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Happy Easter from Dalkey Community Council

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FILMING RETURNS TO DALKEY

With Covid restrictions closing most of the town, including Dalkey Castle, it created a great stir locally when the shooting of the film *As Luck Would Have It* arrived in town. It's a romantic comedy in Hallmark's Spring Fling series made for TV. Filming is allowed to continue under Level 5 restrictions and all protocols, quarantining and regular testing were followed to the letter.

Dalkey Town Hall's exterior was turned into Kilabbey Municipal Office. Internally, the Town Hall provided Green Room facilities and a waiting area. The banners across the street for the Matchmaking Festival the day before the shoot led to enquiries to Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Co Co!

The storyline of the TV film follows the fortunes of an American woman, Lindsey Johnson played by JoAnna Garcia Swisher who arrives in Ireland (where else) to find land to build a resort. She enters the local Kilabbey Matchmaking Festival to prove her bona fides.

She sets her cap on a handsome local played by Allen Leech. In an ironic twist, she couldn't have got more local, as in real life, Allen is originally from Killiney. As we go to print, he is about to appear on the Late Late show.

Allen Leech is most famous for playing the role of chauffeur, Tom Branson, in Julian Fellowes' hit period-drama *Downton Abbey* which ran for six seasons. He also appeared in the 2019 film version based on the series. Branson is the socialist, Irish republican sympathiser who falls in love with the ill-fated Lady Sybil and later becomes the estate manager and a well-admired member of the aristocratic Crawley family.

He also starred in Bohemian Rhapsody, a film about the British band Queen which was a huge box office success. Allen played flamboyant frontman Freddie Mercury's manager/lover Paul Prenter, a DJ, originally from Belfast.

Allen married Jessica Blair Herman, an actor and producer in 2019. They have one child and live in the US.

His co-star is American actor JoAnna Garcia Swisher. Her most recent role was Maddie Townsend in *Steel Magnolias*. She has appeared in scores of films and TV series and is an active campaigner in movements to improve children's lives and empower young women.

Much of As Luck Would Have It, directed by Clare Niederpruem, was shot in Kilruddery House. William Clegg's premises, the shoemaker's in Dalkey, became a jewellery shop for the day. The crew were based in Fitzpatrick Castle hotel.

The film is due to be screened on April 10th.

The excitement of the recent filming brought to mind the filming of Hugh Leonard's award-winning play *Da* in Dalkey in 1988. Locations in Dalkey are completely threaded throughout the film as the story was semi-autobiographical. Leonard-like Charlie Tynan returns to Dalkey for the funeral of his adoptive father. Charlie imagines that he converses with Da, who appears on stage, not as a ghost but as an apparently flesh-and-blood character. Even more radically, Charlie's younger self, played by a different actor, appears and the two versions of Charlie interact with each other, often with ill-concealed mutual contempt.

Fintan O'Toole of The Irish Times wrote "*Leonard manages all of this with immense technical skill, creating for his audience the dizzying sensation of past and present melting into each other. The poignancy comes from Charlie's insistence that he wants his Da to go away even while he persists in summoning him from the grave*".

The play Da, which premiered in Ireland at Dublin Theatre Festival in 1973, was a huge



Actors Allen Leech and JoAnna Garcia Swisher at Dalkey Town Hall.

Photo by John Fahy

popular and critical success, eventually winning the Tony, Drama Desk, New York Drama Critics' Circle, and Outer Critics' Circle awards for Best Play in 1978.

In the film of Da, the bandstand in Sorrento Park featured strongly as a location. Several local houses were used to represent parts of the house in Begnet's Villas where Jack (Jack Keyes, Hugh Leonard) and his family moved to from Anastasia Cottages. Actor Barnard Hughes won a Tony award for his portrayal of Da on stage and reprised the role in the film version with Martin Sheen.

The winning of the numerous international awards for the play put Dalkey on the Map. The foregrounding of Dalkey in the film means the filming of Da is remembered with great fondness in Dalkey.

We have to remember too, that there are several internationally acclaimed film directors in the area, among them Neil Jordan and Jim Sheridan. We look forward to Dalkey featuring again as a location in future films.

*Margaret Dunne
Manager Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre*



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All too often, people's first instinct is to go into the water. As a result, too many people drown trying to save others or their pets.

If you see somebody in danger of drowning at the coast, call 999 or 112 and ask for the coastguard straight away.

Look for something that floats and throw it out to them.

Help them stay calm and encourage them to float.

HELPING YOU TO STAY SAFE



AT THE BEACH

- Go to a lifeguarded beach and swim between the red and yellow flags.
- Before going into the sea, consider your ability and the conditions; swimming in the sea is very different to swimming in a pool.
- When you enter the water, take time to acclimatise to the temperature.
- Have someone watching you from the beach and make sure they are able to call for help.



NEAR OPEN WATER

- When you're near open water, keep away from the edge; stick to designated paths and look out for safety signs, and keep clear of uneven, unstable or slippery ground.
- Avoid walking alone or at night, and always carry a means of calling for help.
- If exploring the coastline, always get local advice on the tide to make sure you don't get cut off.



ON THE WATER

- Carry a means of calling for help in case you do end up in trouble.
- Wear the appropriate flotation device, such as a lifejacket or buoyancy aid, it could save your life.
- If you are going out alone, tell someone ashore about your plans and what time you expect to be back.

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EDWARD KING - Dalkey Doctor interned in April 1921



Doctor King with a patient



During the troubled years as Ireland moved towards independence, my grandfather, Edward King, a young medical doctor, lived in Dalkey at Derrynane Terrace and subsequently on Ulverton Road from where he practiced. According to newspaper reports at the time of his premature death in 1933, he was prominently identified with the Sinn Féin movement in the pre-Treaty days and was “Brigade Surgeon to the South Dublin I.R.A.”

On Saturday, 16th April 1921, members of the Black and Tans arrived at my grandparents’ home at 24, Ulverton Road and forcibly removed Dr. King as part of a wider internment exercise, transporting him initially to Portobello Barracks and then Arbour Hill Camp. His wife Kathleen, a resident of Dalkey since 1911, had just delivered their third child, my father Diarmuid (1921-2005), on 6th April.

Kathleen kept a hand-written record from 17th-20th April of the people who called and phoned in response to Edward (Ned)’s arrest. Apparently, even prominent Unionists campaigned for his release. We have a hand-written request dated 18th April 1921 from Keating & Keating, Solicitors to the Assistant Provost Marshall at Dublin Castle requesting “*permission for his brother Tom to be allowed to interview Dr. Edward King who is at present in the custody of the Crown Forces*”. The response, over-written by hand on 19th April, states “*An exception cannot be made in this case and the interview cannot be granted*”.

On Sunday, 17th April, Edward writes from Portobello saying “*Don’t worry dear - I’ll be home soon*”. On Tuesday, 19th April, he writes further from Arbour Hill, requesting “*a change of under-clothes, some socks - and a scissors*”. And some food - “*such as home-made bread, butter and a bit of cold boiled bacon, also a knife and fork (old variety)*”

Two weeks later, on Saturday, 30th April, Ned is still in Arbour Hill and writes that he is “*fed up in more senses than one*”, wondering “*if the blighters are ever going to release me*”. Rather humorously, he refers to “*the lily-livered family solicitor who can look for another job when I get home*” and asks whether anyone “*has paid me any fees?*”

He goes on to describe conditions by saying “*The jail population and their domestic pets seem to be in the same high fettle - it’s a free holiday for most of them. They are enjoying more rest and food than many of them ever saw before ... There is no illness in the camp*”

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Letters from Dr. Edward King

Portobello Barracks
Sunday 17th (April) 1921

My Dearest K.

