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❖ Summary of Dalkey Community Council (CLG) Public Meeting 2018 ❖

The 14th DCC Public Meeting was held on Monday 13th May in Our Lady's Hall. The Chairman welcomed Supt. Martin Fitzgerald, Minister of State for Higher Education Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD, Local Cllr. Cormac Devlin and Local Council candidates, DCC members and members of the public to the meeting. Susan McDonnell delivered the Chairman's Report and Ed O'Neill gave a summary of the financial position of DCC for 2018. Supt. Fitzgerald gave an overview of the crime trends for the Dalkey area and based on a factual analysis there has been no increase in offences in Dalkey since the closure of the Garda station since 2012. The Gardai have committed to increased visibility in the town and through the co-operation of local politicians, authority, businesses, organisations and the public all can play their part in helping to prevent crime.

The presentation of the remaining reports Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Functions, Tidy Towns, Sports, Newsletter and Planning followed. All the reports are published in the centre of this edition of the Newsletter and also on the DCC website.

Local Councillor Cormac Devlin paid tribute to Patricia Stewart who is not seeking re-election. DCC also thanked her for her assistance to the council over many years during her service as a Local Councillor and wish her the best of luck for the future.

The next DCC Monthly Meeting is Monday 10th June 2019.

❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

Celebrate Bloomsday in Dalkey Castle! Our next literary event will be the annual Bloomsday Festivities, on Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June.

A Joycean Evening (the highly popular stage show) in the Heritage Centre, features a team of actors who will perform fun and enlightening extracts from 'Ulysses', 'Dubliners,' and 'A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man'. The beautiful scene from 'The Dead' set in the house in Ushers Island and the Gresham Hotel, made famous in John Houston's film, is always a particular highlight. The Molly Bloom soliloquy featuring Sharon Nealon finishes the evening on a high note. Intermingled throughout the performances, Baritone Simon Morgan and Soprano Donna Malone will be accompanied by Josh Johnston in songs that James Joyce sang or which feature in his work. Gather a few friends and come along and join us. Refreshments will be served. Admission €17.50



On Saturday June 15th, the Dalkey Schoolroom Scene from 'Ulysses' will be re-created at 15.30. It features Mr Deasy, Headmaster, and Stephen Dedalus (James Joyce). ".... well-off people, proud that their eldest son was in the Navy. Vico Road, Dalkey." There are surprising Dalkey connections with James Joyce which will be uncovered in the guided **Joycean Walk**, led by an expert Joycean Guide immediately afterwards. The Guide and walkers are very appreciative to Barry and Caroline for allowing them all into the front garden to see where 'through the checkerwork of leaves the sun flung spangles, dancing coins'.

Must be pre-booked. Admission €15.00. Bloomsday Festival is supported by DLR Festivals & Events. **Booking:** www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets.

Dalkey Book Festival is now in its 10th year! We are looking forward to hosting many of the events in the Heritage Centre and the Town Hall.

The Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers Walk will begin again on Fridays on 7th June at 13.15. There will be a DLR sponsored free walk every Thursday evening at 6.15 as part of the Summer of Heritage in July and August. Book early to avoid disappointment.

The performance of Martina Devlin's play 'What Would the Countess Say?' received a rapturous reception in the Mansion House on May 12th with the Lord Mayor Cllr Nial Ring

and many of the 1916 Commemoration Committee in attendance. There was great significance to staging the play in such a historic venue. The first Dáil had met in the Mansion House 1919 and in the same year Countess Markievicz was appointed Minister for Labour on April 2nd there.



Sharon Nealon playing Molly Bloom in the Joycean Evening Image: John Fahy

There are a number of classes in the evenings open to all:
Salsa Classes in the Town Hall on Mondays are going to continue throughout the summer. Laura is starting a second class: complete Beginners and Improvers.
Karate in Town Hall on Wednesdays at 6.30pm for young people and at 7.30pm for adults.
Meditation Sessions in the Heritage Centre on Wednesdays at 7.30.
Check ‘forthcoming events’ on the back page for contact details of classes.

DARA NEWS

THE ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT OF THE DALKEY
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will take place in
Loreto Abbey Concert Hall at 8pm on Saturday June 29th 2018
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CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN OPERATION



Michael Kennedy and Grace Loughran

This is the 50th Anniversary date of the official establishment of Dalkey Credit Union - the 9th of May 1969.

The event was celebrated in the Boardroom of Dalkey Credit Union (which is one of the Founder Members of the very successful Core Credit Union in the Borough of Dun Laoghaire).

The 50th Birthday was celebrated with some members of the original Board - Grace Loughran, Noreen O'Brien and Michael Kennedy.

Great reminiscences and stories were exchanged with a wonderful celebratory atmosphere which was created by Amanda Keegan and Esme Sheridan with incredible catering provided by the renowned Dalkey Country Bake including a magnificent Birthday Cake to mark the special occasion.

The Chair of Core Credit Union, - Elizabeth Harpur, welcomed everyone, followed by a special few words from Michael Kennedy who was the original driving force and Founder of Dalkey Credit Union (Michael was also instrumental as the founder of DUBCO Credit Union).

As memorable conversations continued, the special Anniversary event was also attended by Pat Faye, a former staff member of The Irish League of Credit Unions and a great supporter of Dalkey Credit Union in the early days of its establishment and subsequently. The occasion was particularly marked by remembering those who were instrumental in the formation of Dalkey Credit Union fifty years ago. Those present respectfully mentioned the names of those who have passed on and were so involved and committed to the origins of the organisation.

The future of the Credit Union continues to be essential to thousands of members and will continue to prosper with everyone's support.

John T. Murphy



*Left:
Richard
McCann,
Michael
Kennedy
and
Maura
Kennedy*



*Noreen O'Brien, Pat Faye, Anne
Kennedy, Michael Kennedy and
Grace Loughran*



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Dalkey Women Take on 'The Celtic Challenge'



Celtic Challenge Rowers

Photo: J. Fahy

On May 5th, 5 members of Dalkey Rowing Club set off to complete the challenge of rowing across the Irish Sea. The 12 members of this all female crew set off at midday from Arklow to row all the way to Aberystwyth. And the gruelling 150km race only took them just over 19 hours. Despite some high winds and strong tides at the start, the weather settled down and so did the rowers. They got into their stride and rowed with power and style, even at the end. They started at midday but due to the length of the race, a portion of the race was completed in darkness, which is full of challenges, including the risk of rowing the wrong way. But the



Vartry Celtic Challenge Team

women kept their spirits high and welcomed the experience of the different conditions. They were narrowly pipped into 2nd place by the, also local, St. Michael's crew in Dún Laoghaire. Both teams were extremely impressive doing it in really good times. They were rewarded with a lovely warm welcome from their fantastic Welsh hosts who gave them a well-deserved celebration party. Tired but buoyed, the rowers returned back to Ireland via a less challenging method - the ferry!

Meanwhile back in Ireland ...

Five of our rowers competed in The Boyne River Race. A 14km race both along the Boyne River and out into the Irish Sea. The race took off from Clogherhead and finished at the Millennium Bridge, Drogheda. They were delighted with their time - expecting it to take them over two hours - but actually doing it in one hour and 51 minutes! It was a cold day with a bit of a wind but they were given a hot meal and a medal at the end of their achievement.

June is when the East Coast Championship kicks off.



Sue, Tara, Emma and Aoibhinn rowing in the Boyne River Race

Image: David, Dalkey Rowing Club

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Attached is a list of regatta dates. As you can see Dalkey is hosting on 22nd and 23rd June in Scotsman's Bay. We welcome you all to come along and enjoy the spectacle and hopefully witness a few medals being won!

Sunday 2nd June - St. Michaels, Dún Laoghaire

Sunday 9th June - Stella Maris, Ringsend

Saturday 15th June – Skerries

Sat/sun 22 and 23rd June -

DALKEY, Scotsman's Bay

Sunday 7th July - St. Patricks, Ringsend

Sunday 21st July - Bray

Saturday 3rd August –

Greystones

Bank Holiday Monday 5th

August - Wicklow.



Kerrylee and Marie ready to face the Irish Sea

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Jenny Dilley – Dalkey Rowing Club



**Dalkey Lady Roisín Callaghan
met with Senator Nancy Pelosi
on a recent visit to
Dublin Castle.**

**Roisín has business interests
in California which is where
Nancy Pelosi is based.**



HERVE'S CHARITY MATCH



On Saturday 8th June at 3pm, Hyde Road a charity match will take place with two teams made up of players from years gone by who played for Dalkey United and St. Josephs Glashule. The match will be played to raise vital funds to help out with travel and the everyday care of Herve Rolland. Thanks to Chris Hanney we will have the champion's league trophy, Celtics European cup trophy from 1967 and also the FA cup there on the day. If anyone who would like to donate a spot prize for our raffle in the [Eagle House](#) on the night of the draw, it would be greatly appreciated. Karl McKenna will be belting out the tunes later that evening in the Eagle House.

A Community pulling together for a great cause!!

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A cuckoo calling on Dalkey Hill in May was heard by a number of people. There might have been more than one cuckoo passing through as a few weeks earlier someone else had heard one calling from the small eucalyptus wood. That's just up the road from us, well within hearing range, and I missed hearing that one as well but nice to know there was at least one around.

But we did hear another very welcome summer visitor when, below the Vico Road, a little burst of song drew attention to a pale bird perched on an elder bush beside the path down to the beach. As we wandered down the path it flew over us onto a patch of bramble singing as it flew and yes, as suspected and hoped, it was a Whitethroat. It's been a traditional breeding area for whitethroats there going back decades but they'd been absent in recent years. The whitethroat singing is the male, he'll arrive at the territory before the female and he will start to build a number of potential nests before the female chooses one.

We eventually got to see the theatrical production of War Horse, the very moving story set against the horrors of the First World War with a horse, Joey, as the central character. The production has become deservedly famous for the animation of the horses onstage by puppeteers, openly visibly holding and manipulating the perfectly rendered life size puppets of the horses so brilliantly that after a while you have to suspend belief that the horses aren't actually real.

The opening scene is set on a summer day on a farm in Devon, a rural idyll that will later contrast with the horrors of the trenches to come. Horses aren't the only animals on stage, there's a very amusing goose on the farm and sinister crows on the battlefield but the first animated creatures the audiences sees being manipulated onstage are a pair of swifts on top of poles, screeching as they wheel through the air over the farm. The bird's wing movement is accurately rendered and the actual calls we hear are real swift calls.

You might have thought swallows would be a more apt bird to be depicted flying over a farm as we tend to associate swifts with cities, screeching above the streets and nesting in old buildings but in fact a lot of swift's feeding time is spent hawking insects from over farmland, woods, fields and water and they're known to travel hundreds of miles in a day to feed. British breeding swifts were found hunting flies over Germany. Back in the nest their young will cope with intermittent feeding by settling into a low metabolism torpor until the parents return with their crop full of insects. Swifts, the fastest birds flying in level flight (peregrines reach higher speeds when diving), are well adapted to long flights with one recorded covering more than 3,100 miles in just five days during its migration from Africa back to the UK.

Sadly swifts have suffered a catastrophic decline in populations over recent years. Dick Coombes of Birdwatch Ireland told me that between 1998 and 2016 Ireland's swifts declined by 58% though he clarifies that by stating 'it should be noted that Swift, like many



Whitethroat, singing below the Vico Road. Image: M. Ryan

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other migrant species that winter in sub-Saharan Africa, is prone to fluctuations, from year to year, so the actual decline may be a bit less. Still alarming.'

Similarly in the UK they suffered a population drop of 51% between 1995 and 2005 and the same

situation is occurring across a lot of Europe. One reason is undoubtedly food loss due to the decline in flying

insects but another reason is loss of nesting habitats since traditional sites under roof eaves are often filled in to make houses more secure. Artificial nest boxes have proved very successful for swifts when positioned in the correct place accompanied by tapes playing swift calls. Lynda Huxley from Swift Conservation Ireland is coming to Dalkey to see how we can help our local swifts and will be giving a talk and slide show at 7.30 pm at the Heritage Centre on Tuesday 11th June. The talk is followed by a Q&A Session. Hopefully (weather permitting) this will be followed by a walk locally to spot swifts.

The last time I'd visited Emo Court in County Laois was over 20 years ago and the then owner would sit in his car to sell tickets in the car park and later give guided walks around the spectacular house, designed by James Gandon the architect of the Custom House. That owner subsequently gave the house and grounds to the state and lived out his days in an apartment in the great house. The house is still being restored by the Office of Public Works while the expansive grounds have been returned to a more orderly condition with paths winding around a lake and through woodland. Perhaps the most impressive feature is a long avenue lined by *Wellingtonia* or Giant Redwoods trees through which the house is framed



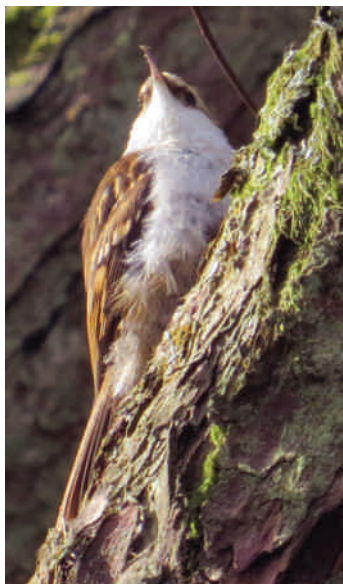
Redwood Avenue at Emo Court House in Laois Image: M. Ryan

in the distance.

