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**Mí na Nollaig agus Eanáir
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**The opening of the Dalkey Community Council Art Exhibition
by Dr. Michael Earley with Dr. Susan McDonnell Chairman of DCC**

Photo: DCC

See pages 8 and 9



Santa is part of the show at Dalkey Castle

Photo: John Fahy

Castle Christmas Tours with Santa at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

Dalkey Castle's Halloween tours sold out in jig time, so don't delay in booking the specially devised **Castle Christmas Tours**, with Santa as the main character in the 45-minute show. Best of all (for parents) there's no queuing, just book your place(s) and you're straight in at the appointed time!



Unique: these Christmas Castle tours with Santa are specially devised for the children who are expecting Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and are full of fun, stories and games. Accompanying adults are encouraged to join in the fun with the children. Costs remain low thanks to the support of DLRCoCo.

Twinkle: The children will engage with Jingle who sings Christmas riddles while s/he is preparing the food for Santa's elves, reindeers and Santa himself.

Jingle: the Christmas Elf, joins in the show. Jingle tells all the famous Christmas stories in a new and exciting way. S/he helps when Santa's suit gets shrunk by the elves who are now all sleeping in the Garderobe. The big worry for Jingle is whether the children can make the suit big enough to fit Santa again. (Of course, they will!)

Santa: The highlight, needless to say, is the appearance of the celebrity himself- Santa Claus! Santa's 'Ho Ho Ho!' has gone very faint. The children will help him to get it back. He has two lists: one nice and the other naughty. Only those who behave very well can be on his nice list. Dalkey children are always on his nice list. The children can help Santa waken the sleeping elves and join him with his 10-question quiz.

Join in: It's all about activity and participation with this specially devised unique Dalkey Castle Christmas Tour with Santa! A big bonus is that you can book in advance and no queuing is necessary. If the children arrive 15 minutes early, they may get some seasonal face painting also! Face painting stops 5 minutes before each tour begins.

Santa's On His Way!



Dalkey Christmas Extravaganza

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER

3.45pm Live Crib, Archbold's Castle

4pm Children's Christmas Carols, Church of the Assumption

5pm SANTA ARRIVES!

5.30pm Visit Santa at his Grotto beside the church

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Children € 10.00 (includes age-appropriate Goody Bag). Babies (under one) € 7.

Adults: € 8.00. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking: Book online at www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets

Credit Card by Tel 01 285 8366. (Closed on Tuesdays).

At Reception every day except Tuesday.

Sunday 1st December: Santa will check out Dalkey in advance when he appears to switch on the Christmas Lights on Sunday 1st December around 5.00pm.

The Living Crib will be as magical as ever with Mary and Joseph and live animals in Archbold's Castle from 4.00-6.00pm.

Happy Christmas to all our supporters and well-wishers. A big *Thank You* for all your support during the year.

Margaret Dunne, Manager Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

❖ Summary of Dalkey Community Council November Meeting ❖

DCC Monthly Meeting was held on Monday 11th November 2019 in OLH

Functions: The DCC Art Exhibition was a great success with 16 paintings sold over the weekend 9th/10th November. The raffle in aid of the Bulloch Harbour Judicial Review raised over € 1,060, thanks to all who bought tickets and gave a donation to it.

TT: Paddy Rigney is stepping down as Chairman of DTT and we acknowledge his great work with Tidy Towns. The teams are continuing their 3 tours of duty each week; litter picking, cleaning, planting and project work. DLR will be contacted over the poor condition of the pavements in the town.

NW: The Gardai are warning the public to look out for counterfeit money that has come into circulation. The words "Moviemoney" can be seen under the European flag on the top left hand side of the note. DCC welcomes Superintendent Martin Creighton who has replaced Martin Fitzgerald as the new Superintendent for Dun Laoghaire.

Planning: The Public meeting held for Bullock Harbour was very well attended and the next fund raising event is a Table Quiz and raffle to be held on Saturday 30th November at 8pm in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel.

The next Monthly Meeting is Monday 9th December 2019.

❖ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL SAYS THANK YOU ❖

Dalkey Community Council sincerely thanks all the voluntary distributors of the newsletter. We welcome Andrew Furlong who joined us this year as Road Rep for St. Patrick's Road. DCC would also like to thank Paddy Rigney for his long service as representative on the council for Tidy Towns and take this opportunity to wish him the very best for the future. DCC appreciates the continued loyalty of our advertisers and without their support the newsletter could not continue.



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Bullock Bicentenary Exhibition & Lectures

An exhibition celebrating the bicentenary of the construction of Bullock Harbour in 1819 organised by the Dublin Port Archive in association with Bullock Harbour Preservation Association and dlr LexIcon is running from 8th November 2019 to 7th January 2020. A number of charts and drawings from the Port Archives will be displayed along with memorabilia and photos of activities at the Harbour. In conjunction with the exhibition the excellent series of lectures which was organised last year in Dalkey Heritage Centre is being repeated on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Lexicon Lab on Level 3. All the talks are free and all are welcome. This will give you another opportunity to attend any which you may have missed last time.

Tuesday 3rd December : The Building of Bullock Harbour by Elizabeth Shotton, Assoc. Prof., UCD School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy.

Tuesday 10th December: Bullock Harbour into the Future; Monitoring and Repairs by Éamon McElroy, Port Engineer, Dublin Port Company.

Tuesday 17th December: Port Collections; History of the Port and the Port Archive by Lar Joye, Port Heritage Director, Dublin Port Company. **BHPA**

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DCC Art Exhibition 2019



Gael Hall picking out the winning ticket for the Bulloch Harbour picture



Dr. Michael Earley, Dr. Susan McDonnell (Chairman DCC) and Rosaleen Callaghan (Functions Mgr. DCC)



Artist Tom Molloy winner of the raffle with Susan McDonnell



Images: DCC

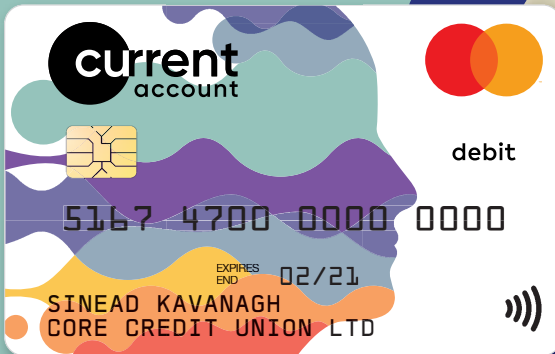


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*Male Blackbird singing in Winter**Image: M. Ryan*

Back at the end of October, on the first day of the clocks going back, I was consciously staying outside in the garden to make the most of the abruptly shortened daylight. The clock change tends to throw you into the winter overnight but that particular evening, as the

light began to fade, I had a most unexpected surprise from the natural world. I heard a bird singing that I'd never expect to hear before late February at the earliest. A Blackbird was piping out a lovely soft melody, a song that's ubiquitous during spring and early summer but here it was singing at the beginning of winter. I didn't totally believe my ears so looked hard to spot it in the gloom and eventually saw it, singing from a neighbour's cherry tree, his pitch black plumage surrounded by the amber and orange colours of the autumnal leaves. He came into my garden and continued singing for the next two weeks, singing at dusk.

Why was a bird that should begin singing as spring starts be singing as we're about to enter winter? Since so much of bird's behaviour is determined by day length rather than weather it's probable that a day in late October would be around the same length as a day in March which might have triggered it to declare his territory. Probably a total waste of time for him but it gave a lovely hint of spring time to come when the dark days have passed.

It is recommended that nest boxes be cleaned out of old nest material. This is to prevent parasites breeding in them as these might infest new born chicks next time it is occupied. Another reason to empty the box is so a bird prospecting for a nest doesn't think another bird is already nesting in it.

