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RECENT BURNING OF THE ALL WEATHER PITCH IN CUALA

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Dear Resident,


With this edition of Dalkey Community Council's Newsletter you will receive an envelope for our Annual Collection. We would appreciate if you could put your contribution into it and return it to your Road Representative or simply pop it into the Community Council's post-box on the table in the front room of Our Lady's Hall. *Many Thanks*

The Community Council relies on your contributions to carry out the many activities we engage in such as making Representations to the County Council on all matters involving Dalkey, the Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Planning Matters, Sponsorship of Local Groups, e.g. Community Games, Annual Garden Competition, Garden Outing, Annual Art Exhibition, Local Projects, etc.

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SUMMARY OF MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

March Meeting was held on Monday 11th March 2019 in OLH.

TT: Besides the usual cleaning/planting duties of DTT some of their members have been attending various lectures and workshops dealing with sustainable energy for today's community. The national competition has expanded its categories and new initiatives are included each year. The month of April is *An Taisce Spring Clean Month* and we are all encouraged to do our bit for the environment.

Sports: The Dalkey Dashers will commence training at Loreto on Wednesday 03rd April at 7:30pm. With safety in mind parents are reminded to park on Harbour Road.

NW: Garda Ailbhe reported on the anti-social behaviour that occurred in the town during the mid-term break and its continuance at weekends. People are reminded that it is very important to call the Gardai and notify them of any suspicious activity or incidents and not to assume that someone else has made the call.

Planning: The decision for the proposed development for Bulloch Harbour has still not been issued by ABP.

The next DCC Meeting is Monday 8th April 2019

DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE



*The Countess on the Green.
Image. M. Devlin*

What would the Countess Say?

by Martina Devlin.

If Countess Markievicz came back today would she be impressed with progress in 100 years? The answer is revealed in Martina's story which has been adapted for a staged reading and will be presented on **April 2nd at 7.30pm**. This is exactly one hundred years- to the day- from when she was made the first female Minister in Ireland in 1919. After the play, **Áine Lawlor from RTE's The Week in Politics** will chat to the author. At the time of going to print, this event is almost fully booked. Check at reception for any remaining tickets or cancellations.

Admission is €12.50 and can be booked online at www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets.

Videos: there is now a series of short videos on the Dalkey Castle website and Facebook page featuring short live snippets of the living history tour. The Cook, The Archer, The Viking Coin Minter and the travelling Barber Surgeon all feature.

To see any or all of these in action come along to the sponsored tour as part of the **DLR Spring Into Heritage every Saturday from April 6th**



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The Manager is one of the appointees by DLRCoCo onto a steering group for a Fáilte Ireland **Visitor Experience Development Plan (VEDP)** for Dublin's Coastline.

The objective is to develop a 5 year **commercially focused** Visitor Experience Development Plan for Dublin's Coastline. The plan must also include an overall vision for the area and include one unified proposition for the region.

The VEDP must act as a vehicle to help unlock the **economic growth** potential of the area by developing existing products and creating new experiences that will motivate tourists to visit and stay along the Dublin Coast. The plan must help to increase footfall to the area and encourage visitors to stay longer and to spend more while in the region.

The Fáilte group's function is to support the development of the plan and ensure its implementation over a five-year period.

Salsa Classes in Dalkey Town Hall start back on Mondays beginning on April 1st at 7.00pm. **Booking and info to:** Laura Shortall 085 109 8220. Website and Facebook: Infiniti Baila Studios

Karate continues in Dalkey Town Hall on Wednesdays at 6.30pm for young people and at 7.30pm for adults. They are putting a call out for more adults. **Contact 085 1412828** or email secretary@hombudojokarate.com.

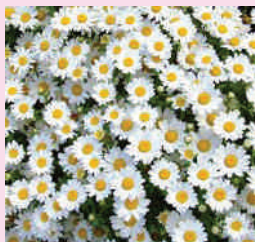
Meditation Sessions are run in the Heritage Centre on Wednesdays at 7.30. To **Contact** taracentredublin@gmail.com Tel +353 1 4927136

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Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

Aibreán (April)

April: Possibly named for Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love or from the Latin verb meaning 'to open' or the Greek word meaning 'the opening'. The Greeks called the season of Spring 'the opening'.



Daisy

*Winter's done,
and April's in the skies,
Earth, look up
with laughter in your eyes!*

Charles G.D. Roberts –
'An April Adoration' 1896



Sweetpea

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DALKEY ROWING CLUB NEWS



On **April 6th at 1.30pm** in Coliemore Harbour, Dalkey Rowing Club will proudly unveil their new racing skiff – the “*Deilginis*”, and we invite you all to come along. The club has fundraised hard for this skiff and it is thanks to the support of our sponsors (Nexus Pre-School, The Corner Note Café, Churches Estate Agents, Dominic Dowling Solicitors and Dalkey Taxis), the local people and a grant from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, that we have been able to do it.

In keeping with the East Coast Coastal Rowing tradition, she has been hand crafted by D.R.C. member and local craftsman Terence Keogh. Over the winter we have watched his handicraft and seen her come to life. She is made from Canadian Spruce with Mahogany seats, knees and gunwhales and she’s an absolute beauty. It’s wonderful to see such craftsmanship. The “*Deilginis*” will be blessed by Fr. Declan and Rev Bruce before launching her into Dalkey Sound for her maiden voyage. Light refreshments will be served after.



This event will officially mark the beginning of the season for Dalkey Rowing Club. And for anyone thinking of having a go, we are having **2 Open Days** on the weekend of the **13th/14th April**. Saturday is for any juniors aged 14-18 and Sunday is for any adults. This is a free event and runs from 2pm til 4pm on both days. It is always popular so come early to beat the queues. And if you do have to queue.....well where else would you want to be?

On **11th April**, Dalkey Rowing Club are hosting a Quiz Night in The Club – all welcome; starts at 8pm. €10 pp teams of 4 recommended.

If you want any further information have look at Facebook, Twitter or email us at

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WHAT'S ON IN DALKEY LIBRARY

With the Easter holidays approaching, April is set to be a busy month in the Junior Library. Coming up, we are hosting a **Teddy Bear Sleepover** so bring your teddies, wear your pyjamas, and join us for a very special story time and bedtime singalong on April 16th. Expect lots of cutting, sticking and creativity at our **Easter Crafts** on April 17th and learn new skills at a Lego robot-building workshop on April 24th.

Fancy trying a musical instrument? A new term of Family **Ukulele Classes** is starting on April 30th.

For very small children, our monthly **Baby Book Club** and play sessions will be taking place as usual.

We hate to turn anyone away but booking is essential for the vast majority of library events, so please do contact us for more details on what's happening this month and to reserve places. You can call us on **01-2855277** or get in touch via email or social media @dlrlibraries. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Ciara O'Brien, Senior Librarian, Dalkey Library



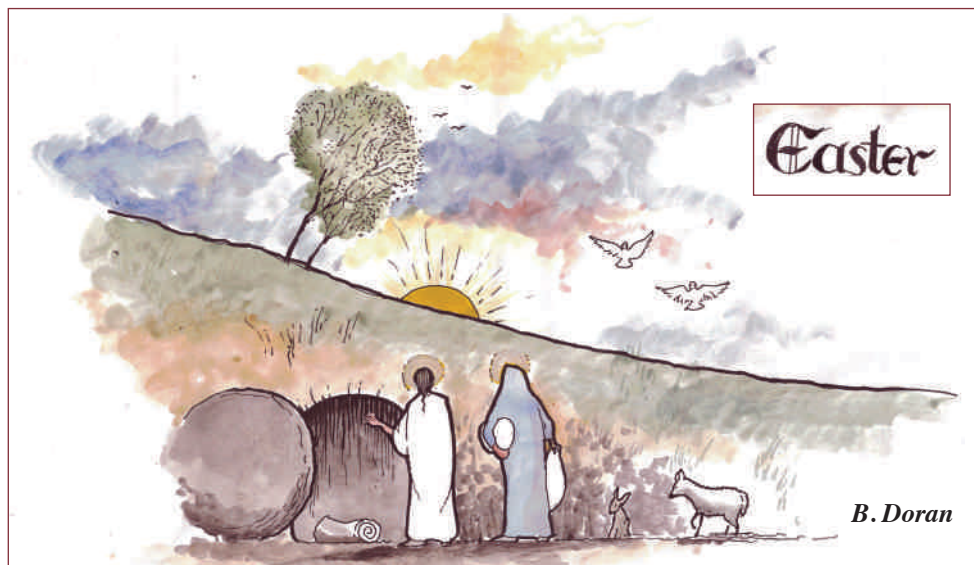
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Our first lizard sighting of the year. 25th February, 2019.

