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SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 2020 MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was held on Monday 10th February in OLH

NW: The figures for burglaries are up in the area but the Gardai are very pro-active and investigations are ongoing.

TT: Dalkey Tidy Towns are hosting a Sustainable Save Energy at Home Show in the Town Hall from 12 noon to 4pm. The show will feature talks and stands on saving energy improvements in the home and models of electric cars will be on display in the church car park.

Planning: DLR has requested additional information from the developer of the Tramyard.

The next DCC Meeting is Monday 9th March 2020.

DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE

CIE Award: We collected the Award of Excellence 2019 mentioned last month, from CIE Tours on January 28th at Christchurch. The team consisted of the guides who manage the CIE tours in addition to the guides and actors on site.



Volunteers: In addition to our experienced staff, we are very fortunate to have a number of excellent volunteers who, once trained, volunteer half day per week or a full day at busy times. With the increase in employment, there is rarely anyone presenting for Community Employment - the mainstay of how centres such as ours are staffed by government programmes. We greatly appreciate our volunteers!

DLR Spring into Heritage: The first of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's heritage programmes will begin with the Spring one on March 9th. This is a highly successful programme of opening up heritage sites in the county with guided visits on set days and times. There is also a series of talks with expert speakers. You can pick up a brochure with all the details in the county libraries or at reception in Dalkey Castle.

Sponsored Living History Tour: The DLR sponsored FREE tour at Dalkey Castle is on everyday at 11.45 am (except Tuesdays). It must be booked in advance as numbers are limited.

The National Schools programme Monday-Friday: This includes a guided tour of Dalkey Castle (built in the 1390s), St Begnet's Church and Graveyard which dates back to 700AD and the state-of-the-art Heritage Centre, brimming with information on interactive screens.

Deilg Inis Theatre Company: One of the many highlights is the costumed actors from Deilg Inis who interact with the students. Led by the in-house guides, the actors cover a Viking Raid, Archery, Cookery and Barber Surgery. The tour brings the defensive features of the medieval Fortified Town House/Castle to active life!

The Murder Hole is activated theatrically and participation by the students is encouraged. The students explore many of the original features which are still intact - including Murder Hole, Machicolation, Warders' Walk, Garderobe, external Battlements and Arrow Loop Windows.

Interactive screens: Stepping even further into history, the interactive, screens in the Heritage Centre trace the origins of Dalkey right back past the Vikings and the Normans.

Literary Heritage: Students will also learn some of the vast literary heritage at the Writers' Gallery which features many of the internationally renowned writers and creative artists from Joyce to Bono and Beckett to Maeve Binchy and Marita Conlon-McKenna.



From left Fiona Ross Chair of CIE with Deirdre Burke, Liz Crossen, Margaret Dunne and Phil Stokes
 Photo : Courtesy of CIE

Schools programme is fully booked until the Easter holidays.

English Language School: Meanwhile lots of EFL students have already started arriving on our shores. They greatly enjoy the visual nature of the living history tour, trying out Archery, Barber Surgery and Medieval Cookery.

Book the DLR sponsored tours at info@dalkeycastle.com or Tel: 285 8366

Margaret Dunne, Manager Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre

COMMUNITY GAMES 2020



The Dalkey Dashers commence training for the Community Games on Wednesday 01st April at 7.00pm. Training takes place every Wednesday evening from 7pm until 8pm in the Loreto Dalkey school hockey pitches. Everyone between 6 years and 14 years living in the Dalkey area are welcome. There is a one off fee of €5 to register.

Parents coming with children MUST park on Harbour Road.
 We are also looking for new volunteers either Parents or TY Students who are willing to help.

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

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Our National Botanical Gardens, Glasnevin are open every day of the year, except Christmas Day. They are famous for the exquisitely restored historic glasshouses. There is no admission fee to walk and explore and enjoy . . . Photo: Philippa Thomas

EULOGY FOR A GARDENER

Gardeners are the people who seek to create places of beauty and stillness amidst the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

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Great gardens feature variety.

There are those larger than life plants that grow far above the others, surrounding them, protecting and providing shelter to those beneath.

Some plants need a lot of nurturing; some thrive in the most inhospitable conditions.

Some need regular attention to stay in place, while others ramble about at will.

Some plants just seem to grow best together with others.

Many make a statement when they stand out from the crowd.

There are plants that are bright and colourful and pleasant to the eye and those that are spiky and seek to create space around them.

Some are subtle, providing a backdrop to help make the others stand out.

Some are noticeable for their scent, others for their striking foliage.

Certain plants are natural bodyguards, protecting those nearby with their strength, while others provide food for us or those who visit.

Finally, each have their season. Some are with us briefly, others last a lifetime but every one contributes in their own unique way.

By Cathy Croft



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MIGHT DO / MAYBE MARCH JOBS

Buds burst open as sap moves up through the branches and once this growth begins, the plant is committing to producing new shoots. So by pruning now, you can direct the energy into useful growth.

1. Spring bulbs such as snowdrops and daffodils can be moved as they go out of flower and divided to increase the clumps.
2. Make sure to water all plants in pots as pots can truly dry out during this month of March. Sometimes too, the worst damage done by slugs and snails can be right now - when plants are in tight bud.
3. It is important to try and carry out weed control before our weeds take on a surge of growth.
4. Groundcover plants that have become untidy, or have spread beyond their boundaries, can be cut back during this period before growth begins.
5. If the lower branches of trees have begun to shade neighbouring plants, they might be pruned in order to give a clean trunk and to allow light to reach lower growing plants. Ivy on trees and at the bases of hedges should be cut back before it gains another summers growth. The best way is simply to chop it all out at the base with a spade.
6. Try and wrap up the pruning of your roses right now, or A.S.A.P. or flowering will be delayed. Begin by taking out any dead or diseased material and anything that's rubbing onto another stem. You can give your roses the best start now, by feeding them with a specialist rose -fertiliser. They're heavy feeders so it's a good idea to make a note in your calendar to feed them again in midsummer when they're developing their second flush of flowers.
7. Show off bamboo - if you've got a bamboo with coloured stems, why not show it off to its best advantage? Simply cut off the lower leaves on each stem to reveal the coloured canes beneath. Let's all enjoy the emerging glory of our new foliage!

