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Congratulations



Dalkey Tidy Towns Winning Team

See pages 19 & 21

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SUMMARY OF DCC MONTHLY MEETING

Monthly Meeting held on Monday 8th October 2018 in OLH

Functions: DCC looks forward to holding the Annual Art Exhibition over the weekend of 9th to 11th November in Our Lady's Hall.

TT: Congratulations to DTT who were overall winners in the DLR Tidy Districts Competition and best town for 3,000 plus. There was also success in the National TT Competition with Dalkey improving its total score by seven points on last year's results, highly commended in the county awards and achieving a gold medal for a town with population from 5,000 to 10,000. (See pages 19 & 21).

Litter Patrols will be continuing on Tuesdays and Thursdays and with Saturday as optional.

NW: There were a number of reports of youths attempting to steal pedal cycles along Hyde Road and nearby estates. It is advisable to secure any pedal cycle, to take a picture of it and note the serial number on same so as to assist the Gardai in its recovery. Also residents should review security on their houses, side gates and garden sheds with the onset of the darker evenings.

The next Monthly Meeting is Monday 12th November 2018.

DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE

ECHOES: This was the second year of ECHOES Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers at Dalkey Castle from 5th -7th October. The event attracted audiences from all over Ireland and some of Maeve's fans from the US and Canada, who travelled especially for the event.

There were many highlights: Dr Melissa Sihra TCD threaded great interconnections between the intuitive feminism of Maeve Binchy, Lady Gregory and Marina Carr in her keynote address.

Writers: Sheila O'Flanagan, Claudia Carroll and Patricia Scanlan gave great accounts of wonderful evenings spent in Maeve's company and always reminding the audience of the encouragement and advice she gave to debut writers.

Caroline Erskine skilfully led Declan Hughes and Sinéad Crowley through a discussion on the role of gender in crime writing. Declan professed that he was happy to be back in the Town Hall where he frequented the Library in his schooldays.

Henrietta McKervey: Many readers will have read the articles by Henrietta in the Independent, Irish Times and Examiner in the lead up to ECHOES. Her talk "*Maeve Binchy the Quiet Feminist*" drew rapturous applause.

Frank Mc Guinness: One audience member said he could hear heartbeats in the audience during Frank's reading of his story from Paprika.

There was great appreciation of **Deeply Regretted By ...** Maeve's TV play which many in the audience remembered from 1979 when it won many awards.

As is his wont and consummate skill, **Prof. Diarmaid Ferriter** drew the day to a close with Maeve Binchy the Historian of Modern Ireland.

ECHOES Lead Sponsor was DLRCoCo Festivals and Events.

HALLOWEEN TOURS: We have lots of fun, seasonal, spooky things for young people to do. They can pick their steps around a haunted graveyard and meet a real ghost, the ancient protector of Dalkey Castle.

Pay through the Nose: Hear the origins of this expression from Viking times. The secrets of a real Viking warrior, who captures slaves and imprisons them on Dalkey Island, will also be told.





*Grace Carney
presenting
Claudia
Carroll with a
selection of
Maeve Binchy
books.*

Photo:
Alan Rowlette

Mint your own Viking coins to go into the Halloween Barm Brack. Later search for the Enchanted Ring. Stand in The Murder Room of the Castle, and watch what terrible things descend through it.

Dare to sit upon the Barber Surgeon's table and use the cruel instruments of medieval times.

See **TheZombie Child** – a magic puppet who comes to life at this time of year and dance the Witches' Dance with it.

Dates and Times: Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th, Monday 29th at 14.00, 15.00 & 16.00 & Wednesday 31st October at 11.00 & 12.00. (Closed Tuesday 30th October)

Admission: €7.50 per person, (Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult).

Castle Christmas tours: we will be running the highly popular Christmas tours again with Santa on Sat 8th & Sun 9th and Sat 15th & Sun 16th & Sat 22nd December. Book early to avoid disappointment.

More details next month and on the website.

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NOVEMBER IN MY GARDEN – by Philippa Thomas



In general, our plants have recovered remarkably from our long drought spell of our Summer and now, our ‘most dry spell’ takes its place in memory. As our leaves are still falling and our days of wind and rain are gaining in numbers: as well as wrapping ourselves up in warm snug clothes, our gardens need plenty of TLC, in this November month, as we endeavour to almost put it to bed for the Winter. Remember damp conditions are dream conditions for slugs and snails and a host of fungal diseases. So, advantageous to add a layer of dry pine needles to the soil surface to deter these slugs and snails from attacking beautiful young foliage as it emerges next Spring.

Autumn is nature’s natural time for planting. Our soil is still somewhat warm after our Summer and Some Indian October Evenings which encourages good root growth and fast establishment. Then, with autumnal rain, our plants should get off to a flying start and in time will perform to their fullest potential. Evergreen foliage makes an invaluable contribution, especially when frosted. ...Then, there are fiery Autumnal leaf colours, plants and stems that provide shapes, form and colour. Then, berries give us such a rainbow of colour. Some, especially grasses with their ornamental seed heads look fabulous when the lower Winter sunlight glistens through – again, leaving withered plants (some!) or faded flower heads can make a fine Winter skeleton. Ladybirds and other garden friendly insects love a cosy hide-out to overwinter. In fact, local wildlife will love you, if you can put away your secateurs until Spring.

This is the perfect time to sweep and turn those falling leaves into something really useful for our gardens. Transform them into leaf mould. It’s really easy to do. All you have to do is gather the leaves together and put them into black bin bags and if possible, add a handful of fresh grass cuttings, make a few holes at the bottom of the bag, seal it and place it out of sight for twelve months. Next Autumn, the leaves should have rotted down to make a wonderful compost. Great for planting and enriching your soil.

Alternatively, our leaf heaps can easily be constructed using chicken wire and posts.

Likewise, if you have access to manure (five year old horse manure is excellent), ‘Now’ is the time to spread it across the surface of your beds in order that it will rot down over Winter.

If you can’t or don’t want to plant up the whole garden, concentrate IT close to the house, literally outside your back door, patio etc. Even if you feel that you can’t simply face digging up etc. in Winter, having lots of colour close up, where you can really see and enjoy it and looking out from your window will brighten your day and mood. Scented Winter-flowering plants again, close to the house, you can then simply open a window for that delightful scent to waft through the



Just mould some chicken wire into a bin shape with a stake in each corner to give structure. Rake up and pile your leaves in
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*Another Spring Beauty, Muscari Comosum, The Tassel
Grape Hyacinth, Likes Rocky Soil
Photo: Philippa Thomas*

Magnolias etc., they might need a liquid feed. Pittosporum, evergreen hedges, Holly, Griselinia can be trimmed to leave them neat and tidy for our entire Winter period. Similarly, clip over Santolina, Artemisia, Lavender and Senecio.

Tender shrubs and plants such as Fuschia, Datura, Abutilons etc., should be brought indoors before frosts.

Before our birds eat all our Holly berries, cut a few stems for making Christmas garlands. Stand them outside in a bucket of water in a sheltered spot where our feathered friends can't take them.

Some gardeners are now disproving of putting crocks on gravel in the bottom of pots and planters to improve drainage. Some say, it can actually make it worse and increase water-logging? Certainly, put one flat stone or crock over each draining hole to prevent it clogging, then perhaps use some sharp sand and then, your best compost.

