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FLYING THE FLAG!



Dalkey Castle has been flying the Irish flag as a tribute to the essential front-line workers in all disciplines. We are very grateful to all of them.

Photo: Courtesy of Dalkey Castle

❖ MESSAGE FROM DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ❖

As a result of the restrictions for Covid-19, there was no meeting of Dalkey Community Council. We were also unable to deliver the April Newsletter to residents of Dalkey though copies were available in SuperValu, the Post Office, Dalkey Pharmacy, Maxwell's and Dalkey News. We appreciate these businesses facilitating us. This month with further restrictions imposed throughout the country we are unable to produce a printed version, however the May 2020 Newsletter is available online on our website only. When restrictions are lifted, we hope to return to our usual printed version.

We all appreciate how difficult these restrictions are for us all, maintaining normal life and social contacts has become a challenge and business and commercial life has been turned on its head with the consequences of loss or reduced incomes. The challenge to our Health Service has never been so profound and we salute all those who are working there and those working in essential services to provide us with our daily needs. However, it is by abiding by these measures that we can all support each other throughout Ireland and progress to something like our former lives in the weeks to come.

So our message to you all is to continue with the social distancing and wash your hands! Look after those around you, especially those cocooning and we look forward to the future with an appreciation of how fortunate we are to live in a community like Dalkey.

*Dr. Susan McDonnell
Chairman DCC*

❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

Flying the flag!

Dalkey Castle has been flying the Irish flag as a tribute to the essential front-line workers in all disciplines. We are very grateful to all of them.

The banner that usually flies on Dalkey Castle is taken from the Chevers coat of arms, by kind permission of the Chief Herald's office. The artwork for the banner was drawn on commission by artist, Jo Callanan.



Artwork by Jo Callanan

The Anglo-Norman merchant family, the Chevers, was associated with both Monkstown Castle and Dalkey Castle in the 17th century. The Chevers name comes from the French word 'chevre', which means goat. There is a demi-goat and three goats on the Chevers coat of arms. There have been numerous variations on the spelling of Chevers since the 10th century.

Roger Chievre: The family has been traced to the first known ancestor, Roger Chievre in Normandy in the tenth century. Guillaume Le Chievre accompanied William the Conqueror in the invasion of England and fought at the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

The Normans: His grandson, also William, took part in the Norman invasion of Ireland in 1169/1170. Land in Ireland was granted to those who took part in the invasion. The Chevers family was granted land in Wexford. They gradually extended their wealth and influence to include property in Counties Dublin, Meath, Kilkenny, Louth and Carlow as well as Wexford. During the next several hundred years, the Chevers family became prominent in Irish public life.

Reformation: The major decision the Chevers family took was to remain Catholic at the time of the Reformation.

Monkstown Castle: Henry Chevers came into possession of Monkstown Castle in 1610.

Cromwellian Plantation: Following the end of the Civil War in 1649, Cromwell banished



*Max Chevers and Margaret Dunne at launch of The House of Chevers
Photo: John Fahy*

the Chevers from Monkstown Castle for having participated in the rebellion.

Walter Chevers protested that he had not taken part, but he was faulted for not having displayed a sufficient degree of loyalty. They were given the choice of going *To Hell or to Connaught*. He chose the latter and set off for Connaught on 16th December 1653.

Accompanying him was his wife,

five young children and a retinue of servants and tenants.

He returned to Monkstown in 1660, when it was certified that he had played no part in the 1641 rebellion. On returning to Monkstown, Walter did not receive all his lands back. He rented out Monkstown Castle and was living at *THE Castle at Dalkey* when he died in 1678. 'THE Castle' became known as Goat Castle thereafter.

To fast forward....The link to the modern Chevers family began in 2002 when during research, I first made contact with Max Chevers in Kent and we have been in contact ever since. Through Max, Dalkey Castle got all the necessary permissions from the Chief Herald's office to fly the historic banner of the three goats from the Chevers family crest over Dalkey Castle.

The House of Chevers by Max Chevers & Adrian Wynne-Morgan was launched at Dalkey Castle during Heritage Week at the end of August 2017. It was a truly historic occasion to have a direct link, eight generations apart, to the Chevers family of Monkstown Castle and later Goat Castle with us to launch the book on the family's history.

Condolences: The late Paddy Rigney was the lead architect for DLRCoCo on the design of the Heritage Centre from 1995 until it opened in 1998. Paddy was an influential director on the board of Dalkey Irish Heritage Town Co from 1995 until a month before his death. We will miss him greatly. We extend our condolences to Mary, Eoin and Saibh. May he rest in peace.

We will return: As the Newsletter deadline looms, we have no indication when we may open again, but true to form, we will rebuild with enthusiasm and get people coming back to the wonderful heritage town that is Dalkey once more.

Margaret Dunne, Manager Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre



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TRIBUTE TO LENA



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Lena Feely on April 17th. Lena was a member of DCC from the early days and was the Road Representative for Dalkey Park and Dalkey Grove for over 40 years. She served as Treasurer at different periods, was on the Functions Committee and a member of the Executive. Lena will be most remembered for her tireless work as the Advertising Manager for the DCC Newsletter; this was almost a full-time job which she willingly took on and had been doing since 1994. This role suited her business acumen where she dealt with many different business/trades people and built up a personal relationship with them. Her able handling of the advertising finances contributed to the continued and successful production of the newsletter. Lena

was a very committed volunteer who was always ready to help and work for the community and brought the work of “volunteer” to a new level.

We will all miss her presence at our Monthly Meetings and at the events run by DCC.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all her family and her daughters Christine, Elaine, and Kate.

Dr. Susan McDonnell – Chairman DCC

❖ HELENA (LENA) FEELY – Tribute from Dalkey Ladies Club ❖

It was with great regret and sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Lena. Our sympathy is with her family and especially her two adored granddaughters.

Lena was a long-standing member of the Dalkey Ladies Club. Over the years she would have been on the Committee many times and always in the position of Treasurer. With her innate gift for figures and finance she would keep the accounts meticulously, always aware of where every penny was spent.

Despite her serious demeanour she was very kind and she had a great sense of humour; always quick to see the funny side of things and she had a wonderful laugh. She enjoyed being with people and loved her evenings out with The Ladies!

Over the last few years, having had some health problems which she dealt with in her usual no-nonsense manner - these meant that there were sometimes long absences from the Club but she always returned and we were always delighted to welcome her back. We shall miss her.

Déan trócaire ar a h-anam

Rosaleen Callaghan – Dalkey Ladies Club

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What A Roller Coaster Our Last Number of Weeks Have Been

Closing our hall doors to our family and friends feels so bizarre and strange, yet we truly know that it has to be done. While Coronavirus has undoubtedly, brought so many traumatic changes to our world, it certainly is also serving as a powerful reminder of how ultimately our lives are bound to the earth and to each other. It seems to have created a new tribe who are suddenly deeply determined to grow at least a little of their own food. Don't we really just simply want to be out in the garden right now and we almost feel to have a compulsion to plant and grow There is nothing more life affirming than getting your hands in the soil and planting. We are taking some time now to restore, to re-energise. For now, stay safe and keep healthy.