Philippa Thomas



Echium Wildpretii, presently growing in our Botanical Gardens... It is a Herbaceous Biennial, sends up a magnificent reddish pink flower spike. This stunner grows quite brilliantly here in Dalkey, in good gritty soil.

Photo: Philippa Thomas

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A story of ‘the Firm

One of the more peculiar stories forming part of the National Folklore Collection, and one that intrigued me is about an ice rink off Barnhill Road.

It was recorded by Henry Evans, 5th Standard sometime between 1936 and 1938. He got the story from Mr. Dunne, 1, Seafield Terrace, Coliemore Road, 25 years old, who in turn had got the story from his own father. It is the only reference in the stories recorded by the students of Harold Boys and Loreto that refers to an ice rink in Dalkey. I wondered could it possibly be true.

I had witnessed the sight 2 or 3 years ago in Dalkey Quarry of a father and son in kayaks, in the bottom of the quarry, where a large pond had formed - large enough to kayak in. Having seen that with my own eyes, I believed the story of an ice rink might at least possibly be true – under the right conditions.

I also wondered where the place where the ice-rink - referred to as “the Firm” - might be located – if it existed at all.

Like a lot of folklore the story has concrete facts rooted in time and place; it is evocative of former times while recording a tragedy, and one is left wondering which parts are true:-

“A Story of the “Firm”

About fifty years ago the “Firm” was a large ice skating rink. It is now covered in with ashes and other rubbish.

One day an English lady and her son were skating on the rink. They were so excited they did not notice a wooden board which had the words “Thin ice” printed on it. Suddenly there was a cracking sound and the ice gave away under the two people. They went underneath and did not come up again.

Their brother soon discovered their absence. He went around and asked all the people if they knew where they had gone. A man told him that he saw them going up to the rink. He thanked the man and rushed up to the rink. He searched around it. He found the hole in the ice and found his sister’s handbag and this was enough evidence to show that they had gone under.

He spread this bad news to the people of Dalkey. When they heard it they wanted to cover in the rink. The man asked them not to. He promised a large reward to anyone who could find the two bodies. There was a search but nobody found them so the rink was covered in. There was very heavy snow and ice and the ice on the rink was strong and was able to bear people on it. When you are going up to “Firm” you go up Barnhill road until you come to the railway bridge, then turn to the left and you are at the Firm.

(The Schools’ Collection, Volume 0798, Page 33)

In January, I received a kind invite from the Dalkey Local History Group to give a short talk on the material from the Schools Collection. I have never met such an interesting and knowledgeable group regarding Dalkey and its history. I could not resist reading this story to see if the members could help me locating ‘the Firm’ or confirming its truth or not. The group solved the mystery of the Firm in no time at all, producing the following map which hangs in Dalkey Library:-



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The Firm is referred to in F. M. O’Flanagan’s 1941 article ‘*Glimpses of Old Dalkey*’ in the Dublin Historical Record, Vol. IV, No. 2. The author records ‘*at the bottom of the Flags on Dalkey Avenue are 15 low pillars to bar vehicular access*’ and he described that ‘*going through these pillar....we are now in a place known as “The Firm”*’. He continues ‘*this curious name had me puzzled for a long time – even the local people had no idea why they called it so; but eventually I ran that to author too*’. A sentiment this author can identify with! He then recorded the origin of the name:

“...the old quarry, now a refuse dump at Barnhill was worked by a few men in partnership, called “the Firm” hence “the Firm’s Quarry”. In the course of time the quarry and the word; quarry’ disappeared, but the word “Firm” remains to puzzle the casual inquirer.



Photo: Alex Perry

The Dalkey Local History Group meets the last Tuesday of every month in the Dalkey Library at 18.30, and I would recommend anyone to attend who has an interest in the history of Dalkey and surroundings. The contact is Brian Meyer and he can be contacted regarding the Society at brianmeyer42b@gmail.com.

The March talk will be by Alice Cullen on Killiney, and the April talk will be by Dermot O’Riordan on the Soldiers and Sailors Refreshment Buffet at Kingstown Harbour during WWI.

David Dodd

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Lego Club Success

Rathdown Lab Raths won the 'Robot Game' at the Leinster round of the FIRST LEGO League on Saturday 25th January. The team's impressive win means that they qualify for the All-Ireland Final on March 7th. The girls are thrilled with their success and are excited to see what the next round of the competition has in store. Well done to all involved!

Lego Club is ideal for budding engineers! The Lego Club members are a competitive bunch and participate in the annual FIRST LEGO League robotics competition every year as the Lab Raths. Each year the competition has a different theme to combat a specific challenge or problem and the girls work tirelessly on their robot and their project in the hope of winning an award in the competition. They have a great track record and have collected some fantastic Lego trophies over the last few years.



Photos: Rathdown School

Jean Ryan – Rathdown School

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DO SOMETHING PRODUCTIVE JARS

6th class in Dalkey School Project are taking part in the junior entrepreneur programme this year. We are entering the *Do Something Productive jars (DSP jars)* which we are selling in the school. We are selling them on Friday the 28th of February and Monday the 2nd of March. We will be showcasing them around the school throughout the week of the 28th. The DSP jars are jars filled with twenty activities that will keep you entertained for hours. There are five different types of jars that each has an individual theme. They are decorated with fabric netting from recycled curtains and held together by a piece of twine. These themes are;

THE COMMUNITY JAR is filled with twenty activities to help the environment and your community by helping the homeless and getting involved in events. For example, **pick up five pieces of litter on the beach**. The Community jar's colour is **orange**.

THE RAINY DAY JAR is filled with twenty activities to keep you entertained when it is miserable outside. For example, **start learning a new language**. The Rainy Day Jar's colour is **green**.

THE JUNIOR JAR is filled with twenty activities for young children. It will amuse them and keep them from under your feet. For example, **make daisy chains**. The Junior Jar's colour is **purple**.

