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Paddy Rigney retires as Chairman of Dalkey Tidy Towns pictured here with his wife Mary

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❖ Summary of December 2019 & January 2020 Monthly Meetings ❖

Monthly Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019 in OLH

NW: DCC welcomed Sgt. James Malone who gave us a talk on personal safety and security. Burglaries are a big issue with most incidents occurring from 4pm to 9pm. Thieves are in and out in a matter of a few minutes and it is advisable to make sure properties are well lit, locked and alarms activated even when the house is occupied. James stressed again how important it is to report any suspicious activity to the Gardai.

Planning: A resident from Whites Villas had raised concerns over the new plans for The Tramyard and DCC will review this application and make an observation. The members adjourned at the end of business for seasonal treats.

January Monthly Meeting held on Monday 13th January 2020 in OLH

TT: The routine litter patrols are ongoing. Unfortunately Dalkey suffered a graffiti blitz over the Christmas holidays and DTT has been busy removing it from the lanes and boulders in Dillon's Park.

NW: There was a constant Garda presence in the town on Christmas Eve and there were no reported incidents.

Planning: DCC facilitated a meeting for concerned residents for the Tramyard application. Whereas the concept of the proposed development is welcome the size and scale of this application is considered to be too overbearing for our heritage town.

The next DCC Meeting is Monday 10th February 2020.

❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

Best wishes to all in Dalkey Community Council and the local community for 2020. Hopefully, working together, we can all thrive in the new decade.

Castle Santa Tours: There was very positive feedback from the Santa tours which were full to capacity and more. We had five shows daily each lasting 45 minutes over the three December weekends. Due to the support of DLRCoCo, the costs could be kept low and each child got an age appropriate gift.

The National Schools' programme will start on Thursday 23rd Jan and run every morning until Easter. As this is a quiet time of the year for visitors, we can afford to host a 2-hour session for the schools. The presentation covers much more than can be included in the drop-in tours for visitors. Working in tandem with the schools' curriculum, the Vikings, Normans, the transport systems and other areas of local history are included in the staged site-specific presentation. Among the highlights are the activation of the Murder Hole and the showing of the bow fingers to the attackers waiting in the hills!

Over 1,000 children and their teachers from local schools attend every year. Around 14 DEIS Schools within a 5-kilometre radius enjoy the tour at no cost.

Award of Excellence: We are delighted to report that the Living History tours onsite at the Castle plus the Guided Walk in Dalkey that we provide for CIE has won an Award of Excellence, which will be awarded later in January. We scored an overall 92% which is compiled from visitor surveys and independently audited. We are really chuffed! These tours bring people from the Unites States to Dalkey weekly from April to October and the participants are particularly impressed with the 'village' feel in our heritage town.

Experience Ireland's Heritage in an Evening: This is a programme to keep in mind if you deal with or need to entertain corporate clients. The experience includes an evening visit to the historic Dalkey Castle where costumed characters bring Irish history to colourful life. You can compete at archery, under the guidance of our inhouse defending Archer and taste traditional Irish mead from the Cook, if she is willing to share. The session





finishes when our champion bodhrán player get wrists moving and toes tapping with his taster session on the bodhrán. Within a short time, he will have members of the team competing with each other

Bodhrán Buzz taster session at Dalkey Castle Photo courtesy of Bodhrán Buzz

while actually playing the bodhrán. Final part of the evening is dinner locally in Dalkey and quite often, drinks in a local hostelry.

Shop: New spring and summer stock will be arriving in the shop from mid-February onwards. Do come in and have a browse.

Evening Classes Karate, Salsa and Meditation Classes are back in full swing in the Town Hall. Check Forthcoming Events inside back page for details.

We truly value all the local support. Thank You!

Margaret Dunne , Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre



PADDY RIGNEY RETIRES



Paddy designed the project on the Heritage Centre providing a centre to explore the rich heritage of the area. This building is much admired in the manner that a modern piece of architecture could be sensitively placed beside a National Monument and testament to its design remains, virtually unchanged, in use today.

Paddy was also skilled practitioner in the field of housing and successfully led the refurbishment of housing in Central Dun Laoghaire, Emmett Square, Blackrock and the much loved Glasthule Buildings.

Bob Hannan – DLRCoCo

DALKEY TIDY TOWNS would like to wish Paddy Rigney, erstwhile Chairman and long time stalwart member of Dalkey Tidy Towns, all the best in his well deserved retirement.

Paddy has put in many years of dedicated service to Dalkey Tidy Towns. As a retired architect, he provided drawings, designs and advice on materials for numerous projects sponsored by Dalkey Tidy Towns. Years of accumulated wisdom were willingly shared for the good of the town he loved so well.



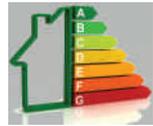
Along with his wife Mary, Paddy led the “Team Gleaners” and was a familiar sight every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday reducing, recycling and restoring the streets of Dalkey to a pristine state.

I don’t know if Paddy will ever stop completely, but as he steps back from an organisational role, we, the Tidy Towns Team, would like to thank him and yes, we will miss him!

Dalkey Tidy Towns Team



SAVE ENERGY AT HOME SHOW



Irish homes account for over 25% of energy use in Ireland according to the SEAI. This is more than the energy used by Irish industry. We can make a difference on an individual level simply by the way we live in our homes. If we work together as a community, we can increase our ability to mitigate climate change.

Dalkey Tidy Towns Group has joined the Sustainable Energy Community Network as part of our contribution to reducing the impact of climate change. We wish to encourage our Dalkey community to reduce energy usage, to improve energy efficiency of our buildings, to use renewable energy sources, to use more sustainable modes of transport and to highlight financial savings and improved comfort derived from such behaviour.



To help do this we will be running a special event in Dalkey on Sunday March 8th, 2020: Save Energy at Home Show supported by Carbon Metrics Limited. The show will feature speakers who will provide energy conservation advice and tips – roof & floor insulation, heat pumps and heating controls, monitoring energy bills; we plan to have a range of stands which will showcase space heating technologies, solar technologies, electric vehicles, electric vehicle chargers, SEAI energy saving grants, green finance, etc.

ENERGY TIP

Lowering your room temperature by 1°C can reduce your energy bill by 10%



Save Energy at Home Show
Sunday 8 March 2020
1.2 noon to 4pm
Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

Ahead of the actual show and to create and highlight local awareness of it, we are running a Children’s Art Competition. The competition is open to all children either living in Dalkey or attending one of Dalkey’s schools. Entry forms will be sent to local schools but if you are entering independently (you live in Dalkey but go to school elsewhere) then use the Entry Form in this newsletter. Children (aged between 7– 12) are asked to create and draw, in a novel fun way, how energy can be saved in their own homes; the winners will be announced at the show in March.

The art competition is supported by: Jaipur, Roberts of Dalkey, P. Borza, Select Stores, The Corner Note Café, Bel Gelato, The Queens, Mugs Café and Dalkey Pharmacy.

DTT Sustainable Energy Team

CHILDREN’S ART COMPETITION

Save Energy at Home

Lots of prizes to be won

Create a picture or drawing showing how energy could be saved in your home. See overleaf for some suggestions to get you started but if you have another idea, then use that if you wish. Your entry must be a drawing or painting, Size A4 (210 × 297 mm).

Entries close on Friday 28 February 2020.

The competition is open to all children living in Dalkey or attending one of Dalkey's schools.

- If your school is in Dalkey: Give your entry and completed form to your teacher. Dalkey Tidy Towns will collect your entry from your school.
- If you are entering independently (you live in Dalkey but go to school elsewhere): Send your entry and completed form to Save Energy at Home Art Competition, Dalkey Tidy Towns, c/o 3 Railway Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin with your parent's contact details.
- Your entry may be displayed at the Save Energy at Home Show to be held in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on Sunday 8 March 2020 from 12 noon to 4pm.

