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Dalkey Litter Blitz with Des Burke-Kennedy

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Photo: Alex Perry



A Stroll along Castle Street

Dalkey's population today is just over 8,000. Dalkey was awarded Heritage Town status in 1995 due to the cluster of heritage sites and buildings within its environs. The new building housing the Heritage Centre opened in 1998 to interpret the site(s). Dalkey Castle won the overall National Heritage Award in 2016 and numerous Awards of Excellence and Architectural Awards.

Early Christian: The oldest structure on the street is the Early Christian Church & Graveyard dedicated to St. Begnet. There was a church on the site from the 700s and the early part of the stone church dates from around 1,000 AD. It was fully operational as a parish church from the 1300s but was reported to be roofless by 1630.

Dalkey Town: The town itself grew from medieval times when seven fortified townhouses, locally referred to as castles, were built along the street to store goods unloaded from large ships anchored in Dalkey Sound.

Dalkey Castle was the first of the seven Castles built in 1390s: It was called *THE Castle at Dalkey*. As the largest, it was the centre of administration. Dalkey Castle was known as Goat Castle in the 1600s when the Chevers family owned it. The Chevers name came from 'Chevre' meaning goat in French. The castle's name reverted back to Dalkey Castle in modern times. It's still referred to as Goat Castle by many locals.

The locations of the seven castles are marked in the pavement, an initiative led by Dalkey Tidy Towns. As the Castles were used as storage facilities and were often plundered, they all appear to have had defensive features: with Battlements, Machicolation and Murder Holes to protect the goods from attack. These can all be seen as part of the visitor experience at Dalkey Castle.

The Medieval Stocks were located where the entrance to the church is today. They can be seen clearly on the Berenger paintings. Used to punish wrong-doers, people would throw rotten fruit at the prisoner in the stocks.

The Queen's: There was a hostelry on this site from the 1700s. Among the most notable features of the current building are the upstairs windows. They are not real windows. Their origins go back to a Window Tax introduced in the late 1690s. Like many English monarchs, William III was short of money, which he attempted to rectify by the introduction of the much-despised Window Tax.

This was a tax levied on the windows or window-like openings of a property. Taxes are rarely popular, but the Window Tax, which was considered to tax the very stuff of life, that is, light and air, was singled out for particular loathing. It was called daylight robbery (as people were being robbed of daylight!) The imposition of the tax continued until the 1850s.

Tax Avoidance: People went to great pains to avoid paying the tax and many windows were bricked up for that reason. Many examples of buildings with brick window panels, sometimes with painted-on 'trompe l'oeil' windows, still survive. The upstairs windows at the Queens are in the trompe l'oeil (fools the eye) style.

Welcome to Dalkey. We extend a warm welcome to the new owners of the Queens, Eoin Doyle and Ray Byrne and wish the Mulcahys a happy retirement.

Building boom of 1800s: With the opening of Dalkey Quarry for granite to build Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) Harbour from 1817 and the coming of the railways in 1834 and 1844 and later the Trams, there was a building boom. Many fine houses were built as people could now travel by train to work in the city and live by the sea.

The Trams and Tramyard: The tram tracks are still visible and the initials of the Dublin Tramway Co. are on the gates. Tram destinations were marked by symbols: A Shamrock was used for the Dalkey route.



Dalkey Castle and Queens

Photo: John Fahy

Horse-drawn Tram: The first horse-drawn trams operated between Dublin and Dalkey from 1879. It took 11 horses to make the system work. 5 pairs of 2 and a spare in case of breakdown!

Electric Trams: The electrified Number 8 tram ran on the route from May 1896. It left the city centre for Dalkey, on average, every eight minutes. By all accounts, the trams were viewed favourably by most, as they ran on a regular and efficient basis.

In 1949, the last tram set out on its final journey from Nelson's Pillar in Dublin's city centre to the terminus in Castle Street, Dalkey. The last tram only got as far as Blackrock! Souvenir hunters stripped it and it was deemed unsafe to travel further.

Findlater's Clock: Watch out for the two-faced clock over Supervalu. Findlater's opened as Dalkey's first grocery store in 1897.

Writers' Corner, opposite Select Stores: Dalkey's medieval market was held here at the widest part of the street. In 1482, Dalkey was granted a licence to hold a market. There was a weekly market, and an annual Fair on the Feast of St. Begnet, 12th November. Shopkeepers had to set up shop on the pavements over 3 days. Levies were gathered to pay the Archbishop for 'murage and pavage' (walls and pavements). In Victorian times, this was where the hiring of labourers took place. Workers would turn up in the hope of getting hired by some of the local builders.

Guided Historical Walks: Hear the rest of the story- down to Coliemore Harbour and back by Sorrento Road- on weekdays at 12 noon excluding Tuesdays from Dalkey Castle.

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❖ SUMMARY OF THE DCC ZOOM MEETING ❖

The Meeting was held on Tuesday 11th May 2021

Matters arising: DCC sympathises with the family of Des Taylor recently deceased. Des was the former Road Rep for Village Gate and was a very active member of DCC up to a few years ago. Des was very committed to Dalkey and worked tirelessly for the community.

Treasurer: Donations have been coming in and DCC thanks those who have already donated to our online collection. There is still time to make a contribution to our annual collection.

TT: The DTT volunteers have returned to once a week Litter Patrols and other projects. They will be gradually getting back to their normal rounds as soon as restrictions are completely lifted. The Dalkey Litter Blitz was a successful community event. See page 7.

NW: There have been several public order incidents in the town and the Gardai are monitoring the situation.

Planning: The developer has re-applied for permission for 104- bed Nursing Home at Yonder, Ulverton Road with minor changes from the original plan. A new Club house to be shared by Cuala and Dalkey United has been applied for at Hyde Road.

The new improvements in the town have been met with mixed opinions. When everything comes back to normal the enhancement changes will be reassessed and various issues that need attention will be reviewed.

The next Zoom Meeting is Tuesday 15th June at 7:30pm.

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EMERGENCY MAY DAY DALKEY LITTER BLITZ



With so many people adjusting to our new Covid outdoor lifestyles, we also need to take even more care of our surroundings. One of the challenges is litter control and management. While all should at least bin their litter for recycling, we should also make a greater effort to bring it home.

The ugly recent scenes of discarded coffee cups, pizza boxes, cans and bottles needed an emergency response and so Dalkey Tidy Towns team organised the MAY DAY LITTER BLITZ.

To our amazement, our local posters and social media messages made an extraordinary impact. As a great reflection once again of the strength of our Dalkey community, seventy two volunteers arrived early at Archbold's Castle on Saturday, May 1st. Seeing so many children helping their parents made it all a very special effort. With Pickers, Gloves and Bags provided by DLRCC, the volunteers headed off to their designated areas. As the final teams returned to base some hours later, we counted a total of sixteen full sacks of litter! It is difficult to believe that so much had just been carelessly dropped on our streets. To all our volunteers, thank you so much for making the effort and responding to our Dalkey Litter Blitz. Now we need to ensure that a far greater effort is made to totally stop this careless habit which can so easily spoil our Heritage Town.

Following recent discussions with DLRCC, we are very glad to see that large open top litter barrels have now been placed around the Town as they prevent pizza boxes and large items

from jamming up the Big Belly bins. DLRCC have also increased the frequency of their collections and this too has made a significant difference. Dalkey Tidy Towns' team will monitor the situation over the summer months and if needed, a second DALKEY LITTER BLITZ might be required.

*Des Burke-Kennedy
Dalkey Tidy Towns*



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Birdwatch Ireland’s Countryside Bird Survey had been given the go ahead to resume this year since it constitutes scientific research so we found ourselves down in north Wexford on a sunny but cold morning in mid April. The surveys are designed to chart long declines or increases of species and I’ve been doing mine at the same location for over twenty years.

The survey consists of visiting twice a year in spring and early summer, walking two distanced parallel paths and noting down the birds seen or heard within a designated square kilometre location.

My survey square is mostly on farmland and the farmer is very agreeable and helpful to us. We’ve got to know him and his extended family over the years and we certainly appreciate when he tells us which field to avoid if the bull and the cattle are in it.

The farm is in a lovely valley and the farmhouse is nestled beside the road at the base of a very steep hill. We begin our survey up this hill after a hearty climb. Willow warblers were singing from an adjoining area of regenerating conifer plantation which we’ve seen change from a dense conifer plantation which was

Hilltop view of the CBS survey area, top and below, and a Wheatear, right, one of four we saw.



then felled and cleared and which has now grown back again.

Looking further up the hill Lucy had seen, but couldn’t immediately identify, what looked like a grey bird of prey flying low. Then its identity became obvious when we heard the double note of a cuckoo calling. With grey plumage, down curved pointed wings, long tail, barred chest and yellow eyes cuckoos do resemble raptors and the theory is that’s no coincidence. Many bird species will often fly up and mob a passing bird of prey they might





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A horizontally growing hawthorn in the Phoenix Park and, right, a Jackdaw with the condition known as leucism.

consider a threat to their young and if birds fly up to mob the cuckoo, thinking it a hawk, they might be inadvertently showing the cuckoo where their nest is.