Redwoods have a dense spongy bark, an adaptation to protect them from fire. When forest fires rage through their native habitat in California the heat causes the cones to drop and open and the seeds can then germinate in ground burnt clear of undergrowth and nitrogen enriched by the fire, all the while the towering parent trees will receive a scorching but no fatal burning.

I'd heard many times the soft bark is often used by treecreepers to roost or nest in but I never actually knew anybody who'd witnessed that so it was a great privilege to actually see in one of the Emo redwoods a treecreeper taking food into a deep indentation in the bark, a action it would often repeat while we were observing, suggesting there were hungry chicks inside.

Ivy had been cut away from some of the redwood trunks, the chainsaw cuts visible on the bark, but it was on one of the redwoods that still had ivy growing up it that Lucy spotted something interesting. At the base of the trunk were clustered grey pellets, comprised of fur and tiny bones, this was indigestible material that had been spat out by a long eared owl which almost certainly being roosting in the tree during the daylight concealing itself



Treecreeper with Tiny scrap of food for her young in Killiney Wood Image: M. Ryan



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in the ivy during the daytime. Ivy is one of the best plants for wildlife for many reasons and minutes later we saw another example of its worth.

As we'd walked down the avenue a croaking raven had flown out, soared around then set to chasing away a buzzard. From behind it came the sound of juvenile ravens calling from the dense woodland it had flown from and it seemed likely the birds had nested in one of the tall conifers. On the way back up the avenue we followed a adult raven into the edge of the woods and saw it fly to a nearby tree. A big ivy winding around the tree still had a good crop of little round black berries and I was fascinated to see the raven



Raven eating ivy berries at Emo Court

Image: M. Ryan

proceed to feed on them, its huge bill delicately picking out individual berries. All the time a juvenile raven was calling very persistently from a tree and then the adult flew to it and disgorged the berries to the juvenile, a fascinating sight to witness. Apparently there's more calories in the flesh of a ivy berry than in a Mars bar so it's a very nutritious food source. Back home in Dalkey and Killiney the local ravens have bred again and we saw treecreepers using two nest sites and subsequently feeding young.

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WHAT'S ON IN DALKEY LIBRARY



The most important news of all from Dalkey Library is that the *Summer Stars Reading Programme* for junior library members is returning again this June!

There is a fantastic array of

new titles on the way in time for the holidays so whether your child is an avid reader or needs a bit of encouragement, signing up for Summer Stars will help them get started (with some great rewards along the way and prizes to be won too!).

Our brand new gardening club, the *Library Sprouts*, will be bursting onto the scene next month so if your child has green fingers, please encourage them register their interest. The club will meet once a week throughout July and August to help care for the library vegetables, take part in our sunflower competition and try some outdoorsy crafts. The “*Early Years*” programme (Friday mornings at 10.15am) will be taking a break in July and August so if you would like to join us for “*Baby Book Club*”, “*Let’s Make Music*”, or free play sessions, come along this month and help your little one make some new friends in the library before the holidays begin.

The adult library will be busy also as, starting on June 6th until June 20th, we will be hosting local artist Bobby Fitzgerald’s otherworldly exhibition entitled “*A Vantage Point*”.

In other news, the library is now opening at 9.30am on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings as well as through lunchtime on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information on any of the above, 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



*Library Scarecrow
Image: Dalkey Library*

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June

In honour of the Goddess Juno, patroness of women, marriage and the home.

A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.

A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon.

A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly.

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June, many say, is the loveliest month of the year, and our longest day of the year falls on 21st June. Our extra light and warmth encourages our gardens to put on an exuberant burst of growth. It's hard to beat that feeling of abundance and the whispered promise of golden summer days to come. Fresh foliage and brightly coloured flowers, tall spires, slender foxgloves, plump baubles of purple and white *Alliums* that almost seem to float above our ground, lacy *Astrantias*, frothy *Lady's Mantle* and breathtaking *Roses* are some of our brightest stars.

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Dr. Steve Head, Wildlife Gardening

We are now being encouraged to move away from traditional labels. Flora media are providing degradable and recycled options. To help the war on plastic, LIDL will be selling their bedding plants in trays made of recycled plastic. This should save 35 tons of plastic waste. Another major consideration is the use of compost bags. We can help by trying to get as much use as possible before we bin them i.e. use them to store homemade compost or to line raised beds or hanging baskets, (for latter, pierce some holes).

Were your flowering pots disappointing last Summer? Maybe it could have been the compost? By 2020 all composts should be peat-free. Maybe major on reliability, massive performers and colour with our seasonal annuals. My number one would be some *White Cosmos* varieties, 'Purity', being one of my favourites. It has delicate highly cut feathery leaves in the brightest green. Oh, by the way, there is a brand new species of *Busy Lizzie* that is resistant to downy mildew: it is called *Impatiens, Beacon*. Remember too, to keep your eyes peeled for a host of new plants revealed at the Chelsea Flower Show. There will be some new *Foxgloves*, a new *Buddleia*, (*Butterfly Towers*, only one metre wide, and one metre tall); a new *David Austin and Harkness Roses* and *Thorncroft New Clematis*.



Busy Lizzie Impatiens Beacon

Image: P. Thomas

What about placing your vases of fading blooms back outside in the garden for pollinators to make the most of pollen and any traces of nectar? Insects are pollinators of about 80% of all plant species in Europe, including most fruit, many vegetables and some bio-fuel crops. Imagine our diet without pollinators. Prices are now considerably affordable; however, for

LOOK WHO JUST MOVED INTO DALKEY



Robyn Espey



Colm Quaid



Rory Kirwan (Branch Manager)



Caroline Kevany



Claire Meade

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example, a punnet of strawberries, a pot of plum jam - will rocket. Take Bumblebees alone and look at what they pollinate: Sunflowers, runner beans, raspberries, strawberries, apples, currants, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, blueberries, melons, squash etc. - So, let's get going and grow pollinator friendly plants in our gardens. *Cotoneaster, Hebe, Lavenders, Berberis, Mahonias, Buddleias (Butterfly Bush), Verbena, Foxgloves, Pyracantha, Nepeta, Rosemary, Thyme, Poppies, Kniphofia (Red Hot Pokers)* are some of the best plants for pollinators.

New News!

A colony of Webspinners thought to be the first established in the U.K. has been found in a glasshouse at R.H.S. Wisley Garden. These tropical silk-spinning insects are thought to have hitched a ride on imported orchids. They are unlikely to survive outdoors so are little threat to native species.

Two new pests have recently made their way to the U.K. In this 2019, they are affecting *Magnolia, Mulberry, Dogwood* and a few other species. It wraps its eggs around branches creating unsightly strings but isn't thought to do any damage to the host plant: It is called *Cotton Stringy Scale*.

Meanwhile, the larger eight-toothed *European Spruce Bark Beetle* had been found in Kent and East Sussex.

Finally, A Thought For Hydrangeas

Hydrangeas are a garden classic that offer so many options from ground cover to spectacular trees. There is a beautiful type to suit every situation and success is virtually guaranteed. There are simply endless varieties. Most varieties originate from Asia but are completely at home here. My absolute favourites are; *Limelight, Annabelle, The Oakleaf Tree, Hydrangea* and '*Hydrangea Paniculata Wim's Red*' – its lacy flowers change colour from white in Spring through pink in Summer before maturing to a wine red in Autumn.



Hydrangea Wim's Red

Image: P. Thomas

MIGHT DO, MAYBE JUNE JOBS

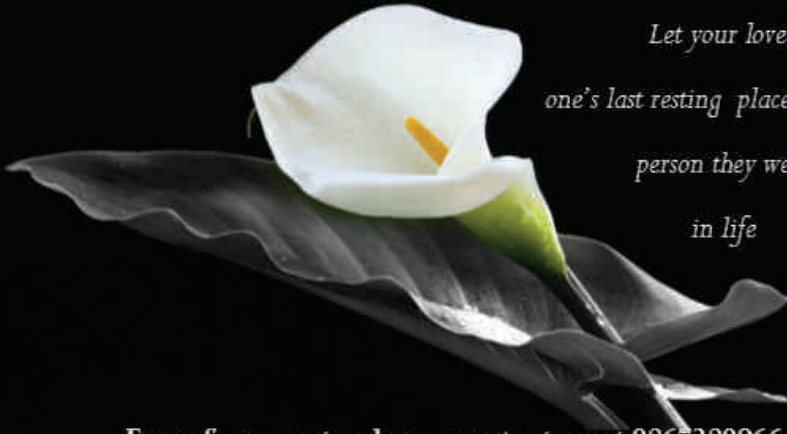
Try to water in the mornings so the foliage has all day to dry out before the cooler evenings, reducing the risk of fungal rot. Water especially, anything newly planted as they are still growing roots into the soil. ...Fungal diseases thrive in cool conditions, so help the air circulate in your greenhouse by opening door and windows.

Possibly, the easiest way to feed pots is to add a Best Buy Controlled-Release Fertiliser at planting time and top up with a liquid feed towards late Summer. As far as our plants are concerned, it's irrelevant where the nutrients are coming from. A good balance of nitrogen, potassium, phosphorous and other trace elements are what matters. Vegan gardeners can now choose vegan friendly soil conditioners rather than those that contain animal remains or manures.

Cut lawn and re-seed the bare patches. Do you know that there is a new lawn seed (*Fast*

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Start). The seeds are coated with aqua gel designed to aid germination. Inspect Lilies for the Scarlet Lily Beetle, whose larvae can strip plants in days. Aphids multiply rapidly in Summer. Remove early infestations by hand to prevent the problem getting out of control. Aphids can transmit viruses, as can other sap-sucking insects. Oyster shell grit is great, they say, for keeping garden pests away. It also provides calcium for our birds (it is generally sold for poultry). Maybe cut back sedum stems by half (*The Chelsea Chop*) in early June, in order to produce bushier plants.

Some Gardeners' Thoughts

"Minds are like flowers. They open only when the time is right." – Stephen Coupe
"Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul." – RTÉ 1
"As I leave the garden, I take with me a renewed view, and a quiet soul." – Jessica Coupe



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Dalkey Community Council CLG 39th Annual Garden Competition

This competition is open to all amateur gardeners resident in the Community Council area. There are several prizes including four Perpetual Cups. In addition to nomination for the "Surprise" Garden section there are the following categories:

- > **Best Overall Garden**

> **Best Display** - window boxes, hanging baskets, flower troughs and pots


> **Best Communal** - Garden/Open Space

> **Best Front Garden**

> **Environmental Award** (*Presented by Dalkey Tidy Towns*)

Entries to be submitted not later than Wednesday, 3rd July, 2019. Judging will take place on Wednesday 10th July. Presentation of the prizes will take place in the Autumn. If first place was achieved in any category in 2018, entry will not be eligible in that category in this year's competition.

Members of DCC and anyone professionally involved in gardening are not permitted to enter this competition.

 **DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLG GARDEN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

I / we wish to enter for (please tick ✓)

☐ Overall Garden

☐ Display - window boxes, hanging baskets etc.

☐ Front Garden

☐ Communal Garden / Open Space

Name(s):

Address:

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Signature:Date:

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HAROLD BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL UPDATE



Harold Boys, Green Schools Committee

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Plastic Free Lunch at Harold Boys' N.S.

Our Green Schools' Committee organised a Plastic Free Lunch Day for students and staff on the 9th April. The idea behind this was to raise awareness about how much single use plastics are in our lunchboxes. This is so important, as there is so much single use plastic on many of our groceries, e.g. plastic bags for fruit and vegetables.

We surveyed students to see how many lunches contained plastic packaging on a normal school day. Over 60% of our students and staff had plastic packaging on items for their lunch. Yoghurt cartons and cling-film were some of the most common plastic items. Our Plastic Free Day saw the use of plastic packaging fall to less than 15% of students and staff in the school.

The idea was a great success and helped us to see the range of alternatives to plastic we can use for our lunches. For example, we can use a lunch box or bag, paper sandwich bags or compostable kitchen paper. Our Green Schools' Committee will continue to encourage our students and staff to avoid single use plastics in future.

Green Committee – Harold Boys



DALKEY SCHOOL PROJECT N.S.



Cancer Dancers Image: DSPNS

Dare to Care

AT 11:45 on April 30th, all classes in the school joined the Today FM '**Dancer for Cancer**' in order to raise funds for the Irish Cancer Society. Like so many others, our community has been impacted by cancer and we wanted to show how much we care. The pupils danced to the chosen song '*Shut Up and Dance with Me*' in the classrooms with their classmates.

Later that week the classes showed care for the safety of all pupils by monitoring adherence to the Safe Traffic Code by drivers outside of the school gates.