*“What good is the warmth of Summer,
without the cold of Winter to give it
sweetness.” – Jarod Kintz.*

*“What is this life if full of care, we have
no time to stand and stare.” – W.H.
Davies.*

*“Let us love Winter, for it is the Spring of
genius.” – Pietro Aretino.*

house. Mahonia, Saracocca Confusa (Winter Box), Winter-flowering Honeysuckle, Lonicera Winter Beauty and Viburnum Bodnantense – one or two of such plants with these amazing Winter fragrances can bring the whole garden **Alive**.

Might Do Maybe, November Jobs

Re-use spent compost annual containers. It can make a great mulch on the general garden.

Maybe, install some solar lights (they are cheap) for the greenhouse, so that you can still get out there on dark evenings to check your plants.

Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent water-logging.

As flower heads are developing on Cameillas, Rhododendrons,



*I was thrilled to see Muscari Macrocarpum,
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Maybe give it a try!*

Likes free draining gritty soil

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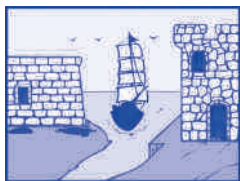
Believed to derive from 'novem' which is the Latin for the number 'nine'. In the ancient Roman calendar November was the ninth month after March. As part of the seasonal calendar November is the time of the 'Snow Moon' according to Pagan beliefs and the period described as the 'Moon of the Falling Leaves' by Black Elk. The Anglo-Saxons called November 'Windmonath' or 'Wind-month'.



Flower: Chrysanthemum

**If there's ice in November to bear a duck
There'll be nothing after but sludge and muck**

❖ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ART EXHIBITION 2018 ❖



Dalkey Community Council's Annual Art Exhibition will take place in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey from **Friday 9th to Sunday 11th November 2018**.

Entry Forms, together with full payment, must be submitted by post (no entries will be taken at the door) to: Dalkey Community Council Art Exhibition, DCC Postbox, Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin no later than **26th October**. There will

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

Paintings, framed and ready for hanging, must be brought to Our Lady's Hall on Friday, 9th November **at 2.00 p.m.** Paintings must be accompanied by a signed Disclaimer and Exhibition Number(s) for the painting(s).

OPENING RECEPTION: Friday 9th November, 2018 at 8.00pm.

Only two paintings per artist are allowed. "Not for Sale" exhibits will not be accepted. All paintings must be collected from the Hall between **4 and 5pm on Sunday, 11th November, 2018**.



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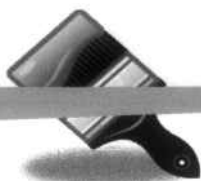
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Buzzard being chased by Hooded Crows over Dalkey Hill

Photo: Michael Ryan

We hadn't been able to get out for our usual walks that week so I was impressed and also more than a bit envious when, the morning after Storm Ali, a friend texted me to say he'd just seen a flock of 19 ravens over Killiney Hill. Sorry to have missed that sight though I can't complain since, as I have written here before, one morning some years ago I saw a flock of 29 ravens flying over Dalkey Hill heading out over the sea. I counted then recounted them, hoping to round the flock off to 30 but to no avail, there were definitely 29 of them. As well as being an impressive sight, a large group of usually solitary big black birds flying over with heavy wing beats it was also a impressive sound with multiple deep croaks and honks dropping down from high above.

That was six years ago in mid October 2012 and I speculated then that they might have been about to cross the Irish Sea to Anglesea where Newborough Forest holds the biggest winter raven roost in Europe, at one time having around 2,000 birds grouped there. The group of 19 my friend saw may have decided to head east inspired by the calmer weather after the storm. An ornithologist has been studying the Newborough roost for many years but it was only through recently developed technology, in the shape of thermal imaging cameras that operate at night by showing sharp negative images of warm blooded creatures, he was able to discover that the birds, rather than assembling together for the night in small groups would instead almost always occupy a single tree each. The images, being reverse negative footage showed large white silhouettes of these heavily billed birds crouched on branches in tall pine trees in solitary splendour. They don't huddle together for warmth or safety and the roost would seem to be more a social gathering, a lot of the birds probably being young, non breeding individuals who at evening roost could be displaying their flying skills to impress a female to pair with before the breeding season. Another endearing aspect of ravens is that they pair for life and have been known to grieve for a long time if their partner dies.

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Buzzard reversing roles and chasing a 'hoodie'
Photo: Michael Ryan

Another winter assembly of members of the crow family takes part much closer to home where for a number of years the trees that form the eucalyptus grove between Torca and Knocnacree roads have played host to an ever increasing number of Hooded Crows who roost there from autumn to spring. Flying singly or in pairs in the late afternoon they form into impressively large flocks which soar out with a cacophony of cawing as the light fades.

It was early afternoon on a particularly mild sunny day and a small group of 'hoodies' arriving early for the gathering assembly flew out of the trees and headed towards the sea moments before a much larger bird drifted over our house. With broad rounded wings, held outright above its body as it soared in a cloudless blue sky, there was no doubt what it was, a Buzzard.

It had a few moments of peace before the crows spotted it and then they immediately

flew back to mob it. Any bird of prey stimulates other, often much smaller birds, to harass it, distracting it from seeking out individual prey. The crows, large birds themselves but considerably smaller than the buzzard, flew in to attack it from behind, snapping at its tail, very close to it in a manner more cheeky than threatening until the buzzard suddenly reversed the situation wheeled around and began to chase one of the crows, again to no serious conclusion, the buzzard eventually drifting off with a few mocking crows trailing it at a respectable distance.



Fungi the Dingle dolphin, still drawing the crowds after 34 years

Photo: Michael Ryan



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We had a lovely weekend in Dingle recently during which we went on a boat trip around the bay hoping to see possibly the most viewed individual bottlenose dolphin ever, Fungi. It seemed like decades ago since he first became famous and indeed it was since he first attracted attention in the bay in 1984. Since he was a full grown adult then he must be now at least 35 years old. Seeing him on the boat trip is very likely but not guaranteed so when the first shout went up we were delighted. No spectacular breaching but he did break the surface many times and at one stage swam alongside the boat just outside arm's reach. The boat was fairly moving and the dolphin's speed keeping abreast of it was spectacularly impressive. At first I didn't even try to photograph him since he would travel so fast it was difficult to guess where he would surface again but couldn't resist trying as he escorted our boat and got a few shots of fin and snout. It would seem sad that he chose to spend his life alone from his species but although other dolphins join him in the bay at times he seems to prefer the company of humans and happily still displays to the thousands of people that go out to see him. There were some reliable sightings of dolphins seen in Dalkey Sound and Killiney Bay during the summer and porpoises are still regularly seen there.

Michael Ryan

DALKEY PLAYERS



Lua McIlraith as Mag and Geraldine McGrath as her daughter Maureen in Dalkey Players production of Martin McDonagh's darkly comic tale "*The Beauty Queen of Leenane*" in Dalkey Town Hall 13th to 16th of November 2018 at pm.