Winners will be announced during the show between 3.00 and 3.30pm. The completed form must be signed by your parent.



SAVE ENERGY AT HOME ART COMPETITION APPLICATION FORM

Your full name-----

Your age category (tick one): 7 – 9 years 10 – 12 years

Your school -----

Please include your full name, your age and your school at the bottom of your art entry too.

Dear Parent,

As your child will be putting their name, age and school on the bottom of their art entry, your permission is required for him/her to participate. His/her entry may be included in the art exhibition during the show. By signing this form, you agree to allow your child to take part in this competition.

I give consent for my child to participate in the Save Energy at Home Art Competition. I am aware that their drawing, including name, age and school will be displayed on the bottom of their art entry and may subsequently be used in promoting this initiative.

Parent's signature ----- Date -----

Parent's name (print) -----

SAVE ENERGY AT HOME – SOME IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED!

1. Block up any open un-used fireplaces in your home to stop the heat flying up the chimney. One way to do this is with a chimney balloon.
2. Check if your home's water heater cylinder has an insulating jacket.
3. Turn off all unnecessary lights.
4. Turn off all computers, televisions and other appliances when they are not being used, especially at night.
5. Change light bulbs to LED bulbs.
6. Put a draught sausage against all outside doors.
7. Turn down the room thermostat by 1 degree to save 10% on heating bills.
8. Turn off any radiators and close the doors of any rooms not being used.
9. Check the energy rating for any new fridge, washing machine or dishwasher.
10. Let sunlight in during the day to heat a room by opening the curtains. Close curtains at night to keep the cold out.



*Children's Art Competition supported by
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❖ TRAMYARD PLANNING APPLICATION - INFO UPDATE: ❖

Local residents have been expressing their concerns about the current plans to develop the Tramyard. We believe a significant number of comments and objections (including from Dalkey Community Council) were lodged with DLRCC by the 14 January deadline, when the newsletter was going to press.

Our Lady's Hall was full for a meeting on 7 January called by Councillor Cormac Devlin in response to requests from residents. The meeting was facilitated by Dalkey Community Council and chaired by Dr Susan McDonnell, Chairman of DCC. Public representatives included Councillors Cormac Devlin, Melisa Halpin and Mary Fayne and TD Richard Boyd-Barrett, who all urged people to make their objections to DLRCC.

There was strong opposition to the scale of the development in particular. Residents underlined that the site is of tremendous importance for Dalkey and needs to be developed with great care and in sympathy with Dalkey's heritage status and its Architectural Conservation Area - which also includes the residential streets surrounding it.

People raised concerns about the scale and height - it would significantly raise the height of the existing tram sheds and add a large bar / restaurant at 17 m high over White's Villas. A rooftop terrace off the bar would run along the top of the proposed health centre / office building above the back gardens on St. Patrick's Road. It had been suggested that this could be used for functions, tour groups, etc.

People expressed their fears about the impact of the proposed development on the streetscape, impact of additional bars and restaurants on the town, noise and light pollution, traffic congestion (no extra parking is planned), loss of privacy for residents, overlooking of houses and the school and overshadowing.

The meeting agreed the site should be developed but within reason and to a height and scale sympathetic to our heritage town. A small committee of local residents will follow up the proposal and some of the committee met the developers two days later to share residents' concerns. We will keep you up to date on the next stage.

Margie Waters, (White's Villas Resident)



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❖ FOLKLORE CORNER - "COW'S WALK" ❖

The second story in the Folklore Corner series (August 2019) evoked a sense of Dalkey's agricultural and rural past.

In that story, Mrs. Thomas of Tubbermore Road ignored the advice that her house was built on a 'raw hill', a place of the fairies. The story tells that she kept a dairy, and that as a result of ignoring the advice she received, her cattle all died of disease. The cure was to turn her house around - which she did.

This month's tale is the first concerning Dalkey or Killiney Hill (of which there are many stories). It evokes the same calamity that befell Mrs. Thomas and it also conjures up reminders of Dalkey's dairy past.

Like much folklore it is rooted in the local, concerning as it does a walk or path known as Cow's Walk. The story is built around explaining the origin of the name.

Henry Evans from the 5th Standard, Harold Boys, recorded the story of how Cow's Walk got its name between 1936 and 1938. It now forms part of the National Folklore Collection.

"Cow's Walk"

One day a number of cows were going up Dalkey Hill. They were very thirsty and were looking for water. They were passing the quarry when one of them saw a pool in it. She ran along the edge of the quarry and the man ran after it. It came to the place where it saw the water. It jumped over the edge and was killed. After that the place was called the Cow's Walk.

(The Schools' Collection, Volume 0798, Page 14)

He was told the story by Mrs. Mooney, 7 Tram Terrace. Age 50 years, which places her as born in 1886-8.

Despite research, I have been unable to pinpoint Cow's Walk. If you, know please free to drop me a line at ddodd@lawlibrary.ie.

David Dodd



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NO PROJECT IS TOO SMALL

Giant near-shore wind farm threatens marine wild-life and natural beauty of coast



Kish Light House

Photo: CCA

Proposals for one of the biggest offshore wind farms in the world with giant turbines on shallow sandbanks close to the Dublin and Wicklow coast pose a significant threat to vulnerable wildlife, habitats, and the natural beauty of our coast, according to citizens' group, Coastal Concern Alliance (CCA).

According to Dublin Array website, Innogy, a German energy company, has partnered with Saorgas Energy to lodge an application to construct an offshore wind farm on the Kish and Bray Banks, important wildlife habitats, close to the Dublin and Wicklow high amenity coastline. This vast development is proposed only

10Km from shore. The average distance from shore of offshore windfarms under construction in Europe in 2018 was 37Km, according to Wind Europe, the major wind industry lobby group.

The proposed development would consist of between 60-100 enormous turbines, each up to 250 metres tall, 40 metres taller than the Poolbeg chimneys. Such huge turbines are appropriate for use in installations far from shore, not for sensitive coastal environments. This vast development would dominate and industrialise the entire Dublin-Wicklow coastline. To date, no independent assessment of these visual impacts appears to have been carried out by the permitting authorities.

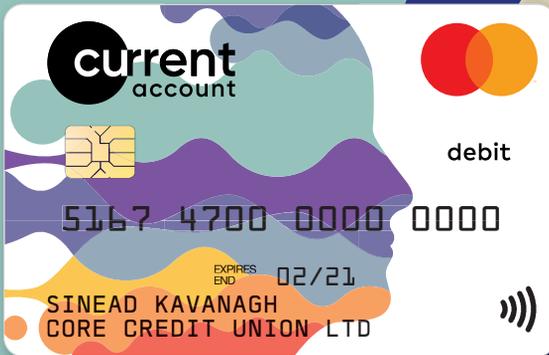
How has this happened?

The Dublin Array application is just one of eight giant offshore wind farms proposed by private developers close to the East coast and in Galway Bay over the past 20 years. All these developments were advanced under outdated and undemocratic legislation - the Foreshore Act 1933-drawn up before large scale construction at sea was envisaged. This legislation allowed the Minister for the Marine to award Foreshore Leases for construction in Irish waters on his sole authority, with no strategic planning for our seas, no statutory involvement of Local Authorities, no public tender, no public right of appeal against the Minister's decision, no cost-benefit analysis and no independent professional assessment of visual impact. Foreshore leases could be sold on before development at a price based on the size of development permitted, netting massive profit for the original promoters. The Foreshore Act 1933 has long been acknowledged to be unfit for purpose and is now under reform. In addition, Marine Spatial Planning is being introduced to comply with EU Directives; it should be based on an ecosystem approach, with the objective of balancing competing interests in our seas. The problem for Government now is how to deal with the legacy of the past and ensure that the future of our seas is planned in the public interest, based on sound science and full public consultation.



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What Now?