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Every year, around the end of April and the early days of May, a particular insect appears that hovers in the air in large numbers around woodland edges, hedges and rough grass. We always see them on the 'Green Road', the path above Vico Road which is a real sun trap. Last year there seemed to be a higher proliferation than usual and any time we were there they seemed to cause a degree of consternation with passing walkers since they hover at head height and don't make any attempt to avoid approaching people.

A neighbour asked me were they flying ants. I heard somebody else wondering were they mosquitoes as they swatted them out of the way while somebody else sitting on a bench pronounced, with great authority, that they were horseflies, which have a very unpleasant bite. But they weren't horseflies, nor were they ants or mosquitoes.

They are in fact a type of fly, *Bibio Marci*, more commonly known as St. Mark's Fly since they first appear with great regularity around the date of that saint's feast day, April 25th. Sizeable creatures, shiny black and hairy with a long abdomen, they hang in the air almost motionless with long legs dangling underneath them. Their 'in your face' mannerisms adds to their lack of appeal making them seem even slightly sinister and threatening but in fact they're totally harmless to humans and can be very beneficial to the environment.

The ones hanging in the air are the males of the species which only live for a week. They hover or sluggishly move up and down to attract females and according to buglife.org.uk 'the male's eyes are divided by a groove and have separate connections to the brain. This allows the males to use the upper eye part to look out for females and the lower part to monitor their position in relation to the ground, allowing them to hover in the same position.'

After mating the females lay eggs in the ground. When the larvae hatch they develop in soil where they feed on roots. They can cause damage to vegetables and plants in a garden but they themselves can be an important food source for birds to feed to their chicks. Buglife, an



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organisation dedicated to insects with the charming motto *‘Saving the small things that run the planet’* goes on to say the adults are *‘very useful creatures, they feed on nectar, making them important pollinators of fruit trees and crops’* so if you encounter one be merciful, it won’t harm you despite its threatening stance.

We were very surprised when Lucy spotted a lizard beside the path on Dalkey Hill in the last week of February. Normally Common Lizards, our only native reptile, wouldn’t be coming out of hibernation until March but, of course, normal barely exists any more as regards to the climate and seasons. A lizard needs to increase its body temperature to near 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) before it can hunt effectively and the mini heatwave at the end of February created record high temperatures. This lizard was motionless, warming in the sunshine, its greenish brown colouring making it virtually invisible and it was only when a spider got too close we saw it suddenly transformed into a blur of motion as it dived on the spider and swallowed it. The following day Lucy spotted one again and we knew it was a different individual. The one we’d seen the previous day had a shorter dark tail with concentric circles indicating it had utilised its only defence against predators, the ability to shed its tail when attacked, leaving the confused predator, possibly a cat or kestrel holding a still twitching severed tail. The tail will grow back but much darker and stubbier. It’s not the only part of their body they can lose and another day my sharp-eyed companion found a coil of shedded skin a lizard had discarded, the lizard presumably wanting to begin its year with a fresh new wardrobe!

At no small expense, we upgraded our bird feeders getting new peanut, fatball and sunflower feeders which all claim to be squirrel-proof and so far, thankfully, they have proven true to their word. Grey squirrels were taking loads of seeds as well as keeping the birds away and attempts to make the feeders squirrel-proof under upside down hanging flower pots on elongated wire hangers, only proved a minor temporary irritation to the greys.

A previous ‘squirrel-proof’ feeder I had bought should more accurately have been described as a squirrel back support since the squirrel would easily squeeze through the vertical bars and stand with its back pressed against them as it nibbled away but the new ones we got are of much better construction with horizontal as well as vertical bars. Most are feeders inside a wire cage through which no squirrel could fit but one is a very clever device which is weight sensitive so if anything heavier than a bird lands on it the



St. Mark's Fly, not the most handsome of beasts but a very useful pollinator. Image: M. Ryan



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seed holding part retracts closing the feeding apertures. You'd nearly feel sorry for the squirrels trying in vain to get at the seeds so near and yet so far and not even being able to shake them out on to the ground. Able to put out peanuts again in the new feeder, within days we were delighted to have Long Tailed Tits and Siskin feeding from it.

Michael Ryan
will be doing his usual talk and slide show called
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ASK THE PHARMACIST



Q. I have heard a lot in the media recently about a Meningitis Vaccine that is not covered by the vaccination schedule – what is this and what does it cover?



A: The Meningitis vaccine you are referring to covers a specific strain of Meningitis called Meningitis B. It has been included in the vaccination schedule for all babies born since 1st October 2016 but is not offered to children born before this date. It is however possible to pay privately to get this done for all older children and you can discuss with your GP as to whether it is appropriate or necessary for your child.

Meningitis is an infection of the protective membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord (meninges). It is usually caused by a bacterial or viral infection and the bacterial forms tends to be rarer but can be more serious. It can affect anyone, but is most common in babies, young children, teenagers and young adults.

It can be very serious if not treated quickly and can cause life-threatening blood poisoning (septicaemia) and result in permanent damage to the brain or nerves.

Symptoms of meningitis are listed below but it is important to note that symptoms can appear in any order and not all may appear.

Any suspected meningitis should be checked by a doctor as a matter of urgency as quick treatment is needed.

In hospital tests will be done to confirm meningitis and if it is bacterial or viral. Bacterial meningitis is treated with antibiotics while viral meningitis tend to resolve by itself.

For a good resource guide check out the website www.actformeningitis.ie

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MY GARDEN – PHILIPPA THOMAS

Imagine, our days are longer than our nights now. So our plants are responding with more rapid growth. Possibly, April is the busiest time of the year in the garden.

'April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks go.' **Christopher Morley.**

Every day now, there is something bursting into flower and everything else is waking up. The gorse on Killiney Hill and Vico strip is in full bloom now.

O'April hath a spirit of youth in everything.'

ROSE-BREEDER, DAVID AUSTIN R.I.P.

Our World lost David Austin in December, 2018. Some roses such as *'James L. Austin'*, *'The Poet's Wife'*, have both been awarded five stars in recent plant trials. Other best varieties mentioned were *'Claire Austin'*, *'Jude the Obscure'*, *'Grahame Thomas'* and *'Constance Spry'*.

Knowing and understanding your soil affects the way you manage it and determines the type of plants you can grow. All soils contain mineral particles, organic matter, water and air. The combination of these determine your soil properties. Then, scarifying involves the raking out of dead grass called Thatch and any moss that has grown. It is generally done in Spring when the grass recovers quickly. A motorised scarifying machine can be hired from some hire shops. The effect is dramatic. A feed, perhaps top-dressing up and some re-seeding can soon bring about a beautifully improved green area.



Epimediums, Also Known As Fairy Wings Or Yin Yang Huo. Endemic To China, Superb Woodland Perennial ,Excellent For Ground Cover And Rabbit And Deer Resistant. Image: Philippa Thomas

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Potting Up – Bamboo pots and seed trays – made from bamboo fibre, rice starch and resin (naturally occurring organic compounds) are now available. Apparently, they can be decomposed in 6-12 months. Whether it's plug plants you've bought or seedlings you've sown, make sure you pot them up before they grow too big for their original container and start to suffer. Did you know, apparently, Lily pollen is poisonous to cats? Some double Lilies are pollen free. Their lack of pollen may also help Hayfever sufferers and flower arrangers, as others can stain badly when brushed off clothes. ...Most of us find Lilies romantic, showy flowers that fill our borders with glamour in Mid-summer. Intensive breeding has created Lilies of all shapes and sizes and double Lilies with a multitude of petals.

Red Lily Beetle – Lily Beetles are bright red beetles with black heads, legs and undersides. Adults start appearing in March when Fritillaries provide a food source for them. They will then move to Lilies as these plants develop leaves. They eat these leaving unsightly holes but the major damage is done by the grubs, which will munch their way through leaves and buds. I'm afraid to say the grubs are (who would disagree?) a disgusting slime-covered dark brown, as they cover themselves with their own excrement to deter predators. A sunny day is best to spot them. They may try to drop to the ground and generally lie on their backs, leaving their black belly upwards to avoid being spotted. Wipe any red eggs from the leaves and any grubs that hatch. Do what you think appropriate in order to get rid of them.