The cuckoo called continuously over the next few hours and although we didn't see it again I was delighted to hear it, probably our only opportunity to hear one this year.

It's reassuring, like meeting old friends, when we hear or see birds we've been regularly spotting there over the years and we were delighted to see a couple of the regular 'big boys', buzzard and raven.

We finish the survey at the top of the same hill we started at but a few hundred metres south, looking out over a fabulous sun drenched landscape in the valley below.

A wire fence separates the grassland we'd trudged up from the much rockier steep slope above and it was up there we spotted first one, then two and eventually four Wheatears, hopping around and perching on gorse bushes. Mountains and hills are perfect breeding habitat for these birds that nest in crevices in the rocks. Wheatears are one of the first birds to arrive in spring, often seen feeding on sea shores in early March before heading to high elevations to breed. I'd seen one or two on the survey before but never four together.

Up there we also heard the descending flight call of Meadow Pipits the potential host species for the cuckoo and then, surveying done, we sat down and enjoyed the view, very satisfied with our day, before heading home.



The previous time we'd been to the Phoenix Park, a few years ago, was for what at the time had promised to be a great privilege and opportunity when a number of Birdwatch Ireland members were offered the chance to attend a Dawn Chorus event being broadcast from the grounds of Áras an Uachtaráin.

We were to get there around 4.00am where Derek Mooney would broadcast live while we'd wander around the gardens listening to a growing cascade of birdsong followed by a tasty breakfast in the president's residence. That was the expectation anyway.

The reality however was a morning of torrential, almost non stop rain, and though it was nice to be there and see the house and garden I think everyone was delighted when the broadcast ended and, fairly soaked and cold, we were able to get out of the rain and into the elegant house.

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I imagine I wasn't the only one who half expected the house's occupants to make an appearance but that didn't happen. Catering staff had come in at that ungodly hour which was very good of them and was much appreciated although I think we all had high hopes of a fried breakfast rather than the scones and croissants we did get, though getting anything hot at all at that hour was very welcome.

Last month we were visiting at a nursing home which literally borders the Phoenix Park and has its own little gate into the park and as soon as our visit ended we went through it for a short wander around. It was a lovely day, Lucy had already spotted swifts scything for insects through the warm air above.

We hadn't previously been in the part of the park we entered into and it was a real treat. Walking beneath a line of Copper Beech trees we came to a group of flowering Hawthorn which were perfuming the air with their lovely sweet scent. I'd imagine they were of a good age, some having attained the size of small trees while others had leant over and continued growing parallel to the ground. A bird foraging on the ground that caught our attention with its odd piebald plumage turned out to be a leucistic Jackdaw. Leucism is 'an abnormal plumage condition caused by a genetic mutation that prevents pigment, particularly melanin, being deposited on a bird's feathers'.

It actually looked quite striking on this particular jackdaw though it might affect the bird's attractiveness to potential mates and since melanin is an important part of the structure of bird's feathers a lack of it due to leucism can weaken the feathers, making flying more difficult and eliminating some of the bird's insulation against harsh weather. We continued along a path lined by trees I'm fairly sure are mature Field Maples. Very attractive trees which are native to Britain, its only native maple species, but not native to Ireland although one academic claimed to have found prehistoric field maple pollen in Ireland.

Soon we found ourselves at the entrance to Farmleigh House and set off down the avenue. Walking around the small lake we saw a



A Starling about to bring some insulating material to its nest in the Phoenix Park.

Moorhen climbing awkwardly through the branches of an overhanging tree while on the water a Coot swam around followed by two tiny chicks.

Coots are nobody's idea of a colourful bird, being dark with a black head with a white bill and forehead giving the origin of the expression bald as a coot. By contrast to the adults, coot chicks are spectacularly colourful with bright red heads and a ring of yellow and orange feathers around their neck. Since it's generally in a young birds interest to remain dull and unobtrusive you'd wonder why these tiny chicks resemble what's been described as 'part dishevelled lion, part tequila sunrise'. While writing this I found an article online referring to the American Coot, explaining why its chicks are so vividly coloured and it's an absolutely fascinating treatise on survival and how clever and cruel nature can be. I couldn't do it justice by trying to describe the conclusions but it can be found on theatlantic.com and is called The Survival Advantage of Being a Fancy Baby Coot and though the American coot is a different species to ours, I'd be surprised if the same findings don't apply to our native species.

As we were leaving after a walk around the splendid gardens and grounds of Farmleigh House, Lucy spotted a Treecreeper feeding its chicks on a tree trunk. A nice end to our walk and our visit to the Phoenix Park left us with a much happier impression than our previous visit and looking forward to returning.

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'Litter Pickin in Dalkey'

Recently, boys from 2nd class were caring for their local environment by taking part in the *National Spring Clean*. The boys picked up litter along Saint Patrick's Road. The boys worked in pairs, using litter pickers to pick up any rubbish they found. All of the boys did a fantastic job, so a big thanks to them for helping to keep our neighbourhood tidy.

Our other classes, 3rd-6th, will be participating later this year and cleaning up different places around Dalkey.

Our Green Schools' theme this year is *Global Citizenship and Energy*. We have been busy working on this theme this year in many ways, e.g. conserving energy in school and at home, by switching off lights when we leave our classrooms. Mr. Smith, our Green Schools' leader will be organising an Art competition based on this theme. The boys will be asked to design their own slogan to promote and encourage others to think green and conserve energy. We look forward to seeing what the boys come up with!

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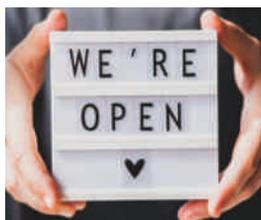
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Whether it was musical storytime for children, craft workshops for adults or talks on everything from mindfulness to parenting teens through challenging times or Irish folklore, dlr Libraries' online event programming has aimed to keep mind and body busy, happy and healthy this spring. If you haven't taken advantage of one of our online events, visit our website and join us from the comfort of home. We hope to be able to host everyone in our branches soon.

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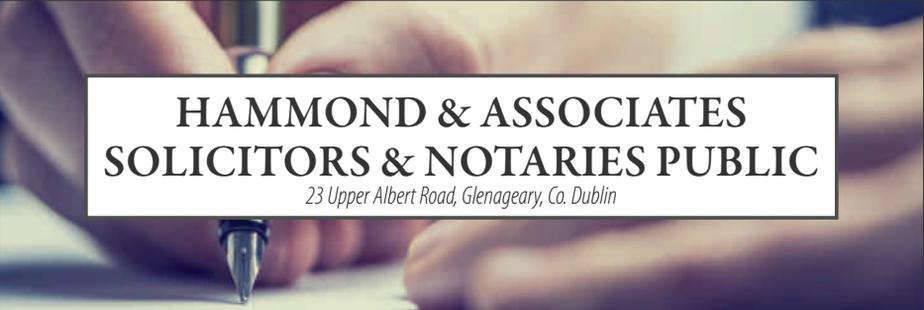
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Oscar Chamberlaine and Axel

Missing School in Lockdown

My name is Oscar and I go to the Dalkey School Project, I am a 12 year old boy and I am in 6th Class. From my first day in the Dalkey School Project I've enjoyed every single bit of it (apart from some subjects!!). I love talking and playing with my friends and going out on school trips. But ever since lockdown we weren't able to see our friends which has made life very difficult. Lockdown went on for a year, on and off. Just the same routine and no friends! The only things that stayed the same were, family (the ones living in the house with you), Zoom classes, Seesaw and talking to my friends online. There was one great thing that happened and that was we got a new family member, our dog "Axel". He has kept us all laughing

and doing lots of walks, puppies are so crazy.

Going back to school was so exciting, I got to hang out with my friends again and it was great to be back in the classroom and not in front of the computer on Zoom. It is very hard to motivate yourself to do class work at home, at least in school if you don't understand you can ask someone beside you or ask the Teacher. I also love sport and I am a big football fan so I really enjoy PE in school and this year we are doing lots of sport outside like, Uni-hockey, Basketball, Bench ball and Tag rugby. I can't tell you how happy my whole class is to just be back together and enjoying our final year in the Dalkey School Project.

Oscar Chamberlaine



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❖ DALKEY ROWING CLUB ❖



WE'RE BACK!

On Tuesday 10th May, Dalkey Rowing Club dusted off their oars and launched back into the Sound for the first time in 2021.

Despite the threat of rain and force four gusts of wind, the conditions in the Sound itself were favourable and we were able to get out. In fact, the weather stayed good and gave us all a full and fabulous week of rowing. After the winter we have all had, it was a great tonic. Due to the government restrictions, which we are happy to comply with, we have had to separate ourselves into pods. We only row with people from our own pod, and where required we wear masks.



