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# ECH(OO)ES

**Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers**

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## ECHOES Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers Festival at Dalkey Castle

**ECHOES Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers Festival:** It's all systems go at Dalkey Castle for the in-person, live ECHOES Festival from 1st-3rd October 2021.

**With the easing of Government restrictions** indoor events can go ahead with 60% capacity once all participants are fully vaccinated or have recovered from Covid in the past six months. Seating with social distancing, mask wearing and on-line booking will also be mandatory. Rest assured the warmth, the chat and the welcome will be as good as ever.

***This Year It Will Be Different*** is the aptly named title of this year's Festival. It is the title of a short story collection Maeve Binchy published in 1995. Filled with her trademark wit and intuitive understanding of what makes people tick, the collection powerfully evokes the lives of people during times of change.

**With an exciting line-up of events** and featuring some of Ireland's most popular guest speakers, ECHOES 2021 celebrates change, friendship, making new connections and hearing new and unheard stories.

**On Friday 1st October at 7.30pm, Maeve Binchy's "Aches and Pains"** adapted by Shay Linehan, starring Michael Heavey and Margaret Toomey and directed by Margaret Dunne, will be staged in the Heritage Centre.

**Saturday 2nd October from 9.15am - 5.00pm** after introductions and welcome from Gordon Snell, writer Kathleen MacMahon will speak about Maeve Binchy's influence and impact. This will be followed by a discussion on how life can inspire and influence writing. On this panel Patrick Freyne, Sarah Gilmartin and Sinéad Crowley talk to Neil Hegarty about the interconnectedness between their lives and careers.

**Reading from Maeve Binchy's work** by actor Clelia Murphy (Fair City and Dancing with the Stars) will punctuate the morning's discussions.

**Circle of Friends:** The final session before lunch will see Seán O'Rourke chairing a session with Ruth Fitzmaurice, Rosita Boland and Rónán Hession on the power of friendship.

**After lunch, Dr. Phil Mullen will tell a personal story.** Phil was born in Dublin and grew up in the Irish industrial school system. She is now Associate Professor of Black Studies at Trinity College. This will dovetail with Caelainn Hogan, Rachael English and Turtle Bunbury discussing with Caroline Erskine why the hidden stories of Ireland's past need to be shared and how contemporary writers are making these voices heard.

**Irish Times and Maeve's Times editor Róisín Ingle** will lead a discussion on why a host of new readers are now connecting with the work of Maeve Binchy. Sarah Maria Griffin, Anna Carey and Chris Binchy will give their views on why this is so, on the 'Heart & Soul' panel.

**Back by popular demand, comedienne Deirdre O'Kane** will read some hilarious accounts from Maeve's journalism.

**Maeve's cousin, Author, Gillian Binchy** shares some special memories, in '*Remembering Maeve*' as the final item on Saturday's programme of events.

**Sunday 3rd October Read the Wave.** Get your dryrobes out... *I Found My Tribe* author, Ruth Fitzmaurice leads an ECHOES sea swim! Free 10.30am, Vico Baths, Vico Road.

**Marvellously Maeve — NEW for ECHOES 2021 at 11.00am-12noon:** A Guided Maeve Binchy walk from Dalkey Castle. This newly devised walk is full of Maeve's stories and anecdotes, not in any guidebook. It finishes in the Maeve Binchy Memorial Garden at Dalkey Library where there is a beautiful mosaic by local ceramic artist, Laura Hagan.



*Gordon Snell opening ECHOES 2019*

*Photo by Conor McCabe*

## Tickets

<b>Aches and Pains</b>	€17.95.
Full day tickets Sat 2nd	€55.
Morning or afternoon	€35.
<b>Marvellously Maeve Guided Walk</b>	€13.95.

Booking fees apply. All booking at [www.echoes.ie](http://www.echoes.ie)

ECHOES is supported by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown CoCo.