I arrived here quite safely this morning and was treated quite well both on journey and here – though cannot understand why I am here.

I don't think you have anything to worry about, I'll probably be out in a day or so. Have thirty or forty of us housed in a long hut pro-tem and all these boys seem to be in excellent spirits.

Don't worry dear, I'll be home soon.

Best of love to the kids and self,

Your loving

Ned.

Arbour Hill Barracks

Tuesday 19th (April) 1921

My Dearest K.

I hope you got my letter and your mind is at rest. There is nothing new to tell you so far. I live the same monotonous round of existence daily. There are four hours exercise in the open daily – for the next of the 24 hours one has to sit in the cell and read or smoke or talk.

Could you send me a change of under-clothes, some socks and a scissors? I would also like some food – such as home-made bread, butter and a bit of cold boiled bacon, also a knife and fork (old variety). Have you heard from home? I wrote yesterday. Any news from O'Hanlons?

How are yourself and the babies? Are the little fellow's eyes alright? Before I forget it, please include some stamps and a writing pad (with pencil) in parcel. I know that you won't be able to get these things together yourself but Nurse or Mary would do it for you. How are they all?

I am told that I am here for either release, trial or internment- there is no further information. Well goodbye dear and don't worry – I hope to be home soon.

Love to all and self

(Husband) Ned

PS Please send detail paper on that Der P book I was reading. N

Arbour Hill Barracks

Saturday 30th (April) 1921

My Dearest Kathleen,

I got no letter from you yesterday although I got a parcel, thanks. They also sent me food from down south so you see I'm well fed. In fact, I'm "fed up" in more senses than one – I wonder are the blighters ever going to release me? That alleged family solicitor of ours can look for another job when I get home. He does not seem to have agitated himself very much. Other people were here only a day or so when their solicitor called to see them. Perhaps the gentlemen's liver is so lily-white that he trembles to make any move in the case of a well-known and seasoned ruffian like me!

Mother wrote to me yesterday. She seems in great form. Some of the old man's highly respectable tenantry – with many relations in "de Munsters" – want him to appeal to some General or other who lives down that way. I hope the old man has more sense – in fact I'm sure he has.

The jail population and their domestic pets seem to be in the same high fettle – it's a free holiday for most of them. They are enjoying more rest and food than many of them ever saw before. There is no illness in the camp.

How are the kiddies and self – not forgetting Nurse and Mary and Mollie. Tell them I was enquiring for them. Don't let Nurse go on back. Keep her another week in any case.

Did anyone pay me any fees due? I suppose they did not – I'm not respectable enough to be paid now. They'll do so when I get out, I'm thinking, if I have to sit on their doorsteps.

Well goodbye dear,

Best of love to self and kids

Your loving Ned.

PS Harry is at home. N

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Above: Dr. King at Michael Collins's graveside on 10th Anniversary of his death

Right: Marching behind Michael Collins at Arthur Griffiths funeral
12 August 1922



Edward was eventually released after many senior representatives of the medical and religious fraternities petitioned on his behalf. On the establishment of the Irish Free State, Dr. King was an active member of the Irish Army and served under General Michael Collins. Photographs and newsreels record him in full Army uniform, wearing the Red Cross amulet of a Medical Officer, marching on 12th August 1922 with Commander-in-Chief Collins at the funeral of President Arthur Griffiths. Ten days later, Michael Collins was assassinated at Béal na Bláth at the tender age of 31. (Ten years later, Dr. King was back in uniform, in the colour party sounding The Last Post at the graveside in Glasnevin Cemetery on the 10th anniversary of Collins death.)

On the establishment of the first Sinn Féin Government, Edward was the first Medical Officer appointed, and took responsibility for the Stillorgan area. He was also visiting surgeon to St. Michael's Hospital, Dún Laoghaire, Honorary Physician to the Sunshine Home, Stillorgan, and Honorary Secretary of the Co. Dublin Medical Association.

Edward sadly died early in August 1933, at the age of 40, having contracted typhoid, leaving Kathleen to raise their four sons. His original letters, both from prison and later during the War of Independence and Civil War, provide a fascinating glimpse of what was happening exactly 100 years ago both in Dalkey and in Dublin.

Ronan King (grandson)

❖ LETTER TO THE EDITOR - Hyde Road Playground ❖

Dear Editor,

I am sending you a copy of a letter sent to Local Councillors requesting their help in resolving a litter problem that is impacting negatively on a much used local amenity.

Colm Torris

Dear Councillors,

My wife and I feel obliged to inform you and to show you the state of Hyde Park and Playground in Dalkey.

My wife or myself bring our three children to Hyde Park / the Playground in Dalkey every day, often more than once.

We live just a 2min walk up the road in Hyde Park estate. However, over the last months the park and playground have fallen into a disgraceful state.

They are littered in the extreme every day with broken bottles, waste of all kinds including a lot of dog waste. It is important to note that from our own observations over the last weeks we have never seen it cleaned up.

We are especially concerned about the health risk to our children (especially our 1.5 year old). Especially given the sheer amount of dog waste in bags that is piling up all over the park... I'm not talking about one or two here I am talking about industrial scale dog waste. It's everywhere! In the playground, in the grass areas all over the footpaths. Why.... Well there are no bins and there is never a clean-up.

My wife who is a local GP (Dr Kamila Torris) estimates the risk that one of the small children who frequent this park becoming infected with *Toxocara canis* that causes blindness is very high.

The situation has been so bad over the last weeks that my wife has taken it upon herself to start doing a clean-up every other day.

The two major causes of this issue are –

The council removed 2 bins from the park over the last couple of years and one big belly bin from just outside the park. One has to assume that they were moved as they always filled up quickly and were very rarely emptied and thus were always in a state of overflow. To solve this problem the council removed the bins!

The park and playground areas are never cleaned up. Again, we go there every day and are happy to start collecting signatures from everyone who uses the park and playground – we are all witnesses to this travesty.

Please see a small selection of photos taken over a couple of days last week.

Please let us know what you plan to do about this situation. My wife and I would be more than happy to meet either of you in the park to take a short walk around and to discuss the situation.

Thank you,



Colm and Kamila Torris

I'd just looked out the kitchen window as a sparrowhawk flashed through a gap in the hedge wheeling around and on to a birdfeeder, legs held out braced in front of it, talons spread wide to catch his prey. To my relief and, I'm sure, his disappointment there wasn't any bird on the feeder but presumably it was an action that had worked successfully before, flying round a bend totally blind and hoping to catch something.

In the Irish Wildlife Trust magazine Gordon D'Arcy had voiced a concern that too much public interest and association with wildlife could be harmful to it.

One example he cited was people feeding birds in their garden as being possibly detrimental, since it might make the birds too dependent on one source of food and also make them susceptible to predators and indeed that's probably something that causes a dilemma for many people who feed birds. Are you helping them or making them vulnerable and dependent?