At this crucial time, with growing knowledge of the dangers of climate change and biodiversity loss, there is an increasing awareness of the need to protect the oceans and conserve and enhance marine habitats and ecosystems.

While wind energy can help Ireland to meet targets for renewable energy, it is clear that the development of offshore wind must not come at the cost of degrading our marine environment. There is no need for Ireland to degrade its sensitive coastline by constructing large scale industrial developments in the near shore zone. Other EU countries are leading the way by adopting buffer zones around their coasts. Faced with concern over the impacts of offshore wind on vulnerable near shore environments and coastal landscapes countries such as Germany, Belgium, and the UK are avoiding near shore development. Netherlands, for example, has recently introduced a “free horizon” to 22Km. Ireland, with some of the most beautiful and wildlife rich coasts in Europe must follow suit.

BUFFER ZONE

Coastal Concern Alliance, an independent voluntary citizens group, are calling on government to follow good international practice and to put in place a 22Km+ buffer zone, to protect sensitive habitats and the unspoilt beauty of the coast.

What can you do?

1. Support the call for a buffer zone to protect our most fragile coastal environments and ensure that wind energy development in Ireland is to a proper scale and properly sited.
2. Ireland’s new draft legislative frameworks propose that government has the power to designate Strategic Marine Activity Zones. Given the serious data and knowledge gaps which exist, CCA are calling on government not to use this zoning facility to rubber stamp developers’ plans for nearshore windfarms. An independent constraints and resource analysis must form the basis for any such zoning.
3. Ireland’s first draft National Marine Planning Framework is currently open for public consultation. The document is available online (Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government). A series of information meetings, focusing on various aspects of the plan, will take place around the country over the next weeks. One of these, focusing on renewable energy, will take place on Wednesday 12th February, in the Arklow Bay Hotel from 18:00 to 20:00. A Dublin meeting, focusing on the Marine Environment, is scheduled to take place in the Technical University, Grange Gorman on 17th February, 11.00 to 13.00.

If you wish to make a submission or observation on this draft Plan, submissions close on **Thursday 9th April at 3pm.**

4. Visit the Coastal Concern Alliance web site (www.coastalconcern.ie) for further information.

Valerie Freeman, Coastal Concern Alliance

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First in Ireland! Eight Exams on Eight Instruments in One Day!

In recent years Rathdown School has established a close link with Habitat for Humanity, an international charity whose primary aim is to provide affordable housing for those in need around the world. The school has to date sent seven teams of students and staff to Romania to live and work on construction sites, where they work alongside the families who will later live in the homes they help to build. The teams work hard throughout the year prior to their trip to fundraise for everything they will need for their trip.



Ms. Rice, the Deputy Principal, did eight exams on eight different instruments in one day



Habitat for Humanity volunteers

Ms. Rice is the Deputy Principal of Rathdown School. This year will be Ms. Rice's eighth trip with Rathdown and Habitat, so she decided to hatch a fundraising plan incorporating the number 8. Never done in Ireland before, on 4th November she undertook eight music grade exams (one after the other) on eight different instruments (never having had any lessons on five of those instruments!). The instruments included: bassoon, clarinet, descant recorder, flute, Irish harp, piano, tenor saxophone and violin. Having practiced hard for the week of midterm break, it was a gruelling day but she did it! We are now delighted to announce that she was successful in her challenge and was awarded no less than four Honours and four Distinctions! An amazing achievement! If you would like to get more information please go to: <http://bit.ly/MsRiceHforH>

Jean Ryan

Photos: Rathdown School



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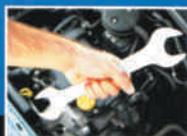
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DARA NEWS

The Dalkey Active Retirement choir held their annual Christmas Concert in the Church of the Assumption Dalkey on the 6th December 2019. We would like to thank all our families, friends and the Community of Dalkey for coming to this event and for their very generous contributions to our chosen charity this year, the Blackrock Hospice. We were able to send a substantial cheque to the hospice to help in their great work. We have started to rehearse again and hope to hold our annual Summer Concert in June.

*Marie Comiskey
DARA Choir (Treasurer)*



Pier repairs completed 21st December 2019

Table Quiz & Auction

A special thanks to all who supported our Table Quiz and Auction in the Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel at the end of November. Over €6500 was raised for our Judicial Review Campaign. It was a most entertaining evening and we are grateful to Jim Coffey, our Quizmaster and Sean Buckley, our auctioneer, for their contribution to the success of the event.

Bulloch Pier repairs – BHPA is pleased to tell you that the repair works are now complete and the pier re-opened for public access. A number of small items still remain to be tackled in the New Year. We are most grateful to the Dublin Port Company and the Port Engineer, Eamon McElroy, for taking on the major restoration of the inner corner of the pier. This was done under the supervision of a conservation engineer in order to rebuild the structure in its original form, with the insertion of new concrete foundations below the harbour bottom. The lack of adequate foundations had led to the undermining and erosion of the silt under the pier wall by strong tidal eddies and this caused the stone courses to dip and move rapidly since the summer of 2018.

Judicial Review Campaign – It is anticipated that a Full Judicial Review Hearing will be held later in 2020.

Donate to Bulloch Harbour Judicial Review Campaign – You can donate online at **this link: <https://bullochharbour.org/about-2/>**

Further information on the Judicial Review can be found on our website bullochharbour.org/news

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JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAMME

Sixth class had the opportunity to participate in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP). They used their creativity to come up with several business ideas and then one is chosen for the class to turn this idea into a reality. They researched their market, worked out costs, design and sales price. Each member of the team used their particular skills to help the team.



Reusables – bags



Killiney Keyrings

Their initial ideas are

‘Reusables’ - Making bags out of our old clothes, which is good for the environment

‘Petal Pots’ – All the ingredients packaged together to grow a plant and make everybody more aware of how to help combat climate change

‘Bored jars’ - Filled with ideas to do when you are bored, using recycled jars and cardboard

‘Eco Earth App’ – A climate change app with fun games, a quiz and important information.

‘Killiney Keyrings’ –Made out of a piece of driftwood that gives the effect of being dipped in paint.

The pupils learned invaluable business skills during this stage, as well as putting their normal lessons to good use.

The next step will be to choose one project to take forward to the next stage.

Dalkey School Project

Photos: Dalkey School Project



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Recently 2nd class went on their first school tour of the year to *Explorium* – Ireland’s Science and Sports Centre. Our school tour focussed only on Science, as the boys were lucky enough to go there during Science Week 2019 to discover what *Explorium* had to offer. First, the boys roamed around the ground floor and took part in many of the activities, e.g. lying on a bed of nails, playing a laser-

beam harp, operating an air-soccer table by bouncing on seats, measuring their own speed on a rotating wheel and much more. Afterwards the boys went into the auditorium for a Science Talk with plenty of experiment demonstrations. The boys also watched a video about Climate Change and were told about many actions they could take themselves to help our planet Earth. After lunch the boys got to experience a lightening show in *Explorium*’s lightening room – everyone had to wear headphones to protect their ears. It was fantastic! The final part of the tour involved exploring plenty more about Science on their Science floor upstairs. Some of the activities included entering a gravity room, measuring the speed of their kick/sprint, projecting their own drawings onto a large screen.

If you would like to see some more pictures of what we got up to check out the STEM (*Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths*) section of our school’s website www.haroldboysdalkey.ie/stem.

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The run up to Christmas was very hectic in Loreto Primary School. As well as the Christmas plays, the Christmas carol service and singing in local nursing homes, we also managed to fit in other interesting fun activities.

This year our school decided to do a Christmas cake decorating competition. The competition was based on how creative your cake was. It was a competition to showcase your baking and decorating skills. A lot of money was raised for the school which will be put to very good use for all of the students.

A few weeks ago, a charity called GOAL visited our school. The day before the visit we had to fill in worksheets about what we knew about Ethiopia. Not many of us knew much about it.