Debbie O'Flaherty – DSPNS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 15-19 8/4/2019 to 10/5/2019

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 Dún 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/0244

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Apr-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Timo Barry, Site of 0.464 hectares, Richmond, 39 Castle Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: A. 10 no. houses (1 no. four-bedroom semi-detached, three storey over basement dwelling [House No. 1], 1 no. four-bedroom semi-detached, three storey over basement dwelling with associated balcony [24.6 sqm] to the rear [House no. 2], 3 no. three-bedroom, semi-detached, three-storey dwellings with balconies [between 10.9 sqm - 26.4 sqm] to the rear and roof lights [House no. 3, 4 & 5], 3 no. four-bedroom, semi-detached, three storey dwellings with balconies [between 12 sqm - 24.5 sqm] [House no. 6, 7 & 8], 2 no. three-bedroom, semi-detached, two-storey dwellings [House no. 9 & 10]), each with private amenity space and 2 no. car parking spaces. B. 1 no. four storey apartment building with setback third floor level and green roof, consisting of 14 no. apartments (1 no. one-bedroom apartment, 11 no. two-bedroom and 2 no. three-bedroom penthouse apartments) with associated private amenity space and balconies, including 14 no. car parking spaces, 20 no. bicycle parking spaces, 4 no. motor cycle parking spaces, refuse storage and communal open space areas. The development also includes: C. Upgrade and widening of existing vehicular entrance on Castle Park Road, provision of internal roads, footpaths, shared surfaces within the proposed development and street lighting. D. Provision of communal open space with hard/soft landscaping, play area, kickabout space and landscaping works to include tree planting and provision of low formal hedging and boundary treatments. E. SuDS surface water drainage, foul drainage, green roof and water connections. F. Demolition of existing two-storey dwelling, no. 39 Castle Park Road, entrance gates, piers, splay walls and all ancillary outbuildings on site. G. All other site works necessary to facilitate the development.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0188

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Apr-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Mike Clarke, 7 Wolverton Glen, Castle Park Road, Dalkey.

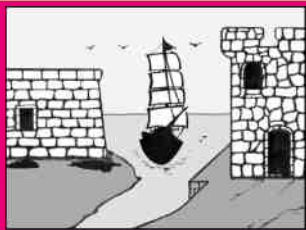
Proposal: Permission for the construction of a single storey rear extension conservatory and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0258

Application Rec'd Date: 15-Apr-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Emma McDonnell & Aidan Byrne, Laragh Mews, Ullardmore, off Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, A96 Y327

Proposal: Permission for demolition of single storey conservatory. New flat roofed eaves dormer window to existing pitched roof at front. New roof light in existing pitched roof at rear. New 1.8m high vehicular entrance gate to existing vehicular entrance. New vehicular entrance with gates at the upper level. New external stairs in existing ground floor courtyard accessing upper first floor garden level. Reduction of ground level for level access upper level car parking space. Single storey extension at the upper level with spilt level flat roofs behind parapet complete with capped chimney stack. Single storey 2.6 sqm ground floor extension. Replacement of existing windows and doors together with associated site works.



DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORTS

from the

PUBLIC MEETING

held in

OUR LADY'S HALL, DALKEY

on

Monday 13th May, 2019 at 7.30pm

Special Supplement

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BACKGROUND

Dalkey Community was born out of a tragedy when the entire Howard family was lost in a house fire in 1974. With such an amount of community and, indeed, national grief, it was felt that an active community-based organisation was necessary to assist and support the growing community of Dalkey at that time. The Community Council was formed on the back of the success of the Ladies Club and a formal inauguration was held in Hyde Road presided over by the then President, Erskine Childers.

Ever since, the Community Council has striven to build on the initial goals through its Memorandum of Association, having being incorporated in recent years.

This has been done through the following goals as listed in the Memorandum:

1. To represent the residents, businesses, clubs and organisations in Dalkey.
 - (a) To increase community harmony and fellowship.
 - (b) To foster the well-being of all the inhabitants of Dalkey without any distinction of any nature whatsoever.
 - (c) To foster facilities in the interest of social well-being, health, recreation and leisure.

The overall improvement in the general well-being of people in Dalkey during this time is marked. One of the methods used successfully has been the regular publication of a Newsletter, which is believed to be the longest running free community-based newsletter run entirely on a voluntary basis. Indeed, the entire Community Council is run by residents who are volunteers in their community and new members are always most welcome.

This Supplement represents the Reports from the various parts of the Community Council at the recent Annual Public Meeting held in Dalkey. We would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed Reports to the Meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR MAY 2019 PUBLIC MEETING

As can be seen from the various reports, the Community Council is involved in many areas and continues to liaise with the County Council, An Garda Síochána and other organisations etc.

We work very closely with Dalkey Tidy Towns, many of our members being involved in both organisations. The result of this community involvement is very visible around us as Dalkey continues to improve its score in the national Tidy Towns competition, winning Gold for the third year running. Several of our members volunteered with Tidy Towns to unearth and renovate the Eire sign which has been revealed to the nation on RTE recently after 6 months of backbreaking work. This has been a great community effort.

Our Newsletter is going from strength to strength with Road Representatives delivering it to every house in Dalkey. Our circulation is increasing as more homes are built in our area and now our circulation is at 3,500 each month. We are aware of the increase in larger planning applications for Dalkey which we monitor every month and publish the monthly Dalkey list in the Newsletter. We have concerns about the traffic implications for Dalkey after the grant of permission for several large-scale developments during the last year. We hope that these developments can be absorbed into the community without losing the special character of Dalkey. We send our observations about many of these planning applications to the planning department of DLRCC if we believe that the community or public realm may be affected.

We also work with the Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre; a representative from the Community Council sits on its Board and reports back to our monthly meeting.

Our Community Garda, Ailbhe Boyce joins us at our monthly meetings and updates us of any issues which we should be aware of and answers any queries that our members might have.

The Community Games was initiated in Dalkey by the Community Council many years ago and we continue to give them financial support. It is a great opportunity for children to take part in; “Dalkey Dashers” meet every Wednesday during the summer to train for the annual Community Games competition in Santry. More details of their activities can be seen in their report. We also have an excellent swimming team that has done Dalkey proud, bringing home several gold medals this year. This year we entered a rugby team for the first time-more of this in the Community Games report.

Our Functions team continue to organise events for both the public and our members, including the Annual Garden Competition, the Garden Outing and the Art Exhibition. We continue to organise the Annual Christmas Event when Santa visits Dalkey and meets hundreds of our children!

All these activities require funding and I should like to thank all of you who donated to our Annual Collection; without your support we could not continue our work for the community.

We are always looking for new members and would welcome anyone who would like to become involved with us; it is a great way to make new friends and become part of an active community organisation that benefits us all.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their work throughout the year.

DR. SUSAN McDONNELL

(Chairman, Dalkey Community Council)

DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2018

This was Dalkey Castle's 20th year of existence, having opened in June 1998.

In that time, numbers have grown year on year to almost 34,000 last year.

Contracts: Various contracts have been secured with Tour Operators and Coach Touring companies. Large numbers of English Language Schools avail of the tours all year round which are very visual and not wholly dependent on English language skills.

Schools: All our local national schools visit from January to Easter. Dún Laoghaire CoCo sponsor all the DEIS schools. (these are schools from areas of disadvantage, of which there are plenty.)

DLR Spring into Heritage and Summer of Heritage programmes, also sponsored by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo give people an opportunity to enjoy a fully sponsored free tour. The Summer series will be coming up in July and August.

James Joyce and Dalkey: We continue to celebrate Bloomsday with a Joycean Evening on Sat June 15th with music and song with Simon Morgan the baritone. The Dalkey Schoolroom Scene from Ulysses + Guided Joycean Walk will be held on Sunday June 16th.

Dalkey Book Festival now in its highly successful 10th year, we host many of their events in the Town Hall and the Heritage Centre.

Centenaries: We made a literary contribution to the decade of Commemorations by adapting and staging local writer, Martina Devlin's short story on Countess Markievicz 'What Would the Countess Say?' into a short play. This was a sell-out success and we were invited to stage it in the Mansion House in May for the Lord Mayor and 100 of his guests. It was particularly significant (and historic) to stage it in the Mansion House, the location of the first Dáil. Countess Markievicz was the first female elected to the House of Commons (she didn't take her seat) and later to Dáil Éireann as Minister for Labour. We will stage the play again in early October back in Dalkey.

The Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers Walks will begin again once a week in summer. We partner with Dalkey Library to finish the Walk in the Maeve Binchy Memorial garden and we are very grateful to Ciara O'Brien and the staff in the Library for facilitating this. We also bring our CIE groups to visit the Garden as many of them are huge Maeve Binchy fans.

The ECHOES Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers Festival 4th -6th October will celebrate its third year this autumn and we have an exciting programme lined up. The theme is all about community in contemporary writing in Ireland. Olivia O'Leary will give the keynote address: At Home in the World with Maeve Binchy- A personal reflection on Maeve's life and times, her journalism and fiction.

Tickets: The programme will have half-day and full day tickets again this year, as splitting the day into two halves was very successful last year.

We already have people planning to attend from the US.

Awards: There were several awards won during the year Among them the **CIE Award of Excellence** and **TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence** Awards in particular.

Community Events: We hosted the Bulloch 200 series of talks in the Town Hall in partnership with the Bulloch Harbour Preservation Society which had capacity audiences.

Shop Locally: We have done a complete re-vamp of our small shop with the aid of a visual merchandiser, so do come in have a browse around and let us know what you think. A special display of locally made jewellery is proving very a popular alongside our range of knitwear.

Thanks to the Chairman of Dalkey Irish Heritage Town Company, Martin Allidine and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo for continuing support of the Heritage Centre.

Local Dalkey People: We would especially like to thank the locals for all their support in sending people to our tours and attending our literary events.

Go mbeirimid beo ag an t-am seo arís!

MARGARET DUNNE

Manager., Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2018

ANNUAL DINNER: The Annual Dinner this year was again held in Killiney Golf Club on Saturday, May 12th. Our numbers were quite low again this year but, as always, the food and ambiance were excellent. For our entertainment we had the DARA Choir. They sang a really varied and mixture of songs including ones where we were encouraged to join them.

GARDEN COMPETITION: There were a similar number of participants as last year. We had two wonderful judges, pleasant, interesting and amenable. Again, it was held in July which seemed to suit most of the participants and it was, a lovely day. We had a number of gardens that had not been entered before. We also had an entry of an unattractive wall at the end of a cul-de-sac which had been transformed by a teenager with the aid of her mother. The judges were meticulous in their study of all the gardens and were very concerned about the feelings of the owners of the gardens. I don't know how they made a choice and, added to which, most of the gardens were so lovely that I don't know how they managed to decide on the winners. The judges went home to discuss their thoughts and in due time sent us the results.

GARDEN OUTING: We headed down to Wicklow after several years of going to the Boyne Valley. Our first stop was at a beautiful garden in Kilmartin (which isn't easy to find) called Clongallow Garden. It had a stream running through it that widened into a pond/mini lake but, due to the hot summer, the water level was going down and down. The daughter of the house ran a catering business and we benefited as we had the most wonderful scones and homemade jam plus coffee and tea. We could have had homemade elderflower cordial. We could also buy the home made produce plus flowers and plants. They had polytunnels and lots of vegetables.

We went from there to Ashford and had lunch before heading to Shekina Sculpture Garden in Glenmalur. This was a wonderful garden and despite the hot weather the grass and bushes looked very healthy. It was run by a lady on her own and as she was getting older she had handed it over to the State the previous year. Afterwards we went to the Glenmalur Lodge for afternoon tea. It is worth a visit for all the memorabilia around this ancient old inn.

GARDEN RECEPTION AND COMMUNITY AWARDS: Once more, the Garden Reception proved to be a most popular event. The judges talked us through the gardens they had looked at before giving the prizes. The first three winners in each category were given vouchers for a local garden centre, with each overall winner receiving a cup.

This year the community cups were awarded to:

Community Cup — Yvonne Fogarty for services to Dalkey and the community

McCabe Sports Cup — Anna Brady for her work over the years with the Dalkey Dashers.

Comerford Cup for Achievement — The organisers of NOSUP Town (No Single Use Plastic)

Outstanding Member Award — This award was given to Lena Feely for her dedication to the Newsletter advertising

ART EXHIBITION: Dr Patricia McCarthy, architectural historian and Dalkey Resident, opened the Exhibition, spoke about her entry into her particular sphere of the art world and admired many of the pictures in the exhibition. She offered great encouragement to the artists and was very impressed with the standard of the exhibition.

CHRISTMAS MEETING: This is a quiet event and is for members of the Community Council only. After our monthly meeting we enjoy mince pies and Stollen as we socialise and look forward to the festive season.

I would like to thank the other Function Committee members who are wonderful support and encouragement.

ROSALEEN CALLAGHAN

Functions Manager, Dalkey Community Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT 2018

Neighbourhood Watch is a crime prevention and community safety programme for urban areas. It operates as a partnership between An Garda Síochána and the public. It works on the basis that every member of a community can help to improve the quality of life in the area by keeping a look out for neighbours and reporting suspicious activities to the Gardaí. The Gardai are kept informed by the Community Garda who attends the DCC monthly meetings and any significant matters of concern are discussed at higher level meetings.

Our Community Garda Ailbhe Boyce attended our monthly meetings during 2018 and submitted reports on the crime trends for the Dalkey area. Burglaries are the most prevalent crime committed in Dalkey and the majority of these would be classed as “opportunistic”. Jewellery is the main item that is taken as it has a high value and is very easy to transport. From last October 2017 to March 2018 a figure of €3.7 million is reputedly the amount in monetary value of burglaries committed in Ireland. €1.9m in watches and rings, €570k in IT tablets and €435k in power tools. One in six houses leave a door or window unsecured.

“Operation Irene” ran during the summer months. It was a multi-agency targeted approach to combat underage alcohol consumption and consumption of alcohol in public places as well as public order issues.