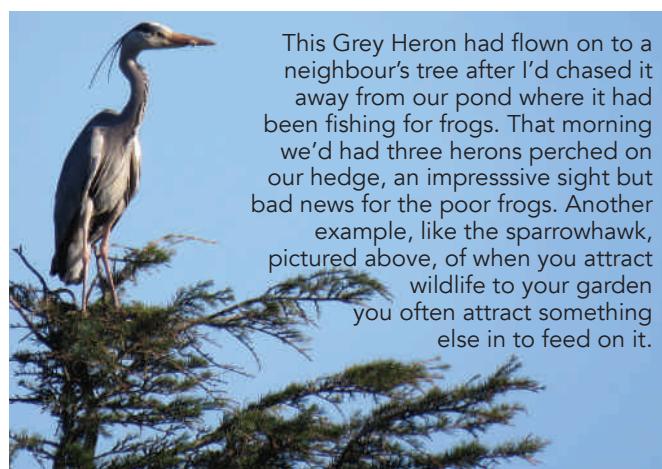


It's not scientifically proven but it's likely that the healthy increase in numbers of bullfinches and goldfinches nationwide corresponds with them beginning to come to garden bird feeders. Also, without doubt, the more birds you have in your garden the more eyes there are to spot predators early and warn each other.

We hate to see birds killed in front of us at our feeders but the sparrowhawks would catch a bird somewhere else if it wasn't in our gardens and they never kill any more birds then they can eat.

A scientist from the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, Dr Sahas Barvas, who specialises in studying birds at very high altitudes in the Himalayas was fascinated to observe a Goldcrest foraging for bugs at a temperature of -10C. He was 'blown away' that a bird, the same weight as a teaspoon of sugar, was 'zipping around catching bugs' while his fingers went numb as he tried to take notes and he resolved to study how its feathers kept it warm.

The Smithsonian, having one of the world's largest collections of bird species, enabled him to study the feathers of 2,000 individual birds and he noticed the feathers of birds living at higher elevations had more of a hidden downy portion underneath the external feathers and his studies also found that smaller birds which lose heat faster had proportionally



This Grey Heron had flown on to a neighbour's tree after I'd chased it away from our pond where it had been fishing for frogs. That morning we'd had three herons perched on our hedge, an impressive sight but bad news for the poor frogs. Another example, like the sparrowhawk, pictured above, of when you attract wildlife to your garden you often attract something else in to feed on it.

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longer feathers.

Our own Goldcrest, our smallest species of bird, is one of the last birds to forage before dark, its small size means it can't store much body fat so it has to feed constantly whenever it can. I used hear them calling from our conifer hedge as the evening light faded, the high pitched 'zit zit zit' call sounding like a sewing machine, but hearing them could soon be a thing of the past for me since age diminishes your hearing of sounds in the higher register.

But luckily for me my partner Lucy has spectacular hearing, as well as brilliant eyesight, and as we walked up towards the quarry she heard, then saw, a Goldcrest flying on to an ash tree. It was joined by another goldcrest, the first bird fluttered its wings rapidly and next second they were mating, an act which in birds happens in an instant. That was at the end of February, still very early for them to be nesting so the act was probably a form of bonding, hopefully leading to a happy relationship.

One of the reasons that almost every year I mention the Bibio Marci, a member of the Hawthorn Fly family, is because I'm hoping it might dissuade people from swatting them. With their jet black colour and disproportionately long legs, which dangle below them as they hover, almost floating often at face height, and with little inclination to move out of your way they can appear sinister, even slightly threatening. But the bibio marci fly is totally harmless, it doesn't bite or sting and is a very useful and effective early pollinator of fruit trees and crops. Commonly known as St. Mark's Fly since they appear around that saint's feast day of 25th April, the ones that hang in the air are males trying to

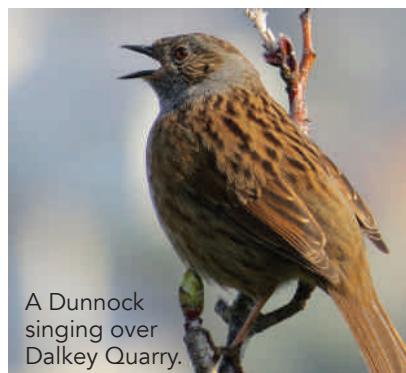


St Mark's Fly, Bibio Marci, perched on a broom plant. The males (inset above) hover in the air, often at human head height.

attract the much larger females. Their habit of hanging motionless in the air can be explained by the males having a fascinating adaptation of its eyes being divided by a groove and having separate connections to the brain. This allows the males to use the upper eye part to look out for females and the lower part to monitor their position in relation to the ground, allowing them to hover in the same position. They can often be seen in flocks at the end of April on the path above the Vico Road known locally as The Green Road

The Dunnock had began singing from the corner of our garden as far back as January. The song of the dunnock, though sometimes compared in unflattering terms to the noise of a squeaky supermarket trolley that needs oiling, is a very jolly little burst of notes. Generally very quiet and unobtrusive birds this individual bird was happy to throw his

head back and sing away as I'd pass a few meters away then one morning I noticed there was another dunnock singing simultaneously in a garden directly across the road. The two duelling dunnocks were having a 'sing-off', each proclaiming the border of his territory and letting any prospective partner know who was the better songster.



A Dunnock singing over Dalkey Quarry.

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MARINE PROTECTED AREA (MPA)

In autumn 2019, the department initiated a process aimed at expanding Ireland's network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the coming years. In general terms, MPAs can be considered to be geographically defined maritime areas that provide levels of protection to achieve conservation objectives.

MPAs can support economic activity associated with the sea; for example, by conserving areas of particular importance to marine ecosystems and ensuring that human activity is kept at a level that will sustain biological diversity, natural productivity, human health and well-being. MPAs can also help reduce the effects of climate change and ocean acidification by ensuring that marine ecosystems are healthy and resilient, and that the marine environment can act as a natural carbon storage system.

The first step in the current process was to convene an advisory group to provide independent expert advice and recommendations on the processes required and the challenges to be addressed in expanding Ireland's MPA network. This group, chaired by Professor Tasman Crowe, Director of UCD's Earth Institute, had its first meeting on 18 December 2019. It subsequently met on a monthly basis, including remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group worked intensively during this period in order to formulate and complete its final report. On 22 October 2020 (during EU Green Week 2020), the group submitted its report to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, and the Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan TD.

As an important part of its active research and deliberations, the advisory group gathered and facilitated the sharing of knowledge and perspectives on MPAs from more than 100 key societal, community, business and sectoral stakeholders. The process involved two consultative approaches: an online questionnaire and online focus groups.

Firstly, the group circulated an online questionnaire in August 2020. This provided respondents with an opportunity to share their views on MPAs, the future expansion of Ireland's MPA network, and the preferred approach to selecting, designating and managing MPAs in the short and longer term.

Secondly, a series of online focus group meetings took place in September 2020. These occurred in parallel with the online questionnaire process. Over 40 stakeholders, from various representative bodies, sectors, authorities and interest groups, participated in these focus group meetings.

The information gathered by the advisory group through both consultative approaches informed its considerations, analysis and final report.