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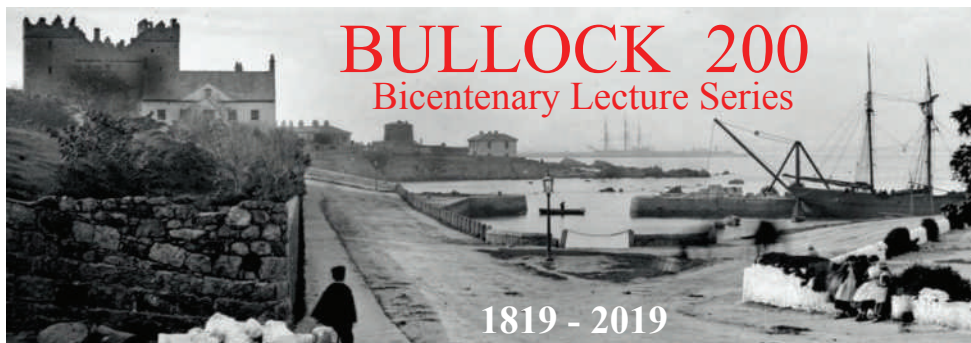
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Before 1800 Dublin Bay was shallow with sandbanks and meandering river channels making access by sea under sail very treacherous. Deep water off the rocky Dalkey shore sheltered by the island made the landing of cargo easier. Dalkey functioned as the port for Dublin, and its seven fortified 'castles' were warehouses for trans-shipment of cargo by road to the city.

The building of the South Bull Wall (1795) and North Bull Wall (1842) created a shipping channel to Dublin. Dun Laoghaire Refuge Harbour (built 1817-42) and the replacement of sail by steam power all eliminated the importance of Dalkey as a commercial port.

The small sheltered tidal creek at Bullock Castle was the location for fisheries under the control of St Mary's Abbey. The rocky outer breakwater became the foundation of the harbour we see today, built by the Ballast Board over the winter of 1818/19 to facilitate the shipping of granite from their quarry on Harbour Road to construct the city quays. One element of the bicentenary celebrations will be a lecture series on the heritage of Bullock Harbour and its close relationship with the Dublin Port Company, which still owns the harbour today.

Bullock Harbour Preservation Association and Dublin Port Company are organising a series of talks in **Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre at 8pm each evening.**

Tuesday 20 November 2018 "Dublin Port and its Links to the City"

Eamonn O'Reilly, CEO of the Dublin Port Company

Tuesday 4 December 2018 "The History and Heritage of Bullock Harbour"

Rob Goodbody, Historic Building Consultant & Local Historian

Tuesday 22 January 2019 "The Building of Bullock Harbour"

Elizabeth Shotton, Assoc Professor, UCD School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy

Tuesday 12 February 2019 "Bullock Harbour into the Future; Monitoring and Repairs"

Eamon McElroy, Port Engineer, Dublin Port Company

Tuesday 12 March 2019 "Port Collections - History of Dublin Port and the Port Archive"

Lar Joye, Port Heritage Director, Dublin Port Company

Tuesday 9 April 2019 "Dublin Bay Biosphere" Panel discussion

Tuesday 9 May 2019 "Hugh Leonard Walk" with Danielle Keyes-Byrne



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*Attending the SuperValu National Tidy Towns Award Ceremony:
Volunteers Frank Dillon, John Perry and Derek Spiller*

Photo DTT

Dalkey Celebrates Gold in 2018 National Tidy Towns Competition

Time to enjoy the moment!

It has been another great year for our Heritage Town of Dalkey and our own small Tidy Towns Team. A total of 883 towns and villages entered the SuperValu National Tidy Towns competition. With a population of 6,832 people, Dalkey was awarded the gold medal again for those with a population from 5001 to 10,000 people. With total marks earned this year of 328, the increase of seven points over 2017 was our biggest increase to date. Throughout the year, our Dalkey Tidy Towns team carried out 140 Litter Patrols, completed 50 landscaping and community spaces upgrades, organised five major Public Meetings and ensured that our Heritage Town looked its best during two inspections by the Tidy Towns adjudicators.

Dalkey's strengths are clearly seen in the points table. Streetscapes and Public Places scored the highest of all, followed by Green Spaces and Landscaping. Our wonderful colourful shopfronts, our new Seven Castles pavement icons and upgrading of Bullock Harbour were all recognised. Great work carried out by our Dalkey Tidy Towns team also yielded results in Dillon's Park and the discovery of the Ancient Holy Well there, plus our extensive planting of areas throughout Dalkey, maintenance of Heritage signs, focus on pollinating plants, attendance at DLRCC workshops and Facebook and Newsletter communications with our residents, were all praised. Litter and Graffiti control received special mention.

Improvements will be needed in 2019 in reducing the use of plastic and the reduction of waste. Dog poo remains a very serious issue. Hedge cutting by our neighbours will also



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Sustainability - Doing more with less	50	20	22
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	54	54
Residential Streets & Housig Areas	50	35	35
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	33	33
TOTAL MARK	450	321	328

make a difference. We also hope to support our business owners with new projects. To achieve the next level of perfection, Dalkey will need DLRCC support in the upgrading of our approach roads, streets and lanes. Sorrento Park remains an eyesore but we are hopeful

that 2019 will see welcome results there.

Our Dalkey Tidy Towns team of volunteers would like to thank all for their great support and appreciation over the year and will warmly welcome new volunteers at any time.

Enquiries should be sent to info@dalkeytidytowns.com

Des Burke-Kennedy, Dalkey Tidy Towns

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NOVEMBER IN DALKEY LIBRARY



We believe that you are never too young to join the library and actively encourage parents and child-minders to bring their babies and toddlers to Dalkey Library. We run an **Early Years Programme** every Friday morning with a mix of facilitated and open events. This programme continues on Friday mornings in November with events taking place from 10.30 to 11.30am and is a fabulous opportunity to introduce your little ones to the joys of Dalkey Library. Events include Baby Book Club, Creative Construction, Open Play and some fantastic Make Music sessions. Please visit the library and pick up our brochure for more details.



We're not just for the little ones though. We'll be hosting some events for older children too. Watch out too for our new **Lego Club** which takes place every Saturday at 2pm. This is most suitable for 5 to 8 year olds. And if you fancy doing something as a family then we're running **Family Ukulele** classes with qualified teacher and instruments bring provided by Music Generation dlr. These will

take place on Thursday evening at 6.30pm and at 7.15pm. Booking for these classes is essential.

For our more senior customers we are hosting some chair yoga sessions. Mindful chair yoga will be facilitated by Sally Dunne and will take place on Wednesdays 7, 14, 21, 28 November from 11.30am-12.45pm. Booking is required for these classes

And last, but by no means least, we are delighted to welcome renowned historian Tim Pat Coogan back to Dalkey for his second lecture this year. Tim Pat's topic for this month is '**Brexit: replaying the Orange Card**'. This event is open to all but early arrival is advised. It will take place on Thursday 15th November at 6.45pm sharp.

Remember anyone can join the library and there is no membership charge. Entry to events is also free. You can pick up a brochure outlining our events and services in the library.

*Maria O'Sullivan, Senior Librarian,
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ASK THE PHARMACIST



Q. I have been recently diagnosed with COPD – can you please explain what this is?

A. COPD stands for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. This is a collective name for two lung conditions (emphysema and chronic bronchitis) that makes it difficult to breath due to obstruction in the air passages of the lungs.

COPD is progressive which means it gets worse as time goes on. It can often be several years before symptoms become so bad that a patient will seek medical advice. The following questions are used to aid diagnosis of COPD so if you answer yes to **4 or more** questions you should discuss this with your GP or Pharmacist:

- Do you cough several times every day, most days of the week?
- Have you been coughing like this for more than 3 months?
- Do you cough up mucous most days?
- Do you get breathless from physical activity or moderate exercise?
- Are you a smoker or former smoker?
- Do you live in or work at a place with a lot of pollution, fumes, dust or smoke?
- Is there a family history of lung conditions?
- Are you over the age of 35?

