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## Dalkey Community Preschool Playgroup celebrate 45 years

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Photos: Dalkey Community Pre-School Playgroup



## ❖ Summary of Dalkey Community Council July 2018 Meeting ❖

The last DCC Monthly Meeting before the summer break was held on Monday 08th July 2019 in OLH.

**NW:** Garda Gavin Fleet reported that there were 8 burglaries committed during June with one perpetrated during the day. He advised that property should be secured and especially as the better weather is here with open doors and windows owners should be on their guard. There is always the opportunist who will spot an easy target to commit a crime. There will be more Garda visibility in the area during the summer holidays. If any suspicious incidents are seen they should be reported to the Gardai.

**TT:** DTT volunteers have been busy trimming overhanging growth and weeding on Coliemore Road, Sorrento Road, Barnhill Road, Hyde Road, St. Patrick's Square and Bulloch Harbour. DLR did a deep clean at Writer's Corner and the planter boxes have been painted by DTT. Graffiti has been removed from the bridge at Hawk Cliff and other areas around the town.

**Planning:** To the disappointment of many ABP has granted permission for the application at Bulloch Harbour. The decision will be evaluated and assessed. The application for the proposed development for "Richmond" Castlpark Road was refused by DLR but has been appealed to ABP.

**AOB:** The Community Council will notify DLR regarding the traffic situation on Sorrento Road at the intersection with Victoria Road and bring to their notice the lack of road markings here.

*The next meeting will be on Monday 9th September in Our Lady's Hall at 7:30pm.*

## ❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

### SHAY LINEHAN – 1954-2019 R.I.P.

Shay Linehan who died on June 20th had an interesting and significant career centred on education and literature. He was an award-winning playwright in both Africa and Ireland. Locally, he was Director of Deilg Inis Living History Theatre Company in Dalkey for the past 14 years.

He graduated from UCD in English and Economics and gained a Masters in Applied Linguistics from the University of Birmingham.

**Africa** Shay and his wife Teresa emigrated to Africa where they spent 25 years of their early professional careers. He worked in Zambia teaching English where he set up innovative literacy programmes which were later adopted as policy by the government there. His daughters Naomi and Laura were born while abroad.

**His Plays** *The Progressive Dinner Party*, *Headers and Footers*, and *The Angel Farm*. toured southern Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States. *Footers* toured to Dublin and featured in the Edinburgh Fringe festival.

**Ireland** The family moved back to live in Dublin in 2004. He continued his playwriting career and won the PJ O'Connor award for Radio Drama with *Kerry Plates* and was runner up two years later. *Kerry Plates* was entered by RTE in the Prix Europa Awards in Berlin and more recently his *Goin' Straight* won the Gold Award at the PPI Radio Awards.

**Dalkey** Shay became Director of Deilg Inis in 2005, an independent theatre company operating at Dalkey Castle 'bringing life to history by bringing history to life'. Here, he was greatly appreciated by the actors in the company and by Dalkey Castle. His gifted insights and light-hearted scripts for Medieval and Tudor characters enlivened the living



history tour, while still incorporating the facts. All through his illness and treatment, he was positive, fighting the good fight and just insisted on carrying on as normal until near the end.

**Dalkey Castle** He worked closely with us at Dalkey Castle on several theatrical projects. I directed a number of his shorter plays which previewed at Dalkey Castle and debuted at the Dublin Fringe Festival in Bewley’s Café Theatre including *Dublin Heads*, *Shopping in Chains*, *Tesco’s Finest* and *The Fedex Man* and they later ran in the Viking theatre in Clontarf. The obsession the Irish had with consumer culture interested him, having come back from Africa. Other work staged at Dalkey Castle were linking scripts for *Meet the Writers* and *Discover Dalkey’s Literary Gems* which still have regular audiences from the US at Dalkey Castle.

**Dalkey Players** He was a member of the local drama group for a number of years and fully participated with them in various capacities as director, actor and playwright.

**USA** Shay’s big playwriting break came in 2010 when he won the inaugural McGuire Prize in America for *The Cant*, a play about four members of an Irish traveller family. The play was produced by the Irish Classical Theatre Company, Buffalo, in September/October 2010, for an extended run, to great critical acclaim. A number of us made the journey to Buffalo to support him on his opening night. He spent a period as Writer-in-Residence with The Irish Classical Theatre Company, thereafter.

**Maeve Binchy** Shay turned his play writing skills to skilfully adapting some of Maeve’s internationally popular novels *Minding Frankie* and *Light a Penny Candle* for stage. Both of these began life in Dalkey Castle before being taken on by commercial management to the Gaiety Theatre and on national tours. Dalkey Castle commissioned a stage version of Maeve’s ‘cheer up’ book *Aches and Pains* which is a regular curtain raiser for the annual ECHOES Festival at Dalkey Castle celebrating the life and legacy of Maeve Binchy. Shay is survived by his wife Teresa, his daughters Naomi and Laura, his mother, Chris, brother Tony, sisters Mairéad and Dina and sons-in-law Ben and Dallen. May he rest in peace.



Shay Linehan R.I.P.  
Photo: Courtesy of the Linehan Family

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### *The House on the “Raw” Hill*

There are at least five locations in Dalkey associated with the ‘good folk’, also referred to as the *Sí* or the fairies.

The fairies are believed to be descended from the Tuatha Dé Danann, a supernatural people gifted with powers. Tuatha Dé Danann means “the nation of the goddess Danu”.

The Tuatha Dé Danann were the immediate occupiers of Ireland prior to the arrival of – us. The Tuatha Dé Danann fought a great battle with the Milesians, Gaels from Galicia, from whom the Irish are said to be descended. The Milesians defeated the Tuatha Dé Danann.

The truce that followed led to negotiations. The Tuatha Dé Danann loved Ireland so much they could not bear to leave, and it was agreed that the Ireland should be divided in half.

The Milesians obtained the half above the earth and the Tuatha Dé Danann the part below. The Tuatha Dé Danann were led underground into the Sidhe mounds by Manannán mac Lir.

The fairies are to be respected, and not disturbed or meddled with. Their paths should not be built on, their trees not cut down and their mounds left undisturbed. They are associated with hawthorn trees, wells and water.

The first location in Dalkey associated with the fairies is Tubbermore Avenue (*tobair mór* meaning big well).

Willie Doyle of 6, St. Patrick’s Square, Dalkey, a student in Harold Boys in 1938, recorded this story and it forms part of the Schools Folklore Collection. The story concerns a woman from Tubbermore Avenue beset by the fairies and the simple cure of turning her house around. He was told it by Mrs. McClure of 5, St. Patrick’s Square, 59 years of age.