Growing Native Wild Flowers In Our Gardens Is A Wonderful Way To Support Pollinators

Our May Days Are Longer And Warmer, Our Welcome Summer is On its Way!

Growing native wild flowers in our garden is a wonderful way to support pollinators and other creatures that are part of our ecosystem. Perhaps, sow an annual meadow. THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED. Some wild flowers are edible, (please check,) some can be used to make wine; some can be used to scent presses. You may even have native plants in your soil that you didn't know about. Lawns are a sterile desert as far as wild life is concerned, by simply stopping mowing you could do wonders for birds, bees, butterflies and other insects, hedgehogs and other small mammals You may be simply amazed at what comes up..... maybe even native orchids; there are at least 30 native species. – Maybe, in order to make your meadow look intentional and not neglected, mow paths through a wild patch for sun bathing or for enjoying picnics, play areas or even for meditation.

Remember, a tree, its shape, its structure, its light and shade can empower such beauty. The smaller and barer a garden, the more the reason to bring our woodland back with small decorative trees, like Amelanchiers, glossy Camellias, beautiful low maintenance Ferns, etc.



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Our Future Generation, Our Dalkey Children

Maybe, think about LARGE SEEDS for little fingers, quick germination and results. Dwarf French beans are ideal and children generally like eating them. You can choose yellow and purple ones, buy on Irish internet. Radishes grow in 6 weeks and are delicious when young, Cherry Belle, excellent I believe Romance FJ, or Amsterdam are super carrots for quick results also delicious eaten raw. You will need to protect them from carrot root-fly with horticultural fleece. Then, you can show your children how strawberries produce runners so that you can grow loads this coming summer, Elsanta & Cambridge are favourites. Tumbling Tom Tomatoes can be grown in pots; Sungold will have them eating them like sweets!
Sowing a pack of wild flowers will attract bees and butterflies and instil a love of nature.

“A child’s mind is like a shallow brook which ripples and dances merrily over the stony course of its education and reflects here a flower, there a brush, yonder a fleecy cloud”.
Helen Keller, 1880 – 1968

“If a child is to keep his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it”.
Rachel Carson, 1907 to 1964 Environmentalist

“The object of teaching a child is to enable him to get along without his teacher”.
Elbert Hubbard, 1856 – 1915

“No bubble is so iridescent or floats longer than that blown by the successful teacher”
William Oster, Canadian Physician. 1849 – 1919

HOW TO SOW AND GROW FOR THE FIRST TIME

As long as a few basic principles are followed, it unlocks the door to a world of possibilities, empowering you to grow a vast range of plants.

.... Once seedlings have germinated they need space to establish a strong root system. It is important to prick out as soon as the plant is ready which is usually when the first two leaves emerge, (i.e. the second set of leaves that emerge after the seed.) Transfer into new pot or cell plug tray, using a pen or biro or simply your fingers to lightly prise it out from



One survivor of Australia’s recent devastating bush fires is The Pink Fluorescent Slug that lives in Mount Kaputar in northern New South Wales.

It is thought they survived by hiding in rock crevices.

the compost while taking care to keep its baby root system intact.

Fluorescent Pink Slug Survives The Australian Bush Fires.

As Australia begins to count the cost to the environment of this year’s devastating bush fires, one survivor was a species of fluorescent pink slug that lives in Mount Kaputar in Northern New South Wales. It is thought they survived by hiding in rock crevices.

Unfortunately, its colour and less bush cover means it’s easy for predators to spot.



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❖ MIGHT DO / MAYBE MAY JOBS ❖

During Our Exceptionally Precious, Unique Strange Times maybe take a deep breath, put down the remote and get busy outside, nothing to lose, enjoy!

Once spring bulbs are over rather than cutting down the foliage, leave to die back naturally, adding some liquid fertiliser around the clumps, will encourage strong growth next spring. Get composting – collect dried leaves, twigs, grass clippings, stable bedding or straw, kitchen scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells, shredded newspapers, even old potting soil. Plant out summer bedding and tender annuals, including sunflowers, cosmos, nasturtiums, after the last frosts.

Pinch out shoot tips of bedding plants and young annuals to encourage bushier growth.

Check lilies and fritillaries for scarlet lily beetle and their larvae as they can rapidly strip plants of all their foliage.

Avoid having to stare at a blank grey wall by hanging up some environmentally-friendly, biodegradable hessian flower bags.

Shed some light. Maybe, string up some garden lights to bring a sparkle to a tree, porch, archway or beautiful shrub. Put them where you can see and enjoy them from the house.

You may find herbs in the supermarket with their roots still attached. Water them well when you get home. These are mostly raised from seed and many young plants are lightly packed together in each pot. These can be split into several smaller clumps and re-potted at anytime during the growing season. Chamomile, Chives, Flat and Curly Leaved Parsley, Some Sages, Mint, Thyme, Rosemary, Oregano, Coriander, Basil then, which needs warmth.



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Veg To Plant Out in May

There is such a choice out there...
..Maybe Try Artichokes, Beetroot, Carrots, Celery, Courgettes, Chicory, Cucumber, French Beans, Kohlrabi, Runner Beans, Salad Leaves, Spring Onions, Squash, Sprouting Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Tomatoes.....

“May, More Than Any Other Month Of The Year Wants Us To Feel Most Alive”.

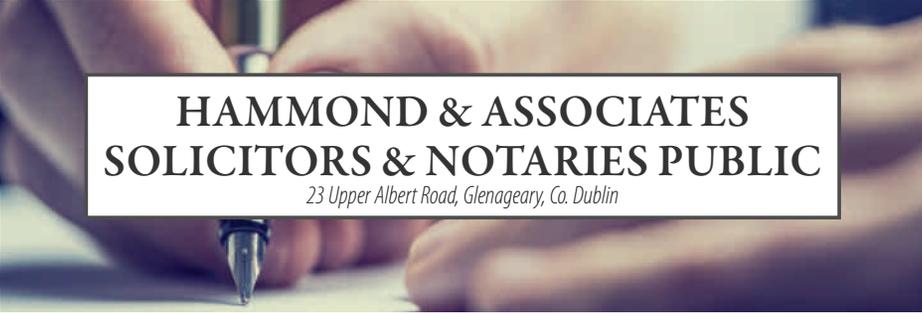
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On Friday 6th March, the Senior Choir and Chamber Choir competed in the 2020 Wesley Interschools Music Festival. Our Senior Choir sang Gjeilo “*Ubi Caritas*” and Chamber Choir sang Sarah Colgan’s “*This Marriage*”. Sarah Colgan is a 5th Year student and arranged the song herself. Our choirs continue rehearsals online during the school closure which helps routine and to keep everyone’s spirit up.

Jean Ryan



Photos: Rathdown School



Covid-19 Notice at Forty Foot

ASK ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Q: Have you any simple tips for managing mental health, especially for those of us who are isolating and exposed to so many negative news cycles relating to the Corona virus?

The first tip is to limit your consumption of daily news. For every item of bad news, try to balance it with a good news story (e.g. the bravery of healthcare workers, the kindness of volunteers). Keep a daily routine to manage both your physical and mental health (both are interconnected):

Daily Connection – Keep connected, even if you are cocooning. If you can't connect by phone or PC, stand at your front door and smile at someone passing by. Talk to a neighbour over the fence. Even a brief encounter helps to counter any sense of isolation.