THE SEASONS JAR is filled with twenty activities, five for each season. It has fun activities whatever the weather. For example, **make hot chocolate (winter)**. Spring is **green**, summer is **yellow**, autumn is **orange** and winter is **blue**.

THE ACTIVE JAR is filled with twenty activities to keep you active. It'll get you outside and keep you healthy. For example, **play tip the can with your friends**. The Active Jar is **blue**.

We are selling the jars in the school for €3 and 10% of our profits will be given to the Laura Lynne Foundation.

By Sara O'Flaherty

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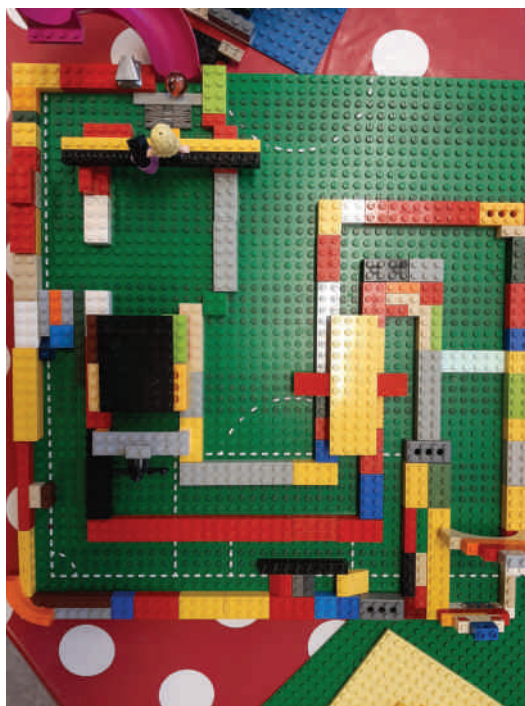
Family Day

On 31st January 2020 we hosted Family Member Day. This event was started a few years ago by Ms. Newton and has become a much loved and anticipated day in the school calendar. The children invited a special family member or family friend who spent time in their classroom taking part in fun activities for the morning. The day was rounded off with the family members visiting the Northover Hall for some refreshments, followed by a bit of entertainment from each class. A big thank you to all involved, especially the PTA for the wonderful refreshments and Ms. Newton for once again organising such a special school event.

Leinster Rugby

We were very fortunate to have Jonathan Sharkey from Leinster Rugby, attend our school for 4 weeks during November and December, coaching 3rd- 6th class. We have now been invited to take part in a Rugby Blitz with schools from the area on Friday 14th February in Seapoint Rugby Club. This promises to be a fantastic event and the children and staff are very much looking forward to it. Let's hope the weather behaves!

STEM in the Classroom – Junior & Senior Infants (Engineering) January 2020



Junior & Senior Infants worked on designing marble mazes with Lego in January. They had great fun designing, building and solving problems that they came across along the way. They also presented them to the school in a school assembly. Everyone was very impressed with their hard work.

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Nuair a bhí an fhéile seo ar súil anuraidh, bhíomar ag ceiliúradh ár dteanga gach lá le h-eachtraí éagsúla ar scoil, mar shampla ciorcail cómhra, ag léamh leabhair Ghaeilge le chéile, ceolchoirm na scoile, lá na leipreacháin, dánta, cluichí teanga, amhráin, 10@10 trí Ghaeilge, tráth na gceist, comórtas ealaíne is corpoicheachais trí Ghaeilge. Bhí craic agus spórt ag gach duine, de bharr sin táimid ag tnúth go mór leis an bhféile seo arís.

The Irish language is very important to us at Harold Boys' NS. A lot of emphasis is placed on spoken Irish, for example, informal Irish is used regularly throughout each day.

The celebration 'Irish Week 2020' will take place this year 1st March – 17th March. When this celebration took place last year, we celebrated each day with a variety of activities, e.g. conversation circles, reading Irish books together, school concert, leprechaun day, poetry, language games, songs, 10@10 through Irish, quizzes, Art competition and PE through Irish. Everybody really enjoyed the week, and so we really look forward to this year's celebration again in March 2020.



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Grandparents' Day

On Wednesday 29th of January, fourth class invited all of their grandparents to school to have tea and cake and attend a prayer service led by the 4th class girls. The night before, for their homework instead of Maths, English and Irish they made cakes, cupcakes and biscuits for the special occasion.

Everyone had something to do during the prayer service. They read, did Irish dancing or brought something to the sacred space. Ms. McDermott kindly

accompanied the girls on the piano playing the songs 'My Light House', 'Christ Be Our Light' and 'We Sing a Song to Bridget'.

On the day, everything went really well. I think there were even some grannies crying with happiness! After the prayer service, fourth class showed their grandparents their artwork and ate the cakes that they had made the night before.

The girls enjoyed how it went and all the grandparents really enjoyed it too. It was a big success especially for the fourth class girls.

By Julianne Byrne and Lucy McCarthy (4th class)

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Dalkey CFRs are responding in the local community for six years now. They comprise of 27 fully trained, local, self-funded volunteers and provide a 24/7 'on call' service, initiating life-saving treatment to critically ill people in the first few minutes prior to the arrival of an Emergency Ambulance. This helps increase the chance of survival for the patient.

The area they cover is Dalkey and its surrounding localities - Glathule, Glenageary, Killiney, Sallynoggin and Sandycove, roughly around a 2.5km radius of Dalkey.

Responders generally operate in pairs and are an integrated part of the 999/112 National Ambulance Service who alerts them to potentially life-threatening situations such as cardiac arrest, stroke, chest-pain or choking. In 2019 there were 217 such call-outs in this community and in 85% of these calls, Dalkey CFRs were on-scene in these emergency incidents providing both assistance and reassurance to patients and their families at what can be a very traumatic time.

New Volunteers are always welcome! Full training will be provided and a medical background is not necessary. Apart from becoming a Dalkey CFR Responder, there are also many other volunteer roles. These include IT and Website Administration, P.R. and Publicity, Fundraising etc.

For 2020 their aim is to have more portable AEDs (defibrillators) available to the team and also hope to purchase more, and site wall-mounted defibrillators for public access.