Following the rock fall in Coliemore Harbour last year, we were rendered homeless- unable to access the Club House. This made life a bit difficult, but a grant has now been secured to carry out the required repair works. This will not take place this year but in the interim, the council are installing a temporary gangway to allow access to the Club House and the Ferry to Dalkey Island. We hope to have this in place by the June bank holiday. Although there will not be any regattas in the foreseeable future, we are hoping there may be a lift of restrictions to allow some racing at the end of the summer or autumn.



For now, we are just happy to be back *Jenny Dilley DRC*

❖ NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION DALKEY ❖

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<i>Saturday</i>	10am Mass and 6pm Vigil Mass	Private Prayer 11am-5pm
<i>Sunday</i>	9am Mass and 12 o'clock Mass	

We are pleased to welcome you back into our Church now that restrictions have eased. We would like to remind everyone that the obligation to physically attend Mass on Sunday is suspended. Attendance via webcam and physical attendance at a weekday Mass will satisfy your obligation and will assist us greatly in managing risks.

We need volunteers to help usher at our Saturday Evening Vigil Mass and our Sunday Masses. Please contact the sacristy if you are available: 01 2859975

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Alpha Online: – We are delighted to begin a new Alpha Online course on Wednesday 2nd June at 8pm and we welcome *everyone* to join us. The Alpha series is an 11 week course when people meet, once a week, to watch a talk and join a conversation about faith, purpose and God. It is also an ideal way for parents to prepare for Christenings, First Communion and Confirmation. To register, please email: alphadalkey@gmail.com or call Jayne: 086 389 5904. We look forward to seeing you.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 14-18 5/4/2021 to 30/4/2021

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.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0641 **Application Rec'd Date:** 11-Sep-2020

Applicant Name & Location: Peter and Yana Crowley, 95 Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for (1) Demolish the interior of the existing dwelling house, retaining the front facade wall. (2) Build a replacement two storey terrace house with a single storey section to the rear. (3) To build a one and a half storey mews style studio building to the back of the garden, along the rear boundary wall. (4) Build a new boundary wall with openings to Sorrento Road to match neighbouring properties. (5) All other ancillary works. **Add. Information Rec'd (New Adds):** 8-Apr-2021.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0278 **Application Rec'd Date:** 6-Apr-2021

Applic. & Location: Sara Hayes & John McEvoy, 105 Coliemore Rd, Dalkey. A96 AX09

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of existing two storey extension to the rear of the house, the construction of a new two storey extension to the rear of the house, construction of a single storey shed, installation of a new window to the side of the house at ground floor level, internal alterations and modifications, and all associated site works, landscaping and services.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0282 **Application Rec'd Date:** 6-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Dara & Niamh Anne Duggan, 29 Knock-Na-Cree Park, Dalkey, A96 K7Y5

Proposal: Permission. Proposed amendments to that previously granted under Planning Ref: D20A/0116. the amendments consist of the ramp and amendments to steps to the front of the dwellings, minor amendments to elevations including reduced front balcony depth and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0304 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Bartra Property Ltd. c.06 HA site, comprising the former residence 'yonder', (previously demolished), Ulverton Road & 'Maple Tree House', Harbour Road, Bulloch Harbour, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of the demolition of the existing 2 storey dwelling 'Maple Tree House' (c.289 sq m) and the removal of the foundation slab of the previously demolished 'Yonder', and the construction of a 104 No. bedroom nursing home, ranging in height from part-two to part-five storey (total gross floor area measures 5,618.40 sq.m). The development will also include the provision of vehicular entrances off Ulverton Road and the spur off Harbour Road; car and bicycle parking; green roofs; PV panels; ancillary signage; boundary treatments; hard and soft landscaping; plant; lighting; changes in level; and all associated site works above and below ground.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0315 **Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: David Sexton & David Herlihy, Albert House, Victoria Road, Dalkey. (A96 F295).

Proposal: Permission is sought for development comprising: (i) demolition of existing garage and derelict shed located to the front of the property, (ii) reduction in size of the property through demolition of non-original derelict side extension to the north-west of the dwelling, and demolition of non-original rear extension to the west of the dwelling; (iii)



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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2020

2020 was a year like no other! As with other voluntary organisations in Ireland, most of our activities stopped in March 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, we managed to continue the production of the newsletter throughout the year thanks to the outstanding work of our Secretary, Ann Perry. She had taken on the role of Acting Editor since Gerard Coakley (Editor) became ill earlier in November 2019. We wish him well with his recovery.

Newsletter:

Each month's newsletter is available online and due to the first lockdown we were unable to deliver the full complement of the April edition. There was a limited number of the May newsletter printed that featured Dalkey Castle on the front cover flying the tricolour as a tribute to the front-line workers. However, the next month we were back to the normal print-run and we were able to leave copies in the supermarket and local shops—many thanks to them for facilitating us. In April our Advertising Manager Lena Feely sadly passed away; she had been a very active member of the Community Council from its inception and had worked tirelessly on several committees and the Executive throughout the years. We miss her enthusiasm and diligence.

Ann is now working as editor and looking after the advertising side of the newsletter, a huge commitment. We really appreciate her exceptional dedication and work for the Community Council and we can't thank her enough for all she does. We thank our Road Reps and volunteers who maintain delivery of the newsletters throughout the areas. We also thank our enthusiastic contributors and loyal advertisers who have supported the newsletter through a very challenging year.

Tidy Towns:

Tidy Towns were able to work in the summer months only but continued to look after Dalkey—more details in their report. Also, at the beginning of the lockdown, Tidy Towns Chairman Paddy Rigney passed away. We miss his knowledge and humour. We send our condolences to both Paddy and Lena's families.

Community Games:

Sport was curtailed, so no Dalkey Dashers for our children! Details for this year's programme have yet to be clarified.

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre:

The Heritage Centre managed to open in a limited fashion for a few weeks in summer 2020 but hopes to resume in June/July of this year.

Planning:

The Planning committee continued its work throughout the year—no let up there as you will see from the planning report!

This year we have not had an annual door-to-door collection due to the pandemic. We would therefore welcome any donations given “on line” to us.

We are a totally self-funded voluntary organisation and are completely dependent on the annual collection each year to be able to continue our work in the community. We would appreciate any donations given to us—it will go directly back to the community through our work and projects throughout Dalkey.

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We hope to be back with physical meetings in the autumn as we are having Zoom meetings at present. We hope to resume and continue our work for the community as restrictions ease. Many thanks to all our members who have been working throughout the year under difficult circumstances. We look forward to meeting new members so if you would like to join us, please contact us and you will be very welcome. It has become very clear during the pandemic how important our local community is to us, so let's work together to keep Dalkey the wonderful place we know and love.

Dr. Susan McDonnell

Chairman,

Dalkey Community Council

DALKEY TIDY TOWNS – REPORT 2020/21

Who could ever have predicted what was waiting for us all in Dalkey when Covid-19 arrived on our doorstep! Suddenly, personal safety and supporting our community became priorities. For our Dalkey Tidy Towns team (DTT), our usual routines were no longer possible, at least for much of the time. During the Lockdowns in March, October and December, we asked our volunteers not to assemble as advised. Individually masked volunteers generously continued some litter patrols and graffiti removal by themselves when needed. In spite of all of this drama, DTT made the most of the safe time available.

We also remember our past DTT Chairman, Paddy Rigney and active member Daphne Dukes who sadly passed away and are greatly missed and fondly remembered.

In 2019, we divided our efforts in to Strategic Activity Units (SAU). This ensured that all available talents could find a suitable project. This we continued over the past year where possible all designed to encourage volunteers to match their skills and available time to our weekly schedules.

Team Tuesday – major projects requiring planning, equipment and materials

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

Team Gleamers – extensive litter patrols and general street tidiness

Team Sustainability – biodiversity awareness, environment, energy management

In spite of Covid restrictions, great progress was made with both Major Projects and Routine Projects. Details were publicised via our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/dalkeytt> and in the Dalkey Community Council Newsletter. We uploaded 161 news stories on our Facebook Page with 582 relevant photos. Our DCC Monthly Newsletter was hand-delivered to 3,500 local homes.

MAJOR PROJECTS

- **SAVE ENERGY AT HOME:** Show organised at the Town Hall by DTT in March 2020, with almost 500 attendees. It had three elements: 1) Retrofit and associated Exhibitors, 2) Speakers presenting and promoting all aspects of energy conservation and 3) Exhibition of local children’s creative art with a theme ‘Save Energy at Home’.
- **DALKEY ENERGY MASTER PLAN:** Dalkey Sustainable Energy Community (SEC), part of Dalkey Tidy Towns Group, devoted enormous time and effort over the past two years to creating a comprehensive and detailed Energy Master Plan for Dalkey. Working with SEAI, the target is to reduce carbon emissions from our atmosphere through Dalkey activities and to highlight what our neighbours can do to bring this about, all with grant support.
- **HOME ENERGY SURVEY:** As part of the plan to create a Dalkey Energy Master Plan, DTT carried out a Home Energy Survey to establish baselines and focus on improving BER ratings
- **CASTLE STREET AREA COVID ALTERATIONS:** In August, when DLRCC published plans to widen footpaths, install street furniture and planting, DTT encouraged local businesses and shopkeepers to attend weekly briefings with DLR and the Contractors and circulated all with decisions made and weekly timetables. DTT also

encouraged DLR to include Archbold's Castle in the project which they have done.