### *“The House on the ‘Raw’ Hill*

*There is a house on the Tubbermore Avenue which belongs to Mr. Thomas.*

*Long ago the fairies met and played music and sang songs.*

*One day Mrs. Thomas, who is dead for the past 17 years, was talking to an old man and he told the woman that her house was on a “raw” hill.*

*The woman took no advice and from that time on the woman’s cattle all died of disease.*

*This woman kept a dairy and her son still carries on the business.*

*One night the woman was advised very much to get her house knocked down and turned around and built higher.*

*She took the advice which she was given and it was done.*

*One morning when after the house was turned, the woman went to the yard (and) in the middle of the yard she saw a strange goat which they did not own. And ever after that they had good luck.”*

*[NFC, Bailiúchán na Scol, Imleabhar 0798, Leathanach 29]*

In modern times, many Irish people disclaim the belief in fairies. Although, asking an Irish person to cut down a known fairy tree or remove a fairy mound, tends to give rise to excuses.

If you know this story or a variation of it, or anything of the student or storyteller, please feel free to drop me a line at [ddodd@lawlibrary.ie](mailto:ddodd@lawlibrary.ie). For those with an interest in the ‘good folk’ there is an excellent podcast from the National Folklore Collection, hosted by Jonny Dillon and Claire Doohan - *Bluirini Bealoideas Folklore Podcast* on the topic. For twitter followers see [@bealoideasucd](https://twitter.com/bealoideasucd).

*David Dodd*



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### AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY FOR 45 YEARS

To mark this important occasion there was a family fun event at the playgroup on Sunday the 26th May. Over one hundred children and their parents flocked to the event in true community spirit. The Community Preschool Playgroup was formed in 1974 by a group of Dalkey mothers, some of whom were Ros Barwise, Sheila Lambkin, Pauline Lynch, Marie Mc Hugh, Judy O' Mahony and Gail Varian. Generations of Dalkey families have been involved in the Playgroup since its humble beginnings.

It started its operations in modest accommodation off the main street in Dalkey and after eight years the staff and parents committee negotiated with Dún Laoghaire Corporation for a site on Convent Road. With the crucial assistance of an ANCO (The Industrial Training Authority) Community Youth Training Programme led by a Playgroup father, David Kennedy, and a team of local apprentices, a purpose designed premises was built.

The Playgroup acquired the legal status of a charity and a limited company and is thus a not-for-profit organisation. It has relied on the enthusiasm and commitment of parents and staff to raise funds, not only to pay for the building on Convent Road, but to continue to maintain it as a high standard facility. Always evolving and improving, it now boasts an outdoor area recently co-designed and built by the Manager, Cliodhna and a playgroup father, Adam, to encompass natural materials for explorative play. The ethos of the Playgroup has always been inclusivity with a strong emphasis on learning through play. It has accommodated an average of 18 children each year for the past 45 years.

The family event on May 26th to celebrate the 45th anniversary, was a gathering for current and past pupils and staff, with entertainment from the Magic Man, a magnificent birthday cake by Muireann, and complimentary Teddy's ice cream for 'everyone in the audience'!

For more information please contact Aoife Kelly on 086 2257531 or Cliodhna at dalkeycpp@gmail.com

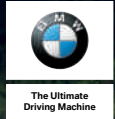


*Community Pre-School founders,  
Judy O'Mahony and Gail Varian  
cutting the 45th Anniversary cake*

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Pre-School Playgroup*



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The last week in June had us down in the midlands again, staying in Birr for two nights. On our way we stopped off at Lough Boora Discovery Park, formerly a peat extracting bog and now a great public amenity incorporating a sculpture park and miles of lakes, woods, streams and vast areas of restored bog, home to a wonderful haven of wild flowers, wintering and breeding birds, dragonfly and damselfly and numerous insects and other creatures. There's a number of different walks and cycle paths of varying distances but first stop was the cafe. From the wooden deck we looked over the railings and saw orchids growing a few feet away. They were the first orchids we were to see but later we'd see, scattered in the peat, single plants then dozens, then hundreds, pink and white spikes dotted all around the landscape.

We thought going through the woodland walk looked promising and set off for it but never actually made it there having got very pleasantly distracted on the way. Willow Warblers and a Whitethroat sang from clumps of willow and Meadow Pipits flew up and piped their lilting refrain as they 'parachuted' down to earth.

One of the permanent sculptures, named the Pavilion, has a covered stage with a roof supported by metal beams and chattering swallows flew in inches above our heads to feed chicks in the nests they'd built on them.

The path running beside the woods opened onto a large area of fenced off grassland. This area of Lough Boora parklands is sectioned off, dedicated to a very successful Grey Partridge conservation project, breeding them with the intention of eventually releasing them into the wild and within this area the grassland is managed to give cover to the birds. You have to stay on the paths and with knee deep waving grasses on one side and a dense bank of willow and wild flowers on the other I thought the chances of seeing a partridge would be virtually impossible so when one dashed across the path a few yards in front of us, although only a fleeting glimpse, we thought ourselves very fortunate. A pair of Stonechats escorted us along the path flying up from the fence to snatch insects and a pair of buzzards drifted across the sky. A snipe flew up out of cover for a instant, a few minutes earlier we'd heard another one's distinctive breeding display wherein, as the bird flies up



*Bee Orchids at Lake Boora*

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high then dives, a small feather held rigid at the base of it's wing vibrates, creating a sustained sound compared to a goat bleating.

We could easily have spent the day exploring the trails and habitats in the vast park but time wasn't on our side and we began to retrace our route. I was still inclined to wander into the woods but thankfully we didn't since further back beside the path Lucy spotted a little group of startlingly beautiful plants we'd overlooked on the way down. Even if you'd never seen a orchid before you might know what these were, bee orchids, a real wonder of nature, their flowers developed to mimic and thus attract pollinating bumblebees. They weren't the only spectacular orchids either, another orchid we saw further along and later identified from Zöe Devlin's book of wildflowers was the lovely *Marsh Helleborine*.

We'd stayed in our B&B in Birr twice before. It's positioned on the river side opposite the grounds of Birr Castle with the possibility of seeing Grey Wagtail, Dipper and Kingfisher flashing by the full length glass wall as you eat breakfast. This time we hadn't even gone down for breakfast when Lucy spotted a kingfisher perched directly below our room. We'd noticed a pair of Spotted Flycatchers on the opposite bank a few times and later realised

they were nesting in a dead tree, the female bird sitting in the nest facing directly towards our room.

Next day we headed to the Forest Park at Portumna where a bird hide had been purpose built to face the tree on a spit of land jutting out into Lough Derg where White Tailed Sea Eagles have bred in recent years, but sadly not this year. An adult bird and one juvenile had died last year from avian flu and the surviving adult hadn't paired up so the huge empty nest was a sad sight.