If you are interested in volunteering or giving your support - please contact: admin@dalkeycfr.ie



The Dalkey Ladies Club ran a Coffee and Cake Sale last year in aid of the CFRs and with the proceeds from it and a €500 donation from Dalkey Community Council the CFR volunteers were able to purchase new red Hi Viz vests

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DALKEY AND THE SAD FAMINE POT STORY NOW AT ARCHBOLD'S CASTLE

Potato blight was recorded in America in 1843. By 1845, the little-understood fungus had reached Flanders, Scandinavia, Prussia, Poland, Spain, Britain and even North Africa. When Ireland's potato crop failed in 1846 for the second time, the Religious Society of Friends / Quakers, followed by their own brethren in England and America plus the British Assoc. for the Relief of Distress in Ireland, decided to help. They started fundraising to provide relief. Dublin Quaker, Joseph Bewley, contacted Quakers all over Ireland highlighting the seriousness of the situation. Word quickly spread. In 1847, the Choctaw community in Oklahoma donated US\$170 and Turkey's Sultan Abdulmejid 1 donated £1,000, today worth £87,000, passing it on to Ireland's well organised Quakers for distribution here. In all, the equivalent of over £40 million was provided by donors. The Government of the day refused to provide free food thinking it might encourage laziness! They set up Public Work Schemes instead in what happened to be the harshest winter for a hundred years. It may seem strange today that starving paupers should do heavy manual work, building roads, famine-walls etc., for payments as low as one shilling per day. British Prime Minister, Sir Robert Peel, was accused by his successor Lord John Russell of over-reacting to Ireland's plight in wasting public money on Ireland's "exaggerated claims". He cancelled outstanding orders for American corn placed earlier by Peel. By this time, the Quakers were already importing cast iron Boilers or Famine Pots for the making of soup to combat starvation. Very generously they even hired ships to import the pots, food, turnip seeds, medicine and supplies. The Government's Public Work Schemes did not succeed as expected. They then copied the Quaker initiative.

Many cast iron soup pots were made in a foundry owned by the Quaker Darby family in Shropshire, England. The Coalbrookdale Iron Company recently informed our Dalkey Tidy Towns team that 56 Boilers were provided free of charge to the Quakers of the 294 total which they shipped. By August 1847, a staggering three million people were fed daily. However, in the autumn of 1847, the Government shut down the soup kitchens. Those



Rosa Murray and the submerged Famine Pot at the old Tubbermore Road Thomas's Farm site

suffering were expected to live off the new potato harvest to be picked soon after. Unfortunately this yielded just one quarter of a normal harvest. The three million people depending on the soup for survival were left to fend for themselves when social security as we know it today did not exist. While the West of Ireland suffered the worst deprivation, in

Templecrone in Donegal, four Famine Pots were used twice daily providing 600 gallons of soup. Nearer to home, Wicklow also had its crisis. Dalkey was on the border of this calamity.



Dalkey Tidy Towns team installing the Famine Pot - Michael, Simon, Des and Frank



Moving the heavy Famine Pot to Archbold's Castle

very thin copper lining designed to prevent rust contamination of the soup. Do please visit Archbold's Castle to see this monument erected by Dalkey Tidy Towns' team and if you can add to our story, please contact info@dalkeytidytowns.com. If only this Famine Pot could speak!

We were thrilled to be contacted by Rosa Murray last July. Her family owned a Dairy Farm off Tubbermore Road from the late 1800's. Dalkey Farmer Jack Thomas grazed his cattle on Dalkey Commons Townland. Rosa still had in her garden off Tubbermore Road Farmer Jack's 1800's possession which her family very kindly wished to donate to Dalkey Tidy Towns. We were astounded to discover that this partially covered family heirloom was in fact a very large cast iron Famine Pot. The clue to its history is the

Des Burke-Kennedy

WHAT'S ON IN DALKEY LIBRARY

“Spring is the time of plans and projects”

Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina

We have some exciting plans and projects up our sleeves here in Dalkey Library over the next few months, starting with some lovely events coming up in March.

Our Early Years programme continues every Friday at 10.30am: **Fri 6th**- Let's Play (No booking required), **Fri 13th**- Baby Book Club (No booking required), **Fri 20th** - Let's Build (no booking required, and **Fri 27th** - Let's make Music (Contact library to book a place)

We are delighted to be welcoming the **Rediscovery Centre** on 4th March who will be giving workshops for some of our local schools for Engineers Week.



March also brings **Seachtain na Gaeilge**, and if you would like to learn more about using Irish at home, we will have Sadhbh Devlin here on 5th March at 6.30pm to give a talk and give some practical tips. Or, maybe you'd like to

try out our **Club Leabhar (Irish Language book club)** who meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

We also have our **Writers' Group** who meets every 2 weeks. They will be meeting on 12th and 26th March at 6.30pm.

The Dalkey Library Local History Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month, with their next meeting



scheduled for Tues 31st March

Our Construction Club (LEGO and Magformers) is also on every Saturday at 2pm for ages 5-8. All welcome.

For more information on any of the above, you can call us on 01-2855277 or

get in touch via email (dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie) or you can follow us on social media @dlrlibraries. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

The Library opens as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10:00am - 1pm ; 2pm - 5pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 1:15pm - 8pm

Images: Dalkey Library

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 1-6 1/1/2020 to 7/2/2020

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.: ABP30642120

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Jan-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Curve Devco Ltd. Lands adjacent to the grounds of Castle Park School, Castle Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal

Strategic housing development consisting of: 101no. apartment units comprising (11 no. Studio, 26 no. 1-bedroom & 64 no. 2-bedroom units) each with balcony/ terrace spaces; The apartments are arranged in a crescent shaped building ranging in height from 2 - 4 storeys over a single basement level; 80 no. car parking spaces provided at basement level and a total of 156no. bicycle parking spaces at basement and surface level (including a covered bike parking store catering for 14 no. spaces at surface level); All associated site development works including: site excavation works, hard and soft landscaping, provision of open space, all boundary treatments, lighting, children's play area, a single storey pavilion building providing residents amenity space (c. 140 sqm), ESB substation (c. 21.9 sqm); bin stores and plant at basement level and ancillary site attenuation (including green roofs and PV solar panels at roof level of the apartment buildings); Foul sewer and storm drainage pipe connection to Castle Park Road, via Castle Close; Vehicular access serving the scheme is off the existing avenue also serving Castle Park School via the existing school entrance off Castle Park Road; A new controlled pedestrian/cycle access gate is proposed connecting to Castle Close; The use of the existing gate to the school from Castlelands for emergency/fire tender access purposes, for pedestrian/cycle access and for temporary construction access . The application contains a statement setting out how the proposal will be consistent with objectives of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Development Plan 2016-2022. The application contains a statement indicating why permission should be granted for the proposed development, having regard to a consideration specified in section 37(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, notwithstanding that the proposed development materially contravenes a relevant development plan or local area plan other than in relation to the zoning of the land. The application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours at the offices of An Bord Pleanála and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.castleparkroadshd.com. **Application Type:** Permission (SHD)

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0024

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Jan-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Pat Donnelly Rockview, 21, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for retention of alterations to existing planning permission Reg. Ref. D06A/1179 for renovations and extensions. The extensions to the front and side of the above detached house have not been constructed and there is an increase in the floor area of the extensions to the rear of the house. There are some alterations to the rear elevations.

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0083/E

Application Rec'd Date: 28-Jan-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Richard McCarthy, Ulysses, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for extension and renovation to existing dwelling house. More

specifically: (i) Demolish existing porch; construct front (south) extension comprising sunroom and entrance/porch to ground-floor, winder-garden and balcony above to first-floor. (ii) 2 no. new balconies to first-floor rear (north) elevation. (iii) Modification of window opens and doors and associated modifications of internal layout. (iv) New rooflights to rear (north) slope. (v) Existing front (south) boundary wall raised to height of existing timber plank fence, in line with height of neighbour's wall to west, with new sliding gate to existing access. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0749

Application Rec'd Date: 8-Oct-2019

Applic. Name & Location: Barry & Louise Bowden, "Clanaber", Torca Rd, Dalkey. A96 XV77

Proposal: Intend to apply to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for permission to construct a new dwelling. The development will consist of: (a) Construction of a two storey above lower ground floor detached dwelling. (b) Repositioning and widening of an existing vehicular entrance to the southwest of the property onto the private road which adjoins Torca Road. (c) The construction of new boundary walls including a new wall along the road frontage. (d) The demolition of the existing detached house and associated outbuildings. (e) Associated drainage and landscaping works within the curtilage of the site. **Additional Information:** 28-Jan-2020.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0062

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Jan-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Rosario Rizzo, Site (accessed from Wolverton Glen) to rear of Gortevan, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for 1. Construction of 2 detached dwellings (four bedroom, two storey) including site excavation. 2. Parking area, boundary structures, landscaping, bin stores, services. 3. Widen existing vehicular access.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0069

Application Rec'd Date: 30-Jan-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Katie Ridge, 7, Saint Margarets Close, Dalkey. A96 K8Y2

Proposal: Permission for development at this site. The development will consist of a new single storey flat roofed extension with 2 No. rooflights to rear (East) elevation of existing 2 storey terraced dwelling. All associated demolitions, site works and drainage.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0561

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Aug-2019

Applicant Name & Location: Savalside Ltd. Caldragh, Saval Park Road. A96 ET93

Proposal: Permission for a development. The proposed residential development consists of the demolition of an existing 2 storey house and ancillary out buildings at Caldragh, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, and the construction of 11 residential units in two blocks consisting of a 2 /part 3-storey apartment block comprising of 5 two bed apartments, and 2.5 storey terraced block comprising of 6 dwelling units consisting of 5no. four bed houses, and 1no. three bed houses. Vehicular access to the proposed development will be via Saval Park Road with 20 car parking spaces, 20 bicycle spaces, landscaping and all ancillary site works and services, all on a site of 0.2522 hectares. **Add. Info. (New Adds):** 3-Feb-2020.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0089

Application Rec'd Date: 6-Feb-2020

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.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 1-6 2020 1/1/2020 to 7/2/2020

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0856

Decision: Grand Permission

Date: 10-Jan-2020

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

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the existing part three storey, part single storey,

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

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0326 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 13-Jan-2020

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

Proposal: Permission for a single storey and porch extension to side. Sub-division of existing dwelling house to create a Family Flat. Two new velux windows to front and side over existing kitchen. New pedestrian access to side, additional car parking space to front and all associated site works to existing dwelling house.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0504 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 16-Jan-2020

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

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of the demolition of two existing store rooms (36 sqm) and an existing escape door bay and the construction of a single storey, double height extension (90 sqm.) to the existing school hall, an external ramp and steps, a new escape door bay, and an ancillary site drainage and landscape works.

Reg. Ref.: D14A/0404/E **Decision:** Grant Exten. of duration of perm. **Date:** 20-Jan-2020

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0896 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22-Jan-2020

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0906 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 21-Jan-2020

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

Proposal: Permission for development at this site. The development will consist of: Demolition of single storey shed to rear on party boundary. Demolition of attached boiler house and chimney in rear elevation. Part conversion of garage with alteration to front opening to include hardwood cladding / louvres and raised front parapet height for flat roof insulation. External insulation / new render finish to front, side and rear. Alteration to rear elevation to provide new / enlarged sliding door opening at ground floor. Widening of front vehicular entrance. All associated internal alterations, site, landscaping, drainage and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0914 **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 28-Jan-2020

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.

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0491 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 29-Jan-2020

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D19A/0932 **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 3-Feb-2020

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

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of: Demolition of 2 no. non-original, vacant single storey buildings and concrete plinth (C.503.5 sqm) on eastern side of site to be replaced by a 3 storey over basement building with roof garden, partial demolition (C.740 sqm) of 3 no. vacant, partly original tram shed buildings at the north-west of the site and the reconstruction in that location of the tram shed form with a raised roof profile, demolition (c.36 sqm), reconstruction and extension of cottage in western corner etc. The site is located within the Dalkey Architectural Conservation Area and contains Tram Lines (Protected Structure RPS No. 1463) and Gates and Entrance Piers (Protected Structure RPS No. 1471).