Daily Exercise/Movement – If you are cocooning, walk around your garden, do simple stretches. If you can walk within the 2km limit, try to get out for a walk every day, even for a short walk. Checkout free yoga:

<https://yogawithadriene.com/free-yoga-videos/>

If your movement is limited: <https://www.sielbleu.ie/>

Any exercise gets you more grounded in your body and takes you out of your head.

Daily Gratitude – Follow the wisdom of AA and cultivate an attitude of gratitude – if you have a garden, think of those in apartments. If you have a comfortable bed and your own home, consider those who are homeless. We have so much to be grateful for.

Daily Meditation – Sit comfortably, feet on the ground. Inhale slowly through the nose. Pause. Exhale slowly. Try to let go of any tension with every out-breath. Repeat the cycle. If that's too difficult, try this simple trick instead: sit comfortably with back support. Imagine you are a floppy, raggy doll. Consciously allow your muscles to relax, from head to toe. Imagine any tension in your body simply dropping away.

Daily Mindfulness – Pick just one activity today and give it your full attention. Focus your mind on the detail of that activity (e.g. having a cuppa, watching a bird). Mindfulness is nothing more than being present, with all of your senses, to the present moment.

It is the easiest way to stop ruminating on the past or worrying about the future – in an instant, it brings your mind home. And it gets easier with practice!

Daily Sleep Routine – If you can, go to bed and get up at roughly the same time.

Daily Smile – Mother Theresa advised: “Smile at one another. It is not always easy”

If you smile, it is harder to be fearful and harder for the mind to dwell in the past or in the

unknown future. Smile to remind yourself that in time, this will be over.

Daily Mental Health Toolkit: – A wealth of free tips and worksheets to help you manage stress, anxiety, depression during this difficult time: <https://www.getselfhelp.co.uk/>

Perhaps Rumi’s advice on stilling our busy minds is the best advice of all:

“Submit to a daily practice. Your loyalty to that is a ring on the door. Keep knocking and the joy inside will eventually open a window and look out to see who’s there”.



Below is the official Government link to support mental health during the coronavirus outbreak

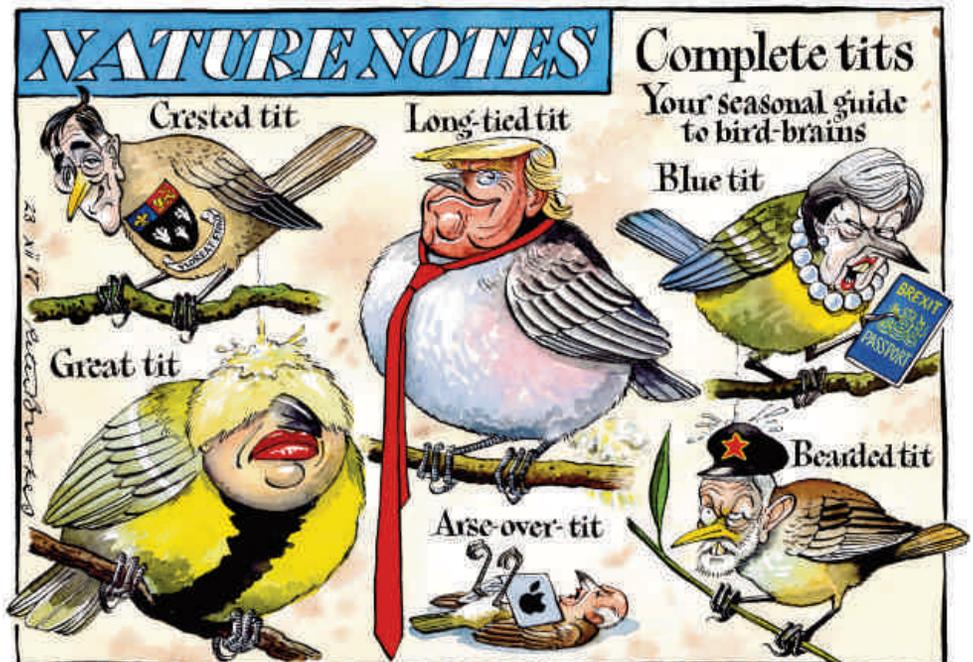
<https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/mental-health/minding-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html>

Catherine Tierney MA MIACP

HSE has launched a stress control online programme - it's a 3 week programme free of charge delivered via <https://stresscontrol.org/>

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GREEN SCHOOLS' NEWS

We recently had our Green Schools' Action Day as part of our efforts to get our sixth Green Schools' flag. Our theme this year is Global Citizenship Litter and Waste so, as part of our Action Day, we decided to test parents, students and people in our community during our open night!

We had a waste sorting activity for everyone to try at our Green Schools' stand, a spot quiz on Global Citizenship that our committee members gave to those visitors who were feeling brave and we gave out battery boxes for people to use to recycle batteries at home. We were also able to display all the work we have done on this theme.

Our Action Day was a great success and we had a lot of fun. We would like to thank everyone who turned up on the night and special thanks to those who tried out our quizzes and games!

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GLENDALOUGH

On the 10th of March both sixth classes went on a religious retreat to Glendalough. When we arrived we ate a small snack. Then the sixth classes split up and we met our tour guides. Our tour guide was called Breda. The first thing she showed us was a maze in the ground which we walked around and reflected on the high points and the low points of our lives so far.

Next, we went to the graveyard. We learned a lot about the history of Glendalough. Breda showed us the oldest marked grave and the newest grave. We saw the grave of St. Kevin, the founder of Glendalough. After that we went into the old church and the priest's house. We also saw the round tower.

Next, we walked up the mountain by the lake, where we were told not to talk to anyone and just reflect on our own lives and faith. When we reached the top, there was a beautiful viewing point that looked over the lake and we sang '*Send Forth Your Spirit*'. Then we climbed down and ate our lunch in the picnic area with the other class.

After that, it was time to leave Glendalough. I really enjoyed our retreat.

*By Caoimhe Bridgeman
(Mrs. Kavanagh's 6th class)*



ASK THE PHARMACIST



Pharmacy and COVID-19 – Pharmacists acknowledge this is an unusual and,unprecedented time and we are all here to help in whatever way possible. To enable us to best help our customers The Irish Pharmacy Union has issued the following advice: Do not stockpile any medicine or purchase medication you do not need. One month’s supply of prescription medicines is the maximum quantity allowed by the HSE under the GMS or other Community Drug Scheme.



Individuals who require medication on a regular basis should ensure their prescriptions are up to date.

Patients or carers are asked, if possible, to phone the pharmacy in advance to request that their prescription be dispensed for a particular time/date so that the pharmacy can have it ready when they come in.

Check with elderly family members and neighbours to make sure they have their medicines and, if necessary, help them to contact the pharmacy if they need advice or information.

People who have been to an affected place in the last 14 days, or who have had contact with someone with coronavirus, or who are exhibiting fever, cough or other respiratory symptoms of Covid-19 should **NOT** attend at a pharmacy or GP clinic. Instead, they should stay at home and phone their GP or local HSE helpline 1850 24 1850 without delay.