We followed a narrow winding trail into the woods where on a previous visit we'd seen red squirrels. We'd stopped to ponder what sort of small structure a cement base on the ground had once supported when a buzzing of creatures flying into the fork of a scots pine just above it attracted our attention. Initially presumed it was a wasp's nest then gradually realised it was actually a honey bee's nest, some of them almost at our feet gathering pollen from daisies. Bumblebees tend to nest in the ground and most honey bees seen in gardens are from domestic hives. This was the first time we'd ever seen a wild honey bee nest and researching about them online later I found the National Biodiversity Centre are conducting a survey on their nests so if you know of any nests please log on to their website and record your observation.

There are a number of small reed lined ponds in Portumna forest, very serene and tranquil, a few feet deep with crystal clear water in which you can see tiny fish and the occasional frog moving around. The one we paused beside also held a



*The Pine Martens were difficult to see but Lucy managed to get these shots.  
Photo: Lucy Desierdo*



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Moorhen with chicks and we were watching them when a call I can confidentially say I'd never heard before rang out nearby from what seemed to be almost above us. I had a slight suspicion of what it might possibly be but it was Lucy, peering at a dead tree totally covered with dense ivy, who confirmed what had made the noise. She'd spotted a Pine Marten. That was exciting enough then she realised there were three of them, almost certainly juveniles by the noise they were making. Pine Martens don't make their own nests, often using abandoned squirrel drays or bird nests and very frequently moving into attics or outhouses. These ones were probably born in an old squirrel dray in the ivy and were getting adventurous, clambering through the ivy, constantly calling, before the three creatures climbed down the tree disappearing from our sight after reaching the ground.

Birr itself is a very pleasant town with elegant buildings and many of them play host to the swifts that in the humid weather were almost a constant presence. Some flying in screeching groups were probably non-breeding birds prospecting for future nest sites. The square at the front of the B&B seemed very attractive to them and groups of five and six birds swooped so low you could actually hear and feel the swoosh of their wings as they passed. Visiting the castle grounds next day we were fascinated to find swifts were nesting in holes in the external walls beside the road, some nest holes positioned only six or seven feet above ground.

A very interesting project in a area adjoining the castle grounds is a new plantation of Giant Redwoods which can be sponsored and planted and named after the sponsor or someone they wish remembered. The plan is to have the largest giant redwood grove outside the tree's native California. Although a very worthwhile project in itself a more ominous reason for its conception is the fact that global warming might threaten the future of the original trees and Ireland's climate is perfect for growing these wonderful conifers.



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*Loreto Primary School Choir singing at Knock*

*Image: LPS*

Many events took place in Loreto in the final few weeks before the summer holidays, including the first class and sixth class graduations and sports day.

The first class boys will move on to Harold Boys' National School at the end of August. On the day of their graduation from Loreto, the two first classes played a soccer match in the secondary school sports hall. Afterwards, everyone returned to the primary school hall for the graduation ceremony. They sang 'Count on Me' and 'Shotgun' in Irish. Mrs. McKenna called each one of the boys up to the stage, had a little chat and presented each boy with a certificate.

The sixth class graduation Mass took place at the end of June. Fr. Peter O'Kane celebrated this Mass in the school hall with the sixth class pupils, parents and teachers. After Mass, we played 'Molly Malone' on the recorder. We also sang 'Amhrán na gCupán' and 'History.' Then we received a framed photograph of all the sixth class pupils and our year book. Tea and coffee was then served to the parents and we had some sweets and treats to celebrate.

Our annual sports day takes place in the last week of June. It consists of running races and team activities. The first part of the day is dedicated to running races for all classes and obstacles courses for junior classes. The next part of the day is about team activities. The teams are named after animals e.g. cats, ducks, frogs, goldfish, rabbits etc. There is a mix of pupils from each class on each team. The teams complete activities like the egg and spoon race, the bear hug, islands and hoppers. A teacher stands at each station and awards points. The team with the most amount of points wins. This year the frogs won! Sports day is a great day and everyone enjoys it.

*By Ali Fitzsimons and Sophie Mowatt (6th class)*



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## DARA CHOIR UPDATE



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The Annual Summer Concert of the D.A.R.A. Choir took place in Loreto Abbey, Dalkey on Saturday, 29th June, 2019. We had a full house and would like to thank all our friends and the Dalkey Community for their support. Our Christmas Concert will take place in the Church of the Assumption on Friday, 6th December, 2019.

**Marie Comiskey – DARA Choir**



## BULLOCH HARBOUR



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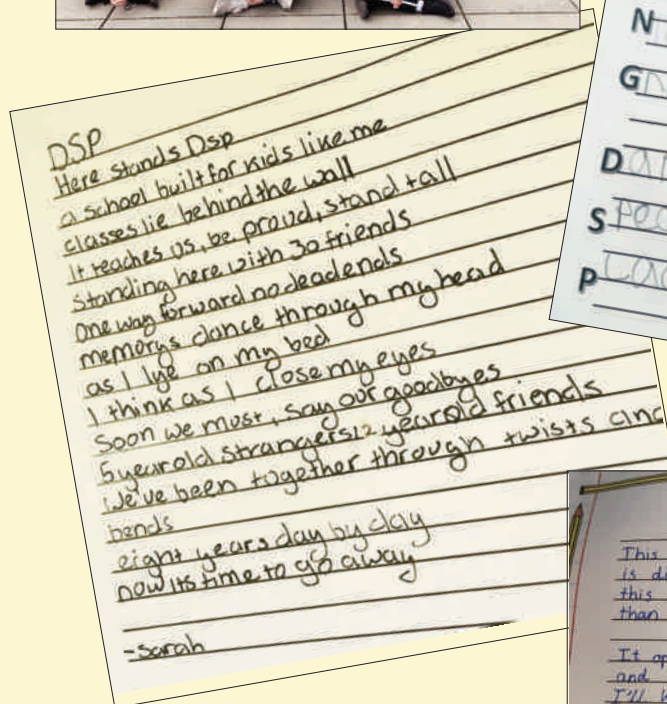
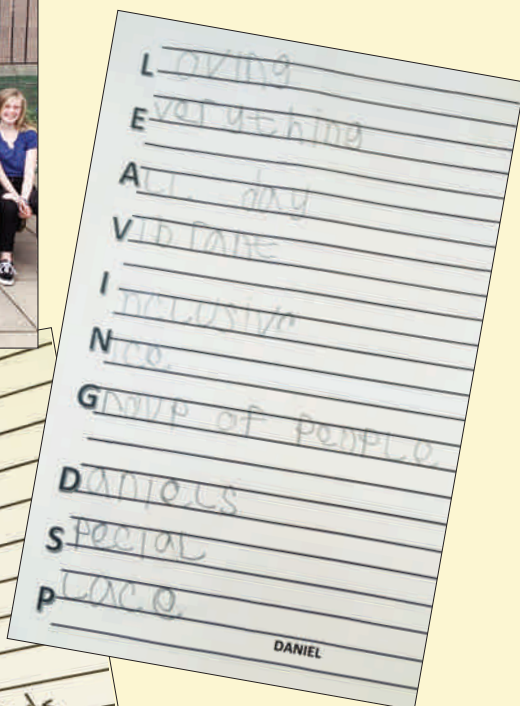
An Bord Pleanála has granted permission for a mixed-use marine commercial, leisure/community and residential based development at the former Western Marine site at Bulloch Harbour. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown had refused permission for the development in March 2018 and the developer, Bartra appealed this decision. Bord Pleanála granted permission in June this year.