*Margaret Dunne, Manager, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre*



## ❖ SUMMARY OF DCC SEPTEMBER MEETING 2021 ❖

### Summary of the DCC Zoom Meeting held on Tuesday 7th September 2021

**Treasurer:** We thank everyone who has made a contribution to our 2021 annual collection and donations can still be made online: **Account: Dalkey Community Council**  
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**TT:** DTT has welcomed new volunteers and the group can now expand their work/projects in maintaining the town and the environs. The results of the TT competition are expected in late November. A serious blitz of graffiti was removed from building hoardings on Coliemore Road.

**Sports:** Dalkey Dashers had a very successful day at the Dublin Community Games Competitions. See pages 21 and 22.

**NW:** There were reported incidents of car mirrors being damaged in the area. The Gardai and the mounted bike units are patrolling the town on a regular basis.

**Planning:** The Tramyard has been granted permission and among the conditions is the removal of the proposed top storey and roof garden. Permission has been granted for the hockey pitch and 4 lane 100m athletics track for Loreto. The application for 22 apartments at The Barn on Atmospheric Rd. was refused by DLR but this decision has been appealed to ABP.

**AOB:** An Post will be contacted in connection with the repair of the post box at Sue Ryder.

**The next Zoom Meeting will be on Tuesday 5th October at 7:30pm**



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*The Women's Novice Crew*

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## NEWS FROM DALKEY ROWING CLUB



August saw the return of East Coast rowing regattas after a one year hiatus. Dalkey Rowing Club set down a marker at Wicklow on the bank holiday with our first crew of the day, Novice Ladies, powering home to take gold on their first ever outing. More success followed with gold for Intermediate Ladies, Silver for Novice Men and Bronze for Senior Men and Senior Ladies. It was a great day for the club.

Then on to Skerries on the 21st for the second regatta where poor sea conditions and a thunderstorm made things very difficult for our crews. Our Mixed crew put in an outstanding performance winning their race despite breaking an oar on the turn and having to row home with only three oars. Novice Ladies took silver and Novice Men came fourth.

Next stop was Stella Maris at Ringsend on the 28th of August. A beautiful sunny day on the Liffey saw Dalkey crews take silver in the Novice Men and bronze in Intermediate Ladies. A crash on the first turn put our Senior Men out of contention.

The last regatta of 2021 will be St. Michael's, Dun Laoghaire, on the 19th of September.

We had our Open Day on the 14th of August with over sixty people trying rowing for the first time hopefully some of them will be winning medals for the club next year!

It's great to see Coliemore Harbour getting back to normal with the new gangway operational and the fallen rock due to be lifted out shortly.

*Dalkey Rowing Club*

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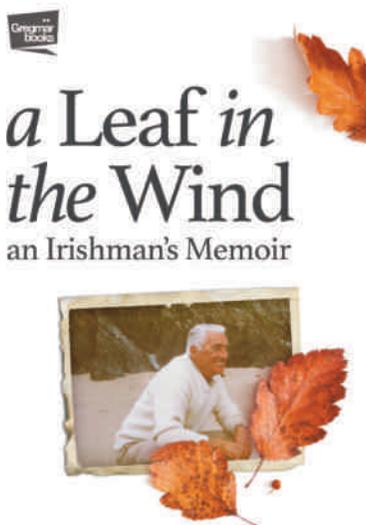
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Adapted and edited by Michael Cullen

*“Matt Cullen’s descriptions of Castlebellingham in the early part of the 20th century are vivid and funny. His depiction of loneliness in an orphanage and his flight back home is moving. His account of Jewish Dublin is, for me, new and the graphic portraits of Dalkey and Dún Laoghaire are striking. He was a clever, sensitive, well-read man.”*

– **Vincent Browne**,  
journalist and broadcaster

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## OCTOBER IN OUR GARDENS – Philippa Thomas



Hello Everybody and wishing each one of us, Happy Autumnal Days  
*“If A Year Was Tucked Inside The Face Of A Clock, Then Autumn Would Be The Magic Hour”*. Victoria Erickson.