I'd left it too late to empty my Blue Tit nest box last winter and it was occupied earlier than usual in the year so it never got cleaned out. I was determined to clean it out this time so, as I was bringing in a step ladder from the garden late one afternoon, I thought, now is as good a time as any so I went up the ladder and loosened the wire that secures the lid. Sure enough, a healthy white maggot was waving about on the top of the box so I evicted it then stretched up to look into the box. There's always a bit of apprehension opening a nest box in case you find dead chicks in it but looking up at me was a very live Blue Tit, sitting on top of an old nest. It didn't seem alarmed and didn't attempt to fly away and I closed and secured the lid.

Lucy had seen one flying out one morning so evidently they're using the box for a winter

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Crossbills on Dalkey Hill in March

Image: M. Ryan

night time roost. I wondered should I remove the nest material earlier on the following day but decided to leave it until later in the winter. I

know I wouldn't be too happy if I came home and found someone had thrown my bed away!

One of my local wildlife highlights of the year was at the end of March when we saw a flock of Crossbills on top of Monterey Pines on Dalkey Hill. Although regular visitors to the hill, usually they're notoriously difficult to see, often landing high on the conifers and blending in very well so getting a good view of a little flock of red males and green females, perched on the very top of a tree bathed in the rays of the rising sun was a real treat.

Another highlight of the year was when, coming out of the Lidl store car park in Bray one gloomy night, Lucy spotted, flying along the adjoining avenue, a Long-eared Owl. It was flitting along the street lights, perching on top of them and scanning the ground underneath for prey.

Our low point on the hill was last year's winter being the first we didn't see any red squirrels. It's almost 18 months since we've seen any in the park and, as far as I know, nobody else has

seen any. It was almost inevitable that once the grey squirrel reached Dalkey and Killiney Hills in 2005 the reds would gradually die out but it's still a very sad loss. Providing flowers, plants and trees for pollinating insects has become high on many agendas which is very heartening. I discovered this year in my own garden that



Bumblebee feeding on a Cotoneaster

Image: M. Ryan

Cotoneaster Horizontalis, the very common shrub with fishbone-shaped branches that produces masses of red berries in winter, is a magnet for honey bees and bumblebees when it flowers. Perhaps it was the year that was in it but in spring it was positively humming with bees and drew spectacular numbers of them for months. Cotoneaster can spread around gardens (a testament to its attraction to birds who have eaten the berries then pass them through their system) and can be a bit invasive, often seeding in walls and I'd intended to pull up a few in my garden last winter but subsequently when I witnessed all the insects on it, I was delighted I had left them alone.

You would imagine a plant classified as a 'noxious weed', one that can result in farmers being fined for letting it grow on their land, due to its potential to fatally poison horses and farm animals that eat it, would be an undesirable addition anywhere. I knew the leaves of Ragwort was essential as a plant food for the larvae of Cinnabar moths but it was only this year I discovered its flowers are a brilliant food source for butterflies, bees, hoverflies and many other insects. It is actually listed as one of the top ten pollinating plants, attracting up to 200 species of invertebrates, and is one of the flowers most frequently visited by butterflies.



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RATHDOWN SCHOOL – CENTENARY CELEBRATION



11th November 2019 - dlr LexIcon Library, Dun Laoghaire - Pictured at the launch of the exhibition celebrating 100 years of Rathdown School were left to right, Dermot Dix, Junior School Principal, Rathdown School, Broadcaster Pat Kenny who opened the exhibition, Miss Stella Mew, former Principal, Rathdown School, Cllr. Shay Brennan, Cathaoirleach of DLR CoCo., Brian Moore, Principal, Rathdown School, Mary Mitchell O'Connor, Minister of State for Higher Education, Patsy Ashe, outgoing Chair of the Board of Governors, Rathdown School and Conor Grimley, incoming Chair of the Board of Governors, Rathdown School.

The history of Rathdown School is really the history of five schools, Hillcourt (Upper Glenageary Road), the Hall (Belgrave Square, Monkstown) and Park House (Morehampton Road, Donnybrook) came together in 1973 to form Rathdown, and in 1987 a fourth school, Glengara Park (Lower Glenageary Road), also amalgamated with Rathdown School. All these histories converge at our beautiful Glenageary campus. We are celebrating 100 years of education here at the Rathdown School campus in 2019.

Hillcourt School, one of the four schools which amalgamated to form Rathdown School, opened as a school in 1919 in the building now known as Hillcourt House. In 1919 Mr. Wilfred P. Toone founded Hillcourt, to educate the sisters of boys attending Castle Park School which he founded sixteen years earlier. Mr. Toone persuaded two sisters, Gladys and Phyllis Palmer to leave Cheltenham Ladies' College and come to Dublin to run Hillcourt School.

Seaview, the home of the Synnott family on Upper Glenageary Road was purchased and the name changed to Hillcourt. The Palmer sisters opened the school in May 1919 with 33 boarding pupils who filled Hillcourt to capacity. Miss Mew was appointed Headmistress of Hillcourt School in 1972 with 82 pupils aged 8 to 17 years old. Almost all the teaching took place in Hillcourt House. The B.S.R. (Big School Room) hosted



Also celebrating on the night – left to right, Brian Moore, Principal, Rathdown School, Miss Stella Mew, former Principal, Rathdown School, Cllr. Shay Brennan, Cathaoirleach of DLR CoCo., Conor Grimley, incoming Chair of the Board of Governors, Rathdown School and Tara McDonnell, Eleanor Moore and Isla Mulcahy pupils from Rathdown Junior School.

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the entire school for assemblies. In 1973 it was agreed that The Hall School in Monkstown and Park House School in Donnybrook would amalgamate with Hillcourt School to become Rathdown School with 500 pupils across three sites. Gradually Rathdown School took shape on the Glenageary site and in 1987 Glengara Park joined as the fourth member of the amalgamation. Rathdown School continues to the present day providing education for girls aged 3 to 18 built on the strong foundations of the original Hillcourt School heritage. Every girl now entering Rathdown School is allocated to a particular House, each of which commemorates one of the original schools.

In 2019 as we celebrate a Century of Education and Community on the grounds of Rathdown School the timing is right to celebrate the wealth of memories, stories and history that have been gathered through the years from each of the schools which brings us to the launch of the Rathdown School Archive Exhibition. It is also fitting that the exhibition was open for the wider community to explore in the wonderful setting of the Lexicon in Dún Laoghaire where the exhibition was on display until the 25th November.

Jean Ryan



CHRISTMAS HAROLD BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL



*Images:
HBNS*



Every year at Harold Boys' we have a Carol Service in our local church, to showcase all of the wonderful songs we have been practising in the lead up to our favourite time of year – Christmas.

Christmas is a very busy time for everyone, so it is important to remember the true meaning of Christmas and how it all began. There are so many things going on for the boys in school, at home and in their local community. At school, teachers and children are busy making Christmas-themed art, rehearsing for nativity plays, decorating the classrooms and savouring the magic in the air. For our Carol Service we invite our friends and families to come and join us as we sing the well-known Christmas songs. Each boy wears a red Santa hat and has a red booklet to read the lyrics. This year we will sing our Carols on Wednesday 4th of December, we hope to see as many friendly faces there as possible. All are welcome!

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DECEMBER 2019 / JANUARY 2020

December: From 'decem' which means ten – the tenth month of the old Roman year.

Flowers: Holly & Narcissus

January: From the Roman god Janus who had two faces – to look backwards and into the old year and forwards into the New Year at the same time.

Flowers: Carnation & Snowdrop.

Sunday, December 1st, 2019



3.45pm Live Crib, Archbold's Castle
4pm Children's Christmas Carols,
Church of the Assumption
5pm Santa arrives!
5.30 Visit Santa at his Grotto beside the church



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CODING IN LORETO

On the 16th and 17th of October, 1st- 6th classes had the privilege of taking part in a coding workshop with Matt Hanlon and Mr. Owen Hughes, a teacher from Loreto Abbey. We were also joined by two 4th year students also from Loreto Abbey.