The Ministers and the Department are now considering the final report of the MPA Advisory Group in detail. A copy of this substantial report is now available to download via the link: **[Expanding Ireland's Marine Protected Area Network](#)**

The public consultation process on the Advisory Group report began on Wednesday 17th February 2021 and will remain open until Friday 30th July 2021. It encourages all stakeholders and the wider public to get involved by sharing their views on the process by which Ireland's network of MPAs will be expanded.

Informed by these steps and the resulting information, the Department intends to begin developing legislation on the identification, designation and management of MPAs later in 2021. Check **[www.gov.ie/marineprotectedareas/](#)** regularly to find out the latest news on the ongoing MPA process. If you would like to be notified or reminded when the public consultation phase is closing, please send an email to: **marine.env@housing.gov.ie**

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It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden passing of our chess teacher Mr. Michael Crowe. Mr. Crowe was a valued member of the school community and contributed so much of his time and energy to the ever-popular chess club on Thursday afternoons. Mr. Crowe began teaching chess at Harold Boys' N.S. in the 1990s. During that time, he instilled an interest in chess among the club members by sharing his knowledge and love for the game. He led our chess teams to many great successes over the years, particularly the All-Ireland Online Chess School Championships, which were held in April 2020. The school team managed to finish in 3rd place in Section C of the *Comhair Linn Chess Challenge 2020*. Each player received a medal and was very proud of their achievement! Most people involved in chess in Ireland would have met Michael Crowe in at least one of his many roles – that of an arbiter, organiser, ICU officer, player or coach. He also used to edit the '*Irish Chess Journal*' for many years. Over the years, he introduced thousands of children to chess – through his work with the ESB Checkmate, Chess for All and his private teaching. Michael Crowe's influence on Irish chess was enormous and it will be felt for many years and he will be sorely missed.

Ar Dheis Dé go Raibh a Anam Dílis – May he Rest in Peace.

HBS

❖ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL COLLECTION ❖



IMPORTANT

We are still enduring challenging times but DCC has been continuing to work on behalf of the community. Representations and observations are being made to DLR. The council is always dealing with complaints or offering help with local issues.

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MY FAMILY AND THE DALKEY SCHOOL PROJECT

When my Mum (Anna) was 5, she moved to Ireland from England with her Mum (Pat) and her Dad (Dave) and her two sisters, Kathleen and Clare. Her parents had heard about the Dalkey School Project in the Manchester Guardian newspaper. At that time it was very unusual to have a school that accepted all and no religions in Ireland.

They got in touch with one of the founding families of the school, the Johnston's and they welcomed them like family. So they decided to go to this exciting new school.

Thirty two years later, Kathleen's son Harry joined the school, followed by 8 other siblings and cousins. I and my cousin David are the last of the O'Kelly family to be in the Dalkey School Project and we are going to be graduating from sixth class this year. All the family have enjoyed their time there, from fun Plays to Forest School and Sports Days to Apple

Pressing. We have so many fun and happy memories of this school that we will talk about for many years to come. Thank you to all the parents, Teachers and SNA's that helped make this school happen.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 6-9 2021 8/2/2021 to 5/3/2021

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.

Applicant Name & Location: The Board of Management of Loreto Abbey Secondary School, Loreto Avenue, off Harbour Road, Dalkey. A96 YC81 Loreto Abbey is a Protected Structure (RPS 1445)

Proposal: Permission for development. Permission is sought for the upgrade of existing recreational area to provide a synthetically surfaced practice hockey pitch c.2,500m²; adjoining four lane athletics track (c.220m²) above a modified granular sub-base; a 1.8m perimeter fence spanning approximately 330m; 6 no. proposed floodlight columns at 12m in height, with upgrades to existing floodlighting components; and all associated site and engineering works to facilitate the Proposed Development. The proposed development is adjacent to but outside of the curtilage of Loreto Abbey. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) accompanies this application.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0050 Application Rec'd Date: 12-Feb-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Karolina Lynch, 4 Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for amendments to previously granted application no. D20B/0300, which will consist of two no. new dormer windows, one to the front, one to the rear of existing roof, and 3 no. of Velux type of windows, two to the front, one to the side of existing roof.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0854 Application Rec'd Date: 20-Nov-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Mark and Sarah Fitzpatrick, 12, Old Quarry, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is being sought for the relocation of vehicular entrance and driveway, new front boundary wall, alteration of north elevation, change of roof finishes, single storey extensions to the front, rear and sides and the addition of a 1st floor to existing single storey house and the lowering of ground levels and all ancillary site services.

Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds): 25-Feb-2021

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0149 Application Rec'd Date: 23-Feb-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Ms. Sandra Meany, 10, Leslie Ave, (Ivy Cottage), Dalkey (A96A7D1)

Proposal: Permission sought for a new vehicular access and all associated site works to front of existing dwelling house.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0074 Application Rec'd Date: 24-Feb-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Kate Goodison & Brian Rainsford, Sala Tiga, Meany Avenue, Dalkey. A96WD83

Proposal: Permission for development at this site. The works will comprise the demolition of a single storey extension of 4 sq.m to the rear, and the construction of single-storey extensions to the front, side and rear totalling 31 sq.m and a first-floor extension of 50 sq.m along with other modifications and improvements to the retained structures, the construction of a garden shed, and general site works.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0079 Application Rec'd Date: 26-Feb-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Stephanie MacNulty, Roan Carraig, Harbour Road, Dalkey. A96 TR63

Proposal: Permission is sought for [1] the construction of a single-storey extension to the

western side and rear of the house with flat roof, parapets and rooflights; with new steps and landing to the side; [2] the extension of the existing dormer window section in the front elevation to the western gable; [3] the connection of the two existing dormer window section in the rear elevation and the extension of this connected dormer window section the western gable; [4] the replacement of all windows; and [5] the rendering of existing pebbledash areas with smooth render to match the finish of the proposed extension works; with all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0180

Application Rec'd Date: 4-Mar-2021

Applicant Name & Location: William & Niamh Robb, Fairlawn House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey. RPS No: 1535.

Proposal: Retention permission for development. The development consists of Retention permission for: (i) the construction of a 34 sqm partially concealed storage shed to the west if the existing dwelling. (ii) the erection of a perimeter timber privacy screen to the inside of the west and south-west boundaries. (iii) All associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0184

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Mar-2021

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

Proposal: Permission for alterations to the apartment block which formed part of the granted planning permission, Ref. No: D19A/0561. Alterations include the introduction of a new high-level window at second floor level, on the west elevation of unit 11.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0188

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Mar-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Brendan Seaver, Odessa, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for minor alterations to previously approved development, planning application reference number: D20A/0703 to comprise: - increase of basement/lower ground floor area and associated internal modifications including the addition of a new window in the North-west gable - reduction of the front terrace area at garden level to form a new office nook, amendments to fenestration and relocation of the void from the front to rear and associated internal changes - bathroom window in the South-East gable at the upper-level, to be enlarged and screened with louvers to proposed double height dining area, and minor elevational changes at this level to include relocation of external louvers to new wardrobe area - relocation of roof light to main roof from first floor roof.