There has been widespread public dismay and anger at this decision. Bulloch Harbour Preservation Association would like to thank the public both in Dalkey and around the world for their support during the last three years. We are presently taking advice on our possible options. When we have considered the best course of action, we will tell you our plan of campaign and hope that we can count on your continued support.

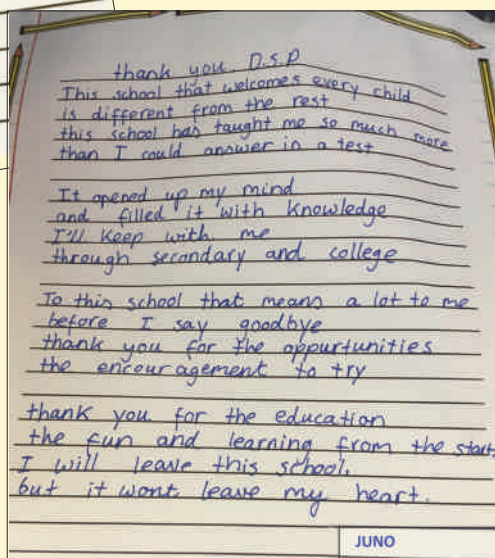
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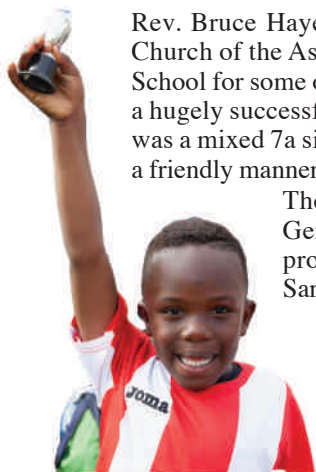




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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Dear Editor,*

I hope you can help me with the following query.

A stone plaque was affixed to the boundary wall of George Bernard Shaw's house on Torca Hill, Dalkey, possibly in the mid/early 1950s. I am interested in knowing the date this was done, for two reasons. Firstly, I happened to be passing by when it was being formally done and perhaps one of your older readers (like myself) might be able to assist.

**Brendan Henderson**

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*Harold Boys Chess Team*

*Image: HBNS*

### **CHESS SUCCESS AT HAROLD BOYS' N.S.**

Recently our school's chess team made it through to the All-Ireland National Final. We are so proud of this fantastic achievement! Congratulations to our chess team: Chenjie Long, Diarmuid Power, Cathal Power, Daniel O'Connor, Noah O'Regan, Luca Rizzi, Conor Brodrick and Conor Flanagan, along with two substitutes Colm Heylin and Thomas Cassidy.

There were many other stages, before the final, that the boys had to get through to secure their place. It all began with a Division-2 final, which the boys sailed through in 2nd place. This brought them into a Division-1 final, where the boys' team made it into the top four, obtaining the team a place in the Leinster Finals. At the Leinster Finals, the boys' success continued when they came in 4th place overall, making it through to the All-Ireland National Finals. In Ireland, there are 3,500 national schools, only 14 of which were in this Chess Final. Our team came in joint 3rd place, which then led to a tiebreak. We then came 6th in the tiebreak. Daniel O'Connor, Diarmuid Power and Chenjie Long got medals because they all got terrific scores of 3.5/5. We would like to say a special word of thanks to Mr. Crowe and Lorraine Power for all their hard work and dedication to our chess club over the years and for preparing the boys so well for the Final!

**Written by Cathal, Diarmuid & Noah from Rang 6**





# Castle Park Swim Academy & Sports Centre

## September Swim Term

Introducing our all new September Swim Term. Academy Lessons will commence on the 2nd of September and will run until the 22nd of December 2019. New swimmers can register for lessons from the 6th of August in our Swim Office. All new swimmers must complete an assessment so that we can assign them to the appropriate level in our Swim Academy. For more information regarding our Swim Term and how to enrol please check the Castle Park School website.

## Summer Swim Intensive Camps

Swim Intensive Camp's are a focused week which aims to improve swimming ability, confidence & stroke technique. Our low teacher:pupil ratio enables all children to maximise their swimming potential. The Camp is suited to all ages (4yrs+) and abilities, and takes place from 3.15pm - 4pm daily. Swim Camps are running for selected weeks during July & August.

## Summer Multi Activity Camps

We are currently 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. Bookings can be made online through the Castle Park School website.

## Birthday Parties

Host your child's birthday party with us. Our venue caters for Sports/Games Parties and Pool Parties. We will tailor the party to the interests of the Birthday Boy/Girl and we provide hot buffet-style food and treats. We also provide decorations and a dedicated party host who will be with the party group from start to finish. Please contact the Swim Academy office for more info.



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There's still time for young readers to fill their **Summer Stars** cards with stamps this month! The Summer Stars reading programme draws to a close at the end of August- if your young bookworm doesn't have a card yet, grab a registration card and get reading for spot prizes and a chance to enter a draw at the end of the summer.

**National Heritage Week** visits the library on Tuesday 20th August. In a talk entitled 'Fell Down, Knocked Down, and Slipped In', the Old Dublin Society's James Scannell will recall three accidents that made the press in Dalkey in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. The talk is scheduled for 7:00pm-8:00pm. No booking is required and all are welcome.

The **Library Sprouts Gardening Club** continues on Monday mornings from 10:30am, with plenty of activities and growing in the Maeve Binchy Garden planned for our miniature green-thumbed readers. Places are limited but do get in touch with library staff for more details. Suitable for children aged four+.

Yet more fun in store for children aged four and over with our **'Drive-in-Movie'** event on



Wednesday 14th August from 10:30am-12:00pm. Bring your imagination and a cardboard box that you can sit comfortably in, and leave the rest to us! Please contact us to book a place.