Autumn is officially here in all its golden glory. Our gardens and courtyards are damp with dew in our early mornings and magnificent spidery silky webs decorate our archways, ladders etc. Even our balcony right now, can provide a sanctuary of calm, somewhere to express our individuality or simply to kick off our shoes and relax with a good book.... Really, Autumn gardens are all about drama. Isn't our air so crisp as we observe our deciduous trees changing from all tones of harmonious greens to brilliant gold, rich amber and fiery reds. Our leaves are rustling, ornamental grasses swaying; our rose hips and various berries look like clusters of glistening jewels. Again, a well placed bench or chair and a small table in the morning sun and of course for me, a gorgeous mug of fresh coffee can encourage us to slow down and truly appreciate the passing of this magnificent season.... Just being outdoors with a sense of purpose can lift our spirits, immeasurably. It is time now, for freshly made soups, candles, wood burning fires and cozying up.

Although some of our days are still glorious and warm, this may be the first month some areas may experience their first frosts, so preparation for winter is in full swing.

*“Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower”*. ALBERT CAMUS.

AUTUMN IS THE NEW SPRING FOR PLANTING IN OUR GARDENS. Some plants need to be brought inside in order to help them survive our chilly winter temperatures. Remember, most plants in Autumn put their resources into new root growth before they go dormant and they can do this because they're not battling drought or heat.

### GREAT NEWS

Scientists at Brunel University are looking at how plants can help clean soil of heavy metals without the need for invasive chemicals.

Just imagine some plants can absorb metals from our soils, this is known as phytomining and can help clean up man-made pollution. Volunteers will be sent a packet of seeds to grow and are asked to return soil samples and their clippings after 6 weeks.

A new population of one of The UK's rarest butterflies, The Heath Fritillary has been found in Kent.

This butterfly re-appeared as the result of an intricate chain of actions involving wood ants helping to spread the growth of common cow wheat plant, which it lays eggs on.

Gardening to some, is not a hobby but a spiritual practice and to some of us, a life partner, a constant companion. REMEMBER, YOUR GARDEN NEVER CLOSES, WE SHARE



*The underwing of The Heath Butterfly, Melitaea Athalia, extremely rare, found in Kent, recently*

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EACH OTHERS SKIES. — For some again, it's the ultimate form of mindfulness. Our gardens can have a head, a heart and a gut and every inch can earn its keep. Around now, so many Pelargoniums are often thrown on the compost heap but these tender perennials can be kept through the winter if they are protected from frost. This saves money and of course, we can keep our favourite varieties. Then, it also gives us a head-start into next spring and of course, we have the option of taking cuttings, too. I bought a beauty recently at a local charity plant sale, called Voodoo. Its best not to cover cuttings as they tend to rot. Place somewhere warm, light and airy and water sparingly over winter, letting compost dry out slightly between watering.

### WHY PLANT A TREE?

Well, firstly a tree is beautiful, they enrich our lives. Their leaves create dappled patterns in the sun and then, they change throughout our seasons. A native tree species provides a habitat and food for many species, insects, birds and mammals. Trees in cities have a big effect on pollution, they absorb chemicals and they also physically, remove dust from our air. Globally, trees like all green plants release the oxygen we need to breathe, allowing us to live on our planet. If you literally have no space for even a small ornamental tree, climbers are great because we're making use of our space, vertically.

Just must tell you, no question about it, an unbelievable plant, this early Autumn is Symphyotrichum, 'Little Carlow'. Its colour is so intense; it will almost dazzle your eyes. Its flower centres are not the usual yellow and it doesn't suffer from mildew. This is a tough Autumn Beauty and near to impossible to find but should you get the chance, simply grab it...

Remember, small changes can have a big impact; the smallest tweak can make all the difference to how our gardens look and feel.

### WHAT WE PLANT IN OUR GARDENS AND HOW WE LOOK AFTER OUR PLANTS CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GREEN DESERT AND A RICHLY DIVERSE HABITAT.