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0501 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-Feb-2020

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D19B/0503 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-Feb-2020

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

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

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 1-6 2020 1/1/20 to 7/2/20

Reg Ref: D19A/0258 **Registration Date:** 15-Apr-2019

Location: Laragh Mews, Ullardmore, off Ardeevin Road, Dalkey. A96 Y327

Development: Permission for demolition of single storey conservatory. New flat roofed eaves dormer window to existing pitched roof at front. New roof light in existing pitched roof at rear. New 1.8m high vehicular entrance gate to existing vehicular entrance. New vehicular entrance with gates at the upper level. New external stairs in existing ground floor courtyard accessing upper first floor garden level. Reduction of ground level for level access upper level car parking space. Single storey extension at the upper level with spilt level flat roofs behind parapet complete with capped chimney stack. Single storey 2.6 sqm ground floor extension. Replacement of existing windows and doors together with associated site works. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 10-Jan-2020.

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

Reg Ref: D19A/0856 **Registration Date:** 7-Nov-2019

Location: 'La Scala', Vico Road, Killiney, Co. Dublin A96 W827

Development: Permission for the demolition of the existing part three storey, part single storey, dwelling (located in an Architectural Conservation Area) and the construction in lieu of a new, part three storey, part two storey, single family dwelling with associated hard and soft landscaping, drainage and rainwater harvesting tank. Work to site boundaries to include general repair and a new privacy screen on top of the existing wall along the south-west boundary. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 6-Feb-2020.

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

Appeals Decision by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 1-6 '20 1/1/20 to 31/1/20


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Primroses and violets growing in a garden beside the Vico Road Photo: Michael Ryan

Although April and May are peak times for Primroses some will already be in flower. They're not common in the park on Dalkey and Killiney Hills and unfortunately one reason why is they are subject to being dug up and taken by people who should know better. A friend commented that the sort of people who do dig up wild flowers probably do it when the plants are in flower, the worst time to move any plant, severely reducing their chance of survival.

There is one quiet stretch of path on the hills where they have been hanging on and I learnt some years ago it had been known as The Primrose Path going back many decades. A very interesting talk about the old paths and rights of way in Dalkey by a member of the Historical Society informed us that this particular primrose path was formerly part of the estate of the house that became Fitzpatrick's Killiney Castle Hotel and the family living there had planted the original primroses alongside it.

Primroses are particularly lovely native flora with cream yellow flowers and soft crinkly leaves, the plants subtly adorning woodland paths and banks are barely discernible in the undergrowth. But until looking up information online I wasn't aware of its adaptation for self pollination which consists of two different types of flowers on individual plants named pin eyed and thrum eyed which 'look almost identical apart from the position of the stigma (female part) and the anthers (male part holding the pollen) in the flower tube in the centre. In "pin" flowers the stigma is positioned at the top of the tube with the anthers positioned halfway down. In "thrum" flowers the stigma is positioned instead halfway down the tube with the anthers at the top.'



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Primroses, photographed in March last year. Each plant bears two different types of flowers

The purpose of the two different flowers is so pollinating insects will accumulate pollen on their bodies from one type of flower and spread it to the other type. No surprise to learn that, although earlier botanists might have noticed the adaptation, Charles Darwin was first to describe it.

‘Both flower types contain nectar at the bottom of the flower tube to attract insects to mediate pollination of the flowers. Darwin thought that the reciprocal positions of the anthers and the stigma in the two flower types would promote cross fertilisation. He suggested that when an insect visits a pin flower it inserts its proboscis (feeding tube) into the flower tube to feed on the nectar and pollen from the anthers would stick onto the proboscis about halfway down. If the insect then visits a thrum flower the pollen already on



Blackbird feeding on ripe ivy berries in March

❖ SOME EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH ❖

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

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

NATURE NOTES MARCH 2020

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

Tuesday 3rd March: AGM, Table Quiz & cake sale to raise funds for Rockabill in the Graduate Bar, Rochestown Ave, 8.00pm.

Sunday 8th March: Coach Trip to Wexford - Leaving Dun Laoghaire Ferry Terminal at 08.30 Hours Sharp.



An Garda Síochána

GARDA CLINIC – First and Third Thursday of Each Month

Our Lady's Hall, Dalkey 11am – 12 midday

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its proboscis is at the right level to meet and stick to the stigma about halfway down the flower tube, leading to cross fertilisation. At the same time pollen from the anthers at the top of the thrum flower tube is likely to stick to the top of the insect proboscis, the perfect position for cross-fertilising the next pin flower the insect visits’.

So, not just lovely to behold, the primrose is a fabulous example of the wonders of evolution!

At this time of year ivy proves again what a useful plant it is since having produced flowers in late summer, very valuable for butterflies and other pollinators its berries ripen in the spring, unlike most plants whose berries are ripe in autumn. Ivy berries, which apparently gram for gram contain nearly as many calories as Mars bars, should be fully ripe and have turned black by now (birds seem to have a preference for very dark berries) are very gratefully received by blackbirds, thrushes, blackcaps and woodpigeons.

Our poor old apple tree was already on its last legs, years since it had produced fruit and only a few sparse leaves left on mossy branches, but it still served a useful purpose, being the tree I hung most of my feeders from. Then Storm Ciara came and I found it split in half with all the feeders on the ground. I repositioned the feeders on adjoining trees and bushes and I could now get a better view of one of my nyjer feeders. The nyjer seeds are much smaller than sunflower seeds and have specifically designed feeders with tiny slits that slim billed birds like goldfinches and siskins can optimise but this nyjer feeder has larger apertures and I was surprised to see a bullfinch and then a little group of coal tits feeding on it, birds not normally known to take these seeds. A repositioned peanut feeder now gave me nice views of a pair of long tailed tits feeding and later it was fascinating to watch a female blackcap who took it over and would drive away any bird that tried to feed on the tower of nuts, far more than it could ever eat but it was determined to dine alone.