There is no cure for COPD but there are treatments that make living with symptoms of COPD easier and will slow down the progression of the disease. The earlier the diagnosis the more effective the treatments.

Some treatments for COPD include:

- smoking cessation
- inhalers: these are used to make breathing easier and treat flare ups
- exercise: this is one of the most important treatments but should be done with a health professional
- corticosteroids: these can soothe inflammation in the lungs and helps you breathe easier
- Antibiotics: infections can exacerbate COPD so the antibiotics are used to treat this
- Flu vaccine: COPD makes you more vulnerable to the flu so the vaccine is so important

If you have any concerns that you may have COPD please discuss with your GP or pharmacist.

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.



HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING



The Hospice Coffee Morning held on Thursday 20th September in Benitos raised €1,600 for the Blackrock Hospice. We thank all those who came along on the day and to the Dalkey Business community for their generous support. We also thank the management and staff in Benitos for the use of this great venue.

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100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINKING OF RMS LEINSTER



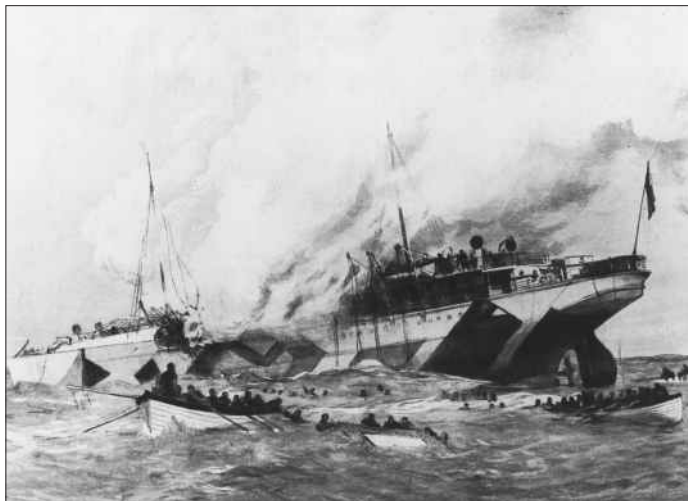
Last month marked the 100 year anniversary of what was the greatest loss of lives in the Irish Sea. On the 10th October 1918, just off the Kish bank, the RMS Leinster was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The mail boat containing 803 passengers from all over the world was travelling from Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) to Holyhead when 3 torpedoes were launched at

her. Although the first one missed the second and third did significant damage and the RMS Leinster went down. Official figures show that 564 people lost their lives. Although it was a significant loss of life, it was under reported in the history of WW1 as it did not suit the British narrative that the Irish consistently fought against British rule.

To commemorate this event, the National Maritime Museum in Dun Laoghaire are hosting an exhibition on RMS Leinster and her ultimate fate. For more details go to www.rmsleinster.com

Also to mark the event, the book *"Women and Children of the RMS Leinster: Restored to History"* by Philip Lecane was launched at the National Maritime Museum at 6pm on 9th October and the Pavilion Theatre in Dun Laoghaire staged *"Fatal Voyage,"* a one night show based on the sinking on 10th October.

Jenny Dilley



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 37-40 10/9/2018 to 5/10/2018

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 it is read in the Dalkey Newsletter.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0868

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Sep-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Leo McCabe, 35 Tubbermore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the change of use of the ground floor from commercial/retail to residential and alterations to existing residential area at first floor to create a 2 bedroomed residential unit with a covered patio area at the return at first floor level, an Architectural Conservation Area. **Declare Application Invalid:** 14-Sep-2018.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0895

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Sep-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Marian & Justin MacInnes, Rear of Montpelier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention planning permission for the following developments consisting of: A) The refurbishment and restoration works to the original coach house, B) The erection of a single storey timber garden shed structure (24.5 sqm). Both developments to the rear of the site. A Protected Structure. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0903

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Sep-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Chariot Inns Ltd, Roseanna, Quayside, 12 Bulloch Harbour, Dalkey A96 RK46.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing two storey return to the rear extension: alterations to cottage's first floor and its roof including raising the ridge height; alterations to cottage's front elevation and side elevation; part conversion of front garden to hardstanding area with a new vehicular entrance gate to the front garden boundary wall and new side pedestrian gate; provision of dished footpath and all associated site and landscaping works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0893

Application Rec'd Date: 18-Sep-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Pat & Michele O'Brien, 2 Anglesea Park, Killiney.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of 1. Subdivision of existing site. 2. Construction of a new fully serviced two storey dwelling house. 3. Amendments to all elevations to existing dormer bungalow. 4. Alterations to existing front boundary wall and the provision of a new vehicular entrance. 5. New connection to public main sewer and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0913

Application Rec'd Date: 27-Sep-2018

Applicant Name & Location: John Wilson, Seafort, Anastasia Lane, off Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing house, construction of 2 new 2 storey 3 bedroom houses, with 3 parking spaces each, a new driveway and 4 crossovers and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0929

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Oct-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Bartra Property Ltd. 'Younder', Ulverton Road &, 'Maple Tree House', Bulloch Harbour, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development at a site of c. 0.6ha comprising the former residences. The development will consist of demolition of the existing 2 storey dwelling 'Maple Tree House' (c.289 sqm) and redevelopment of the overall site to provide a total of

26 no. residential units, comprising 19 no. apartments (4no. 1-beds, 14 no. 2-beds, and 1 no. 3-bed ranging in size from c. 67.3 sqm to c.156.3 sqm) within 3 no. 2 to 4 storey blocks, and 7 no. 2-3 storey houses (ranging in size from c. 110 sqm to c. 170 sqm) comprising 2. no. 2-bed, semi-detached houses and 5 no. 3-bed, terraced houses. ESB substation (c. 12 sqm). All associated site development works, services provision, car parking, cycle parking, bin stores, open space, landscaping and boundary treatment works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0931

Application Rec'd Date: 2-Oct-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Bank of Ireland, 51 Castle Street, Dalkey, A96 T273

Proposal: Permission for 1 no. wall mounted illuminated shopfront sign, 1 no. projecting wall mounted sign, 2 no. internal window poster displays, 1 no. new ATM with surrounding panel to the north elevation & 1 no. wall mounted illuminated shopfront sign to the west elevation.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0942

Application Rec'd Date: 4-Oct-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Michael McShane, 8 Railway Road, Dalkey, A96 D3K2

Proposal: Permission for a change in the existing signage to the fascia and the installation of internal window display units.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR Wks 37-40 10/9/2018 to 5/10/2018

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0698

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 11-Sep-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Michael McShane, 8 Railway Road, Dalkey, A96 D3K2

Proposal: Permission for a material Change of Use from a retail shop unit to a professional service/office. This will include a change in the existing signage and the installation of a projecting sign.

