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Castle Street from Dalkey Castle Battlements

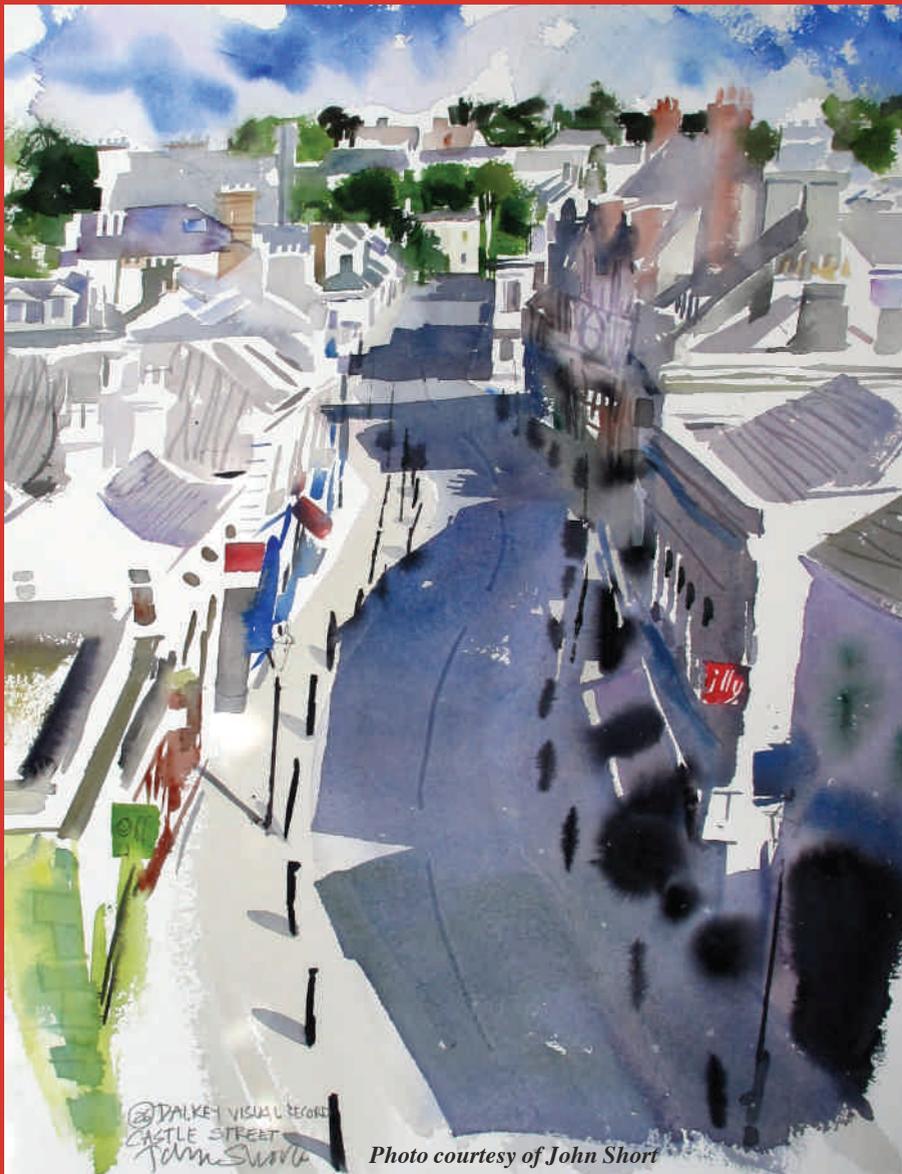


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DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE

Back in action! We are delighted to announce that Dalkey Castle will re-open on Wednesday 1st July at 10.00am.

Guidelines: We have put all the HSE and HSA protocols in place to ensure everyone's safety.

Upskilling: All staff, volunteers and actors have completed the Covid 19 Update Training.
Changes: For the first month or so, we will have changes to how the tours normally operate. The staff has been split into two teams. There will be smaller numbers on each tour and a one-way system in place to ensure physical distancing. Tours will be spaced out to allow for sanitising between times. The shop stock has been reduced. Bookings will only be online.

NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS!

DLR Summer of Heritage, as part of this programme, we will have 2 FREE tours each day at 10.00 and 16.30 on weekdays and 11.00 and 16.30 at weekends.

Travel through the Ages: Our enthusiastic, professional staff will socially distantly lead the visitors through the different eras around the full site: St. Begnet's Church & Graveyard, The Heritage Centre with its scaled models and interactive screens, the former Living Quarters upstairs, the Battlements and the Writers' Gallery.

Deilig Inis The Living History actors will bring the history to life in a fun and entertaining way. The Archer demonstrates his great skill outdoors with the Longbow and Crossbow from the 1300s. Cookery and Barber Surgery are firmly planted in the 1500s when Henry



Deilig Inis actors at Dalkey Castle

Photo: John Fahy

VIII was in charge and Dalkey was within the Pale. No doubt there will be references in their performances to past plagues, especially the one in 1575, when all the inhabitants around here decamped to Dalkey Island to avoid the Bubonic plague.

Times **Weekdays:** Tours at 10.00, 11.30, 13.30, 15.00 & 16.30.
Weekends: Tours at 11.00, 13.30, 15.00 & 16.30.

Tours last just under one hour.

All tours must be booked online. There will no drop-in tours or telephone bookings taken. We are looking forward to getting going again. All our overseas bookings have been cancelled, so we are relying on all our locals to come to see us.

Book online at www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets

Thank you to John Short for his painting on the front cover, taken from the Battlements.

We are looking forward to seeing you all!

Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

DREAMS



Why am I dreaming more during this Covid pandemic?

Many people have reported an increase in dreaming during this Covid period. For some, the pandemic has amplified underlying anxiety and they report an

increase in disturbing dreams. For others, dreams are an attempt to process what the dreamer has absorbed, consciously and unconsciously, during the day. *Why We Sleep: The New Science of Sleep and Dreams* (Walker, 2018) examined recent neuroscience research and concluded that dreams act as an “overnight therapy mechanism”, to consolidate waking experience, support problem-solving and channel creativity.

How to capture a significant dream or dream sequence?

Pen, paper or voice recorder (optional: small torch for minimal disturbance)

The least movement on waking

Capture key content: characters, location, feelings, interactions, the ending

What if these characters are hidden aspects of you? Dialogue with a character. See what it has to say about this dream scenario or to another character.

Could the weather, location, object or building say something about you (e.g. run-down, blocked, dull, wild, colourful, ungrounded)

Be curious. Why now? What might the dream be telling you at this time?

Note the date and any recent events in your life that might be relevant

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Dame Cicely Saunders, the founder of St. Christopher's Hospice, near London, once wrote in connection with the care of people who are terminally ill:

“You matter because you are you, you matter to the last moment of your life and we will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully, but to live until you die.”

It is the contention of this paper, that having hope is an important part of being able to live until you die; in other words hope is a factor which relates to the quality of life a person may have. Hope is worth fostering.

Hope is an important part of human life in all sorts of situations: consider, for example, this situation different from the hospital context. Imagine, if you will, a self-employed businessman who has been working desperately for month after month to rescue his business from the awful prospect of bankruptcy and receivership. Each month that passes seems longer than the previous one, the financial figures get worse and worse, more and more gloom and doom pervade the business; not just the owner but everyone employed show the stress and strain on their faces, the worry and anxiety, the fatigue and exhaustion; everyone has been trying so hard and yet the company is still a long way from coming out of the wood. People are losing hope and beginning to despair. But then one day the manager receives a phone call: would he consider a substantial injection of cash from another businessman who is now retiring and who would like to become a sleeping partner in the firm. This is just what is needed, for ages the banks would lend no more money; but now with some extra capital, new equipment can be purchased, a new sales drive mounted and old debts paid off. As the news is passed from person to person that the owner has accepted the offer of the sleeping partner, it is as if an enormous surge of energy wells up and takes hold of everyone in the company. There is new hope for the future a new sense of vitality is felt excitement replaces dreariness and all the gloom and doom. A new determination to weather the storm and come through is expressed on many faces.

From our own differing experiences throughout our lives, we know the difference it makes when we feel hopeful; without hope life feels flat and dreary and lacking in vitality; with hope life is an adventure, a challenge, it has a different feel and meaning to it.

I want now to move back to the hospital context, or at least to the world of caring for people and not just people who are terminally ill. I share with you seven factors which may help to foster hope in a person's life, and I will say something about each of these factors in turn, and then will go on to look with you, very briefly, at some factors which hinder or diminish hope. I have been helped in what I have written by a book called “Mud and Stars” about the impact of hospice experience on the Church's Ministry of Healing and by an article in the Journal of Advanced Nursing called “Fostering Hope in terminally ill people”.

The seven factors helping to foster hope are as follows:

1. Having meaningful relationships with others (or at least one other)
2. Having attainable aims
3. Having a spiritual base
4. Personal attributes
5. Light-heartedness
6. Uplifting memories
7. Affirmation of worth.

1. Having Meaningful Relationships

People who were interviewed about what helped them when they were ill, to feel supported and hopeful, said things such as the following: it is important for me to have a sense of being needed, of being part of something; it helps me to have someone who shares my

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journey and walks with me; it means much to me to have a friend who shares a part of their self with me; it is good to have others who radiate hope so I feel hope; it matters to me to have a feeling that another person is truly present with me; the touch or the hug that communicates “ I am with you” is remembered. Perhaps what all these different things are saying is that it helps greatly through an illness, through a crisis, to have support, to feel the empathy of others, their solidarity with you, their deep concern and love for you, their willingness to listen and to try and understand. All such support be it from family or friend, from hospital staff or visitors, helps to foster hope for the future, even if it is only the hope that the person will not be abandoned or left alone.

2. Attainable Aims

It is one thing to have hope for the future, but are these hopes realistic, are they attainable aims? It has been noticed that in the case of terminal illnesses while a person is quite well, he or she will have various hopes for the future which relate to themselves; for instance, I would like to get home to tend to my roses, I would like to visit my relatives in their homes, I would like to get to my nephew’s wedding next Spring. However, as their illness progresses their hopes focus less on themselves and more on those whom they love, they are concerned with envisioning a positive outcome in the lives of those they love; but when death comes close the person re-focuses on themselves, hoping for a peaceful death, for serenity, for inner peace - these are hopes less concerned with ‘doing’ than with ‘being’ - being at peace, being released from sickness, having eternal rest.

Both the person who is ill as well as those with whom they talk are concerned then with this task of focusing on attainable aims. It may no longer be realistic to hope for some things or to do some things, but others may be more readily fulfilled. Perhaps an elderly person is having to give up their home and move into sheltered housing or a nursing home; new hope may be fostered in the person, and the future looked forward to. I am not suggesting that re-focusing one’s hopes onto different and more attainable aims will necessarily be an easy task - it may be very difficult, for some there may be much inner turmoil and distress, anger or rage as adjustments are attempted to be made. We should note that one aim or hope people, who are terminally ill, sometimes have is the hope to become reconciled with someone from whom they have been estranged. Sometimes too a person hopes to come to be at peace with God. The work of thinking what are attainable aims and of fostering hope in relation to them is worthwhile.

3. Spiritual Base

For many people this will mean having a faith in God; for others it will relate to their value system and their belief in the significance of life and their search for a meaning to death. “God is my refuge and strength” the Psalmist wrote, “all my hope on God is founded” we sing. For the believer, God is a source of hope for both this life and the next “changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Him, lost in wonder, love and praise”. Believing, hoping, trusting in God help a person to move trustingly into the future. There are many hopes connected with faith in God: for example, I may hope that through my illness God will find ways to use me, I may hope that there will be ways for me to witness to love and courage, I may hope to grow closer to God, to mature and deepen spiritually. I may hope that tomorrow will bring new blessings, as God remains unceasingly active around me and in me.