To help to ease the burden on GPs, patients and Pharmacists the Government has amended the prescription regulations to allow for the following changes:

The electronic transfer of prescriptions from prescribers to the pharmacy via the HSE’s secure Healthmail system;

Increase the maximum period of validity of a prescription from 6 months to 9 months; and Allow pharmacists to give 10 days’ supply of medicines in an emergency (previously 5 days), extend the range of medicines that can be supplied in an emergency for epilepsy and, for the first time, allow 5 days’ emergency supply of controlled drugs.

If you have any queries at all or are unsure about the supply of your prescriptions please contact your local Pharmacy.

At Maxwell Pharmacy we would like to give a special mention to Rosa Hick and Liz Murray (and any new volunteers who may have joined since writing this) for their help with deliveries to our cocooning and self isolating patients. This voluntary service has been invaluable at this difficult time and we will be forever grateful to them.



LETTER TO THE LETTER



Dear Editor,

As I found your name on the back of the Newsletter and I thought I should write to you. It is just an observation my husband and I were hoping you might be able to put something in the newsletter about the condition of the dog fouling on The Metals. When our boys were small we used The Metals to teach the boys how to ride bicycles, then they played football on it on the way back from the park. But seriously it is just awful someone has gone to the trouble of using chalk to mark where the dog has left its business. I am not sure there is much we can do but maybe appeal to these dog owners, if they have children or grandchildren using this facility and their dogs are leaving their mess behind them it is dangerous because if it gets on the children’s footballs or rugby balls or bike wheels it can find its way into their mouths and they can become very ill and even die.

I felt compelled to write to you as it is just so disgusting. We would appreciate if you could make some comment in the newsletter please. I am also writing to alert Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Kind regards,

Aisling Murphy – Damian Quinn



Sorrento Road kerb workers Photo: DTT

APOLOGIES FROM OUR DALKEY TIDY TOWNS TEAM



Just as our volunteers were about to launch a final push to prepare for the 2020 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition and the DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition, the dreadful Covid-19 virus landed on our shores. In quickly taking on board HSE advice, in solidarity with all other groups, we immediately discontinued our Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday weekly activities.

The 2020 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition has been deferred until next year. Minister Michael Ring is encouraging people to do some Tidy Towns work in their communities from September onwards. This would be with a view to next year's competition.

In the meantime, we are all cocooning and isolating.

Our volunteers would like to apologise for not being able to continue our litter and graffiti routines, planting, gardening, and sustainability and facility development activities. As with all our Dalkey neighbours, we do hope to be back in action in the not too distant future. In the meantime, stay safe and wash your hands.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? We have received reports of an unusually high number of tissues being discarded in the Dalkey and Killiney areas. These could spread the Covid-19 virus and even cause deaths if infected. Bring them home and bin them. You may save a life by doing so.

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We at Dalkey Library hope you are all safe and well, and that we can welcome you back to the library very soon. With the days getting brighter, we are really looking forward to getting out and planting in our Maeve Binchy garden. The Dalkey Summer Sprouts will be starting again, growing and planting an array of vegetables and flowers.



*The Maeve Binchy Garden at Dalkey Library
Photo: Sean Downes*

In the meantime, you can join us from your comfy couch by accessing our range of online services. Though our doors are closed, we can still respond to your emails, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you need assistance in accessing any of these services; access to e-books, e-audiobooks, comics and graphic novels, magazines, newspapers, language courses, online courses and a large selection of podcasts.

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If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has a new Community response helpline.

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We hope you are all keeping safe, and are looking forward to welcoming you back to Dalkey Library very soon.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 11-15 9/3/2020 to 10/4/2020

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.

6Reg. Ref.: D19A/1003

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Dec-2019

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

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

Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds): 11-Mar-2020.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0202

Application Rec'd Date: 09-Mar-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Marian and Justin MacInnes, Montpellier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey (a protected structure).

Proposal: Permission to relocate and alter existing entrance gates, pillars, walls and associated works to improve visibility in the interest of safety.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0224

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Mar-2020

Applicant Name & Location: The Lucey Family, 4 Castle Close, Dalkey A96 XN22

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of the existing south-eastern boundary wall and reconstruction of the boundary wall to a finished height of 3.5 metres.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0234

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Mar-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Johnnie Phillips, New Quay Lodge, Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Full permission for construction of 4.95m² single storey extension to rear of existing 244m² dwelling with finished floor level to match existing ground floor level including associated site works, replacement of existing window to rear with patio door, provision of natural granite cladding to north eastern elevation, provision of pitched slate roof to existing flat roof over rear and side dormer windows, installation of velux roof light to front elevation roof.

Reg. Ref. : D20A/0245

Application Rec'd Date: 24-Mar-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Richard Southern & Avril O'Connell, 39 Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention Permission for Retention for existing vehicular access opening to remain at the current as built width of 4.5m.

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0249

Application Rec'd Date: 27-Mar-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Conor Sherlock & Audrey Sherlock, 20 Hyde Park, Glenageary, Co. Dublin A96 H2T2

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of a single storey pitched roof side garage with single storey side annex, construction of a two storey detached house consisting of a kitchen, dining, living, study, store and WC at ground floor and two bedrooms and one

bathroom at first floor. To the front a bin store and a single car parking space. A new vehicular and pedestrian entrance for 20 Hyde Park. Development to include associated landscaping and ground works, including new boundary walls to subdivide the site at the side.

Reg. Ref.: D20B/0092

Application Rec'd Date: 25-Mar-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs S Flanagan, 30 Convent Rd., Dalkey, A96 F8X5

Proposal: Permission for alterations and single storey flat roof extension to the west elevation of the existing dwelling, the replacement of the existing doors and windows, additional window openings to the west elevation. The removal of an existing chimney to the east of the dwelling. The attic conversion and provision of velux type roof windows to south and north roof.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0259

Application Rec'd Date: 31-Mar-2020

Applicant Name & Location: John Kernan & Imelda Duggan, 5, Dalkey Grove, Dalkey, A74 X52

Proposal: Permission is sought for works. The development consists of: demolition of existing converted garage to side of house (10.8 Sq m); reconstruction of existing single storey extension to rear (10.6 Sq m); construction of a part single, part two-storey extension to the side of the house (Ground Floor: 37.5 Sq m, First Floor: 21.9 Sq m); provision of an external insulated render system and associated finishes; alterations to the front elevation including extension of the existing roof to form a new covered porch area in front of new hall door; provision of rooflights; provision of solar panels to the rear roof slope; widening of existing vehicular entrance, associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0262

Application Rec'd Date: 01-Apr-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Timo & Ruth Barry The Flags, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, A96 DX94

Proposal: Permission is sought for; The development will consist of: the demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with a proposed 2-storey dwelling with attic space, to accommodate 4 bedrooms and associated living spaces; the proposed modification of existing vehicular entrance with the addition of a proposed pedestrian gate; a proposed new boundary fencing and associated landscape works.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0266

Application Rec'd Date: 01-Apr-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Christopher Boucher and 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.: D20A/0276

Application Rec'd Date: 06-Apr-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Colette Hayes, Niagra Villa, 90 Coliemore Road, Dalkey, A96 Y673

Proposal: Permission to demolish existing single storey kitchen, and side bay window/door extensions. Construct new single storey kitchen living area and attached garage extension, minor internal alterations at ground floor level, new driveway with turning area and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0281

Application Rec'd Date: 09-Apr-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Michelle and Tommy Moylem 1, Proby Park, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for alterations to existing single storey dwelling. The development will consist of alterations including new bay window, new entrance porch and alterations to existing fenestration to the front, remove existing roof and replace with new roof, new ground floor extension to the rear, new first floor extension, new electric entrance gates from Saval Park Road and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0282

Application Rec'd Date: 09-Apr-2020

Applicant Name & Location: David Whelan, 11/12A, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention Permission for development at this site. The development consists of an extended storage space of 12m² at first floor and behind the building at this level.