Long tailed tits on peanut feeder

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9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer
10.30am Eucharist	Every Thursday

Our Lady's Manor

The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 3rd and the 17th of the month. An updated leaflet entitled 'Pastoral Care Information for Residents & Their Families' is now available from the Parish office or from reception in the Manor. The leaflet gives details of service times, some prayers for personal use and contact details for the chaplain.

Craft Group

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

Film Social

You are warmly invited to come along for some entertainment, a cup of tea and the opportunity for a chat, in the gallery room (upstairs in the Hall) at 2.30pm on 9th March.

Select Vestry

There will be a meeting of the Select Vestry at 8.00pm on 31st March.

Passers by...

We will be visiting the Transport Museum at Cultra, Co. Down on Tuesday 10th March. This is a full day tour that will be interesting and economical (especially for those with free travel). For more information, please refer to our Contact magazine.

Inter-Church Lent Course

The theme for discussion between our speakers and parishioners of St Patrick's and the Church of the Assumption this year will be "Everybody's Church: sharing in ministry and good will." The sessions will take place at 7pm each Tuesday in Our Lady's Hall on March 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st (omitting St Patrick's Day). Speakers will be as follows:

March 3rd: Donal Harrington, author of "Tomorrow's Parish".

March 10th: Philip McKinley, until recently lay C of I chaplain at DCU.

March 24th: Most Revd Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare.

March 31st: Fr Bob Whiteside, former Head of Pastoral Studies at All Hallows.

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❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES MARCH 2020 ❖

Monday 2nd at 7.30pm.: Dr. Kelly Fitzgerald, Ms. Valerie Connor, Ms. Louise Lowe, Dr. Brenda Malone will speak on *'Embodying the past: commemorating history through the arts'* to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Helen Roe Theatre, Society House, 63, Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Wednesday 4th at 8pm.: Larry Breen will present *'Wolfe Tone, Matilda and Family'* to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, (Dublin Road end), Shankill. All welcome - admission €5.

Thursday 5th at 8pm.: Mark McMenamin will present *'The untold story of Richard Hayes: Codebreaker'* to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Wednesday 11th at 6pm.: Ged Walsh will present *'On the Banks of the Dodder'* to the Old Dublin Society in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Thursday 12th at 7.30pm.: Ciarán Cooney and Liam Mooney will present *'The Railways of Limerick and Kerry filmed by Joe St. Leger throughout the 1970s & 80s, plus 'Retro Years of Knock Specials on the WRC by Tony Price'* to the Irish Railway Record Society in the Society's Heuston Station, Dublin 8, premises. Members and their guests only.

At 8pm.: Michael Pegum will present *'Baggot Street Hospital 60 Years Ago'* to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan. All welcome – Contribution is €3.

Friday 13th at 8pm.: Christopher Dorman-O'Gowan will present *'Egypt saved: the first battle of El Alamein, July 1942'* to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Wednesday 18th at 8pm.: David Doyle will present *'Carriglea House, Kill Avenue'* to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – entrance €3.

Thursday 19th at 7pm.: Paolo Viscardi will speak on *'Richard Barrington, Human Science and Animal Science'* to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €6.

Saturday 21st from 10am to 2.30pm.: The Dublin City Library & Archive 2020 Local History Society Day consisting of several presentations will take place in Dublin City Library and Archive, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Wednesday 25th at 6pm.: Clifton Flewitt will recall *'Dublin's Tramways - the first generation'* to the Old Dublin Society in Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Thursday 26th at 7.30pm.: Michael Davies will present *'Some Highlights of 70 Years Railway Travel around Ireland'* to the Irish Railway Record Society in the Society's Dublin Premises, Heuston Station, Dublin 8.

At 7.30pm. Dr. Síle Ní Mhurchú will present the annual Próinséas Ní Chatháin Lecture: *'Cnuasaigh de laoi the fiannaíochta i lámhscríbhinní iarchlásaiceacha na Gaeilge'* to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland in the Society's Merrion Square West, Dublin 2, premises. All welcome - admission free.

At 8pm. John Healey will recall *'Liam Devlin, Dublin Toffee-Maker and Public Figure'* to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Dublin 6.

Admission is €3 – Swan Centre Car Park Evening Rate, €3 (Total) from 5 p.m. to Midnight.

IMPROVING SAVILLE (SAVAL) PARK ROAD

At the Wednesday February 1st 1905 meeting of the Dalkey Urban District Council, at which Vice-Chairman Mr. G.D. Beggs presided, the Township Engineer was instructed to examine and report on the Saville Park Road with a view to laying a sewer through it. Cllr. Casey urged that this work should be undertaken as when it was completed and the road lighted, it might encourage more people to build houses along it.

PUBLICATIONS

‘Proceedings of the Blackrock Society 2019 - No 27’, Editor Joe Carroll, published by the Blackrock Society, €7.50.

Articles featured in this excellent publication based on talks to the Society during 2019 are ‘*The Rebuilding of Dublin after 1916*’ by Robin Mandal; ‘*Blackrock and the First World War*’ by Conor Dodd; ‘*Waterford Merchants and their Families and Families on Distant Shores*’ by Liam Murphy; ‘*The Metals - From Dalkey to Dun Laoghaire*’ by Rob Goodbody; ‘*Spinning Straw into Gold*’ by Justine Carbery; ‘*Queen Victoria: Her Life and Times 1819-1901*’ by

Frank Woods, James Scannell in ‘*The Light That Failed - the December 1957 railcar crash at Dundrum*’ by James Scannell, and ‘*Famous People and VIPs I Nearly Met*’ by Niall Bracken. The two items in the Blackrock Miscellany feature are ‘*Growing Up on Frascatti Park in the 1940s and 1950s*’ by Billy Morrison, and ‘*Growing Up in Williamstown*’ by Ronan Wilmot.