4. Personal Attributes

Once again when people were asked what they felt were the most important personal attributes to have through an illness, attributes which helped them to live with hope, there was a consensus on three main ones: determination, courage and serenity. Whether you are living with multiple sclerosis or recovering from a stroke or living with some other illness,

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to have determination, courage and serenity will greatly strengthen you in your inner being, in your relationship with others and with God - they will help you maintain an outlook that includes hope for the future, even if some hopes have to be altered from time to time. It is something of a mystery how other people's prayers and presence impart to another person new strength so that resources of determination, courage and serenity do not fail, but in practice it can and does happen.

5. Light-heartedness

Humour allows a sense of the ridiculous to lighten the load. Laughter can strengthen bonds, ease tensions, makes the unbearable seem bearable. Light-heartedness, by dispelling some of the gloom and despair, can lift people's spirits fostering and fanning the flames of hope.

6. Uplifting Memories

To think back over the good times, to share memories with others, to look back over the years and recall how other difficulties were weathered, to remind oneself of many blessings - all of this activity may help to sustain a person; and if they believe in God, to renew their sense of the care and goodness of God, enabling them to move forward with hope and faith.

7. Affirmation of Worth

To know I matter, am loved unconditionally, accepted for myself, as I am, strengthens me in my inner being, helps me feel better. I am not just a burden, not just useless, people are genuinely concerned for me, are sincerely working for my well being and my good. If a person believes in God, they may remind themselves that God remains ever loving and faithful - all these ways of affirming one's worth help to foster an attitude of positiveness and hope.

Conclusion

So much for factors, which help to foster hope, but what, briefly, may hinder or diminish hope within a person? I list the following for your consideration: being mentally isolated by a 'conspiracy of silence' or by inadequate explanations of what is happening, or why you are feeling as you do or when fears and questions are not properly addressed or answered. Hope is diminished when it is implied that there is nothing more which can be done, when pain and other symptoms remain unrelieved, when symptoms such as depression are ignored, when the person feels alone or unsupported, when spiritual distress is not recognised, when the future seems to be no more than an insufferable mountain of problems and/or an unrelieved catastrophe.

I believe all us can foster hope in the people we meet: for some of us it may be through our gift for light-heartedness, for others through the strength we seem to impart, for others through our listening, but for all of us through our loving, accepting and affirming other people as we seek to reach out with the love which God has given us to share with others.

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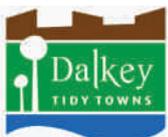
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CASTLE STREET COVID-19 SAFETY UNDER EXAMINATION



DLRCC contacted Dalkey Tidy Towns recently to arrange a discussion on what help Castle Street might need to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists and to support our businesses during this Covid-19 era and beyond.

On May 22nd, an informal gathering of twelve people representing a cross section of life on Castle Street met to share thoughts on what would help. There was wide support for three immediate actions:

- Removal of the unsightly barriers on the pavement outside Dalkey News and to replace them with Heritage Town appropriate dividers, all to create more safe space for pedestrians.
- Removal of the small number of parking spaces outside the Tram Yard so that a wider area could be created for pedestrians there and similar to the new space outside Dalkey News
- Examine how a one-way traffic system could be created on Castle Street from the Church Car Park to AIB corner to further improve safety and comfort for all.

On May 26th, thirteen Castle Street interested parties gathered for a second informal exchange. On this occasion they were joined by DLRCC representatives Robert Burns, Director of Service Infrastructure and Climate Change, Ursula O'Connor, Economic Development and Bob Hannan, Senior Architect. They have already made progress on increased safety with Blackrock Town and similar work is being carried out in Malahide. We had a helpful discussion on the three proposals highlighted and DLRCC are to return to us with a response as soon as possible.

Nothing has yet been decided. A small group will now be set up to reflect the various interests of the area and to communicate back to all concerned. Certainly, Dalkey can be made safer as social distancing is an issue with such narrow spaces. This may also be an opportunity for all to take a longer view and to place a stronger focus on how Dalkey can become a more attractive Heritage Town for all to enjoy.

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School Closure Update from Harold Boys' N.S.

With schools around the country still closed, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our terrific students and their families for their ongoing support and understanding during these unprecedented times. We are amazed at the way the boys have adapted and continue to adapt to this new way of learning online.

Sixth Class have been working extremely hard on their assignments at home and in their online classes. They are also working on a big project with their computer teacher to make a *Stop Motion* movie. Some of the boys have even been practising their baking skills. It is full steam ahead for Sixth Class.

Fifth Class have been busy learning about 3-D Shapes. They have completed a lot of STEM projects and the effort and standard was amazing; from building bridges, to crafts, to conveyor belts, to sundials for Geography, spinners, and even marble runs.

Fourth Class have been learning all about China, introducing the class to lots of furry friends during Show and Tell, taking part in very interesting quizzes on Kahoot, and most importantly catching up with all the news from their fellow classmates via Zoom!



Harold Boys demonstrate their baking skills

Third Class completed fantastic projects on the Titanic where they had to create their own Titanic model and make it float. As well as this, they have been completing daily tasks such as Maths problem-solving, English debates, Science experiments and even learning a few 'Lámh' signs. **Second Class** boys have been engaging in project work on various countries around the world. Their creative sides are coming to life at home - building

towers taller than themselves, paper airplanes, bird feeders and birdbaths, designing slogans and shields, and even some wonderful mindful colouring. Keep up the fantastic enthusiasm from home everyone. We look forward to the schools reopening and welcoming you all back.



Titanic Model



One of the much loved furry friends



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Don't forget you can still access any of our online services: newspapers and magazines online, ebooks and audiobooks. If you would like assistance with any of these services, don't hesitate to contact us and we will try and assist, or point you in the right direction.

We hope we can welcome you all back very soon. Please keep an eye on the screen at the library for any updates.

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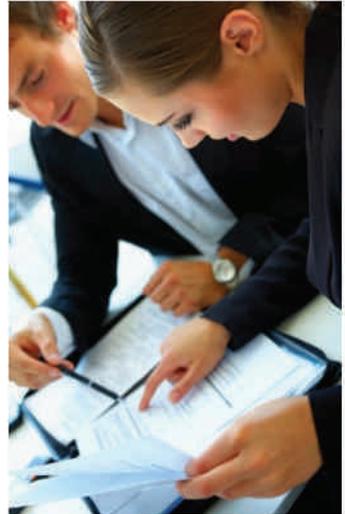
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*I've been trying to learn bumblebee identification. Fairly certain this is a male White-tailed Bumblebee (*Bombus lucorum*) since the male of the species has a broader yellow collar than the queens and workers and the yellow facial hair is a key indicator.*



This Holly Blue butterfly was systematically making its way around a holly tree in the garden and may well have been egg laying. In spring they lay a single egg at the base of unopened holly flower buds and subsequently the butterflies that emerge will lay their eggs on ivy to overwinter.



The local ravens successfully fledged three chicks in spring. Here an adult bird is on the left with a fledgling. You can just see the pink spot on the corner of the young bird's bill, this seems to act as an incentive to get the parent to feed them and it's the only stage in their lives when they won't be totally jet black.

*This nest of hundreds of tiny spiders was wreathed in silk keeping them safe from the rain.
Photo by Lucy Desierdo*



I'd got up early to see the sunrise but this Song Thrush was up before me greeting the dawn from the top of a cedar tree. Song Thrushes are one of the first birds to sing at dawn and often the last bird singing at dusk.

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A most unlikely unexpected sighting on a very quiet part of Killiney Hill was this bird, a female mallard, not something you'd expect to find on a granite hilltop.



We often have big flocks of starlings descend on the area in late spring. Not a bird we normally get in the vicinity, at this time of the year these flocks contain dozens of juveniles. Thankfully they don't go on to my feeders as I couldn't afford to feed any more birds. Anyhow this adult starling seems happy enough with the earwig it's caught.



This Hooded Crow spent ages gently preening its mate on the back lawn on a sunny afternoon.



Bee Gone. When the gorse in Dalkey Quarry was in full bloom it attracted lots of honey bees. This one above is flying away with its pollen sacs clearly visible.



Sadly by midsummer most of the blackbirds will have stopped singing. You'll still get the occasional male singing in July, especially if the weather has been good and they're still nesting but generally it'll be next February or March before we'll hear their beautiful song again.



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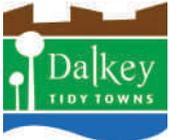


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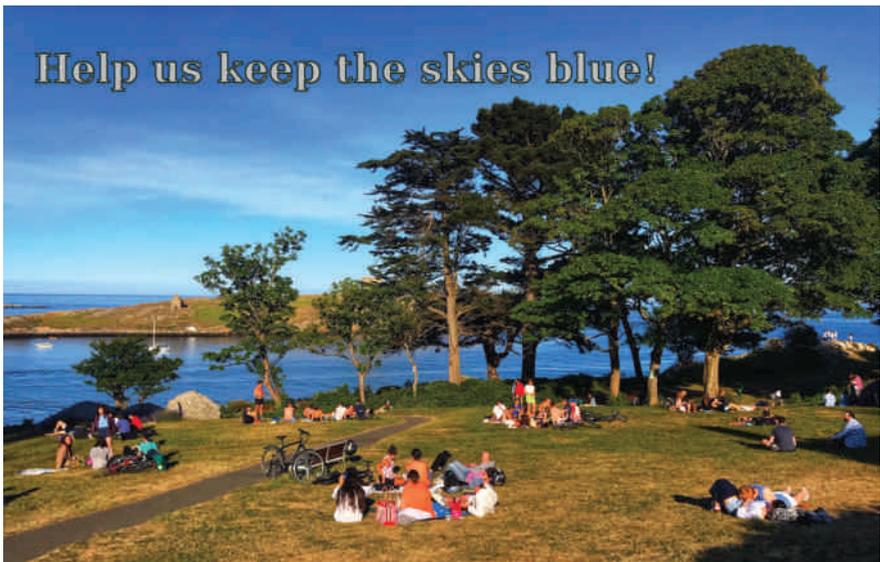
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15 minutes to complete and we would really appreciate if you would take the survey to include your household's data.

DTT has signed up to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's (SEAI) Community Energy Network with the goal of formulating a range of practical energy-related initiatives for Dalkey which can help us collectively make a real difference to our environment. To start we are gathering information through a survey on household energy use. It is all part of developing our Energy Master Plan. The survey will help us understand the current energy-usage patterns in Dalkey's residential sector. The ultimate purpose of the Master Plan is to help Dalkey homeowners identify how they can conserve energy, reduce energy costs, make their homes warmer and help improve their BER (Building Energy Rating). Once we have our Energy Master Plan completed, our Dalkey community will group together the energy efficiency and renewable energy projects from the identified residential buildings, businesses and community/public buildings opportunities, and apply for Government grant funding through the SEAI's Community Grant Scheme to assist all who get involved.

We would appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey at your earliest convenience; you can complete the survey online at

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/BTMoBco6F> If you require a paper version of the survey please write to Dalkey Tidy Towns, 3 Railway Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin A96 WV38. We will be happy to post one out.



Dalkey Tidy Towns Sustainability Team

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 20-23 11/5/2020 to 5/6/2020

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.: D20A/0333

Application Rec'd Date: 12-May-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Glen Finegan, Ard na Mara, Ardrubh Road, 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. **Declare Application Invalid:** 26-May-2020.

Reg. Ref.: D20B/0133

Application Rec'd Date: 11-May-2020

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

Proposal: Full permission for proposed new loft bedroom circa 12.3 m2 which will include a change of roof profile from hip ended roof to gable ended roof and construction of dormer structure on rear roof slope as well as minor alterations to previously granted planning permission file ref D18B/0514 for extensions and alterations as a result of necessary on site works and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D20B/0139

Application Rec'd Date: 15-May-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Fiona and Barry Ruane, 22 Church Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the construction of a single storey extension with a part two storey element to the rear of the existing dwelling comprising kitchen/diner to the ground floor with a family bathroom and ensuite to the first floor extension, the addition of four no. roof lights to the flat roof of the ground floor extension all with associated siteworks and elevation amendments.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0914

Application Rec'd Date: 26-Nov-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Windsor Homes Ltd, 34, Barnhill Rd, 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.