For our littlest readers, those under four, our **'Early Years'** programme continues on Friday mornings at 10.30am. So if you would like to join us for *'Baby Book Club'*, *'Let's Decorate'*, or free play sessions, come along and meet other parents while your child explores their library surroundings.

As always, our **Music Room** (which contains a harp, a guitar, and a piano) is open and free to use for those with a library card. Feel free to contact us to book a fifty-five minute session or drop in to check availability.

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!

*Image: Dalkey Library*

*Deanna Ortiz – Dalkey Library*

### OPENING HOURS

**Monday & Wednesday: 10am - 5pm**  
**Friday & Sat.: 10am - 1pm & 2pm- 5pm**

**Tuesday and Thursday:**  
**1.15pm to 8pm.**

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 24-27 10/6/2019 to 5/7/2019

*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.:** D13B/0394/E **Application Rec'd Date:** 11-Jun-2019

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

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0055

**Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Jan-2019

**Applicant Name & Location:** David Whelan, Centra, 11/12a Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for a redesign of existing shop frontage, including two storey screen, new signage, new fenestration and dormer window, 29 sqm extension over ground and first floor to western side, roof light to rear (south) and associated site works. Incorporated existing florist shop into grocery shop. **Add. Info. Rec'd (New Adds):** 13-Jun-2019

**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0125

**Application Rec'd Date:** 22-Feb-2019

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

**Proposal:** Permission for: 1. Demolitions to the existing house, including removal of the roof and internal partitions. 2. The construction of a new flat roof second floor to the rear of the property with roof lights. 3. New flat roof with roof lights over existing and proposed works to the front of the property. 4. Extensions, alterations and elevation changes to all sides of the property. 5. Internal alterations to accommodate new internal layout. 6. Widening of existing vehicular entrance including works to driveway, landscaping, soak away, drainage works and ancillary and associated works. **Additional Information:** 13-Jun-2019

**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0396

**Application Rec'd Date:** 10-Jun-2019

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

**Proposal** Permission for the construction of a 111 sqm one-and-a-half-storey pitched-roofed dwelling house. Vehicular access to the new dwelling is to be via the existing dwelling at 43 Barnhill Road. The site is to have revised site boundary treatment of 2m high timber fence panels to all four sides and landscaped surface. The location of the existing surface water storm drain is to be re-routed within the site.

**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0401

**Application Rec'd Date:** 11-Jun-2019

**Applicant Name & Location:** Harald Rinde & Nicole Stephenson Rinde, The Studio, Bartra Cove, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal** Permission is sought for amendments to existing grant of permission (Ref D17A/0846). Permission granted involved demolition of existing 3 storey dwelling and construction of a replacement 3 storey dwelling. The proposed amendments include, (I)

Revised external elevations at all levels including the location of windows, chimney stack and rooflights, (Ii) The introduction of timber fin screening to first and second floor, (Iii) Repositioning of external staircase along the east elevation, (Iv) Increase garage area by an additional 6.0 Sqm (V) Provision of a 1.5 metre high granite stone boundary wall to the north / eastern site boundary.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0410

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Jun-2019

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

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of existing house, construction of 2 new 2 storey 3 bedroom houses, with 2 parking spaces each, a new driveway and 2 crossovers and associated works. This is a reduced proposal following the previous application reg ref D18A/0913, refused on 16 November 2018. **Declare Application Invalid 19-Jun-2019.**

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0429

**Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Jun-2019

**Applicant Name & Location:** Andrew Lohan, 54 Castlepark Road, Dalkey. A96 H978

**Proposal:** Permission for new 2-storey, 2-bedroom house on site in rear garden of existing house and associated site works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0453

**Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Jun-2019

**Applicant Name & Location:** Michael and Emma Murphy, 31, Church Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is being sought for alterations to an existing semi-detached dormer dwelling. The proposed development comprises the demolition of an existing semi-detached single storey garage structure, together with the demolition of an existing single storey utility room extension to gable end, and the construction of a new single storey kitchen/ utility/ family room extension to gable end and rear. The proposed development will also comprise alterations to the front and rear elevations, including modifications to the existing dormer roof, and the construction of a new bay window extension and new entrance canopy to existing main entrance at ground floor level to the front elevation, alterations to the existing window openings, together with all ancillary site works, including the widening of the existing, vehicular entrance from Church Road, and connections to existing services.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0070

**Application Rec'd Date:** 01-Feb-2019

**Applicant Name & Location:** Michael Good, Greenfield site at rere of 44-45 Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for a detached, 2-storey house and a 2-storey terrace of 3 houses with new access via Castle Cove, supermarket carpark. **Add. Info:** 1-Jul-2019.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0649 **Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 13-Jun-2019

**Applicant Name & Location:** Karl & Julia O'Connell, Site B, Southerly Site, Dalkey Sound, Green Road, Dalkey.

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

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0214 **Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 13-Jun-2019

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

**Proposal:** Permission for a basement level a granny flat and other minor alterations to house. Works to include erection of single storey extension to side, use of flat roof over as patio area and balcony with roof light over at basement level. Filling in of existing front carport and conversion of existing garage to habitable space. Modification of external



fenestration at basement level and internal alterations to accommodate new layout. Maintain connection to County Council drainage and all ancillary site works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0261    **Decision:** Refuse Permission    **Date:** 10-Jun-2019

**Applic. Name & Location:** Linda Sherlock, Lisfannon, Rockfort Ave. Dalkey, A96 NW24

**Proposal:** Permission for: 1. The new vehicular access from Rockfort Avenue. 2. The new entrance inward opening automated gate and associated sit works to provide off street car parking. 3. The dishing of the kerb and footpath at the front of the proposed new vehicular access.

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**Reg. Ref.:** A96 HF80    **Decision:** Grant Permission    **Date:** 14-Jun-2019

**Applic. Name & Location:** Willie & Ann McHugh, The Ardburgh, Ardburgh Rd, Dalkey

**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.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0278    **Decision:** Request Add. Info    **Date:** 18-Jun-2019

**Applic. 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.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0284    **Decision:** Grant Permission    **Date:** 18-Jun-2019

**Applic. 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 and St Patrick's Parish Centre/Dalkey National School Building.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0290    **Decision:** Refuse Permission    **Date:** 21-Jun-2019

**Applic. 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.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0304    **Decision:** Grant Perm. for Retention    **Date:** 25-Jun-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.:** D18A/1023 **Decision:** Withdraw Application **Date:** 2-Jul-2019

**Applic. Name & Location:** Noel & Ann Meaney, Sala Tiga, Meany Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for demolition of an existing 3-bed single storey dwelling and replacement with new 3-bed dormer dwelling and associated site works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0314 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 3-Jul-2019

**Applic. 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.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0321 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 4-Jul-2019

**Applic. 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/0326 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 5-Jul-2019

**Applic. 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. Two new velux windows to front and side over existing kitchen. New pedestrian access to side, additional car parking space to front and all associated site works to existing dwelling house.