Now, for my very favourite plant, this month. I think few plants can match the ability of Epimediums to grow in dry shade. They form neat, low-growing clumps. Most of them, their leaves emerge bronze, becoming lime green and then red when mature; their overall dainty appearance belies their resilience. Believe it or not, I grow at least 12 varieties in pots inside our front gate – they are there for yonks. I hope they give a warm welcome to the postman and general callers.

Plant Disease Update – The lethal bacterial infection, *Xylella Fastidiosa*, which has caused widespread losses of plants across Europe, has spread to Belgium. The infection was found on olive trees imported from Spain. We have been asked to remain vigilant. Metaldehyde slug pellet are to be banned from gardens in the Spring of 2020. It poses an unacceptable risk to birds and mammals.

MIGHT DO, MAYBE APRIL JOBS

Early flowering Spring shrubs, such as Forsythia, Winter heathers and Spirea should be pruned as soon as the flowers fall to keep shrubs a manageable size.

Remember, before clipping ivy and garden hedges, check for **birds nesting** under cover of the foliage.

Roses: Prune, if not already done, as soon as possible. Take out any weak or dead stems. Use a rose food and lightly fork it into the soil. Apply a small amount of mulch around the base.

Pull up all **weeds** as this prevents them seeding and gives less shelter to slugs.

Hostas in terracotta pots set on an upturned saucer in a larger one, create an island, hence helping to protect them against slugs and snails.

Apparently, egg shells cooked in a low oven are a valuable source of calcium, magnesium and other essential minerals and then can be added to the **compost heap**.

Gutters: Sowing peas in gutters makes it easier to plant a whole row in one go. Once your plants are large enough to go outside, slide them out in one go and firm the soil around them.

Give your plants some **T.L.C.** Our warmer weather and longer light hours generally means the plants require more water.

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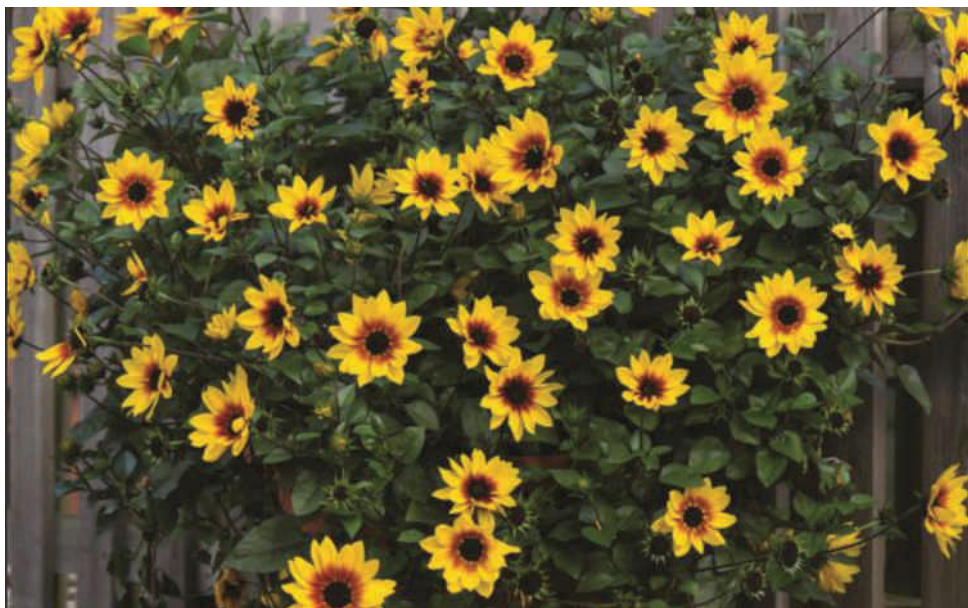
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Sunflower Sunbelievable, Brown Eyed Girl New, Multi-Branching Sunflower, flowers from June to November, perfect for pots and borders. 3rd Place in 2018, Chelsea Flower Show. Image: P. Thomas

Maybe sow a wild flower meadow to encourage pollinators.

Now, would be a good time to spread the stems of *Viticella*-type Clematis as much as you can on their support or frame for greater effect.

Sunflower Sunbelievable, “Brown Eyed Girl” – Sunflower Sunbelievable, ‘Brown Eyed Girl’, came 3rd at Chelsea. It is a bushy variety that flowers for months but that’s grown from cuttings. It is sterile so produces no seed. In trials, it flowered from May to November during that time, 1,000 flowers have been counted on just one plant.

“Spring is nature’s way of saying, let’s party.”

Robin Williams

“Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer.”

Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

“Science has never drummed up quite an effective agent as a sunny spring day.”

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ANNUAL DALKEY DAFFODIL DAY

Rosemary and Ethna thank all those who came along to the Dalkey Daffodil Coffee Morning in aid of The Irish Cancer Society on Saturday 16th March. A total of €1,410 was raised and donations are still coming in. Rosemary and Ethna would also like to thank her hard working committee and everyone who gave prizes for the raffle. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout the morning and it was a huge success.



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20X20 campaign – #Can'tSeeCan'tBe!

Our Junior School Sports department have fully embraced the 20X20 campaign - **if she can't see it, she can't be it.** They have created a big colourful 20X20 Women in Sport board in the school corridor to highlight and celebrate women's participation and success in a wide range of sports and to provide more information on the 20X20 campaign and some of the ambassadors. The sports stars are also featured on the TV in reception to encourage as many people as possible (parents included) to talk and ask about them. Thanks to Ms Jones and our P6, P5B and P2 girls for creating the Women in Sport



Rathdown Junior School supporters with their mascot

board which will be regularly updated. We are showing our Stripes in support of 20X20 by pledging to increase the visibility of women's sport in Rathdown School.

#Can'tSeeCan'tBe!

*All photos:
Rathdown School*



3RD PORT DALKEY SEA SCOUTS NEWS

3rd Port had a very busy year last year in particular with our Summer Camp in Holland. This was a great trip for the troop as it was the first time in years that we attended this particular Sea Scout jamboree having previously attended many times. Nawaka was the event and the Dutch tradition in sea scouting is very strong it was a great experience to attend. We mostly sailed in liliputs, which suits the canals and we also saw many different other styles of sailing boats and different size barges. We had great weather for the two weeks and one of the highlights was the night-time flotilla where everybody decorates their boats with lights. Many new friendships were made with other troops and everyone had lots and lots of fun.



The night-time flotilla

Photos and details are still

available online at this website: <https://nawaka.scouting.nl/nl/>

This summer we are looking forward to a ten day camp in Ireland, regardless of the weather and we also have six scouts travelling to the World Jamboree 2019 in West Virginia. We expect there will be a lot of fun scouting in both destinations.

Our Cub pack is doing well with new members who were just recently invested. They are working away on various adventure skills, in preparation for summer camp as well as having some information evenings. We would like to thank Dalkey First Responders for visiting us recently, and sharing a very practical session. We are also delighted to welcome new Leaders on board this season.



Scouting is very rewarding past time and has opportunities for various skill sets whether you are a scout already or not. Any Adults wishing to get involved, in any way, can contact me directly. Further details are on <https://www.scouts.ie/Scouter/Adults-in-Scouting/Becoming-a-Scouter/> **We have busy Beavers too!** They have had a few sessions learning all about the Atmospheric railway. One of our leaders Chris even built a working

model of the railway, including using a Hoover to create a vacuum to pull the train through the pipe/tunnel. We then had a great hike along the metals looking at all the remaining landmarks connected to the railway. We are also delighted recently when two of our now Ventures received their Chief Scout Award for Scout section. They are the first two in our troop who completed this challenge and they were presented with their award with much pomp and ceremony in Trinity



*Aaron Speer & Adam Kelly from 3rd Port Dalkey
with Una O'Grady, Programme Commissioner,
Scouting Ireland*

College. We hope there will be many more!

We recently had a fundraising pub quiz and would thank all our supporters in the local business community. These included Xilinx Ireland, the Hewson family, SuperValu, The Club, Organic Hairdressers, Burrow Holiday Park, De Villes, The Grapevine, Mugs, Fujifilm, Gary's pizza, Handworks, Kerins All Care Chemist, Bloomingdales, Laura O Hagan Mosaic Artist, O'Brien's, Paddy Power, Killiney Tea Rooms, Bel Gelato, Car Zone and Ken the Ferryman. It was a great evening enjoyed by all and we greatly appreciate the support.