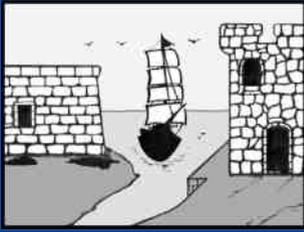
Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds): 20-May-2020.

Reg. Ref.: D20B/0140

Application Rec'd Date: 20-May-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Henry & Judy Dobbins, 112 Hillside, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the following 1. Erect fully serviced first floor extension to the

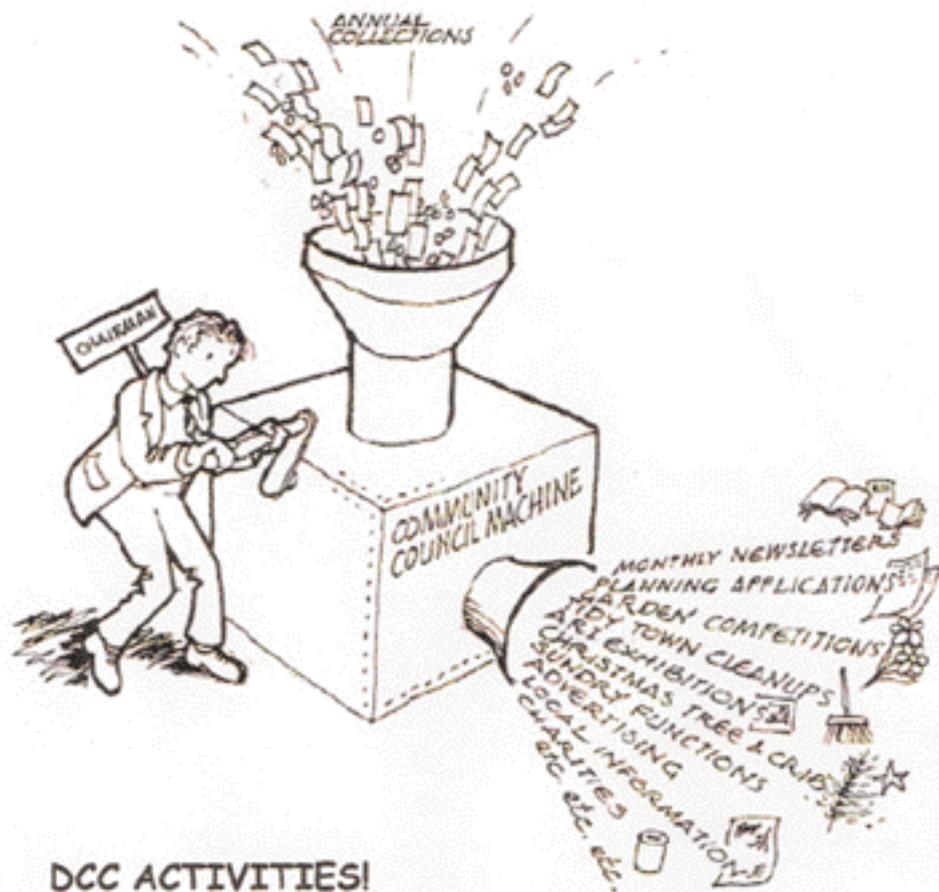


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BACKGROUND

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

Ever since, the Community Council has striven to build on the initial goals through its Memorandum of Association, having being incorporated in 2005.

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

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

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

This supplement represents the Reports from the various parts of the Community Council and we would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed Reports

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FOR JULY NEWSLETTER 2020

For over 40 years we have been active in the community and have liaised with the County Council and other agencies to represent our community’s views on various issues and topics important to the area e.g. planning matters and traffic issues.

Recently we have been contacted by DLR to discuss the problems arising from the need to implement social distancing measures in Dalkey in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. There is a need to ensure there is adequate space for both pedestrians and vehicles to move safely along Castle St. and the centre of Dalkey and the provision of space to allow for queuing outside the shops and businesses along the pavements. These discussions are ongoing with DCC, the Tidy Towns group and the business community. While the measures put in place will be on a trial basis, it is hoped some more long-term solution to the difficulties with traffic flow etc will be a positive outcome developing from the present situation.

The Community Council is made up of representatives from approximately 60 local areas, consisting of two or three roads or streets throughout Dalkey, and representatives from clubs and local organisations. We meet once a month to discuss topics and issues concerning Dalkey. However, we have not met since the beginning of the “lock down” to contain the spread of the Coronavirus in March. Members usually deliver our Newsletter every month to residents and businesses in Dalkey.

In addition, we have several sub committees: -

1) Planning –we monitor the planning applications for Dalkey each week and comment on those that have some impact on the community to the planning department. Residents contact us when they are concerned about a planning application in their immediate locality and we try to help/advise them if at all possible. There have been an increasing number of requests from the community during the last year particularly in relation to the number of larger scale proposed developments. The planning report will cover this in more detail.

2) Sports-including the Community Games which we fund every year. This involves over 100 children and their trainers who meet weekly during the summer months culminating in their participation in the Dublin Community Games Competition in Santry and any winners going on to the National Community Games in Limerick. We also have a swimming team which has had outstanding success in recent years.

3) Neighbourhood Watch-our local Community Garda attends our meetings and gives a report of any incidents in Dalkey; this gives us an opportunity to liaise directly with the Gardaí. We also meet directly with the Chief-Superintendent of Dun-Laoghaire when particular issues arise for which we are most appreciative. We said a reluctant good-bye to Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald who retired in July and also to Ailbhe Boyce in February 2020; she had been our Community Garda for the last few years and will be sadly missed by us all. She was a great asset to Dalkey and we wish her well in her new post in Galway.

4) Newsletter Editorial Committee which compiles the monthly Newsletter.

We believe it gives a snapshot of life in Dalkey as well as providing local information and news of events.

Unfortunately, our Editor Gerard Coakley became ill in November and has been unable to continue with this ongoing and time-consuming work; we are in debt to Ann Perry, who was previously the Assistant Editor, who has stepped in to take over from Gerard and has continued to produce the Newsletter. We are really grateful to Ann for her commitment and

dedication to the community; we can't thank her enough for all her work for the Community Council.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of our Advertising Manager, Lena Feely on 17th April 2020. She had taken on this role since 1994 and it particularly suited her business acumen. Her able handling of the advertising finances contributed to the continued and successful production of the newsletter. We will miss her presence at our meetings and the many events run by DCC.

We were unable to deliver the April edition of the newsletter due to the Coronavirus restrictions, but several of the businesses facilitated us by allowing us to leave copies in their premises for the public to help themselves. Thanks are due to SuperValu, Dalkey Pharmacy, the Post Office, Maxwell's, Hick's and Dalkey News and also to Desie Conway on Dalkey Park who have been an invaluable support to us during this unprecedented time.

In May we decided to have an on-line version of the newsletter only; this is available on our website www.dalkeycommunitycouncil.com

We decided to have a reduced print run in June; some newsletters were delivered by the Road Reps but we were also again facilitated by some Dalkey businesses that let us leave copies in their shops for their customers.

5) Functions- this committee organises the events, competitions and the social side of the Council. (Garden competition, Art Exhibition, Christmas Event, etc.) Thanks are due to Roseleen Callaghan our Functions Manager for co-ordinating all the events throughout the year. Again, most of our events have been cancelled this year due to the Coronavirus restrictions. We will make a decision later in the year about the possibility of running the Art Exhibition.

6) Heritage-We have a member on the Board of the Heritage Centre who gives an overview of its activities and events to our members each month. The Heritage Centre has been closed since mid-March but hopes to reopen at the end of July.

7) Tidy Towns-We work closely with Dalkey Tidy Towns; several of our members are also on their Committee and are involved in their projects and activities. This organisation has had a huge effect on much of what we see and appreciate around Dalkey. Most of the new projects around the town have been instigated by the Tidy Towns Committee. In recent years due to the decrease in numbers of personnel in Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council much of the maintenance of our streets and parks has been taken over by this organisation, liaising with various departments in the Council. All this work is done by a small number of volunteers who work away throughout the year. On behalf of the Community Council, I should like to thank them for all their hard work which has made real improvements to our town.

It is unfortunately very evident that their work with litter control, weed control, landscaping etc. has stopped since March as their activities have been totally curtailed by the restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Dalkey is not looking its best without them. Again, I should like to thank them for all they do to keep Dalkey looking so attractive and well maintained.

Their activities are described in more detail in the Tidy Towns report.

As can be seen from this overview of the Community Council we are involved throughout the town in its many and varied aspects; however, like many voluntary organisations we are

suffering from a lack of new members. We welcome anybody who would like to become involved with us-just one meeting a month where you can learn about what is happening in your community and have some input into it. It is important that we continue to hear from all parts of the community, bringing opinions and new ideas to our organisation for the benefit of Dalkey.

Our Annual Collection was similar to the previous years; however, of the 3000 households and businesses to which we deliver our newsletter, only between 600- 700 actually contribute to our Collection.

This year we have not had annual door-to- door collection due to outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic. We are a totally self-funded voluntary organisation and are completely dependent on the annual collection each year to be able to continue our work in the community. We would appreciate any donations given to us online – it will go directly back to the community through our work and projects throughout Dalkey.

I shall conclude by thanking all the members of the Community Council for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

Dr Susan McDonnell
Chairman,
Dalkey Community Council

DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The year 2019 until the end of December was a good year for visitor numbers at Dalkey Castle.

Nationalities: 37% of our numbers came from the domestic market with the remaining 63% from overseas. 15% of the overseas came from the States and 25% from Spain. CIE Tours are the main providers of the US visitors and the Language School programme yields a large number from Spain, Italy, Austria and Germany. These students are in various language schools to learn English.

The National Schools' programme runs from January to Easter. This tour is designed to meet the requirements of the National School curriculum from 4th class upwards. It is a longer tour lasting about 100 minutes, covering more eras than can be covered in the normal drop-in tours for visitors. Around 1,200 school students from the area and reaching south to Wicklow avail of this programme annually. 15 DEIS Schools were included here, sponsored by the DLR Heritage Office. The feedback is excellent. We liaise with the schools and the Blackrock Education Centre to keep up to date with any curriculum changes.

The Language School Tour concentrates on a more visual and demonstrative type tour that is easy to follow for those whose first language is not English but who want to improve their language skills and also want to get the flavour of the culture and history of a country. This runs all year long in the afternoons, but large concentration occurs in June, July and August.

DLR Heritage: Dalkey Castle is part of the DLR Spring and Summer Heritage programmes, when DLRCoCo incentivise attractions and sites to offer complimentary site visits. In the early years, this was mainly availed of by locals but in more recent times, with increased advertising and social media, international visitors have benefitted.

Seasonal variations at Halloween and Christmas: The Halloween tour in 2019 was newly devised and scripted. With ghostly Vikings invading the grounds and witches taking over the castle, it was a sell-out success. Castle Christmas Tours with Santa for those expecting Santa on Christmas Eve and their families have captured the imagination and have been particularly popular as there is no queuing involved.

Literary Events: Each year we celebrate a number of literary events: Bloomsday on 15th and 16th June. We stage a Joycean Evening on 15th and dramatise the Dalkey Schoolroom Scene from Ulysses on 16th followed by a Guided Joycean Walk. A special thanks to Barry Devlin and Caroline Erskine who facilitate our guide and walkers on this special day.

ECHOES Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers: Since 2017, we have run a literary festival celebrating the work of Irish writers with the work of Maeve Binchy at its heart. Each year, Echoes takes a contemporary theme pertinent to Maeve Binchy's work and uses it as the springboard for an exploration of an aspect of contemporary writing and experience. Echoes 2019 considered and celebrated community in contemporary writing in Ireland.

See the archive at www.echoes.ie

Cardinal John Henry Newman, former resident of Mount Salus in Dalkey was canonised by Pope Francis at the Vatican on October 13th 2019.