After lunch, the next day two ladies came into our class. First, they introduced themselves and showed us where Ethiopia was on the world map. We found out that it is in north east Africa. After that we had to sit on the floor in a circle and one of the ladies put photos in front of us. We had to walk around in a circle so we could see all of the photos of Ethiopia. We were told that if you were a rich person in the poorer parts of Ethiopia, you would be lucky to have a donkey!

Towards the end of the lesson, we learned about negotiating with shopkeepers as nothing actually has an official price. We all split into groups and had to act out a scene without speaking. Some groups sold clothes, some sold bees etc. When it was over, we wished it could have been longer, but were glad to have learned so much.

We also competed in the Primary Schools' Olympic Handball Tournament at the end of November. Olympic handball is a sport in which two teams of seven players each pass a ball using their hands, with the aim of throwing it into the other team's goal.

Our school was represented by students from fifth and sixth class. The competition was held at Gormanston College, Co. Meath. We travelled there by bus with our three teachers, Ms. Sheehan, Ms. Doyle and Mr. Saville. We played lots of matches and won some of them but the best part was that we got to miss school for the day!

By Saoirse Hogan, Chloe Duffy and Jean McMahon (Ms. Sheehan's 5th class)

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There's a poster on the wall of the RSPB visitor centre in Belfast which asks "What do a Unicorn and a Seagull have in common"? The answer given underneath is "Neither Creature Exists". This is an attention catching way of saying that the term seagull, like falcons or owls, refers to a family of birds rather than an individual species.

On Ireland's east coast we have a number of gull species including Black Headed Gull, Herring Gull, Greater Black Backed, Lesser Black Backed and Common Gull. Uncommon ones such as Little Gull, Ring Billed, Ivory and Iceland Gulls occasionally turn up in winter but another species of gull that would have been very rare twenty five years ago can now be seen regularly near the Forty Foot in Sandycove.



Mediterranean Gulls at Sandycove, note the white wing tips

Photo: Michael Ryan

Mediterranean Gulls naturally expanded their range and arrived in Ireland in the mid 90s. A small number breed in Wexford but most of over 250 Med Gulls that winter here depart in March to breed in France, Belgium, Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands. During winter they can be seen off the coast in Sandycove, perched on the rocks or swimming on the sea often between the parking bay on the coast road and the Forty Foot.

Similar to the much commoner Black headed Gull they are slightly bigger with larger deep red beak but the most distinctive difference is the pure white wing tips which are held behind it when perched or swimming whereas the Black headed Gull has black wing tips. At the moment Med Gulls only have a dark smudge on their face around their eyes but in full breeding plumage they're a strikingly handsome bird with black head and red bill and are well worth having a look for, easily seen from the coast road.

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The word seagull is often seen in the press in reference to stories about them robbing chips and other food off startled residents and visitors of coastal towns and attacking people who get too near their nests. A number of gulls have taken it a bit further and have been recorded in the UK walking through automatic doors into shops, waddling around the aisles and stealing crisps and nuts with one even attempting to haul a loaf of bread out of a shop. The gulls carrying out the anti social activities are almost always the imposing Herring



Caption: *Hooded Crow*

Photo: *Michael Ryan*

Gull but gulls are a large and varied group of different birds some quite elegant like the Mediterranean Gull which I'm fairly sure has never been known to snatch away anybody's ice cream cone!

I know a local resident who feeds a pair of Hooded Crows who come and perch on a railing outside his kitchen every morning waiting for him to serve them breakfast. It's nice to see somebody has a benign attitude to a species of bird that usually don't elicit much sympathy. They're often

complained about for scaring away smaller birds from feeders and their formidable bill can dig serious holes in a lawn. Without doubt there has been a noticeable increase in the numbers of Hooded Crows, certainly locally and certainly nationwide, and I wouldn't be surprised if they are responsible for a drop in Magpie numbers since the Hoodies' will rob their nests.

From my garden I'm lucky to be able to witness great numbers of them in a dramatic evening spectacle throughout autumn and winter. As dusk approaches they fly in from all directions to the eucalyptus trees in the wood beside Torca Road. Much cawing and bill rattling will take place before they sporadically take to the air, well over 100 swirling about before settling down again. Some will fly west to a bare tree perching on its outer branches and forming a crown of crows silhouetted against the glow of the sinking sun before dark stills them.

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Baby Book Club and Let's Make Music (booking required for this music workshop)

We will be running "**Fun with Music**" workshops with our friends from **Music Generation** on Monday 27th January, 24th February and 30th March at 10.30-11.30am. The workshops are suitable for preschool classes, so please contact us if you are interested in bringing your group along.

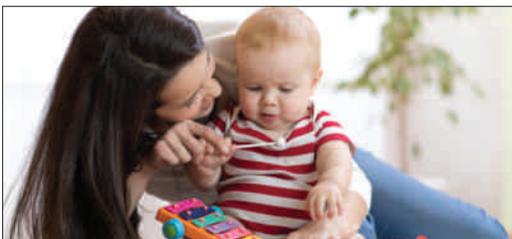
We have a special musical and craft storytime on Wed 19th Feb 10.30-11.30am, based on the beloved story by Sam McBratney "**Guess how much I love you**" (ages 4+)

To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge in March, DLR Writer in Residence-

Sadhbh Devlin will be giving a talk on using Irish at home, and giving some tips on how to enjoy Gaeilge with your own children (even if you only have a cúpla focal!).



The talk will take place on Thurs 5th March 6.30-7.30pm. Booking required for these events, so please contact us to book a place.



On Tues 14th April we will be running some CPR workshops with the **Irish Heart Foundation**. If you are part of a local group that would be interested in attending, please contact us here in the

library to register your interest.

Once again, we are delighted to welcome students from Loreto and Clonkeen College who are running one-on-one sessions on the use of devices such as iPads, smart phones, and tablet computers. These hourly tutorials take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons so if you are having trouble with your device and need help with downloading apps, accessing online resources, or you are interested in exploring how to make the most of your library card, do get in touch to book a session.

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Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 46-52 11/11/2019 to 27/12/2019

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. D18A/1162

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Dec-2018

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

Proposal: Permission for a practice Hockey pitch 65m x 39m and a four lane 100m Athletics track fully drained, including 1.8m high perimeter fencing and associated flood lighting onto the proposed area of sports amenity ground adjacent to the existing Hockey pitch. (Loreto Abbey is a Protected Structure RPS 1445, the proposed sports surfaces are adjacent but outside the curtilage of the Loreto Abbey). A Geotechnical and Environmental report is attached to the application. **Further Info. / Clarification of F.I.** Recd Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds) Clarification of A.I.: 25-Apr-2019, 11-Nov-2019.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0404/E

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Nov-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Glencairn Flat Management Ltd. Glencairn Apartments, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for 4 additional apartments (2 at new 3rd floor level and one at each of 1st floor and 2nd floor levels) and associated circulation and landlord areas, representing an increase of two units from previously approved application reference D10A/0614 (PL06D.239478). Also, revised vehicular gate position (as previously approved) to facilitate additional car parking spaces and general elevational modifications to entire building. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0896

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Nov-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Mr G Ryan, 10 Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of the: 1. Demolition of existing detached house. 2. The construction of two new two storey 3 bedroom semi-detached flat roof houses. 3. The two new houses will also have flat roof single storey extensions to the rear. 4. New Vehicular entrances and driveways for each house onto Ulverton Road. 5. New pedestrian entrance from each house onto Ulverton Road. 6. Alterations to boundary walls, landscaping, soakaway, drainage works and ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0903

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Nov-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. James & Dr. Mary Foley, 'Twin Trees', Nerano Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the construction of a new dwelling (269m²/2,896ft²) and a widened vehicular entrance with 2no. off-street car parking spaces to the front of the site and the demolition of the existing 1950s dwelling (206m²/2,217ft²). The proposed new dwelling consists of living areas at Nerano Rd. level, with bedrooms at lower ground level and a hobby room with utility at basement level. Withdraw the Application 26 Nov. '19.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0906

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Nov-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Grace & Richard Kelly, 33 Barnhill Ave. Dalkey. A96 DC59

Proposal: Permission for development at this site. The development will consist of: Demolition of single storey shed to rear on party boundary. Demolition of attached boiler

house and chimney in rear elevation. Part conversion of garage with alteration to front opening to include hardwood cladding / louvres and raised front parapet height for flat roof insulation. External insulation / new render finish to front, side and rear. Alteration to rear elevation to provide new / enlarged sliding door opening at ground floor. Widening of front vehicular entrance. All associated internal alterations, site, landscaping, drainage and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0478

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Nov-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Proinseas O'Daibhis, 8, Sorrento Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of the: Removal of existing velux windows in front roof and replace with dormer style window matching existing dormer window to the front of the property and ancillary and associated works.