- **DALKEY LITTER BLITZ:** To address the growing problem of litter, DTT set May Day as a day of action, publicised the event and secured pickers, gloves and bags from DLRCC. A total of 72 local volunteers took part and collected 16 large sacks of litter. A special thanks to all who took part.
- **EIRE MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE:** Having completed the restoration of the WW2 Memorial at Hawk Cliff, featured on RTE News and Nationwide and general media, in order to survive, regular maintenance is essential. At present, DTT volunteers carry mowers, strimmers, etc., down to the site and do repairs as needed. DTT put a proposal to Cormac Devlin TD that a permanent arrangement be made for this to be maintained by the State and this is under consideration.
- **PLANNING APPLICATIONS MONITORING:** The increasing number and scale of Planning Applications for the Dalkey area is monitored closely by DTT. Details are listed monthly in the DCC Newsletter. Monitoring these, submitting observations; responding to concerned bodies, etc., is a very time consuming and important activity. We thank our member, Dr. Susan McDonnell for her enormous contribution in this area.
- **SORRENTO PARK UPGRADING:** Transforming Sorrento Park into a Pollinator Park as envisaged by DTT was planned in several phases. The first of these was the resurfacing of the Promenade and Bandstand area and also the Summit Circle viewing area. These have now been completed. The excellent work by DLRCC has transformed this very popular Park. The planting is now a priority so that this can become an educational centre for all interested in pollinating plants and linked to the community.
- **DILLON'S PARK:** Since the arrival of Covid, we have never before seen so many visitors enjoying this beautiful space. Artists, wedding and picnic groups, families and others flock here daily. DTT volunteers have spent four years on upgrading work and donated two new picnic benches to replace the old ones and also planted approximately 20 trees. While DLRCC contractors cut the grass in the open spaces, DTT cuts all the steep areas leading down to the sea.

ROUTINE PROJECTS

In spite of Covid Restrictions:

- DTT PLANTERS maintained the flower beds at Archbold's Castle, Masonic Hall, Ormeau Drive, Dalkey Avenue, Square-about Boxes, Hyde Road, Bulloch Harbour, Dillon's Park, SuperValu Car Park, St. Patrick's Square and Barnhill Road.
- Our GLEAMERS collected more litter than ever over the very wide area of Dalkey and as May arrived, as many as 20 volunteers took part on occasion. We have all seen the full blue sacks at Archbold's Castel DLR's collection point.
- Our PHARAOHS concentrated mostly on keeping EIRE at Hawk Cliff, Cat's Ladder and Sorrento Park looking their best and also cleared large amounts of graffiti on Killiney Hill, Ardeevin Road, Leslie Avenue, Coliemore Road, Dillon's Park, The Metals and Sorrento Road.
- Our SUSTAINABILITY team delivered their excellent Energy Master Plan for the benefit of all.

NORMAL TIMES WILL RETURN - While the annual SuperValu National Tidy Towns

Competition will not take place this year, we recall DTT's most recent performances in being in the Top 6% of scores in a list of 918 towns, receiving a Gold Medal winner in our population category and a Highly Commended County Award

The DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition will take place but on a much-reduced scale as Covid restrictions have dictated. In the most recent event, Dalkey achieved a score of 96% in the Overall Awards plus a Silver Medal and was awarded a Gold Medal for Graffiti Management.

Des Burke-Kennedy

Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee

PLANNING REPORT FOR YEAR 2020

There were 89 planning applications during 2020 in the Dalkey area compared to 96 applications in 2019. 21 applications were declared invalid, usually as a result of problems associated with the site notice; however, the majority applied again successfully. There were 6 applications for retention and 5 of these were granted permission, the other was refused permission. Additional information was requested in 20 cases and supplied in 19 cases; occasionally clarification of the additional information was requested and some were from the previous year's application. There were 7 applications for an extension of duration of permission last year, 3 were granted permission and 3 were refused. 1 remains to be decided. This is a category that appeared several years ago as a response to developments for which the permission had lapsed during the recession. 82 decisions were made, of these 56 were granted permission, 21 were refused and 5 other applications were withdrawn.

21 decisions were appealed to An Bord Pleanála; of these 15 were 1st party appeals against either refusal for permission or the conditions imposed by the planning department of the County Council. There were 6 (no) 3rd party appeals lodged against the County Council's grant of permission.

An Bord Pleanála handed down 10 decisions during the year, of these 4 had previously been granted permission by the Council and then upheld by the Bord. 6 decisions were refused. 1 was withdrawn.

There were a similar number of applications as last year; planning applications are still nowhere near the numbers applied for during the "boom" years. However, the large number of construction sites was a feature at the beginning of the year, but were closed for the last 9 months of 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. Currently there are a huge number of construction sites now working again in Dalkey.

We have seen several large mixed-use developments granted permission during the year. We are concerned that these will cause increased demands on our infra-structure especially our entrance roads into Dalkey which are already experiencing traffic jams and delays with increasing concerns about safety. Barnhill Rd, Castlepark Rd and Harbour Rd are particularly affected. We expressed our concern on this as well as several other topics when we commented on the 2022-2028 Draft County Development Plan this year.

BULLOCH HARBOUR:

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

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

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

Similar concerns as for the first proposal were raised but the major issue raised was the likelihood of flooding and over-topping. These concerns were highlighted when storms occurred in February and March of 2018 resulting in major over-topping with flooding of the site and serious damage occurring to the pier. The pier remained closed for months whilst repairs took place.

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

Bord Pleanála finally made their decision in June 2019 and granted permission for the development, completely disagreeing and discounting all our concerns and those of BHPA and its expert consultant. It was felt that the Bord had not adequately explained its decisions and our only recourse was to apply for a Judicial Review of their decision. Bulloch Harbour Preservation Association (to which we are associated) applied to the High Court in August 2019 for leave for a Judicial Review. This was granted by the High Court in October 2019 and a further date for mention was made for December 2019 when a date for the Judicial Review would be made. However, An Bord Pleanála asked for the case to be adjourned which was granted.

In July 2020 following several adjournments and after delays owing to the Covid pandemic, ABP through their solicitors conceded the case without the Judicial Review ever having taken place. This concession quashed ABP’s planning permission. It was subsequently learnt that ABP’s concession related to “Ground 3” which relates to deficiencies in the planning application relating to the Habitats directive and sections of the Planning and Development Act. An Bord Pleanála did not concede other very important aspects of the case, for example the evidence of the vulnerability of the site to flooding and wave-overtopping. The concession by ABP meant that the High Court required ABP to reconsider their decision.

ABP has therefore re-opened the case with a new reference and the planning process is now, once again, live. This was signalled by the flurry of correspondence in November 2020 to all those who had made observations to ABP in 2018.

We are now waiting for further correspondence from ABP- the case is therefore far from over.

We should like to thank all the members of the public who took the time to attend the public meetings and who have lodged their concerns and objections to the planning department and Bord Pleanála during the last 4 years to help to protect this much-loved public amenity.

We would also like to sincerely thank the many people, both here in Dalkey and

elsewhere, who have contributed towards the cost of the Judicial Review. This is a very expensive process which could not have been undertaken without the contributions of all our many supporters.

CHARLEVILLE, HARBOUR RD:

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

The large conifer trees were cleared from the site but no further work proceeded, however another planning application was lodged this time for 105 apartments with An Bord Pleanála as a Strategic Housing Development in December 2019.

In July 2020 ABP granted permission for the development of 94 apartments despite both their own Inspector and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown recommending refusal. They omitted a floor of the original application which consisted of 11 apartments reducing the number of permitted apartments from 105 to 94.

Work began on the site with extensive drilling and rock removal in summer 2020 but was stopped following complaints from residents due to the excessive noise. All work ceased on site when construction was stopped due to Covid restrictions in December 2020 but has now resumed.

CASTLEPARK SCHOOL:

In June 2017 an application for 50 units in 8 blocks of three and four floors over an underground carpark for 80 cars in the grounds of Castlepark School was lodged. The proposal is located amongst the wooded area necessitating the removal of 53% of the trees. Access was proposed via the entrance gate to the school with construction traffic to be routed through Castle Close and out through Castlelands. This new access point to the site was proposed to remain a pedestrian and cyclist access after the development was completed. Castle Close is a cul-de-sac and these proposals caused serious concerns to the residents. There were other concerns relating to the scale of the development, its proximity to the Protected Structure Castlepark School, the loss of the woodland area and traffic issues in an area that already has severe congestion with traffic generated by the school. The removal of vast quantities of granite (10,000 sq. mts) from the site is also a concern.

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

The decision was appealed in September 2017. Bord Pleanála upheld the appeal in

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

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

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

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

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

We sent our observations to Bord Pleanála objecting to this new proposal. They granted permission in May 2020 for this development of 101 apartments.