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

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

Volunteers: We have a number of very willing, talented and professional volunteers to whom we are extremely grateful.

Covid 19: Dalkey Castle has been closed since March 12th 2020. Current guidelines suggest it may be possible to re-open towards the end of July, all going to plan. We are preparing for this behind the scenes and look forward to welcoming you back as soon as it is safe to do so.

Margaret Dunne

Manager

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

FUNCTIONS REPORT FOR 2019

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner this year was again held in Killiney Golf Club on Saturday, May 25th.

Our numbers were much better this year and as always, the food and ambiance were excellent. Martina Devlin was our speaker and she brought her husband David Murphy who was very much in demand later for his first-hand knowledge on the election results. Martine chatted to us in her usual easy manner and read to us from her latest book about famous Irish women, Truth and Dare.

Garden Competition

There were a similar number of participants as last year. We had two wonderful judges, pleasant, interesting and amenable. Again, it was held in July which seemed to suit most of the participants and it was, a lovely day. We had a number of gardens that have not been entered before. The “unattractive wall” at the end of a cul-de-sac which had been entered last year was even more attractive with the slightly more mature growth. The judges were meticulous in their study of all the gardens and were very concerned about the feelings of the owners of the gardens. I don’t know how they made a choice and, added to which, most of the gardens were so lovely that I don’t know how they managed to decide on the winners. The judges went home to discuss their thoughts and in due time sent us the results.

Garden Outing

This year we had only one garden to visit but it was a very popular choice. It was to the Lafcadio Hearn Garden in Tramore. We stopped on the way down at the Arboretum in Leighlinbridge for tea/coffee and scones then we headed straight to Tramore and the garden.

It was a very interesting garden and had areas depicting different phases in the life of Lafcadio Hearn. From the middle to the end they were mostly Japanese-influenced themes.

Patrick Lafcadio Hearn was an astonishing man and had a most varied life. His father was Irish and his mother Greek from Lafcadio. He went to America as a young man and was a reporter; he then was transferred to Japan where he made his life, completely taking on Japanese culture. Some of his writings are very famous in Japan. As a child and young teenager he loved coming to Tramore to a great aunt and it would appear that was the only stability in his younger life. We then had sandwiches and tea in The Majestic Hotel before heading back to Dalkey.

Garden Reception and Community Awards

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

This year the community cups were awarded to:

Community Cup - Judy and Flor O’Mahony for their work
for Dalkey Community Council

Comerford Cup - Trish O'Leary for her interest in trying to increase the population of the swifts in Dalkey.

McCabe Sports Cup - Dalkey under11 Rugby Team.

Outstanding Member Award - This award was presented to
(an astonished) Rosaleen Callaghan

Art Exhibition

Dr Michael Early, plastic surgeon, lecturer and specialist in cleft palates, from a very artistic family as well as being from a family of stained-glass window designers and manufacturers, opened the exhibition this year. He spoke about his work especially travelling round the world working with a charity treating people suffering with cleft palates. He is an artist himself and many of his subjects have been his patients. He admired many of the pictures on display and gave great encouragement to all the aspiring artists who had exhibited.

Christmas Meeting

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

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

Rosaleen Callaghan

Functions Manager

Dalkey Community Council



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT FOR 2019

Our Community Garda Ailbhe Boyce attended the DCC Monthly Meetings and kept us updated with the crime trends in the Dalkey area. Residential burglaries are the most prevalent crime in the Dalkey area. Most house break-ins occur in the latter afternoon to early evening. In many cases alarms are not activated or there are none on the properties. It is important to lock up, secure outside sheds, tools, ladders and activate alarms. Sgt. James Malone Crime Prevention Officer for the DMR East Division also came along during 2019 to share tips on personal safety and how to secure property and vehicles. He advised to be alert and never release personal data on the phone or online. He stressed that crime prevention was everyone's business and he emphasised the importance of communication between the public and the Gardai in the fight against crime.

DCC attended a meeting called by Local Councillor Cormac Devlin and residents of St. Begnet's Villas at half-term where present were personnel from Cuala, Dalkey United, and the Gardai where the serious situation of anti-social behaviour that resulted in the burning of the MUGA at Cuala was discussed. DCC had a follow-up meeting with senior Garda management and a commitment was given to deal with this problem. During 2019 there was extra presence of Gardai as the schools break for the summer and particular attention will be paid to spots like Sandycove, Coliemore and Cuala. Anti-social behaviour is hard to prevent as the young can spread the message so fast by social media.

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

Supt. Martin Fitzgerald retired in August and during his thirteen and a half years as Superintendent in Dun Laoghaire he practised an "open door" policy and he supported the local organisations and businesses to maintain Dalkey as safe place for all. He has been replaced by Superintendent Martin Creighton.

The Joint Policing Public Meeting was held in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan on Thursday 21st November 2019 where security issues and matters were discussed. Crime prevention information and details on Lock Up and Light Up and Operation Thor campaign was also presented.

The following points are from the Garda Analysis Services:

- Residential burglaries increase between the hours of 5pm and 10pm during winter
- On average 1 in 5 intruders enter through an unsecured door or window
- Homes that look unoccupied are more vulnerable to burglary
- The most likely entry point for a burglar is through a door, for instance, 27% of burglaries take place through the front door and 25% through a rear door. Access through a rear window accounts for 28%
- Burglars tend to target cash and jewellery when breaking into homes
- 75% of burglaries are carried out by 25% of offenders
- Residential burglaries, nationally, fell by 50% from winter 2014-2015 (12,057) to winter 2018-2019 (5,997), under the Winter Phase of Operation Thor.

This is the 5th Year of the implementation of “Operation Thor - Winter Phase 2019 – 2020”.

International evidence has established that a surge in burglaries of about 20% is likely to arise during the winter months when daylight hours are at the lowest level.

Additional details may be found in the link below for “Operation Thor – Winter Phase 2019 – 2020”: <https://www.garda.ie/en/about-us/our-departments/office-of-corporate-communications/press-releases/2019/october/operation-thor-winter-phase-2019-2020-launched.html>

The Garda Clinics are held in Our Lady’s Hall twice monthly where the attending Garda can assist with forms, authenticating signatures, offer advice, etc.

I thank Alan Winter (Hillside Residents Association) who kept me up-to-date with detailed notes and information when I missed meetings.

Neighbourhood Watch promotes safer and stronger communities and the Gardai rely on the public to report any suspicious incidents as this helps them in their ongoing fight against crime. When reporting an incident call Dun Laoghaire Garda Station at 01 666 5000 and request the Garda’s name as this can help in the follow-up investigation.

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

Ann Perry
Neighbourhood Watch Representative

SPORTS REPORT 2019

Athletics

The Dalkey Dashers season commenced training on Wednesday 10th April 2019. The Manager Conor Patton and his team of coaches quickly sorted out the chaos, set up the age groups and the children got down to training. The training sessions held each week at Loreto continue until the end of May and then there is a two week training session in Kilbogget Park for the athletics going onto Santry. DCC thanks the Principal, Mr. Robert Dunne, for facilitating the Dalkey Dashers at the Loreto grounds. The weekend of June 8th and 9th June saw the grand finale of the season for the Dalkey Dashers with the finals of the Dublin Community Games in the Morton stadium in Santry. 70 excited children, coaches and parents headed off to Santry for a day of thrills and spills. At this level the competition was very strong and as the day progressed we had many athletes getting through the various heats of their events to the semi-final and final stages. The medal winners included: Rian Murphy U8 60m - Silver medal Robyn Kennedy U8 80m Bronze Medal Shanice Ainscoff - U12 Ball Throw - Silver Medal Cian McCarron - U12 Turbo Javelin - Silver Medal Rebecca Nolan - U16 Discus Bronze Medal.

DCC thanks the manager Conor Patton who is very ably assisted by Anna Brady and the enthusiastic coaches who freely give their time to help train the athletes.

Swimming

The Dalkey Community Swimming team had a very successful competition on Sunday 7th April when they participated in the Dublin Community Games Swimming Finals in the Tallaght Sports Complex. They brought home 8 individual Gold medals and 1 Gold Relay Team and 2 Silver medals. The winning swimmers went on to compete in the National Finals in the University of Limerick.

The Swimmers were very successful and once again secured a number of medals in the National Games Finals in Limerick over the weekend of 25th/26th of May 2019. The first All Ireland Community Games medal of the weekend was won by Eoghan Rowlands who came 3rd in the u12 Breaststroke. A great achievement as he swam against boys a year older than him! Nemone Rogers was first up winning Gold in the u14 Freestyle followed quickly by Tia Harford winning Gold in the u14 Backstroke. In the u16 events Aisling Rowlands won the Freestyle and Nemone, Tia, Aisling and Anna Cannon then combined to swim in the u16 Medley Relay team event and secured a silver medal.

Congratulations also to Eavan Ramsay who got into the u10 Backstroke final and Emily O'Dwyer who got into the u12 Backstroke final.

DCC thanks Swimming Manager Ian Rowlands who organises and manages this very successful team.

Rugby

This year was the first year that Dalkey entered the u11 Rugby competition. The team which was put together from scratch in March by local enthusiastic Dads, (Ian Rowlands, Laurence O'Brien, Neil Keogh and Brian McGovern) comprises of a mix of Blackrock College, Seapoint RFC and school players who all live in the Dalkey area. The Dalkey u11 team's journey to the National Finals started with the Dublin County finals in Skerries where Dalkey managed to beat the home team in the semi-final and a very good Clontarf

team in the final. Representing Dublin County, the Dalkey team then travelled to Kildare and eventually managed to beat last year's national finalists Kilcullen. Dalkey then qualified to play in the Leinster finals playing Kilpatrick of Westmeath in the semi-final and then winning a tough final against Carlow county champions Tullow. The newly crowned Leinster champions then travelled to Limerick on the 26th May where they secured a good win against Ulster representatives' St. Patrick's of Cavan and thereby securing a place in the final against Munster champions Limerick Regional. An extremely challenging final against last year's winners saw Dalkey put everything into the game and thoroughly deserved their eventual victory to become National champions. The U11 Rugby team met the BoI Chief Executive Francesca McDonagh along with three Leinster Squad Players, Caelan Doris, Rory O'Loughlin and Max Deegan in our local BoI Branch on Thursday 5th September.

It is hoped that the team will participate in the CG in 2020 and bring more glory back to Dalkey again. Special thanks is due to Ian Rowlands, and the other u11 coaches, Neil Keogh, Brian McGovern and Laurence O'Brien and the Mums and Dads who helped with the ferrying, organising and encouraging the players. It was a fantastic achievement for the youngsters and an experience that was enjoyed by all.

Dublin Community Games

Ann and I attended the monthly Dublin Community Games Executive Meetings in Carmichael House held on the first Tuesday of each month. Policies, strategies, calendars for the many activities, PR, etc. are discussed by the representatives from the different Dublin areas. DCG has become very strict and focused on the protection of the participants. Nine areas did not compete in Santry in 2019 due to lack of Garda Vetting. With the backing of DCC Conor arranged a Safeguarding Course for the Coaches and administrators in March.

2019 was a very successful year for Dalkey Community Games and we look forward to more successes in 2020!

Elaine Feely

Secretary

Dalkey Community Games

NEWSLETTER REPORT 2019

Editorial

Last year was another very successful year for the Dalkey Newsletter. Our regular contributors continued to submit a steady flow of interesting articles for every edition; Nature Corner, My Garden, Dalkey Castle, Ask the Pharmacist, History Talks and regular updates from Heritage Centre, Dalkey Tidy Towns, the Library, Schools, Churches, DARA, Letter to the Editor and the occasional other article of general interest. Of course the most popular item must be the Planning List and this has been in the newsletter from the very early editions. We welcome articles from residents as the newsletter reflects life in Dalkey and we are proud that it is probably the longest running voluntary community newsletter in Ireland.