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR Wks 11-15 9/03/2020 to 10/4/2020

Reg. Ref.: D15A/0083/E **Decision:** Grant Extens. of Dur. of Perm. **Date:** 13-Mar-'20

Applicant Name & Location: Richard McCarthy, Ulysses, Ardrubh 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 opes 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.: D20A/0062 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 23-Mar-'20

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. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0069 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 25-Mar-'20

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.

No Decisions for Weeks 14&15

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 11-15 9/3/'20 to 10/4/'20

Reg Ref: D19A/0749 **Reg. Date:** 8-Oct-2019

Location: "Clanaber", Torca Road, Dalkey A96 XV77

Development: 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.

Council Decision: Refuse Permission **Appeal Lodged:** 18-Mar-2020

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D19A/0561 **Reg. Date:** 1-Aug-2019

Location: Caldragh, Saval Park Road, Dalkey. A96 ET93

Development: Permission for a development. The proposed residential development consists of the demolition of an existing two 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, Dalkey, with 20 car parking spaces, 20 bicycle spaces, landscaping and all ancillary site works and services, all on a site of 0.2522 hectares.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 26-Mar-2020

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

None for Week 15

Appeals Decisions by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 11-15 2/3/20 to 10/4/20

None for Dalkey



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the Last Eagle – Follow Up

Last month’s edition of folklore corner contained the story concerning the last eagle in Dalkey recorded by Paddy Keyes, Harold Boys, 1, Ardrugh Road, Dalkey Hill. I subsequently learnt from his niece, Diana Keyes Moloney that he tragically died in 1939 at aged 14. Diana tells me her grandfather used to tend to the eagle at that time. Paddy Keyes was the only one to record the story of the last eagle of Dalkey and he had the great sensitivity and foresight to include the newspaper clipping of the eagle with the folklore he collected. Both the story and the clipping form part an Ireland’s National Folklore collection which is inscribed into the UNESCO Memory of the World Register in recognition of its “world significance” and “outstanding universal value to culture”.



Paddy Keyes

I was also contacted by Dick Coombes, formerly of Nerano Road and Michael Ryan, Torca Road. Michael pointed out that the head in Paddy Keyes’ clipping seems to have a much sharper bill than the current eagle. It appears that the head was vandalised in the 50s’ and was replaced in 1958. Paddy Keyes clipping therefore records the original eagle.

From the information Michael and Dick provided, it appears that the original ‘Eagle’ may have been carved in 1871 by two brothers, Joe and Tom Cooper who were employed as stonemasons in Dalkey quarry. Their workshop was in the ground level of St. Germans, Vico Road. The first house to your right if you come down the Cat’s Ladder steps from Torca Road. There are two doors which resemble stable doors under the driveway to the house, both doors opening on to Vico Road. Michael has called in to the owner of the house, Mrs. Catherine Sheridan and she confirmed that when she moved into the house many decades ago the ground floor rooms were filled with large lumps of stone.

Following the vandalization, a replacement head for the eagle over the Green Road was



Fred Coombes

made by Dick Coombes grandfather -Fred Coombes -in the back garden of his home on Nerano Road in 1958. Fred Coombes was 70 years of age when he chiselled the eagle. He is fondly remembered for his love of painting on Killiney Hill and all-year-round swimming at the ramparts. His daughter, Olive Coombes, celebrated him and his endeavour with the following 1958 poem:

"A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK "

A gloom had descended on Dalkey,
The neighbours exchanged not a word ;
If on Vico a chap took a walk, he
Saw gone was the head of the bird .

To the stranger it seemed a small matter,
For to him was the place but a name,
But the natives knew very much better,
Dear old Dalkey was not quite the same .

Far and near their distress went a-winging,
Till the calendar said it was Spring,
But the gold of the gorse brought no singing,
For the birds felt 'twould not be the thing .

Then one day came a wonderful offer
From a gentleman modest and shy:
He would use all the skill he could proffer
To replace yon bird's head up on high .

He had seen more than seventy summers,
Had a shock of grey hair on his head,
Though no good at figures or numbers,
An artist was he, born and bred .

Such rejoicings and glad jubiliations
From each child to each crotchety crone,
As with hammer and chisel and patience,
Work began on that piece of old stone .

Chip, Chip, Chip went the hammer and chisel,
Soon the head of the bird would be done,
As the summer days started to sizzel,
Brown the head of the man 'neath the sun .

He worked hard with never a blunder,
His skill knew no fingers nor thumbs :
His grandchildren, wide-eyed with wonder,
Said, "Grandad's just taking off crumbs ."

Time at last brought the task to a finish,
No more chipping beside the old shed :
Only one thing remained to accomplish -
To amalgamate body and head'.

So one Friday they all got together,
The natives who'd been so distressed,
And they carried the head on a stretcher
To the place it would finally rest .

Once again proud and high stands the
eagle,
'Midst the blue and the grey and the
green,

Silent, aloof, almost regal,
Its gaze over the vastness of scene .

Tho' the gold of the gorse may not
glisten,

Summer's taken the place of the Spring,
Yet there's joy in the air if you listen
For the birds have all started to sing'.

And it's proud that I am 'twas my father
Could make the bird's head out of stone,
And it's proud that I am 'twas his
delight
Could make up this jolly soon come!

Diana Coombes
29th July, 1958.



All of this does throw some doubt on the story collected by Paddy Keyes regarding the magician turning an eagle - that had picked up the man in the fields - to stone. To ease the disappointment of readers, it may be some comfort to note that the newspaper clipping also may have got it wrong suggesting that the eagle was crafted by 'Nature the sculpture'. I am grateful for all the comments and fascinating information from Dick Coombes, Diana Keyes Moloney, Michael Ryan and others.

If you know of anything of the Schools Folklore Collection programme in Dalkey or the last eagle in Dalkey feel free to drop me a line at ddodd@lawlibrary.ie

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Unfortunately there have been no developments in respect of our Judicial Review Hearing. For the last three months, on 14th January, 11th February and 10th March, the case was listed to come up ‘For mention’ in the High Court as part of the procedure for fixing a date for the full hearing. On each occasion An Bord Pleanála requested and was granted an adjournment until the following month. Now the Covid-19 Pandemic has meant that all non-urgent High Court cases, including Judicial Reviews, have been adjourned for the time being. We must await the end of the Corona Virus emergency before we get any further news.