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 6-9 8/2/2021 to 5/3/2021

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0932 Decision: Grant Permission **Date:** 10-Feb-2021

Applicant Name & Location: James Kearney, 4, Hyde Park, Glenageary. A96K7X9

Proposal: Permission is sought for extension and alteration works to the existing granny flat attached to the main house, comprising a flat roof single storey rear extension with roof lights, re-proportioning of the window to the front elevation and all associated removal and ancillary site works

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0933 Decision: Grant Permission **Date:** 12-Feb-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Rebecca & Alan Maughan, Clooceeda, 35b, Castle Park, Dalkey. A96DK49.

Proposal: Permission for development at this site. The development will consist of amendments and modifications to the permission given for a 2 storey pitched roof extension comprising open plan kitchen/sitting room with 2 reconfigured bedrooms over. Replacement hipped roof with raised ridge & rooflights over upper first floor. Modifications to fenestration. 20 sqm solar panels to south. Some internal modifications. Vehicular gate widened to 3.5m and set back by 1.7m under reg ref D18A/1120. Amendments to include: a reduction in the overall height and size of the proposed 2 storey

extension, metal cladding to roof. Retention of the majority of the existing roof over upper first floor, no solar panels- not setting back vehicular gate, only widening to 3.5m. Some modifications to fenestration. Including all associated demolitions, drainage and landscaping at this detached 2 storey house

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0935 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 12-Feb-2021

Applic. Name & Location: Andrea O'Donovan, Khyber Pass, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission to demolish the existing house and erect a terrace of three no four storey houses (one with four bedrooms, one with three numbers and one with two bedrooms) plus one roof garden over the house at the North-West end, together with associated site works, including provision of six car parking spaces.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0978 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 19-Feb-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Christophe Passuello, Altamont, Knock-Na-cree Road, Dalkey. A96 YP60

Proposal: Permission for external fins to courtyard of previously proposed two-storey dwelling (as outlined in planning Reference nos. D19A/0692 and D20A/0718) which has frontage onto Ardburgh Road.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0984 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 19-Feb-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Nicole Treacy, Shanter, 23, Saval Park Road, Dalkey. A96FD23

Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of demolition of existing sunroom and partial demolition of existing single storey extension to the back and their replacement with a single storey pitched roof extension with rooflight(s), widening the vehicular access to the front driveway, associated minor alterations and ancillary site work

Reg. Ref.: D20B/0433 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 19-Feb-2021

Applic. Name & Location: Angela Bailey, Kilmore, Killiney Road, Killiney. A96W183.

Proposal Retention permission for development of a single storey extension to the south side of existing two storey dwelling to accommodate an accessible ground floor WC and shower room, with flat roof and surrounding parapet and all associated site works

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D20B/0437 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 19-Feb-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Hannah & Richard Chapman, Hamara, Castle Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for changes to previously granted planning permission ref. No. D19B/0390, including new window detail to front elevation balcony, new external finishes and revisions to single storey extension to west elevation, internal alterations and associated site works.

Date: 24-Feb-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Anne Cleary, Capri, Sorrento Road, Dalkey. A96 V560

Proposal: Permission for development consisting of replacement verandah to the front elevation of existing house to include new entrance porch, extended verandah to front of existing study with new terraced doors to existing window opening, new folding doors to semi enclosed area external to existing living room. Provision of new lean to single storey storage room to existing north west gable with double doors front and rear.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 6-9 8/2/2021 to 5/3/2021

Reg Ref: D20B/0370 **Reg. Date:** 16-Nov-2020

Location: Woodmere, 2, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Glenageary. A96A2H3

Development: Permission for works to an existing house. The development will consist of the renovation and alteration of the existing house, including part demolition and the

addition of a new single storey extension to the side and rear, increasing the overall floor area from 201 sqm to 222 sqm. Permission is also sought for all associated site development works

Council Decision: Grant Permission **Appeal Lodged:** 9-Feb-2021

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

Appeals Decision by An Bord Pleanála For Wks. 6-9 1/2/2021 to 26/2/2021

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0293 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 24-Feb-2021 **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission

Location: Station House, Sorrento Drive, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for change of use from office to a new 2 bed residence consisting of a new light weight first floor structure on top of existing ground floor plan with new balcony to west side, roof lights to front and rear roof and zinc cladding to front, side walls and roof. Ground floor converted into two bedrooms with ancillary accommodation. New front window. Basement to be a games room with ancillary accommodation. Back wall to be altered to provide enlarged roof light to basement. Existing front courtyard to be used as a car port. **Applicant:** Rachel Keane.

❖ DLR COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028 ❖

dlr is midway through the preparation of the new County Development Plan. When adopted, this new Plan will set out the overall strategy to ensure that development in the county over the 6 year period from 2022-2028 takes place in a coherent, inclusive and sustainable manner.

Written submissions or observations to the Draft plan are invited from members of the public and other interested parties, including children or groups or associations representing the interests of children.

The Plan can be viewed online in the Virtual Room at dlrcoco.ie/draftcdp2022-2028 or in the Ferry Terminal, Dun Laoghaire, Monday to Friday, 11am – 3pm by appointment only.

Please email devplan@dlrcoco.ie or phone 01-2713150 to make an appointment to view the Draft Plan.

Submissions/observations may be made on the Draft Plan by Friday 16th April 2021 inclusive.

A written submission can be made online at www.dlrcoco.ie/draftcdp2022-2028 or in writing to the following:

**Senior Executive Officer,
Planning Dept.,
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council,
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COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028

LITTER SCOURGE HIGHLIGHTED BY LOCKDOWN VOLUNTEERS



Michael, aged eighteen month, surrounded by litter at Cuala in Hyde Park

those few minutes, 41 pieces of litter were counted! In addition to this, Castle Street had discarded Covid masks, take-out-food containers, tissues and cans. Dillon's Park was littered with the remains of party-goers, cans, bottles and broken glass. The SuperValu car park was again strewn with cardboard, plastic straps and wrappers. Archbold's Castle benches had discarded beer cans from the night before. Cuala was also a mess. Thankfully, some members of the public cleared as much as they could and DLRCC swept the kerbs. Wait a few days, and it will be the same again.

How will we ever solve this ongoing litter scourge in our unique Heritage Town? Who in this day and age still just drops their rubbish on the street? Unfortunately, the days are long gone when a dedicated Council employee walked the streets with a litter barrow. With our small population of 8,083 souls, there must be some way to stop this. Our Dalkey Tidy Towns team is too small to cope with this but if say 10% of our population decided to take on this simple task, those 800 people could make the problem disappear by example. Pick it up, put it in the nearest bin or bring it home. To launch an all-out effort involving us all, do please join us for a full Dalkey clean-up, all ages are welcome:



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Dear Newsletter Team,

We would like to thank you for encouraging people to learn more about our plans to develop the Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm in the waters at the Kish and Bray banks. Your December newsletter featured climate change very prominently and we are hopeful that Dublin Array will help Ireland make the transition to a cleaner, more sustainable society. The Dublin Array project, for readers who may be unaware, is a proposed offshore wind farm. The project could potentially generate up to 900 MW of green energy. That would be enough renewable energy to power about 840,000 homes. Projects such as Dublin Array are vital if we are to address climate change and protect our environment.

