partition walling and teller counters. Application Type: Permission Additional Information: 18-Jul-2014.

Applicant Name & Location: D14B/0262

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Jul-2014

Applicant Name: Martin & Jayne Courtney, 28 Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to erect a detached single storey domestic garage and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0467

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Jul-2014

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

Proposal: Permission for modification to approved plans Reg. Ref. D13A/0317, PL06D.242469, to approved House A to construct a single storey extension (38 sqm) to the south of its Dalkey Avenue elevation. Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0501

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Aug-2014

Applicant Name & Location: The Bride Street Partnership, Castle Pk. School, Castle Pk. Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: 15 No. Residential Units (including Private open space and solar panels) comprising 5 no. Type A five -bed detached houses; 2 no. Type B five-bed detached houses; 4 No. Type C semi-detached four-bed houses; 2 No. Type C1 four-bed semi-detached houses; and 2 No. Type D Five-bed semi-detached houses. Provision of 30 No. car parking spaces; vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access and egress via the existing avenue from Castlepark Road, including the widening of that avenue and the provision of a new footpath and boundary treatment along that access; construction and emergency access only via Castlelands; provision of internal routes for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians; provision of boundary treatments and associated controlled vehicle and pedestrian gates; ancillary signage; hard and soft landscaping works (including changes in level and lighting); diversion of services; changes in level; and all other site excavation and development works above the below ground. On a 1.532 hectare site. Note: **Final date for Observations is 4-Sep-2014.**

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 29-32 14/07/2014 to 8/8/2014

Reg. Ref. D14B/0194

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

Date: 25-Jul-2014

Applicant Name: Sean Dillon. **Location:** 35 Mapas Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission for alterations to the existing hipped roof of dwelling to a gable end roof. Increase the attic floor area by 15 sqm and construct a new flat roof dormer window to the rear and install a new double opening velux to the front of the existing semi-detached dwelling.

Reg. Ref. D14A/0365

Decision: REQUEST ADD. INFORMATION

Date: 05-Aug-2014

Applicant Name: Dermot & Mary Divilly **Location:** Saint Aubyns, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the construction of a new 2-storey house (214 sqm) with associated landscaping and main foul drainage connection in the North Western Corner of the garden to the existing house. Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref: D14A/0373

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION & REFUSE PERMISSION

Date: 8-Aug-2014 Applicant Name: T Taylor & P Scully

Location: Apartments 1, 4 and 6 Queenstown Castle, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. A Protected Structure.
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of; (A) removal of the existing conservatory on east elevation at lower ground floor level and of the roof terrace over the conservatory at upper ground floor level; (B) erection of winter gardens at lower ground floor, upper ground floor and first floor (all on east elevation); (C) provision of canopy roof over parking area for two vehicles and enclosed bin storage area at the south west corner of site. Application Type: Permission

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 29-32 14/7/'14 - 8/8/'14

None for Dalkey

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks 28-31 7/7/'14 to 1/8/2014

None for Dalkey



DALKEY GARDA CLINICS



The idea of the Garda Clinic is to assist the local community who may not be able to travel to the Garda Station with matters such as form stamped/signing or any community policing matters which arise. The Garda Clinic is not designed for crime reporting, however, the Garda are very keen that all suspicious activity is reported to them at the local centre which, for Dalkey, is **Dun Laoghaire Tel. 01-6665000**.

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September is a time of great charm in the garden as our summer slowly winds down and our autumn brings a slight chill in the mornings. Isn't there something rather wonderful about this month? Some clashing colours can look sensational, yet we sort of know, that we are on borrowed time. If we get glorious autumn sunny days and cool nights, many of our plants get a new lease of life, such as some of our roses, glowing Dahlias, Astrantias and then, we can truly admire our various Acers, the glorious Oak, Sycamore and Beech Trees amongst many other majestic species, as they gradually change colours. In some of our Dalkey gardens, banks of Nerines are ready to come into flower, hardy Cyclamen too, are just peeping through; Cyclamen Hederifolium looks at its best in a drift under trees but grows almost anywhere. Likewise, our berries of Pyracantha and the various cotoneasters provide rich warm hues. The Fashion Craze this past summer seems to have been to wear a neon pink stripe, be it in track suit bottoms, shorts, runners, whatever - likewise our Dalkey gardens appeared to boast about, a craze of Fox Gloves, Rudbeckias, Corn Flowers, Hyupericums, Irises, Agapanthus, Lady's Mantle, Pincushion flowers - Scabiosas.