Applicant Name & Location:: Grassridge Ltd. Site of c.0.4ha at Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of the existing nursing home (c.951.5 sqm), construction of a 2 no. terraces of 2-3 storeys with a total of 15 no. dwelling units comprising 9 no. 3 bedroom houses, 3 no. 3 bedroom duplex apartments and 3 no. 2 bedroom duplex apartments. Total residential gross floor area 2,529 sqm. All associated site development works, services provision, car parking, cycle parking, bin stores, open space, revised vehicular/pedestrian access (including separate access to 1 no. unit), landscaping and boundary treatment work.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0864

Decision: Declare Application Invalid

Date: 12-Sep-2018

Applicant Name & Location: John Wilson, Seafort, Anastasia Lane, off Sorrento Road.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing house, construction of 2 new 2 storey 3 bedroom houses, with 3 parking spaces each, a new driveway and 4 crossovers and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0471

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 20-Sep-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Martello Finance Company Ltd. Beulah, Harbour Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Permission for alterations to previously approved permission ABP Ref. PL06D.248460. Alterations will include changes to the approved garden room and swimming pool to include the addition of a lower ground floor level and minor changes to the design and materials.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0723

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 18-Sep-2018

Applicant Name & Location: David Callaghan, 5, Rockfort Cottages, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey. A96 Y529.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of new first floor and pitched roof over existing single storey dwelling, new driveway/parking space in front garden, internal and external alterations and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0741 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 21-Sep-2018
Applic. Name & Location: Donnacha & Patricia O'Dea, Albert Hse., Victoria Rd, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for amendments to existing permission (Ref. D16A/0180) to provide revised vehicular access, gate, dished footpath and associated site works to house.

Reg. Ref.: D18B/0328 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 19-Sep-2018
Applicant Name & Location: Iris O'Malley, Tetherdown, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the construction of 2 extensions at 1st floor level of 20 sq.m in floor area above the existing study & store, & 17 sq.m in floor area above the existing kitchen.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0754 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 27-Sep-2018
Applicant Name & Location: Keith Jackson & Justyna Benko, Desmar, 15 Railway Road, Dalkey, A96 Y4D9

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the existing single storey return and construction of a two storey return and new window to the second storey of the rear elevation of the existing building, currently operating as a B&B. It will also involve the construction of a new two storey mews house to the rear of number 15 with on-site parking space to the rear of the site to be accessed from St Patrick's Avenue with alterations to the elevation of the garden wall and all associated internal and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0756 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 26-Sep-2018
Applicant Name & Location: Naoise & David Wilkinson, 10 Castlepark Rd., Sandycove.
Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing single storey extension to the rear of existing terraced part 2 storey / part 3 storey dwelling and the subsequent construction of a new single storey extension to the rear; modification of existing windows and doors; new external insulation to the rear; widening of existing vehicular entrance & all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0384 **Decision:** Clarification of Further Info. **Date:** 3-Oct-2018
Applic. Name & Location: Richard & Carol Cullen, Lismore, Knocknacree Grove, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for works to a protected structure to consist of the demolition of the existing single storey pitched roof extension to the side and rear of the existing 3 storey pitched roof dwelling and the demolition of the detached flat roof garage and the replacement with a new single storey flat roof extension to the rear and new detached flat roof garage/carport. Within the existing house, development consist of: 1. general internal refurbishment and modifications to include the removal of internal partitions and reconfiguration of existing rooms and conservation of existing features, 2. provision of 3no. rooflights within the main roof, 3. fenestration revisions at ground floor and 2no. new window openings at first floor level on the Southern elevation, 4. 2no. new window openings at first and second floor level on the Western elevation, 5. All ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18B/0351 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 1 Oct-2018
Applic. Name & Location: Morgan Crowe, The Gables, Sorrento Rd, Dalkey. A96 HK59
Proposal: Permission for a new first floor pitched roofed extension including roof lights to the south elevation, new roof light to the north roof elevation, internal amendments and all associated site works.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 37-40, 10/9/18 to 5/10/18

Reg Ref: D18A/0219 **Reg. Date:** 14-Mar-2018 **Location:** Sunnyside, Vico Road, Killiney. A96 YF97. **Development:** Permission for the demolition of the existing three-storey four bedroom detached dwelling and its replacement with a new three-storey five bedroom detached dwelling of approx. 582 sqm and all associated ancillary works to facilitate the development including site development works and landscaping.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 13-Sep-2018. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D18B/0328 **Reg. Date:** 27-Jul-'18 **Location:** Tetherdown, 21, Dalkey Ave. Dalkey.
Development: Permission for the construction of two extensions at first floor level of 20 sq.m in floor area above the existing study and store, and 17 sq.m in floor area above the existing kitchen. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Lodged:** 1-Oct-2018
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party.

Appeals Decisions by An Bord Pleanála Wks 37- 40 3/9/18 to 28/9/18

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0707 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **New Determination Date Due:**, **New Determination Date:** 16-May '18, 30-Jun '18 **Appeal Decided:** 17-Sep-2018.
Council's Decision: Refuse Permission.

Location: 0.715 ha at Charleville, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for development shall provide for the demolition of the existing Charleville building (c.1,006 sqm)(currently in use by a charitable organisation and not in residential use), the Coach House (198.5sqm)(in established residential use), and other ancillary buildings on the site (c. 122.6 sqm) and the construction of 56 residential units including the replacement of the existing access at Harbour Road with a new, relocated entrance off Harbour Road. The residential development proposed includes four apartment block of generally 4 storeys over basement (plus plant equipment and lift overrun), with 4 no. 1-bed units, 42 no. 2-bed units and 10 no. 3-bed units all with associated balconies on the north, south, east and west elevations. Garden terraces are also provided at ground floor level. The development will also include 112 car parking spaces at basement level of the apartment block (c. 3,763 sqm), c. 3,166 sqm of landscaped communal courtyard spaces including a children's play area, boundary treatment works, and all associated site development works above and below ground including site services and landscape works. The existing spy tower is maintained by the way of this development proposal. **Applicant:** Winterbrook Homes Ltd.



ST. PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL



APPLE PRESS

On 14th September we were very lucky to have parents visit with an apple press. Pupils from all classes brought home grown apples from their garden and then all the children went out to the school yard and pressed the apples to make themselves a lovely fresh drink.

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They had a lot of fun enjoying a new experience and were fascinated watching the apple press at work.

BOOK FAIR

Our PTA will co-ordinate the annual St. Patrick's Book Fair which takes place from 12th – 15th November. This is great opportunity for people to come along and buy some books for their children at great prices – maybe even make a start on the Christmas shopping!

Dee Bradley, Secretary, St. Patrick's National School



DALKEY SCHOOL PROJECT NATIONAL SCHOOL



READING TO A VERY SPECIAL VISITOR

On October 5th, DSP welcomed a very special reading buddy. Scooby the King Charles Cavalier came to school. Scooby and his human Debbie are one of five teams who have been training all summer to become the first Irish 'Burns by Your Side' volunteer teams.

Scooby and Debbie were introduced to the school at assembly by Orlagh, the Community Liaison for Ireland. The children were so excited to have a dog in the school but listened attentively while Orlagh explained the correct

way to behave around dogs. While the humans talked, Scooby waited patiently for his turn to be the centre of attention.

When the talk was over, Scooby finally got to meet the three children who will be reading to him this term. He settled down to hear their stories, which he enjoyed very much, and especially loved the cuddles they gave him. His tail never stopped wagging and if he could talk he would say – 'It really was pawsome!'

'Burns by Your Side' is a scheme aimed at children who could benefit from improved reading and communication skills. The scheme, which is already well established in Wales, helps children in a variety of education settings gain confidence in building their vocabulary and fluency by reading to a dog. Research has shown that reading to a dog can reduce stress levels, increase relaxation and create an environment where children feel empowered and confident. Above all, a dog is a compassionate listener who doesn't judge. Scooby is already picking out books to be read to him on his next weekly visit to school.