Production

The year began with Number 493 and Volume 25. There were eleven editions for 2019 as the December 2019 issue covers the following month of January 2020. Each month 3,500 copies are printed and 38,500 copies were produced and delivered in 2019. Printing costs were maintained at the same level again this year in keeping with the general trend in the industry. Our good relationship with our typesetters and printers ensured an on-time delivery and costs were maintained within our budget. The newsletter is also uploaded to the DCC website and I thank Eileen O'Duffy for ensuring its monthly posting.

Advertising

Our Advertising Manager Lena Feely manages the advertising and we are very fortunate that her expertise and commitment to this task keeps the advertisers and the ads well managed. Since the embargo on permitting advertisers from outside Dalkey was lifted the magazine has increased its number of advertisers and has given them a greater number of opportunities to increase their business potential.

Distribution

The Newsletter is published on the last Thursday of eleven months of the year. The magazines are sorted in Our Lady's Hall under the supervision of our Distribution Manager Danny Merity. The bags are picked up by Road Reps or dropped off to them by some of the DCC members. I have to thank Danny for his meticulous organisation for the distribution of the newsletter and thanks also to Rita and Christine who are always in attendance to help with the sorting procedure and delivering of the newsletter to Road Reps.

Editorial Team

The team meets each month to review and agree the contents for publication and it can be difficult to decide the make-up of each edition as space can sometimes be a challenge. This year Amanda Keegan gave us a history of the origins of Dalkey Credit Union as it celebrated its 50th anniversary. A new contributor David Dodd began the Folklore Corner and launched a new folklore series that recounts the folklore of Dalkey taken from the Irish Folklore Commission 1935 Schools Collection. It is proving to be a popular read with many readers interacting with the author.

I again thank all the contributors and the advertisers who supported the Newsletter during the past year. The Newsletter has been produced since April 1974 and it is a living record of the history of Dalkey and hopefully for the generations to come.

With many thanks to all the Newsletter Team!

Gerard Coakley
Editor DCC Newsletter

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019

DCC held ten Monthly and Executive meetings during 2019 and the venue for these meetings was Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street Dalkey. I have to thank Mairéad O'Donoghue for helping me with the schedule of dates and allocation of meeting rooms for the year. Mairéad retired in August and DCC wishes her the very best in her retirement. The Public Meeting was held on 13th May 2019 and among those who attended were Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald, Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD and Local Councillors. DCC thanks Sgt. James Malone for his talk on Personal Safety and Crime Prevention.

In September Jayne Courtney took up her new position as Manager of OLH and we reviewed the meeting dates for the year and arranged the dates for the Garden Reception, Art Exhibition and made the provisional bookings for 2020. In addition the council also has the use of a room in St. Patrick's, Harbour Road. Each month this room is used by the Editorial Team who meets to review and agree the material for the newsletter. I thank Reverend Bruce Hayes and the Select Vestry for their continued generosity for making this room available to us.

Dr. Susan McDonnell and I had meetings with senior Gardai to discuss the anti-social behaviour problems in the town. There were meetings with Local Councillors and local groups to put forward strategies and eradicate further incidents. There were also meetings for the proposed developments at Castlepark School and Bulloch Harbour.

All issues brought or notified to DCC are discussed at the meetings and follow up action is decided. The main issues this year related to planning and the increase in traffic volumes in the town and local area. It is a matter that requires a lot of attention as the problem is one that affects everyone and it is high priority item.

I thank Eileen O'Duffy for her continued work on the DCC website and her valued time in administering it. I am continuing to scan the documents; minutes of past meetings, correspondence, financial statements and other relevant papers and in an attempt to reduce the amount of paper. As I stated last year it is the intention of DCC to scan the earlier editions of the newsletters and complete the archive on the website from the first published newsletter in 1974. The archive is being used by researchers and students and as it is an historical record for Dalkey it would be an incredible asset for future generations.

Sadly we lost Laura Doyle, Carmel Kelly and Brian Doran during 2019 and DCC again extends sympathy to their families. All of them were long term members of the organisation and gave generously of their time in various roles and were volunteers committed to helping to improve their community.

I thank our Chairman Susan McDonnell, Elaine Feely my Assistant and all the members of DCC for their support during 2019.

Ann Perry
Secretary
Dalkey Community Council

ANNUAL TIDY TOWNS REPORT 2019

Following the very successful 2018 season for our Dalkey Tidy Towns team (DTT), including the Overall winners award in the DLR Tidy Districts Competition and also a Gold Medal in the national SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition, the pressure was on to somehow continue this success for Dalkey in 2019.

Although our population is just 6,832 people, Dalkey is a much bigger geographical area than many realise. To cope with the many challenges which this presents, for 2019, we decided not to take the usual winter break and to expand our work schedules to cover every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. With rising expectations, we were stretched to the limit and actively sought new volunteers and were delighted to welcome eleven in total. Our Committee met formally 18 times, members attended 19 educational seminars to improve our skills and took part in 177 volunteer sessions.

In 2019, we again divided our efforts into several Strategic Activity Units (SAU) to ensure that all available skills could be used.

We further refined these units this year as follows:

Team Tuesday – major projects which required planning, equipment and materials

Team Planters – preparing, planting and caring for public planted areas

Team Gleamers – extensive litter patrols and general tidiness

Team Sustainability – biodiversity awareness, environment, energy management

Special thanks are due to DLRCC for their support over a wide range of projects throughout the year. In addition, DTT worked with 118 different agencies, businesses and sponsors, more than double that of 2018.

ROUTINE PROJECTS

The “taken for granted” ongoing routine work schedules covered a very wide range of activities in 2019, all totally dependent on our small group of volunteers, including:

- Planting / Maintenance at Hyde Road, Archbold’s Castle, Writers Corner, Ulverton Steps, Dillon’s Park, Sorrento Park, Ardbrugh Road, Ormeau Drive, Cat’s Ladder, Masonic Bed, The Flags, The Metals, Torca Right of Way, Dalkey Avenue / Hillside, Barnhill Roundabout, SuperValu Car Park and Bullock Harbour.
- Dalkey Island annual clean blitz by our volunteers
- Dog Poo Blue Chalk Project – to help highlight the health hazard nuisance
- ‘Bee Friendly’ and ‘Pollinator Friendly’ signs erected in planted areas.
- Fourteen trees planted in Dillon’s Park
- Vico Road Heritage Stone – recycled slate bed laid to control weeds
- All Ireland Pollinator Plan - adopted by DTT
- Ecologist Fiona McGowan guided around our Parks to secure planting advice
- Graffiti removal continued - over 3,500 now cleaned from Dalkey’s streets
- Beach Clean days – joined Ocean Initiatives and Let’s Clean up for Europe
- Composting Course attended by two DTT volunteers
- Organising volunteers groups - An Taisce, AIB, Salesforce.com and others
- Open Days at Bullock Harbour - to gain insight and updates on the repairs
- Blocked drains Dalkey survey – all mapped for transmission to DLRCC

- Made in Dalkey – Facebook efforts to support local producers
- Hedge trimming – Sorrento Rd, Sorrento Terrace, Coliemore Rd, Barnhill Rd, Vico Rd, Leslie Ave, Convent Rd.
- St Patrick’s Sq. Benches - from Leinster House in 1853 now fully restored
- Initiated action to prevent trawlers from dredging inshore at Dalkey Sound for mussels – ban announced by Government in December.
- Habitats for Humanity – supported this successful local school initiative
- Biodegradable Bags – lobbied local retailers to reduce the use of plastics
- Election Posters – Dalkey raised national awareness on the widespread use of non-degradable corriboard materials and identified a degradable one for the future
- Schools Educational Visits to EIRE – Loreto Foxrock and Loreto Dalkey
- Town Planning – monitoring applications to help inform Dalkey community
- DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition attended September 11th
- SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition - Ceremony attended November 30th
- DLRCC Chief Executive - Philomena Poole welcomed to Dalkey Dec 4th
- Gaisce Awards – Ciara joined our Gleamers team for her challenge
- EIRE educational presentations – Two events / University of the 3rd and Blackrock and Howth Community Group

SPECIAL PROJECTS

DTT completed a range of major projects which included the following:

- Dalkey Household Research & Analysis project completed - based on the General Census 2016 to help understand our local population’s needs
- Sorrento Park upgrade – final details and timetable agreed with DLRCC
- Creation of Dalkey ‘Bee & Butterfly Corridors’ - plan submitted to DLRCC
- Bullock 200 Lecture Series – seven events attended by over 700 people
- Bullock Harbour Bartra Development – DTT and BHPA secured a Judicial Review but following several adjournments, now for listing in 2020.
- Major Fund Raiser – Bullock Auction & Quiz Night on December 1st
- Three-sided information panel - Designed and installed at Bullock Slipway.
- ‘What goes Where’ Dustbin guide - created and delivered to 4,000 households
- Sustainable Energy Town Project - launched in March to lead to the creation of an Energy Master Plan (EMP) for Dalkey working with the SEAI
- EIRE 80th Anniversary excavation project – 80 volunteers, 1,692 hrs.
- ‘Save Energy at Home Show” and Art Exhibition - planned for 2020
- Irish Air Corps & Army support for EIRE Day – organised on September 24th
- NATIONWIDE RTE – TV coverage of Dalkey’s EIRE achievement
- Tern & Swift Survival programme launched with the ‘Amazing Swift Lecture’ on June 7th at the Heritage Centre - our Dalkey Swift Nest Box campaign and eleven nest boxes resulted.

- Famine Pot buried off Tubbermore Road – excavated, removed to Archbold’s Castle, cleaned and erected on plinth –kindly donated by Rosa Murray and family.
- Dustbins in Library Lane – special paved area being created for these at the rear of Our Lady’s Hall to remove the eyesore
- Christmas Extravaganza – DTT arranged music and free Santa presents for all the children present

Thanks to the greatly appreciated hard work of our DTT volunteers and wide support by DLRCC and our Dalkey neighbours and friends, this year our efforts were recognised by the following:

SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition – Top 6% score of 918 towns, Gold Medal in our population category, Highly Commended County Award,

DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition – Score of 96% in the Overall Awards plus a Silver Medal and Gold Medal for Graffiti Management.

Des Burke-Kennedy
Dalkey Tidy Towns



TREASURER'S REPORT 2019

The annual collection is important to DCC as it funds the organisation's running expenses and ensures the ongoing existence of the council. The collection figure in 2019 (€11k) came in a little over the amount raised in 2018 but gives the council the necessary funding to carry on with the work for the community. After the expenses were met DCC supported the Dalkey Community Games – the Dalkey Dashers, the Swimming team and the young Rugby team who brought added glory in the sports field to Dalkey. Funding was given to DTT for their EIRE project, the local drama group and Dalkey CFR's for the purchase of much needed equipment. A contribution was also made to the BHPA to help them with the judicial review.

DCC runs the seasonal competitions throughout the year for the enjoyment of the community; the Garden Competition, the Art Exhibition and it funds the Christmas celebration in conjunction with DLR.

The council is a non-profit organisation and any surplus funds are put towards projects that will benefit or improve the environment for the residents in accordance with our constitution.

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

Dalkey Community Council cancelled their 2020 annual collection due to the Public Health crisis. However, donations can be made by making an online contribution.

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Ed O'Neill

Treasurer

Dalkey Community Council

PLANNING REPORT FOR YEAR 2019

There were 96 planning applications during 2019 in the Dalkey area compared to 92 applications in 2018. 15 applications were declared invalid, usually as a result of problems associated with the site notice; however, the majority applied again successfully. There were 7 applications for retention and 6 of these were granted permission, the other was refused permission. Additional information was requested in 21 cases and supplied in 26 cases; occasionally clarification of the additional information was requested and some were from the previous year's application. There were 5 applications for an extension of duration of permission last year, 3 were granted permission and 1 was refused. 1 remains to be decided. This is a category that appeared several years ago as a response to developments for which the permission had lapsed during the recession. 98 decisions were made, of these 78 were granted permission, 20 were refused and 4 other applications were withdrawn.