What exactly is gardening? Is it not more than just a hobby, a 'get it done, and job'. For many, gardening is about personal pleasure, creating a place that suits ones taste. Others then again simply enjoy the pleasure of nurturing and growing beautiful plants and so on. In any garden, what is intriguing, is the idea that there is something round the corner to explore.

'A Gardeners Best Tool is A Scrutinising Eye' – Flowers with colourful or complex



A neighbour's Dahlia

markings often appeal to gardeners. Think of the coloured veins on some herbaceous Geraniums, Pansies, Violas, Penstemons, Gazanias, Mallows, etc. As with most things in nature, there is a reason for their markings, so these flowers amongst so many others, serve to direct pollinating insects to the pollen and of course then, their sugary reward. One of my ultimate pleasures is stealing a quick walk around our little back garden before breakfast with our Ruby King Charles Spaniel, scissors in tow and still at this time of the year, two full watering cans of water (and sometimes, with some sort of feed). The odd pot that looks as if it needs attention then gets 'its fix'. Precious, our Ruby, has 'an absolute thing' about our watering can, which has incidentally, an unusually long snout. I'm sure at

times, he feels threatened by it! It generally, for convenience, sits on top of a very large china salad bowl under an old table on the kitchen floor where he taunts it with his paw, it moves and rattles with its own unique sound!

These last few days, we have had quite an invasion of, I think, Dutch wasps. They are skinnier than an ordinary wasp and seem to hover about in a daze of ecstasy, rather than buzz about. As I have had a couple of nasty stings over the last two or three years, I have Googled controls for such. So, yesterday, I read, that a couple of slices of fresh lemon with dried cloves stuck into these slices is a pretty good deterrent. I also read that some bees thrive on the colour black and also, bright colours, so, it may be so, that when we wear bright colours, that they consider 'Us', to be some sort of relative of a beautiful flower!

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MIGHT DO, MAYBE JOBS

1. Herbaceous plants can be tidied up and cut back a little, if they have become straggly growth otherwise, maybe wise not to be in too much of a hurry as the skeletons of many plants are decorative. September is a really good time to divide *Astrantias*, *Pulmonarias* and herbaceous *Geraniums*.
2. I was never a huge fan of Dahlias but this year, I am! I have seen some real beauties. Some are such large plants that they can make a tremendous impact on your garden. Apparently, whether you cut blooms for the house or enjoy them outside, the display will continue for longer if you remove two flower buds out of three on the stem. This will produce stronger more, weather-resistant stems, so remove spent and withering flowers regularly, in order to keep new blooms forming.
3. When buying bulbs, check they are healthy, plump and firm. Avoid any that are damaged, decayed, shrivelled and feel soft. There are many beautiful bulbous plants that bloom in autumn.
4. The formation of next spring's flower buds takes place on *Camellias* and *Rhododendrons* at this time and they need to be watered and given one or two last liquid feeds.
5. Framing an opening or doorway with twin pots or clustered containers together can give more impact, offer mutual protection and help reduce drying out.
6. Watering plants in the morning helps prevent fungal disease and the excess water can evaporate during the day.
7. Have to give a special space to this bulb! '*Eucomis*'. *Eucomis* are such a reliable bulb. We have several different varieties, all in pots which flower from mid-august till the first frosts in November. They are so surprisingly easy to grow and such superb value and most varieties live for years and years.

Did you know that scented flowers are rarely brightly patterned? So if you simply want fragrance, possibly it's better to avoid bright markings on plants.

Happy autumn days and evenings, too!



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SEPTEMBER NATURE NOTES



Indoor Meeting: Tuesday 2nd Sept. 8pm in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney – “*Beginning Bird Watching*”. Welcoming beginners will be Stephen McAvoy, Niall Hatch *et al*. From September meetings will be held at Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel where there is ample free parking.

Outdoor Meeting to Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow Sunday 7th September at 10.30am. Meet in the station car park. Expect to finish up around 12:30. Wear suitable clothing for the day it is always cooler by the sea. Non members are always welcome to our events. For some site information on Kilcoole please check www.southdublinbirds.com.

JOHN COYLE R.I.P.

John Coyle was a member of DCC. He delivered the Newsletter on Castle Street, he served on the Executive for some years and was also Assistant Secretary for a period. He was a most personable man.