Photo DSP School

Debbie O'Flaherty



Dalkey Creates

The two sixth classes in Loreto read Peter Pan, an exciting and captivating book by J.M. Barry and because it was so inspiring, we decided to make dioramas based on Peter Pan.

We made the dioramas by getting wooden boxes and then by choosing a scene from Peter Pan.

Then we got all sorts of bits and bobs to fit in the boxes. Everything had to be miniature. We made fabulous scenes of the nursery, the pirate ship and the mermaid's lagoon. A lot of hard work went into making the dioramas. Each diorama was unique.

When we were finished, we brought them to the Dalkey Creates Festival and we showed them to our parents, families, friends and to all the people who attended the festival.

Fifth class planted a variety of colourful flowers and plants in wheelbarrows and displayed them at the festival too.

Dalkey Creates was a chance to use our creativity to make something amazing. We have great memories from this event.

Sophie Mowatt and Sara Li

Our Student Council Elections

In Loreto Primary School, on Friday 29th September this year, 19 girls from 6th class put themselves forward for election to the Student Council.

Our preparation for the election started a couple of weeks beforehand when our teachers taught us how to do persuasive writing, so that we could start work on our speeches. We wrote the first draft of our speech and from there we edited each line and we practiced it in class and at home.

Each candidate filled in an application form and we were proposed and seconded by our friends in class. In the school yard we canvassed the voting students, introducing ourselves to them, and asking them to give us their votes. We made badges and stickers and handed them out. Then each candidate designed her own poster for display in the school hall, each one more eye-catching than the next. There was such an air of excitement around the school the week of the election. Students wore lots of candidate badges and promised votes.

Polling day finally arrived and we were all so nervous. All the pupils from 3rd to 6th classes filled the school hall and each of the 19 candidates delivered their speeches to the audience. There were 165 pupils in the audience, along with their teachers. We have two 6th classes in our school and there were 11 candidates from Mrs. Patton's class and 8 candidates from Mrs. Kavanagh's class.

The system of voting we used for the election was proportional representation. This means that each candidate was listed on the ballot papers (one for each class), in alphabetical order and everyone voted in order of preference - 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice and so on. When voting was finished and ballot papers were returned, everyone went home for the

weekend and a few of the teachers stayed behind and counted the votes.

In school the following Monday, our principal Mrs. Edwards announced the names of those who had got in - a total of 9 were elected to the Student Council. The campaign was a great learning experience and even though we were very nervous on the day, all the candidates who went forward for election did themselves proud.

By Lauren McAlarey & Mia Roberts



SHARAVOGUE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



We have all been very busy since the beginning of September and it is great to be back in school.

Hockey – Our hockey season got off to a great start up in St. Joseph of Cluny and we are all enjoying our weekly training sessions.

Green School Programme

We have started work on our fourth Green School Flag for Transport and we recently carried out a survey to see how everyone in the school travels to Sharavogue. Our Action Plan aims to increase the number of students walking cycling, scooting, carpooling or



Hockey in action



Green School Committee

lessen our overall impact on the environment, by reducing emissions and pollution.

Dalkey Creates Festival – We are delighted to take part in the Wheelbarrow Garden Project this term. Our wheelbarrow this year is full of edible plants and we have learned so much about biodiversity in the community and sustainable living.

Catherine Drea, Office Manager, Sharavogue School



Wheelbarrow Gardeners

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Rang a 6 in Harold Boys' National School

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Dalkey Creates Workshop for Rang a 6

Recently at Harold Boys' N.S. Anne Fitzgerald, a poet from Dalkey Creates came into our class to teach us poetry. Anne Fitzgerald has written lots of poems and books. She does a lot of poetry workshops and even teaches adults to write poetry. She went to Trinity College and to Queens University Belfast. She studied Law at Trinity College. She has written many poetry books with lots of schools. She works with all ages and will help them find their poetic side. When she came into our classroom she was very cheerful and positive. On the first day we mainly focused on normal poems. Even when people gave silly ideas she came up with amazing poems and we were all surprised at how many ideas she had. For homework that night she gave us a poem to write and they all turned out great. On the second day we did acrostic poems. She gave us loads of words but the main one was Pumpkin Seed. We wrote lots of acrostic poems and they all turned out really well. We all had so much fun writing the poems. She taught us about couplets, triplets and quatrains. We then made Halloween poems and read them aloud to Cormac Devlin and Anna Fox. Anne Fitzgerald told our teacher Ms. Mossop that she was very proud of us.

Written by boys in Rang a 6

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Students enjoying their new and improved playground

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The Dalkey Community Pre-school Playgroup (DCPP) is celebrating an incredible 45 years of community-based education this year. On reaching such an impressive milestone we thought it an unmissable opportunity to record the social history of the DCPP. From its humble beginnings as a group of local parents wanting to create something special for their children, it has grown through the construction of the purpose-built Playschool on Convent Rd. to the present day with a professional staff of wonderful teachers and a fully refurbished playground. The playground itself has been designed with a wealth of open-ended play materials and plenty of new structures to nurture our students to learn through play.

The Playgroup is unique in our community and strives to create beautiful childhood memories for all the students. We would be delighted if any of the past students, parents or anyone in the community who have fond memories or stories of the DCPP want to share them with us. You can do so by handing them, in writing into the playschool itself or by emailing them to DalkeyCPP@gmail.com for inclusion in a modest publication on the history of the DCPP.

We are holding our annual Christmas Fair (albeit a little early) on November 24th at 10am in Our Lady's Hall. As the DCPP is a charity, this fair is a crucial element of our fundraising target for the year as well as being really fun. So, join us for a jam-packed morning of cake, raffles, toys and games before the madness of Christmas!



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Sunday Service for November

4th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
11th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age
18th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
25th November	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer

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

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on Tuesday 6th November and Tuesday 20th November. Refreshments are served afterwards in the Coffee Shop.

Parish Organisations – Film Social returns on 12th November. All welcome! Come for some entertainment, a cup of tea and the opportunity for a chat, in the gallery room, upstairs in the hall at 2.30 pm.

Craft Group – Our craft group meets on Tuesdays at 3pm in the Gallery Room of the Northover Hall. We hope to see a few new faces as well as our friends from previous years. Do bring along a friend if you like. It is not restricted to parishioners.

Welcome Table – The Welcome Table is an initiative which provides asylum seekers with access to cooking facilities, which they would not otherwise have. The time spent together on a Saturday afternoon is a great time of exchanging ideas and forming friendships. Since the initiative started over a year ago, many people from a wide range of countries have been welcomed to the kitchen in the Northover Hall. Up until now it has been running once a month but from October, we are moving to a fortnightly timetable. This is to facilitate the high demand for places. Thanks to our recently awarded grant from the Communities Integration Fund the expansion of the project is possible but we are also on the look-out for additional volunteers. If you can commit to three Saturdays a year, we would be interested in hearing from you. The sessions typically run from 2pm until 5.30pm. Volunteers should be happy to come alongside our visitors in a supportive role to facilitate their culinary experience. Any questions or expressions of interest please email

welcometable@stpatricksdalkey.com

Wellspring Retreat – 'I want to hear the voice the storm obeys.' We give ourselves a chance to hear that voice in the quiet and gentle spaces of Wellspring. The next Wellspring will be on Saturday, 24th November 2018 at St Patrick's Church. Registration will be in the Gallery Room from 9.30am and the first session will be in the church at 9.45am. We provide tea, coffee and biscuits throughout the day and ask you to please bring your own snack for lunch. The day concludes with Compline at 3.30pm. The suggested donation to Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland is €25. Bookings must be made in advance to the office of Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland. Olwyn will be glad to hear from you at: hello@ministryofhealing.ie or phone 087 439 2669.