18 decisions were appealed to An Bord Pleanála; of these 8 were 1st party appeals against either refusal for permission or the conditions imposed by the planning department of the County Council. There were 10(no) 3rd party appeals lodged against the County Council's grant of permission.

An Bord Pleanála handed down 21 decisions during the year, of these 12 had previously been granted permission by the Council and then upheld by the Bord. 7 decisions were refused. There were a similar number of applications as last year; planning applications are still nowhere near the numbers applied for during the "boom" years. However, the large number of construction sites around Dalkey this year continues to be a feature like last year.

We have seen several large mixed-use developments granted permission during the year. We are concerned that these will cause increased demands on our infra-structure especially our entrance roads into Dalkey which are already experiencing traffic jams and delays with increasing concerns about safety. Barnhill Road, Castlepark Road and Harbour Road are particularly affected.

We note that there is a constant challenge to retain our views out to sea, especially on Coliemore Road where solid gates are impeding the "protected views". These are part of Dalkey's heritage and allure and should be actively defended.

Here are some of the major developments of the year.

DALKEY MANOR (BARNHILL RD):

In January 2015 there was a proposal for the demolition of the house known as Dalkey Manor and the construction of 57 apartments in two 6 storey blocks. However, the developer, Pegasus, decided not to proceed with developing the site for 'later-living' due to 'planning issues' and widespread local opposition and withdrew the application. The site up was then put up for sale

In February 2016 a proposal for the demolition of the house and the construction of 29 houses was lodged with the planning department. There was widespread unfavourable reaction on many grounds by the surrounding residents. These included overlooking and overshadowing of adjacent properties, removal of large numbers of trees from the site, impact on the adjacent Protected Structure- Dalkey Lodge and traffic issues along Barnhill Rd amongst others.

Permission was refused in April 2017 for a variety of reasons that had been highlighted

by the public and ourselves but interestingly the planners felt that the proposed density (number of houses per acre) was too low for the site and that there would be an inappropriate mix of housing types (i.e. too many large houses). This decision was appealed by the developer and we sent in our observation to Bord Pleanála.

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

Another application was lodged in May 2018 for 13 houses and 23 apartments; similar concerns that applied to the previous applications were still valid for this application. Permission was granted in January 2019 by DLR, but was later appealed in February by residents. In July 2019 Bord Pleanála upheld the Council’s decision and granted permission.

BULLOCH HARBOUR:

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

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

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

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

the site and serious damage occurring to the pier. The pier remained closed until earlier this year whilst repairs took place.

The planning department refused permission in February 2018; this time the developer appealed the decision to An Bord Pleanála in March 2018. In August, ABP requested further submissions from us on foot of the information sent to them by DLR planning department mainly about drainage issues. We replied to them again explaining our concerns about overtopping and flooding.

Bord Pleanála finally made their decision in June 2019 and granted permission for the development, completely disagreeing and discounting all our concerns. It was felt that the Bord had not adequately explained its decisions and our only recourse was to apply for a Judicial Review of their decision. Bulloch Harbour Preservation Association (to which we are associated) applied to the High Court in August 2019 for leave for a Judicial Review. This was granted by the High Court in October 2019 and a further date for mention was made for December 2019 when a date for the Judicial Review would be made. However, An Bord Pleanála asked for the case to be adjourned which was granted. Three further requests for adjournment have been made by them until the Courts were suspended in April due to the restrictions imposed for Covid-19. We still have no date set for the Judicial Review but we are hopeful it might be heard before Christmas 2020.

We should like to thank all the members of the public who took the time to attend the public meetings and who have lodged their concerns and objections to the planning department and Bord Pleanála to help to protect this much-loved public amenity.

CHARLEVILLE, HARBOUR RD:

An application for 56 units in four 4-storey blocks over an underground car park was lodged in August 2017. There were many concerns regarding the proposal mainly its scale, density and massing and the impact on the surrounding properties particularly the Protected Structures. We have serious concerns in regard to the potential impact of the traffic generated from the proposal. Harbour Road is seriously compromised already due to high volumes of traffic as it is the main access road to the 3 schools in the area. The planning department refused permission on the grounds of loss of amenities due to the scale and massing of the development and also that the development would not provide a suitable mix of housing types as it proposed only apartments. The developer appealed the Council's decision in October. Bord Pleanála granted permission in September 2018 stating the development would integrate with the surrounding streetscape, would not impact adversely on the protected structures in the vicinity and would adequately protect the residential amenities of the area.

The large conifer trees were cleared from the site but no further work proceeded, however another planning application was lodged this time for 105 apartments with An Bord Pleanála as a Strategic Housing Development in December 2019. Our concerns still remained the same for this larger development. A decision has still not been made by ABP but is expected in the near future.

CASTLEPARK SCHOOL:

In June 2017 an application for 50 units in 8 blocks of three and four floors over an underground carpark for 80 cars in the grounds of Castlepark School was lodged. The proposal is located amongst the wooded area necessitating the removal of 53% of the trees.

Access was proposed via the entrance gate to the school with construction traffic to be routed through Castle Close and out through Castlelands. This new access point to the site was proposed to remain a pedestrian and cyclist access after the development was completed. Castle Close is a cul-de-sac and these proposals caused serious concerns to the residents. There were other concerns relating to the scale of the development, its proximity to the Protected Structure Castlepark School, the loss of the woodland area and traffic issues in an area that already has severe congestion with traffic generated by the school. The removal of vast quantities of granite (10,000 sq. mts) from the site is also a concern.

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

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

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

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

The hearing was set for a minimum of four days in the High Court and commenced on December 11th 2018; however, the applicants were advised that the hearing would possibly be longer (five to seven days) due to the amount of material involved. Judge Michael Twomey interrupted proceedings and advised the applicants of the high costs of the Commercial High Court (approximately €100K a day) and advised the parties to come to an agreement. The applicants heeded the advice and the proceedings were struck out with no order but with some concessions.

In January 2020 a new application was lodged with An Bord Pleanála for 101 apartments as a Strategic Housing Development. The design and footprint are basically the same as the previous application but the number of apartments has been doubled by removing all 3-bedroom apartments and replacing them with 1- and 2-bedroom apartments and some studio apartments.

We sent our observations to Bord Pleanála objecting to this new proposal. They granted permission in May for this development of 101 apartments.

34, BARNHILL ROAD:

An application for the demolition of the existing motor service /sales garage and the construction of 10 duplex units and a 1-bedroom apartment and the refurbishment of 2

existing town houses was lodged in August 2017. We had concerns about the density and height of the development and the potential for overlooking and overshadowing adjacent properties. Other concerns were the lack of both adequate private and public open space, lack of parking provision, and traffic issues along Barnhill Road. The planning department concurred with our concerns and refused permission in October 2017.

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

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

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

THE FORMER DALKEY LODGE NURSING HOME

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

The developer appealed the decision in October 2018; in May 2019 An Bord Pleanála granted permission overturning the Council's decision.

MAPLE TREE HOUSE & YONDER

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

Our main concerns were about the massing and scale of the development and the removal of the majority of the trees. The proposed access between the lower section of the development and Harbour Road is along a narrow lane which is not wide enough for two-way traffic.

The planning department refused permission in November upholding our concerns and those of the neighbouring residents. The decision was appealed in December by the developer Bartra. Bord Pleanála granted permission in July 2019 for 18 apartments and 6 houses. Its own Inspector recommended refusal for the development.

RICHMOND (CASTLEPARK ROAD)

An application for the demolition of Richmond and the construction of 14 apartments and 10 three-storey houses was lodged in April 2019. We had concerns about the scale of the development and the height and massing of the 4- storey apartment block. There were

concerns about overlooking from both the apartments and the houses into neighbouring properties. Inadequate open space was proposed for the development. Over 95% of the trees are to be removed on this large site that is an important ecological area for the neighbourhood. A new access road is to be provided at this already challenged part of Castlepark Road; a sketchy traffic report stated that this development would not impact the traffic on this busy access road to Dalkey and its schools.

In July 2019 the planning department refused permission on the grounds of its overall height, bulk and scale, and overlooking and overshadowing of neighbouring properties. They considered it would be visually overbearing when viewed from Castlepark Road especially when most of the vegetation on the site would be removed and that it would adversely affect the residential and visual amenities of the area. They felt that it was an overdevelopment of the site with inadequate communal and private space and that it was contrary to the proper planning and development of the area. The developer appealed this decision.

In December 2019, An Bord Pleanála granted permission for the development, despite its own Inspector recommending refusal.

THE TRAMYARD, CASTLE STREET

An application for an extensive redevelopment of the Tramyard site was lodged in December 2019. It included the demolition of the Tramyard sheds and their replacement with 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 spaces, café bar (c.127sq.m); offices (c.594.5 sqm), health centre (c.700.5 sqm over two floors) and bar/restaurant uses. At ground floor level, the development will comprise a public plaza with seating; 3 no. retail kiosks; a community notice board; a single-storey café bar unit within the cottage with a new glazed extension on its western elevation; a unit to be either retail/restaurant with bar use (c.468 sqm); a cultural venue; office lobby and a retail unit (c.94 sqm). An external staircase will provide additional access to the bar restaurant and roof garden. Bicycle racks are proposed but no parking. Access will be from Castle Street through the existing Tramyard gates which will be refurbished and the original tram tracks and cobbles will be retained.

While some development will be welcomed on this derelict site, we and the residents in the area have major concerns about the proposal. The issues include the height scale and bulk of the development especially in the north-eastern corner and the proposal for a roof pavilion with an external seating area adjacent to a restaurant/bar. There would be overlooking and overshadowing of the surrounding properties in St. Patrick’s Road and White’s Villas. A serious issue from noise both from the roof garden and from the plant rooms which are located adjacent to White’s Villas would need to be addressed. Other issues include the raising of the height of the Tramyard walls at the rear of the site causing overshadowing and overlooking. We were also concerned about the lack of any parking on site for either customers or staff as Dalkey does not have surplus parking in the surrounding roads or small carparks to accommodate such a large-scale development.

In February 2020, the planners looked for additional information from the developers on a number of issues; when this is supplied a decision will be made by the DLR planning department.

CALDRAGH, SAVAL PARK ROAD

An application for the demolition of the house Caldragh and the construction of 11 housing units (6 no.3-storey terraced houses and 5 no. 2 bed-room apartments in a 2/3 storey building) was lodged in August 2019. Concerns were expressed about the scale of the proposal and its impact on the surrounding houses in terms of overlooking and overshadowing. Inadequate separation of the apartment block from the adjacent property would cause overshadowing and would appear overbearing with a loss of amenities. Traffic issues were also raised. Permission was granted in February 2020. An appeal was subsequently lodged to An Bord Pleanála; we are waiting for their decision.

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

The applicant must lodge the plans with the Planning Department of the County Council within 14 days of displaying the site notice. Following the lodgement of plans in the planning office, the public has 35 days to submit their observations and objections, accompanied with a 20-euro fee. If you believe you will be affected, it is vital that you write into the planning department to voice your concerns. Observations can be made on line, by post or in person at the planning desk in County Hall.

The planning authority will then make their decision. Following the decision, the public has 28 days to appeal to Bord Pleanála if they had previously submitted the relevant objection to the planning department. The fee for this is 210 Euros. Following the lodgement of an appeal with An Bord Pleanála, the public has 28 days to submit their observations, the fee being 50 Euros in this case. There is no on-line facility to lodge observations with ABP. Observations should be made by post or in person to their offices at 64, Marlborough St., Dublin 1.

If a proposed development has more than 100 units, then a developer may apply to An Bord Pleanála to have it assessed as a Strategic Housing Development. If it is deemed to qualify, then the public have 28 days to lodge their observations to the Bord; if it is granted permission by the Bord, **no appeal is permitted**. The only recourse that is open to the public to challenge this type of decision is a Judicial Review which is associated with huge financial implications.