Image: LPS

Each pupil was given an iPad to code on. We used the Code Machine and Hello Byte on Swift Playgrounds. Code Machine lets you use basic coding strategies like loops and functions. Hello Byte helps you learn how to write code and fix any errors in your code. All students enjoyed the experience thoroughly. We really appreciate Matt, Mr. Owen Hughes and the 4th year students who made it possible. We hope to have more opportunities like this in the future.

By Annabel Jordan, Caoimhe Brandon Segura and Aifric Murphy – 6th class



DALKEY SCHOOL PROJECT N.S. UPDATE



Meet the kids behind the cuts

Photo: Justin Farrelly

MEET THE KIDS BEHIND THE CUTS' CAMPAIGN

On Friday 25th October the DSP School Community officially launched the 'Meet the kids behind the cuts' campaign. The campaign seeks to highlight the

lack of support and ongoing challenges for children within the additional needs model. Parents are calling on the Government to provide one Special Needs Assistant (SNA) per classroom and a fair, transparent and support system for children with additional needs. The campaign focuses on real stories of those who are directly suffering as a result of an inadequate provision of resources by the Department of Education and Skills. The campaign also shines a light on the wider state system that is failing in its responsibility to support children with additional needs.

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Christmas season begins with carols from May Melodies stars '**The Supertones**', a Monkstown-based children's choir affiliated with the Dun Laoghaire Choral Society led by Julie Shanley, who will deck our halls with yuletide song on the evening of Thursday 5th December, all very welcome.



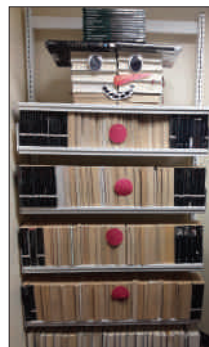
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For more information on any of the above, you can call us on 01-2855277 or get in touch via email or social media @dlrlibraries. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Book Snowman

For young fans of more hands-on Christmas cheer, we have a **Christmas Activity Morning** on Saturday 7th December at 10:00am with author Sadhbh Devlin. Suitable for those over four years old, participants will be treated to a morning full of Christmas stories, crafts and activities.

The following week, on Saturday 14th December at 10:00am, there will be story time of a different kind- **Sensory Storytime** with Paul Timoney. Paul will host two fun-filled story time sessions with bug-making and interactive storytelling. There's more story time fun planned on Tuesday 17th December at 6:15pm! Bring your young reader in



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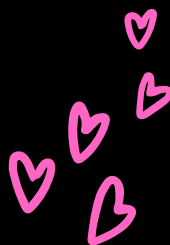
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Thank you to all involved in our annual Bookfair during the week 11th – 15th November. Once again it was a great success. The money raised will ensure the library in each class is stocked with new books for the year ahead.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths)

The children in all classes are involved in STEM work each month. Every class works on a different subject each month.

1st/2nd class worked on technology this month, below is a piece from the teacher on what they worked on:

'In October our STEM focus in 1st & 2nd Class was 'technology. We used the iPads to take photographs of the weather. We then created a weather book using an App called 'Book Creator' to show the weather for that week.

We also used a tree App so that we could identify trees from their leaves. We became very good tree detectives'! –



Images: St. Patrick's School

Jenny Newton, Class teacher 1st/2nd class



LETTER TO THE EDITOR – AUTUMN LEAVES



Dear Editor,

I wish to report what I consider to be a dangerous and unsightly condition resulting from Autumn Leaves falling and “**not**” being cleared up regularly.

The current position is that a collection of soggy and rotten mess has accumulated around Dalkey Town. Probably the worst example is along Leslie Avenue and Convent Road. Trees growing wild from one property which divide both roads have now shed and the mess has accumulated. Hundreds of children walk up and down these roads every school day. Wet leaves across roads and footpaths are a fall danger risk. Seniors also have to beware! Leaves blow about and clog drains.

Similar situations exist along Coliemore and other roads. Property owners choose to ignore and refuse to accept any responsibility for clearing droppings onto public footpaths and roads so rather than remain one of the silent majority I would respectfully request that DLR take some immediate action and get the mess removed from public areas.

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FOLKLORE CORNER – THE LADY CULLEN’S WELL



There were at least five wells recorded by the school children of Dalkey for the Folklore Commission in 1936.

Wells played a key role in the daily lives of people – before mains water. Providing the necessary for cooking, washing and drinking. Wells were also a focal point of storytelling and folklore. The most prominent and important of the wells of Dalkey is Lady Cullen’s Well or Lady’s Well.

Margaret McWilliam, Loreto Dalkey, 5 Sorrento Road, Co. Dublin was told about the Lady’s Well by Mr. Quinn of Anastasia Lane. She recorded Mr. Quinn’s age as circa 80 – which places him as born in 1856, circa. The stories recall the origin of the name of the well and the names of those associated with it:-

“In the grounds of Carraig-na-Gréine there is a huge rock shaped like a football, along side of which is a well sprung up. Around this rock were built many little cabins in which some very poor people lived.

In the largest of these cabins there dwelt a man named Cullen, who had reared a large family (anc) of sons and daughters. When the family grew up they left their cabin and went to seek their fortunes.

After some time a man named Leslie bought the site from the old people. He built the house ‘carraig-na-Greine’ and as the little cabins were unsightly, he had them demolished.

After some years one of the Cullen girls came back having made her fortune. She found her parents had gone and their cabin also. To show she still had a right she used to go every day and carry water from the well.

To get rid of her Leslie agreed to pay her a certain amount of money. When her money was finished she came back again in order to obtain more money.

Then Leslie set his men to work and made them dig all around the well. When Miss Cullen came back she found the water had gone and she had no further right, she then went away to make her fortune again. She was then known locally as ‘The Lady Cullen’. It is thought this is how it got its name as the lady’s well. It is also said there is no religious significan(ce) attached to it.

Then Leslie had the well built where it is at present. On the third skylight from the well in Roman figures are [1828] and this is the year this well was built.”

(The Schools’ Collection, Volume 0796, Page 061)

Ambrose Dunne, aged 76, also told his grandson, John Dunne, 2 Bartra, Cottages, Sorrento Road, Co. Dublin. 6th Std. Harold Boys Dalkey about the Lady’s Well:

“Years ago the people were supplied with water from wells. The poor people had to carry the water themselves and the sick paid for the water to be brought to their houses. There were many wells in Dalkey which are now filled in except one called ‘Lady’s Well’ which was recently closed to the Public.

The ‘Lady’s Well’ is situated off the Convent Road near the Convent and was first owned by a family named Cullen. When the owner died it was left to a daughter who was called the ‘Lady’ by the neighbours. For years the well was known as the Lady Cullen’s Well and after a time it became known as the Lady’s Well by which it is still known. The Arch leading to the well was built about 150 years ago by a Dalkey stone mason named J Quinn.”

The Schools’ Collection, Volume 0798, Page 9)

Though contradicted by the above, other stories associate the well with a holiness and religious fervour. James Mitchell VIIth Standard recorded the following story from Mrs.



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Mitchell of 4, St. Patrick's Road:

"The Lady's well was a place long ago where the monks used to say mass. In the middle of the cave there is a big iron gate. The iron gate was put there because the monks could escape in time of danger. The gate used to leave you out to the Coal Quay which is beside the sea. The other part of the cave used to go under ground to Cliff Castle Hotel but is blocked up now. The man who looked after the well was Frank Maughan who went religious mad. The sky-lights are the only thing to save you going to the well. On one of the sky-lights are Roman figures. The sky-lights were put in by J. Quinn in 1861."

