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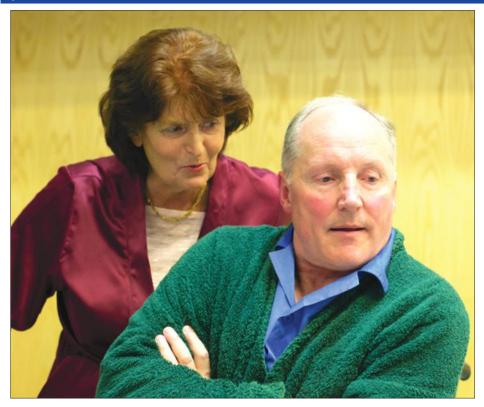
# DALKEY ROWING CLUB Under 16 Ladies East Coast Champions!



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Margaret Toomey (Ann) and Michael Heavey (Stan) in Maeve Binchy's 'Aches and Pains' at Dalkey Castle on 20th September Photo: John Fahy

**Heritage Week:** final events of Heritage week include a talk by Ronan King **Easter 1916 – as experienced in Dalkey** on Friday August 26th at 7.30pm.

Kathleen Murphy (who lived in Mt Salus) recorded a diary of events in Easter week 1916 as they unfolded, including the resultant impact of martial law on the streets of Dalkey and the arrest of locals. Admission is free but must be pre-booked.

Maeve Binchy's Aches and Pains: Tuesday Sept 20th at 7.30pm. Dalkey Castle is honoured to have been invited to the ASPECTS Literary Festival in Bangor Co Down to present the Shay Linehan

adaptation of Maeve Binchy's 'Aches and Pains'. Maeve was a headline speaker at the Festival, now in its 25th year, and her work has a large fan base in the area. Prior to Bangor, it will be staged again in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on Tuesday Sept 20th at 7.30pm. If you missed the show last time round, don't delay as it booked out very quickly on all previous occasions. Admission € 8.50. Book online or by cc over the phone.

Maeve Binchy and Famous Irish Writers Walks The celebratory walks were a great success and attracted great publicity. We had people from all over Ireland and the world who were thrilled to partake in the walk. A recurring comment was that they could feel the

special atmosphere in the town and were not surprised that writers were inspired by it. The DLR sponsored walks on Thursday evenings were booked out 6 weeks in advance. The Friday daytime ones were also popular particularly after being featured on Morning Ireland. We have added extra dates on Friday 9th & 16th September. You may still be able to catch the interview on the link <a href="http://www.rte.ie/news/player/2016/0729/21029059-maeve-binchy-remembered-in-dalkey/">http://www.rte.ie/news/player/2016/0729/21029059-maeve-binchy-remembered-in-dalkey/</a>. The Walks were also featured on TV 3 and the Pat Kenny Radio Show on Newstalk.

**Zurich Dalkey Book Festival:** The Festival brought over 12,000 additional visitors to Dalkey over a June weekend. The highlight, apart from all the world renowned speakers, was the opening by President Michael D Higgins. The town looked resplendent, thanks to the ever vigilant Tidy Towns, the DLR Parks Dept. and the new bunting.

Huge congratulations and thanks are due to Sian Smyth and David Mc Williams who lead the festival team. The Festival gives the businesses in the town a much needed boost and above all else, hugely enhances the marketing profile of Dalkey internationally.

Living History tours: Tour groups, both Language Schools and large coach groups continue to enjoy our living history tours at Dalkey Castle and we take them on guided walks around the town.

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Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

# **SEPTEMBER:**

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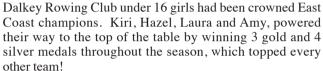
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### DALKEY ROWING CLUB

As the rowing season draws to an end, Dalkey Rowing Club reflects on the highs and lows of the season. DRC entered a record number of 10 crews this year having a presence in the Senior Ladies, Junior Ladies, Intermediate Ladies, Under 16 girls, Intermediate Men, Novice Men, Under 18 boys, under 16 boys, under 14's and even had an under 12's crew this year.

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The season ended with the Wicklow Regatta on Bank Holiday Monday, and the members demonstrated their true grit and determination by rowing in howling wind and driving rain. This fortitude was matched by those supporting. Standing on the windy pier in the driving rain, the members stayed to the bitter end to cheer each other on. And this support was rewarded with the announcement that



This was one of many successes. The medals round up stands with DRC getting 4 gold, 11 silver and 7 bronze medals overall. The Junior Ladies were responsible for 6 of these medals, including one gold, which led to them taking Bronze overall for the East Coast. The Intermediate Men got 4 medals, the Intermediate Ladies got 3, and the Senior Ladies and the Vets took another medal each.

Training is now underway for the longer races with crews entered into the 14km Hope Cup Charity Race in Ringsend,

and the 14km race on the river Barrow. Good luck to all our rowers entering those races. A Massive thank you to our sponsors this year, whose support in very valuable to us. These

include, Churches Estate Agent, The Corner Note, The Club Bar, Dominic Dowling Solicitors, and the Atlantic Lifeguards.



Intermediate Men

Rowing will continue throughout August so if anyone fancies giving it a go – come on down!

> JENNY DILLEY





Junior Ladies





Dalkey Regatta Finishing Line

Photos: Dalkey Rowing Club

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Best Overall Garden (front) Maradene

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Best Overall Garden (rear) Maradene

### **RESULTS**

#### **Best Overall Garden**

1st "Maradene", Cunningham Road 2nd 16 The Village Gate

3rd "Mornington", Saval Park Road

#### **Best Front Garden**

Joint 1st 37 St. Begnet's Villas and 16 The Village Gate

3rd "Maradene", Cunningham Road

### **Best Display**

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1st 13 White's Villas

2nd 16 The Village Gate

3rd "Mornington", Saval Park Road

#### **Best Communal Open Space**

1st The Village Gate

2nd Killiney Towers

3rd Sue Ryder

#### **Surprise Gardens**

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Best Front Garden St. Begnets Villas



Best Front Garden – 16 The Village Gate



1st place Best Communal Space Village Gate

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NATURE CORNER





The first Long Eared Owl which we saw, not long out of the nest

Photographs by Michael Ryan and Lucy Desierdo

It was one of the nicer days of July and at 6.00pm there was still real heat from the sun sending shafts of light down through the leaves as we wandered through a wood. Lucy asked me did I hear a unusual noise, a sound she later described as like a squeaky trolley. I hadn't, still couldn't and would have happily strolled on but she went to investigate. She followed the faint sound, trained the binoculars at a tree than exclaimed 'It's an owl!