Work has begun excavating 10,000 cubic metres of granite for the underground carpark; Castle Close has been opened up into the site and the main construction traffic is accessing the site through Castlelands. The drilling has caused serious disturbance to the surrounding neighbourhood.

MAPLE TREE HOUSE & YONDER:

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

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

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

In January 2021 an application was lodged for a 104-bed room nursing home over 5 floors with the main access from the small lane off Harbour Rd. We hold the same concerns as previously but the scale; height and massing will have a huge effect on the area and to the immediate residents. This access laneway is of insufficient width for two-way traffic but does not have pavements on both sides which would be required for pedestrians accessing the nursing home. There is also an active badger sett on the site-these are

protected animals. There are legal constraints to building near active badger setts which has been highlighted to the planning department.

We lodged our observations and DLR refused permission. The developer Bartra appealed the decision to An Bord Pleanála but later withdrew their appeal. However, they lodged a similar application for 104-bed nursing home on 12 April this year; the same issues hold with this current application. DLR will make a decision later this year.

THE TRAMYARD, CASTLE ST:

An application for an extensive redevelopment of the Tramyard site was lodged in December 2019. It included the demolition of the Tramyard sheds and their replacement with a mixed-use development ranging in height from 1 to 3 storeys (over basement) plus roof pavilion and garden, comprising cultural (c.311sq.m), retail spaces, cafe bar (c.127sq.m); offices (c.594.5 sqm), health centre (c.700.5 sqm over two floors) and bar/restaurant uses. At ground floor level, the development will comprise a public plaza with seating; 3 no. retail kiosks; a community notice board; a single storey cafe bar unit within the cottage with a new glazed extension on its western elevation; a unit to be either retail/restaurant with bar use (c.468 sqm); a cultural venue; office lobby and a retail unit (c.94 sqm). An external staircase will provide additional access to the bar restaurant and roof garden. Bicycle racks are proposed but no parking. Access will be from Castle St through the existing Tramyard gates which will be refurbished and the original tram tracks and cobbles will be retained.

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

In February 2020 the planners looked for additional information from the developers on a number of issues; this was later supplied and DLR granted permission for the development in December 2020 but with the omission of the 4th storey which includes the roof garden and restaurant. Appeals were lodged by the developer and the residents in January 2021.

We are waiting for Bord Pleanála's decision.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT TORCA RIGHT OF WAY:

In September 2020 a proposal for a large house adjacent to the Right of Way between Knocknacree Rd and Torca Rd was lodged. Proposed access to this house is along the public right of way owned by DLR.

The applicant claims ownership of the public right of way outside the boundary wall of the site in the public amenity area of the eucalyptus wood/park owned by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

In 2005 the Council upgraded the public right of way by widening from 1.5 metres to 3.5 metres and tarmacking the surface and installing public lighting, acknowledging this

area as an important amenity for the public. There has never been vehicular access to the site nor has there ever been vehicular access along this pedestrian right of way. It is a formally designated public right of way in the County Development Plan for the use and benefit of pedestrians.

We were very concerned about the proposal to vehicularise this publically owned right of way to access a private development.

The application proposed to include widening of c. 84 m of the laneway leading to Torca Road to provide for a carriageway width of c. 3.7m-c 4.2m; the regrading and re-surfacing of c. 54 m of the laneway and the associated relocation of 4 No. existing public lighting standards. This is a major alteration to the public domain and a suburbanisation of the public park. It would completely alter the ambience and tranquility of the area and is contrary to the zoning objectives for the area.

The planning department refused permission for this development upholding our concerns. The developer appealed the decision in January of this year and we are yet to hear Bord Pleanála's decision.

DALKEY MANOR (BARNHILL RD):

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

In February 2016 a proposal for the demolition of the house and the construction of 29 houses was lodged with the planning department.

Permission was refused in April 2017 for a variety of reasons that had been highlighted by the public and ourselves but interestingly the planners felt that the proposed density (number of houses per acre) was too low for the site and that there would be an inappropriate mix of housing types (i.e. too many large houses). This decision was appealed by the developer and we sent in our observation to Bord Pleanála.

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

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

However, in December 2020 a Strategic Housing Development for 101 units was proposed and is now being considered by An Bord Pleanála to assess if the application can proceed. Should this type of large-scale development go ahead, it will have serious implications to the surrounding area and to the immediate infrastructure as Barnhill Rd is narrow, does not have footpaths on both sides and already experiences traffic congestion.

HYDE RD COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE:

A Part 8 Application by DLR for this facility was publicised on 7th May this year. This proposal is a joint project between DLR, Cuala GAA and Dalkey United.

The proposed development comprises the construction of a shared multi-use community sports centre building. The proposal is to demolish the existing structures constructed in circa the 1970's, which are in need of modernising to meet the needs of the

clubs and community. The proposed building will be partially two- storey and consists of a café/club refreshment area facing the road, a fitness centre at first floor level, a sports hall, changing facilities and ancillary spaces.

The design of the new building remains roughly within the footprint of the existing buildings and has a similar orientation to these. The main volume of the building is made up with the sports hall and the two-storey element is a continuation of the double height hall space. In addition to the sports hall, the ground floor consists of; a café/refreshment area including a kitchen/storage and cleaners' room, a stair and lift to first floor level, toilets (including a disabled toilet), a club shop and lobby/youth area, a unisex changing village and hall storage, a large plant room, meeting/practice room with additional storage, changing rooms, toilets, showers (including disabled), office and small kitchenette spaces, storage for goals and equipment. The first-floor space consists of one large flexible space for gym/fitness/team analysis, toilets and physio room. The building design promotes active street frontage with the café/refreshment area at ground floor level opening onto Hyde Road with the gym/fitness/team analysis space providing additional passive surveillance at first floor level. The changing and ancillary spaces are located to the rear in close proximity to the pitches.

There is a different planning procedure in place for a Part 8 Application. Most developments by a local authority itself, ("Part 8 Application") are subject to a public consultation process as set out in the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 - 2012. This procedure requires that notice of the proposed development be given in the public press and that a site notice be erected. If any submissions or observations are received, a report is presented to the members of the Council (County Councillors). This report contains a list of the objector's names along with a summary of the points made by them and the Local Authority's response.

Arising from consideration of the representations, the report sets out whether or not it is proposed to proceed as originally planned or to proceed with a modified proposal. The public are therefore advised to send their observations about this Part 8 Application into the County Council. More information about how to do this is available on the DLR planning website-Part 8 Applications. The last date for submissions is 18th June 2021.

WINDFARM PROPOSALS/DUBLIN ARRAY:

The proposal for a large windfarm across Dublin Bay has been regularly flagged in the Newsletter. This giant windfarm, because of its near- shore siting just 10km offshore, will have major environmental impacts on the entire Dublin coastline from Howth Head to Bray Head and North Wicklow. The developers are proposing 45-61 giant turbines each up to 310m high (10 times the height of the Kish Lighthouse) stretched across Dublin Bay, situated on vulnerable sandbank habitat, vitally important for marine wildlife, including birds and cetaceans. This is just one of many similar developments along the East coast stretching from Dundalk to Arklow and beyond; this is industrialisation of the East coast.

We are aware that we have to increase our use of renewable energy but we maintain that these developments should be sited farther out to sea at a minimum of 22km from shore. Other European countries have similar buffer zones in place already-why should Ireland accept second rate standards?

We note there is little reference to a policy for marine windfarm development in the DLR Draft Development Plan. As DLR has a large coastal fringe and includes Killiney Bay and part of Dublin Bay it is necessary that some policies about marine planning should be included in the proposed Development Plan for 2022-2028. The impact on the County of huge windfarms located close to shore would be detrimental in terms of the environment,

fishing, recreational and visual amenities amongst other issues and would result in the industrialisation of Dublin Bay and beyond. There is no adequate recent marine planning policy, only an Act which was drawn up in the 1930s. Legislation is being drawn up at present but it would be essential that the new County Development Plan for the next 6 years should recognise and examine these issues and have policies in place to protect the coast within its boundaries.

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028:

We submitted our observations on the DLR Draft Development Plan including references to our Heritage status, Bulloch Harbour, windfarms (see above), infrastructure and density in Dalkey amongst other items.

We are aware that there are National and Regional Planning policies that underpin and guide the policies of the new Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Development Plan. However, we are concerned that this makes the provision of a Development Plan specific to DLR very difficult to achieve if these are implemented without some compromise and understanding of the local situation. We are apprehensive that a “one size fits all” attitude will be damaging to the future planning of the County and of Dalkey.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

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

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

Finally, I hope DCC continues to work with the residents of Dalkey and DLR to enhance, improve and appreciate this beautiful place where we are so fortunate to live.