The project will be comprised of between 45 and 61 turbines. These turbines will have a maximum tower height of 135 metres and a maximum tip height of 310 metres. They will be located approximately 10km offshore. It is envisaged that 700 people might be employed during the construction phase and 50 - 100 during the operational phase. Under the expected terms of the government funded Renewable Energy Support Scheme, local communities could benefit from a substantial community benefit fund. More details of this will be announced by Government in the coming months. At present, environmental assessments are being carried out in relation to the project. Once these are complete, they along with the feedback from consultations will inform the final project design. A planning application, including an Environmental Impact Assessment Report, is hoped to be submitted later in the year. Your December newsletter carried an article by Coastal Concern Alliance. They made a number of assertions which we believe to be incorrect: the Author claims that the project will have major environmental impacts, but does not give any indication of what these impacts are, or indeed what the basis of this claim is. They seem to link this to the statement that our project will be 'situated on vulnerable sandbank habitats, vitally important for marine wildlife, including birds and cetaceans'. The intention here appears to be to suggest that Dublin Array will have a major environmental impact on these, but again it does not provide detail or evidence. Independent environmental studies are currently being carried out on the site and these will give a clear indication of potential impact. Ultimately, the environmental impacts of the project will be assessed by the consenting authority (An Bord Pleanála), and this assessment will be based on factual information and evidence. The author indicates that Ireland is out of step with other EU countries in terms of distance from shore. In many European territories there is no national law in relation to location of turbines. Distance from shore is often decided by the seabed conditions and water depths off the coast. In relation to the planning process, while we agree that the previous Marine Planning regime was not designed for the development of industries such as offshore wind as it is now envisaged, all developers will now have to make applications through a new planning process. This process, which is currently going through the Oireachtas, is based on best practice from systems across the world. It is hoped this process will guarantee greater scrutiny and greater opportunity for engagement. Dublin Array, like every other project, will not go ahead without achieving planning consent. The Dublin Array project is committed to engaging and developed a project specific information and engagement platform for the Dublin Array Autumn 2020 consultation which included information boards, FAQs, an EIA Scoping Report, poll, contact information and feedback form. All the information presented in the Autumn 2020 consultation is now available on our project website www.dublinarray.com, which is regularly updated and will include details of our future consultation events when these are available. We also have a full time Community Liaison Officer who can be contacted by

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phone or email and is happy to meet with any members of the community at any time. Finally, an important point was made that we should protect the coastline for future generations. We could not agree more. Climate change poses a significant and immediate threat to our coastline and to our coastal communities. Ireland has been a laggard in terms of addressing our environmental obligations. If anyone has any questions about the project proposal we would encourage them to contact us at dublinarray@rwe.com or by phone at 019020317.

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DCC contacted Coastal Concern Alliance who stated that they stood over the accuracy of all the information in their article in the December newsletter. More detailed information with supporting scientific evidence is available from info@coastalconcern.ie and their website www.coastalconcern.ie

IARNRÓD ÉIREANN - – THE BIG LIFT

The Big Lift Means Big Improvements

At Iarnród Éireann we are investing in our stations with The Big Lift upgrade. Over the next year we're making some big changes by replacing and upgrading our lifts. A further 22 stations will see lift facilities renewed or upgraded in 2021 as part of a €5.8 million investment.

The Big Lift means big improvements for people with mobility issues. There may be some disruptions now, but this work will provide extra reliable station access for everyone in the future.

The upgrade of lifts in train stations is a key step towards making public transport accessible for all. Lifts which are out of service can significantly impact the ability of persons with reduced mobility to access services.

The 2021 programme will comprise an investment of €5.8 million, funded by the National Transport Authority, which includes the boost in Budget 2021 of an additional €2 million allocation from the Department of Transport allowing for acceleration of the programme.

2021 highlights:

Replacement or renewal of lifts at 22 stations

New Changing Places facility at Connolly Station – first in Dublin 1 postcode

Planning permission sought for new lifts at Dalkey and Gormanston

Lift Call system to combat vandalism to lifts extended to 15 more stations

New lift facilities at Dalkey and Gormanston

Plans for brand new lift facilities will also be developed in 2021 at both Dalkey and Gormanston Stations, ensuring that both stations are equipped to the most up to date standards for persons of reduced mobility. Design and planning works are underway, and it is planned to undertake works in 2022, subject to planning permission.

Well done to Blathnáid MacGinty and Alan Winter who put a lot of effort into this campaign over the past few years.



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Ingrown nails – An ingrown toenail happens when the side of the nail grows into tissue around it. The nail can pierce the skin causing it to become red, swollen, and tender. The other symptoms are pain if pressure is placed on the toe, pus coming from the affected areas and inflammation of skin at the end of the toe. Ingrown toenails can be caused by badly cut toenails, wearing tight fitting shoes or socks, sweaty feet, injury, or the natural shape of the toenail.

Treatment – It is important to look after and treat an ingrown toenail to avoid it becoming infected. Ingrown toenails are treated by keeping feet clean with regular washing in soap and water, cutting nails straight across to stop them digging into the skin and pushing the skin gently away from the nail using a cotton bud. Surgery may be required if it does not improve. A podiatrist is the best person to help with any foot issues.

Fungal Nail infections –

Fungal nail infections generally start at the side of the nails but can spread to the middle and cause the nail to become discoloured and lift off. The pharmacist can recommend a treatment for you that is topically applied to the nail daily/weekly but it requires use for up to 9-12 months until the infected tissue has completely grown out and replaced with clear nail tissue.

For any of the above issues, any one with diabetes should always be checked by a doctor/podiatrist as any foot problems can become serious if left untreated.

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INTERNET SAFETY WEEK

We recently attended a zoom webinar by Zeeko on the topic of internet safety. It was very interesting and informative.

Here are some of the main points of the webinar:
The internet is great for keeping in touch with your family and friends.

Every time you go online you leave a footprint.

Always have your profile picture as an avatar.

When you say yes to terms and conditions, the app that you said yes to owns your information and they can use it. They can edit it and lastly, they can share it with other companies.

Never upload a picture of someone without their permission because if it's a picture of them that they do not like, that can be cyberbullying.

When people are having an online argument, a good thing to do is to change the subject.

It is always good to have a chat buddy. This way if you ever need to talk about an incident that happened on the internet, they will always be very supportive and might be able to fix the problem.

Make sure that whenever you get a friend request, to always check that you know them first. Make sure to always have a private account on any app that you might use.

Thanks to Clodagh Cecil for a great presentation!

By Francesca Lee (Ms. Boyle's 5th class)



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❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES APRIL 2021 ❖

Due to current Government restrictions on public meetings, indoor gatherings and non-essential travel as a public health measure to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the following events are being held online or via Zoom - donation/charge may apply.

Thursday 1st at 8pm: Seamus Cannon will present '*Ulysses at 100 - The Characters in Dean's Grange Cemetery*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society on Zoom - members only.

Wednesday 7th at 8pm: Claire Walsh will reveal '*Excavations at Newmarket and Millstreet*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society on Zoom - details from www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie.

Tuesday 13th at 8pm: Joe Glynn will give a short talk on '*Irish Teachers in Africa - a personal experience*' to the Foxrock Local History Club on Zoom - details from info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie.

Wednesday 14th at 7.30pm: James Scannell will recall '*Dublin Fire Fighters and the Easter 1941 Belfast Blitz*' to the Old Dublin Society on Zoom - members only.