Sure enough there it was, sitting high up on the branch of a Scots Pine, a big rounded shape, pale and fluffy with dark patches around its eyes. I'd imagine it wasn't too long out of the nest but it already had the two tufts sticking up from its crown that give the Long Eared Owl its name. They aren't ears of course, just feather tufts, their actual ears are two asymmetric cavities, set at slightly different positions on the head so they can accurately gauge the distance of their prey when hunting while the circular disk shape of the owl's face acts like a sound reflecting dish.

Evidently the parent owl had nested nearby and the young bird, just recently fledged, would be sitting on this tree till nightfall when its parents would go out hunting to bring it back some food. It looked down at us curiously but unperturbed with big orange eyes, now and then emitting a little squeak. Lucy realised there was another young owl perched above us. It kept getting better. We returned to the original position we'd spotted the first owl from and got a bit uneasy when we saw a pair of hooded crows fly into the tree the youngster was perched on afraid they might attack it but next second a adult Long Eared Owl which, totally unknown to us had been perched in the tree all along, flew out and saw them off. We came back to the wood at dusk and spotted the chicks again. Somewhere in the surrounding trees a parent bird was issuing a 'barking' alarm call, though I don't think we were the source of its concern since a adult flew in carrying a dead mouse in its claws to





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feed to a chick. The adult landed in a bush less then three metres away and gazed down at us. The plumage of the adult Long Eared Owl enables it to blend perfectly against tree trunks where they roost during the daytime, rendering it almost invisible to all but the sharpest eyes. Four days later we realised there was actually a third owl chick.

We came back often over the next four weeks and watched the owlets get more adept at flying and landing



The second chick we spotted that day
Photographs by Michael Ryan and Lucy Desierdo

and watched the fluffy down on their wings come loose and the darker plumage emerge. The first few nights we saw the parent birds but as the days passed the adults got quieter and weren't so visible, perhaps the adult was bringing food later to get the youngsters used to grasping prey in the darkness. In the course of the next few days Lucy spotted bits of white eggshells, almost certainly from the owl's nest and under the first tree we'd seen the owl perched on we found pellets on the ground. Owl pellets are the undigested remains of the owl's prey, rodent fur and bones which it coughs out of its gullet in a cigar shaped lump.

It was through analysing the bones found in pellets of Barn Owls that Birdwatch Ireland raptor expert John Lusby discovered that ten of the Barn Owls whose pellets were examined were feeding on Greater White-toothed Shrews (*Crocidura russulas*) an alien mammal whose existence in Ireland was previously unknown. The Barn Owl is in serious decline in Ireland almost certainly due in some degree to eating rats that had ingested rodenticides so the fact that some Barn Owls were feeding on other prey items was quite promising. The species we were looking at, the Long Eared Owl, is far more common and though not often observed, seems to be doing ok in Ireland.

You couldn't help but be concerned about the youngsters we were observing, unlike their earlier quiet daytime calls when dusk came they would set up such a racket, continuously calling to each other and letting the parents, and anyone else, know where they were, their sharp calls carrying a great distance in the dark. They would often perch on a branch within two meters of us and bob their head around, up and down and from left to right and though I'd seen it on TV to actually watch them rotating their head 180 degrees was a spectacular sight. When you'd see them close they didn't look so big but when they took off, spreading



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broad wings in slow flaps they were very impressive. They would sometimes fly inches over our heads and the wing beats were totally silent, their dense plumage another adaptation to enable them to surprise their prey.

Our concern for them was people taking flash photos or shining torches on them, owls with eyesight highly developed for night vision if dazzled by bright lights being shone into their face could cause themselves serious injury if they took off after being blinded. The photographs used in this article were taken on the first day we saw them in bright sunshine.

At time of writing they were still being fed and tending to get a lot quieter after they'd eaten. Statistics would suggest that all three chicks probably wouldn't survive but I hope in this case that's wrong and hopefully they might all make it into adulthood.

## 41st DALKEY SEA SCOUTS





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The Zinnia family, so easily grown from seed

Our September days are noticeably shorter yet our gardens can still remain a riot of colour and life, throughout this coming season. Some of us may have rescued a favourite plant from a bargain table, charity table or a particular friend may have parted with a little treasure that has come down generations in the family or maybe a mystery € 1.00 Rose from a Euro Shop. If I take a moment to reflect on days or things that have been special or made me feel happy, it's usually something linked to the garden, perhaps a plant, a newlyformed bud on a propagated plant, a silky spider's web covered in morning dew, or even the sheer satisfaction of cutting down a herbaceous clump in the hope that I might seduce a second, final flush from it. Among gardeners presently, Hot Topics are what has been their favourite plants, then plants that didn't perform well or even some that were just lost or those plants that we will try, just one more time, maybe, in a different spot, different soil, a different aspect. For other nature lovers, their favourite plant/ flower is, whatever is out at the time of asking. For them it's almost like seeing old friends again, whatever is emerging. I witnessed several 'happy accidents'/self-seeded plants settle down so beautifully, so contentedly this past summer with shocking pinks and garish oranges and lemons. Do they not seem to find the perfect spot that they alone can thrive in and sometimes, the very place where they can attract wildlife, such as birds, insects, moths etc.? We enjoyed such miraculous beauties; especially double pink, frilly Poppies, wonderful clumps of two species of Feverfew, Alchemilla Mollis, and several forms of Canterbury Bells etc.

Finally, some of us attach romantic associations to particular plants. Plants have the ability to evoke different emotions. I must admit, that I myself have been a bit misty eyed with the performance of a few of our David Austin Roses and plan to give a dear cousin of mine a





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Primula Cawdoriana – this intriguing plant was grown from a 20 year old seed stored in a refrigerator

beautifully scented double golden yellow Climber for her recent engagement. Another aweinspiring little gem is the Zinnia Family and more and more people seem to be growing them from seed. The sheer complexity and intricate beauty of each flower is almost indefinable.

Containers are a trick we can use to play with space and by doing so, keep our gardens inspirational. Many plants will grow in pots for a few years provided they are minded and maybe, pruned to look their best.

Lime Green flowers can light up a garden. Green flowers never seem to shout like some yellow or red. They seem to compliment and cajole and almost have a calming / soothing effect on their brighter, louder neighbours.