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September Services

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

Carry Centre: As you all may be aware we had a blip in the project at the start of the Summer. Thankfully, things are back on track again - a full report may be found below.

New Logo: You may have noticed the new logo for Holy Trinity. To explain: The Purple and Yellow crescents are taken from the Carry Centre logo and symbolise the Centre and Community. The Blue crescent, which supports the other two, represents the church. The three together make a 'Trinity'. The Y is thought to look like a person and one on top of another symbolises how we support one another, our community and how God supports us. We thank Linda Peters for her help with making this possible.

Rector's Surgery: Holy Trinity Rectory every Tuesday from 7-8 pm.

The Carry Hall: A wonderful evening on May 23rd marked the closure of the Hall for refurbishment. As mentioned we then faced a major obstacle; however, through the generosity of our own parishioners we have overcome it! The Rector wishes to put on record his gratitude for the support and encouragement given to the project. We envisage the Centre being ready for use at the beginning of November. In the meantime the parish users will use various locations for their gatherings-please consult each organisation for full details. For more information visit www.carrycentre.ie

Golf Outing: Will be held on Monday 22nd September in Killiney Golf Club. Please contact Helen Irwin @ helenirwin54@gmail.com or 2801275.

Service & Social: The next gathering will be on Sunday 5th October at 3pm in Holy Trinity Church. Please contact Joan Whyte or the Rector for more information.

Sheep Thrills: Sheep Thrills Restarts on Thursday 18th September @ 11am in St Pauls Hall, Glenageary until The Carry Centre is ready 1st week in November. There is parking in the Church Grounds and Rosie French has kindly offered us parking at her home if needed, just up the road on the right, number 45. We look forward to continuing where we left off sharing talents & providing new products for charities and the homeless.

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

Killiney Mens' Society: The new programme of events for the new season is now available. The new season begins on September 25th with a trip to Caviston's in Glashule. More information from Paul O'Brien, Nigel Pierpoint or the Rector.

Table Tennis: The table tennis season starts on Monday 8th September @ 8pm in Glenageary-Killiney National School. 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 9th September in Holy Trinity Church. All welcome.

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney/ The new season begins on Wednesday 17th September. For more information please contact Judy Jones - 2855159

Bible Study and Prayer Group: This year we will be looking at the New Testament. The 'term' begins on Tuesday 23rd Sept. at 10.30am in Holy Trinity Rectory. We hope to include a report of our studies throughout the year - more next time... All are very welcome to attend. Further expressions of interest may be addressed to the Rector.

Killiney Diners Club - The KWDs: The next gathering will be on September 18th, the venue is yet to be decided. Further expressions of interest or queries may be addressed to Zandra Laing or the Rector.

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Sunday Services for September

7th September 9am Eucharist

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28th September 9am Eucharist

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10.15am All Age Family Worship

10.15am Eucharist.


10.15am Morning Prayer.

New Children's Programme: There is a new programme of events for children of national school age. Details of all the events can be found in a leaflet available from the back of church or from the parish office. The events which start in September will run right through to the beginning of July 2015, and should include something of interest for all children. The programme includes football which will be held on the astro turf at Castle Park School, a BBQ & cinema nights in the Northover Hall, a Disco, Karaoke, a cookery class, a week away and much, much, more. To register for events please contact the Parish Office.

St. Patrick's School: We hope that all staff and pupils have had a enjoyable summer break and are refreshed for the new school year. We also welcome all new pupils who will be joining the school for the first time and hope they will have a very enjoyable time in St. Patrick's.

Parish Outings: We have had many very pleasant and interesting parish outings over the summer period, starting in May with a visit to Russborough House followed by afternoon tea in St. Enda's Park, Rathfarnham. In June was the very popular day out to Clara Lara and Bel-Air Hotel in Wicklow. Summer would not be complete without a trip to the beach, so our July outing was to Magherbeg beach, also in Wicklow. The August outing was to the Little Museum of Dublin and Masonic Hall, Molesworth Street. To round off the summer outings, our annual coach trip is to Armagh City on Saturday 13th September including tea and scones en route, tour of St Patrick's Cathedral, picnic in orchard and a show at Planetarium. An evening meal at Carrickdale Hotel will be provided on the way home.