Friday 16th at 8pm: Dr. Sylvie Kleinman will present a talk on '*Madeleine Ffrench-Mullen, witness to revolution: new perspectives on the city in 1916*' to the Military History Society of Ireland on Zoom - details from admin@mhs.ie.

Tuesday 20th at 8pm: Éanna De Búrca will give his talk on '*Mutinies*' to the Foxrock Local History Club on Zoom - details from info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie.

Wednesday 28th at 7.30pm: Padraig Laffan will recall '*The Dublin North Strand Bombing, May 31st 1941*' to the Old Dublin Society on Zoom - members only.

Thursday 29th at 7pm: Patrick Salmon will present '*A History of Milltown, Dublin*' to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society on Zoom - members only.

Friday 30th at 1pm: Professor Paula Murphy will present her lecture '*Public Sculpture in Dublin: The Sculptors*' online - register via sculpturedublin.ie.

EASTER 1917

Easter Sunday fell on April 8th 1917 but due to the ongoing coal shortage rail travellers were informed that excursion trains would not be operated by Irish railway companies over the Easter holiday but auxiliary passenger trains would operate on Easter Monday to the Fairyhouse race meeting. By all accounts it was extremely quiet Easter in Kingstown, Dalkey and Killiney with those with allotments availing of the good weather to tend to their crops - golf courses throughout the area were also recorded as busy.

PUBLICATIONS

A Bloody Summer: '*The Irish at the Battle of Britain*' by Dan Harvey, published by Merrion Press, Paperback: 112 pages, ISBN 978 1 78537 325 1.

The Battle of Britain from July 10th 1940 to October 31st 1940 was one the greatest air battles in warfare history and one in which air power came of age and was an early turning point in the Second World War. Occupying most of Europe by June 1940 the Germans then prepared to invade Britain but had to cross the English Channel with air supremacy being the key component for a successful crossing.

Sitting in the cockpits of the RAF Spitfires engaging German fighters and the Hurricanes engaging German bombers, were a great number of Irishmen, from the North and the South whose contribution to the Allies victory in the Battle of Britain is now told for the first time. This book is divided into a number of very concise and precise chapters which cover British and German tactics, the aircraft in service with both air forces and the phases of the air battle. The Battle of Britain was divided into five phases –

Phase One from June 26th to July 16th of scattered limited Luftwaffe day and night attacks on British shipping and towns;

Phase Two from July 17th to August 12th with larger and more frequent attacks against

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shipping in the English Channel, on ports along the east and south coast, RAF facilities and towns with aircraft factories;

Phase Three from August 13th to September 6th with large daylight attacks against RAF airfields in south-east England;

The Fourth phase commenced on September 7th with a major Luftwaffe air raid on London Docks which continued for several days with the '*Greatest Day*' taking place on September 15th when the Luftwaffe mounted a massive 'all or nothing attack' to destroy the RAF but failed by the end of that day. Luftwaffe air raids on Britain in the meantime continued with fighter-bombers being used for daytime raids and bombers for night ones while;

The Fifth and final phase from October 3rd to October 31st saw small scale daylight attacks and larger scale night time attacks carried out mainly against London.

Many will be aware of Wing Commander Brendan 'Paddy' Finucane, the '*Ace with the Shamrock*' but this book looks at all the other Irishmen who flew in this conflict - who they were, where they came from, what they did and what happened to them afterwards.

Appendices provide a Chronology of the Battle, List of Accredited Battle of Britain Squadrons, Location of RAF Fighter Command, 31st July 1940, R/T Codes, Glossary of Terms, Bibliography and Index.

Britain at War Magazine - March 2021 issue

A special 7-page article in this issue to mark the end of the War of Independence (1919-1921) is '*Go All Out or Get Out*' by Irish historian and author John Dorney who provides an overview of the conflict. Copies can be ordered from newsagents or via contact@britainatwar.com.

History Ireland magazine March/April 2021

Articles featured in this issue include '*Understanding our own Ignorance*', '*St. Patrick in Italy*', '*The Battle of Culloden - The Irish Connection*', '*Plus Ça Change? - Epidemic Disease and Social Reaction*', '*Dr. Richard Blennerhassett and the Wends of Texas*', '*The Ulster Volunteer Force in Police Uniform - The Creation of the Ulster Special Constabulary*', '*Limerick City Night Watch - The Case of Night Watch Constable John O'Brien*', '*The Singing Cowboy* [Gene Autrey] in Ireland', '*The Coin That Never Was*', '*Post-Independence Perspectives on 'Irishness' and Identity*', plus the regular features 'From the Editor', 'History in the News', 'On this Day', 'Bite-Sized History', 'Letters', 'Gems of Architecture', 'Kindred Lines', 'Artefacts', 'Seen on TV', 'Museum Eye', 'Bookworm', 'The Big Book', 'Book Reviews' and '100 Years Ago'. Copies of this excellent publication are available from newsagents and shops or can be ordered directly from www.historyireland.com.

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❖ NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ❖

Sunday Services for April: Each Sunday – 10.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 13th and the 27th 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: Spring and optimism are definitely in the air at Craft Group, and the sap is rising. The knitting of fingerless gloves and mug-warmers is starting to give way to the making of plans. One definite project is a time capsule of "The Plague Year". What will go into it (apart from a surgical mask and a recipe for banana bread) is still open to lively discussion, and so is the date for its unsealing. Should it be after 100 years, or perhaps 60 or 70 years from now, when some of those who are now children in the parish may be around to open it and reminisce?

This month we enjoyed a Zoom visit from veteran rug-maker Diana Ashmore, who showed us inspiring examples of her work and invited those who'd like to try their hand with yarn and hook to an al fresco workshop (and fundraiser for St. Patrick's) in her garden, come summer. Remember summer? Craft Group has always been about much more than crafts. It's also about fellowship. We meet on Tuesdays, from 3.30 to 5pm. Tea and cake are currently on a BYO basis, and handicrafts are strictly optional. If you'd like to join us, even for ten minutes, the parish office will be happy to supply you with the contact information.

Book Club: Our Book Club will meet on Zoom on Friday 30th April at 8.00pm. Our chosen book for March was 'Milkman' by Anna Burns. If you are new and would like to join the Book Club you would be very welcome to do so; simply email the Parish Office and details will be sent to you nearer the time of the meeting.

Centering Prayer: We meet for Centering Prayer on Monday evenings at 7pm through Zoom. We take a few minutes to greet one another and then we have a twenty minute 'sit' in silent prayer. There is very much a sense of being together although we are all far apart. There is a consolation in the shared silence. Anyone who would like to share in the time of silent prayer is welcome. There is nothing to it! Contact the Parish Office and we will send you the link.