# MIGHT DO, MAYBE, SEPTEMBER JOBS

- 1. When purchasing a new Herbaceous Plant, (and sometimes, nurseries are selling them off at this time of year), find your old reliable sharp kitchen knife and cut the root ball into two plants. You can plant one in sun and one in partial shade and then, observe their respective progress.
- 2. A citrus-scented Pelargonium in a pot close by, will help somewhat to keep mosquitoes at bay while you enjoy the Last of our Summer Barbeques.
- 3. A banana placed near your slow-to-ripen tomatoes will help them turn red. Bananas give off ethylene gas which triggers the green tomatoes to ripen.
- 4. Remember, wonky looking vegetables generally are so because they have had less

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- pesticide sprays etc. applied to them, so maybe go for those potatoes, carrots, whatever with more lumps and bumps.
- 5. The joy of growing cut flowers is that you can choose what to pick and arrange and add in some fragrant foliage and blooms from the herb garden such as Mint, Fennel, Dill or Spearmint.
- 6. Maybe, it's time to pierce open all those packets of liquid flower food that are stuck in a drawer, that were attached to bouquets of bought flowers. Dilute and give as a special treat to tired plants, outdoors.
- 7. Fresh herbs can be added to ice cubes so that we can enjoy their freshness in cooking.
- 8. Beware of old bags of compost. Compost can deteriorate quickly if it isn't stored in a cold dry environment as the fertiliser in the bag will begin to break down and be released into the compost then young plants placed in this compost will be damaged by high nutrient levels. Wouldn't it be great if bags had an expiry date on them?
- 9. Remembering to remember to do something can be trickier as we age: some psychologists in the UK found that people aged 65 in a room filled with a rosemary aroma, displayed significantly enhanced memory compared to those in a room with none. Lavender on the other hand, decreased the ability to remember. So, we need to remember which herb to keep busy with and then to relax with.

#### Shade

There are various types of shade. There is dappled shade - under apple trees etc., then, there's dark shade like under a Chestnut Tree and then, there is permanent shade, like under a Conifer. We also have dry shade and damp shade, - just to keep us pondering!

# **COFFEE MORNING**

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## CODER DOJO DALKEY



**Coder Dojo** is a volunteer-led, global movement of free coding clubs for young people focused on 'making people creators, not just users!' We run our local Dalkey Coder Dojo club on Saturday afternoons from Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney (who kindly provide us with the venue). The club is run for local kids by local mentors/parents.

Seven boys referred to as Ninjas in Coder Dojo, entered 3 projects into the Coder Dojo Coolest Projects competition held in the RDS on Saturday 18th June. The competition had over 800 technology projects from Coder Dojo clubs all over Ireland & Europe competing and the kids who did the projects ranged from 6 to 16 years. Two of our Dalkey projects were top prize-winners in the hardware category. This was a fantastic achievement for the boys and we are all very proud of them.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney for

providing us with facilities to run our club throughout the year – none of this would be possible without their support. Thanks also to all our mentors and parents who voluntarily give their time to mentor the kids.

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Rory Luff and Diarmuid Byrne – Developed a game of skill and timing using Arduino LED lights. The lights will light up faster as the game progresses.

James Heavey, Bobby Connolly and Andrea Rizzi – Built a Lego Mindstorms robot that learns





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

**Reg. Ref.** D16A/0039

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Jan-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** Bernard & Dawn McCormick, Site at The Barn, Atmospheric Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for construction of two new dwellings on this site to the side of the existing house, as well as associated landscape and site development works. House A will be a detached two storey over part basement four bedroom house with balcony to southern elevation and vehicular access via the existing entrance on Atmospheric Road. House B will be a detached two storey four bedroom house with vehicular access via a new entrance from Barnhill Lawn. Each house will be served by two dedicated car parking spaces.

**Additional Information:** 14-Jul-2016.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0519

**Application Rec'd Date:** 14-Jul-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** Fergus Flanagan Des. Arch. on behalf of, Louise Byrne, 1 Torca Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for alterations to previously granted planning Ref. No. D16A/0052, consisting of proposed covered terrace and outdoor fire to the rear, amendments to side and rear elevations and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0541

**Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Jul-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Anne & Mick Furlong, 6 Castlepark Road, Sandycove.

**Proposal**: Permission for single storey flat roof extension to rear of existing dwelling to have 2 no. roof lights in flat roof, relocation of windows to rear and side of dwelling, internal alterations to the layout of the existing dwelling. Widening of existing pedestrian entrance to create a vehicular entrance with sliding gate and all ancillary site works.

**Declare Application Invalid:** 26-Jul-2016

**Reg. Ref.:** D16A/0550

**Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Jul-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Peter McCrodden, 14 Barnhill Park, Dalkey.

**Proposal**: Permission for one and half storey dwelling house in rear garden with vehicular access and all associated site works. Works to include demolition of previously converted garage to side of existing dwelling house.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0333

**Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Jul-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** Ronel & Darren Pickford, 5, Knocknacree Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal**: Permission for development on this site. The development will consist of new single storey extension at lower ground floor to increase the size of two existing bedrooms, alterations to fenestration openings on rear and side elevations, new deck at rear ground floor over new bedroom extension with louvered screens on sides of new deck and associated works.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0566

Application Rec'd Date: 2-Aug-2016

**Applicant Name & Location:** Anne & Nick Furlong, 6, Castlepark Road, Sandycove.

**Proposal**: Permission for single storey flat roof extension to rear of existing dwelling to have 2 no. roof lights in flat roof, relocation of windows to rear and side of dwelling, internal alterations to the layout of the existing dwelling. Widening of existing pedestrian entrance to create a vehicular entrance with sliding gate and all ancillary site works.

### PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 28-31 2016 11/7/2016 to 5/8/2016

**Reg. Ref.** D15A/0605 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 13-Jul-2016 **Applicant Name & Location:** Alternative Building Solutions, 8 Sorrento Terrace, Sorrento Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure).

**Proposal:** Permission for Retention within the rear garden. The development consists of an enclosed flat roof shelter/changing area of c.11 sqm (not connected to house) of c.3m in height with decking finish to roof, all located in the lower terrace of rear garden, on a portion of existing patio area (adjacent to existing boundary to no. 7 Sorrento Terrace). No 8 is a protected structure. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0381 Decision: GRANT PERMISSION Date: 15-Jul-2016 Applicant Name & Location: Breege & Laurence Kennedy, 75 Hyde Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the construction of a single storey extension to the rear of dwelling, two storey extension to the front, consisting of porch with change of use of garage to office and en-suite and enlarged first floor en-suite bedroom, external insulation to all elevations with fenestration changes, canopy to front elevation, feature window and roof window to attic storage area, widen vehicular entrance with the provision of additional parking area and all associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.** D16B/0242 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22-Jul-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Eugene McCann, 68 Springhill Park, Killiney.