The Garda Clinics are held in Our Lady’s Hall twice monthly where the attending Garda can assist with forms, authenticating signatures, etc. These clinics are held on the first and third Thursday in each month.

The NW Committee for F District provides a platform for NW co-ordinators from Dalkey, Dun Laoghaire, Cabinteely, Foxrock, Shankill and Kill O’the Grange to come together with the Community Gardai to report incidents of crime and exchange information and advice. During 2018 there were workshops and on various aspects of crime prevention, personal safety and safety in the home.

The Joint Policing Committee – Public Meeting was held in November 2018 and was attended by members of An Garda Síochána, headed up by Chief Superintendent Anne-Marie Cagney. Superintendent Cagney has been Divisional Officer in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown since February of that year.

There are currently 375 operational Gardaí for a population of approximately 190,000, spread over an area of approximately 96 square kilometres.

Some statistics for the area given at the meeting are as follows:

Crime	Percentage Change	2018	2017
Burglaries	-32%	968	1417
Theft/UT of Vehicles	-6%	130	138
Theft from Vehicles	-22%	546	701
Theft/UT of Pedal Cycles	+14%	413	362
Robbery from Persons	+48%	43	29
Robbery from Establishments	-10%	18	20
Possession of Drugs for Sale / Supply	+25%	64	51

These statistics are as of 11th November 2018.

DCC enjoys a good relationship with the Gardai and during 2018 we had several meetings with Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald and Inspector Tom Condon to discuss anti-social behaviour, traffic issues and criminal damage offences. The Gardai have made a commitment to increase Garda visibility in the town and area.

In May 2018 one of the most well-known Community Gardai Sergeant Angelene Confrey retired after 32 years’ service in An Garda Síochána. Angelene worked with the many diverse groups in the area, the Homeless, the Travellers, the Islamic, etc. DCC thanks Angelene who was always very generous with her time and advice on many issues. We wish her well in her retirement.

I also thank Alan Winter NW for Hillside Residents Association who kept me informed and up-to-date when I missed meetings.

Neighbourhood Watch promotes safer and stronger communities.

It is very important that any suspicious activity or incidents are reported as this helps the investigating Gardai.

Emergencies: 999/112	Dun Laoghaire Garda Station: 01-666 5000
Confidential Line: 1800 666 111	Traffic Watch: 1890 205 805
Crimestoppers: 1800 250 025	Lost Property Shankill Garda Station: 01-666 5900

ANN PERRY
Neighbourhood Watch Rep., Dalkey Community Council

SPORTS REPORT FOR 2018

Dalkey Community Games - Dalkey Dashers: The training sessions for the Dalkey Dashers commenced on Wednesday 28th March and within minutes of registering the athletes the coaches had all the children in their respective age groups and serious training started. The Dashers finished training at Loreto on Wednesday 23rd May and those athletes who proved themselves spent two further weeks training on the track in Kilbogget Park. The 60 athletes who went to the Community Games competition in Santry on the weekend of 9th/10th June had a great competition with outstanding performances over the two day event. It was very hot but all the athletes ran their hardest and did the Dashers proud! Medals brought home included one gold medal, one silver and four bronze medals.

Final Results: Conor Brodrick: Gold - U13 900m Walk

Laoise Randles: Bronze – U8 60m

Hugo McHugh: Silver – U10 60m Hurdles

Amelie Colling: Bronze – U10 60m Hurdles

Ella Brodrick: Bronze – U12 Turbo Javelin

Joshua Mills: Bronze – U12 Ball Throw

The Loreto grounds are a very convenient location for the training sessions and Dalkey Community Games are very grateful that the Loreto BOM and the Principal Mr. Dunne are so supportive of DCG and we appreciate their continued support. Dalkey is also fortunate that Conor Patton our Manager and the volunteer coaches have the time and commitment to give the Dashers. In particular Anna Brady who through her organisational skills helps to have everyone sorted and in line in a matter of minutes. Anna was a very worthy winner of the DCC Sports Cup 2018.

Dalkey Community Games - Swimming: The Dublin County Community Games Finals in Tallaght over 21st/22nd April was the first event for the Dalkey swimmers in 2018. The Girls team won 6 Gold medals and the Boys team won 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. The Gold medal winners went on to represent Dublin County in the All Ireland Finals at the University of Limerick Sports Campus over the weekend of 26th/27th May. A large number of competitors and support resulted in a great atmosphere in the UL Sports Campus. Out of the six Dalkey area swimmers there were 2 Gold medallists and 1 Silver medallist. One other swimmer reached the finals and one just missed out. The youngest competitor in the U8's got a Bronze medal in the B final. There were only four Dublin County medallists in all the Irish swimming finals over the entire weekend (girls and boys) and Dalkey supplied three of these medallists!

Full results: Aisling Rowlands: Gold - U14 Backstroke

Aisling Ramsay: Gold – U10 Freestyle

Nemone Rogers: Silver – U14 Freestyle

Kyla Harford: Bronze - U8 B-Final Freestyle

Eavan Ramsay: U10 Backstroke – Finalist

Tia Harford: U14 Butterfly 12th (underage)

The team is ably managed by Ian Rowlands and sincere thanks to him and the parents who help with training and ferrying the team to the competitions.

Dalkey Community Council sponsors the Dalkey Community Games and we are very fortunate to have volunteers with so much enthusiasm and dedication to commit to the young people in Dalkey.

The main objective of the Community Games “is to provide young people with the means and the opportunity to utilise their leisure time in a healthy and productive way”. It is about participation and not the winning and for many of the children it is their “Olympics”!

2019 promises to be another successful year for Dalkey!

ELAINE FEELY
Secretary, Dalkey Community Games

NEWSLETTER REPORT FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING OF DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLG

EDITORIAL: Last year was also a very successful year for the Dalkey Newsletter. Our regular contributors continued to maintain a steady flow of interesting and readable material for every issue. Our readers enjoyed what we gave them. Our regular contributors were wonderful in the way they delivered their material in accordance with our production schedule. The most popular subjects were Nature Corner, Gardening, Planning, Local History, Schools' Updates, Church Updates, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Tidy Towns, Letter(s) to the Editor. etc. with the occasional other article of general interest. We have been approached by a number of local residents with a view to getting published in the Newsletter. It appears to be addressing a need for community information in Dalkey for local residents.

PRODUCTION: Printing costs were maintained at the same level again this year in keeping with the general trend in the industry. We maintained control on both costs and deliveries with our current typesetter and printer during the year. We also investigated other print quotations but, whilst apparently good, they were not good enough to warrant changing. Our conclusion is that we are getting a good price for the service we enjoy from both the printers and the typesetters.

We streamlined the Newsletter's publication scheduling even further during 2018 which has proved quite successful. This manifests itself in the fact that every Dalkey resident gets a regular delivery of the Newsletter and this must, inevitably, improve our local profile as a reliable and a worthwhile community service. We also received an increasing number of enquiries from potential advertisers outside the Dalkey area. Clearly, our 'reach' is increasing; we also have some regular readers who view it on our website as another means of keeping in touch with events in Dalkey. The average issue size during the year was 50¼ printed pages.

ADVERTISING: Last year saw our advertising income maintain at a high rate thanks to the excellent work of Ms. Helena Feely, Advertising Manager, and the attractiveness of the Newsletter to regular and potential advertisers. The continued use of colour advertising has also been an attraction to many of our advertisers. We found that we had to squeeze in some advertisements and balance them with the actual editorial copy. This is a direct result of our overall success with the Newsletter's readership which is obviously of keen interest to advertisers.

The fact that we can accept full-page advertisements is a significant help in covering our costs.

Again, special mention must be made in that we are most fortunate to have had the benefit of the experience and knowledge of our Advertising Manager, Helena Feely, throughout the year. She has been an excellent contributor to our Editorial Team and has maintained an excellent relationship with the advertisers, even those who are regularly slow/late with payments!

DISTRIBUTION: The sorting/publication of the Newsletter normally takes place on the last Thursday of the month before the cover date of the Newsletter being published in

Our Lady's Hall. Road Representatives collect their own bags as well as the bags for some others in nearby areas. This has actually resulted in a more efficient distribution of the Newsletter, despite initial concerns. We delivered more than 38,000 copies of the Newsletter in Dalkey last year. This means that our readership is larger than that number with an average reader per copy of three; therefore, the actual readership is close to 11,000 residents of Dalkey. There are also those readers who receive the Newsletter online as well as those who are on our e-mail list. Both these media increase our reach significantly. Last year also saw the re-design and launching of the Council's website by Petra Bangmann who was ably assisted by our DCC member Eileen O'Duffy. The result is that we now have a much 'fresher' online presence which reflects the professionalism behind the Council's approach to its rôle in the community. As always, there will be minor hitches mainly to do with Road Representatives not delivering their Newsletters quickly after publication; this can be due to family commitments, illness, holidays, etc. In this regard, special thanks are due to our Distribution Manager, Danny Merity, who has done a terrific job in 2018 and continues to do so this year.

COSTS: The overall cost of the Newsletter was entirely offset by the income from Advertising with the balance coming from a tightening of the issue sizes where possible. We maintained our advertising rates at the same levels as in past years but have expanded (a little) the number of pages available to advertisers. This overall approach has resulted in every issue's costs being covered during 2018. The loyalty of our regular advertisers is to be very welcomed. Also, we are fortunate in that we are getting more and more people interested in becoming contributors. We welcome this as long as we can maintain control of our costs and reflect what is happening in Dalkey generally. Finally, we can report that the Newsletter returned a (very small) profit in 2018, which marks an improvement on some past years.

With many thanks to all the Newsletter Team!

GERARD COAKLEY
Editor, Dalkey Newsletter

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018

I made up the schedule of dates and recorded the minutes of the meetings held by DCC during 2018. The AGM was held on 09th April where the Financial Statement for 2017 was approved, the old Executive was re-elected and members voted that the accounts firm of O'Shea Manning & Company was agreed to continue to act on our behalf. The Public Meeting was held on 14th May 2018 and it was attended by Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald, Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD and Local Councillors. DCC thanks Sgt. James Malone for his talk on Personal Safety.

The Monthly Meetings, the sorting of the monthly newsletters, the Garden Reception in September for the awarding of the various DCC cups and awards and the Art Exhibition in November were all held in Our Lady's Hall. I thank the Manager of the Parish Centre Mairéad Donoghue for her assistance in completing the arrangements for these events. Mairéad is a firm supporter of all local activities and an invaluable help to DCC. The council also has the use of a room in St. Patrick's, Harbour Road. Each month this room is used by the Editorial Team who meets to review and agree the material for the newsletter. I thank Reverend Bruce Hayes and the Select Vestry for their continued generosity for making this room available to us.

I accompanied our Chairman Susan McDonnell to meetings with the Gardai to discuss the policing of the town. There were also meetings with Local Councillors, meetings with other local bodies and NW meetings. I notify members of meetings and relay dates for events in the community and other bits of relevant information. There was a varied amount of queries received this year ranging from traffic, lack of signage (information and road), graffiti, requests for back editions of the newsletter and tracing people, etc. But top of the list were queries related to planning matters requesting who should be contacted – a sign of the times?

The campaign for the lifts at Dalkey DART station is still ongoing and is a matter that will not be completed in the short-term. Special thanks to Alan Winter for his time and efforts with this particular issue.

The new DCC website was launched and DCC thanks Petra Bangmann of Bang On Webdesign for designing and publishing it. Also thanks to our DCC member Eileen O'Duffy who spent a lot of time helping Petra and who is continuing to administer the site. DCC documents are located in many venues as we have no permanent base and this year I have begun to scan minutes from past years. I hope to complete this task in 2019 and have the minutes from all the meetings going back to the mid 80's at least scanned and saved digitally. DCC would also like to scan the earlier editions of the newsletters and make the archive of newsletters complete from the first published newsletter in 1974. This archive has been accessed by students and as it is an historical record for Dalkey it would be an incredible asset for future generations.

I thank our Chairman, Dr. Susan McDonnell, Elaine Feely my Assistant and all the members of DCC for their support during 2018.

ANN PERRY

Secretary, Dalkey Community Council

ANNUAL TIDY TOWNS REPORT 2018

This is a short summary of our work during 2018.

We worked throughout the year as we seemed to have so many on-going projects that needed our attention.

Our numbers of volunteers have grown but we are always happy to welcome new volunteers.

We have now three teams of volunteers:

Team Tuesday – working on major projects.

Team Planters for Pollinators: working on Dalkey's public planted areas. Work groups meet twice each week and more frequently in the summer.

Team Gleamers: Litter patrols - keeping Dalkey clean and tidy. Patrols happen three times each week throughout the year.

Dalkey's Men Shed now works in association with us.

Feb 2018: Following Storm Emma, DTT was involved in a major clean up at Bullock Harbour to remove the debris; trucks were necessary to remove the accumulated rubbish.

DLR staff cut back the vegetation along Vico Rd; DTT went into the undergrowth and removed 21 sacks of rubbish.

Mar 2018: Following an unexpected surge in graffiti, our volunteers removed the tags around Dalkey.

April 2018: Launch of the Dalkey Seven Castles Project: DTT initiated the creation of 7 specially commissioned bronze icons that have been inserted into the pavement along Castle St at the original castle locations. This was a major project involving several community organisations.