(The Schools' Collection, Volume 0798, Page 60)

It is great to see the well in Dillon's Park rediscovered and celebrated by the Tidy Towns Committee in 2016. Surprisingly, the well does not feature in any stories in the 1930 Schools' Collection, though four other wells feature. This may mean the Dillon's Park well is an ancient well, long fallen out of memory or use by the time the students were recording in the 1930s. The Lady Cullen's Well is now bricked up. Is it time to consider taking the bricks down and revealing what religious medals remain and the roman numerals recorded by the students?

If you know this story or anything about the Lady's Well or the wells of Dalkey (or the student or storyteller) feel free to drop me a line at ddodd@lawlibrary.ie. For those with an interest, there are also many groups springing up cataloguing and restoring the wells of Ireland. For Dublin see <https://www.facebook.com/HolyWellsOfDublin/> for Wicklow see <https://www.facebook.com/Wicklow-Wells-Toibreacha-Chill-Mhantáin>.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 42-45 14/10/2019 to 8/11/2019

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/0352

Application Rec'd Date: 24-May-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Richard & Carol Cullen, Lismore, Knocknacree Grove, Dalkey. (Protected Structure).

Proposal: Permission is sought for works to include raising the height of the existing stone boundary wall onto Knocknacree Grove to 2 metres and the construction of a new 2-3 metre high stone boundary wall onto Knocknacree Grove, and the removal of the existing gabions and brickwork wall adjacent to the neighbouring property, 1 Knocknacree Grove and replacement with a new 3 metre high stone boundary and associated landscaping and ancillary site works. **Application Type:** Recd Add. Information: Clarification of A.I.: 20-Sep-2019, 17-Oct-2019.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0803

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Oct-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Glen Finegan, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention Planning to cover the installation of fence and gate which was higher than original planning permission along boundary wall (Original planning reference D15A/0240). **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Declare Application Invalid: 8-Nov-2019.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0822

Application Rec'd Date: 25-Oct-2019

Applicant Name & Location: David Murphy & Joan Murphy, 2, Rocklands, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning Permission is sought for a new one storey garage and new entrance onto Harbour Road including the diversion of a public sewer to the rear.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0840

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Nov-2019

Applicant Name & Location: James Corrigan, Ardeevin House, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of 2 storey extensions (124m²) and outbuildings to the side and rear of the existing house. Construction of 2 storey over basement extension to the side and rear of the main house (300m²) and associated site works. Construction of a 7m² single storey extension to the mews house to the rear of the site. Amendments to the entrance steps and a new front door. Replacement of lead roof covering to the front elevation bays with zinc. Re-rendering the existing house with block marked render to match existing. Installation of wrought iron railings to the 1st floor window sills of the existing house.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0841

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Nov-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Peter & Catherine Nowlan, 3 Barnacoille Park, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for single storey flat roofed "granny flat" extension at lower ground floor level to front of dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0390

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Aug-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Richard & Hannah Chapman, Hamara, Castlepark Road, Dalkey. A96 TX38

Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of single storey side (west), & rear extensions to existing house, replacement of garage with two storey side extension (East), attic conversion, front & rear dormers, replacement of front porch, new external finishes, internal alterations and associated site works. **Add. Info. Rec'd (New Adds):** 29-Oct-'19.

Reg. Ref. D19A/0496

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Jul-2019

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

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing house, construction of 2 new 2 storey 3 bedroom houses, with 2 parking spaces each, a Page 6 of 26 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. **Additional Information:** 4-Nov-2019.

Reg. Ref. D19A/0856

Application Rec'd Date: 7-Nov-2019

Appli. Name & Location: Mr. Bernard McEvoy 'La Scala', Vico Rd, Killiney. A96 W827

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the existing part three storey, part single storey, dwelling (located in an Architectural Conservation Area) and the construction in lieu of a new, part three storey, part two storey, single family dwelling with associated hard and soft landscaping, drainage and rainwater harvesting tank. Work to site boundaries to include general repair and a new privacy screen on top of the existing wall along the south-west boundary.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 42-45 14/10/2019 to 8/11/2019

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0623

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 17-Oct-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Patrick Hannigan and Edel Neville, 'Marabel', No. 4 Knock-na-cree Road, Dalkey A96 N4X2.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the existing 2 storey detached dwelling and construction of a 2 storey detached dwelling totalling 359sqm including entrance ramp, car port, landscaping works to rear garden and associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D19B/0390

Decision: Request Add. Info

Date: 16-Oct-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Richard & Hannah Chapman, Hamara, Castlepark Road, Dalkey. A96 TX38

Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of single storey side (west), & rear extensions to existing house, replacement of garage with two storey side extension (East), attic conversion, front & rear dormers, replacement of front porch, new external finishes, internal alterations and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0398

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 18-Oct-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Rory Murphy & Yvonne Harrington, 90 St. Begnet's Villas, Dalkey. A96 CD79

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of: • Construction of a new flat roof first floor extension over existing ground floor extension to side/rear, with projecting elements to front and rear; • Alterations of existing windows and doors within existing house and existing ground floor extension. • All associated internal alterations, site, landscaping, drainage and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0641

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 21-Oct-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Michelle Delaney Raffo, Site to the front of Saval Park House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey A96 EV67

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of amendments and modifications to the permission granted for a single storey 2 bedroom detached house under Reg Ref. D12A/0250, that will include alterations to the design, form and siting of the proposed part 2 storey, part single storey 2 bedroom detached dwelling and alterations to the permitted site boundary of the new dwelling - site area increased by 20 Sqm. Additional first floor of 28.5 Sq m to accommodate family room and shower room with associated fenestration. Ground floor increased by 31.2 Sq m to accommodate staircase, new front porch and enlarged living area. The proposed 2 storey ridge is raised by 0.9m with new external finishes to all. The new house will be served by one dedicated car parking space. All associated drainage and site works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0643 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 23-Oct-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Ian Robertson, Juverna, Rockfort Ave. Dalkey A96 C8X4
Proposal: Permission for development consisting of 1) Demolition of hipped roof to part of existing rear return of house, 2) Demolition of existing glazed roof extension to access attic to the rear of house, 3) Raising of existing chimney to rear pitched roof over part of existing return of house by 600mm, 4) Extension of the floor area of the existing attic space (to South-West side) by 9.2m², 5) Alterations to the roof over the existing attic space to include a new curved section of roof raising the roof height in this section by 500mm, new curved roof to extend over the new access stairs from first floor level to attic level, 6) Enlargement of the existing terrace and raising of the existing wall to terrace by 240mm to comply with building regulations, 7) All associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0408 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 24-Oct-2019
Applic. Name & Location: Jim & Joanne Connolly, 43 Dalkey Park, Dalkey. A96 WF38
Proposal: Permission for first floor 18m² side extension and associated alterations.

Reg. Ref. D19A/0677 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-Nov-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Richard Glavin, 1 Sorrento Drive, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of the: 1. The demolition of existing detached garage to the side and partial demolition of the existing semi-detached dormer bungalow. 2. Construction of a single storey flat roof extension to the rear. 3. Alteration and increase in size of existing dormers to the front, rear and side of the existing house. 4. The construction of a new dormer to the front and a with new 'Velux' roof lights to the front and rear 5. Elevational alterations to front, side and rear. 6. Repositioning of existing vehicular entrance and new pedestrian entrance with landscaping, drainage works and ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref. D19B/0417 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-Nov-2019
Applicant Name & Location: Michael & Antoinette Carroll, 22 Convent Road, Dalkey. A96HW20

Proposal: Permission for a new steel and timber fence and side pedestrian gate, on top of existing masonry boundary wall (replacing previously granted new masonry boundary wall; planning reg. ref. D17B/0563) to the front and side.

APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 42-45 14/10/2019 to 8/11/2019

Reg Ref: D19B/0140 **Date:** 19-Mar-2019
Location: Erroldene, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. A96 DW71
Development: Permission for construction of new first floor over existing ground floor rear return, including roof lights, internal alterations and associated site works.
Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 30-Oct-2019. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 42-45 7/10/2019 to 1/11/2019

Reg. Ref. D19A/0051 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission
Appeal Decided: 8-Oct-2019 **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission
Location: 7 Cunningham Drive, Dalkey, Co Dublin A96 TX82
Proposed 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. **Applicant:** Christopher Boucher & Lisa Lennon.

Reg. Ref. D19B/0156 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Decided:** 8-Oct-2019.
Council's Decision: Refuse Permission. **Location:** 53 Hyde Road, Dalkey.

Proposed 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. **Applicant:** G & L McEvoy.

Reg. Ref. D19A/0290 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Decided:** 29-Oct-'19.
Council's Decision: Refuse Permission.

Location: Land to the rear of The Dalkey Duck Public House, 61, Castle St. Dalkey A96 RY62.

Proposed Development: 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. **Applicant:** Solly White's Ltd.

Reg. Ref. D19A/0321 **Appeal Decision:** To Remove Condition(s)

Appeal Decided: 29-Oct-2019. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission.

Location: 58, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: 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. **Applicant:** David Quinn.

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2nd place - Rosie's beach cake

3rd place- Orla's burger cake

Dalkey Rowing Club gives huge thanks to Stephen from The Country Bake, along with Mary from The Corner Note who judged the fabulous entries and supplied prizes, as well as other prize givers and supporters. Maxwells pharmacy, Dalkey castle and heritage centre, Ken the Ferryman, Lyn Cassells Hair, 1909 restaurant, The Club, Churches estate agents and all who came along and supported us on the day.

Images: Dalkey Rowing Club



Reading Michael Ryan's description of his visit to Tory Island in September's "Nature Corner" brought to mind our own trip to Tory many years ago. In contrast to his experience of the rough ferry crossing, in our case the sun glinted on the calm blue sea, while the sea birds accompanied us on a beautiful smooth crossing. Here I feel I must compliment Michael Ryan on his wonderful monthly contributions to the newsletter and especially his photographic close-ups of the birds and animals.



Dún Bhaloir (Balor's Fort) Tory Island

But back to Tory....On reaching the pier we were met by the (late) king – Patsy Dan – who welcomed all those visitors disembarking to his kingdom. This was an everyday occurrence. Patsy Dan always endeavoured to be at the quayside at the arrival time of each crossing of the ferry.

Although we had initially intended to stay for only one day, we spent 4 days there in beautiful sunny weather, exploring every nook and cranny while soaking up the blissful isolation. There were some extraordinary rock formations carved over the centuries by the mighty Atlantic. A great degree of care however, was necessary not to venture too close to the edge on account of the many hidden holes and burrows of the rabbit population. I would like to have had then the knowledge of Michael Ryan of the various birds to be seen, but the delightful and colourful puffins were there in their 100s on the rocks.

We criss-crossed the island so many times, that we met the king frequently, either walking or in his car, where he would pull up and stop to talk. He made us feel we were among his best friends! We learned how he had campaigned and succeeded for better conditions for



Sea Stacks Tory Island

Photos John Roche

the community on the island including a bigger ferry. Sadly, the king of Tory passed away last year amid much grief. He was known the length and breadth of Ireland and further afield. His successor, if there be one, has a mammoth task ahead if he is to fill the shoes of King Patsy Dan Rodgers.

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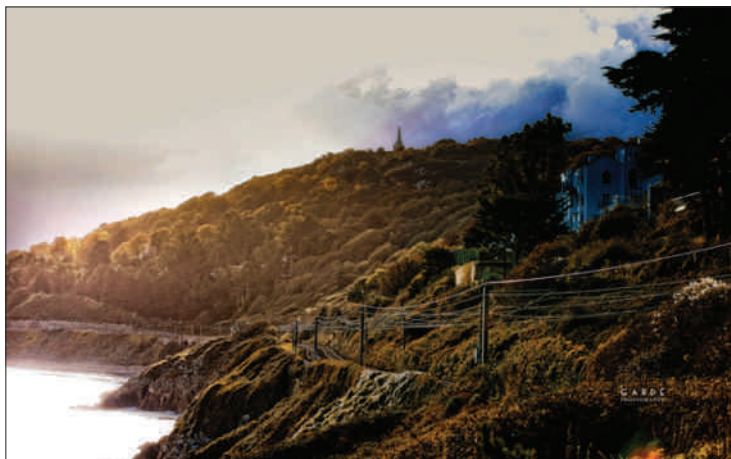
We now have limited daylight hours as we approach our shortest day of the year. This, sometimes bitterly cold, crispy Wintery weather can be beautiful and yes, icy cold in equal measures.

Maybe, dazzle your friends and neighbours this Christmas and New Year 2020 with a beautiful hall door wreath (twinkling or otherwise), bring

your outside to your special hall door with some seed heads, berries, Rosehips, Chinese lanterns, Agapanthus, Hydrangeas, Boxwood, Pine, Cedar, Yew, Crab apples, Dogwood stems, Pyracantha, fluffy Miscanthus flower heads, Teasel, Birch, Old Man's Beard (Clematis Vitalba) etc., etc. – anything that you fancy and can forage from your garden. Most importantly, spend time with family and friends over these festive weeks.

Christmastime can be stressful and intense for some, so an aesthetically appealing garland or candle in a floral arrangement, or winter interesting bark and stems, can create a special kind of delight and peace – inner peace.

If we have a 'White Christmas' remember to shake off ornamental trees and shrubs after enjoying the stunning sight of them. The weight of snow can damage branches and stems. Snow on low plants actually protects them against hard frosts, it acts as a blanket over them and then, provided the ground isn't frozen, there is still time in December and even January, to plant your tulip bulbs and then likewise, let's protect our plants that are vulnerable to these frosts because our year could enter its coldest phase – mulch, straw and fleece can be most useful. Perhaps, group potted plants together in a sheltered spot in the garden to protect them from the harshest winter weather . . . Now, let's enjoy a vase filled with something like Winter Jasmine (*Jasminum Nudiflorum*), Winterberry, Holly, Nadina, Mistletoe, Ivy, Dogwood, Rosemary, Frosty Ferns,



Incredible light and evolving nature is so evident presently, here in Dalkey Island Sound.

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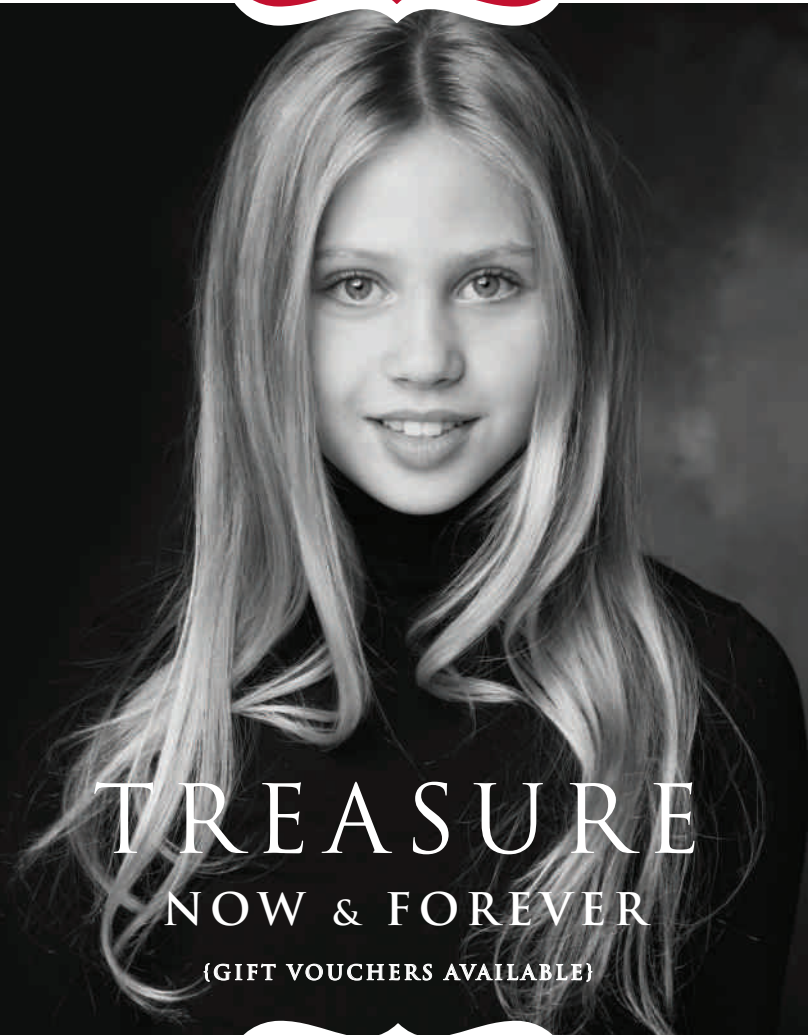