Dublin Port Company video

You may have seen a video on the Save Bulloch Harbour Facebook page entitled “*Bullock Harbour*” prepared by the Dublin Port Company as part of their “*Dublin Port Memories*” series. You will enjoy this short four minute piece which was beautifully filmed and includes drone footage of the harbour, with commentary by Elizabeth Shotton, Assoc. Professor in UCD School of Architecture, and Lar Joye, Port Heritage Director. Both of them had given talks as part of our Bullock 200 Lecture series in Dalkey Heritage Centre and the Lexicon. Here is website for the video:

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Male robins often feed food to a female as part of courtship

Photo by Lucy Desierdo.

It might seem counter intuitive to write a diary during stressful times but expressing your thoughts and concerns back to yourself, on paper or screen, can be therapeutic and there's no need to hold back any opinions or feelings since you yourself are the only intended reader. But even noting the small everyday things around us can be rewarding. A lot of people have been getting comfort from nature during these

difficult times, certainly helped by some glorious weather. Bird song is so much easier heard without traffic or machinery noise and people might start to notice wild flowers or insects they hadn't previously been aware of. Even trying to identify these can spark further appreciation and growing knowledge and I'm sure nobody has ever regretted being able to correctly name something.

If you're interested in nature, keeping notes is always very worthwhile and creating records and subsequently finding them is so easy now when you can do it digitally. A quick word search on a computer can take just seconds though actually browsing through hand written tomes of your thoughts and memories from years past can be quite a revelation.

I have kept ordinary day to day diaries over the years, sometimes recording thoughts and significant occurrences although the most consistent records seem to have been of the weather and happy walks with a succession of dogs. In the diaries I'd often make a short note of nature records at the top of the page, maybe the first song heard that year of a resident bird or a first migrant seen that year.

The wind was shaking the tops of the eucalyptus trees on the 5th April when our first two swallows of this year appeared overhead, circled for a while then moved on. Although it was my partner Lucy who spotted them first, I'll take credit for telling her earlier to keep an eye out for them since there was a good possibility the strong southerly winds might carry in swallows and other migrants and already that morning we'd heard and then seen a Willow Warbler, also our first of the year, flitting around the pond at the end of the garden. A few days later I was up a ladder and had just cut through an oak tree branch which was creaking just as it was about to split away and fall when Lucy came up to tell me there was a sparrowhawk perched on the other side of the hedge. I couldn't stop the branch going and thought the noise would scare the hawk away but after it crashed to the ground the bird remained unperturbed.

It was a male, they're much smaller than the female sparrowhawk with reddish brown breast and grey back and this chap was perched on a branch right above a nyjer seed feeder,

maybe hoping his food would come to him rather than him having to hunt it. I'm always in two minds about sparrowhawks in the garden, it's great to see one, they're such a dramatic presence, while at the same time I'm always hoping they won't catch any of my visiting birds.

Or in this case, any of my resident birds since a pair of blue tits had been busy bringing nesting material to the nest box outside our kitchen. I decided I'd approach the sparrowhawk, maybe getting a few closer photos, before my presence would scare him off so I moved furtively up the garden and stood behind a bush. I couldn't get a clear photo from there so stepped out into the open.

The sparrowhawk glanced at me fairly disinterestedly and nonchalantly continued his business of staring fiercely, yawning, looking intently in every direction, left and right, above him, at the ground, twisting his head around almost 360 degrees, and scratching his face with long black tipped yellow talons.

I was standing out in the open now, just 15 feet away from him, while talking to Lucy in an even louder than normal voice. I joked to her that maybe I could go up to the bird and take a selfie with him and approached even closer until, maybe concerned I was about to breach sparrowhawk social distancing compliance, he flew off, but not far, only going a little bit up the garden. I later measured the closest distance I'd got to him and it was eight feet, (less than 2.5 metres). But that wasn't to be the closest I was to get to him.

The following morning I heard a high pitched continuously oscillating sound from the



The male Sparrowhawk that visited and wasn't in any hurry to leave Photo: Michael Ryan

garden, a sound that's described on the BirdWatch website as sounding like an 'odd mechanical reel reminiscent of a fishing line being paid out'. I'd heard the sound before and knew it was the call of a Grasshopper Warbler, a summer migrant, probably very recently arrived, possibly the previous night. Their name is often abbreviated to 'Gropper' by birding folk their Latin name being *Locustella Naevia*, locustella meaning little grasshopper referencing their call. They're notoriously difficult to see, usually only heard, and even then they're very difficult to locate as they turn their head around as they sing, throwing the sound around and creating a ventriloquist effect. They never stay around our garden for longer than a day, maybe taking a rest and feeding before moving to more suitable habitat such as rough farmland, the edge of bogs, elevated ground or at the edges of conifer plantations. They're widespread summer visitors but not common anywhere in the country.

I told Lucy there was one in the garden and asked her to



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bring out her phone to record it which she did. She played back the recording which made the bird approach nearer us, thinking its own song was a rival male and giving me my first ever half decent view of this species when Lucy spotted it deep within a tangle of branches low down in a forsythia bush. It began calling again and I was able to get some grainy photos of it.

It flew further down the garden into a cluster of dead branches on the ground and we were trying to spot him when suddenly a flash of grey shot past my face, inches away, before twisting right and darting away.

We just looked at each other, speechless and bemused. It was the sparrowhawk again, thankfully not catching our little visitor or any other bird. He'd flown in low around a bush then past us towards the feeders through a gap between me and a bush not wider than an outstretched arm.

That Grasshopper Warbler, wasn't the first one that had visited the garden, I'd heard them before in years past so I did a search of nature records on my computer and found I'd had one calling in the garden on 12th April 2014. I knew I'd had at least two singing in the garden prior to that so I looked back through hand written diaries from Aprils of earlier years.

Although it wasn't about a bird an entry from back in April 2004 caught my eye as it had an exclamation mark after which was to note my excitement at seeing five red squirrels together on Killiney Hill, almost certainly a family, on a silver birch near the path coming down from the obelisk.

The most red squirrels I'd ever seen together, a beautiful and charming sight but in retrospect very sad because it was the following year, 2005, that the first year grey squirrels arrived in the park on Killiney Hill and ultimately the reds would disappear completely, none having been

seen on the hill for approaching two years now. I can still remember my excitement at that sighting but without the diary wouldn't have had a clue when it happened.

But it was on the following day's entry I found a note of hearing the 'Groppler, not in the garden but in the slopes between the Vico and the Dart line when I was taking the dogs to the beach. That date was 9th April 2005 and now, fifteen years later, I'd had one in the garden on the exact same date, the 9th April.

Like the swallows and willow warbler these birds might have been carried in on a southerly wind then settled briefly in our garden on the sheltered side of the hill where, out of the strong breeze, there would be more insects to feed on.

But the fact I found quite extraordinary was that Grasshopper Warblers that fly from wintering grounds in Senegal crossing the Sahara and the Mediterranean have, on three different occasions over 16 years, arrived in Dalkey on almost the same day of the month. And if it wasn't for keeping notes, I'd never have known that!



*Grasshopper Warbler, a very elusive little bird that's arrived in the garden more than once
Photo: Michael Ryan*



Our Lady's Manor

The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 12th and the 26th 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.