Copies can be obtained from the Blackrock Society via www.blackrocksociety.ie or at any of their monthly meetings in Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Belgrave Square, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

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SERVICES FOR MARCH 2020

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

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

From the Rector

We'll be having a Lenten Study Group for four weeks on Wednesdays at 8pm in the Carry Centre, beginning on 4th March. Margaret Daly Denton, a well known theologian has written on the role of the creation in John's Gospel, and we will use that for our prayer, thought and discussion.

Please note that parking is available for churchgoers at Killiney Castle Hotel on Sunday mornings up to 12.30.

Select Vestry: The Register of Vestrypersons is open for revision. If you are over 18 and are not yet registered, please see one of the Churchwardens and fill in the registration form. This will enable you to vote at the meeting of the General Vestry. The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on Monday 9th March.

Flower Guild: We will not normally have any flowers at the altar for the five Sundays in March, as this is during Lent. However, if anyone wishes to remember the anniversary of a loved-one during this time, arrangements of white flowers are most welcome. April 5th is Palm Sunday and there will be a simple arrangement of palm leaves.

Ladies Guild meets in the Carry Centre at 2.30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on 10th March.

Bible Study and Prayer Group: This month's meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th March at 10.30 in the Carry Centre, when we will be doing Lectio Divina (prayerful reading) of the Sunday readings. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society): On Thursday 26th March the Y club will meet in the Carry Centre for a talk on Horticulture by Caroline Elliot Kingston. Our end of season dinner will take place on Thursday 16th April in the National Yacht Club. For more information please contact Paul O'Brien or Nigel Teggins.

Service and Social: Our next Service and Social will be at 3pm on Palm Sunday, 5th April. **Sheep Thrills** have supported two charities with generous cheques, the Oesophageal Cancer fund and Bumbleance (a Children's National Ambulance Service). In addition we are currently preparing for the Parish Variety show. Our community group meet every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre, no joining ...€3, fresh coffee and homemade biscuits. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Joan 087 2460078.

Table Tennis: We have a good number of players in Table Tennis now and it is great to see the fourth tennis table being used again. We have entered 3 teams into the Churches League where we are all doing our best but most of all we have good fun which is what it is all about. We meet each Monday evening in the Carry Centre at 8pm. Enquiries to Sandra Moore 087 6291568.

Diners Club – The KWDs: Winey Diney's latest meal was held in the Guinea Pig, Dalkey



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on 20th February. Date and venue of next outing not decided at time of writing. Please contact Zandra Laing at zandra-laing@hotmail.com for details as they become available. New members always welcome.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

As a daily user of electricity I was interested to read the Coastal Concern Alliance article in the February issue about offshore wind farms. The wind farm proposed for the Kish Bank seems to have been rattling around for many years now and I think it would be great to have an informed, dispassionate debate, locally and nationally, about this form of renewable energy. There were several aspects of the Coastal Concern article that bothered me and, I feel, deserve comment, namely:

I thought that the article was trying to hype up the visual impact of windfarms. Last summer I was on the train along the North Wales coast and from there you can make out the Gwynt y Mor wind farm which, according to Wikipedia, is the “fifth largest operating offshore wind farm in the world”. Now, you could make it out from the train but was hazy against the horizon and the turbines so merged into the seascape that a photo was futile. I would describe that visual impact as immaterial.

Second, regarding the impact on (or as the article stated “*significant threat to*”) birdlife, I looked at what Birdwatch Ireland and the UK’s Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) had to say about offshore windfarms. Both say they support renewable energy including offshore windfarms. They qualify their statements as follows: the RSPB monitors applications for windfarms in the UK and objects to about 6%; Birdwatch Ireland say they are trialling a “*seabird sensitivity mapping tool for marine renewable energy developments in Ireland*” (so, this seems to cover tidal energy as well as wind).

Third, having read the article, I followed the author’s suggestion and visited the alliance’s website. When I looked for information re the membership of the alliance, I found none. I see that you credited an author for the article in our newsletter but I am still bothered by an organisation which appears to operate in such complete anonymity.

Bring on an informed debate.

Yours sincerely,

Danielle Byrne

Dear Dalkey Residents,

Our family cat disappeared recently. It is terribly upsetting for everyone in the family and I know this has happened to many families in Dalkey. As we all are aware cats are very curious creatures and creep into all sorts of places that they are not supposed to be! With this in mind I would urge people if you have a garden shed, hut, garage, side passage, garden storage unit, even a coal bunker to please open it every now and then just to make sure there isn’t a cat trapped inside.

Thank you,

D. Emerson



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Some of the early warning signs of dehydration are feeling thirsty and lightheaded and having concentrated, strong-smelling urine. The body works less efficiently with even a relatively low level of fluid loss.

The people most at risk of dehydration are babies and young children, the elderly, those with medical conditions such as diabetes and athletes due to sweating.

In order to keep the body hydrated it is recommended to drink approx. 1.2L of fluids a day and in warmer climates or if sweating then it is recommended to have 250ml every 15 minutes.

This can include drinks that contain caffeine, such as tea, coffee and cola, but they are mild diuretics which mean you will urinate more. It is recommended they are taken alongside non-caffeine drinks and to increase water intake if experiencing any signs of dehydration.

The first sign of dehydration is thirst. Other symptoms are dizziness or light headedness, headache, tiredness, dry mouth, lips and eyes, dark, concentrated urine and passing only small amounts of urine infrequently (fewer than three or four times a day).

If you are dehydrated, you will have lost sugar, salts and electrolytes as well as water. It is recommended to drink a rehydration solution that contains all the essential ingredients that you need to re-establish the right balance of body fluids. These solutions should contain a mixture of potassium and sodium salts, as well as glucose or starch. These are available to purchase in the pharmacy without prescription. Always ask your Pharmacist for advice.

Dehydrated infants and children should not be given water as the main replacement fluid as this can further dilute the minerals in their body and make the problem worse. Instead it is advised to give rehydration salts, diluted squash or diluted fruit juice.



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MARCH 2020

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 Sorting of the April Newsletters in OLH (1pm-2pm)Thurs 26 Mar
 Summer time begins – clock goes forward 1 hourSun 29 Mar
 Dalkey Dashers commence training at 7pm at LoretoWed 1 Apr

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

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

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