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Christmas Rose (*Helleborus Niger*), Snowberries etc. – nothing helps symbolise and brings the beauty, good cheer and the spirit of Christmas into our houses more than a simple, generous bunch of flowers in their vase.

Christmas trees lose water through their needles and they push water likewise, out through them when they are dry. Avoid them becoming stressed by not placing them in direct sunlight and dry heat. In order to keep a freshly cut Christmas tree smelling as nice as it does, best to bring it indoors immediately and put in water – your pine's unique scent can ghost through your special allocated room.

Remember, it is a plant/ tree and needs to be treated as such so, a pint of fresh water almost daily will help keep it fresh, lush, green and healthy.

Now, in this late 2019, most of us are

trying to reduce the amount of plastic we use in our gardens and recycle wherever we can.

Gardeners have traditionally used feeds that contain animal products, blood, fish and bone but with the growth of veganism more and more manufacturers are developing natural alternatives that are free from animal derivatives. Natural insecticides are becoming more popular as we gardeners are becoming so much more aware of the effects on wildlife.

Pyrethrins are pesticides found naturally in some Chrysanthemum flowers, generally there are six chemicals that are toxic to insects.

Food For Thought:

Conservation organisations/ Buglife are criticising cafés etc. for using wasp traps.

Research has shown dramatic declines in insect numbers globally. An expert in London University has said that wasps caught in open areas at the end of the year are workers coming to the end of their lives so killing them does not affect overall populations.

Xyletta Disease Hits Olives in France:

A devastating tree bacterial infection has been confirmed in olive trees in France causing a variety of diseases with huge economic impact.

Solution Not Pollution:

Plastic bottles with the bottom cut out - these are great for fitting over individual plants to protect them from snow and ice. Likewise, a clear plastic storage bin will protect a plant while letting light in. Then, you could use your old standard shopping bags over smaller plants, maybe peg them down this will prevent blooms from getting broken or too cold.

Might Do, Maybe December/ January Jobs.

Wisteria, Fruit trees, Roses and Japanese Maples are just some of the plants that benefit from winter pruning.

Raise potted plants off the ground to prevent them becoming waterlogged.

Check Summer-flowering bulbs and tubers that are being stored over Winter. If any show signs of mould or rot remove the affected ones to prevent spreading.

Winter lettuce, Lambs lettuce, Mustard greens, Microgreens can be sown in December.

Check houseplants and any plants brought indoors for Winter, for insects that may have



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hitched a ride – with heating on they can quickly multiply. Pests can overwinter on plants so keep an eye out for small infestations of red spider mite, greenfly and whitefly as it can soon spread in the future months.

Maybe take pictures before you cut back the last of your perennials so you know where they are in case you want to lift later.

Perhaps, coat your bird table with grease to prevent rats climbing up it.

Having fresh, home-grown herbs at hand is every keen cook's dream. Different herbs prefer different degrees of damp, giving your herbs the occasional feed will help them keep going, especially in a small amount of compost.

Sarah Raven says, without her annuals her garden *'would be an orchestra without its string section'*. *'Which'* garden magazine November 2019 issue highly suggests Cosmos *'Snow Puff'* – a new large fully double variety, showy display of blooms over a long season, semi-tall with sturdy stems, early Summer into Autumn.

"Let us permit nature to have her way; she understands her business better than we do."

MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE

"My garden is full of eating-out places, for heatwaves, warm September evenings, or lunch on a frosty Christmas morning."

MARY QUANT

"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust."

GERTRUDE Jekyll

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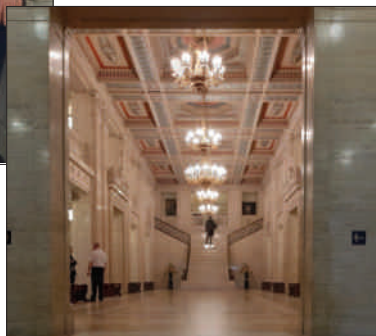


DARA WALKERS



*Left:
Walkers at Stormont*

*Below:
Entrance hall at Stormont*



The DARA Tuesday Walking Club headed north in October and took the time to visit Stormont. A lovely day was enjoyed by the group.

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DARA Walkers



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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2019

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45am Morning Service

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

Services for Christmas:

Advent Carol Service, Sun 1st Dec, 10.45am. Children’s Christmas Gift Service, Sun 8th Dec, 10.45am, followed by Service and Social, 3pm

Community Carol Service, 22nd Dec, 4pm, followed by reception in the Carry Centre.

Christmas Day, 8.30am, Holy Communion, 10.45am Parish Communion.

NB **No** Midweek Communion Service on 26th Dec.

From the Rector – Our prayers are with all those who are bereaved, lonely, or coping with illness or other problems at this time of year. May Christ be a comforting presence in your home and in your life, and may he be a source of peace for all who are in need of it.

Charity Christmas Cards – Thank you to all those who supported the sale of Charity Christmas Cards on Sunday 10th November with a total of €1,283 raised. In particular thanks to Dorothy Barrett for organizing the event.

Service and Social - The next meeting will be on Sunday 8th December at 3pm.

Sunday Club – The Christmas Family Gift Service will take place on Sunday 8th December at 10.45am.

Select Vestry – The Register of Vestrypersons is open for revision. If you are over 18 and are not yet registered, please see one of the Churchwardens and fill in the registration form. This will enable you to vote at the meeting of the General Vestry.

The Vestry will meet at 8pm in the Carry Centre on Monday 9th December.

Bible Study and Prayer Group – This month’s meeting will take place on 10th December at 10.30 in the Carry Centre, when we will be doing Lectio Divina – prayerful reading – of the Sunday readings. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

The Y Club (Killiney Men’s Society) Christmas Dinner will take place on Thursday 12th December in Fitzpatrick’s Hotel. For more information please contact Paul O’Brien or Nigel Teggins.

Flower Guild – A big thank you to all those who made sure that the church always had flowers at the altar (except for Lent) throughout the year. Special thanks to the ladies who also help at Christmas, Easter and Harvest Thanksgiving, where the whole church is beautifully decorated for each occasion. We will be decorating the church for the Carol Service and Christmas on Saturday 14th December at 10am. Donations of red flowers and evergreen foliage would be most welcome. The Flower Rota list for 2020 will soon be on the church noticeboard. Please contact the Rector or June Hurley if you are interested.

Ladies Guild had a delightful demonstration of seasonal arrangements and now look forward to Christmas with new ideas. The Christmas theme carries on with our next event which is Christmas lunch for members in The Carry Centre on Tuesday 10th December at 2.30p.m.

Sheep Thrills had a very interesting morning at Winnie's Craft Café in Booterstown where we found some beautiful yarns to stock up with and already we have garments on our needles! We also had our annual visit to the Knitting & Stitching Show where we got inspiration for new ideas. We meet on Thursday mornings in the Carry Centre at 11am. Fresh coffee and homemade biscuits - everyone welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078.