Matthew Breen Appointed to Liverpool Cathedral

Matthew Breen, our organist, has recently been appointed as Organ Scholar at Liverpool Cathedral. He will assume his new position in September. Since January 2016 Matthew has graced the organ bench in St. Patrick's and he has brought such wonderful joy and happiness to the church community through his organ playing. He will be sadly missed by all involved with St. Patrick's. Commenting on the news of Matthew's appointment, Rev. Bruce Hayes was both "*deeply saddened for St. Patrick's, but also overjoyed for Matthew*", stating "*I always knew his talent was such that one day he would be moving on from his position here in Dalkey; that we managed to hold on to him for so long was a real blessing. All of us will wish him well and will follow his career with interest.*" Matthew paid tribute to his time at St Patrick's, saying "*I have been very lucky to have had such a good spiritual home in St. Patrick's for so long and to serve in St Patrick's was a real privilege. When I started as choir director in 2016 I was still in school, so I have been really learning on the job and am very grateful to the choir for them putting up with me!*" The Very Reverend Dr. Sue Jones, Dean of Liverpool, said of the appointment "*We were very fortunate this year to have a large number of excellent applications for our Organ Scholarship positions and the standards were really very high. We are delighted; therefore, that Matthew is joining us as our Senior Organ Scholar*". The organ in Liverpool comprises of 10,268 pipes and 200 stops contained in nine divisions. When it was completed in 1926 it was the largest musical instrument ever conceived, and it continues to be the largest pipe organ in the United Kingdom.

Website Relaunch: The parish website (www.stpatricksdalkey.com) has recently been given an overhaul. The last version was created around six years ago and was beginning to show its age. The new version looks brighter and seems to be easier to navigate. Please visit it and let us know what you think!



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Sunday Worship Service 10.45 am **Thursday Holy Communion Service** 10.30 am
All services are currently online – see link to Videostream below.

The Obelisk – Our latest edition was circulated prior to Holy Week. Please note our initiative regarding the Alternative Fête! More below.

Easter General Vestry – Our Easter General Vestry meeting will take place on Zoom on Sunday 11th April at 12 noon. Full details have been circulated with the Obelisk.

Videostream of Sunday Church Service – The Videostream of the live Sunday Church Service at 10.45 and Thursday at 10.30am can be accessed via the link on the website (<https://holytrinitykilliney.com/>) or through our Facebook page.

Sunday Club – We hope the members of the Sunday Club enjoy their chocolate egg and the booklet telling the Easter Story as well as the link to an audio version. Along with this a small donation went to the Hope Foundation, a charity working with the street children in Calcutta, India.

The Carry Centre – The Blossom Crèche started up again on the 8th March and it is nice to see the Carry Centre being used once more. We are hopeful that Table Tennis will recommence in September provided we all have been vaccinated!!

Sheep Thrills

We continue meeting on Zoom every two weeks with very innovative ideas from our members. We have lots of knitted squares being made into knee throws, most with a garden theme. Also being knit are twiddlemuffs, novelty hats, cushions and teddies.

Contact Joan 0872460078.

Alternative Fête – It is now clear that as there will only be a slow and gradual lifting of current Covid-19 restrictions we will not be able to run the Fête this year. As well as being a great parish and community event, it is also an essential element of our fundraising, which helps us meet everyday parish expenses and also allows us put money towards special projects in the parish and the broader community.

As an alternative, over the course of two weeks in May, an outdoor sponsored "challenge" is being planned which will be used to raise sponsorship from wider family, neighbours and friends. This might be a series of walks up Killiney Hill, a regular jog or cycle ride, or even a weekly dip in the sea! Even with the current restrictions such activities are possible within a household "bubble" and would encourage us to enjoy our beautiful locality at a lovely time of the year. For those less inclined to these exertions there will also be the possibility to make a donation instead. Full details in the latest edition of the Obelisk!

GKNS Pen Pals – The regular exchange of letters between GKNS 4th Class and parishioners continues to bring great enjoyment to young and old. Lots of really interesting stories of school, hobbies and other pursuits, both past and present are being swapped as well as tales of travel and other adventures.

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❖ NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION DALKEY ❖

Time is of the essence. Isn't that the truth? As John observes in his reflection for this month (below), we have come to appreciate the value of every moment even more over the past year. Time with loved ones, precious time that cannot be 'relived', every moment of being alive is precious. As we approach Easter time we reflect on the time that Jesus spent on earth teaching us how to live and love in community. Can we truly live out of faith and put our trust in God each day knowing that He has our highest interest at heart and knows what's best for us each day? As we approach our celebration of the resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday let us also celebrate our spiritual awakening and rebirth every day of our lives.



While the church is still closed for public masses, everyone is welcome to come, sit a while and pray or light a candle every day from after 10am mass until 5pm each day. We continue to hold Eucharistic adoration each Monday. Our webcam broadcasts Mass and funeral services live and we are blessed to be able to share these with viewers across the world. We can now offer a recording of funeral services which is more important now more than ever as the numbers attending are restricted. We offer heartfelt sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones particularly as we approach the first anniversary of those who have died in the last year.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

This year we will celebrate our Easter services online at www.dalkeyparish.ie/webcam Why not create a dedicated prayer space and prayer time at home throughout Holy week? A full schedule of liturgy and online services in the diocese is available at www.dalkeyparish.ie, www.dublindiocese.ie or www.liturgy-ireland.ie

OUR PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE INCLUDES:

Wednesday 31st March	7pm:	Service of Reconciliation.
Thursday 1st April	6.30pm:	Children's Last Supper drama
Good Friday 2nd April:	3pm	Solemn Liturgy Service
	7.30pm:	Stations of the Cross featuring Dalkey Taize group
	9.00pm:	Prayer around the Cross, featuring Dalkey Taize group
Saturday 3rd April	9pm:	Easter Vigil Mass. Perhaps also light a candle in your home after sunset and participate in the Easter Vigil liturgies available online.
Sunday 4th April	12 o'clock:	Easter Sunday Mass

AN EASTER REFLECTION

Isn't time an amazing thing!

It is something that is blamed a lot?

What time is it? Time flies. I hadn't time.

I don't know where the day went! I can get nothing done. I'll do that another time.

Sorry, but I really don't have time now. Long time no see. There will come a time. If I could only turn the clock back! I'm wasting my time.

Go on re-read those last sentences, slowly.

Have we not all used them?

Then we think of other approaches to time:

Time waits for no one.

If you want something done, give it to a busy person.

There's no time like the present.

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

So here we are - a year into a pandemic (we probably never used the word until now) and time has emerged in a different way..... or has it? No it hasn't as the word and concept cannot change. It is our perception of it which has altered. Things that were essential, urgent, a must - are not necessarily as they were. A lot has been put on hold, delayed, cancelled, perhaps even forgotten all about. Amazing. And as the song goes: We've got all the time in the world Let us use it now - constructively. We have no excuse to 'blame' time.

We most likely have blank spaces in our diary. Let us attempt to fill them; perhaps by contacting someone we haven't spoken to in a while; do something we have been putting off; write that letter or card; drop into the church and light a candle; have a little conversation with God; think of those in greater need than ourselves; see if anyone around us needs cheering up.

By doing any of these we will be respecting 'time' and not taking it for granted. Using time in this way is called - Living.

A happy and holy EASTER TIME to you.

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

Streaming TV from the internet has become increasingly popular, with services from Netflix, Amazon, YouTube , RTE player etc...However I have received several complaints from customers who are trying to stream programmes from All4 (Channel 4, More 4, E4). Apparently this issue (which started on January 29th of this year) is dependent on the model of TV used, and at present there is no fix for this issue. The problem is more apparent on older models of TV's (particularly Samsung models from 2011 / 2012), but can affect any brand of TV. While going to press we are still in level 5 restrictions, and unfortunately we still remain closed for business.

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