YouTube Channel

To keep us connected over the next number of weeks, when we may not be able to get to church, a YouTube channel has been set up for St. Patrick's Church. You simply go to YouTube and search for St. Patrick's Church Dalkey, then click subscribe and you will get notified of all new content when it arrives. The idea is to try and keep us together as a church no matter where we are. As more content is created, you will find some services and reflections, which you will be able to enjoy in the comfort of your own home. Content will be added from the first week in April.

St Patrick's Annual Summer Fete

Unfortunately, the decision has been made to cancel the summer fete. A huge amount of planning goes into the Fete beforehand, and in the current circumstances it is simply not possible to proceed as normal. The financial penalty from cancelling is significant, but many organisations and individuals have to deal with new realities that could not have been foreseen, a year ago. The fun of the day will be missed too, but we will look forward to 2021.



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION



Dalkey Parish Office update for May 2020

May is the month of Mary, most blessed Mother of Jesus. We thank Our Lady who has been bringing support and relief to so many during this desperate time for our community as we try and cope with the effects of the Coronavirus. We have been praying the rosary in small numbers at Our Lady's Shrine in the church garden each day since the lockdown happened - for all our parishioners, community and country and we thank God for the many miracles and requests granted.

Believe in the power of prayer, it is real, it is powerful, it is tremendous.

Many people have been visiting Our Lady's Shrine each day to leave flowers and candles and to pray for her intercession with Jesus and to bring us healing and support. We look forward to the day when we can gather in greater numbers in community and in thanksgiving and healing when this time of isolation has passed.

To our parish the impact of Covid 19 has been profound and widespread and nowhere more so than on the cancellation of all of our church services, Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Adoration, Funeral services, Baptisms, Weddings, Confirmations, First Communions and also on our outreach and volunteer services – Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministry to those who are dying, sick people of the parish and those in local nursing homes.

We are so sad for those who have died and their families who are grieving in isolation, this is unbelievably difficult when we cannot hug or comfort our loved ones. We are praying each day for you and carrying you in our hearts.

We continue to pray and support where possible our friends in Mosney and Bray Direct Provision Centres whose living conditions have been made all the more difficult as a result of the crisis. We pray also for people who are vulnerable with disabilities or living on their own that they may know the comfort of the loving God and receive his special protection during this time.

The office has been dealing with enquiries and many tears, but also, so much love and offers of help and support. If you or any of your loved ones need help, please give us a call or email and we can connect you. Our Meals on Wheels team have adapted their working procedures to be able to continue to supply freshly cooked hot meals to those who need them which is been a godsend and an important lifeline in terms of social support. We thank them for their service and commitment to our community at this time. As Pope Francis said *'The tragedy we are experiencing summons us to take seriously the things that are serious, and not to be caught up in those that matter less; to rediscover that life is of no use if not used to serve others. For life is measured by love'*.

We ask everyone to continue to please respect the physical distancing regulations so that we can all do our bit to flatten the curve and prevent the further spread of the virus.

Coming together as a parish by staying apart. Coronavirus Prayer for Dalkey

Loving and healing God,

we, the people of Dalkey turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment.

We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection.

May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.
May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.
Comfort their family and friends.
Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick
and all who work in our medical facilities.
Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.
We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days
ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.
Bless them and keep them safe. Amen.

Caitriona in the Parish Office, www.dalkeyparish.ie, 01 2859418

And we thought that all was fine. And everything was fine. Perhaps we did not realise just how fine things were! A bustling happy place in Dalkey.

Starting with the early daily greetings along Castle Street, exchanging news and opinions with neighbours, on the weather, the economy and the nation as a whole.

A service in Saint Patrick's Church, Harbour Road, Eucharistic Adoration in Our Lady of the Assumption church - followed by a coffee and scone in Country Bake with the crossword or a quick cup of tea before an exciting game of bridge, practice at water colour painting or a flower arranging class in Our Lady's Hall. "*Is today the day I buy fish in Roberts' or is it Friday when I go to the Post Office?*"

Maybe the grandchildren will drop in after school today to say Hello - that is always such an enjoyable visit. (I must get the Beano or Dandy and a little chocolate bar for them as a treat and give them a big hug).

But - No - none of this is possible as it now turns out due to that dreaded virus whereby we are all in lockdown (whether the authorities prefer to use the word or not).

I am just thinking that perhaps we have taken so much for granted. Church services gone; no visitors; impossible personal contact, even little treats are gone!

What dreadful words have emerged: Isolation; distancing; non travel and infection. A frightening pandemic- really hard to believe. We are all missing families, holidays, personal contact and warmth.

However, let us remember that the human species, our personal spirit and our Irish perseverance will prevail.

Luckily we have modern technology to assist - from as basic as a telephone to smartphones to pads, screens, laptops and desktops. All of which can help us to communicate in various ways with young and old from near and far.

I am thinking if there is someone local I can call just to say 'hello' to. Can I arrange for a delivery to them - or indeed to myself - as the shops are doing that and so are the chemists.

Let us use our spare time to remember and appreciate our 'front-line' workers (in fact our only line workers) who continue to put their lives on the line for us. They and their families have all our respect, admiration and gratitude for all that they do. Just think of so many who have answered Ireland's Call to come back as cavalry from as far away as Australia to rally to their nation's needs.

In the meantime, for whatever length of time this may last, let us continue to remember all those who are not as lucky as we are. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

Let us look forward to better times - a new and caring future.

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From the Rector

I hope you are all keeping well, keeping home and staying sane. Living through ‘History as it Happens’ was never a great ambition of mine, having been here before, ‘up North’. But here we are. The strangest part of it is that there is no clear cut end to it, rather, [with a bit of luck] a long drawn tailing off which might go on for some time, and include a few bumps on the way. An odd sort of suspended animation simultaneously normal and peculiar.

This is a time in our lives when faith is of more clear cut use than when things are comfortable and ordinary and the same week in, week out. The background stress for most people stuck at home, alone or with small children is not insignificant. The subliminal fear which surfaces occasionally is present for all of us. Prayer, and actively seeking the presence of God in the small mundane things that go to make up our restricted environment is an antidote to all that. When and if things get bumpier, scarier, we have something to turn to, a hand outstretched to ours when, perhaps, no one else can be with us. We are not alone, not forgotten, not uncared for. If the services and sacraments of the Church are not available to us, then we must remember that everything else around us is a sacrament of God’s presence for us. Sunlight, new green leaves and clear air are signs and pointers for us. The walls, carpets and clutter of our own homes are as much markers of God’s being there as sunsets, mountains and oceans. We just need to look in a different way.



As an active part of faith, if you can help, do. Whether it’s fetching groceries, or a simple text or phonecall, it makes a difference, provides support and encourages. Root through your address book for people you haven’t spoken to in years, and text, email, write, phone. It all helps, it all goes to shorten the road for all of us.

Please remember all affected by this situation in your prayers. Make time each day, [... most of you have no excuse left in that department!] and make a list of people and countries and pray through it.

Go mbeannaí is go gcumhda í Dia sibh.

Easter Services – A Service of the Word for the forthcoming Sundays will be put up on the Parish Facebook page and website (holytrinitykilliney.wordpress.com/worship/). Also online are a slideshow and a video of our church garden, which is looking wonderful at the minute and a credit to all who planted it and mind it. Many thanks to Caroline and Nigel, and to Meriel for their work online.