Dr. Susan McDonnell

Chairman, Dalkey Community Council



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minor reconfiguration of internal walls and doorways resulting in a 5 bedroom, three storey dwelling; (iv) provision of new double height glazing to front of existing non-original side extension serving lower and upper ground floors; (v) reinstatement of original window on northern facade at lower ground floor level; (vi) creation of new ope with glazed sliding doors to rear of dwelling; (vii) provision of skylight over existing non-original side extension and skylight over landing at first floor level; (viii) new patio area to front and rear of dwelling at lower ground floor and construction of terrace/patio to the rear of dwelling at upper ground floor level; (ix) reconfiguration of entrance to the site via shared entrance (in ownership of Applicant); and (x) drainage, landscaping, and all associated site development works necessary to facilitate development.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0318 **Application Rec'd Date:** 14-Apr-2021

Applic. Name & Location: John Wilson & Christine O'Rourke, 29, Church Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of: 1. Demolition of side gable wall, side garage structure, rear conservatory extension and partial demolition of existing pitched roof. 2. Construction of a new side extension matching the existing pitched roof including 'velux' rooflights to the front and rear. 3. Extending and refurbishment of existing roof dormers to the front and rear. 4. Construction of a new single storey flat roof extension to the rear. 5. Elevational alterations and internal alterations and modifications to accommodate new internal layout. 6. New flat roofed detached garden room in the rear of the back garden. 7. Alterations to landscaping including widening of existing vehicular entrance, drainage works and ancillary and associated works

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0184 **Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Michael Shelly, No. 1 Rocklands, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for: Development consists of a 19.3sqm balcony at first floor level to the rear with glass type balustrade, conversion of window opening to sliding/bi-fold doors and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. : D21A/0065 **Application Rec'd Date:** 29-Jan-2021

Applic. Name & Location: Gas Networks Irl. Barnhill Rd DRlug, Barnhill Rd, Bullock.

Proposal: Permission for the installation of a 4.05m x 1.1m x 2.2m (LxWxH) above ground enclosure, to house a new natural gas District Regulating Installation with all ancillary services and associated site works to replace the existing below ground natural gas regulating unit. **Add. Infor:** 20-Apr-2021.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0332 **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Jason Ballard, Monterosa, Anastasia Lane, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, A96 E296

Proposal: Retention & Completion Permission for development comprising a single-storey garden room (circa 33sqm) with covered Veranda and timber screening at the property boundary. retention relates to the Garden room structure and its recreation use and completion of its surface water drainage to infiltration trench. Retention is also sought for additional timber screening over existing stone wall to right hand side of existing entrance to property off Sorrento Close and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0338 **Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Rosario Rizzo, 'Gortevan', Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for A. Alterations to the existing house 'Gortevan' consisting of: demolish roof and construct new first floor with pitched roof, widen existing windows to front and sides of main house. Construct single storey extensions to rear of retained rear extension, new roof to rear extension and widen/alter existing windows to rear extension. Widen vehicular gate to Barnhill Road and fit sliding gate. B. Construction of 2 no. semi-detached dormer dwellings (single storey with dormer upper floor with mansard type roof) including site excavation, parking area, landscaping, bin stores, services, widen

the existing vehicular access to the rear of the site accessed from Wolverton Glen.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0349 **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Apr-2021.

Applicant Name & Location: Ciaran Cooke, Carrigbaun Mews, Meany Ave. within the curtilage of a protected structure (Ref 1501), Carrigbaun, Rockfort Ave. Dalkey, A96YW3

Proposal: Permission and retention permission for development. The development will consist of: Retention of residential use of one bed mews dwelling (previously permitted as a games room under Reg.Ref. 8042/77) and permission for a 21.14 sq.m single storey extension, replacement of flat roof with pitched roof, fitting 12 number roof lights, and all associated site works including landscape area of private open space (51.57 sq.m).

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0352 **Application Rec'd Date:** 22-Apr-2021

Applic. & Location: Marzena & David Maxwell, 31, St. Begnets Vls. Dalkey, A96KT53.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a development consisting of: (1.) Demolition of shed to rear of house. (2.) Construction of a rear 2 storey extension to house a bedroom and an office at first 1st level and a kitchen-dining-family room at ground floor level, (3.) Alterations to entrance area window and door arrangements, (4.) Widening of front vehicular access gates to 3.4m width, (5.) A pedestrian gate from the rear garden onto Hyde Park, (6.) Proposed outbuilding tot rear garden to be used as shed and (7.) Ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0015 **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Jan-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Rudi & Jessica Neuman, 34, Hyde Park, Dalkey. A96E2H1

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a two-storey extension to the side and part first-floor extension to the rear (total 75.2 sq.m) with pitched roof to match existing, rooflights and PV panels, and all associated site development works. **Add.**

Information: 19-Apr-2021.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0185 **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Cuan McCoille & Hillary O Donovan, 21 Barnhill Ave, Dalkey, A96 NX60.

Proposal: Permission for development. **Declare Application Invalid:** 21-Apr-2021.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0193 **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Apr-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 sections 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/0373 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Iseult & Ronan Greany, 2, Mapas Road, Dalkey, A96PF54

Proposal: Permission is sought for a 2 Storey extension to the side of the existing house with access from front and rear to accommodate a new home office and living room.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0374 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Mark Littlejohn, 1, Cunningham Drive, Dalkey A96N296

Proposal: Permission is sought for development. The development will consist of the demolition of an existing garage structure, the construction of a single storey extension to the rear and a two-storey extension to the side of the existing property. The proposal also involves 2 no. new windows to the North elevation of the house at ground floor level, in conjunction with some internal alterations and the relocation of the entrance door from the side elevation to the front elevation. Permission is also being sought for the widening of

the existing vehicular entrance to the front of the house accessing Cunningham Drive and the replacement of an existing rendered wall with a granite wall.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0384 **Application Rec'd Date:** 29-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Gordon & Siobhán Butler, Helm Crag, (12) Killiney Road, Dalkey A96 H704

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of the removal of the existing flat roof extension (12sqm) and the existing garage (15sqm) to the rear, the construction of a new extension to the rear (with an additional floor area of 60sqm), the conversion of the attic (28sqm), external alterations to all elevations, the installation of roof lights, the widening of the existing front vehicular gates from 2.5m to 3m wide, the widening of the parking area to the front and associated ancillary works to facilitate the development including drainage, site development works and landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0202 **Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Julie Campbell, 11, Corrig Road, Dalkey, A96V3W8

Proposal: Permission is sought for development. The proposed development consists of; (i) the demolition of the existing extension to the rear; (ii) refurbishment of the house and addition of roof-lights to the rear roof; (iii) the construction of a 34m² single storey, pitched roof extension to the rear, for a 7m² flat roofed porch to the front and for the provision of a bin and bike storage unit to the front garden. Other works include landscaping and all necessary ancillary works to facilitate the development.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0207 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Cuan McCoille & Hillary O Donovan, 21 Barnhill Ave, Dalkey A96 NX60

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of: First-floor extension to the side and front, single story extension to the front and rear. Attic conversion with part raised gable to the side. Dormer to the rear. Roof window to the front.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0079 **Application Rec'd Date:** 2-Feb-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Stephen O'Dea, 21, Castle Street, Dalkey. A96F9D3

Proposal: Permission for the following development. Change of use from commercial to residential use, as two apartments (including associated works): Apartment 1 (one bed) to be 45 sq.m. at 1st floor level. Apartment 2 (one bed) to be 66 sq.m. duplex at 1st and loft levels. (including minor modifications to 10 sq.m. ground floor access level and entrance door). **Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds):** 7-May-2021.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 14-18 2021 5/4/2021 to 3/4/2021

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0261 **Decision:** Declare Applic. Invalid **Date:** 9-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: John Wilson & Christine O'Rourke, 29, Church Rd. Dalkey

Proposal: Permission for development.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0050 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 7-Apr-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 2 no. new dormer windows, 1 to the front, 1 to the rear of existing roof, and 3 no. of Velux type of windows, 2 to the front, 1 to the side of existing roof.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0079 **Decision:** Declare Invalid (Site Notice) **Date:** 6-Apr-2021

Applic. Name & Location: Stephanie MacNulty, Roan Carraig, Harbour Rd. Dalkey, A96 TR63.