**Proposal:** Permission for conversion of attic space to habitable floor space comprising of dormer structure to rear, gable window to side, demolition of chimney and associated works.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0280 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 29-Jul-2016
Applicant Name & Location: Castle Park School Ltd. Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal**: Permission is sought for an overflow Car Park (34 spaces) with permeable grass paving and ancillary lighting and landscaping on a site of 0.167ha. accessed off the main Avenue. The proposed car park is located within the curtilage of a Protected Structure.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0279 Decision: Declare Invalid (Site Notice) Date: 29-Jul-2016 Applicant Name & Location: Alan McNab & Jennifer Martin, Radharc, 5 Knock-na-cree Grove, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for the construction of a roof terrace, with a glazed balustrade, above an exempt development lower ground floor extension, to the rear of the existing dwelling house, accessed from the existing upper ground floor, together with all associated works.

Reg. Ref. D16A/0424 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 3-Aug-2016 Applicant Name & Location: Marguerite Kirwan, Penbryn, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for demolition of existing garden shed, proposed construction of a new single storey extension to the rear, proposed dormer window to the rear, new roof light, amendments to rear and side elevations, internal alterations, permission to widen existing vehicular entrance and all associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.** D16B/0248 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 3-Aug-2016

Applicant Name & Location: Brendan Coleman, 17 Anglesea Park, Killiney.

**Proposal**: Permission for 1 one storey flat roof extension to side, total area 9m2 to provide utility at ground level. Works include minor internal alterations, modifications to side elevation and boundary and 1 velux with all associated site development works.

Reg. Ref. D16B/0250 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 3-Aug-2016 Applicant Name & Location: Guy & Louise McDonnell, 8 Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal**: Permission for loft conversion and dormer extension to rear; for first floor addition to side and for front porch.

# Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 28-31 '16 11/7/'16 to 5/8/'16

#### None for Dalkey

## Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 27-30 4/7/2016 to 29/07/2016

**Reg. Ref.** D16B/0047 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 29-Jul-'16 **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission

**Applic. Name & Location:** Matthew Lyster & Patricia Duignan, 1 Sorrento Lawn, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** Permission for a 128 sqm extension to existing dwelling (consisting of a 2 storey extension to the rear, side and front of the dwelling including elevational changes) together with all associated and ancillary site works.

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#### From China into Kazakhstan

It felt great to get back in the saddle after our time off in Urumqi. The road to Horgos (the Chinese-Kazak border town) was downhill through spectacular valleys and we flew along, delighted with ourselves. The road, called the G30, is a motorway and it has signs up at the slipways onto it that say no bikes allowed. We'd been on the G30 for more than 1000km and had had no trouble but it was still always in my mind that we shouldn't be on it. This day



Steph with Kazahkt police

however, we passed a farmer on horseback herding his cows up the other side of the motorway. If a herd of cows is allowed, or at least tolerated, two cyclists were hardly going to cause much drama!

Leaving China and entering Kazakhstan felt like we fell down some sort of worm hole and came out on the far side in a totally different, unrecognisable place. Immediately on crossing the border everything was different which seems a ridiculous thing to say given that a border is such a man-made construction but it's true. Even the landscape was different. In China, every little bit of land, if not built on, is tilled and farmed. The roads are straight, and have been built through towns and villages, giving traffic a right of way and totally ignoring the natural landscape, ploughing through anything that stands in their way. China's infrastructure, as well as the land, has all been planned and developed in a way that gives priority to big business and the economy as a whole, at the expense of small villages. I suppose it isn't the second biggest economy in the world by accident!

Kazakhstan, by comparison is as untouched as possible. The countryside is natural. The roads weave slightly, going around corners and up and down hills instead of just going straight. But it wasn't just the country side that was immediately different. The people were different. Faces have a much greater European/ Slavic look to them. The food was instantly different too. We ate in a tiny cafe on the border and there wasn't a noodle in sight, never mind a pair of chopsticks, yet here we were only a hop, skip and a jump from China. In recent years the border has opened up for locals and visa-free travel is allowed now for Kazaks and Chinese in an effort to encourage trade between the two nations but until then it must have been virtually sealed or else how could two sides of the same town be so utterly different?!

I don't think either of us realised quite how busy and hectic China had been. It's a country



Local Ladies

that is completely non-stop. It never sleeps. The roads are never quiet. We had a constant feeling of 'we must press on', a constant need to cover the kilometres, to just 'get there'. That feeling lifted immediately when we got into Kazakhstan and suddenly we found ourselves cruising, stopping to take in the scenery, breathe in the calm and cherish every second of it all. There was no rush, no need to get on. Quite the opposite in fact. We are going slower. The distance from entry border to exit border is under 600km and we'd thought we'd do it in six days.. Instead, we cycled 30km on from the



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border to Zharkent where we immediately decided to take a day off and soak up our new surroundings. So far we are on our 8th day here, and we'll probably take three more days to cycle the 200 or so kilometres to the Kyrgyz border.

On one of those days, I cycled over a snake on the road. The yelp I let out was something else. Nick turned around to see me cycling with my legs held up and out over my handlebars and

a panicked look on my face, the snake reared up thrashing about wildly behind me! My god, I got some fright. I thought it was a piece of rubber and was already on top of the thing before I realised my mistake. I've been taking any rubber on the road since then much more seriously! In Shonzhy, we stopped at a little roadside stall for some grub where the man working there, an Uyghur, when hearing we were from Ireland and had come from China, equated the Uyghur people's relationship to China with the Irish people's relationship to England. The belief that we in the west have a superior education and world knowledge is really such a sham. It came as a bit of a shock to realise that someone in a small town, in a land you know nothing about, could make such a spot-on comparison. Especially since, given our supposed superiority, most Irish people could barely place Kazakhstan on a map, let alone know anything about its people. And here was this man, a 'lowly' street food vendor, making such an informed comparison.