## **APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 24-27 10/6/2019 to 5/7/2019**

**Reg Ref:** D19A/0051 **Reg. Date:** 28-Jan-2019

**Location:** 7 Cunningham Drive, Dalkey. A96 TX82

**Development:** 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. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 10-Jun-2019

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

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**Reg Ref:** D19B/0156 **Reg. Date:** 27-Mar-2019 **Location:** 53 Hyde Road, Dalkey.

**Development:** Permission for conversion of attic to habitable bedroom accommodation; creation of a flat roof dormer on the rear roof pitch; insertion of two flush roof lights to front and gable roof pitches; all ancillary works. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 17-Jun-2019. **Nature of Appeal:** Against Refusal of Permission.

**Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

**Reg Ref:** D19A/0244 **Reg. Date:** 10-Apr-2019

**Location:** Site of 0.464 hectares, Richmond, 39 Castle Park Road, Dalkey.

**Development:** 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.

**Council Decision:** Refuse Perm. **Appeal Lodged:** 1-Jul-2019. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

### Appeal Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks 24- 27 3/6/2019 to 28/6/2019

**Reg. Ref.:** D17A/1135 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission

**New Determination Date Due:** 18-Sep-2018. **Appeal Decided:** 28-Jun-2019

**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Location:** Former Western Marine Building, Bullock Harbour, Dalkey, A96 X6W2

**Proposed Development:** Permission is sought for the demolition and clearance of the existing industrial single storey warehouse and sheds (1210 sqm) and the development of a mixed-use marine commercial, leisure/community and residential based development. The proposal is for the construction of: 1) A craft boat building workshop / craft boat storage facility (416 sqm), 2) A single storey building incorporating relocated marine leisure unit (10 sqm), relocated marine commercial unit (10 sqm) and community water sports changing facility (42 sqm). 3) A three storey building incorporating a café (108 sqm), apartment entrance hall (44 sqm) and apartment car parking (2 spaces, 40 sqm) at ground floor level, a two bed apartment (160 sqm) with associated balcony at first floor level and a two bed apartment (160 sqm) with associated balconies at second floor level. 4) A single storey re-located seafood sales outlet (26 sqm). 5) 4 no. fisherman`s huts, (total area 18 sqm). 6) A new public square fronting on to the harbour (20m wide x 9m deep). 7) 3 no. three storey detached houses (each 412 sqm) each with roof terraces, and off street covered parking for 2 cars. 8) The existing south-western vehicular access from Bullock Harbour will be maintained and upgraded creating a two-way roadway and shared footpath affording access to the proposed dwellings to the rear of the development. 9) 5 no. visitor

car parking spaces to the rear of the site. 10) The existing boundary wall will be maintained and repaired with natural coursed granite stone. 11) The development will also include piped infrastructure and ducting; changes in level; site landscaping and all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground. **Applicant:** Bartra Property (Dublin) Ltd

**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/1119 **Appeal Decision:** Grant & Refuse Permission  
**Appeal Decided:** 24-Jun-2019. **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission  
**Location:** Desmar, 15 Railway Road, Dalkey. A96 Y4D9

**Proposed Development:** Permission for the demolition of the existing single storey return and construction of a part single, part two storey extension and new window to the second storey of the rear elevation of the existing building, currently operating as a B & B. It will also involve the construction of a new single storey mews house to the rear of No. 15 Railway Road to be accessed from St Patrick's Avenue with alterations to the elevation of the garden wall and all associated internal and ancillary works. **Applicant:** Keith Jackson & Justyna Benko

**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/1209 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission.  
**Appeal Decided:** 24-Jun-2019. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission  
**Location:** Ebenezzer, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

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

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SOME EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

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NATURE NOTES AUGUST 2019

Further information on any events from Mary Daly [secretary@southdublinbirds.com](mailto:secretary@southdublinbirds.com)

Outdoor Meeting

*Date: Monday, 26th August Outing to Sandymount Strand, Dublin.*

Extra information: Cross over the rail line at Merrion Gates and proceed along Strand Road to the first car park on the right where we meet at 19:30. We are hoping to observe the annual late summer arrival of terns to roost at Sandymount Strand. Wellington boots or similar advised.

(Check: [www.southdublinbirds.com/events](http://www.southdublinbirds.com/events) for map)



AUGUST

The Roman Emperor, Augustus, named the eight month August in honour of himself. He died 19 August 14AD. The Anglo-Saxons called August “Weod-Monath” or “Weed Month”

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Cuba? Mary's suggestion. She, who laboured for many years behind the glass at Dalkey Post Office. Well, why not? A touch of the unusual would not go amiss, and so last October found us high over the Atlantic for 10 long hours. How good it was, on arrival, to move those stiffened limbs! Stepping out of the airport into the rows of taxis, we got the first shock to our system, the all-enveloping heat. Quite welcome, but requiring some adaptation. Good to get the swishing blades of the hotel air conditioning moving. Positioned in the very centre of Havana, across from the Central Park, the entrance hall was impressive, mosaic floor, pillars rising to a decorative ceiling with chandeliers, deep armchairs and a distant piano tinkling amongst the plants and palms. However, the rest of the building tended to echo the prevailing condition of the country; somewhat down-at-heel, with unreliable supplies of electricity and water, the latter of which would be topped up by tankers.

The title of this piece might give one to assume that we were to experience gastronomic delights in our wanderings, but that would be an illusion. We had previously heard of a general mediocrity in culinary affairs, and so it transpired to be. No, the Taste of Cuba proved to be an unexpected curtailment of our plans due to an unfavourable exchange rate for Sterling, which we were unable to determine beforehand, this being combined with our false assumption that Cuba, being a poor country, our expenses would be minimal. Not so! Nevertheless, what we did get to see, though just a taste, was still very memorable. Havana is a huge, vibrant, city, pulsing with life and very pretty with many trees and parks, beautiful Spanish colonial buildings, many ruined and empty with dark interiors, echoing the footsteps of distant voices of temporary residents. On the outer fringes of the city restoration or new building is taking place, but, so far, of a restrained and not overbearing