Proposal: Permission is sought for development at this address.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0180 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 23-Apr-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 of 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.: D21B/0074 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 20-Apr-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.: D16A/0005/E **Decision:** Grant Exten. of duration of Perm. **Date:** 29-Apr-2021

Applicant Name & Location: David Murphy, Site at 23 Whites Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of an existing 9 sqm single storey rear extension, the construction of a single storey 5.8 sqm extension to the front & 45.47 sqm 2 storey extension to the rear consisting of 25.15 sq metres at ground floor level & 20.32 sq metres at 1st floor level, the application of external insulation & all associated elevational & landscaping works. All on a site of 176 sq metres. **Applic. Type:** Ext, of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0545 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 28-Apr-2021

Applic. Name & Location: Kathleen & Ruairi Cahill, 'Kephass', 4 Corrig Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought. The proposed development consist of; (i) demolition of existing single storey extension to rear and chimney to side; (ii) construction of a part single-storey/part two-storey extension with rooflights to rear and side of existing dwelling with mono-pitch roof to single-storey element; (iii) existing side dormer window to attic to be enlarged to accommodate new attic stairs; (iv) new attic dormer window to rear; (v) new attic velux window to front; (vi) new agreed boundary treatment along boundary with no. 6 and no. 8 Corrig Road. Other works include; alterations to all elevations, landscaping, boundary treatments all necessary ancillary works to facilitate the development.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0188 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 28-Apr-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.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0270 **Decision:** Declare Invalid (Site Notice) **Date:** 30-Apr-'21

Applicant Name & Location: Michael Good, Site at rear of, 44-45, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a two-storey, three bed, end of terrace house previously given an intention to grant permission by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (P/1668/19) but refused a grant of permission by An Bord Pleanála (305227-19). Proposal to include minor changes to site layout of overall terrace and to provide three new pedestrian accesses from the terrace to laneway off Castle Street and with main access via Castle Cove, Supervalu

carpark. Proposal to include ancillary site works

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0641 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-May-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Peter and Yana Crowley, 95 Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0216 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 5-May-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Gary McGuire & Orla McCabe, 1 Dalkey Grove, Dalkey A96 Y103

Proposal: Permission for the provision of the following, including all associated site-works; a) A ground floor extension (9sq.m.) with a first floor extension (15sq.m.) over, to the side and front, with front facing roof-lights. b) A relocation/centering of the front door to the dwelling, and alterations to the fenestration to the side and rear. c) A new vehicular entrance on the north eastern side boundary. d) A raising to 1.8m of the side boundary (1.2m wall with a 0.6m fence on top) from the new vehicular entrance to the front building line of the existing dwelling. e) A widening of the existing vehicular entrance on the north western boundary. f) The construction of two balconies at first floor level facing north east and north west.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0219 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 7-May-2021

Applic. Name & Location: Patrick and Emmet Riordan, 60 St. Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for new vehicular entrance to include removal of pedestrian gate, section of wall, repositioning of original piers, dishing of footpath and associated site works.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks 14-18 5/4/2021 to 30/4/2021

Reg Ref: D21B/0050 **Reg. Date:** 12-Feb-2021

Location: 4 Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Development: 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. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 29-Apr-2021.

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Condition(s). **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Conditions.

Appeals Decision by An Bord Pleanála Wks 14-18 29/3/'21 to 23/4/2021

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0448 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Decided:** 29-3-21

Council's Decision: Refuse Permission for Retention.

Location: Ard na Mara, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey

Proposed Development Permission is sought for: Retention to cover the installation of fence and gate which was higher than original planning permission along boundary wall (original planning reference D15A/0240). **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Glen Finegan.**

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0726 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Decided:** 21-4-'21

Council's Decision: Refuse Permission

Location: To the rear of and within the curtilage of St German's, Vico Road, Dalkey which is a protected structure and is accessed from Torca Road

Proposed Development: Permission for a new flat roof, 5 bedroom, split level, contemporary dwelling and all ancillary site works including terraces, access road, onsite parking, landscaping, and associated drainage work. A new vehicular entrance is proposed. It is also proposed that the existing boundary wall to Torca Road is to be repaired and raised in height to form a guardrail. The application is similar to and an amendment of the previously approved planning applications, reg ref: D17A/0995 and D15/0730.

Applicant: John Sheridan.

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Mrs. Patton's Class

The Globe Air Quality Campaign

We undertook a project with An Taisce (Environmental Protection Agency) on air quality called the Globe project. The project took place in 101 schools in Ireland. As part of our experiment in school we started by creating a

map of our school and the grounds around it to consider where we should place our diffusion tubes for measuring nitrogen dioxide, which is a traffic related pollutant. We chose different locations to see the impact of traffic and compare it to other areas with less traffic like our school garden outside our classroom.

We considered what other factors would affect our results. We learned about air quality in the class and what affects it. We learned that air pollution is a mixture of solid particles and gases in the air. It is the single largest environmental health hazard in Europe and it accounts for over 1,180 premature deaths each year in Ireland.

A big part of our study was Traffic related air pollution. It is a big threat to urban areas because traffic fumes contain harmful chemicals that pollute the atmosphere. These harmful chemicals come from vehicles burning diesel and petrol to a lesser extent, which is why electric cars are a greener option.

We also learned about other factors that affect pollution such as wind, rain and the sun. Wind has a big affect on air pollution because it can move pollutants from one place to another. The sun can also have a big affect on air pollution because on sunny days NO₂ reacts with the sun's rays to form a secondary pollutant, ground level Ozone (O₃), which forms smog and reduces visibility in the atmosphere. Air pollution levels can also be impacted by rain. Acid rain is formed by water-soluble pollutants and particles which cause surface water, like rivers and ponds, to become more acidic which can have a detrimental impact on the environment.

The results from our diffusion tubes were sent off to the laboratories for analysis and we hope to hear the results soon. We also recorded the weather conditions and the numbers of cars outside our school every morning at drop off time.

I think that our school should get better results than most of the other schools because we are right beside the sea, we are not on a main road and quite a lot of people are walking to school now because of the pandemic.

It will be interesting to hear the results of the project on Zoom before the end of the year.

It has been very interesting being part of such an interesting project. We have learned so much and are now more aware of the importance of air quality.

By Evie Callaghan 6th Class



Mrs. Kavanagh's Class



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A. Due to the time of year it is likely that those symptoms are caused by hayfever. This normally affects people from mid April to mid September and generally peaks in May-June. It is an allergic condition to pollen in the air from grass or trees.



Symptoms include:

- Runny nose – a clear watery thin discharge
- Itchy and watery eyes
- Blocked nose
- Sneezing
- Itchy nose and roof of the mouth

It is distinguished from a winter cold based on the timings of the symptoms and the itchy feeling that accompanies it.

Hayfever is easily managed with over the counter pharmacy medicines. Your pharmacist will be able to recommend the most suitable product for you.

Antihistamine tablets are the first line treatment for hayfever as they treat all the symptoms by dampening down the histamine reaction in your body that occurs as a result of the exposure to pollen. They are available in once a day non-drowsy formulation.

Antihistamine eye drops can also be used either on their own or in conjunction with the tablets to manage eye symptoms.

Steroid nasal sprays can be used for more long term management of hayfever in addition to the antihistamines. They act to dampen down inflammation in the nasal passage to relieve the runny and itchy nose.

There are other sprays that act as a barrier to prevent the pollen travelling up the nasal passage and cause a reaction.

Some tips on helping to prevent hayfever from affecting you are:

- Monitor pollen forecasts and if possible stay indoors when counts are high
- Keep windows and doors closed where possible
- On high pollen days, shower and wash your hair when you get home and change your clothes
- Avoid air drying clothes outside when counts are high
- Use Vaseline on your nostrils to trap pollen particles
- Wear wraparound sun glasses to avoid pollen in the eyes
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Friday 4th at 1pm: The Historic Environment Record of Northern Ireland (HeroNI) will host ‘*Celtic Crosses, Identity and Symbolism in late 19th and early 20th century Belfast*’ by Bronagh Patricia Murray on Zoom.

Friday 11th at 8pm: The Military History Society of Ireland will host ‘*General Sir Oliver Nugent – the Irishman who led the Ulster Division in the Great War*’ by Dr. Nicholas Perry

THE GREATER DUBLIN AUTHORITY

Dalkey Township Commissioners were established in 1863 to prevent the Dalkey area being incorporated within the Kingstown [Dun Laoghaire] Township Commissioners municipal area. In 1881 the Municipal Boundaries Commission (Ireland) suggested that the Dublin city municipal boundaries should be extended but did not recommend that Blackrock, Kingstown or Dalkey be included in it, but that Blackrock and Dalkey should be amalgamated with Kingstown but this never happened. The issue of extending the city’s municipal boundaries was explored by the Greater Dublin Commission of Dublin Inquiry in 1926. This resulted in 1930 with the incorporation of the Rathmines and Pembroke [Ballsbridge] urban councils into the Dublin Corporation municipal area and the amalgamation of the Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire, Dalkey and Killiney-Ballybrack urban councils to form Dún Laoghaire Corporation. However plans to administer common services in these local authority areas and the remainder of the county by a Greater Dublin Council never came to pass though in recent years the idea of creating a Greater Dublin Metropolitan Council to administer the city and county by a single unitary body has been suggested but has yet to progress due to opposition from some of the four local authorities which administer Dublin City and County.

PUBLICATIONS

‘*1921 - 2021 Centenary Souvenir Editor of Ireland’s Own magazine - A Bloody Conflict*’ - Part 6 of the ‘*Birth of a Nation*’ Series, Editors Seán Nolan and Shea Tomkins, published by Ireland’s Own, €4.25.

This is the latest addition to the Ireland’s Own annual special ‘*Birth of a Nation*’ series of publications covering events in Ireland between 1916 and 1922 with this issue looking at Ireland in 1921 as the country moved into its third calendar year of the War of Independence with no apparent let up in the violence as the people of Ireland continued to endure the suffering and headache associated with death and destruction. The first six months of the year saw a continuation of the IRA attacks and ambushes across the country and the inevitable counter-attacks by Crown forces often carried out in the form of reprisals against the civilian population. But by the summer the stalemate in the conflict opened the doors for political negotiations with the Truce in July enabling this to take place culminating in December with the signing of the Anglo-Irish Peace Treaty.