Table Tennis takes place in the Carry Centre at 8pm on each Monday evening. New members are always welcome. Enquiries to Sandra Moore 087 6291568.

Diners Club – The KWDs: The Winey Dineys enjoyed a lovely meal in Attico, Monkstown on 21st November, arranged by Helen Irwin. The date and venue of our next meal has not yet been arranged but please feel free to contact me for details as they become available at zandrallaing@hotmail.com or 087 6308583.



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH UPDATE



Sunday Services for December 2019

1st December	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist	
	7pm Advent Carol Service, St Paul's, Glenageary		
8th December	9am Eucharist	10.15am Christingle	
15th December	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist	
	7pm Carol by Candlelight, St Begnet's Church		
22nd December	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer	7pm Christmas Carol Service
24th December	11.15pm Eucharist		
25th December	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist	
29th December	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer	

Sunday Service for January 2020

5th January	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist	
12th January	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age	
19th January	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist and Holy Baptism	
26th January	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer	
Midweek	Every Thursday	10.30am Eucharist	

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on Tuesday 3rd, 17th and 23rd December at 2.30p.m. Our January dates are 7th & 21st also at 2.30pm.

Film Social – On Monday 9th December, we will have a family film (details in next "Contact") for which we will be pleased to be joined by accompanied children. All welcome! Come for some entertainment, a cup of tea and the opportunity for a chat, in the gallery room (upstairs in the Hall) at 2.30pm.

Craft Group – The Craft Group normally meets in the Gallery Room of the Northover Hall on each Tuesday of the month from 3p.m. Over the Christmas period there is so much to be done elsewhere, the group takes an extended break until January, the date of return will be advised.

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.

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. There will be a break in meetings over the Christmas holidays.



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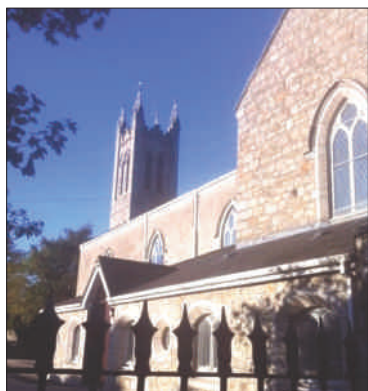
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Christmas Greetings from Church of the Assumption, Dalkey.

We wish all of our parishioners, friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas full of love and joy. We extend a warm welcome to all those returning to Dalkey for Christmas and to all our visitors and look forward to seeing you in our Church over the Christmas season. Drop in to see our beautiful crib which is over 100 years old. Look at Christmas in a new way this year. This is the year to invite Jesus into your heart. The joy and peace you will receive will last all year as you look to God for all your needs to be met. *Jesus Is The Reason For The Season!* Rejoice!

We welcome once again our friends from Mosney Direct provision centre who will join us to celebrate the arrival of Santa on 1st December. Dalkey Inter-Church group has developed wonderful friendships with the group since they visited us some years ago, with many events and support initiatives. If you would like to get involved with the group, please contact the parish office for details. So join us for the fun on Sunday December 1st for Santa's arrival in Dalkey, weather and sleighs permitting!

And on the following Sunday 14th we have a reflective 'Christmas by Candlelight' carol service in St. Begnet's church and graveyard at the Heritage Centre (across the road) in aid of Br. Kevin's Capuchin Day Centre. Our wonderful Taize group will provide the music and the service will be led by Rev. Bruce Hayes from St. Patrick's Church along with Fr. Paddy and Fr. Declan. Many thanks to Margaret Dunne and Dan in Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre who helped us in facilitating this event.

Our Alpha Courses that we commenced last year continue apace. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha groups have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long, they explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity. If this is something that interests you, please contact the parish office for group details.

Our parish project committee have been engaged in a period of consultation regarding the proposed new pastoral and community centre. While the vast majority of people favoured the concept of a new pastoral centre near the church, a large cohort of this group felt that the hall should be situated elsewhere on the church ground, other than the car park. The project committee are now in consultation with their professional advisers and others to draw up a plan which would attempt to accommodate the views that have been received. It is hoped that this plan will satisfy the majority viewpoint as expressed by all our parishioners. This project has ignited a new energy and passion in our parish. We hope that this positive energy will be a source of support as we try to create a new pastoral centre best placed to serve our parish well into the future.

Finally, you may remember the funeral of Joseph Tuohy, a Tipperary Man who died alone in London during the summer. Margaret Brown, who works with Friends of the Forgotten Irish Emigrants, organised a funeral for Joseph when she received a letter from his friend



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in London. Margaret would like to acknowledge that several donations were received towards the cost of Mr. Tuohy's funeral. All of these donations (No Expenses) were given to St. Gabriel's Homeless Centre Archway N. London, The London Irish Centre, Camden and The Irish Chaplaincy in Britain to provide Christmas Dinners for vulnerable Irish Emigrants. And there was a happy ending in death for Joseph, his ashes were buried in the grounds of Toomevara Church, within yards of where he lived until he was 5 years old when he was taken from his mother and put into care.

May we wish you all a wonderful season of loving, giving, caring and remembering the true spirit of the first Christmas to love and be loved.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From all the Parish team

Please check our website/parish newsletter for any changes to Mass times over the Christmas period.

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CHRISTMAS 1966 – WESTPORT



Frank's mother, Blanaid, was a great cook and I especially liked her baking. She wouldn't just bake one cake, like it used to be in our house. No, she had a whole array of biscuit tins stacked up in a pile with a varied selection of meringues, éclairs, coffee walnut cake and any other type of cake when she knew people were coming to the house. So my memory of my first holiday in Frank's family home was one of indulgence. Irish breakfasts were enough to fill you for the day and although everybody got up very late, lunch and dinner were still served at the usual times. Dinner often included massive roasts with all the trimmings and of course the deserts. Come 11 o'clock when RTE had finished and I was ready for my bed, sandwiches were made with pots of tea and the tins were opened. Nobody went to bed before two.

Very early on Blanaid would be talking about the Christmas cake and pudding; it might have been as early as September. I was told of the importance of it, how some would keep their recipe secret, or pass them on from one generation to the other and that the earlier you made them the better the taste. How brandy would help to keep it moist. How some would hang the mixture of the ingredients in a cloth bag first, which Frank said he used to puncture with his finger, when he was a child, to get the lovely taste. I couldn't wait to see the arrival of the pudding on my first Christmas day in Ireland.

The meal was very impressive. I had never seen a whole turkey on any one's table before and then the size of the ham! Everything was lovely, the paper hats from the crackers a bit over the top, but still all fun. At the end the women disappeared to the kitchen to get the long awaited pudding. I wasn't allowed to join them as it would ruin the effect. So I was sitting with the men at the table in great anticipation while I listened to the screeching coming from way down the kitchen. When the door was flung open, I saw Blanaid carrying a plate with a brown heap on it with a blue glow. Everybody was excited with the effect, hands were clapped and glasses raised. While the sisters brought in the bowls of custard and brandy butter. It was all *OH's* and *AH's*! I was aghast, was this it? What was I going to say?

Till this day I can't get excited about the pudding and for some reason, although I follow the tradition and make them myself, people keep giving them to me as well. So I usually have one pushed to the back of the fridge waiting for some sucker to be delighted with the gift.

Elly Mc Crea



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December 2019

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Tuesday 3rd at 7pm: Rob Goodbody will recall '*The Building of Bullock Harbour*' in the dlr Lexicon, Lexicon Lab, Dún Laoghaire. Free - all welcome.

Wednesday 4th at 8pm: Colin Scudds & Seamus O'Connor will reveal '*Cash from the Attic: objects of everyday use around the house now forgotten*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome – entrance €3.