Centering Prayer – Centering Prayer will be on in the church on the first and third Mondays of November, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. No previous experience necessary, just a willingness to sit in silence in prayer.



Rector receives 175th Anniversary cake from baker Photo: St. Patrick's Church

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SUNDAY SERVICES

1st Sunday: 8.30	Holy Communion	Rite One	10.45: Parish Communion
2nd Sunday: 8.30	Holy Communion	Rite Two	10.45: Service of the Word
3rd Sunday: 8.30	Holy Communion	Rite One.	10.45: Parish Communion
4th Sunday: 8.30	Holy Communion	Rite Two	10.45: Family Service
5th Sunday: 8.30	Holy Communion	Rite Two	10.45: Morning Prayer

All Saint's / Remembrance-tide – This year we will be having a special time of remembrance during the morning service on Sunday 4th November; when amongst others we remember those who have died in the last year. On 11th November we remember all those who have died through war and violence.

Harvest: Many thanks to our Music Director Frank Hughes, the Parish choir, the G.K.N.S. choir, and the Flower Guild who decorated our Church so beautifully this year. Our preacher, Very Rev'd Fr. Tom Dalzell, PP of St Stephen's, Killiney was warmly received and we will have him back!

Select Vestry: The Vestry will meet at 8pm in the Carry Centre on Monday 5th November.

Charity Christmas Cards: Following the service on the 11th November, there will be Tea and Coffee in The Carry Centre. During this time, Charity Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries and Gifts will be available for sale. Charities due to be represented are the R.N.L.I., Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Blackrock Hospice, Peter McVerry Trust, The Laura Lynn Foundation, Holy Trinity and St Patrick's Cathedral.

Sunday Club: the Club meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month during term time. The November meeting will be on Sunday 18th November. New members are always welcome!

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney: on November 21st SILK will be going to see St. Patrick's Dramatic Society's production of Noel Coward's "Waiting in the Wings" in the Pavilion Theatre.

The Y Club – Killiney Men's' Society: The next meeting is an evening tour of Christchurch Cathedral and will take place on Thursday 22nd November. More information from Paul O'Brien or Nigel Teggan.

Christmas Sale: The annual sale will be held on Saturday 24th November. The usual stalls will be present along with the grotto for a very special guest! All are very welcome to join us in the Carry Centre from 11am – 1pm. Please note that the Carry Centre will be open from 2-8pm on Friday 23rd November to allow people to set up their stalls. All help with the tidy up after the Sale will be greatly appreciated.

Sheep Thrills: were honoured recently to present to the Brabazon Trust a Chair in memory of Maud FitzGerald, a founder member of Sheep Thrills. Six members of Sheep Thrills visited and shared



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memories with a very welcoming Craft group in Brabazon. We all miss Maud she was a very special person.

Our community group meets every Thursday at 11 am in the Carry Centre. Just come along, no joining fee, €3 fresh coffee and homemade biscuits. Everyone is welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078.

Table Tennis: the club meets on Mondays at 8pm in the Carry Centre. If you are interested in trying out table tennis, you would be very welcome (and we will even lend you a bat!). Contact Sandra Moore 087 6291568 for more information.

Ladies Guild enjoyed a recent stroll around Roches Hill where fading bracken and a view of Dublin Bay helped to enjoy the Killiney countryside. The walk ended at the Victoria Tea Rooms for a welcome cup of tea and cakes. A short Service of words hymns and prayers featuring '*care of our planet*' started a new season. The Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2.30 pm in the Carry Centre. Friends and visitors always welcome.

❖ CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION NOVEMBER NEWS ❖

'To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven.' Ecclesiastes 3:1. November heralds the start of the closing down of the year and it suggests not death but mystery – a sense of worlds beyond this of past and future. We give thanks for the wonderful summer weather we had this year and for the abundance of the harvest, the luscious blackberries which exploded on our highways and byways, and we pray for a gentle winter to come.

The annual Mass at which we remember all who have died in our Parish in the past year will be celebrated on Thursday 1st November, All Saints Day at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to come along to hold in prayerful memory the relations and friends, neighbours and fellow parishioners who died during the year. A candle will be lit for each person in their memory. All are most welcome to attend this Mass. *'grieving is about remembering, not forgetting'*.

On Saturday Nov 10th Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and Dalkey Churches together welcome a group from Mosney Direct Provision centre to Belgrave Square Monkstown for an afternoon of traditional music and dancing – and maybe some lessons! If you would like to attend or help with refreshments, please contact the parish office.

St. Begnet – In November we celebrate the feast of St. Begnet with a series of events over 2 days in Dalkey. Walk in the footsteps of this remarkable woman who gave up all her wealth for a life devoted to God. Begnet was an Irish princess who lived in the 7th century. According to legend, when she was a child, an Angel appeared to her and asked her to devote her life to the service of God. She did so, and the Angel gave her a bracelet, marked with the sign of the cross, as a symbol of her vocation. Begnet grew up to become a beautiful woman and had many suitors. Her parents arranged her marriage to the son of the King of Norway - but still dedicated to the vows she had taken, Begnet had no wish to take a husband. To avoid breaking her vows, she left home, leaving everything but the bracelet given to her by the Angel. She found passage in a small boat and sailed to Northumbria. There she was received into the Church by Bishop Aidan and became the first abbess of nuns. Begnet's connection with Dalkey is not clear. She gave her name to the two churches in the area and Dalkey town and surrounding area was for many centuries known as Kilbegnet. Perhaps she came from Dalkey, or perhaps she sailed from here to pioneer her religious order. It may also be possible the churches were dedicated to her memory by missionaries, spreading the faith after her death but the stories surrounding her life imply that she was a remarkable woman.

The events to mark her feast include a 2 hour guided walk along St.Begnet's Way on



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Saturday 10th, meditation at the Icon of St. Begnet written by Collette Clarke on both days, and our customary Ecumenical Service in the St. Begnet's old Church at the Heritage Centre at 1pm on Sunday 11th. More information is available from the parish office or look out for posters in the Church. Everyone is most welcome!

Autumn Series - 'God has visited his people! Taking another look at Luke'

A series of 6 discussions on the Gospel of St. Luke continues on the 6th, 13th and 20th November 2018. As Luke is the Gospel which will mostly be read on Sundays during the liturgical year starting in Advent 2018, it is particularly appropriate to have this series just before Advent begins. Fr. Kieran O'Mahoney's themes for each evening are as follows, 6th Nov. Prayer in Luke's Gospel, 13 Nov. The death of the Prophet Messiah: Luke 23:1-56 and 20 Nov. - On the road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35. The talks will take place in Our Lady's Hall at 7.30 pm each evening. All are invited to attend and there is no charge.

We received an email into the parish office from one of our friends who has been living in Direct Provision since her family's arrival to Ireland some years ago. Many of you may have met this family during their to Dalkey visits last summer and Christmas and here is a portion of the message sent to us.