We were slow to get going the next day because I woke up to a flat back tyre. There was a tiny hole in the tube but neither of us could see what had caused it, the tyre looked fine, so we patched it and got on the road. We planned on camping that day and had stopped to get some dinner just as the light was beginning to fade. We finished eating and were going to cycle a couple of kilometres until we found a nice little spot to pitch the tent, but my tyre was flat again. Clearly there was something in the tyre that I just hadn't noticed. Very annoying. We decided to just pump it up, find a camp spot, bed down and deal with it the next day. When the sun came up the next day, the mosquitos came out in force so we scrambled to pack up camp, pumped my tyre again and dashed to the nearest town, 10km away, where we settled into the shade of a bus stop to fix this stupid puncture once and for all. After about 30 minutes of super close inspection of the tyre, I found a hair-like ribbon of metal about half a centimetre long that had been doing the damage. It must've been stuck in there for over 1000km so it was very satisfying to find it and yank it out. With my tyre fixed we rolled on and because lunch time coincided with some ominous-looking

clouds, we pulled into the little town of Teskensu for something to eat. On entering the only cafe in sight, the wildest, wackiest and most wonderful day of the trip so far started....but that deserves a whole new article of its own!

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#### **SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Sundays**: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45 am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

From the Rector – Things have changed at the Rectory over the summer...On June 23rd Karen and I welcomed Evelyn into the world and she has already made her presence felt. We want to thank everyone who has supported us through prayers, gifts, cards and messages. We look forward to celebrating her Baptism on 11th September and hope that as many parishioners as possible will join us for the service and the reception which will follow.

**Open evening** – As we begin another season in the parish and to sample a flavour (without making any commitments) of our various parish groups and organisations, we are planning to hold an open evening on Wed 7th Sept from 7.30-8.30pm in the Carry Centre. All are very welcome to attend.

**Nigel Pierpoint** – Nigel will be ordained priest by the Archbishop on Sunday 25th September in Christ Church Cathedral at 3.30pm. All are very welcome to attend and to offer the support and support to Nigel as he begins this next stage in his ministry.

**Kindling Sunday** – On Sunday 25th September we will launch a new initiative in the Carry Centre (following the 10.45am service). In conjunction with Christian Aid, boxes of kindling will be available to everybody - free of charge. The aim of the project is to highlight the plight of many throughout the world who face daily struggles - even simple

things like lighting a fire. It is hoped that those who have received kindling may be

motivated to donate to the wonderful work of Christian Aid.

The Carry Centre – As a new season commences we draw your attend to www.carrycentre.ie for a full listing of activities being held in the Centre. For booking enquiries please contact the Centre Manager, Sandra Moore (contact details above)

**Select Vestry** – The Vestry will meet at 8pm in the Carry Centre on Monday 5th September.

**Table Tennis** – The table tennis season starts on Monday 12th



Sheep Thrills Photo: Holy Trinity Church





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

Ladies Guild – A number of coffee mornings were held over the summer months – many thanks to those who opened their homes and gardens for these gatherings. The Guild will meet on Tuesday 13th



Ladies Guild

Photo: Holy Trinity Church

September in the Carry Centre. All welcome.

**Sheep Thrills** – Sheep Thrills look forward to starting again on Thursday 15th September in the Carry Centre at 11am. Everyone is welcome. Contact Joan @ 087 2460078. *Sheep Thrills are now on Facebook - see www.facebook.com/Sheep-Thrills* 

**The Killiney Winey Dineys** – The next gathering will be on September 15th, the venue is yet to be decided. Further expressions of interest or queries may be addressed to Zandra Laing or the Rector.

**Sunday Club** – Sunday Club begins a new term on Sunday 18th September. The Club meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month during term time. We congratulate Lisa Doyle on her appointment as Club convener. New members always welcome!

**SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney –** The new season begins on Wednesday 21st Sept. with a talk by John O'Keeffe, Forensic Psychologist. Oct. 19th will feature a talk by Ken Brown on Antiques. Both meetings are at 8pm in the Carry Centre. For more information please contact Judy Jones – 2855159

**Killiney Men's Society** – The new programme of events for the new season is now available. The new season begins on September 22nd with a visit to the Aviva Stadium. Please meet in the Carry Centre at 6.45pm. More information from Paul O'Brien or the Rector.

**Bible Study and Prayer Group** – This year we will be looking at figures in the Bible. The 'term' begins on Tuesday 27th September at 10.30am in the Carry Centre. All are very welcome to attend. Further expressions of interest may be addressed to the Rector. **Glenageary-Killiney National School** – *A new year!* As a new school term begins we welcome all those who are starting out at GKNS, in particular we welcome all the new Junior Infants! *Welcome aboard* – we welcome to the staff of G.K.N.S. – Miss Jackson. **Summer in Holy Trinity** – Thank you to all those who helped facilitate the opening of Holy Trinity during the Summer months – it is greatly appreciated!

**Parish Archives** – We are looking for any photos, information or historical artefacts relating to Holy Trinity, Killiney. If you have any such records please contact the Rector.

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### **❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS – SEPTEMBER 2016 ❖**

**Thursday 1st at 2pm:** There is a free public tour 'The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats' in the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Limited places.

**Sundays 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th at 2pm:** There is a free guided public tour in the Dublin City Gallery, The Hugh Lane, Charlemont House, Parnell Square North, Dublin 1. Early arrival recommended as places may be limited.

**Monday 5th at 7.30pm:** Charles Duggan will present his talk '14 Henrietta Street Townhouse Museum project' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in The Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2.

Saturday 10th at 1pm: There is a free public tour in the National Library of Ireland, D.2.

**Sunday 11th at 3pm:** There is a free 60-minute 'Hands on History' Drop-in Activity in the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. No booking required.

**Sunday 11th at 3pm:** There is a free 60-minute public tour '*Treasurers of the National Museum*' in the Museum of Archaeology and History, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. No booking required. Meet at Reception. Places allocated on a first come basis. Wheelchair accessible.

**Wednesday 14th at 6pm:** Brian Siggins will recall 'Fifty Years in the Old Dublin Society' to The Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

**Wednesday 14th at 7pm:** Dr. Richard McElligott will present his lecture '*Players or Patriots? The Gaelic Athletic Association and the 1916 Rising*' in the National Library of Ireland, D2.

**Thursday 15th at 1pm:** Muiris de Buitláir will present his lecture '*The Geography of the War of Independence and Civil War in Dublin*' in the Museum of Archaeology & History, Dublin 2. Admission free but booking required - to reserve a place call 01-6486334, email: educationarch@museum.ie. Not wheelchair accessible.

**Thursday 15th at 2pm:** There is a walk and talk public tour of the Rising Exhibition in the National Photographic Archive, Meeting House Square, Temple Bar, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

**Thursday 15th at 8pm:** Mark & Dave Murphy will present their lecture '*Bray Town Hall: The Byrne Family Link, 1883 – 2014*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society, The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All welcome. Members free - Visitors €5.