Thursday 5th at 11.30am: James Scannell, Bray Cualann Historical Society, will recall '*Christmas 1944 in Bray, Co. Wicklow*' in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray. All welcome - admission free.

At 7.30pm Dr. Edward Bourke will cover '*Spies, Informers & Collaborators*' to the Eblana Forum in the Dún Laoghaire Club, 3, Eblana Avenue, Dún Laoghaire. Admission free - voluntary donation if desired. Reserve a place via elblana@gmail.com.

Tuesday 10th at 7pm: Eamon McElroy will speak on '*Bullock Harbour into the Future, Monitoring and Repairs*' in the dlr Lexicon, Lexicon Lab, Dún Laoghaire. Free - all welcome.

Friday 13th at 11.30am: James Scannell, Bray Cualann Historical Society, will recall '*Christmas 1919 in Bray, Co. Wicklow*' in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome - admission free.

Tuesday 17th at 7pm: Lar Joye will speak on '*Port Collections: History of the Port and the Port Archive*' in the dlr Lexicon, Lexicon Lab, Dún Laoghaire. Free - all welcome.

January 2020

Wednesday 8th at 8pm: The AGM of the Rathmichael Historical Society takes place in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, and all members are requested to attend.

Thursday 9th at 8pm: Fergus D'Arcy will speak on '*Leopardstown Racecourse*' to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society in the Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome – Contribution €3.

Wednesday 15th at 8pm Dr. Mary McAuliffe will speak on '*Experiences & contributions of women during the War of Independence*' to the Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society in the Holy Rosary Centre, Greystones. All welcome – admission charge

Thursday 16th at 8pm: The AGM of the Bray Cualann Historical Society takes place in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, and will be followed by a lecture by Felix Larkin on '*The Dublin Opinion Magazine (1922-1958)*' - all welcome to the lecture, admission €5.

Tuesday 21st at 8pm: Sinead McCool will speak on '*Women in the Irish Revolution*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock. Brian MacAongusa will give a short talk 'County Dublin.' All welcome – admission €5.

No Joint Fire Service

In June 1913 the sub-committee of the Kingstown Urban District Council working on to establish joint fire service for the Kingstown, Blackrock, Dalkey and Killiney-Ballybrack townships, reported that the latter three councils had failed to respond and recommended that the project be dropped and recommended to the Kingstown Urban District Council that they upgrade their own fire service by acquiring a motor appliance. When Dun Laoghaire Corporation was established in 1930, Dun Laoghaire Fire Brigade provided fire cover for

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Publications

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This is the 32nd issue of this annual journal published by the Wicklow Historical Society which contains a fascinating array of articles covering such subjects as - 'Life in Wicklow a Century Ago' gleaned from the local papers of the time, the records of Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Harbour Board, compiled by John Finlay and much more on local life. This is really a fascinating and excellently produced journal with an excellent selection of articles covering various aspects of Wicklow's history. At only €5 for this 132-page journal, this represents exceptional and excellent value for money. Copies can be obtained by calling John Finlay at 0404-67887 or Stan J. O'Reilly at 0404-67494.

James Scannell

DALKEY TIDY TOWNS



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Michael
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Des Burke-
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Gold Medal Presented to Dalkey at Major Award Ceremony

Although the results were announced in September, November 12th was the special AWARDS NIGHT for the SuperValu National Tidy Towns winners. This ceremony was held in Blackrock Community Centre in County Louth. There to accept the awards on behalf of Dalkey Tidy Towns were members Frank Dillon and Des Burke-Kennedy. Making the presentations were Michael Ring TD, Minister

for Rural & Community Development and Maighread Cremín of SuperValu.

With a record 918 Towns entered this year, Dalkey received its largest ever increase of eight points in the Adjudicators scores. This puts our Town of Dalkey into the top 6% of the 918 national competition entrants.

Des Burke-Kennedy, Dalkey Tidy Towns

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❖ DARA CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT ❖

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Marie Comiskey – DARA Choir

❖ SOME EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH ❖

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

Parkrun - Every Saturday at 9.30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Park
Dalkey Library Local History Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month in Dalkey Library starting at 6-6:30pm. All welcome.

U3A (University of the Third Age) Dun Laoghaire Dalkey Killiney. U3A meets every second Tuesday in The Parochial Centre, St. Joseph's Glathule. **Email: dldk.u3a@gmail.com**



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NATURE NOTES DECEMBER 2019

Further information on any events from Mary Daly secretary@southdublinbirds.com

Indoor Meeting: Date: Tuesday, 3rd December at 8pm in the Graduate Pub, Rochestown Ave. **Title:** “Nature in Art” by David Daly.

Outdoor Meeting Date: Sunday 8th December at 10:30am. **Outing to:** Cabinteely Park.

Extra information: The South Dublin branch invites you to join them for a visit to Cabinteely Park. The Park spans 45 hectares and includes a children's playground. It is a good place to look for rare birds such as the great spotted woodpecker.

NATURE NOTES JANUARY 2020

Indoor Meeting – Date: Tuesday 7th January at 8pm in the Graduate Pub, Rochestown Avenue. **Title:** “Whittled Away: Ireland's Vanishing Nature” with author Pádraig Fogarty discussing his book and an exploration of our past and opportunities for our future.

Outdoor Meeting – Date: Sunday 12th January 2020 at 10:30am.

Outing to: Booterstown Marsh Visit. **Extra information:** On the day meet at Booterstown DART Station at 10:30am.

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It is caused by your immune system recognising the allergen as harmful and mounting an immune response to this. This causes cells to release chemicals which cause the inside lining of your nose to become swollen and too much mucus to be produced.

While it is almost impossible to avoid potential allergens, you can take steps to reduce exposure to a particular allergen if you know or suspect that it is triggering your allergic rhinitis. This will help improve your symptoms.

Dust mites are the most common allergen and to reduce these you should keep your house as dust free as possible by using wet clothes and mops and using a vacuum cleaner with a more efficient HEPA filter. You should especially concentrate on the rooms where you spend the most time such as the bedroom.

Another common allergen is pet dander so practical solutions are to limit the pet to one room, preferably with no carpet, to wash them every fortnight and to groom them outside. If the condition is mild, you can help to manage the symptoms by taking over-the-counter medications, such as non-sedating antihistamines, and by regularly rinsing your nasal passages with a saline solution to keep your nose free of irritants. Your Pharmacist can advise on all of these.

If you have tried taking these steps and they have not helped then you should see your GP as they may prescribe a stronger medication, such as a nasal spray containing corticosteroids.

Not all cases of rhinitis are caused by an allergic reaction. Some cases are the result of: an infection, such as the common cold, oversensitive blood vessels in the nose, overuse of nasal decongestants (nasal sprays should only be used for a max of 7 days). This type of rhinitis is known as non-allergic rhinitis.

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DCC January Monthly Meeting in OLH at 7:30pm	Mon 13 Jan
Ladies Club resumes for spring 2020 season	Sat 23 Jan
Sorting of the February Newsletters in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 30 Jan

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Mondays: Salsa Classes in Town Hall 7:00pm-8:30pm & 8:30pm-10:00pm. Contact Laura Shortall 085 109 8220. Website & Facebook: infinitybailastudios.com

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

Wednesdays: Meditation Sessions in HC at 7:30pm. Tel: 01-492 7136 or email: taracentredublin@gmail.com

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

I am still receiving calls from viewers who have lost TV reception from Northern Ireland using their roof top aerials, unfortunately for a variety of technical reasons this cannot be rectified. However the addition of a satellite system will restore the lost channels, and also add many more that were not available using a roof top aerial.

Disney channel has announced the launch of Disney plus, which will be available in Ireland early next year, the channel will be on-line (and not on satellite) will need a good internet connection to guarantee service.

As always this time of year I would like to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas, and prosperous New Year.

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