For the summer sailing season, we are looking forward to a Group Camp in Lough Dan in early May for all members with our boats in the water and commencement of our sailing season. We will be offering our services at the St. Patrick's Fete, where the scout section run a very successful burger stall. Shortly after we will then have our own sailing Skills event, the first ever Meyer Cup. This will be an Inter Watch competition based on the Hamill Cup syllabus and our cup is named in honour of the huge contribution that the Meyer family made to our scout troop.

If you are interested in joining our troop, please go to our website. There is lots of information there for both Adults and youths. We will have space next September for 12 year olds in the Scout section with smaller intake for the younger ages. If you are interested in either section, please apply through our website, <https://www.dalkeyseascouts.ie/contact-us/membership/>

Yours in Scouting,

Pádraig Ó hIcádhá,
Group Leader www.dalkeyseascout.ie



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An Comórtas – Scríobh Leabhar

Scríobh na buachaillí i Scoil Haróid a gcuid leabhair féin don chomórtas *Scríobh Leabhar*. Bhí rogha ag na scoileanna na leabhair a scríobh as Gaeilge nó as Béarla. Glacaimid páirt sa chomórtas seo gach bhliain trí Ghaeilge. Chaith na buachaillí i ngach rang a lán ama ag pleanáil, ag

scríobh, ag tarraingt agus ag dathú. Bhain siad úsáid as a gcuid foclóir chun a gcuid scéalta a scríobh. Anois is arís thug na múinteoirí cabhair do na daltaí, go háirithe sna ranganna níos óige, ach ar an iomlán tá caighdeán-ard le fáil sa Ghaeilge i Scoil Haróid. Nuair a bhí na scéalta réidh bhí deis ag na daltaí a gcuid leabhair féin a léamh do na ranganna eile. Mar shampla bhí rang a dó agus rang a trí ag léamh a gcuid scéalta dá chéile. Ansin, taispeánadh na leabhair sna seomraí ranga éagsúla nuair a bhí ár nOíche Ealaíne ar siúl sa scoil. Seoladh na leabhair ó gach rang chuig Ionad Oideachais na Carraige Duibhe don chomórtas. Nuair atá na buaiteoirí roghnaithe beidh cuireadh acu freastal ar Oíche na mBronnadh.

Bhain na páistí taitneamh as a gcuid leabhair féin a scríobh mar is comórtas bródúil é!

Competition – Write A Book

The boys in Harold Boys' N.S. wrote their own books for the Write a Book competition. The schools had a choice to write the books in Irish or English. The pupils write their books for this competition every year in Irish. The boys spent a lot of time planning, writing, drawing and colouring. They used their own vocabulary to write their stories. Now and then the teachers gave the pupils help, especially in the younger classes, but overall the standard of Irish in Harold Boys' N.S. is very high.

When the stories were ready, the pupils had an opportunity to read their stories aloud in other classes. For example, second and third class read their stories to one another. Then, the stories were shown in the various classrooms while our Open Evening was taking place. The books were then sent to the Blackrock Education Centre for the competition. When the winners are chosen, there will be a ceremony with prizes for the pupils. The children enjoyed writing their own books, and are very proud of taking part in this competition.



DSP40 FOUNDERS DAY

On Wednesday 27th February 2019 we celebrated DSP Founders Day. Always a special day, it was doubly so this year as part of the DSP40 birthday celebrations. Classes gathered for a whole School Assembly, with the founders as our special guests - Dr Áine Hyland, Mr. Desmond Green, Ms. Pat and Mr. Michael Johnston – along with Mr. Chris Lennon the



second school principal, Dr Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children and Mr. Paul Rowe, CEO, Educate Together. Many local representatives, including Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor, also attended. Following the Assembly, the school hosted a 70s party for the children. We ate 70s goodies (full of sugar!) and everyone dressed in 70s outfits, including the teachers.

Some of the pupils, along with teacher Maryrose, wrote new DSP lyrics to the music of 'A Million Dreams' to celebrate the day.

Images: DSPNS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 7-10 11/2/2019 to 9/3/2019

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.: D19A/0091

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Margaret Ryan, Ardfallen, Cunningham Road, Dalkey, A96 K802 (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Permission sought for development consisting of a new 5-bed, 2-storey dwelling, a single storey, detached garage, widening of existing vehicular entrance to Cunningham Road and associated site works all within a site to the rear.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0101

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Sheenagh & Charles Chapman, Riva, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the construction of the following to the existing 2-storey mid-terraced dwelling house with front and rear gardens: 1. Demolition of existing utility roof at lower ground floor, external stairs at lower ground floor level front façade and coal bunker roof front façade. 2. Part demolition of kitchen wall ground floor, kitchen wall lower ground floor, family room wall, windows to front façade lower ground floor and lower ground floor utility wall. 3. Extension lower ground floor rear 2.25 sqm and ground floor level rear 3.3 sqm. 4. Re-construction of existing stairs rear garden level, mono-pitched roof and rear garden terrace 7.5 sqm. 5. New external wall north elevation rear garden, window ground floor level rear façade, garden level external storage 20.8 sqm, side entrance ground floor, railings, granite steps to side entrance and 4 roof lights to central valley of existing roof. 6. Internal alterations and refurbishment and site works including proposed new connection for foul drainage to existing public mains.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0120

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Peter McCrodden, 14 Barnhill Park, Dalkey A96 XV80

Proposal: Permission for a two storey family flat extension to side and rear, including the demolition of previously converted garage to side. Proposed single storey extension to front, flat roof to existing pitched roof extension to rear and all associated site works to existing dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0121

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Alex & Pohling Pierce, 3 Knock-na-cree Grove, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to convert existing basement level garage to a granny flat with other minor alterations to existing basement of house. Works to include erection of single storey extension to side, use of flat roof over as patio area and balcony with roof light over at basement level. Filling in of existing front carport and conversion of existing garage to habitable space. Demolition of existing chimney on ground floor. Modification of external fenestration at basement level and internal alterations to accommodate new layout. Maintain connection to County Council drainage and all ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0122

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Travis & Lisa George, Amalfi, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Demolitions to the existing house including removal of two and three storey extensions to both sides of the original structure, the main roof and internal partitions. 2. The construction of new two and three storey extensions to each side of the

original structure with new pitched roof with roof lights over the existing structures. 3. Extensions, alterations and elevation changes to all sides of the property. 4. Internal alterations to accommodate new internal layout. 5. Works to detached studio building including elevational alterations and remodelling of existing roof to match proposed roof on the main house. 6. New setback entrance gates including works to driveway, landscaping, soak away, drainage works and ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0125

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Patrick Barry, 26 Knock-na-cree Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Demolitions to the existing house, including removal of the roof and internal partitions. 2. The construction of a new flat roof second floor to the rear of the property with roof lights. 3. New flat roof with roof lights over existing and proposed works to the front of the property. 4. Extensions, alterations and elevation changes to all sides of the property. 5. Internal alterations to accommodate new internal layout. 6. Widening of existing vehicular entrance including works to driveway, landscaping, soak away, drainage works and ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0093

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Clare Hughes & Ken McAndrew, 9 Fairlawns, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for all windows and external doors on the property to be removed and replaced, for inserting a new wrap around window to the front of the house at first floor level over existing garage and a new roof light to the front of the house over the kitchen, lowering and enlarging existing front window opes at first floor level, lowering and enlarging existing window opes to the rear at ground and first floor level, creating a new window opening to the rear of the property at first floor level and internal refurbishment and reconfiguration.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0094

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Peter & Zana McKenna, 10 Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention and completion of the construction of a new enlarged entrance porch to the east side of the existing house and repairing of existing entrance steps.