**Friday 16th from 6.30pm to 8.30pm:** There is a 'Medieval Ballistics' Drop-in Activity with Dave Smith in the Museum of Archaeology and History, Ceramics Room, 1st Floor, D.2. Admission free – no booking required – first come basis. Not wheelchair accessible.

Saturday 17th at 2.30pm: Dominic Lee, AMPA, will present his lecture 'The life and times of Stillorgan Great War artist Sir William Orpen, R.A., R.H.A.' to the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

**Tuesday 20th at 8pm:** James Scannell will present the main talk on '*The picture postcard legacy of John Hinde*' and Myles Reid the short talk on '*George Petrie – Artist, Antiquary*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rear Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock. All welcome – admission € 5.

**Wednesday 21st at 8pm:** Tom Conlon will present his lecture '*The Courts and Small Dwellings of Kingstown, the Other Side of the Story, How the Poor Lived in the 19th Century*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission € 3.50.

**Thursday 22nd at 7.30pm:** Dr. Tómas Carragáin will present his lecture 'What does early Irish monasticism look like? Evidence from Toureen Peakaun, Co. Tipperary' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Dublin 2.

Sunday 25th at 3pm: Lar Joyce will present his lecture 'Five months of failure, the Battle of



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the Somme and the 10th Royal Dublin Fusiliers' in the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Dublin 7.Admission free – no booking required but places allocated a first come basis 15 minutes before the talk commences.

**Sunday 25th at 3pm:** There is a 35-minute tour of '*Proclaiming a Republic: The 1916 Rising Exhibition*' in the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Dublin 7.

Admission free – no booking required but places allocated on a first come basis 15 minutes before the tour starts.

**Wednesday 28th at 6pm:** Ray Bateson will present his lecture 'The Dead of the Easter Rising' to The Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

**Dublin Bus Fares** – In April 1938 the Dublin United Tramways Co. (1896) or DUTC as it was more commonly known, raised its bus fares by a substantial amount to the extent that there were widespread protests about it. At the Monday April 25th 1938 meeting of Dublin County Council, Mr. J. Corr said that the single fare [from Dublin] to Dalkey had increased from 8d to 1/- with no return facilities. He further complained about the long wait for buses which did operate to the timetable and that at night the service was very poor. As he saw it, the only way the service could be improved was for the local authorities to take over their operations and that there was no justification for this increase in fares as the DUTC had made its biggest profit in 15 years.

Mr. Fitzgerald spoke about the hardship suffered by working men who travelled from Dalkey to Dublin as the result of the fare increase for which there was no need as DUTC employees were not scheduled to receive a wage increase until next year.

### A BOOK TO READ

'Journal of the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, No. 25, 2016' Published by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society

Publications Committee - Mona O'Donnell, Seamus O'Connor, Anna Scudds, Colin Scudds.A variety of contents is the hallmark of this excellent local history society journal which has now been published for 25 years and this year's presents the reader with an excellent array of articles which include 'Ten toffees for a penny or thruppence for the Beano' by Rosalind Matthews who recalls her childhood memories growing up in Monkstown while Brian Smith in 'Easter Fatalities 1916 - Kingstown and the Surrounding Areas' highlights some of those killed during the Rising including Richard Waters, Blackrock, Irish Volunteer Edward Costello, Superintendent Holden Stoddard of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and James Carroll and Jeremiah Hogan, both from the Kingstown area, killed during the Battle of Ashbourne when they car they were in was fired on while they were passing through that area. Robert Waddell in 'Reflection on Changing Times' remembers Dun Laoghaire in the 1940s, 50s and 60s; Anne Keegan provides a family history 'The Heffernan Family in Glasthule Buildings', Cormac Lowth in 'Lifeboatmen's Children' looks at what happened to some the children of the lifeboat crew of the Civil Service No 7 lost on Christmas Eve 1895 and how they fared in later life. Anna Scudds recalls 'Hotels around Dun Laoghaire Harbour Part II: 1955 to 1977' while James Scannell continues looking at 'Dun Laoghaire - Prelude to the Emergency -Saturday August 26th to Monday August 28th 1939.' Dr. Séamus Cannon reveals in 'Monkstown Castle: A Silent Witness to History' that this building has been witness to some of the momentous events in Irish history, and for a brief period, was central to a rebellion that had major European as well as Irish significance.

There are lots of other short items and a great selection of illustrations in this journal, which capture the past, people, and family histories of Dun Laoghaire and its residents, in what is now a fast moving and ever changing world and its only proper that this journal concludes with an article 'The End of an Era' recalling the death of Vera Breslin, the last of the local street traders, in January 2015, and a reminder of how street traders have vanished from our streets.

Copies of this excellent publication are available some booksellers in the Dun Laoghaire area or can be ordered from the Society through their web-site: www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com.

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In 1940, France fell to the German Occupation. During this time the French faced not only the terrors of occupation and resistance but an uphill struggle to hold on to their national identity-their wine.

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Be it a Bordeaux or a Burgundy, wine truly is a symbol of French culture. It is also most often associated with celebrations but it has had its fair share of darker days-most notably in WW2. This time in our history has given us an insight into the combination of wine and war as the French did everything in their power to keep their wine from the invading German forces.



Champagne WW2

Don Kladstrup and his wife Petie have together written extensively about wine and they have written a book 'Wine & War' which offers a fascinating insight into the wine industry before, during and after WW2.

The book combines three years of research with eyewitness accounts telling the remarkable story of men and women who risked their lives to save the French wine industry which at the time was a key part of the country's economy.

The main characters in the book come from prominent winemaking families such as the Hugel family of Alsace and Bernard de Nonancourt of Laurent Perrier Champagne.

Fascinating stories emerge through the chapters as the French try and hide and in some cases drink all their best wine before it is taken away.

Some of the hidden wine has not been found to this day as some winemakers went to extreme lengths such as in the Loire Valley where Gaston Huet used the valleys natural caves as a hiding place. In 2010 a German Vintner, Andreas Neymeyer, discovered 500 bottles under a cellar staircase while clearing out a burned out building in his vineyard. At the time he told media that he would rebottle and sell it at auction proclaiming 'the wine is quite drinkable; in fact, some of it is quite good'.

Don and Petie Kladstrup's book **Wine & War** can be bought through Amazon for approximately €19- this price includes delivery.