Easter General Vestry – The Diocesan Office has advised that the holding of an Easter General Vestry be deferred until at least early May and an update will be issued taking account of circumstances at that time. In the meantime, all office holders remain in position.

Parish organisation events are of course cancelled due to Covid19 for the foreseeable future.

Bells of Hope – A few week ago Churches across Northern Ireland rang their bells at midday to acknowledge the efforts of healthcare workers on the frontline during the coronavirus crisis. The initiative also aims to give people a sense of hope in the weeks and months ahead.

The idea came from a woman in north Belfast, who spoke to local priest Fr. Gary Donegan. A member of a local Protestant church contacted one of his colleagues and raised the possibility of some kind of joint activity. Fr. Donegan posted messages on social media inviting churches of all traditions to join the initiative to give people a sense of hope, as well as say thanks to those battling to save lives. Churches across Belfast as well as in counties Derry, Down and Fermanagh quickly signed up. The sound of bells could be heard in the eerily quiet streets of Belfast and Derry city centres that day.

The plan is to ring the bells at 12pm every Friday until the coronavirus crisis ends. The priest said the initiative is particularly important at this time, as churches have ended public services including funerals because of the risk of the virus spreading. *“This is a very worrying time for everyone across all communities,”* he said. *“We wanted to do something to give people a sense of solidarity and a sense of hope. We also want to pay tribute to healthcare workers and others who are putting themselves at risk to help others at this time.”*

He hopes churches all over the island of Ireland will join in.

Having talked to Fr. Tom Dalzell, and to the other clergy in our own local cluster grouping, we’re going to ring the church bells in our parishes for a few minutes each Friday. This is to give people a sense of hope, and so that, together, we can spend a short time in quiet and contemplation, and to remember all affected in any way by the present situation.

Church Gardens

Our Parish website (holytrinitykilliney.wordpress.com/news-events/) has two videos made during April and featuring the beauty and serenity of our Church grounds. Much time has been devoted to the maintenance and improvement of the garden areas and we would encourage people to use these videos as a way to ‘virtually’ spend time and enjoy them.

Sheep Thrills held their last meeting on Thursday 12th March owing to the Covid19 restrictions. We have put everything on hold; particularly the pop-up sale which was due to take place on Saturday 28th March in aid of Blackrock Hospice Homecare Team. In the meanwhile the Group are knitting away making Twiddlemuffs for St. Vincent’s Hospital and Gillian and Maurethe have made lots of facemasks for a local Nursing Home. We also have a terrific WhatsApp group with all sorts of ideas materialising on the needles and jokes to keep us all in good spirits.

Flower Guild: Gillian and Caroline prepared two Easter arrangements of flowers, foliage and Easter eggs which were hung each side of the closed church door, so that passersby could enjoy them. A lovely thought, and thank you.



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.

WHIT 1897

On Saturday June 8th 1897 the band of the King's Own Borders gave the first concert of the season on the newly erected bandstand at Sorrento Gardens. However there was a very small attendance as the evening promised to be a showery one resulting in many people staying away in expectation that the concert would take not place.

PUBLICATIONS

'Dublin Historical Record – Autumn/Winter 2019', Editor Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú, published by the Old Dublin Society.

A self portrait of Sarah Cecilia Harrison, reproduced by kind permission of the Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin's first female City Councillor, is the front cover illustration for this issue as it relates to one of the articles in it.

Articles featured in this issue of the *Dublin Historical Record*, which has the wider world of Dublin's Industrial, business, economic, and social life as a common theme, include the following -

'*In Around the Town*' Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú reflects on various events that have taken place in the city including the presentation of the Lord Mayor's Certificate in Local studies to students who completed this course over 2018/2019, and the discovery of the walls of one of Dublin's most important eighteenth and the nineteenth century Catholic chapels in Townsend Street.

Margaret Smith in '*Samuel Clayton, Forger Freemason Freeman*' provides a biography of this former Dublin engraver who died in New South Wales, Australia, in 1853.

Brenda Ryan in '*The Monument Creamery Ltd (1918-1966): 100 Year's Anniversary*' provides a brief history of this unique Irish business which at its peak had 24 shops, 2 cafés, and 2 bakeries but ceased operation in the 1960's due to changes in retail patterns, a fate suffered by several well know Irish brand names.

Thomas A. Burke in his biography of '*Sarah Cecilia Harrison: Dublin's first female city councillor*', elected in 1912 reveals the attempts to unseat her on various technicalities and her outstanding work on the Housing Committee and Paving Committee. Failing to be re-elected in 1915 and in 1920, she devoted her remaining years until her death in 1941 to portrait painting and exhibiting.

Fergal McCabe in '*Down with Dublin! - Frank Gibney and the role of Dublin in the vision of the nation*' recalls the work of this architect who drew up many visionary plans for Dublin which were never implemented by Dublin Corporation, in which he argued for proper and orderly development of the city.

Public disorder in eighteenth century Dublin is recalled by Hugh O'Reilly in '*The Theatre Royal bottle riot of 1822 and the Orange Order in Dublin*', an event which brought the end of over a century of popular expressions of Orangeism in Dublin.

John Healy writing about his paternal grandfather Liam Devlin in '*Liam Devlin, BB Toffee and Gloucester Street Lower*' tells the story of his grandfather's remarkable life and businesses and the various candy products he produced.

Seán Donnelly in ‘An “odd” incident at the Yellow Lion Inn, Thomas Street, 1739’ provides an addendum to Audrey Mac Cready’s article ‘The Yellow Lion Inn - one building, 260 years of Irish history’ published in a 2015 issue of the Dublin Historical Record, by recalling a strange incident in the building.

Paul Huddle in ‘The Seaton Needlework Association: Dublin’s British military charity, 1854-2014’ reveals the long lasting and valuable work of this association and fund, one of many little know charities in Dublin.

‘Christmas 1918 in Kingstown & Dalkey’ is recalled by James Scannell who provides a picture of those in south Dublin celebrating the first Christmas following the signing of the 11th November 1918 Armistice.

Other items in this publication are Society News, Book Notices and Reviews, and Obituaries to Rev. Dudley Levistone Cooney, and Kurt Kullman. Copies of this journal can be obtained directly from the Old Dublin Society via www.olddublinsociety.ie or by email: olddublinsociety@gmail.com.

James Scannell



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Bealtaine (May)

May: *Probably named for Maja Majesta, the Roman Goddess of Spring.
Also dedicated to Ceres, the Goddess of Grain.*



Lily of the Valley

'Sweet April Showers Do Spring May flowers'

Thomas Tusser:
A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry,
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Oh! How Television (and Radio) has changed over the years

As a result of the Corona outbreak there has been a considerable rise in the number of people using the internet, from working at home, on-line shopping, watching Netflix and much more. Many internet providers have experienced problems with outages in some areas where there are simply too many people on line at the same time. Fortunately satellite and terrestrial TV do not suffer the same problem, and whether there is one person watching TV or 100 million it make no difference, as the quality of the picture is unaffected.

TV aside, I would like to wish everybody good health in these trying times.

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