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

Dr Susan McDonnell

Chairman, Dalkey Community Council

side of existing dwelling with hipped roof. 2. Erect fully serviced two storey extension to the rear of existing dwelling with flat roof. 3. Convert existing attic to living accommodation and construct new dormer window to the rear of the roof. 4. Convert existing attached domestic garage to living accommodation and all internal and external modifications and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0355

Application Rec'd Date: 25-May-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Noel and Valerie Quirke, On a site of 0.031 ha, at 4 Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey. A96CF76.

Proposal: Permission for development. The proposed development will consist of the construction of 1 no. 2 bed, split level dwelling (approx. 96.8 sqm GFA) at approx. 2.7 m to 5.9 m in height with associated private open space, 1 no. car parking space, bicycle storage, 1 no. PV panel at roof level, bin storage, boundary treatment works and all associated site development and site services works. New gated vehicular and pedestrian access will be provided to the site via Harbour Road, and a new pedestrian access will be provided to the site via Rocklands.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0133

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 3-Jun-2020

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

Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of a 3-bedroom first floor extension to existing (partially 2-storey) dwelling and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0134

Decision:

Refuse Permission

Date: 2-Jun-2020

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

Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of new 2-storey 2 bedroom house, pedestrian entrance and associated site works on site in rear garden of existing

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Reg. Ref.: D19A/1003

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 27-May-'20

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.: D20A/0089

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 25-May-'20

Applicant Name & Location: Geoffrey Branigan, 4, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing two storey dwelling (118 sqm) plus attached garage (15 sqm) and the construction of a new two storey over basement dwelling (261 sqm) with ground floor / entrance level roof terrace to rear (19.5 sqm) and all associated site works and landscaping including new entrance gate and piers.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0116

Decision: Request Add. Info.

Date: 29-May-'20

Applicant Name & Location: Dara & Niamh Anne Duggan, 29 Knocknacree Park, Dalkey. A96 K7Y5

Proposal: Permission for development. The proposed development consists of demolition of existing dwelling, with proposed construction of 2 No flat roof dwelling's in its place, together with and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0266 **Decision:** Declare Invalid (Site Notice) **Date:** 27-May '20
Applicant Name & Location: Christopher Boucher & Lisa Lennon, 7, Cunningham Drive, Dalkey. A96 TX82

Proposal: Permission is sought for changes to the approved planning permission with Reg. Ref. D19A/0051 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 168.56 sqm dwelling comprising of 3 bedrooms, kitchen/dining/living room, bathroom, den/playroom, bathroom and utility room. The changes to the new dwelling will consist of light layout changes, change in materials, fenestration design change, changes to the walled courtyard former at the entrance of the dwelling and changes to the site entrance and to include all ancillary site and other works.

Reg. Ref.: D20B/0030 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 27-May-'20
Applicant Name & Location: David O'Brien & Lynn Hunter, 100 St. Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for construction of a 24 Sqm first floor extension to the rear, new roof lights to rear of existing roof & associated works.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 20-2311/5/2020 to 5/6/2020

NONE FOR DALKEY

Appeals Decision by An Bord Pleanála Wks 20-23 4/5/'20 to 29/5/2020

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0896 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Decided:** 14-May-'20
Council's Decision: Grant Permission **Location:** 10 Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: 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. **Applicant:** Mr G Ryan.

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Dalkey, its tunnels and the Danish hoard

The sink hole in the main street created quite a stir and my immediate thought was the ‘tunnels of Dalkey’. These tunnels which remain in the folk memory today were recorded in a number of stories of folklore collectors of 1930s Dalkey – the students from the Harold Boys and Loreto Convent.

Kitty Keane of 3, Church Road, Co. Dublin of Loreto Convent was told about two of these tunnels by her “granny” – and was also told about the Danish treasure. She entitled the story she was told “*Hidden Treasure*”:-

“Dalkey I think is one of the most historic spots in Ireland. It is said to be full of hidden treasure and tunnels. Not long ago a short tunnel was discovered in Dalkey town. It was large enough for an ordinary man to go across stooping down.

It ran under the main street, from one of the oldest establishments in Dalkey to one equally old. The names of these shops are Leahy’s and O Reilly’s. The tunnel is now stuffed with broken bottles as the rats frequently used it.

Legend tells of another such tunnel running from a castle in Dalkey street to Bullock castle. It is said that before the Danes finally left Ireland Dalkey was the last place they held. The story runs like this.

When the Danes were flung from the battle with Brian Boru they came to Bullock castle. They had in Bullock a store of golden vessels stolen from the surrounding Monasteries. Seeing the Irish pursuing they fled through the tunnel until they reached Dalkey.

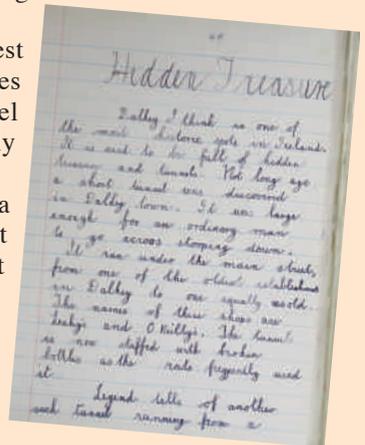
As they were fleeing they hid the gold in the tunnel. The pursuing Irish knew nothing of this secret tunnel and thought the Danes had gone off in their boats.

Some of the inhabitants of Dalkey knew about this tunnel and the story spread, but for some unknown reason no one has ever ventured into the tunnel.

The Danes in the meantime made their escape by Dalkey Island bringing with them all the treasure they could gather.

I would very much like to go into this tunnel but the Castle to which it runs is ready to fall and people are not allowed to visit. My granny told me this story. She said the tunnel is really there but she does not believe about the treasure. She also says she saw the opening to the tunnel but as part of the castle has fallen she forgets where it is.”

The Schools’ Collection, Volume 0796, Page 069



Kitty Kearney’s granny was 82 when the story was recorded in the period 1936-38, placing her as born in the period 1854-56. If born in Dalkey, she would have grown up amongst people who would well remember Ety Scott and the events of autumn, 1834 when the same Danish gold hoard caused a gold rush in Dalkey.

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Gaskin described Etty as follows:-

“Etty Scott was an only daughter—a beautiful, kind-hearted girl; but, strange to say, at times, there was an unearthly light in her dark eyes. Her rich brown hair clustered down her neck, and lay in massive curls upon her sunburnt bosom.”

Etty Scott’s father had come from Scotland to assist in the construction of Dun Laoghaire harbour. Scott, amongst others, built, for himself and Etty, a rude yet storm-proof cabin, consisting of three rooms, enclosed by a loose stone wall, totally unconscious of mortar, which encircled about a-third of an acre on the commons. There is reference to quite a number of people living on the Commons and referred to as the “squatters”. The squatters appear in a number of the stories in the folklore collection.

Etty Scott had visions about the Danish gold. She first communicated the particulars of her vision of a “Long Rock” near the seashore, where vast treasures were hid, to her father, their fellow stone masons and quarrymen and to the “natives” - fishermen, pilots, and traders.

The “Long Rock” was located somewhere near where the beautiful mansions, “Inniscorrig”, “Elsinore” and “Lota” now stand. Etty’s dream of gold concealed under the “Long Rock” became the topic of general conversation. As the public’s excitement increased, Etty’s enthusiasm also rose. People began to stake claims to part of the area around the Common and where the Long Rock was believed to be.

At the suggestion of Etty, a preliminary meeting was held on the “Common” and a Council of Goldfinders formed. Money was raised to purchase tools, powder, torches, & etc. Immense riches were promised, to her followers, who strictly attended to her instructions, in accordance with the spirit of her dreams. The following is recorded about what she said:-

“WATCH WELL—WORK WITH ENERGY! BUT, ABOVE ALL, BELIEVE IN” MY DREAM, AND BE SILENT AS THE GRAVE WHILE WORKING. WAIT WITH PATIENCE THE FITTING MOMENT; FOR THE SECRETED TREASURE OF THE DANE WILL BE SURELY FOUND IF YOU TO HEARKEN TO MY VOICE.”*

The source of Etty Scott’s immense riches finds its way into Kitty Kearney’s story. Gaskin records:

“—she stating that it was revealed to her in dreams, that the Danes who pillaged the whole country, and massacred the people, in the eleventh century, were obliged to fly from Dalkey without being able to take the enormous treasures, which they had hid near the “ Long Rock, away with them.”

Once the gold was found, Etty and her followers believed a ‘fiend, gnome, ghoulish spirit would be released’. This led Etty to sit every night with “a game-cock” in one hand, while with the other she held a “black-shafted knife,” ready to spill the blood of cock when the treasure was found.

The hunt for the treasure went on day and night for a month when those - spoilers-of-all-spoilers and proud empiricists –medical students - decided the fun had to stop; and that they would have a bit of fun of their own.

It is reported that two black cats, were procured by the medical students from Dublin. Long cords were attached to their tails, to which were fastened several sponges, saturated with spirits of wine and turpentine; while their bodies were rubbed with dry phosphorus, which occasioned no pain. They were conveyed in boats to the base of the Rock, where thirty-five

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men were working under the watchful gaze of Etty. The cats were silently released — matches applied to the sponges. In a few minutes, strange fiery spectral visions presented themselves in the surrounding darkness, springing and flying from rock to rock, in all directions. The miners stood aghast in groups, amid feline screams before these hideous but expected ghouls. The workmen and spectators fled in all directions. Gaskin records ‘*[t]he joke was soon discovered—loud laughter resounded from all quarters*’. This was the beginning and the end of Etty and her visions.

A few short months after these events, Dalkey was gripped with another mania, a land-acquiring one, brought on by the coming railway and the attendance of spectators to witness the events of the Autumn 1834 and the beauty of the Dalkey coastline.

Pat Byrne, one of Etty’s miners, he sold the Long Rock for a very considerable sum. On it is now built “Lota”, “Elsinore” and “Inniscorrig”. J. Molloy, another of Etty’s miners, he sold his place at a high figure and went to partly make up Mr. Leslie’s lawn and the grounds where Loreto Abbey stands. The Brien’s (Etty’s miners) sold their place, on which “Knockallen” stands. The Denis’s (Etty’s miners) sold their place, on which Tempe Terrace stands. Edward Neil, one of Etty’s miners, and Michael Brien, sold their place, on which Prince Patrick’s Terrace stands. Etty Scott and father sold their place, since purchased by Pat Byrne, on which Geraldine and Ballymurphy is built.

So Etty was a true visionary, but she sadly just misinterpreted her dreams. Etty was also quite foolish because the treasure was never on that part of the Dalkey coast, as any one as well informed as Henry Evans of Harold Boys knew – the Danish treasure lies beneath a pond in an old quarry in Dalkey..... but that is another story.

It is unclear to me if this ballad maker is besotted with the riches, Etty herself or the sea - you can make up your own mind:

ETTY SCOTT, THE BEAUTIFUL DREAMER OF SECRETED TREASURES

“Thou art like the depths where the seas have birth,
Rich in the wealth that is lost from earth—
All the sere flowers of our days gone by,
And the buried gems in thy bosom lie.
‘On her parted lips there’s a quivering thrill,
As on a lyre ere its chords are still
On the long black lashes that fringe her eye,
There’s a large tear gathering heavily
A rain from the clouds of her spirit press’d;
Sorrowful Etty! this is not rest!”

If you know where the treasure is please feel free to drop me a line at ddodd@lawlibrary.ie; failing that if you know anything of Kitty Kearney or Etty Scott, or the tunnel between Leahy’s and O’Reilly’s, please let me know. If anyone has any other poems/ballads, or any depictions of Etty Scott, I would love to know. For those who want to learn more, the best description of these events is contained in Gaskin’s *Irish Varieties of 1869*, from which I have liberally borrowed for this month’s Folklore Corner.