May 2018: There were several buildings along Castle St that had weeds and in some cases bushes growing from their roofs; a local landscaping company, Foxcover Landscaping removed them from chimneys and gutters.

June 2018: Adjudication started in June and continued throughout July and August. DTT went into action mode continuing to maintain the flower beds in public areas, cleaning Welcome to Dalkey signs and general cleaning and litter picking three times each week. As weed killer is no longer allowed by DLR. 8.0 kilometres of kerb was cleared of weeds by hand by DTT volunteers. Also, the 39 steps at Bullock Harbour were cleared.

Sites on our Maintenance List: This usually involves the cleaning and removal of excessive vegetation and litter from these areas.

Writers' Corner

White Rock Beach

Cat's Ladder

Vico Rd steps

Ulverton Steps

Torca Rd Right of Way

The Metals

The Flags

Bullock Harbour

Hawk Cliff

Dillon's Park

Planted areas: We also maintain the planted areas around Dalkey, weeding around the year and supplying plants.

Dillon's Park

Entrance to Dalkey Park from Dalkey Ave

Bullock Harbour

Writers' Corner

Masonic Hall

Archbold's Castle/Square about Planters

Hyde Rd/Castlepark Rd Junction/Ulverton Steps

SuperValu Carpark/Kilbegnet Close

Ormeau Drive/Barnhill Rd/Barnhill Ave Junction

St. Patrick's Sq.

July 2018: Launch of NOSUPTOWN (no single use plastic town) by local residents with support from local retailers and DTT.

August 2018: DTT cleaned up the large hoarding site on Castle St- repainted the seat and put 2 large planters on either side of the seat. We made our annual trip to Dalkey Island where we did an island-wide clean up removing rubbish unfortunately left behind by day trippers.-

During the three summer months our regular teams of volunteers cleaned the Castle St area three times each week, continued to keep the roads weed free and weeded and planted the public planted areas.

September 2018: We began lobbying Local Councillors about the restoration of Sorrento Park; this park had been neglected for decades and we have been working with DLR to put in place a programme for its restoration during 2018. The paths are to be resurfaced, the bandstand is to be upgraded and the entrance gates and entrance piers to be repaired. New planting areas are to be introduced and an ecological survey is to take place. Information panels are to be installed.

October 2018: DTT Overall winners of DLR Tidy Districts Competition,

SuperValu National Tidy Towns: up 7 points on 2017 and **won Gold Medal** for town with pop 5,000 – 10,000.

We also won a **Highly Commended County Award (Dublin)**

We were also the **Overall winners of DLR Community Awards.**

We made the first discovery of the 'EIRE' sign at Hawk Cliff. Work started on extensive excavations to unearth the sign by our volunteers. This has taken 6 months of heavy work throughout the winter and now the sign has been fully revealed, the stones coated with a binding mix and finally painted with white paint. We are working on an information panel and hope to have a commemoration event during this summer.

Nov. 2018 : Well found in Dillon's Park: confirmed that the well is likely to be the lost well of Gaulline. DTT put in a stone entrance path and a portcullis-type gate.

The Dalkey Mens Shed started working with Tidy Towns; they undertook to paint all the railings at Hyde Park.

Dec. 2018: We organised the annual Christmas Extravaganza when Santa arrives in Dalkey in association with DLR. Many thanks to Fr Paddy and Fr Declan for the use of the Church Car Park.

Jan. 2019: We became aware of 3 trawlers in Dalkey Sound scooping up mussel seed from the bed for harvesting later. All legal apparently. Some of our photos from the incident were published in Afloat magazine. Following concern from fishermen and the general public, ourselves included, the Government introduced a ban on large trawlers inside 6 nautical miles of the coast. Restrictions will come into effect on Jan. 2020

Feb-May 2019: Our members have attended various lectures and workshops dealing with Sustainable Energy and Composting in preparation for new projects for the coming year.

PATRICK RIGNEY

Chairman, Dalkey Tidy Towns

TREASURER'S REPORT 2018

The annual collection for 2018 amounted to just over €10,500 and this was similar to the 2017 amount. Approximately 20% of the envelopes were returned and Dalkey Community Council needs to raise its profile to encourage more to contribute to the annual collection. DCC has set up an online bank account to facilitate donors to contribute and this is an easy and convenient way to make a donation. All monies raised fund DCC itself and the residue is invested back into the community; among the recipients for funding during 2018 were The Seven Castles Project, Dalkey Dashers and the Dalkey Community Swimmers, Bulloch Harbour and Castle Park Review. DCC ran their usual events throughout the year these included the Garden Competition and Garden Outing, the Art Exhibition and the Christmas celebrations.

All these activities require funding and on behalf of DCC I would like to thank all of you who have donated to our Annual Collection; without your support we could not continue to fund the many projects in our community.

Special thanks to Peter Manning of O'Shea Manning & Company for attending to the books and filing of accounts with the Companies Office.

ED O'NEILL

Treasurer, Dalkey Community Council

Dalkey Community Council would like to sincerely thank all those who have contributed to our 2019 collection and remind those who may have forgotten that it is not too late to make a contribution. Donations can be made by returning the collection envelope to your Road Rep, dropping the envelope into the DCC post box in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey, or by making an online contribution.

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PLANNING REPORT FOR YEAR 2018 FOR MAY 2019 PUBLIC MEETING

There were 92 planning applications during 2018 in the Dalkey area compared to 93 applications in 2017. 14 applications were declared invalid, usually as a result of problems associated with the site notice; however, the majority applied again successfully. There were 10 applications for retention and 6 of these were granted permission, the others were refused permission. Additional information was requested in 10 cases and supplied in 16 cases- occasionally clarification of the additional information was requested and some were from the previous year's application. There were 3 applications for an extension of duration of permission last year –this was a category that appeared several years ago as a response to developments for which the permission had lapsed during the recession. 78 decisions were made, of these 55 were granted permission, 23 were refused and 4 other applications were withdrawn.

16 decisions were appealed to An Bord Pleanála; of these 9 were 1st party appeals against either refusal for permission or the conditions imposed by the planning department of the County Council. There were 6(no) 3rd party appeals lodged against the County Council's grant of permission.

An Bord Pleanála handed down 19 decisions during the year, of these 9 had previously been granted permission by the Council and then upheld by the Bord. 6 decisions were refused. There were a similar number of applications as last year; planning applications are still nowhere near the numbers applied for during the “boom” years. However, the large number of construction sites around Dalkey this year continues to be a feature like last year.

DALKEY MANOR (BARNHILL ROAD): In January 2015 there was a proposal for the demolition of the house known as Dalkey Manor and the construction of 57 apartments in two blocks. There was widespread unfavourable reaction on many grounds by residents throughout Dalkey. These included overlooking and overshadowing of adjacent properties, removal of large numbers of trees from the site, impact on the adjacent Protected Structure- Dalkey Lodge and traffic issues along Barnhill Rd amongst others. The application was withdrawn before a decision had been reached by the Planning department. The developer, Pegasus, had decided not to proceed with the aim of developing the site for ‘later-living’ due to ‘planning issues’ and put the site up for sale.

In February 2016 a proposal for the demolition of the house and the construction of 29 houses was lodged with the Planning Department. Similar objections were raised as for the previous development.

Permission was refused in April 2017 for a variety of reasons that had been highlighted by the public and ourselves but, interestingly, the planners felt that the proposed density (number of houses per acre) was too low for the site and that there would be an inappropriate mix of housing types (ie. too many large houses). This decision was appealed by the developer and we sent in our observation to Bord Pleanála.

Bord Pleanála refused permission in November 2017 for three reasons: the impact on houses in Old Quarry, the impact on the protected structure Dalkey Lodge and an inappropriate mix of house types.

Another application was lodged in May last year, for 13 houses and 23 apartments; and

similar concerns as applied to the previous applications are still valid for this application. Permission was granted in January this year, but was later appealed in February by residents. We are waiting for Bord Pleanála's decision.

BULLOCH HARBOUR: In December 2016 a proposal at the former Western Marine site for 7 commercial units with 6 2-storey residential units above them and 3 large three storey houses with roof terraces at the rear of the site was lodged in the planning department. Additionally, there was a second application for only the demolition of the current warehouse and sheds. There was huge public opposition to the development involving not only local residents but also the wider public and additionally, opposition from people living abroad who had known Bulloch Harbour previously.

The main concerns about the proposal included the impact of such a large scale residential development on the Harbour in a variety of ways and the possible negative effect on the existing commercial businesses. Future public access to the rocky coastal area at the rear of the site was also highlighted. Other concerns included parking, inadequate open space for the development, drainage issues, overlooking, flooding. It was felt that the proposal did not integrate with the local community at Bulloch harbour and did not respect the historical and natural history of the area. Over 400 hundred observations were lodged with the planning department, something which had never previously happened for any other planning proposal in the area. The planning department refused the application with an extensive list of reasons for its decision. The developers did not appeal this decision.

A further application was lodged in December 2017. This time the development consisted of a 3-storey tower block at the end of the pier consisting of 2 apartments with parking for them on the ground floor level and a café. A separate boat building facility, a small area for community use with some changing facilities, 3 small units for the owners of the “sheds” that are currently located along the pier and 3 very large houses at the rear of the site were also proposed. The developer suggested that should permission be granted for the development, they would “gift” the rocky coastal area at the rear of the site to the County Council for public amenity use. However, as the public has had access and the use of this area for generations but the access gateway would still remain in the ownership of the developer (as indicated on the planning drawings accompanying the application), this could not be considered a planning gain for the County Council.

Similar concerns as for the first proposal were raised but the major issue raised was the likelihood of flooding and over-topping. These concerns were highlighted when storms occurred in February and March of 2018 resulting in major over-topping with flooding of the site and the pier resulting in serious damage to the pier.

The planning department refused permission in February 2018; this time the developer appealed the decision to Bord Pleanála in March.

We are still waiting for their decision more than a year after the appeal was lodged. We should like to thank all the members of the public who took the time to attend the public meetings and who lodged their concerns and objections to the planning department and Bord Pleanála to help to protect this much-loved public amenity.

CHARLEVILLE, HARBOUR ROAD: An application for 56 units in 4 4-storey blocks over an underground car park was lodged in August 2017. There were many

concerns regarding the proposal mainly its scale, density and massing and the impact on the surrounding properties particularly the Protected Structures. We have serious concerns in regard to the potential impact of the traffic generated from the proposal. Harbour Rd is seriously compromised already due to high volumes of traffic as it is the main access road to the 3 schools in the area. The planning department refused permission on the grounds of loss of amenities due to the scale and massing of the development and also that the development would not provide a suitable mix of housing types as it proposed only apartments. The developer appealed the Council's decision in October. Bord Pleanála granted permission in September 2018 stating the development would integrate with the surrounding streetscape, would not impact adversely on the protected structures in the vicinity and would adequately protect the residential amenities of the area.

CASTLEPARK SCHOOL: In June 2017 an application for 50 units in 8 blocks of three and four floors over an underground carpark for 80 cars in the grounds of Castlepark School was lodged. The proposal is located amongst the wooded area necessitating the removal of 53% of the trees. Access is via the entrance gate to the school, but construction traffic is to be routed through Castle Close and out through Castlegrounds. This new access point to the site was proposed to remain a pedestrian and cyclist access after the development was completed. Castle Close is a cul-de-sac and these proposals caused serious concerns to the residents. There were other concerns relating to the scale of the development, its proximity to the Protected Structure Castlepark School, the loss of the woodland area and traffic issues in an area that already has severe congestion with traffic generated by the school. The removal of vast quantities of granite (10,000 sq. mts) from the site is also a concern.

The Planning Department refused permission in July 2017 on the grounds of excessive scale and massing, uniformity in design, its undue prominence in the area which would detract from both the Protected Structure of the School and also the adjacent residential areas. It would also seriously injure the visual and residential amenities of No 5 Castle Close due to its proximity and height on rising ground and the loss of the woodland area at this part of the site.

The decision was appealed in September 2017. Bord Pleanála upheld the appeal in April 2018 and granted permission for the development with some alterations to the block adjacent to 5 Castle Close to lessen its impact. The Bord did not agree with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown's planning department and took the opposing view that the development would not be injurious to the amenities of the area, or have a detrimental effect to either the setting of the school or to the residential housing adjacent to the development.

The only course of action possible for the local community to try to stop the development was a Judicial Review against the ABP decision to grant permission. Ann-Maria and Denis Lucey (the applicants) hired a legal team to investigate whether there were grounds for a judicial review and they found a number of grounds on which to apply.

In July, Judge Seamus Noonan in the High Court granted leave for the Judicial Review to go ahead. Shortly afterwards the Developer succeeded in having the case put into the Commercial High Court.

The hearing was set for minimum of four days in the High Court and commenced on December 11th 2018; however, the applicants were advised that the hearing would possibly

be longer (five to seven days) due to the amount of material involved. Judge Michael Twomey interrupted proceedings and advised the applicants of the high costs of the Commercial High Court (Approx. €100k a day) and advised the parties to come to an agreement. The applicants heeded the advice and the proceedings were struck out with no order but with concessions:

1) The Developer has to nominate a representative to liaise with a nominee of the applicants on the construction of the proposed development.

2) The Developer would make a significant contribution to the legal costs.

3) The Developer would plant double layers of mature trees along the boundary of Castle Close.

4) There shall be no construction traffic access through Castle Close, Dalkey.