Sinéad Tyrrell

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# Church of the Assumption Dalkey Celebrating 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00 pm 26 September 2016

Followed by refreshments in Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre

### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION – SEPTEMBER NEWS



# "Autumn, the year's last loveliest smile" William Bryant

Autumn has arrived. Behold the changing leaves, and enjoy the crisp breeze. Let your eyes take in the bursts of color. 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. We also welcome back all of our parish workers and volunteers including our Taize 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.

This September marks a very special time in the history of our Church with the 175th anniversary of the dedication of our church on Monday 26th September. The Catholic Church dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was solemnly blessed and opened on 26th September 1841 on a site in Castle Street opposite the seventh century Church dedicated to St Begnet The old stone church of St Begnet built in the 10th century served the parish of Dalkey up to the early 17th century.

During the 17th and 18th centuries Loughlinstown, with a chapel at Cabinteely, was the main parish for Catholics in this sparsely populated area which extended from Blackrock to Bray and from the mountains to the sea. By the beginning of the 19th century the Catholic population of Dalkey increased due to the influx of quarrymen, stonecutters and workmen providing granite for the new pier at Dun Laoghaire. Later the opening of the Dublin to Kingstown Railway in 1834 led to a further dramatic increase. Canon Sheridan, Parish Priest of Kingstown (renamed Dun Laoghaire), and now the main parish of the coastal area, called a meeting of Dalkey residents in March 1840 and a decision was made to erect a church in Dalkey. The land opposite St Begnet's was leased from a Mr. Thomas Connolly and some years later his son, Canon Connolly, P.P. Harrington Street donated this land to the Church.

On the death of Canon Sheridan in 1862 the parish was subdivided into two new parishes Kingstown/Monkstown and Glasthule/Dalkey/Ballybrack with Fr. John Harold (1862-1868) as Parish Priest of the latter. A marble plaque on the sanctuary wall marks the spot where he is buried. His brother Fr George Harold later served as Parish Priest (1880 -1894) and the Glasthule and Dalkey schools are a fitting tribute to the Harold brothers and their dedicated service to the people of this locality. After the death of Fr George Harold in 1894, Ballybrack was constituted a separate parish and in 1927 Dalkey was separated from Glasthule and made a parish in its own right.

To celebrate this very special anniversary, Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Monday, 26th September at 7.00 pm**. Refreshments following Mass will be in Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre. We look forward to welcoming all our parishioners to the Mass and refreshments afterwards.

A further celebration of this special anniversary will be a performance of Handel's





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For Free Estimates and Advice – Phone: 285 7805 Mobile 087 226 2317 E-Mail martinellard17@gmail.com Messiah by The Occasional Singers in the church on Saturday evening 22nd October at 8.00 pm. Tickets at € 15 each will be available from Dalkey News or from Our Lady's Hall on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October between 10.30 and 12.30 and again on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th between 10.30 and 12.30. Further information from vhand100@gmail.com.

Our annual parish **Day of Reflection** will take place on Saturday 3rd September with a trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Mount St. Joseph, Roscrea. If you are interested in joining, please leave your details in the office or email office@dalkeyparish.ie. We are also holding an Autumn Series of Talks which will be facilitated by Fr Donal Dorr, SPS. The Theme 'Seeking the Face of God' will take a fresh look at our faith in a world in which we find it hard to know what we believe. Check out our website for more. The talks will take place in Our Lady's Hall at 8pm and all are most welcome to join.

Our **Meditation Group** meets every Thursday evening, from 7.30 to 8.30pm, at Presbytery No. 2 (Parish Office, behind the Church). This is a drop in so if you would like to start or continue your meditation practice you are most welcome to join.

> www.dalkevparish.ie info@dalkevparish.ie Caitriona Fogarty, Dalkey Parish Office, 01 2859418

### NATURE NOTES **SEPTEMBER** 2016

### Tuesday 6 September:

Over the Farm Gate: Wild Views of Farming, a presentation by Alex Copland of BirdWatch Ireland in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney, 8.00pm.

### **Tuesday 13 September:**

Tern roost at Merrion Gates: a spectacular sight of up to 3,000 mixed species of terns roost here each evening before flying off to Africa and beyond in mid to late September. Meet at Merrion Gates at 7.30pm. Parking places along Strand Road. Wellingtons or

waterproof boots

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### **Ardeevin Road Neighbours** deserve Olympic Gold!

Ardeevin Road is a special place. It runs from Cunningham Road to Knocknacree Road above the Dart line. With many well cared for and beautiful homes, commuters and dog owners walk this lovely route to the Dart Station every day.



recent times. An enormous stretch of rusting railings, mostly overgrown by weeds, nettles and brambles along the Dart track, made what should be a pleasant walk something not so pleasant. Discarded litter and cans thrown into the bushes did not help! Even plastic bags of dog poo were thrown there. That stretch of rusting railings is approximately 350m long the equivalent of 2.5 times the length of Croke Park, 3 times the length / height of O'Connell Street's Spire or a lineup of 29 Volvo Double Decker Buses! Our Dalkey Tidy Towns squad decided to help remove this eyesore and to take on the mammoth task of scraping and painting this entire 350m length of railings – and removing the litter. To our surprise, this nightmare turned in to an inspiring experience of what happens when strong communities rise to a shared challenge. Two Fridays and two Saturdays were earmarked as Painting Days. Following some Dalkey Tidy Towns Facebook pleas for help, two leaflet drops to all 62 letterboxes on the Road and a notice on the SuperValu Notice Board, our neighbours really turned out in force! On Day 1, 22 arrived, on Day 2, 24 arrived, on Day 3, 19 arrived and on the final day another 21 showed up for work. Joy Murray of Iarnrod Éireann provided 54 Ltrs of high quality paint, brushes

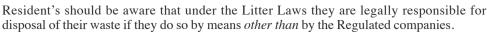
and thinners to make it all possible. Our extraordinary volunteer Ardeevin Road neighbours and Dalkey Tidy Towns squad then completed over 580 hours of scraping and painting. Coffee, home baked cakes, soft drinks and even a generous donation of €50 from residents turned the backbreaking job into a party – almost.



We even finished with a few bottles of Prosecco as the last railing bar received its thick coat of black paint! We think our Ardeevin Road neighbours truly deserve Olympic Gold for this wonderful achievement. Well done all -

Des Burke-Kennedy

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR



The Wicklow Times of 19th July 2016, while reporting on illegal dumping of waste at vacant lands near Charlesland in Greystones, stated: 'Amongst the refuse discovered were personal bank statements addressed to a resident in Dalkey.'