Declare Application invalid: 22-Nov-2019.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0258

Application Rec'd Date: 15-Apr-2019

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

Proposal: Permission for demolition of single storey conservatory. New flat roofed eaves dormer window to existing pitched roof at front. New roof light in existing pitched roof at rear. New 1.8m high vehicular entrance gate to existing vehicular entrance. New vehicular entrance with gates at the upper level. New external stairs in existing ground floor courtyard accessing upper first floor garden level. Reduction of ground level for level access upper level car parking space. Single storey extension at the upper level with spilt level flat roofs behind parapet complete with capped chimney stack. Single storey 2.6 sqm ground floor extension. Replacement of existing windows and doors together with associated site works. **Additional Information:** 26-Nov-2019.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0914

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Nov-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Windsor Homes Ltd. 34, Barnhill Road, Dalkey. A96 H9V6

Proposal: Permission is sought on lands for development as follows (1) Refurbishment works to the former Garage comprising (a) the removal of the non-original corrugated metal roof, (b) partial demolition of the building to the rear, (c) renovation of front (southern) elevation to provide new opes and fenestration detail, and (d) the conversion of the building to provide 1 no. single storey two-bedroom gable-roof dwelling with front garden private rear garden, 2 no. dormer windows and 2 no. rooflights (1 no. rooflight on the front (southern) elevation and 1 no. rooflight on rear (northern elevation)); (2) demolition of all modern commercial outbuildings, associated with the former motor service use, situated within the rear yard; (3) construction of 3 no. three storey five-bedroom detached houses, each with private amenity space to the rear; (4) provision of 9 no. vehicular parking spaces, upgraded vehicular entrance, internal road, footpaths, shared surfaces and street lighting; (5) landscaping, tree planting and boundary treatments; (6) alteration to site levels, SuDS surface water drainage, foul water and potable water connections; and (7) all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0491

Application Rec'd Date: 27-Nov-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Proinseas O'Daibhis, 8, Sorrento Drive, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the : Removal of existing velux windows in front roof and replace with dormer style window matching existing dormer window to the front of the property and ancillary and associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0932

Application Rec'd Date: 02-Dec-2019

Applic. Name & Location: Clós Nua Ltd. site of c. 0.232 ha at The Tramyard, Castle St. Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: Demolition of 2 no. non-original, vacant single storey buildings and concrete plinth (C.503.5 sqm) on eastern side of site to be

replaced by a 3 storey over basement building with roof garden, partial demolition (C.740 sqm) of 3 no. vacant, partly original tram shed buildings at the north-west of the site and the reconstruction in that location of the tram shed form with a raised roof profile, demolition (c.36 sqm), reconstruction and extension of cottage in western corner; and the overall construction of a mixed use development ranging in height from 1 to 3 storeys (over basement) plus roof pavilion and garden, comprising cultural (c.311sq.m), retail (c.94 sqm or c.562 sqm if the north-west ground floor unit is occupied as retail space with off sales), cafe bar (c.127sq.m); office (c.5945 sqm), health centre (c.700.5 sqm over two floors) and bar/restaurant uses (c.287.5 sqm or c.755.5 sqm if the north-west ground floor unit is occupied as a restaurant with bar space). At basement level, the development will comprise a plantroom and cultural space. At ground floor level, the development will comprise a public plaza with seating; 3 no. retail kiosks (c.21.5sq.m in total); a community notice board with steel canopy; a single storey cafe bar unit within the cottage walls being retained with a new glazed extension on . ' western elevation; a unit to be either retail with off sales or restaurant with bar use (c.468 sqm); a cultural venue (c. 311 sqm); office lobby (c. 68.5 sqm) and a retail unit (c.94 sqm). At first floor level, a total of c.594 sqm of flexible office space will be provided and health centre space (c.378.5 sqm) all accessed via lift from ground floor lobby or via external stairs from ground to first floor terrace. At second floor level, the health centre space is continued (c.322 sqm) and at third floor level a bar/restaurant (c.287.5 sqm) with external garden area will be provided, with customer access via direct lift from ground floor. 72 no. bicycle parking spaces and a bin store (C.30 sqm) will be provided at ground floor level. The development will be accessed via the existing gates and piers at Castle Street, which will be re-furnished and retained in the development. Service access will be provided via the existing access off Castle Street and via the laneway off Castle Street. The original granite setts and tram lines will be lifted and relaid in their existing layout. The associated site and infrastructural works include provision for water services; foul and surface water drainage and connections; attenuation proposals; all landscaping works; new lighting proposals; green roofs; boundary treatment; and electrical plant areas at basement, ground, first floor and roof level. The site is located within the Dalkey Architectural Conservation Area and contains Tram Lines (Protected Structure RPS No. 1463) and Gates and Entrance Piers (Protected Structure RPS No. 1471).

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0501

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Dec-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Michael Sheanon, 25 Hyde Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to demolish front porch and permission to construct front and rear extensions to dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0503

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Dec-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Patricia Eadie, Rock Edge, Knocknacree Road, Dalkey. A96EC52

Proposal: Permission for extensions, conversions, alterations and demolition works to include demolition of existing kitchen with proposed extension to the first floor rear, a raise of ridge level and eaves to the northwest facing pitched roof for a conversion of first floor loft space to habitable living space, including a new northwest facing strip window system and the change of existing hip to a gable roof structure to the front. Proposed new rooflights to new and existing roof profiles with proposed new and re-proportioning of existing front, side and rear window openings. Proposed new rendered insulation system throughout existing ground and first floor external walls with new photovoltaic panels to the existing rear pitched roof; including internal alterations and all associated removal works. This is a subsequent application to the previously refused application decision dated 20/11/2019 (Reg. Ref. D19B/0431).

Reg. Ref. D19A/0326

Application Rec'd Date: 14-May-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Jill Aston , 34 Wolverton Glen, Dalkey. A96 V8C8

Proposal: Permission for a single storey and porch extension to side. Subdivision 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. **Add. Information:** 10-Dec-2019.

Reg. Ref. D19A/0504

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Jul-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Castle Park School DAC, Castlepark School, (Protected Structure) Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the demolition of two existing store rooms (36 sqm) and an existing escape door bay and the construction of a single storey, double height extension (90 sqm.) to the existing school hall, an external ramp and steps, a new escape door bay, and an ancillary site drainage and landscape works. **Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds):** 11-Dec-2019.

Reg. Ref. D19A/0959

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Dec-2019.

Applic. Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Glen Finegan, Ard na Mara, Ardrugh Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for Retention 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.