5) Future access through Castle Close, Dalkey to the proposed development shall be limited to pedestrian/cyclists.

The full planning permission granted to the Developer remains subject to the conditions requested by An Bord Pleanála and also to this additional new agreement. Light construction traffic will enter the site by the castellated School entrance on Castlepark Rd and heavy-duty construction traffic will enter by Hyde Rd.

34 BARNHILL ROAD: An application for the demolition of the existing motor service/sales garage and the construction of 10 duplex units and a 1-bedroom apartment and the refurbishment of 2 existing town houses was lodged in August 2017. We had concerns about the density and height of the development and the potential for overlooking and overshadowing adjacent properties. Other concerns were the lack of both adequate private and public open space, lack of parking provision, and traffic issues along Barnhill Rd. The planning department concurred with our concerns and refused permission in October 2017.

In May 2018 a new application was lodged for a terraced three storey block containing 7 units and the refurbishment of the former forge building to provide 2 townhouses.

It was refused permission in July on the grounds of inadequate public and private open space and that the scale and design of the terrace was overbearing, would overshadow and overlook adjacent properties and therefore did not protect the residential amenities of the area. The developer appealed the decision.

In March of this year Bord Pleanála refused permission for the development stating the proposal was not an appropriate design for the area and that it did not justify the demolition of the former forge and school house; the Bord agreed with the County Council that it would damage the amenities of the adjacent properties and that there would be inadequate open space for the future residents.

REDAN HOUSE: In August 2017 an application was lodged for the demolition of Redan House and the construction of a terrace of 3 x 2-bedroom houses. We had serious concerns about the demolition of Redan as it is the last vernacular farm house remaining in Dalkey. We were also concerned about the height and scale of the proposal as it would cause overshadowing and overlooking of adjacent properties. The flat roofed design is inappropriate at this site as it would intrude into the adjacent Killiney Hill Park. Car parking provision and construction management details were also inadequate. Ardbrough Rd

is presently the site of many new builds and its character is being radically changed by the building of very large houses that are intruding into the views from Killiney Hill Park with a loss of visual amenities for the public. The Planning Department agreed with our assessment of the application and refused permission in October 2017. The developer appealed the decision the following November. In November 2018 Bord Pleanála granted permission for the development disagreeing with both our and the County Council's assessment of the development.

THE FORMER DALKEY LODGE NURSING HOME: An application was lodged in August 2018 for the demolition of the nursing home on Ard Brugh Rd and the construction of 15 two and three storey houses in 2 terraces. We were concerned that the development would overshadow and overlook neighbouring houses. No open space was provided for the development and there were other concerns regarding traffic in the area. The Council refused permission in September on the grounds of insufficient reasons to demolish a nursing home and the lack of open space provided for the development.

The developer appealed the decision in October 2018; we are yet to hear Bord Pleanála's decision.

SUNNYSIDE, VICO ROAD: An application for the demolition of this house on the Vico Rd was lodged in March 2018. We had concerns that its removal would alter the character of this area. We are also concerned that no adequately reasoned submission for its refurbishment as opposed to demolition was submitted. We also had significant concerns about the management of the construction phase of the development and the consequent disruption to the public travelling along the Vico Rd. However, the planning department granted permission in August. This decision was appealed by neighbouring residents and ourselves; Bord Pleanála granted permission in December 2018 for the demolition of the house and the construction of a large 5 bedroom house of 582 sq.m. (Approximately 6,000 sq.).

MAPLE TREE HOUSE & YONDER: In October 2018 an application was lodged for the demolition of Maple Tree House and the construction of 19 apartments and 7 two and three storey houses on this site which also incorporates the adjacent site at Yonder on Ulverton Rd. Access to 6 apartments is proposed off Ulverton Rd and the remaining 20 units are to be accessed off Harbour Rd.

Our main concerns are about the massing and scale of the development, the removal of the majority of the trees and difficulty for access along the narrow lane connecting the lower development to Harbour Rd which is already compromised.

The planning department refused permission in November upholding our concerns and those of the neighbouring residents. The decision was appealed in December by the developer Bartra. No decision has yet been made.

RICHMOND (CASTLEPARK RD): An application for the demolition of Richmond and the construction of 14 apartments and 10 three-storey houses was lodged in April of this year. We have concerns about the scale of the development and the height and massing of the 4- storey apartment block. There are concerns about overlooking from both the apartments and the houses into neighbouring properties. There appears to be very little open space for the development. Over 95% of the trees are to be removed on this large site

that is an important ecological area for the neighbourhood. A new access road is to be provided at this already challenged part of Castlepark Rd; a sketchy traffic report states that this development will not impact the traffic on this busy access road to Dalkey and its schools.

In regard to planning applications, I should like to stress to everyone, the importance of vigilance in respect of site notices. If one appears in your neighbourhood, it is important that you find the time to inspect the relevant plans for the particular application in the Planning Office in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire if you believe the proposal will affect your property; alternatively view it on-line on the County Council's website.

The applicant must lodge the plans with the Planning Department of the County Council within 14 days of displaying the site notice. Following the lodgement of plans in the Planning Office, the public has 35 days to submit their observations and objections, accompanied with a 20-euro fee. If you believe you will be affected, it is vital that you write into the planning department to voice your concerns.

The planning authority will then make their decision. Following the decision, the public has 28 days to appeal to Bord Pleanála if they had previously submitted the relevant objection to the planning department. The fee for this is €210. Following the lodgement of an appeal with An Bord Pleanála, the public has 28 days to submit their observations, the fee being €50 in this case.

I should like to thank all the members of the Community Council for their support during the past year.

Dr. SUSAN McDONNELL

Chairman, DCC Planning Committee

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0261	Application Rec'd Date: 16-Apr-2019
Applic. Name & Location: Linda Sherlock, Lisfannon, Rockfort Ave, Dalkey, A96 NW24	
Proposal: Permission for: 1. The new vehicular access from Rockfort Ave. 2. The new entrance inward opening automated gate and associated sit works to provide off street car parking. 3. The dishing of the kerb & footpath at the front of the proposed new vehicular access.	
Reg. Ref.: D19A/0263	Application Rec'd Date: 16-Apr-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Jill Aston, 34 Wolverton Glen, Dalkey, A96 V8C8	
Proposal: Permission for a single storey and porch extension to side. Sub-division of existing dwelling house to create a Family Flat. New pedestrian access to side, additional car parking space to front and all associated site works to existing dwelling house.	
Declare Application Invalid 24-Apr-2019.	
Reg. Ref.: D19A/0267	Application Rec'd Date: 18-Apr-2019
Applic. Name & Location: Richard Southern & Avril O'Connell, 39 Barnhill Rd. Dalkey.	
Proposal: Permission for Retention of new rear part single, part two-storey extension, with flat roofs to the rear of the existing house, alterations to existing vehicular access, some internal alterations and associated site works. Application Type: Permission for Retention.	
Declare Application Invalid: 24-Apr-2019.	
Reg. Ref.: D18A/1162	Application Rec'd Date: 11-Dec-2018
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. Add. Information Rec'd (New Adds): 25-Apr-2019	
Reg. Ref.: D19A/0273	Application Rec'd Date: 23-Apr-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Willie & Ann McHugh, The Ardburgh, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey, A96 HF80	
Proposal: Permission for the sub-division of existing dwelling house to create two separate dwelling units. Works to include alterations to front façade, new flat roof, first floor flat roof balcony over. Porch to rear and all associated site works to existing dwelling house.	
Reg. Ref.: D19A/0278	Application Rec'd Date: 25-Apr-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Marian & Justin MacInnes, Montpellier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, (A Protected Structure)	
Proposal: Permission for: A. The construction of a single storey extension to west side of existing house incorporating 2 large roof lights. B. Refurbishment of the existing brick arched coach entrances. C. The repointing of the existing brick façades. D. The replacement of the two storey splayed bay window to the west side with a single storey bay at first floor level and an oriel window at second floor level. E. The squaring off and slight extension of the internal courtyard bay to the rear facing east on 3 levels. F 2 new conservation roof lights to landing and return roofs. G. Associated site works, including new footpaths, new stone steps. H. Retention Planning Permission for refurbishment works to rear stair structures.	
Reg. Ref. D18A/1067	Application Rec'd Date: 14-Nov-2018
Applicant Name & Location: Paul Cushnahan, Medway, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.	
Proposal Permission for: 1. The construction of a new single storey extension to rear. 2. Alterations to the existing elevations including external insulation, replacement of existing single storey roofs to front with new flat roof construction and covered entrance area,	

hipped roof to existing rear two storey extension to be replaced with new flat roof construction and new fenestration throughout including new windows to east and west façade. 3. Existing hipped roof to be removed and roof to be replaced with new gable ended roof construction incorporating a raised ridge, new attic room with dormer roof construction to rear and roof lights to front and rear. 4. Removal of existing chimneys. 5. New solar panels to front elevation. 6. Raising of boundary wall to Saval Grove. 7. Low level structure and exposed flue to side to accommodate ground floor stove. 8. Widening of existing driveway and all associated site works. **Permission Add. Info.: 29-Apr-2019**

Reg. Ref. D19A/0284

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Apr-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Rev. Bruce Hayes Rector of St Patrick's Church, Saint Patrick's Church (A Protected Structure RPS No. 1425) & Saint Patrick's Parish Centre / Dalkey Nat. School Building (A Protected Structure RPS No.1426), Harbour Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a new external door to existing single-storey linking building between St Patrick's Church & St Patrick's Parish Centre/Dalkey Nat. School Building.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0290

Application Rec'd Date: 30-Apr-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Solly White's Ltd . Land to the rear of The Dalkey Duck Public House, 61, Castle Street, Dalkey, A96 RY62.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. Demolition of the 2 no. existing single storey buildings containing a keg store, staff changing rooms, bin store, administration office, clothes drying area and beer garden to the rear of the site. 2. The construction of 14 no. individual single storey guest accommodation units at garden level (4 no. single rooms, 7 no. double rooms and 4 no. triple rooms) over a basement level containing a keg store, staff changing room, laundry rooms and linen store, administration office, bin store and boiler room, stairs and the installation of a lift. 3. Provision of 9 no. bicycle parking spaces. 4. Landscaping, boundary treatments and all other works needed to facilitate the development.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0304

Application Rec'd Date: 2-May-2019

Applic. Name & Location: Richard Southern & Avril O'Connell, 39 Barnhill Rd. Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention of rear ground floor and first floor extension with flat roofs, replacement existing rear mono pitched roof to flat roof at the rear of the existing house, narrowing existing vehicular access, some internal alterations and associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0051

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Jan-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Christopher Boucher & Lisa Lennon, 7 Cunningham Drive, Dalkey, A96 TX82

Proposal: Permission for the removal of existing single storey shed to the south-east corner and an internal garden wall of the existing dwelling and the construction of a new single storey, stepped split level dwelling of 167.4 sqm and all ancillary site works. The new dwelling will consist of 3 bedrooms, kitchen/dining/living room, bathroom, den/playroom, WC and a utility. A walled 39 sqm courtyard is to be formed at the entrance of the dwelling. **Additional Information:** 10-May-2019.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0314

Application Rec'd Date: 9-May-2019

Applicant Name & Location: C & H Hayes, 36 Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for: 1. The demolition of existing side garage, main house roof, front and rear elevations and interior partitions. 2. The construction of a new dormer pitched roof, with new dormer windows to the front side and rear and new velux roof lights to the side and rear. 3. Alterations to all elevations, including repositioning of front entrance with new bay projections to front and rear. 4. Construction of new detached boiler house. 5. Repositioning and setting back of existing vehicular entrance to form a new splayed entrance, landscaping, drainage works and ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0321

Application Rec'd Date: 10-May-2019

Applicant Name & Location: David Quinn, 58, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for alterations. The development will consist of alterations including the demolition of existing garage to the side and outhouses to the rear, the construction of a new two-storey extension to the side and rear of existing two-storey dwelling, the widening of existing vehicular entrance to accommodate two cars to the front and all associated site works.

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Reg. Ref.: D19A/0101 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 10-Apr-2019

Applic. 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.: D19B/0093 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 12-Apr-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 **Decision:** Grant Perm. for Retention

Date: 12-Apr-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. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0120 **Decision:** Grant Permission

Date: 17-Apr-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/0122 **Decision:** Refuse Permission

Date: 18-Apr-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 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 15-Apr-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.: D19A/0130 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 18-Apr-2019

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

Proposal: Permission is sought for demolition of existing house & replacement with the construction of a new dwelling house comprising of 2 stories over partial basement. Development will include new vehicular entrance & associated site works and landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D13B/0394/E **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 24-Apr-2019

Applic. Name: Ferga McGloughlin & Paul Saunders, 3 The Paddocks, Ulverton Rd, 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.: D19A/0184 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 3-May-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Jennifer Caldwell, 38 Convent Rd. Dalkey. A96 D212

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

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0177 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 7-May-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Wayne & Amber Byrne, Site of c.932 sqm at Newlands, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the existing dwelling 'Newlands' (c.160 sqm) and all associated buildings within the site (c.16 sqm) and the construction of 1 no. replacement residential unit (c.366 sqm) and associated garage (c.49sqm). The residential development proposed comprises a 5-bedroom residential unit with associated private garden to the front and rear, garden terraces at ground floor level and the provision of PV panels on the sedum roofs. The unit is part one-storey over basement garage and part two-storey. The development will include basement level car parking for one car and a lift from the basement to the first floor. The existing access point and front boundary treatment is to be maintained in this this development proposal. The development will also include all associated site development works above and below ground including site services and landscape works. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0140 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 10-May-2019
Applic. Name & Location: John McDonnell, Errolde, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey, A96 DW71
Proposal: Permission for construction of new first floor over existing ground floor rear return, including roof lights, internal alterations and associated site works.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 15-19 - 8/4/19 to 10/5/19

Reg Ref: D19A/0091 **Reg. Date:** 11-Feb-2019 **Location:** Ardfallen, Cunningham Road, Dalkey, A96 K802 (A Protected Structure) Development: 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. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Lodged:** 30-Apr-'19. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party.

Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála for Wks 15-19 - 1/4/19 to 3/5/19

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1004 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 3 Apr. '19
Council's Decision: Grant & Refuse Permission. **Location:** 21, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.
Proposed Development: Permission is sought for widening site vehicular access gate, with 2 new piers, attic conversion, rebuilding existing front dormer type window full width of the front roof, rebuilding existing rear dormer type window full width of the rear roof, new dormer type window to the south-side, new gable end to existing rear roof, some internal alteration, and associated site works. **Applicant:** Ian and Jane Brady.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0903 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 11-Apr-'19
Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** Roseanna, Quayside, 12 Bulloch Harbour, Dalkey A96 RK46

Proposed Development: 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. **Applicant:** Chariot Inns Ltd.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/1129 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 18-Apr-'19
Council's Decision: Grant Permission **Location:** 10, Corrig Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for a development consisting of the demolition of the existing single storey dwelling and the construction of a 3 bedroom, detached, dormer dwelling along with all associated site development and engineering, landscaping and boundary treatment works. **Applicant:** Thomas Kelly.



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LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE



Green News from Loreto

It was a very busy term in Loreto Primary School for Green School activities. We celebrated Scoot to School Week, World Water Day and Energy Hour. We also took part in the Tidy Schools Competition. Each of the classes played their part by picking up any litter in the school grounds. When the adjudicators came to judge our school, they were amazed at how clean the school grounds are and how pretty the garden is.

Some classes also entered the national Water Poster Competition which

encourages us not to waste water. The winners received a shower timer and a reusable water bottle. Both 5th classes participated in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. One of the ideas from Ms. O'Loughlin's class was to design an environmentally friendly product for wrapping up your sandwiches, instead of using cling film and tinfoil. This product is now available to buy in Country Bake, Pepper Laine, Thyme Out, Roberts and Select Stores.

We were delighted when we received a letter from An Taisce informing us that our application for our next green flag was successful. We have been working on the theme of Global Citizenship, Litter and Waste for the last two years. We learnt a lot about Global Goals, climate change and about all the different nationalities of children in our school. Overall this term has been really challenging and exciting and we are already looking forward to working on our new green theme in September.

Beth White and Kitty Murphy (Green Schools Committee)

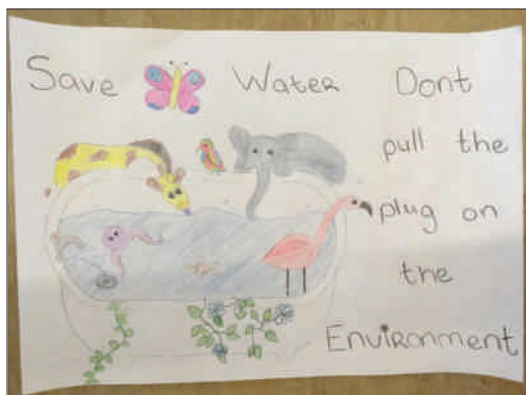


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ST. PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL UPDATE



Variety Show – Our Annual Variety Show took place on Friday 12th April and as always was a fantastic start to the Easter holidays. Children from all classes performed songs, dances, magic tricks and gymnastics, entertaining us all immensely. Well done to all involved and thanks to the PTA who provided the refreshments for the visitors.

PTA Pub Quiz – The PTA organised a Pub Quiz on Thursday 28th March in The Club, Dalkey. It was a brilliant night which included a raffle with some excellent prizes donated by the families in our school. The winning team on the night was the Mikado's with team members Alison Harding & Chris Nolan together with Basil & Deborah Healy. They came from behind to beat the evening's front runners Quizteama Aguilera with team members Emma Lovegrove, Mary Lovegrove, Philip Lovegrove and Elizabeth Woods. The winning team received vouchers totalling €200. Congratulations to the PTA for organising such a successful & enjoyable night whilst raising funds for the school.





THE AMAZING SWIFT

Swifts are the most amazing birds: they are Ireland's fastest flying bird, they eat and drink on the wing, they sleep on the wing and they even mate on the wing. They land only at their nest site to raise their young. Because they have evolved to be the ultimate 'flying machine' you won't see these birds perched on branches or roofs.

One of the most extraordinary facts about this unique bird is that when a chick leaves the nest it will fly non-stop for up to 3 years, only making its first landing when it has found its very own nest site here in Ireland. During those 3 years it will have migrated between Ireland and Africa three times.

The time Swifts spend in Ireland, from May until September each year, is extremely important to their long-term survival because they come here to raise their young. They nest almost exclusively in buildings in our towns and are a major part of our urban biodiversity. Because their nest is hidden from view and because they do not leave any mess or droppings underneath their nest site we often do not realise in which buildings their nests are located.

This reliance on our buildings for their nest sites has regrettably led to a serious decline in the Swift numbers in Ireland. This is because when we renovate or demolish old town buildings with Swift nest sites we can unintentionally destroy those nest sites or block off the entrance holes to the nest.

The decline of the numbers in Ireland has been around 45%. But, all is not doom and gloom because, through the enthusiasm of many communities nation-wide who are setting up nest box projects, the trend is being reversed and Swift numbers are gradually recovering.

Local girl Trish O'Leary met Lynda Huxley of Swift Conservation Ireland when she travelled to Israel last year for a Swift Conference. Trish has been interested in Swifts for a long time. She has nesting boxes on her house and has tracked the Swift behaviour patterns in the town. She has lobbied local organisations to become involved with the Swifts and play a part in their conservation. Dalkey Tidy Towns has joined the group of communities that will be helping the Swift by providing nest boxes and by carrying out nest site surveys. They have invited Lynda Huxley of Swift Conservation Ireland to give a talk on "*The Amazing Swift*" 11th June at 7.30pm in the Heritage Centre along with a Swift survey training session.

Because of their aerial existence, it may take the Swifts a few years to locate the nest boxes but to help in this process an attraction call system has been installed next to the boxes.



Incredibly Trish spotted a pair of Swifts near her home on Thursday 9th May and hopefully they are returning to their nesting box for the summer.

If you'd like to learn more about Swifts you can visit the website dedicated to Swift Conservation in Ireland www.swiftconservation.ie

Des Burke-Kennedy, Dalkey Tidy Towns



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH UPDATE



Sunday Services for June

2nd June	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
9th June	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age
16th June	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
23rd June	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
30th June	9am Eucharist	10.15am Celtic Eucharist
Midweek	Every Thursday	10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated on 11th and 25th June in Our Lady's Manor at 2.30pm.

Parent & Toddler – Come along and meet others for fun, support and fellowship at our Parent and Toddler Group. It takes place in the Northover Hall each week on a Tuesday at 10.30am for an hour and a half.

Choir Practice – The choir meets to prepare the music for the Sunday Service each Wednesday of the week at 7.30pm in the church. New members are always welcome.

Church Fête – The St Patrick's annual Fête was a great success this year and a big thank you to everyone who came along to support us on the day. Another big thank you must go to everyone who worked tirelessly on the stalls and to all those who helped putting up marquees and setting out tables and chairs. Our Fête put on a fantastic day out for the entire community where we showed the best that the parish has to offer. The atmosphere was bustling with cake makers, books sellers, plant growers, bric-a-brac haulers, clothes recyclers, food-of-every-kind creators, toy sellers, burger flippers, bouncing castle



minders, ukulele players, raffle ticket sellers, gate keepers (back and front), tea makers, childrens' books sellers, childrens' clothes sellers, games organisers and, last but not least, Junior (the big horse) and Baggins (the small pony). The entire event worked like a well-oiled machine and our thanks for that goes to Alex Peirce, now in his 6th year (but still looking so young!), and the team behind him. On the day, the rain held off, which is always a bonus, and the sun even managed to shine now and

then. It is safe to say that everyone who came along had a lovely time.

St. Patrick's Football Club – Our football club has been training hard for the last two months on Saturdays in Castle Park School. It is open to young people of National School age. We are at looking forward to our end of season match against an International Team from Mosney Direct Provision Centre.

Dalkey Book Festival – Dalkey Book Festival 2019 runs from Thursday 13th June to Sunday 16th June. This year, we have the pleasure to host some more illustrious guests in our church and the Northover Hall. You can find more information from the Book Festival website: <http://www.dalkeybookfestival.org>

Image: St. Patrick's Church

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Summer Multi Activity Camps

We are now taking bookings for our Summer Camps. The camps will run weekly from the 24th of June. The cost of the camp is €30 per day. The camp is fully catered by our onsite chef with children getting a healthy snack, a hot nutritious lunch and a dessert each day. Early morning & afternoon daycare options are provided at an additional cost.

Summer Aqua Aerobics

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Dalkey Players have completed a nine week span and 13 performances of our production of *"The Mill on the Floss"* at the All Ireland Drama Circuit. The final performance was in The Mill Theatre,

"The Mill on the Floss" Cast and Crew

Image: Dalkey Players

Dundrum on Tuesday night last which received a standing ovation. Sadly we were pipped at the post and have missed getting to the All Ireland in Athlone for this year but we had the most incredible journey along the length and breadth of Ireland, honing and developing our skills en route.

The Circuit would not be possible without the commitment and support of our sponsors, and our audience members, some of whom travelled to the festivals to see *"Mill"* again. The feedback we got was extraordinary.

Attached are details of the many awards and nominations that were achieved.

1st place and overall winners Mountmellick

2nd place Claregalway

3rd place Castleisland, Ballinamore, Castleblaney, Shercock and Rathangan.

Emma Jane Nulty: 3 awards for best director, 2 awards for best imagination

Claudia O'Dwyer: 3 awards for best actress, best performance award in Shercock plus 3 nominations for Best actress.

Sarah Coughlan: 1 award for best supporting actress. Best performance award in Shercock plus 2 nominations for best actress. 1 nomination best supporting actress.

Ber O'Hara: 1 award for best actress plus 1 nomination for best supporting actress.

Dermot Byrne: 1 award for best actor plus 3 nominations for best actor

Conall O'Beoláin: 2 nominations for best supporting actor

Byron Hayes: 1 nomination for best supporting actor

All Cast: 3 awards: Best Acting Ensemble, Best Overall Presentation, Best Presentation in the Open section!

1 Nomination for Best Moment of Theatre Emma Jane Nulty:

3 awards for best set

Barry Donaldson: 4 awards for best lighting.

In January we entered the Glenealy One Act Drama Festival with a new short play written and directed by Dalkey Players member Emmet Driver O'Donnall, there were just two in cast Anthony Belton and Freddie O'Brien. We won awards for Best Sketch, Best Moment of Theatre, Best Script, Best Costumes and joint Best Actor award for Freddie and Tony.

It has been a very busy and successful and fruitful year for all the members.

Mary Rigney, Dalkey Players



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Services for June 2019

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45am Morning Service
Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

Our main service for Pentecost (9th June) will take place in Cill Iníon Léinín church, at 10.30am on Marino Avenue West, together with St Matthias' Ballybrack. Please note the earlier time. This will be an outdoor service of Holy Communion. Please try to come along if you can. There will be no 10.45 service in Holy Trinity that morning.

From the Rector – Many thanks to all who organised, helped and supplied and tidied up after our Summer Fête last month — and special thanks to Paul O'Brien who shouldered the burden of coordination and direction of the whole thing for another year with grace and aplomb! Christian Aid Sunday was on 12th May, and we had Mattia Dimoh, Christian Aid Country Programme Manager Sierra Leone, as our special speaker. Over €500 was raised for Christian Aid.

Service and Social: the next gathering will be on Pentecost Sunday 9th June at 3pm. Please contact Joan Whyte or the Rector for more information.

Diners Club – the KWD next meal is Thursday 20th June, venue is yet to be decided but contact Zandra at zandraiaing@hotmail.com for details as they become available. New members always welcome.

Sheep Thrills: in May we were busy preparing for the Fête and we also supported the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland with a cheque on their special fundraising day. 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: a spring time visit from Gillian Stewart, Supervisor/Guide of the Wicklow Mountains National Park spoke to us about pollinators and other flower lovers. Gillian had us fascinated and intrigued as we learnt of the many different bees in this country and realised the importance of encouraging these creatures and having insect friendly areas in our gardens. The Guild had their final meeting in May, but will keep in touch with regular Coffee Mornings throughout the summer months. More information available from Gillian Mollard.

Table Tennis: the Club Championships were held on 1st May in the Carry Centre. The winner of the Handicap Singles was Sandra Moore and runner-up was Chico Charlesworth. The winner of the Ladies Championship was Iris Darley and runner-up was Sandra Moore. The winners of the Handicap Doubles were Dermot Deverell and Gordon Smyth and runners-up were Chico Charlesworth and Iris Darley. The winner of the Men's Championship was



*Table Tennis Club Championships
 Image: Holy Trinity Church*

Paul Ivory and runner-up was Ken Peare.