Wicklow County Council has pledged to pursue all those responsible for such behaviour with prosecutions in the Courts, and there are hefty fines for such matters.

Richard Mooney, Dalkey

### ASK THE PHARMACIST

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# Q. My daughter has come home from school with a letter that says there has been a case of head lice. How do I know if she is affected and if she is how would I treat it?

**A.** The first important thing is to confirm if your child's head has become infected. Treatment should only be carried out once the presence of lice is confirmed.

The most effective way to check for head lice is to use a fine comb on wet hair and comb the hair over a light coloured piece of paper. Using wet hair is less painful for the combing process but also combing of dry hair may create static which can cause the lice to be repelled from the comb.

Live lice will appear as small greyish-white or brown coloured specks on the paper and the empty shells will be yellowish in colour. The hairs at the nape of the neck and behind the ears are preferred by the head lice, because they are warm and sheltered areas. Itching is not always present with a head lice infestation so combing should be used independent of whether or not the child has an itchy scalp.

There are a number of treatment options on the market – traditional head lice treatments contain chemical agents such as Permethrin and the newer non chemical based products. A treatment of wet combing can also be used where the hair is combed for 30 mins every 3-4 days for a minimum of 2 weeks. This causes mechanical breakage of the lice but has been shown to less effective than over the counter treatments.

The newer non chemical agents are oil based and act by smothering both the lice and the eggs. The advantage of these is that there is no issue with chemical resistant by the head lice. The product instructions should always be followed to ensure the treatment is carried out effectively. The hair should be wet combed after treatment to remove all the empty shells and dead lice. This should be repeated over the next few days to make sure all residues are removed.

Continue checking the hair for infestation and retreat after 2 weeks if required. If using a chemical agent and it was unsuccessful it is important to try another product in case there is resistance to that particular product.

There are repellent products on the market, many of which are tea tree based, which can be used to help prevent further reinfection.

Always ask the pharmacist for advice if you have any concerns on diagnosis or treatment of head lice.

If you have any questions you would like answered please email us on maxwellpharmacydalkey@eircom.net

and put 'Dalkey Newsletter' in the message subject line.



### U3A – DÚN LAOGHAIRE – DALKEY – KILLINEY



U3A - the experience of a lifetime!
First local group for Dun Laoghaire, Dalkey,
Killiney to meet Tuesday, 20th September
@ The Lexicon, 10.30 a.m.

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With thanks to your good self, a small core group of Dalkey Community Council newsletter readers have been working together to establish a local branch of **U3A**, aka the **University of the Third Age**, a community-based lifelong learning initiative begun in France and extensively developed both in the UK and in Australia in the past decades. U3A is sponsored in Ireland by Age Action and there are now 19 such groups across the country; the nearest to here are Blackrock and Bray. Our aim has been to establish a group here in Dalkey which would also include Dun Laoghaire and Killiney in its geographic area (known as **U3A-DLDK**).

U3A groups are informal, autonomous, democratically-run learning circles for older people. U3A does not require any higher-level qualifications nor does it involve any examinations or course-work. Participating in U3A can have a significant positive impact on older peoples' personal and social development. Simply put, the U3A programme is tailored to support and create opportunities for older people to remain active, to socialise, and learn from one another.

Our group is developing an initial series of programmes and activities which will include, among others, Current Affairs (International issues), Dicken's London, Music Appreciation, Genealogy, an Antiques Roadshow, the World of Wine, Environmental Therapy & wellbeing, and Classical Philosophers. We will aim to provide peer-led talks, thematic discussions, by guest speakers and experts in these fields, shared experiences and group visits, e.g. to a particular piece of music or composer which has been the subject of talks, and to local places of interest. (e.g. Dun Laoghaire Oratory).

U3A DLDK, supported by *Age Action*, and by means of a small annual membership fee, hopes to provide our community with a flexible and pleasurable learning experience in a pleasant environment (sessions will be held at The Lexicon in Dun Laoghaire), based on shared interests, talents and experiences. We will operate through a small planning committee governed by consensus, and open to working with other voluntary, local, community and educational organisations to raise the profile of lifelong learning and to contribute to social development in our community. Above all, we aim to enjoy learning more, together!

We will meet once a fortnight initially, on a Tuesday, beginning with an introductory talk by ourselves and friends from Age Action and from other neighbouring U3A groups on **Tuesday 20th September @ 10.30 am** (prompt) in The Studio at The Lexicon public library in Dun Laoghaire. Each meeting will last approximately one hour, followed by voluntary further social intercourse in the adjacent café.

Please come and hear more about U3A DLDK! You can contact us on:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/u3a.dldk Twitter: @dldk\_u3a

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Cuala Family Food and Fair day 1pm - 6pm

Hospice Coffee Morning (9:30am-1:00pm in Benitos)

DCC Garden & Awards Reception at 8pm in OLH

Ladies Club returns at 7:30 pm in OLH– new members most welcome

175th Anniversary Mass at 7pm in Church of Assumption

Sorting of October Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)

Mon 5 Sept

Thurs 15 Sept

Thurs 22 Sept

Mon 26 Sept

Thurs 29 Sept

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Karate sessions** - for all age groups in Town Hall from 5.00-9.00pm Mon. & Wednesdays Boxing/Conditioning Classes - Also available. Contact: Zach Deegan at 085 147 2334 **Dalkey Players:** Rehearsals resuming in September in Harold Boys School from 7.30-10.30pm Tues. & Thurs. Contact Aileen Byrne 087-9842337 or www.dalkeyplayers.ie check for details. New members welcome.

**St. Patrick's Dramatic Society** Dalkey: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Road from 8pm-10.30pm Mon. & Thurs.or check www.stpatsdramsoc.com for further information. New members welcome.

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

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

**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.

**Baby & Toddler Group**: All pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome on Tuesdays from 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., Dun Laoghaire. €2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608

**Parkrun** – Every Saturday at 9:30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Parks Dalkey Library Local History Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month in Dalkey Library starting at 6-6:30pm. All welcome.

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

According to industry sources the first (FTA) 4K Ultra HD channel is due to launch later this year. The German based channel is expected to start broadcasting in September, and will be available to anybody with a suitable 4K screen, receiver and dish. The channel will also be available on-line and can be streamed free, to any suitable device. There are already a small number of (FTA) 4K Ultra HD channels available on satellite, but they are only test transmissions, unlike the new German channel due in September, which believe it or not is a shopping channel!

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