Reg. Ref. D19A/0969

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Dec-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Deirdre & Gerry McCarthy , 5 Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the following: 1. Demolish existing single storey extensions to the rear of dwelling. 2. Block up existing window openings at ground floor level to side elevation and provide new door and window at ground floor level to same elevation. 3. Convert existing Garage to habitable use with new window to front elevation. 4. Construct new single storey extension to rear of dwelling. 5. Enlarge existing vehicular entrance and driveway to front of dwelling. 6. All above with associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0978

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Dec-2019

Applic. Name & Location: Liz Murphy & Luke Coghlan, 3 Hyde Rd, Dalkey A96 V9D0

Proposal: Permission for single storey porch to front, a two storey extension to rear consisting of kitchen and dining room extension to ground floor with internal alterations, a master bedroom/bathrooms extension to first floor with internal alterations.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0984

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Dec-2019

Applic. Name & Location: Mr James & Dr Mary Foley, Twin Trees, Nerano Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a new dwelling (269m²/2,896ft²) and a widened vehicular entrance with 2no. off-street car parking spaces to the front of the site and the demolition of the existing 1950s dwelling (206m²/2,217ft²). The proposed new dwelling consists of living areas at Nerano Road level, with bedrooms at lower ground level and a hobby room with utility at basement level.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/1003

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Dec-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Joan Matthews, 121, Hillside, Dalkey, A96R599.

Proposal: Permission is sought for: (1) Demolition of the existing converted former garage attached to the side of the existing house and existing shed to rear, (2) Construction of 1no. detached two storey, three bedroom infill dwelling of 135.3m² with single storey element to side and rear, all to side garden of existing house, (3) construction of new vehicular entrance to front to serve existing dwelling, (4) Construction of new vehicular access to the rear of the property off existing cul de sac for single car usage for proposed new dwelling and, (5) Ancillary site works necessary to facilitate the development including SUDS surface water drainage, site works, boundary treatments and landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/1023

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Dec-2019

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

Proposal: Permission for demolition of two storey extensions (124m²) and outbuildings to the side and rear of the existing house. Construction of two storey over basement extension to the side and rear of the main house (287m²) 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 first-floor window sills of the existing house.

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Reg. Ref. D19A/0352

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 13-Nov-2019

Applicant & 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.

Reg. Ref. D19A/0692

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 13-Nov-2019

Applicant & Location: Christophe Passuello, Altamont, Knock-Na-Cree Road, Dalkey, A96 YP60 which has frontage onto Ardbrugh Road.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing two-storey detached dwelling and construction of two no. detached dwellings comprising a single storey 3 bedroom dwelling of 194m² and a two-storey 4 bedroom dwelling of 312m², with new vehicular access and all associated works including hard and soft landscaping.

Reg. Ref. D19A/0703

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 13-Nov-2019

Applicant & Location: James & Niamh Strathern, Prince Patrick Cottage, Knocknacree Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a single storey residential extension of 38 sqm to side of single storey dwelling, and relocation of existing gate and associate piers.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0708

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 15-Nov-2019

Applicant & Location: Patricia & Julian Ponsonby, 6 Anglesea Park, Killiney.

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: widening the site entrance with associated alterations to the driveway and ancillary site work.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0496

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 22-Nov-2019

Applicant & 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 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.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0724

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 20-Nov-2019

Applicant & Location: Rory & Triona Noonan, 6 Saval Park Crescent, Dalkey

Proposal: Permission for demolition of existing side garage and rear extension, removal of existing ramp and replacement with stepped entrance to front, construction of new single-storey extension to rear, new skylights to front and rear of house, widening of vehicle entrance gateway, new fencing and gates to side of house, replacement external windows and doors, new external insulation, fascias soffits & gutters and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0390 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22-Nov-2019
Applicant & 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/0431 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 20-Nov-2019
Applicant & Location: Patricia Eadie, Rock Edge, Knocknacree Road, Dalkey, A96EC52

Proposal: Permission is sought for extensions, alterations and demolition works to include demolition of existing kitchen with proposed extension to the first floor rear, a full length flat roofed dormer extension to the first floor northwest facing pitched roof including the change of existing hip to a gable roof structure to the front. Proposed new rooflights to new and existing roof profiles with proposed new and reportioning of existing front, side and rear window openings. Proposed new rendered insulation system throughout existing ground and first floor external walls with new photovoltaic panels to the existing rear pitched roof; including internal alterations and all associated removal works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0733 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 25-Nov-2019
Applicant & Location: Alyson & John Carney, 2 Tempe Terrace, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey a Protected Structure

Proposal: Permission for the removal of the asbestos roof, sections of the internal partition walls and external walls of the derelict annexe to the rear and stabilisation/conservation of original random rubble masonry walls, all to create a courtyard garden connected to the house. Works to main house comprising creation of 2 new openings to ground floor kitchen.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0749 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 29-Nov-2019
Applic. & Location: Barry & Louise Bowden, "Clanaber", Torca Rd., Dalkey A96 XV77

Proposal: Intend to apply to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for permission to construct a new dwelling. The development will consist of: (a) Construction of a two storey above lower ground floor detached dwelling. (b) Repositioning and widening of an existing vehicular entrance to the southwest of the property onto the private road which adjoins Torca Road. (c) The construction of new boundary walls including a new wall along the road frontage. (d) The demolition of the existing detached house and associated outbuildings. (e) Associated drainage and landscaping works within the curtilage of the site.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0840 **Decision:** Withdraw Application **Date:** 29-Nov-2019
Applicant & Location: James Corrigan, Ardeevin House, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of two storey extensions (124m²) and outbuildings to the side and rear of the existing house. Construction of two storey over basement extension to the side and rear of the main house etc.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1162 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 6-Dec-2019
Applicant & Location: Board of Management, Loreto Abbey Secondary School, Loreto Ave. off Harbour Road, Dalkey. A96 YC81

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

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0258 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 18-Dec-2019
Applicant & Location: Emma McDonnell & Aidan Byrne, Laragh Mews, Ullardmore, off Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, A96 Y327

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

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0822 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 17-Dec-2019
Applicant & 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/0841 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 17-Dec-2019
Applicant & 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.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 46-52 11/11/19 to 27/12/19

None for Dalkey Area

Appeals Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks 46-52 4/11/19 to 27/12/19

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0356 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission
Appeal Decided: 27-Nov-2019 **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission
Location: 1 Carysfort Drive, Dalkey.
Proposed Development: Permission for construction of a new single storey extension to side and rear, modifications to existing roof including part removal, demolition of existing chimney structure, provision of roof lights to east, north and west elevations and provision of new dormer window to rear and extension of existing return to rear. Site works consist of enlarging existing vehicular entrance and associated dishing of pavement, provision of a new pedestrian gate, opening to rear lane and associated landscaping and drainage.
Applicant: Susan McAteer.

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Officially, February is the start of Spring with rising temperature and our Dawn Chorus increasing in volume. February often flatters to deceive. There is always the chance of a few warm days that can fool one into thinking Winter has gone and remember March then, 'can come in like a lion'. Presently, we might feel like taking our jacket off, then the next day, perhaps snow or heaving, almost freezing rain. Regardless, what a bonus it is that our days are getting so much longer. February they say, is the hungriest month for wildlife. It pays to feed our birds, not only for the joy of seeing them but it will distract them from feasting on any bulbs and buds in our garden. ... There are now many companies that supply seed mixes labelled as "no grow, no mess", so spilled bird seed will not grow and create a blanket of weeds below our feeders.



My Trooper this Month is Sarcococca, Highly Scented, Evergreen, Manageable Size and No Pruning Necessary!
Image: P. Thomas

Late Winter can add a magical quality to our borders, especially if we have plants that catch the frost and snow. My trooper presently, is *Sarcococca*, a most divine vanilla like scented shrub. It's hardy and retains a manageable size without having to be pruned. It's unaffected by either the dreaded box moth or box blight. Some of us really need to focus on the odd cheery hue right now in our late depths of Winter. As with our clothes we can also create in our gardens, scarlets, crimsons, pinks and burnt oranges etc. *Nandina Domestica*, *Heavenly Bamboo*, does this

magical job, I simply don't know if it's its freezing roots that do this magic that turns the leaves into these magnificent shades of pink etc. during Winter. *Euonymus Alatus*, *Burning Bush*, is another exceptional 'doer'.