Reg. Ref.: D18B/0514

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Nov-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Glenn Brien, 91 Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for extensions and alterations to existing 73.5 sqm dwelling. The works include: 1) 56 sqm ground floor extension to rear and side of existing dwelling to include a covered canopy over the entrance and to the rear. 2) 32 sqm upper floor extension to the rear and side of the existing dwelling. 3) Alterations to existing elevations and internal layout and all associated site works. **Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds):** 27-Feb-2019.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0130

Application Rec'd Date: 27-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Chantal McCabe, Bella Vista, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for demolition of existing house and replacement with the construction of a new dwelling house comprising of two stories over partial basement. Development will include new vehicular entrance and associated site works and landscaping

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0394/E

Application Rec'd Date: 05-Mar-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Ferga McGloughlin & Paul Saunders, 3 The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the extension of our existing split level dwelling. The extension will consist of a family games room. Permission for the work was previously granted

under planning application D06B/0325 which has now expired. Permission for change of design is also sought for the extension that has previously been granted under planning application D09B/0462. The change of design will consist of the inclusion of additional velux roof lights to the front and rear of the proposed extension and new patio doors and canopy to the rear of the dwelling. **Applic. Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0123

Application Rec'd Date: 07-Mar-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Jennifer Caldwell, 30 Convent Road, Dalkey. A96 F8X5

Proposal: Permission for a ground and first floor extension to the rear, porch canopy to the front door and associated site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 7-10 11/2/2019 to 9/3/2019

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0660 **Decision:** Refuse Permission

Date: 13-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Sean Haughton, Site to the rear of 43 Barnhill Rd. Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the construction of a 120 sqm one-and-a-half-storey pitched-roofed dwelling house. The existing rear driveway to be blocked-up and the new dwelling is to have a 2.7m wide vehicular access off the adjacent public car park. The site is to have revised site boundary treatment of 2m high timber fence panels to all four sides and landscaped surface. The location of the existing surface water storm drain is to be re-routed within the site.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1162 **Decision:** Request Add. Info

Date: 12-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Board of Management, Loreto Abbey Secondary School, Loreto Avenue, off Harbour Road, Dalkey. A96 YC81

Proposal: Permission for a practice Hockey pitch 65m x 39m and a four lane 100m Athletics track fully drained, including 1.8m high perimeter fencing and associated flood lighting onto the proposed area of sports amenity ground adjacent to the existing Hockey pitch. (Loreto Abbey is a Protected Structure RPS 1445, the proposed sports surfaces are adjacent but outside the curtilage of the Loreto Abbey). A Geotechnical and Environmental report is attached to the application.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1186 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 12-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Richard & Corrina Moore, Prince Patrick House, Knock Na Cree Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Permission for the retention of a bridge construction between the first-floor terrace and the existing garden to the rear, a balcony to an existing rear extension at first floor and a structural opening through the existing rear external wall at ground floor to the recently constructed ground floor extension. A protected structure. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1195 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 14-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Sonya Manzor & Fergal Battersby, Braeside, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for alterations to front boundary wall and widening of existing vehicular entrance to include new automated gates and associated site and landscaping works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1222 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 11-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Frances O'Connor, 47 Saint Begnets Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for new vehicular entrance including removal of pedestrian gate, part wall and construct new pier, dishing of path.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1207 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 21-Feb-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Ciaran Brady, Killea, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of the existing single storey dwelling and replacement with 4 no. new two storey three bedroom dwellings. These comprise of

Houses A1 & A2 to the front (130 sqm & 144 sqm respectively) and B1 & B2 to the rear (135 sqm & 141 sqm respectively). Site works include replacing the existing front boundary wall with a new 2.1m high wall set further back with a consequent widening of the public footpath, widening of the existing entrance, provision of an access driveway with 8 no parking spaces to serve the proposed dwellings and miscellaneous site and landscaping works as part of the development.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1209 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 20-Feb-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Muireann McDonnell & Risteard Sheridan, Ebeneezer, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for amendment to existing permission (D17A/0360) to re-position a bedroom window of the rear south-western elevation to the western corner of the dwelling at first floor level with a resultant extension of 2.27 sqm and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1214 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 21-Feb-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Barry Spencer-Higgins, 44 Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for single storey ground floor extension to rear, vehicular entrance to front and to replace vehicular gates at rear with pedestrian gates together with associates site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1220 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 22-Feb-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Barry & Louise Bowden, Clanaber, Torca Road, Dalkey. A96 XV77.

Proposal: Permission to construct a new dwelling. The development will consist of: A. Construction of a two storey above lower ground floor detached dwelling. B. Repositioning and widening of an existing vehicular entrance to the south-west of the property onto the private road which adjoins Torca Road. C. The construction of new boundary walls including a new wall along the road frontage. D. The demolition of the existing detached house and associated outbuildings. E. Associated drainage and landscaping works within the curtilage of the site.

Reg. Ref.: D18B/0562 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 21-Feb-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Eoin & Eva Byrne, 88 Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey. A96 FD96

Proposal: Permission for: A. Construction of a single storey pitched roofed extension to rear. B. Porch canopy to east elevation (front). C. Window modification to east elevation (front).

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1122 **Decision:** Grant Permission
Decision Date **28-Feb-2019**

Applicant Name & Location: Austin Bresling & Attracta Gill, 45 Convent Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of an existing single storey rear extension, the erection of a two-storey rear extension, a proposed garage conversion, replacement windows and front door to an existing dwelling and the widening of an existing vehicular entrance of a two-storey end of terrace house and associated site works. The existing dwelling is located within an Architectural Conservation Area.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0003 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 1-Mar-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Deirdre Bonus & Conor Whelan, Sabi, Saval Park Road, Dalkey. A96 WR60

Proposal: Permission for one-storey projecting bay window combined with porch/canopy and renovation of existing dormer all to front façade, internal modifications, replacement and repositioning of existing window on the south elevation, renovation and extension of existing dormer, single storey extension with roof lights all to rear, replacement of all windows and associated site and landscaping works.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0013 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 6-Mar-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Luca & Sally Mollan, Genazzano, Grosvenor Tce., Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the construction of a balcony at this site address. The works consists of the construction of a new balcony to the existing rear dormer at first floor, minor alterations to existing rear dormer, 1 new door and window to rear dormer, one additional Velux window to rear roof.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0648 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-Mar-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Karl & Julia O'Connell, Site A, Easterly Site, Dalkey Sound, Green Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a new two-storey 5 bed single unit dwelling with south-east facing first floor balcony, together with landscaping and ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0649 **Decision:** Clarification of Further info. **Date:** 5-Mar-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Karl & Julia O'Connell, Site B, Southerly Site, Dalkey Sound, Green Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a new two-storey 4 bed single unit dwelling with east facing first floor balcony, together with landscaping and ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0018 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 6-Mar-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Penny, Paul & Sam Lannin, 49, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a first floor pitched roof extension to accommodate the relocation of the stairwell previously granted on 27/08/2018 (planning ref. D18A/0647) and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0013 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 6-Mar-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Lucas & Sally Mollan, Genazzano, Grosvenor Terrace, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the construction of a balcony at this site address. The works consists of the construction of a new balcony to the existing rear dormer at first floor, minor alterations to existing rear dormer, 1 new door and window to rear dormer, one additional Velux window to rear roof.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 7-10 11/2/2019 to 9/3/2019

Reg Ref: D18A/0418 **Reg. Date:** 4-May-2018 **Location:** lands at Dalkey Manor, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Development: Permission is sought for a new mixed-residential development comprising: erection of (a) 13 no. houses with private gardens comprising 2 no. two-bedroom detached single storey, 2 no. three-bedroom end-of-terrace two storey and 9 no. three-bedroom terraced two-and-a-half storey; (b) 23 no. apartment units with associated private amenity space comprising 9 no. one-bedroom, 10 no. two-bedroom (including 1 no. private terrace area), and 4 no. three-bedroom with private terraces in a three-storey over basement apartment building. The basement level will include 29 no. car parking spaces, 42 no. bicycle parking spaces; refuse storage, gym and associated courtyard, plant area and additional apartment storage units. Other works as part of the development to include: (c) 15 no. car parking spaces and 24 no. bicycle parking spaces at surface level; (d) upgrade of existing vehicular entrance on Barnhill Road with provision of internal roads, footpaths, shared surfaces and street lighting; (e) provision of public open space including courtyard with landscaping works to include tree planting and provision of green areas and treatments to site boundaries; (f) surface water and foul drainage; water connections and alteration to site levels; (g) demolition of existing two-storey dwelling (273 sq.m),

entrance gates, piers and splay walls and ancillary single-storey outbuilding; and (h) all other site works necessary to facilitate the development on a site of c.0.935 hectares. The proposed development is adjacent to a protected structure.

Council Decision: Grant Permission **Appeal Lodged:** 15-Feb-2019

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D18A/1119 **Reg. Date:** 29-Nov-2018

Location: Desmar, 15 Railway Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin A96 Y4D9

Development: Permission for the demolition of the existing single storey return and construction of a part single, part two storey extension 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 single storey mews house to the rear of No. 15 Railway Road to be accessed from St Patrick's Avenue with alterations to the elevation of the garden wall and all associated internal and ancillary works. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Lodged:** 27-Feb-2019. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks 7-10 4/2/2019 to 3/3/2019

None for Dalkey



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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH UPDATE



Sunday Services for April

7th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
14th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age
21st April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
28th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
Midweek	Every Thursday	10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor

The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 2nd and the 16th of the month. An updated leaflet entitled 'Pastoral Care Information for Residents & Their Families' is now available from the Parish office or from reception in the Manor. The leaflet gives details of service times, some prayers for personal use and contact details for the chaplain.