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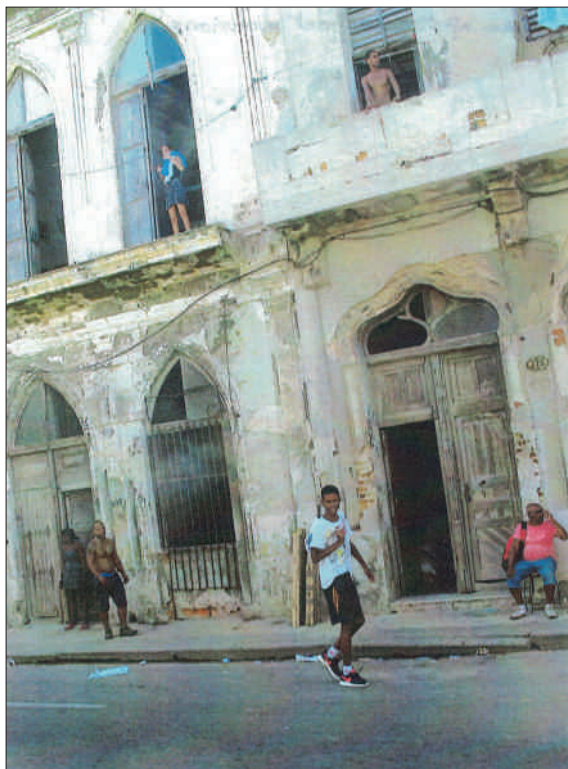
The people are friendly, well dressed and of a fine attractive appearance, but not shy to seek financial assistance on occasion. Even so, not in any way in an aggressive manner, but with a kind of innocent charm in their approach. We took a horse and carriage ride at an agreed price, and after clip-clopping around the old city, we were advised that it was a per person price. On our refusal to pay double, there was no argument on the driver's part, just a resigned acceptance. Although people of every colour fill the streets, it is a surprising statistic that the majority of Cubans are of European descent. An all pervasive feature of the city is the presence of live music, in streets, hotels, bars and restaurants whether you like it or not, with the usual consideration required.

An inexpensive way to see Havana is the Hop-On, Hop-Off

bus, travelling to the park, the zoo, museums, castle, cemetery, etc., plus Revolution Square with its memorial and huge image of Che Guevara on a nearby hotel. The city faces onto the Gulf of Mexico with the sea lashing the roadside wall, and here are many of the old abandoned palaces, windowless and partly inhabited by the poorer people.

For a person with a passion for old cars, American in particular, Cuba is, of course, a heaven on earth. Due to the U.S. embargo on exports to the island in the late '50s, time stopped in that era and thus, for Cuban transport it became a case of 'make do and mend', which now results in a strange sensation of walking in a time warp. Some of these vehicles, now 60 years old and more, are in astonishingly good condition, as though just out of the factory, then ranging down the scale to terrible rattletraps held together with bits of scrap metal and brush painted with household gloss (works of art in their own right). Even a few old English cars are occasionally seen, Austin, Standard, or Hillman – long gone makes languishing timidly among the American giants.

We were able to undertake two excursions out of town, one to rural Vinales, visiting a coffee plantation, tobacco farm and sugar factory, and one to Varadero with a fine stretch of road bordered by a turquoise sea. In the course of both trips many outstanding images remain in the memory, amongst the colour and beauty of the landscapes. Recollections include the lush and abundant vegetation, rustic villages with many dogs, chickens and family pigs, a straw-hatted peasant struggling to plough a field with a yoke of oxen, a



*Old Spanish Mansion*



motorway shared with horse-drawn traffic, bicycles, and pedestrians. A boat ride on a lake inside a mountain and many more.

The country was much bigger than I imagined and much remains to be seen but a tantalizing taste was what we had and it was sufficiently rewarding to hope to return someday for more.

*Michael Salter, Leicester U.K*  
(Former resident of Dalkey)



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*Community First Responders – Back row (L to R): Anne, Celine & Vera Front: Fiona & Concepta*



*Left:  
Bridie Byrne  
practising CPR!*



*Right:  
Maureen Ryan, Mary  
Mitchell O'Connor TD,  
Minister of State &  
Celine Chamberlaine  
Photos: A Perry*

## Coffee Morning for the Community First Responders

The Dalkey Ladies Club who hosted the coffee morning to raise funds for the CFR would like to thank everyone who helped to make it such a success. We are also very grateful to Dalkey Community Council who made a €500 donation to the CFR. In addition a big thank you to all who contributed on the day to raise €1,150. This brought the total amount to over €1,650 and money is still coming in!. We would also like to thank all who supplied raffle prizes and all who baked the homemade cakes. To my wonderful team who worked so hard to make it such a great event. Also to the First Responders who gave us a life saving demonstration. We really appreciate all they do in saving lives. We wish them every success in the future.

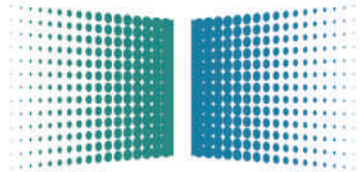
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The Pastoral Parish Council of the Church of the Assumption after much deliberation and a comprehensive financial review of the costs have decided to build a new Pastoral and Community Centre beside the Church.

The decision to build will depend on obtaining full planning permission and having 90% of the cost prior to commencement of the project.

A Project Committee was organised in 2018 with the responsibility of testing the viability of such a development. A great deal of valuable work has already been done by a dedicated team of parishioners and professionals. This has brought the Project Committee to the point of having a viable design and project plan.

We would like to thank all those who attended the public consultation held in the Heritage

Centre on 23rd May last. The Project Committee is continuing its general consultation process before applying for planning permission and a Response Form to enable interested parties to make submissions and express views and any concerns they



may have will be available shortly from the Parish Office.

We are confident that the new Pastoral and Community Centre will serve as an important addition to our much loved town and will enhance the facilities available to both parishioners and the wider Dalkey Community.





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## ❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES – AUGUST 2019 ❖

**Saturday 3rd from 1pm to 3pm:** A Medal & Militaria Fair will take place in the Knox Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. Buy, trade, swap or get free valuations / identifications of medals. The AGM will take place at 3 p.m.

**Monday 5th at 11.30am:** Rob Goodbody will lead a Shankill Tidy Towns heritage walk to Ballycorus Lead Mines - meet at Rathmichael Church of Ireland. Please wear appropriate footwear, bring light refreshments. Participants take part at their own risk.

**Saturday 17th at 3pm:** Brian White, Bray Cualann Historical Society, will lead guided walking tour of Seapoint Road and Quinsboro Road, Bray. Meet outside the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. Participants take part at their own risk. This tour will be repeated on Wednesday August 21st at 7pm.

**Tuesday 20th at 7pm:** James Scannell, The Old Dublin Society, will present a talk '*Fell down, knocked down, and slipped in*' in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. Admission free - booking advised - call 01-2855277 or email: [dalkyleylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dalkyleylib@dlrcoco.ie).