THANK YOU

*Thank you, thank you for being there
through our hardest times,
Thank you for being there through our
lonely nights,
Thank you for being a shoulder we can cry
on,
Thank you for being by us when things
were wrong, you will never know how deep
you mean to us, you will never know what
you did for us.
Thank you for not running, when we
needed your help.*

*Thank you for giving us a place to live
again,
Thank you for giving us a home.
To all Our friends in Dalkey and
everybody in Dalkey. Thank you.
My every breath for a hundred years shall
be in appreciation of you.
The minister has given us our residence.
We love you so much, and with joy, we feel
so proud you chose us as one of your
friends.
God bless you.*

Caitríona Fogarty, Parish Secretary office@dalkeyparish.ie / 01 2859418/ www.dalkeyparish.ie



MORE EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH



U3A (University of the Third Age) Dun Laoghaire Dalkey Killiney. U3A meets every second Tuesday at 10:30am in The Pastoral Centre, St. Joseph's Church, Glasthule. **Email:** dldk.u3a@gmail.com Membership for 2018 is full. Refer to www.u3adldk.ie for further information.



Community First Responders – Volunteers needed for Dalkey First Responders (CFR). Training given. Please contact: info@dalkeycfr.ie

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

Nature Notes November 2018

All talks take place at 20.00 hours in The Killiney Room of the Graduate Bar, Rochestown Avenue. Further information on any events from Mary Daly secretary@southdublinbirds.com

Indoor Meeting: Tuesday 6 November: *The Secret Lives of Crows*, by Ricky Whelan (BirdWatch Ireland). Graduate Bar, Rochestown Ave, 8.00pm.

Outdoor Trip: Sunday 11 November: Coach trip to Galway leaving Dún Laoghaire ferry terminal at 8.30am sharp.

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❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES – NOVEMBER 2018 ❖

Saturday 3rd from 11am to 4.30pm: The Medal Society of Ireland will hold a '*Medal & Militaria Fair – buy, trade, swap or get free valuations / identifications of medals*' in the Knox Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Thursday at 8pm: Joe Duignan will present '*Irish Doctors in World War One*' to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society in the Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome – Contribution €3.

At 8.30pm: James Scannell will present '*The Sinking of the RMS Leinster - October 10th 1918*' to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms & Country House Hotel, Enniskerry. All welcome – admission €5.

Monday 12th at 1.05pm: Caoimhe Whelan will present '*The Priest's Tale*' to the Friends of Medieval Dublin in the Dublin City Council Wood Quay Venue, D.2. All welcome.

Wednesday 14th at 6pm: Mary O'Connell will present '*The Business of Dublin in the early 20th Century: an overview of the retail and financial sector*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

At 7.45pm: Liz Gillis will present '*Commemorating 1919 and the momentous issues leading up to it*' to the Knocklyon History Society in the Iona Centre, Knocklyon, Templeogue, Dublin 16. All welcome - admission charge.

Saturday 17th at 2.30pm: The Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) will hold an '*Armistice Commemoration*' in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, D.7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

Tuesday 21st at 8pm: Ronan McGreevy will present '*The Armistice of November 1918*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock. All welcome – admission €5.

Wednesday 21st at 8pm: Vincent Ruddy will present '*Pre-Famine Dublin: A Calamity Waiting to Happen?*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome – Entrance €3.

At 8pm: Brian White will present '*400 years of the Brabazons in Bray*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €5.

Wednesday 28th from 10.30am to 12.30pm: The November '*Open Morning Meeting*' of the Genealogical Society of Ireland takes place in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome - contribution of €4 includes tea/coffee.

At 6pm: Ken Finlay will present '*Charles Cameron – Saving the City*' to the Old Dublin Society in Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2. The AGM will follow this lecture. All welcome – admission free.

PERMISSION REFUSED

At the July 1915 monthly meeting of the Dalkey Urban District Council, an application from the Kingstown Postmaster for permission to erect a pavement post box outside No. 25, Castle Street, from where it was intended to carry on the business of the Dalkey sub-post office, was refused on the grounds that they wanted a proper post office for the town and that the notice was too short given that the Postmaster wanted to have this pavement post box come into service on August 1st 1915.

James Scannell



CASTLE PARK SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



At a public meeting held on 4th October, Susan McDonnell, Chairman of DCC explained that a new group under the auspices of Dalkey Community Council and Dalkey Tidy Towns has been set up – Dalkey Community Collective .

Going forward this new group aims to involve residents to discuss and review responsible and sustainable development in Dalkey. Currently the Government is pressing for more houses and Dalkey is experiencing applications for very large developments. We cannot oppose all developments out of hand, but it is important that these developments respect and protect our heritage and do not destroy the beauty of the area.

Ann Maria and Denis Lucey of 4, Castle Close, Dalkey are taking a judicial review against An Bord Pleanála (ABP) decision to grant permission for 50 apartments in the grounds of Castlepark School. At the meeting, Ann Maria described the application that entails the building of 50 apartments in 8 blocks, 3 to 4 storeys over a basement car park. The building of the development necessitates the removal of 52% of the woodland and also 10,000 cubic metres of granite. DLRCC refused permission but the developer appealed to ABP which subsequently granted permission for the development. Ann Maria and Denis decided to seek a judicial review (which will be heard on 2nd December 2018) as the negative impact of this development is considered to be enormous both on the immediate and wider environment.

In addition, the development is on institutional land and there is no master plan for the school. The whole construction process will also impact negatively on the school.

It is claimed that the height levels of the development outlined in the application are incorrect and should be approximately 2 metres higher than presently shown on the plans.

It would appear that parents of the schoolchildren attending Castlepark School are not aware that the access road to the development is to be the same one that is presently used for access to the school. It is proposed to widen the internal roadway to the school to facilitate access to the development. However, it is understood that it will also be used by construction traffic during the building phase despite it being under the ownership of the school.

It is believed that ABP have not followed correct procedure in accordance with statutory requirements.

There is also a concern over the use of chemicals to extract the granite and the resulting residue that may be present in the ground and the air. No details of the process have been described in the planning application.

A formal committee to organise fundraising to cover the legal costs has been set up. A Facebook and GoFundMe pages are also online. We would encourage everyone to support this legal challenge by donating to the *GoFundMe Castlepark Development*. A bank account is also in the process of being set up and details of it will be published on the DCC website.



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Sat 10-Sun 11 Nov

DCC November Monthly Meeting

Mon 12 Nov

Dalkey Players "*The Beauty Queen of Leenane*" 8pm in Town Hall

Tues 13- Fri 16 Nov

St. Patrick's Dramatic Soc. "*Waiting in the Wings*" 8pm in Pavilion

Tues 20 – Fri 23 Nov

Holy Trinity Christmas Sale from 11am-1pm in Carry Centre

Sat 24 Nov

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

Thurs 29 Nov

Christmas Celebration & Santa arrives in Dalkey

Sun 2 Dec

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Dalkey Players: Rehearsals in Harold Boys' School from 7:30-10:30pm-Tuesdays & Thursdays. New members welcome.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society Dalkey: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Road from 8-10:30pm – Mondays & Thursdays. New members welcome.

Meditation Classes in Dalkey Castle & HC on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm

The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested please call 086-8391839 - **NO Texts Please**

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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 Park
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Oh! How Television has (and Radio) has changed over the years

I received countless calls as a result of the September / October storms, which due to their very high winds caused plenty of reception problems for satellite viewers. In most cases dishes were damaged beyond repair and had to be replaced, and in some cases the dishes had simply disappeared, torn away from their anchors. In all of these cases the dishes used were poor quality, and some were even held in place using ordinary wall screws.

Any of the systems we installed survived these storms (admittedly all of our systems are somewhat over engineered), and hopefully will continue to give our customers many years of trouble free viewing.

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