Craft Group

If you would like to drop in for a chat, or if you would like to try your hand at a craft, then you will find us in the gallery room of the Northover Hall any Tuesday afternoon from 3pm. The chat and the cup of tea is always good.

Film Social

You are warmly invited to come along for some entertainment, a cup of tea and the opportunity for a chat, in the gallery room (upstairs in the Hall) at 2.30pm on 8th April.



Winners of the St Patrick's Dalkey Annual Table Quiz 2019

Select Vestry

There will be a meeting of the Select Vestry at 8.00pm on 9th April.

Welcome Table

The Welcome Table is a local initiative which provides asylum seekers with access to cooking facilities, which they would not otherwise have. The time spent together in the kitchen of the Northover Hall 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 really wide range of countries have been welcomed to the kitchen in the Northover Hall. Afghanistan, North Korea, Nigeria, Since October we have been running a fortnightly timetable. If you would like to donate, or find out more about the Welcome Table you can do so on our parish website.

Dalkey Inter-Church Lent Course 2019

The Dalkey Inter-Church Lent Course will take place on Tuesdays from 12th March to 9th April 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall. The course is entitled '*Rooted in Christ for The Life of the World*'. Speakers from different Christian traditions will lead discussion on aspects of the faith we share and explore how we could do more together. We look forward to welcoming Andrew Pierce, Director of the Irish School of Ecumenics, Fr Michael Rodgers, Founder/Director Tearmann Spirituality Centre Glendalough, Mary Garry, Vanessa Wyse Jackson - Minister of the Methodist Church Rathgar and Mark Patrick Hederman OSB, Benedictine Monk of Glenstal Abbey. Please refer to our website for further details.

St Patrick's Dramatic Society

We're very happy to report that our one act play, *In Room Five Hundred and Four* by Jimmie Chinn, directed by Judith Elmes, won the Bray One Act Festival in the Mermaid Theatre. The Most Promising Actor/Actress award went to Hannah Blair White, who played Edie, and there were nominations for awards in five other categories, namely Best Actor (Michael Fogarty), Best Actress (Hannah Blair White), Best Supporting Actress (Phil Stokes) Best Director (Judith Elmes) and Best Comedy. Congratulations to one and all. And now on to our full-length production, directed by Seymour Cresswell, which will be staged at The Studio, dlr LexIcon next month. Neil Simon's hilarious comedy PLAZA SUITE is a collection of three unrelated one-act plays, each set in the same New York hotel suite. Hilariously funny and achingly poignant, its central theme is middle age crisis and its effect on marriage.

PLAZA SUITE will be staged by St Patrick's Dramatic Society in The Studio, dlr LexIcon, (lower ground floor), Moran Park, Dun Laoghaire, nightly at 8.00pm sharp from Tuesday 9th April to Saturday 13th April, 2019. Tickets (€18) are available online at www.eventbrite.ie (search for Plaza Suite), or by phone on Tel 01 2807 185. Advance booking is strongly advised and please note that seats must be taken by 7.50 pm as there will be no late admission.

St Patrick's Annual Summer Fete

The Fête this year is scheduled for Saturday 11th May, with festivities due to begin at 10am. Please remember to tell your friends about the Fête, encourage them to come along and to bring new faces, both young and old, to our fun packed family day. If you would like to help, you'd be most welcome, just give the parish office a ring and leave your name and number.



Spring is certainly in the air in Loreto. Over the last few weeks there has been a great buzz of excitement. After Christmas a new principal was appointed to the school. We are very lucky to have Mrs. Fiona McKenna as our principal and we wish her every success in her new role.

We have been very busy in 6th class. Early in February we travelled to the W5 in Belfast which is an interactive discovery centre. We left Dalkey at 7:30 in the morning and arrived in Belfast shortly after 10 o'clock. We were greeted by the friendly staff and then we went to the lab. We learned about chemical reactions and we carried out many interesting experiments such as mixing acids and bases and making "Elephants' Toothpaste". After lunch we explored different areas of the W5 where we tried activities like making mini movies, building toy cars and playing a harp with no strings! The multi-storey climbing frame was a highlight for us all. When we returned to Dalkey later that evening, we were all exhausted. We all had lots of fun and would love to go back again.



6th class visit the Monastic sites at Glendalough, Co. Wicklow

Photo: L.P.S.

At the end of February, we went on another trip. This time we went to Glendalough in Co. Wicklow on a retreat, as part of our Confirmation preparation. It was a beautiful spring day. Fr. Pat was our guide. We walked around the old monastic sites and learned about the history of Glendalough and about St. Kevin. As we made our way to the Upper Lake, we spent some time reflecting on our own lives and praying. Glendalough is a very spiritual place and we all enjoyed our retreat.

By Amy Rose Ryan and Lucy Nolan (Mrs. Kavanagh's 6th class)

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Dalkey Credit Union.....From the beginning



Image: Dalkey Credit Union

In the early 1960s a group of business people in Dalkey looked into the possibility of setting up a local Credit Union. The reason for this was that credit was scarce in those days, after the end of the Second World War and the bleak 1950s with very little employment opportunities. Any possible credit that was extended was through pawnbroker's offices, provident companies and moneylenders, all of whom charged exorbitant rates.

After some research it was learned that the origins of the Credit Union movement were in Germany in the 1940s as central Europe was ravaged by famine, hardship and poverty. The movement spread throughout Europe and then to the United States of America. In the late 1950s the first credit Unions were established in Ireland – being Dún Laoghaire and Donore (although which was the first has never been ascertained). Thus began the great socio-economic development of 20th century Ireland which thrives to the present day. There were many fine people who were actively engaged in the founding of the movement and particular mention must be made to Nora Herlihy, who lived in Tubbermore, Dalkey, for a number of years. The initial efforts to establish a Credit Union in Dalkey by a business group was unsuccessful despite their best efforts. However, in 1966 a group of residents determined to provide much needed credit of all sorts got the wheels in motion by starting



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The Dalkey Savings Group as a forerunner to an actual Credit Union itself. Local priest Fr. O'Brien was the first to put his hand in his pocket and started with his two shillings and six pence, or half a crown as it was then. Many local people were involved at this early stage and particular note should be given to Michael Kennedy, originally from Templemore, County Tipperary whose Trojan efforts led to him acting as first Honorary Secretary, communicator with authorities and convenor of the many meetings which ensued.

Credit Unions were overseen and established by the Registrar of Friendly Societies and could affiliate to the League of Credit Unions for support. The advice as much as rules were that a group of committed local people get together to form a Study Group as a Working Party to investigate the viability of forming a Credit Union locally to establish interest from local community, savings potential and facilities required. Concurrent with the Dalkey Savings Group many meetings were held in people's private houses, local hotels then like the Coliemore and Shangri La, leading up to Our Lady's Hall being made available to collect savings every Friday evening. As at Friday 14th March 1969 there were already one hundred and ten members with a savings of £750.

The Study Group familiarised itself with the Book of Rules, the Credit Union Act of 1966 and conscientiously garnered advice from Sallynoggin, Bray and Howth Credit Unions on operational matters. Eventually formal application was made to form a Credit Union and on 9th May 1969 official permission was granted by the Registrar, thus requiring a public meeting to be held to elect a Board and Supervisory Committee, this took place in Our Lady's Hall on Monday 16th June 1969.

Mr. James Ivers, who was the Treasurer of the League, who lived locally and became active in Howth Credit Union sponsored (approved) the application. The first registered office of Dalkey Credit Union was at 8, Dalkey Park (being the home of the first Honorary Secretary, Michael Kennedy).

By the end of the year 1969 it is interesting to note the following:

A total of 121 loans were granted.

These amounted to £4,710 in total.

The average loan was for £39.

Loans were approved for: purchase of household goods, medical expenses, holidays, rates, weddings, house repairs, car purchase, motorbike purchase and education.

As this is the 50th anniversary year of Dalkey Credit Union it is proposed to have a series of such articles, a commemorative booklet and celebratory events. If you are not a member, please consider joining. Dalkey Credit Union is now part of Core Credit Union with offices in Shankill, Ballybrack, Sallynoggin, Foxrock, Dún Laoghaire, Carrickbrennan and Dalkey where one can transact business in any one of them.