**Wednesday 21st at 6pm:** Noel Carolan will present '*Past Times of the Casino: The Marino Allotments of 1917*' to the Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Admission free but booking required - call 01-6744999 or email: [dublinstudies@dublincity.ie](mailto:dublinstudies@dublincity.ie).

**At 7pm:** Colin Scudds, Dun Laoghaire Borough Hist. Society, will lead a 'Guided Walk of Northumberland Ave, Dún Laoghaire' Meet outside Dunne's Stores, Upper George's St, Dún Laoghaire - all welcome – free. Participants take part in this walk at their own risk.

**Thursday 22nd at 11.30am:** James Scannell, Bray Cualann Historical Society, will present '*August 17th to August 25th 1944 in Bray*' in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray. All welcome - admission free.

**At 7pm** James Scannell, The Old Dublin Society, will present '*A 1918 Police Shooting Incident in Shankill*' in Shankill Library, Library Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. Admission free but booking advised - call 01-282 3081 or email: [shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie).

**Friday 23rd at 11.30am:** James Scannell, Bray Cualann Historical Society, will present '*August 17th to August 25th 1919*' at 11.30 a.m. in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome - admission free.

**Saturday 24th at 2.30pm:** An event '*Remembering the Rathdown Poor Law Union Dead*' will take place in the Famine Cemetery at the back of St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown. All welcome - not wheelchair accessible. Dalkey and Killiney were part of the Rathdown Poor Law Union.

### Rathmichael Historical Society

The 45th Summer Series of Evening Lectures will take place nightly at 8pm from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), , Shankill - admission €5 per lecture - includes tea/coffee/biscuits.

**Monday 19th:** '*The Treasures of Medieval Waterford and the Remarkable Stories*' - Eamonn McEneaney.

**Tuesday 20th:** '*The Castle and Medieval Town and Later City of Kilkenny*' - Ben Murtagh.

**Wednesday 21st:** Leo Swan Memorial Lecture - '*Murder and Mayhem in Medieval Cork*' - Diarmuid O Riain.

**Thursday 22nd:** '*Limerick: City of Sieges and a Broken Treaty*' - Liam Irwin.

**Friday 23rd:** '*Renaissance Galway: Conversations with a Map*' - Paul Walsh.

### No Place for a Lady.

At a special meeting of the Dalkey Urban District Council on Wednesday April 2nd 1919 chaired by Mr. C. McGowan, J.P., to fill a vacancy by co-option, Mr. J. Kavanagh proposed

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Mrs. Charlotte Brazil to fill the vacancy, stating that he had a memorial signed by a large number of ratepayers in support of her. He added that she was a large ratepayer and now that women had been given the vote, it was only proper that they should be represented on the Council. He concluded by pointing out that there was no lady on the board yet and that Mrs. Brazil, who was native of Dalkey, would make a first class councillor. Regretfully none of the members present seconded her nomination. Instead the vacancy went to Mr. Thomas Dowling on the proposal of Mr. McCann, seconded by Mr. Nolan.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *‘Spring 2019 issue of the Dublin Historical Record’,*

Editor Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú, published by the Old Dublin Society.

This issue of the Dublin Historical Society has as the front cover an oil painting purporting to be ‘Passengers boarding a train probably at Westland Row Station. Dublin’ and relates to one of the articles in this issue. Articles featured in this issue include - ‘*In Around the Town*’, Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú reflects on various events that have taken place in the city including the return of the Liffey Ferry and the demolition of the Tivoli in Francis Street; Seán Magee in ‘*Grand Jury and other records of St. Thomas’s Parish, Dublin City*’ provides a picture of this body of men who did their best for the wretched of their area within the limits of their resources; Bríd Nolan in ‘*Newtown on the Strand - an elusive townland*’ traces the evolution, peoples, houses and history of this part of south Dublin which became submerged into modern day Blackrock; the Ballinteer Local History Group in ‘*The Round House Stackstown, Co. Dublin - A query*’ seek information on this building, in particular the design and use of this cottage, which now lies in ruins above Stackstown Golf Club; In ‘*The Medlar’s Gotcha! - The Story of Dublin family*’, Pól Ó Duibhir writes about P.J. Medlar, (1885-1849), undertaken, alderman and city councillor, and his family, whose origins are in Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny, with the emphasis of that part of the family which settled in Dublin. Ireland’s first railway, The Dublin & Kingstown Railway, has been the subject of numerous books but in ‘*The Dublin & Kingstown Railway: History, Art and Reality*’ Kurt Kullmann provides new insights into this railway and some masterful insights and comments on some of the illustrations published when the line opened in 1834; Medical matters are covered in ‘*St. Ultan’s Hospital, Charlemont Street - Background and Achievement*’ by Margaret Bradley, who provides a fascinating history of this Dublin infant’s hospital, established in 1919 which closed in 1984 when its services were transferred to the National Children’s Hospital in Harcourt Street, Dublin, which in 1998 was absorbed into Tallaght Hospital; Irish Whiskey distilling is currently enjoying a remarkable resurgence and in ‘*The Roe Family and Roe’s Distillery*’ Sean J. Murphy tells the story of what was Dublin’s largest producer of whiskey until closure in the 1920s and currently the Roe brand of whiskey has been re-launched by Diageo. The issue of homelessness is not a modern issue and in the middle of the 19th century it was a major one in Dublin and Ireland. If modern Dublin owes a huge debt to Fr. Peter McVerry and his co-workers for providing a night shelter for those without a roof over the heads, then it owes a huge debt to his 19th predecessor Fr. James Spatt whose work has been largely overlooked but now recalled by Fergus A. D’Arcy in ‘*From Weavers to Waifs - From Tenter House to Asylum: The Cork Street Night Refuge for Homeless Women and Children, 1818 - 2001.*’ In ‘*Countess Markievicz, a cottage in Sandyford and her neighbour Mary Mulligan*’, Peadar Curran provides an insight into this retreat used by the Countess to get away from the hustle and bustle of life.

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### **DALKEY TIDY TOWNS LAUNCHES SWIFT NEST BOX CAMPAIGN**

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If the acne is more severe or the over-the-counter products have not worked then visiting the GP would be the next step.

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Sorting of the Sept Newsletters  
in OLH (1pm-2pm) Thurs 29 Aug  
DCC Monthly Meeting in OLH at 7:30pm Mon 9 Sept

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Salsa Classes Town Hall Monday** at 6.30-9.30. Booking and further information from Laura Shortall 085 109 8220 (classes continue all summer)

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**U3A (University of the Third Age)** Dun Laoghaire Dalkey Killiney. U3A is on a summer break and will resume in September. Email: [dldk.u3a@gmail.com](mailto:dldk.u3a@gmail.com)

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