Windowsills right now for many are being transformed into mini greenhouses. ... Maybe, kick-start our new 2020 with a really fresh start and make this 2020 our best year ever in our gardens. – Perhaps, rethink a section of our gardens? Maybe, go for colours and shapes - , bright, bold colours or calm smoky tones - , that we haven't tried before, sculptural spikes, fragrances etc. Then maybe, a cutting patch filled with fresh velvety jewel like colours. What about considering growing our own delicious and highly nutritious veg. and salad? What could be more satisfying – that pure, unbeatable taste of sheer freshness rather than some bought, limp, withered green salad. Lettuce, Mustard, Spinach, Chervil, *Claytonia* – also called Miner's Lettuce and Land Cress are all good Winter salads and have different flavours, colours and textures. All our lives are better for even the smallest amount of grow-your-own. Again, with the new trend of lower sugar diets, berries are a real bonus because they tend to be lower in sugar than other fruits and they make smashing smoothies. Loganberries, Boysenberries and Tayberries are all hardy, easy to grow and utterly delicious and this month and then March are the perfect time to plant one.

So, let's visualise, prioritise and automate our tasks and try to focus on the work that



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matters. By the end of February it suddenly seems that there is a thousand and one things that can be done such as early sowing – no doubt about it, this really does give a great head start.

Keep weeding.

Cut back perennials.

Divide perennials.

Improve the soil in borders.

Really, the best way to get rid of perennial weeds is to simply dig up all the roots. This is so easy when the weeds are young.



Maybe, Choose Bright Bold Colours or Calm Smoky Tones.

Image: P. Thomas

MIGHT DO, MAYBE FEBRUARY JOBS

Most house plants really hate our Winters. Early Spring offers more light and fresh air. They respond to these small mercies with promising tender new growth. We can now slowly remove their withered bits and start giving them sparingly, some tepid water.

Don't forget there is a huge savings on buying bare-root as opposed to pot-grown roses. Winter Jasmine, *Jasminum nudiflorum*, left unpruned can turn into a thicket of woody stems so make sure you cut back flowered stems after the blooms fade.

Bubble wrap: Did you know that bubble wrap, which needs to be bought in a garden centre – not 'packaging bubble wrap', is UV stabilised and shouldn't deteriorate as quickly when exposed to light. Apparently, cone-shaped bubble wrap hats keep out more cold than other shapes because they trap the heat from a larger area of ground - , maybe seal their base with weights.

For a real boost, sprinkle sulphate or potash around your fruit trees as far out as their branches extend. This extra injection of nutrients will improve your anticipated crop. Some people use pressure washers to remove algae, be so careful not to damage the surface of any mortar or sandy silt.

Maybe, choose an interesting climber to jazz up a dull shed or an unattractive wall.

New Tomato, Consuelo is a blight-resistant, outside growing tomato, full of flavour and will be available to buy around now.

Worth A Thought;

Some gardeners have the gift of creating '*somewhere deep in the countryside*', - every inch jam packed with beauty and abundance yet in reality, it is in the middle of a main street in a town - , whatever - .

"If Winter comes: the frozen rut is bound with silver bars; the white drift heaps against the hut; and night is pierced with stars."

Coventry Patmore

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9th February	9am Eucharist	10.15am All Age
16th February	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
23rd February	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
Midweek	Every Thursday	10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 7th and the 21st of the month. An updated leaflet entitled '*Pastoral Care Information for Residents & Their Families*' is now available from the Parish office or from reception in the Manor. The leaflet gives details of service times, some prayers for personal use and contact details for the chaplain.

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

Film Social – You are warmly invited to come along for some entertainment, a cup of tea and the opportunity for a chat, in the gallery room (upstairs in the Hall) at 2.30pm on 10th February.

Select Vestry – There will be a meeting of the Select Vestry at 8.00pm on 25th February.

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<http://www.stpatricksdalkey.com/> for more information on our St. Patrick's Dalkey Annual Table Quiz.



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Saturday 1st at 11am - 3pm: The Medal Society of Ireland will hold a Medals, Militaria and Collectables Fair in the Knox Memorial Hall, 79 Mounttown Road, Monkstown Village. All welcome - admission €4, members €2 - children free.

Monday 3rd at 7.30pm: Dr. Laura Johnstone will speak on '*The 19th century suburbs of Monkstown and Glasthule; the impact of estate management on their design and formation*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Irl. in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Sq. South, D2. All welcome - admission free.

Wednesday 5th at 8pm: Dominic Lee will speak on '*The Life and Times of William Orpen*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Rd. end), Shankill. All welcome - admission €5.

Thursday 6th at 8pm: Des Smyth will speak on '*The end of the Fitzwilliam Dynasty*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €4 / Students €2.

Wednesday 12th at 6pm: Professor Fergus D'Arcy will present '*A true Dubliner: Fr. John Spratt, O. Carm, 1796 - 1871*' to the Old Dublin Society in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

At 7.45pm : James Curry will provide '*An introduction to the life and work of Harry Clarke*' to the Knocklyon History Society in the Iona Centre beside St. Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon, Dublin 16. All welcome.

Thurs. 13th at 8pm: Ged Walsh will speak on '*The Moravians*' to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Soc. in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome. Contribution €3.

At 8.30pm: James Scannell will present '*A Brief History of the Great Northern Railway (Ireland), 1876 - 1958*' to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry Village. All welcome - admission €5.

Friday 14th at 8pm: Dr. Pdraig Lenihan will present '*Construction of a legend: the Irish Wild Geese in Louis XVI's army, 1689-1714*' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, D. 8. All welcome - wheelchair access available.

Tuesday 18th at 8pm: Cormac Lowth will present '*A History of Dublin Port*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church. Pdraig Laffan will give a short talk '*Famous Visits (Popes / Presidents / Royalty.*' All welcome - admission €5.

Wednesday 19th at 8pm: Fergus Mulligan will speak on '*William Dargan -an Honourable Life*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome - entrance €3.

At 8pm: Sean Laoide Kemp will reveal '*Famine research in Co. Clare*' to the Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society in the Holy Rosary Centre adjoining Holy Rosary Church, Greystones. All welcome - admission charge.

Thursday 20th at 7.30pm: Dr. Maurice F. Hurley will discuss '*Archaeological excavations at South Main St. Cork: Hiberno-Norse to Beamish brewery*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ir. in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63 Merrion Sq. South, D.2. All welcome - admission free.

At 8pm: Anthony Cronin will speak on '*James Joyce Unlocked*' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Bray. All welcome - admission €6.

Tuesday 25th at 6.30pm: The February meeting of the Dalkey Library Local History Group takes place in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. All welcome.

Wednesday 26th at 10.30am: The February Open Morning Meeting of the Genealogical Society of Irl. takes place in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome - contribution of €5 includes tea/coffee.

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The 1920 Municipal Election

In January 1920 municipal elections were held in Ireland for the first time since 1915. For this election Dalkey Urban District Council was divided into two electoral wards - North and South with the electorate using the PR/Single Transferable Vote system for the first time. The results were - North Ward: J. Kavanagh (Sinn Fein), C.D. Somers (Sinn Fein), J. Quirke (Labour), L.J. Farrell (Labour), T. Dowling (Labour). South Ward: J. Kavanagh (Sinn Fein), C.D. Somers (Sinn Fein), R.E. Powell (Independent), M.F. Judd (Nationalist), C.M. McGowan (Nationalist), W. Trescott (Labour), and J. Mulhall (Labour).