*Michael Kennedy, one of the Founders of Dalkey Credit Union.
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SERVICES FOR APRIL 2019

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion,
 10.45am Morning Service

From the Rector – Many thanks to all who are preparing for our Summer Fete in May. Any help you can give even if you can't be present on the day would be very gratefully received. Please consider coming to the additional services and the Study Group during Lent and Holy Week. Our faith is for more than Sundays.

Holy Week Cluster Services:

Philip McKinley, Chaplain of DCU, will be the speaker at the first three services. **Monday 15th** at 8pm St Matthias', Ballybrack. **Tuesday 16th** at 8pm, Holy Trinity, Killiney. **Wednesday 17th** at 8pm, Christchurch, Dún Laoghaire. **Maundy Thursday 18th** at 8pm, St Patrick's, Dalkey. **Good Friday 19th** at 12 noon, The Way of the Cross, an interchurch service of meditation and prayer, going from Holy Trinity, Killiney to St Stephen's Killiney also at 8pm, St Paul's, Glenageary
Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service on Killiney Hill at 6.15am. Holy Communion at 8.45am and Parish Communion at 10.45am in Holy Trinity, Killiney [followed by egg hunt and reception]

9th April, Interchurch Service of Wholeness and Healing, 8pm, Holy Trinity Church with the parishioners of St Stephen's and of St Matthias' Ballybrack. — All of us need healing, not just for diseases, but for the hurt or pain each of us have in our lives; bereavement, separation, loneliness, or wrongs done to us or by us. Everyone is very welcome. Please come, even just to pray for others who need it.

Diners Club – The KWDs: Winey Diney's next meal will be held on Thursday 4th April 2019, venue as yet undecided. Please contact Zandra Laing for further details at: zandraiaing@hotmail.com. As always new members will be assured of a warm welcome.

Easter General Vestry meeting will take place on Sunday 7th April following 10.45 Service.

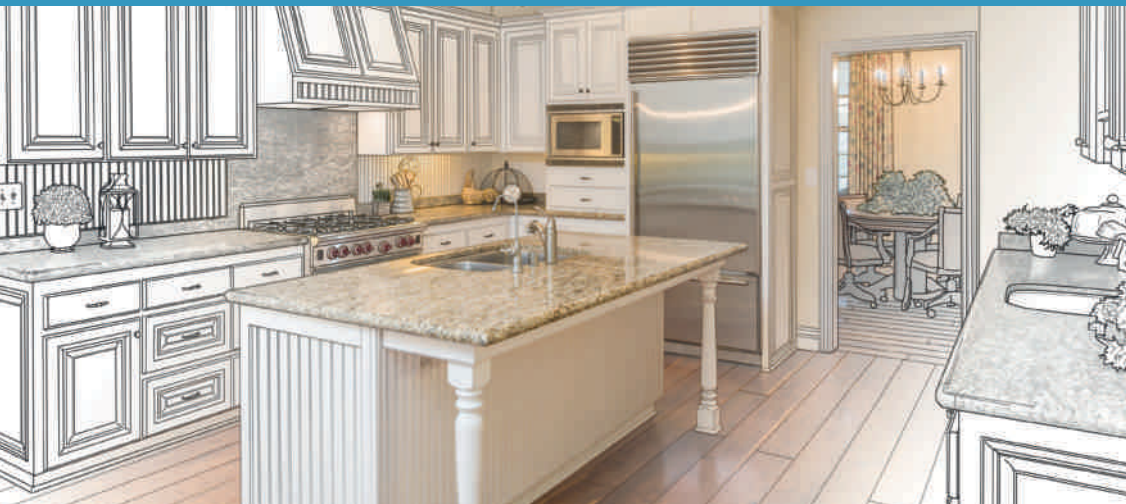
Service and Social: next Service and Social will be on Palm Sunday (14th April) at 3pm in the Carry Centre.

Flower Guild: will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 20th April at 10.00 am. Please bring lots of foliage for your arrangements and for sharing. Flowers will be supplied, but extra blooms are always welcome.

Bible Study and Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 23rd April at 10.30am in the Carry Centre and to continue the study of St John's Gospel. All are welcome. Expressions of interest may be addressed to the Rector.

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society): final meeting will be on Thursday 25th April when we will join together for a meal at a venue and date to be decided. For more information please contact Nigel Teggin or Paul O'Brien.

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Sheep Thrills: had a very successful sale on Saturday 2nd March at the Victoria Tea Rooms, Killiney Hill in aid of the Special Olympics. We were supporting Laura Rumball who was one of the Gymnasts representing Ireland in Abu Dhabi in March. Our mood board helped bring ideas together to produce a magnificent covered knitted chair which drew huge attention at our sale. Watch this space for our next project! Our community group meets every Thursday at 11 am in the Carry Centre, €3 to include fresh coffee and homemade biscuits.

Everyone is welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078.

Ladies Guild: Reflections from Rev'd Canon Ben Neill on a chilly February afternoon warmed our hearts and souls. Ben shared thoughts, ideas and suggestions with understanding and compassion, and left us with a feeling of encouragement and strength. This was a special, helpful and happy time for Ladies Guild.

During the spring the Guild continues to meet on second Tuesday of each month in the Carry Centre at 2.30 pm. Visitors and friends welcome.

Table Tennis: The table tennis club meets every Monday at 8pm in the Carry Centre. If you are interested in trying out table tennis, you would be very welcome. For more information contact Sandra Moore 087 6291568.

Fête – Saturday 18 May 2019 – Arrangements for our Fête are in hand. This is a vital source of income for the Parish. All the usual stalls will be there. The organisers of the stalls will be approaching you for help and assistance. Please support this event in any way you can. Please speak with the Rector, Paul O'Brien, Laura Martin, Clive Christie or Roslyn Christie. Also, if you can donate a prize for the Raffle please contact Helen Irwin.

Changing Attitude Ireland – Recognising that the Church of Ireland is a broad church, Holy Trinity Killiney affirms it is a parish which is inclusive and welcoming of all.



Sheep Thrills, Knitted Chair

❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES – APRIL 2019 ❖

Monday 1st at 7.30pm: Dr. Niall Brady will present his talk '*Castles in Communities, the Ballintober Project*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Sq. South, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

Wednesday 3rd at 8pm: Conor Lucey will speak on '*A New Perspective on James Malton's Picturesque and Descriptive Views of the City of Dublin*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill. All welcome - admission €5.

Thursday 4th at 8pm: Rob Goodbody will recall '*The Ballycorus Lead Mines*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Friday 5th at 8pm: David Beattie will speak on '*The Battle of Jutland*': a failure of British command' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, D. 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Tuesday April 9th at 7pm: a History Ireland Hedge School on '*Censorship in Ireland*' takes place in the National Library of Ireland, 2 Kildare Street, D.2. All welcome - admission free.

At 8pm as part of Bullock 200 there is a panel discussion '*Dublin Bay Biosphere*' in

Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre, Castle Street, Dalkey. All welcome.

At 8 pm Anthony Jordan will speak on '*Maud Gonne's Men*' to the Genealogical Society in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome - contribution €3.

Wednesday 10th at 1pm: Professor Fergus A. D'Arcy will speak on '*A Cultural Revolution: the Last Years of Donnybrook Fair 1855-1868*' to the Ballsbridge, Donnybrook and Sandymount Historical Society in Pembroke Library, Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Admission free - booking via 01-6689575 or email: pembrokelibrary@dublincity.ie.

At 6pm Finnian Ó Cionnaith will speak on '*John Brownrigg's 1799 Map Series of Dublin*' to the Old Dublin Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, D.2. All welcome - admission free.

At 7.45pm Ita Beausang will speak on '*The Rhythmic Journey of Percy French*' to the Knocklyon History Society in the Iona Centre, beside St. Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon, Templeogue, D.16. All welcome - admission charge.

Thursday 11th at 11.30am: James Scannell, Bray Cualann Historical Society, will recall '*Easter 1944 in Bray, Co. Wicklow*' in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray. All welcome - admission free.

At 7.30pm Louis Cullen and Martin MacConiomaire will speak on '*Railway Catering, 1950 - 2017*' to the Irish Railway Record Society in the Society's Hueston Station, Dublin 8, premises. Members and their guests only.

At 8pm Bryce Evans will recall '*The Emergency in Ireland, 1939-45*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All welcome - admission €5.

At 8pm Sylvester Byrne will speak on '*The Irish Retail Meat Trade in the Twentieth Century*' to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome – contribution €3.