Copies of this of Ireland’s Own special issue can be obtained/ordered from newsagents or ordered directly from Ireland’s Own at 053-9140140, via their website www.irelandsovn.ie or write to Ireland’s Own, Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford Y35 TH2A.

This is really a fascinating and engrossing publication looking at Ireland in 1921 and is an essential acquisition for those collecting or with a collection of books on the War of Independence.

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Bogus Traders / Callers – Many people routinely employ door-to-door traders and repair people /contractors. Some of these people carry out very little work and charge exorbitant amounts of money for their services. There are recognised and defined criminal offences for this type of behaviour and they range from criminal damage, deception, to demanding money with menaces. All are dealt with under existing criminal legislation and offenders, when caught, can be successfully prosecuted before the criminal courts. There are broadly four ways that this form of crime can be committed:

Poor Work/Excessive Charges – or indeed no work performed at all – Services are offered on the understanding that they are competent and in-expensive. On completing the ‘work’, invariably in a short period, they then demand payment by cash, often using threatening and intimidating tactics.

Bogus V.A.T. Charges – Different members of the same gang may return at a future date to a victim’s house posing as V.A.T. or Revenue Officers. They will demand money for ‘work’ already performed by them and seek further payments.

Deposit Scams – When the criminals are satisfied that they have hood-winked the intended victim into engaging them for work; they will demand a deposit to purchase the materials to carry out the necessary repairs. Having secured the deposit they flee, never to return.

Opportunity Thefts – The thieves will target a particular area and offer a real or genuine service to the victim. Once having gained entry to the home they may decide to see what is of value to purchase or buy well below the market value. They can use subtle and intimidating tactics into forcing the victim to ‘sell’ to them what they want.

What can people do to prevent the aforementioned criminal behaviour? – If a person calls to the door offering you professional trade services observe the following:

Tell the caller that you never employ trades people ‘cold calling’ to your door.

Be particularly careful where sales documentation only displays mobile contact numbers or incomplete addresses.

If you are satisfied that the company or individual is credible and you still think their employment is necessary, ask for an itemised written quotation for the services being offered and the names of persons and locations where they have previously worked successfully.

Never engage a person who insists on cash payment for services offered. Even when employing a reputable company always use a method of payment that is traceable.

Never leave strangers, even bona fide workers, unsupervised in your home.

For those people who may have elderly or vulnerable neighbours or friends, be a good neighbour and advise them of these possible scams. If you suspect that bogus callers or trades people are in your area and appear suspicious or are working in a vulnerable neighbour’s home – never hesitate in contacting the Gardai **immediately**.

Dun Laoghaire Garda Station: 01 – 666 5000

Genuine trades’ people will not be offended by any enquiries the Gardai may make and, indeed usually welcome them.

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NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH



Sunday Services for June: Each Sunday – 10:30am Morning Prayer on Zoom . As the situation may change at short notice please check our website for all the latest details.

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 8th and the 22nd of the month. An updated leaflet entitled 'Pastoral Care Information for Residents & Their Families' is 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 – Last week I listened to a webinar about the reopening of society after COVID. I was struck by the key message of Prof. Rose Ann Kenny, who leads the Tilda study in Trinity College, who emphasised how much friendship and social connection contribute to a healthy long life. The more I listened, the more I identified how our craft group epitomises her research findings. While looking forward to the reopening of the Gallery Room in due course, the best interim solution is to Zoom in together for our Tuesday chat. The creative craft is ongoing for those nimble fingered, and for those of us not gifted in that department, we are engaged in crafty conversation. Discussion continues around the assembling of items for our 'time capsule', so more ideas are still welcome. If you haven't already joined in the virtual gathering, you can contact the Parish Office to be included on the invitation list. (D.D.)

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society – Thank you to all who joined us in May for the online reading of *The Long Road* by Shelagh Stephenson. Please keep an eye on the parish website for details of the next evening.

Book Club – Our Book Club will meet on Zoom on Friday 11th June at 8.00pm. Our chosen book for June is *The Gift of Rain*, the first novel by Malaysian novelist Tan Twan Eng. The book is available across a full range of formats: electronic, audio and even paper! 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.

"To have memories, happy or sorrowful, is a blessing, for it shows we have lived our lives without reservation". Tan Twan Eng The Gift of Rain.

Centering Prayer – *'We learn to float in God in prayer in order to swim with God in life.'* - From *The Path of Centering Prayer: Deepening Your Experience of God* by David Frenette. We meet for Centering Prayer by Zoom at 7.00pm every Monday evening. You are very welcome to join us. You can contact the Parish Office for the details.



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FROM THE RECTOR:

Things are beginning to look like they might just be getting back to normal. Down the road a bit... But reopening the church on 16th May was a great help to many people’s mental stability, I think, whatever about their spirituality. It was very good to see real humans in church together again. Our local Cluster Prayer Course went very well on Zoom and our thanks to Tanya and Rev. William Olhausen for arranging that. I think that the parishes of our cluster doing things together might be a worthwhile thing to explore in the future. By Zoom or otherwise. We didn’t have an outdoor Pentecost service this year in the ruin of Cill Iníon Léinín, but hopefully another year will see that happen again.

Ingenuity and a bit of creative thinking by some of us has meant that we can have an ‘*Alternative Fête*’ this year, [please see below] and many thanks to them for arranging that, and please support it. Work on fixing up the Sexton’s house for a new tenant is going on at the moment, as also are the eternal, circular attempts by members of the vestry to get a phone line in to the Carry Centre to improve our connection for online worship. Tantalus and Sisyphus spring to mind. [Well, my mind, anyway.] Even when we are back to normal church worship and attendance, the online broadcasts will continue, as it is an important lifeline and contact for many who are unable to join us in person in church.

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.

Alternative Fête – Given the 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, this year we are asking each household in the parish to set itself a particular outdoor “challenge” over the course of two weeks from 22nd May to 7th June 2021 (to coincide with our usual Fête time), and use this 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 regular dip in the sea! Other great ideas such as singalongs or random-acts-of-kindness are also possibilities – the only limits are those of your imagination! And 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.

Further details and a sponsorship form were distributed with the Easter edition of the Obelisk parish newsletter, and additional copies can be obtained by contacting Lewis Purser via email at lewispurser@eircom.net. The form can be personalised to reflect your preferred “challenge”. Alternatively, some may simply wish to make a donation.

Flower Guild

We are returning to having arrangements of fresh flowers on the altar. New volunteers are always most welcome. You do not need to be an expert, as all types of arrangement are equally acceptable, from the completely informal to works of art. Just bear in mind that light and bright colours are easier to see. Please contact the rector if you would like to join.

Sheep Thrills

Zoom meetings are now the norm and are well attended and very productive with lots of fabulous knitwear being produced. Please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney>. We have loads to sell which ultimately helps supporting charities and the homeless. Contact Joan at 087 2460078.

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In July The Great Care Co-op is hosting an online meeting with The Alzheimer’s Society to deliver *Understand Together*. Understand Together is led by the HSE and aims to raise awareness and understand dementia and also to inspire the nation to stand together with the 500,000 people affected by the condition.

Join us for this online meeting and training course to talk about dementia and the things we can all do to make our community inclusive.

How: The meeting is hosted by The Great Care Coop and provided through the Alzheimer Society’s online platform

When: Central to the course is two ‘live video meetings’ which you are encouraged to attend. They will take place in July. Between these two meetings you will have access to the online dementia training content and can complete this in your own time. A dedicated tutor will be there to support and advise you.

Sometimes it’s the small steps that make the biggest difference in a person’s life.

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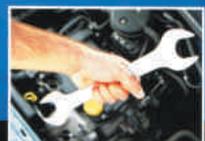
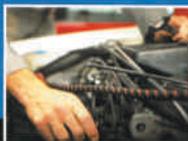
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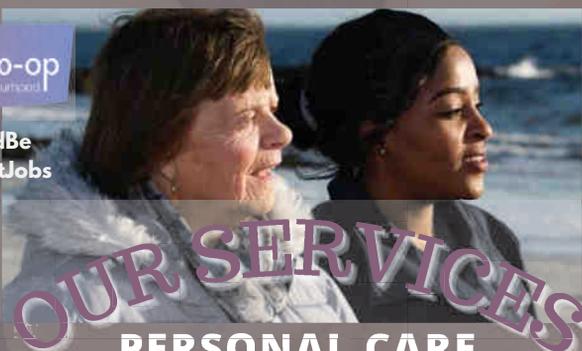
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Oh! How Television (and Radio) has changed over the years

As mentioned in last month's article we are back to work, and gradually making our way through the backlog that built up as result of the restrictions.

Some viewers may have noticed recently that some of the ITV channels have stopped working, and to restore the channels in question they need to be re-tuned. Broadcasters move frequency from time to time for a variety of (technical and financial) reasons, which unfortunately results in the temporary loss of some channels (until they are re-tuned).

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