Publications

Journal of the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society No 29 - 2020 produced by the Publication Committee of Mona O'Donnell, Seamus O'Connor, Anna Scudds and Colin Scudds. Variety of content is the feature of this excellent local history publication which contains the following articles - *'In So Long Marianne'* Marilyn Nash recalls her days in the 1970s spent in the old Technical School on Eblana Avenue; Vincent Delaney covers the history *'The Seapoint Boat Club'* from 1916 to 1932 while the renaming of Kingstown to Dún Laoghaire is revealed by Brian Smith in *'Seán Ó hUadhaigh - Renaming Kingstown in 1920'* who reveals the winners in *'The Treasure Hunt of Dún Laoghaire - Dún Laoghaire Borough Winner's'*; Bathing in the sea is recalled by Anna Scudds in *'The Great Indecency - Sea Bathing in South Dublin'* which reveals various locations where men and women bathed; Anna Swan in *'The Registered Letter'* reminds the reader that in the 1950s many people had to emigrate Britain to find work and mailed home money every week to support their families as in the case of her family. A 1789 festival in Dunleary known as *'Lau Braugh Pleasura'* is recalled by Tom Conlon in *'Lau Braugh Pleasura in Dun Laoghaire and the fall of John Magee'* Brian Comerford provides an outline of *'The Dunleary Lifeboat Restoration Project'* which aims to restore the old Dunleary lifeboat which saw service in Dun Laoghaire from 1919 to 1937 and then Lytham St. Anne's near Liverpool until 1957 when she was withdrawn and sold into private ownership. In *'Carrickmines - Profile of a Pale Castle'* Colin Scudds provides a history of this castle and what happened to its ruins in the early decade of this century and in *'Disappearing Dún Laoghaire'* recalls Buckley Galleries, 27/28 Sandycove Road, James Scannell in *'Dun Laoghaire - Prelude to the Emergency'* recalls events in and around the Dun Laoghaire area on Saturday September 2nd 1939 as the countdown to the declaration of the Emergency by Dáil continued and the recollections of some local residents who survived a 1915 railway accident in Britain in *'The Irish Mail Accident, 1915'*; *'Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust - Dun Laoghaire and Sallynoggin'* by Dermot O'Riordan recalls the provision of housing for WW1 ex-servicemen by the Trust which built 48 houses in Dun Laoghaire and Sallynoggin, while Mary Grogan remembers *'Rev. William Hawkes - Archaeologist and Historian'* who served as a curate in St. Michael's Church, Dun Laoghaire in 1940/41, including some of his writings. *'Entertaining injured troops at Seapoint Boat Club'* by Vincent Delaney recalls two events held in July and August 1917 for the benefit of injured servicemen recovering from the wounds in several military hospitals around the Dun Laoghaire and further afield.

Copies of this journal, €7, are available locally in the Dun Laoghaire area from a number of outlets, at monthly meetings of the Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, or by post, price €11 (Ireland), €12 (Rest of the World) from the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Soc., 7 Northumberland Park, Dun Laoghaire.

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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45am Morning Service.

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

From the Rector

The Rector preached at 12 noon Mass in the Church of the Holy Apostles, at the invitation of the Parish Priest, Fr. Tom Dalzell. A very happy, peaceful and healthy New Year to all of you!

Sunday Club: Happy New Year! Starting in February this year the Sunday club will take place twice monthly on the first and third Sundays of the month up until the Sunday club party in May.

Flower Guild: Thank you to all who were involved with the decoration of the church for Christmas and a reminder that the flower rota for 2020 is on the notice boards

Ladies Guild meets in the Carry Centre at 2.30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on 11th February when Suzanne Hayes will talk to us about her experiences in Speech Therapy.

SILK next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th February. New members are always welcome. Please contact Laura Martin for more details.

Diners Club – The KWDs next meal out is scheduled for Thursday 20th February at 7pm in the Guinea Pig, Dalkey, which is under new management.

The Y Club (Killiney Men’s Society) will meet on Thursday 27th February in the Carry Centre for a talk on the First World War by Historian, Conor Dodd.

Parish Variety Concert: The 2020 Vision Committee is organising a Parish Variety Concert on Friday 28th February. This is intended to be an evening’s fun for ourselves amongst ourselves. Tickets will be available at €10, which will include a glass of wine and food.

Sheep Thrills meet each Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre, no joining – just €3 for fresh coffee and homemade biscuits. Everyone is welcome and 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.

Specshifters

Giving sight to the blind is beyond human power, but providing lenses and frames to visually impaired people is within our grasp. During 2019, between the parish and outside involvement, we sent over a hundred pairs of unwanted glasses to people in the Philippines, a near-miracle for some. Thank you all who contributed with one euro in each specs-case, and a special thank-you to those who told their friends, relations, neighbours, work colleagues, bridge and tennis partners and rivals, and book-club members. Please keep them coming and let’s see what 2020 vision can do. David 086-2659065.

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The Guinea Pig restaurant, Dalkey has recently been renovated by the new French chef patron Jérôme Fernandes and is managed by Dalkey's very own Kevin O'Gorman

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A. Sore throats are most commonly caused by a viral infection which means that often antibiotics will not help. Most sore throats will clear after a few days without the need for medical treatment. After a week, almost 9 in 10 people will be feeling fine.

Symptoms of a sore throat include:

- painful throat, especially when swallowing
- dry scratchy throat
- redness in the back of the mouth
- You may also have a runny or blocked nose, sneezing, fever and a tickly cough.
- bad breath
- mild cough
- swollen neck glands

A sore throat can often be treated with over the counter pain relief, throat lozenges and/or throat sprays. These provide symptom relief and anti-inflammatory action.

While waiting for the viral infection to clear.

- Avoid very hot foods and drinks as these may irritate the throat further and stick with cool and soft food and drinks (or warm but not hot).
- You should see your GP if:
 - you have a sore throat and a very high temperature, or you feel hot and shivery
 - you have a weak immune system
 - you often get sore throats
 - you are worried about your sore throat

A severe or long-lasting sore throat could be something like strep throat (a throat infection caused by a bacterium) or tonsillitis. If you still have a sore throat after 2 weeks, it's best to get it checked. Otherwise your Pharmacist should be able to help.

If you have any questions you would like answered please email us on maxwell.dalkey@gmail.com and put Dalkey Newsletter in the message subject line.

SOME EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

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

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

Nature Notes February 2020 – Further information on any events from Mary Daly secretary@southdublinbirds.com

Indoor Meeting: Our South Dublin Branch invites you to an evening discussing helping our Swifts. Our own Ricky Whelan will talk you through the life and times of a Swift and what we can do to help this magnificent bird. **Date:** Tues, 4th Feb. in the Graduate Pub at 8pm.

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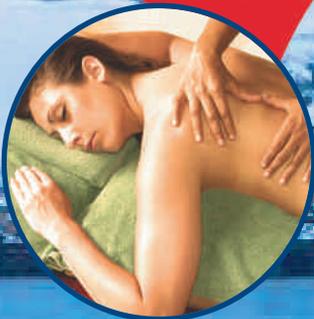
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Annual Soup Lunch on Ash Wednesday in OLH	Weds 26 Feb
Sorting of the March Newsletters in OLH (1pm-2pm)	Thurs 27 Feb

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

English Language conversation classes (free) for non nationals. Dun Laoghaire Lexicon

Mondays: 17.45 - 19.45. All welcome. Email: englishinthelibrary@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. Call 086-8391839.

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

Baby & Toddler Group. All pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome on Tuesdays from 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., 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.

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

While writing this article storm Brendan was sweeping across the country, with violent storm force winds from the south. Within a couple of hours I received countless calls from viewers who lost reception on all UK channels (due to damage to satellite dishes). The vast majority of these calls came from viewers who have “standard” satellite dishes, which are simply NOT designed to withstand these types of violent winds. Fortunately all of the satellite systems we install are over engineered, and have a far greater chance of survival.

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