Friday 12th at 11.30am: James Scannell, Bray Cualann Historical Society, will recall '*Easter 1919 in Bray*' in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome - admission free.

Tuesday April 16th at 8pm: Myles Reid will speak on '*Cherrywood – Past, Present and Future*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. Pádraig Laffan will give a short talk '*Large Public Gatherings in our Area*'. All welcome – admission €5.

Wednesday April 17th at 8pm: The AGM of the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society takes place in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, and will be followed by a 'Quiz Night.' Members only.

Wednesday April 24th at 6pm: Michael Laffan will speak on '*Voting for Revolution? Dublin Parliamentary elections 1918-23*' to the Old Dublin Society in Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Thursday April 25th at 7.30pm: Andrew Waldron will recall '*The Railways of Bord na Mona Past and Present*' to the Irish Railway Record Society in the Society's Dublin 8 premises - members and their guests only.

At 7.30pm. Dr. Breandán Mac Suibhne will speak on '*Charlie McGuinness of Derry and the Robbery of the Bank in Ardara, County Donegal*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in their Dublin 2 premises. All welcome – admission free.

At 8pm John Fitzgerald will speak on '*Lundy Foot, Dublin Snuff Manufacturer*' to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines, D.6. Admission €3 – Swan Centre Car Park Evening Rate, €3 (Total) from 5pm to Midnight.

Tuesday 30th at 6.30pm: Monthly meeting of the Dalkey Library Local History Group in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. New members welcome.

TOP OF THE ECONOMICAL TOWNSHIPS

At the Wednesday April 9th 1919 meeting of the Dalkey Urban District Council, at which chairman Mr. C. McGowan presided, the report of the Finance Committee was adopted making the urban rate of 5s. in the £ for the coming year, an increase of 1s.1d. on the previous year. The poor rate was increased by 7d. to 4s.3d. It was noted that yet again Dalkey had maintained its place for another year as having the lowest rate increase in the coastal townships.

PUBLICATIONS

‘The Dublin Historical Record - Autumn/Winter 2018’,

Editor Séamus Ó Maitiú, published by the Old Dublin Society.

A very striking watercolour of The Irish Yeast Company in College Green, by Dublin-based Moldovan artist Tofan Gheirghe, is the striking cover image for this issue which contains the following articles - Editor Séamus Ó Maitiú *‘In Around the Town’* discusses a number of items he observed in the city; John Fitzgerald in *‘Lundy Foot & Company, Tobacco & Snuff Manufacturers’* recalls this manufacturing business in Dublin which began in 1758 and lasted until 1886.; *‘The Sinking of the RMS Leinster’* on October 10th 1918, is recalled by James Scannell; in *‘The Richmond War Hospital, 1916-1919: treating Ireland’s forgotten victims of the Great War’* Brendan Kelly recalls the psychiatric treatments provided to soldiers in this 32-bed hospital located in the grounds of the Richmond District Asylum, Dublin; *‘The Career and Life of Erwin Schrödinger, A Scientist who lived in Clontarf’* is covered by Niall McDevitt; Paul Huddie in *‘The Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Families Association and the Separation Women of Dublin in 1914’* looks of the rôle of the Dublin Division of this organisation in providing assistance to dependents of those serving with the British Army in 1914; in *‘The New Ireland Assurance Company - a centenary history 1918 - 2018’*, Paddy Donovan provides a brief history of the company which still is currently operating; Brian McCabe & Dan O’Leary contribute *‘Some Notes on the history of Rathcreedan, Co. Dublin , a townland located north of Rathcoole, Co. Dublin’*; The need of grow food was a feature of the First World War with one of the local initiatives being the use of allotments and one of these *‘A Local War-Time Food Supply Initiative: The Clontarf and Marino Allotments of 1917’* is the focus of this study by Noel Carolan; the city of Dublin has two ceremonial swords: - The Great Dublin Civic Sword and the Lesser Dublin Civil Sword and this latter sword is the focus of *‘The Black Sword of Dublin: a Note’* by City Archivist Mary Clark; Emmet Oliver in *‘The Business of Dublin in the early 20th Century: An Overview of the Retail and Financial Sector’* throws light on the origins and operations of many business names familiar to those who grew in Dublin in more recent years.

Copies of this issue of the Dublin Historical Record are on sale at meeting nights of the Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive; Books Upstairs, 36 College Green, Dublin 2, or via - olddublinsociety@gmail.com.

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UNPRECEDENTED HALF-TERM HAVOC IN DALKEY CAUSES GREAT CONCERN



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Our lovely Heritage Town is known for its safe, friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Many here have worked hard to keep it that way. Sadly, the recent February Half-Term School's holiday has caused great concern following several serious incidents involving large groups of youngsters many appearing to have arrived by DART and looking to cause disruption and worse. These large groups are very intimidating. We cannot accept this vandalism and criminal behaviour.

A group of 50-60 very young juveniles took over the small all-weather MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) pitch at Cuala and set fire to the expensive surface. Repairs will be expensive.

Stones and eggs were used to damage residents' homes and cars in many locations.

A woman leaving Borzsa's had her purse snatched and money stolen.

A man at Dalkey DART Station was attacked and suffered a black eye and broken glasses.

SuperValu was targeted by youngsters stealing and being abusive.

The Gardai were quickly on the scene and arrested a vandal who had done some serious Graffiti damage on private property.

Large amounts of discarded cans, bottles and litter were cleaned up by Dalkey Tidy Towns following these incursions.

The damage to the MUGA has had a serious effect on the children who use the facility. In particular the newly formed *Cuala All Stars* that has been established to give a group of special needs children a sporting option in their lives. For safety reasons they must play only in the MUGA for. Hopefully the surface will be repaired and they can get back to having fun.

There are several security cameras in the area where these incidents occurred – Cuala, DART Station, Castle Street, etc.

DCC has had a meeting with senior Garda management and they are committed to dealing with this serious problem. When reporting an incident call Dun Laoghaire Garda Station at **01 666 5000** and request the Garda's name as this can help in the follow-up investigation.

Unfortunately, there can be serious consequences for youngsters taking part in anti-social behaviour and this can impact on their education, careers and ability to secure visitor visas for the USA, Australia, etc.

Parents, please help where you can by being aware of these large groups of juveniles and their activities.

We ask all to be especially vigilant during the coming School Breaks.



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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
Dalkey Library Local History Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month in Dalkey Library starting at 6-6:30pm. All welcome.

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, Glashule. Email: dldk.u3a@gmail.com Membership for 2019 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

NATURE

NOTES

APRIL 2019

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 2nd April:

“To the Ends of the Earth”

a talk on bird migration by author Anthony McGeehan.
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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<i>What would the Countess Say?</i> By Martina Devlin in HC	Mon 1- Tues 30 Apr
Dalkey Dashers commence training at 7pm at Loreto	Tues 2 Apr
DCC April Monthly Meeting	Wed 3 Apr
DARA Art/Floral/Craft/Garden Exhibition in OLH 10am to 5pm	Mon 8 Apr
Dalkey Rowing Club Open Day at Coliemore Harbour (2-4pm for 14+)	Sat & Sun 13 – 14 Apr
Dalkey Rowing Club Open Day (2-4pm for adults)	Sat 13 Apr
Sonrise Service at The Obelisk, Killiney Hill Easter	Sun 14 Apr
St. Patrick's Dramatic Society presents "Plaza Suite" by Neil Simon	Sun 21 Apr
in The Lexicon Theatre Dun Laoghaire at 8pm	Tues 9 – Sat 13 Apr
Sorting of May Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 25 Apr

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate Classes in Town Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30pm (young) and 7:30pm (adults).

Contact 085 1412828 or email secretary@hombudojokarate.com

Salsa Classes Town Hall Mondays (restart April 1st) at 7.00pm. **Booking and info to:** Laura Shortall 0851098220 Website and Facebook: Infiniti Baila Studios

Meditation Sessions in Heritage Centre on Wednesdays at **7:30pm**. Tel: 492 7136 or email: taracentredublin@gmail.com

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.

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

RTE 1+1 is now available all day (whereas before it started at 7pm). Elsewhere in the satellite world DMAX (which is owned by Discovery, and until recently was only available to Sky subscribers) is to replace the Travel channel. DMAX and DMAX +1 will be available (free) to anyone with a suitable satellite system.

There is still plenty of confusion about EU broadcast licences based in the UK, and Media consultant Simon Kelehan is quoted as saying “this is a great opportunity” for Ireland to establish itself as a licensing hub for broadcasters post-Brexit.

More on this next month !

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