Parish Outreach: Congratulation to Maeve Coghlan on her recent trip to Kenya where she is actively involved in the Cheryl's Children's Home in Nairobi. This project supported by St. Patrick's, channels funds directly to building projects such as the building of classrooms. Much of the work was physically carried out by Maeve and full details and photographs will be available in the September edition of our parish CONTACT newsletter.



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“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”

Albert Camus

Autumn has arrived. Behold the changing leaves, and enjoy the crisp breeze. Let your eyes take in the bursts of colour. Transformation is afoot and hope is in the air. It is a time when the days are getting shorter, and we move inward to warm ourselves at the fire. 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.

It is also a time to welcome back our wonderful Taizé choir as they return from summer break. Many people travel from various parts of Dublin to join in this

wonderful service each Sunday (excluding summer-time) at 7.30pm in our Church. Come along and join us.

We also welcome back the Family Mass group ably led by a team of hard working and willing volunteers. If you have young children who would like to join in this special Mass - come along each Sunday at 10am - you are most welcome and we are always looking for new members for the Adult choir! If you are interested in becoming a reader or Minister of the Word at Sunday or weekday Mass, please contact Lillian Hall through the Parish office. If you would like to get involved just call in, give us a call or send an email.

We look forward to our annual parish Picnic on 7th Sept, organised by our Parish Pastoral Council, this is a fun social event with lots for all the family and everyone is most welcome. On Sunday 14th Sept we host the first Vintage Car Festival in the Church car park with all proceeds going to Down Syndrome Ireland. Please come along and support what is a very worthy cause.

We are also supporting Home Instead's nationwide education programme to educate and raise awareness of Dementia with retailers and staff/volunteers in Dalkey. The aim of this programme is to raise awareness with front of house staff in understanding more about dementia and how to engage with customers and visitors with dementia. There are now 48,000 people in Ireland with this disease and the figure is expected to double in the next 20 years. The programme will consist of a series of workshops which are one hour in duration and are free of charge. They are tailored to fit in with the working day with early morning sessions. Each shop/business who completes the training will receive a sticker which will enable people to identify their premises as Dementia Friendly. Details and dates for the workshops are available in the Parish Office or in Our Lady's Hall.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



DCC Monthly Meeting	Monday 1 Sept
Grandparents Day	Sunday 7 Sept
Garden Reception and Presentation of awards (8pm-10pm in OLH)	Friday 12 Sept
Dalkey Ladies Club resumes. New members welcome.	Thursday 18 Sept
Hospice Coffee Morning (9:30am-1:00pm in Benitos)	Thursday 18 Sept
Sorting October Newsletter in OLH (1-2pm)	Thursday 25 Sept

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions for all age groups @ 6-9pm. Tuesdays & Thursdays.

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

Dalkey Players will be regrouping on Tues. 2nd Sept. for another exciting year. Programme includes - Autumn production in Dalkey Town Hall, participation in the All Ireland the One Act Festival Circuit, and in the Bray One Act Festival. We will also be holding Production Workshops, 'From Page to Stage' throughout the Autumn. All Welcome Note, this Autumn our usual rehearsal space we will be rehearsing in Glenageary/Killiney National School, Wyvern

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society: Rehearsals commence Monday 1st Sept. in Northover Hall, Harbour Road, Dalkey from 8pm-10.30pm Mondays & Thursdays or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information.

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

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

Pilates: Classes resume Monday evenings from Sept. 8th at DHC, 7 week- course catering for all levels. Classes at 6.15 pm 7.15pm .8.15 pm. Contact Lizanne Barry STOTT Instructor on 087 857 2408 or See Facebook Page Lizanne Barry Pilates Classes for details.

Zumba Fitness classes: Get fit and lose weight with Zumba Fantasy weekly from the 11th Sept. at 7.30-8.30pm in the Town Hall. Contact Colette: 087 247 6673

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

For **Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival** from Thursday 11th to Sunday 13th September and **September Nature Notes** See page 31.

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Oh! How Television has changed over the years.....

RTE One and RTE Two are currently the only High Definition Irish channels available on the Saorview network. TV3 (in conjunction with Sony) have finished upgrading their studios to High Definition, so presumably they will at some stage in the future start broadcasting in High Definition, and when they do it will mean that customers will have to re-tune their set-top receiver (yet again). TG4 received €1.4 million in aid from the department of Communications to launch their High Definition “test” channel which is only available on UPC (previously NTL, and Cablelink).

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