The AGM was held on 8th May with Officer and Committee elections. The Table Tennis club will reopen on 9th September and new members are welcome.

Specshifters: in April we responded to the Roscommon group of parishes' initiative in handing over a hundred pairs of glasses for despatch to the Philippines. Thank you to Pamela in Raheny & Coolock as well as all those in our own parish and others who contributed to the spectacular achievement (with the inclusion of one Euro in each glasses-case). Keep them coming. With a population of over 115 million there is still a need to fulfil. Contact David on 086.2659065.

Summer in Holy Trinity: We plan to have the church open for visitors on Thurs/Fri/Sat each week in July and August. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this, please put your name on the list at the back of the church.



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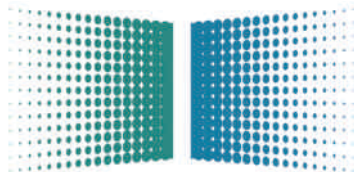
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❖ DALKEY WW2 SECRET FINALLY REVEALED OVER 70 YEARS LATER ❖

One thing just led to another! Our story began in 2015 in nearby Sorrento Park. While carrying out maintenance work there, Dalkey Tidy Towns (DTT) were surprised to uncover some red bricks! Further investigations with Dr. Michael Kennedy RIA, author of *Guarding Neutral Ireland*, revealed that WW2 Look Out Post No.7 was located here from 1939 to 1945. The red bricks formed part of their Post. Further research revealed the names and considerable detail on the Irish Defence Forces CoastWatchers' Service men stationed here at that time. DLRCC, working closely with DTT, landscaped the summit area as a beautiful viewing site and installed seating. We thank DLRCC for creating with us something very special.

In October 2018, a past resident contacted DTT, Orla de Cogan. She had an old Irish Air Corps reconnaissance photo. We could see the remains of some stone formation buried at Hawk Cliff. We again contacted our mentor and historian, Dr. Michael Kennedy. Were these the remains of a long-lost EIRE sign below the surface?

What followed over a six-month period was the lifting and cleaning of an estimated 100 tons of stones laid out in trenches in the precise shape of EIRE. Over 60 volunteers committed 1,692 hrs. to the project. Once cleaned, each stone was replaced and coated with four tons of a special Roadstone Flo Mix to bind the stones. Lifted by hand in rotas of seven wheelbarrows by a further 35 volunteers during a two-day blitz in April, this Flo Mix was carried from the Vico Road down the narrow path to the Hawk Cliff site. Once in place and dried, Sika Ireland Ltd provided 170 litres of high-grade white masonry paint to finish the WW2 restoration. Over a period of one month, 48 volunteers completed the painting. Finally, having removed 8 sacks of litter and household rubbish, DTT rebuilt the old picnic table and benches on site for the public to enjoy and planted a wide area with Irish Wildflowers.

Of the original **83** EIRE signs located around the Republic of Ireland's coastline, sadly, less than **6** have been fully restored. Featured on RTÉ's Nationwide and RTÉ News and in *The Irish Times*, our totally forgotten Hawk Cliff EIRE sign is now clearly visible from both the sky above and sea beyond. DTT have already had site meetings with the Military Archives section of the Defence Forces on planning a dedication ceremony. Details will be announced as soon as possible. A very special Thank You to our DTT Volunteers, Roadstone, SIKa, AIB, US Bancorp, Salesforce and Hedderman Financial Solutions, for all their help and support.

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❖ **LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES – JUNE 2019** ❖

Wednesday 5th 1pm: There is a free ‘*Irish Language Guided Tour of the Yeats Exhibition*’ with Niamh Ní Riain in the National Library of Ireland, Kildare St., D.2. Admission free.

At 6.30pm Maeve Casserly will speak about ‘*Yeats: Designing coins for a New Ireland*’ in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Thurs. 6th 1pm: Free guided tour of the Yeats exhibition in the Nat. Library of Irl., D.2.

Saturday 8th 1pm: Free guided tour ‘The National Library’s History & Heritage’ in the National Library of Ireland, D.2.

Monday 10th 8.15pm: Joan Sharkey will cover the ‘*History of St. Anne’s House and Estate and the Guinness Family Connections*’ to the Clontarf Historical Society in the Resource Centre, St. John the Baptist Church, Clontarf Road, D.3 - admission €5.

Tuesday 11th 7pm: Seán Bagnall will speak about ‘*Thomas Francis Meagher*’ to the Tallaght Historical Society in the Co. Library, The Square, Tallaght, D.24 - admission free.

Wednesday 12th 6.30pm: Professor Geraldine Higgins will present The Joseph Hassett Yeats Lecture: ‘*Let them keep their border: W.B. Yeats’s Islands*’ in the National Library of Ireland, D.2 - admission free.

Thursday 13th 1pm: Public viewing of ‘*Georgie’s Vision*’ - Deirdre Mulrooney’s documentary on Georgie Hyde-Lees, in the National Library of Irl., D.2 - admission free.

Saturday 15th 12 pm: ‘*In conversation: An Italian Bloomsday (in Italian)*’, with Stefano BarTEZZAGHI, Edoardo Camurri, Fabio Pedone and Enrico Terrinoni, in the National Library of Irl. D.2. Admission free but booking required via the Italian Cultural Institute website.

At 2 pm A ‘*Cruinniú na nÓg Family Tour - Off the Cuff?*’ Clothes through the Ages at the National Museum’ takes place in the Museum of Archaeology, Kildare St. D.2 - admission free - places allocated on a first come served basis - partially wheelchair accessible.

At 2pm A Cruinniú na nÓg talk: ‘*The Gorgeous Georgians*’ with Melissa Shiels takes place in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin 2 - admission free.

Sunday 16th 3p.m: Professor Tore Rem will present his lecture ‘*The Words of Ibsen*’ in the National Library of Ireland, D.2. Adm. free but booking required: email: booking@nli.ie.

Saturday 22nd 2.30pm: A ‘*Summer is Coming! Summer Solstice Tour*’ in the Museum of Archaeology, D.2. Adm. free but booking required. Contact educationarch@musem.ie or call 01-6486 332. Meet at the Reception. Wheelchair accessible.

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd 2.30pm: ‘*The Stoneybatter Festival at Collins Barracks*’ takes place in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. Free but booking required - email: bookings@museum.ie or call 01-6486453.

Sunday 23rd 2pm: A guided tour ‘*A Modern Eye: Helen Hooker O’Malley’s Ireland*’ takes place in the Nat. Photographic Archive, Meeting House Sq. Temple Bar, D.2. Adm. free.

Tues. 25th 8pm: Bairbre Ní Fhloinn will present ‘*Cold Iron: the Folklore of Fishing*’ to the Howth Peninsula Heritage Soc. in the Howth Angling Centre, West Pier, Howth. Adm. €5.

Fri. 28th 11.30am: ‘*Culture Club: Summer Nature Ramble*’ with Catherine McGuinness takes place in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History, D.7. Free but booking required - email: bookings@museum.ie or call 01-6486453.

Saturday 29th from 12pm to 4.30pm: Display by the En Garde Living History Re-enactment Group in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, D.7. Admission free.

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PUBLICATIONS

‘Dublin Since 1922’ by Tim Carey

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This fascinating and well produced book, divided into a series of chapters spanning the decades, provides the reader with a unique and fascinating history of Dublin City between 1922 and 2008 looking at events and personalities that shaped the city during this period.

Opening with the chapter ‘1922 - A Capital Once Again’, author Tim Carey provides the reader with a selection of events that occurred that year which commenced with the handing over of Dublin Castle to the Provisional Government on January 16th followed by the hoisting of the national flag in Beggar’s Bush Barracks on January 31st which became the headquarters of the new National Army; the seizure on April 14th of the Four Courts by Republicans; the shelling of the Four Courts by the National Army on June 28th which marked the commencement of the Civil War (1922-23) which figures largely in the remainder of this chapter which concludes with the departure of the last British troops in Ireland from Dublin Port on December 17th.

Excellent illustrated subsequent chapters cover - ‘1923 to 1929 - Consolidation’; ‘1930 to 1939 - Housing, the Church and Traffic’; ‘1940 to 1949 - From War to Republic’; ‘1950 to 1963 - A Conservative City with a Rebellious Steak’; ‘1964 to 1979 - Lurching Towards Modernity’; ‘1980 to 1993 - A Time of Shadow of Light’; concluding with ‘1994 to 2008 - Celtic Tiger Capital’, all of which provide the reader with a fascinating insight to events and personality that shaped the city and impacted on the lives of citizens

The great strength and fascination of this book is that author Tim Carey also includes a host of lesser known details about the city during this period supported with some really great illustrations relating to the periods covered in the text

Another great strength of this remarkable book is that the source for every item mentioned is cited in the Endnotes making it possible for the reader to find out more information about them.

Running to over 300 pages, this is a unique reference book covering aspects of Dublin’s history during the 20th century in words and images which anyone interested in the history of Dublin much have and add to their library such is the wealth of excellent information contained in it.

James Scannell

❖ LETTER TO THE EDITOR ❖

Dear Editor,

I wonder would any of your readers be interested in a Dalkey community barter system? I’ve read of communities who pool their talents and resources in this way and given the wealth of experience in Dalkey, both retired and otherwise, I wonder would it work here (ideally through this newsletter, although how exactly it might work isn’t quite clear to me yet!).

For example, I know a fair bit about dreams and how to assist dreamers to explore and untangle a nightmare or a significant dream. On the other hand, I have a small garden which I am at a loss to untangle and which is just about holding its own amidst luxuriant spring growth! So my exchange might be an hour’s dream exploration for an hour’s gardening expertise?

I’d be very interested to hear what your readers think.

Kind regards,

Catherine Tierney

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SOME EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH



Parkrun - Every Saturday, 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, Glashthule. 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 JUNE 2019

Further information on any events from Mary Daly secretary@southdublinbirds.com
Outdoor Meeting – Sunday 9th June: Join our South Dublin branch at Shanganagh Cliffs to view Sand Martins in their natural environment. Meet at Shankill DART Station car park at 9am. Accessibility: Cliff walks.

Indoor Meeting – Saturday 15th June: The Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Irish Wildbird Conservancy (the “Company”) will be held at 2.00pm sharp on Saturday, 15th June, 2019, in Castletroy Park Hotel, Dublin Road, Limerick, V94 YOAN.

DLR Biodiversity Events for June 2019

Rock pooling in
Sandycove Beach
Sunday, June 16th from
12.30 to 2pm join us for a
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High Blood Pressure has no symptoms and is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. The higher the blood pressure, the greater the risk. There is often no single cause for high blood pressure and it tends to run in families. It also increases as we get older so it is important to have it checked regularly to monitor for any increase in readings. Your GP may suggest a 24 hour blood pressure monitor which you wear for 24 hours and gives a more accurate overall picture.

There are certain lifestyle changes that can help to reduce blood pressure and if this is not sufficient then blood pressure lowering medication is used. These steps are:

Know your blood pressure reading: This is the best way to stay on top of your own health and to have it checked regularly by a GP or Pharmacist

Aim for a healthy weight: Even losing 10% of any excess weight you may be carrying can lower blood pressure

Eat less salt and processed food: Salt increases your blood pressure so try to reduce or cut out its intake, while processed food contains a lot of hidden salt. Add more vegetables, fruit and wholegrain cereals to your diet.

Drink less alcohol: drinking alcohol can increase your blood pressure and may cause damage to the liver and heart.

Be more active: at least 30 minutes of moderate activity 5 times per week

Avoid other risk factors for heart disease: Smoking, high cholesterol and diabetes
If you are prescribed tablets for blood pressure it is important to take them as directed. These tablets lower blood pressure and prevent early ageing of blood vessels and reduce the risk of stroke and you are normally on them for life. In general they have very few side effects but if they don't suit you there are many other options for the doctor to switch you over to. Always talk to your doctor first before stopping them.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



DCC June Monthly Meeting at 7:30pm in OLH	Mon 10 June
Swift Talk and Walk with Lynda Huxley in HC @ 7:30pm	Tues 11 June
Dalkey Book Festival (check www.dalkeybookfestival.org)	Thurs 13 – Sun 16 June
Celebration of Bloomsday in HC check (www.dalkeycastle.com)	Sat 15 – Sun 16 June
Father's Day	Sun 16 June
Sorting of the July Newsletters in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 27 June
DARA Summer Concert in Loreto Abbey Concert Hall @8pm	Sat 29 June
DCC Garden Competition closing date for entries	Weds 3 July

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Salsa Classes Town Hall Monday at 6.30-9.30. Booking and further information from Laura Shortall 085 109 8220

Karate Classes in Town Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30pm (**youngsters**) and 7:30pm (**adults**). Contact 085 141 2828 or email secretary@hombudojokarate.com

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.

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

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

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

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

I received quite a number of calls in late April and early May regarding problems with reception directly from the BBC in NI. The calls about reception came from customers who still use their roof top aerials (not to be confused with satellite dishes). Upon investigation it would appear that there is an issue with the land based transmitter in Kilkeel in county Down, and not with customers roof-top aerials.

I contacted Multiplex Broadcasting Services in Belfast about the problem, but unfortunately I was still awaiting a reply when this article was going to press!

More on this next month !

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