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We have all had to adapt to the strange times that we are currently living in. . . Isn't it like a war with an invisible enemy . . . Despite All This, July brings long warm days that continue late into the evening. It is such a brilliant time, our gardens are in full swing, it is the perfect time for pottering about. Enjoy all your beds and borders and your beautiful scents as they reach their peak. Take care not to spray (if at all,) when pollinators are around. You know, rapeseed oil is a fatty acid that blocks the breathing tubes of insects and then, pyrethrins kill by attacking insect's nervous systems.....Some products can kill all sorts of insects. If you have to use slug pellets, the one that contain

ferric phosphate, this works in a different way to metaldehyde, causing molluscs to lose their appetite and starve. It isn't thought to harm other wildlife.....Bear in mind also, that as the number of blooms increase so do the number of bees.

Different bees have individual feeding habits, preferring different flowers and depending on how long their tongues are. If ladybirds and lacewing larvae haven't turned up in your garden, you can buy a biological control to release into your garden. You can even get a breeding kit to keep a supply going. Red Valerians, long-spurred red, pink or white flowers are suited to pollinators with long tongues, such as butterflies and moths.

Time now, is well spent dead heading in order to keep summer plants and bedding at their best and to prolong flowering. The purpose of dead heading is to encourage more flowering. Deadhead, which is cutting off the spent flower head, forces the plant back into cycle to produce flowers and seeds again. With some plants, they need so much dead heading, it can be easier to take a shears to the top growth and very often, a second flush will flower.

Our Herbs should be in all their glory now, soft leaved herbs like flat and curly parsley, basil, oregano and mint should be prolific. Rosemary, thyme and sage also thrive at this time of the year. These woody herbs can be dried now for winter use. Simply, hang whole sprigs in a dry airing cupboard by tying at the stalk end, wait until the leaves are completely dry. Maybe, preserve softer leaved herbs for use in soups, sauces and stews by freezing in ice cube trays. Herby ice cubes great in summer cocktails, lemonades and Pimms.

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My big loves presently, are my golden hop, *Humulus Lupulus Aureus*, a deciduous climber which is intertwined with my beloved wisteria, alba, (Alba is growing in some dug up cobble-lock) and the golden hop stands outside the kitchen door in a very large rectangular terracotta pot and all through this summer, it has been a feature, - hard to grow tired of admiring, its effect is sublime and it oozes sophistication and character with its striking limey green foliage and texture.

Maybe, still time to sow *Echium Vulgare*, 'Blue Bedder', Cornflowers, Poppies - Opium, Californian or the common corn poppy for a carpet of late flowers, ultimately bees, hover flies and butterflies will be very happy. Mother Nature will always programme / direct our planting, it takes command . . . It has its own way of weaving its acceptable, scenic and sometimes, dynamic tapestry. Plants seem to accommodate each other. They seem to try their 'damn-dist' hardest to fit into our world, to adapt. So, even some plants that need to thrive in acid soil will try their utmost to live beside another plant that requires alkaline soil. . .

makes one wonder sometimes, about our neighbourly friendless . . . Only, at times!

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The David Austin Rose Company has released two new roses, 'The Country Parson' and 'Silas Marnier', which were due to be on display at this year's Chelsea Flower Show which was of course, cancelled due to Covid 19, however are available to buy on line, once the current restrictions have passed.



Wisteria Alba intertwining with Humulus Aureus, The Golden Hop. It scrambles, effortlessly outside kitchen door, where it gets little light

*“The Greatest Gift Of The Garden Is The Restoration Of The Five Senses”
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*“Summer Is The Time When One Sheds One’s Tensions With Ones Clothes,
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3. Water the soil around the base of plants rather than the foliage. Make pools around individual plants so that the water is directed to the roots where it is needed.
4. Lilies. Possibly best, (though I have some in terracotta pots,) to plant lily bulbs straight into the ground, give them plenty of room and good heavy soil and horticultural grit for their drainage. Most varieties thrive with their bulbs in the shade and their tops emerging in full sun. Keep an eye out for scarlet lily beetle on your lilies, also check for sticky brown larvae, their excrement, on the underside of leaves.



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6. Hand tie a bunch, use hardy annuals, such as cornflowers, nigellas, calendulas, before they finish. Dip stem ends in boiling water for 15 seconds, then into cold, for a few minutes before you arrange.
7. Cutting back growth in hanging baskets can encourage new flowers and foliage and will revive the display. Make sure you feed your baskets well after doing this.

All photos to Philippa Thomas

*Left:
Gertrude Jekyll Rose,
another David Austin Beauty*



Notice from Aldi Community Games re August National Festival



Aldi Community Games wish to congratulate everyone who came together while also staying apart by taking part in our recent ‘Creative Communities’ events which took place from May 15th to May 29th. We had a huge response to our appeal to all of the children and adults in Ireland to get creative with nearly 2000 fantastic entries flooding in.

Winners of each event were announced on our Facebook page last Sunday and each winner will receive a special commemorative medal. Everyone who entered will receive a digital certificate which can be framed and kept forever. There were lots of prizes handed out by our partners Aldi Ireland and Bus Éireann throughout the competition and lots of encouragement and engagement from Síle Seoige who helped us launch the competitions. Overall this was a huge success with over 1 million people reached through our Facebook posts alone which allowed everyone to stay creative and most importantly “stay in the games”.

As Covid 19 restrictions still remain in place in Ireland and plans for mass gatherings still a distance away, we must inform you now that the August Festival in UL will not be taking place this year. This also extends to all Community Games events at Area, County and Provincial which will need to remain on hold for the foreseeable future. This is disappointing news for our participants, families, communities and volunteers but as always the safety of everyone connected to Community Games and their extended families is our key concern at all times.

While we cannot come together yet in a physical manner, the ‘Creative Communities’ competitions have demonstrated we can come together virtually and with that in mind, we are now working on exciting new plans for August which will showcase activity. Therefore, we are delighted to let you know a new online ‘**Active Communities**’ event with a host of activity based competitions will take place in August. Please do keep an eye out on our social media channels and our website for updates.

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SMOKERS,
OBESE,
INACTIVE
PEOPLE



WHAT ARE THE RATES OF DEFICIENCY?

1 in 8 **13%**

older adults in Ireland are
deficient = 149,000 adults

1 in 5 **20%**

older adults in Ireland
are deficient in winter
= 244,200 adults

Almost
1 in 2 **47%**

of those over 85 are deficient
in winter = 31,500 adults

1 in 4 **27%**

of the over 70s 'cocooning'
are likely to be deficient
= 115,500 adults

WHERE IS IT FOUND?



**IN RICH FOOD SOURCES
LIKE OILY FISH, EGGS,
LIVER, AND FORTIFIED
FOODS**



**VITAMIN D CAN BE
PRODUCED FROM
10-15 MINUTES OF
SUN EXPOSURE
FROM LATE MARCH
TO LATE SEPTEMBER**

HOW MUCH VITAMIN D SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT DEFICIENCY?

- 10 UG (400 IU) IS THE MINIMUM RECOMMENDED DAILY
INTAKE DURING THE WINTER TIME

- BETWEEN 15 - 20UG (600-800 IU/DAY). IU/DAY) IS
RECOMMENDED FOR MOST AT-RISK GROUPS

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Due to the restrictions announced by the Government on Thursday March 12th to prevent the spread of Covid-19 by restricting public meetings and gatherings, the introduction of social distancing, and the closing of schools, colleges, museums and galleries, all lectures and meetings of local history societies have been cancelled and will not resume until permitted to do so.

Dalkey Regatta - 1889

Mr. J.J. Wilson presided at the Tuesday June 11th 1889 meeting of the Dalkey Amusements' Committee in Dalkey Town Hall at which it was decided that the annual Dalkey Regatta would take place on Thursday August 8th of that year. Prior to the meeting the committee had been under pressure from many Dalkey residents, especially local shopkeepers to hold this event on any day of the week other than a Saturday as in 1888 the event had been held on Saturday much to their annoyance as they had been had been unable to attend it.

Publications

'Journal of the Federation Local History Societies 2019 - Volume 24'

Hon. Editor Larry Breen, published by the Federation of Local History Societies - €10. The Federation of Local History Societies [FOLHS] was established in 1981 to promote the interests of amateur historian and voluntary museums in the Republic of Ireland, and to represent their views. Every year it publishes an annual journal containing activity reports from member societies and articles covering a variety of local history subjects.

Articles in this year's journal include:

- 'Editorial' by Larry Breen which provides an overview of FOLHS activities during 2019.
- 'A Summer Visitor to Ireland (Continued)' by Denis G. Marnane recalls an 1840 visit to Ireland by a Mrs. West in 1846.
- 'Bantry's Hotels, Past and Present' are recalled by Colum Hourihane.
- 'Belfast and Limerick: A Tale of One Town, One City and Two Families' by George McBride.
- 'Ireland's Atlantis: Fact or Myth' by Noelene Crowe.
- 'Death of a Local Shop in Youghal - A Local History Treasure Trove' by Kieran Groeger.
- 'The Curragh of Kildare - A Unique Landscape' by Hugh Crawford.
- 'Thomas Larkin - An Early Telephone Pioneer of America' by Michael Larkin
- 'Passing It On' by Doreen McBride.
- 'Memories of Rural E and the Arrival of the 'Electric' in County Offaly: An Oral History Project' by John Gibbons.
- 'Slaughter in the Setting Sun. Which was the Battle of Benburb?' by Art O Dálaigh.
- 'Remembering the RMS Leinster: The Centenary' by Philip Lecane.
- 'The Life and Times of Rev. James Colgan, Priest and Politician' by James Colgan.
- 'The Irish Mesolithic Period' by Keith Murphy.
- 'The Path to Glasnevin Cemetery' by Myles Duffy.
- 'Viking Objectives in 9th Century Ireland' by Keith Murphy.

There is also a report on the North - South Exchange Visit to Armagh City on September 28th - 29th 2019 between the FOLHS and its Northern Ireland counterpart, the Federation for Ulster Local Studies in addition to individual reports from -

Clane Local History Group.

Cloyne Literary & Historical Society.

Cork Non-Fiction Writers.

Celebration Cork Past Exhibition held on Saturday October 28th 2019.

South East Galway Archaeological and Historical Society.

Passage West Maritime Museum.

Bray Cualann Historical Society.

The Old Dublin Society.

Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society.

Cave Hill Conservation Campaign.

FOLHS 2019 AGM, Minutes, and Secretary's Report.

The FOLHS Visit to Northumbria, U.K., from April 8th to April 12th 2019.

Obituary to Joe Kelly, Galway Archaeological & Historical Society

There is also a listing by county of the societies who are members of the FOLHS with a contact address for each of them.

Copies of this excellent publication are available by post for €10 and ordered from Larry Breen who can be contacted at: larrybreen8@outlook.com.

James Scannell



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All activities suspended until further notice due to Covid-19. The situation will continue to be closely monitored and following the advice from the National Public Health Emergency Team, the HSE, and WHO hopefully normal activities will resume when it is appropriate to do so.

BIRDWATCH IRELAND UPDATE RE COVID-19 AND BRANCH EVENTS

BirdWatch Ireland is monitoring the situation on an ongoing basis, paying particular attention to updates and briefings from the Irish Government, the HSE and the WHO and information will be given in due course regarding to branch events scheduled to take place in later months.

You may get the chance to enjoy some individual birding even if it is from the comfort of the kitchen window. Perhaps those of you who are unexpectedly “confined to barracks” might be able to use the opportunity to submit your Garden Bird Survey data online.

Check out www.birdwatchireland.ie



July

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by Mark Anthony

Flower: **Water Lily**

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

I sincerely hope by the time this article goes to press that I will be back to work. As a result of the Corona outbreak I found myself in Leitrim for over three months, fortunately the weather was nothing short of fabulous which helped getting through these strange times.

I did notice countless reruns of older programmes from all broadcasters trying to fill slots in their not so busy schedule, hopefully that will change soon as programme makers get back to business. Finally I would like to thank my customers who have waited patiently for my return to work, this being the first time in 37 years that I was unable to get to work.

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