1. Maybe, dress up our doorstep. A trio of themed containers placed by our front door creates a welcome entrance. Terracotta pots are a good choice for spring bulbs as they absorb excess water from the compost and release it back in dry periods. They also allow air to circulate through the compost, ...then you can place bulbs much tighter together in a pot than in the ground, which will give a more impactful display. Spring bulbs don't need to be planted so deeply in a pot as they do in the ground, so you can choose a shallow wide bowl.
2. This is the perfect time to collect seeds of Astrantias, Poppies, Sweet Peas etc. An excellent time too, to take cuttings of shrubby herbs such as Rosemary, Lemon Verbena and Thyme.



*Aster, Little Carlow. This tough Autumn beauty will dazzle your eyes, every single year.*

3. Bring potted tropical plants inside including bananas, eucomis, (pineapple plants) brugmansias etc
4. Lift tender Cannas and Gingers, (Hedychiums) to avoid frost damage, dry off tubers and store in cool dark conditions until spring.
5. Water plants more sparingly as conditions turn cooler and our days get shorter.
6. Raise necessary pots onto feet in order to prevent water logging over winter.
7. Best to remove buddleia seedlings asap from our gullies and chimneys as they root so easily.
8. Try and remove every bit of bindweed root and horse tail from unwanted places.
9. Finish picking runner beans and French beans but leave a few pods to ripen fully so you can save the seeds.



*'Sculpture in Context' 2021, On display until October 15th, in The National Botanical Gardens. A canopy of plastic bottles, threaded together with builders twine.*

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### “WACKY DAY” at Harold Boys’ N.S.

We celebrated Wellbeing Week at our school recently. A great week was had by all. Wellbeing is something we prioritise at our school, particularly after the unusual year we have all had. Wellbeing Week brought plenty of fun to the school. Some activities that we have enjoyed in the past could not go ahead, but we made alternative plans and still had plenty of fun. A new day that was added to the week’s schedule was “Wacky Day”. This day embraced everyone’s uniqueness. The children and staff were encouraged to wear



bright-coloured clothing, odd socks and create funny hair-dos. The day brought plenty of fun and colour to the school. The idea behind the day was “*Even on your darkest day, you can still wear your brightest colours*”.

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## UNIQUE PHOTOS OF BATHING ON OUR DOORSTEP THROUGH THE AGES



For those trying to organise a ‘Book Launch’ during this Covid era, it has been a nightmare – but not for Dalkey author Eileen O’Duffy. On Thursday, September 9th she invited her pre-paid customers to a gathering at the Forty Foot and for the first time, we received our copies of the very impressive publication **“From Dirt and Dips to Dryrobes”**.

What makes Eileen’s book unique is the collection of fascinating photos of local bathing places from the 1800’s to the present day. These include horse drawn Bathing Machines and Boxes, Turkish Baths, Loreto Convent Baths, Salthill Women’s Bathing place, Wash Houses, Bath Houses, Gents Bathing Places, Stanley’s Tea Rooms at Killiney Beach, diving boards at the Forty Foot and Vico Bathing Place

and Dún Laoghaire Baths and more. In fact, looking at many of these fascinating photos of times gone by, the facilities available to the public today do not compare well. Many of these swimming icons are now derelict or have disappeared altogether. Facilities at the East Pier in Dún Laoghaire such as Rainbow Rapids, the vibrant Blackrock Baths and Dún Laoghaire Baths and Killiney Beach, sadly, are long gone.

The recent headline-catching stories of the Dryrobes craze have shown yet again how fortunate we are to have such wonderful swimming places on our doorstep but as Eileen O’Duffy highlights, there is much that should still be done to make our coastline far more attractive and safer for swimmers of all ages, with or without their Dryrobes. In that context, the recent upgrading at Killiney Beach and the soon to be completed Dún Laoghaire Baths site are certainly a step in the right direction. Congratulations Eileen on a wonderful ‘memory lane’ of our local swimming history. Her book will bring a smile to the faces of us older citizens but will appeal to all. **“From Dirt and Dips to Dryrobes”** is now available at Dalkey News and at the Heritage Centre on Castle Street – while stocks last!

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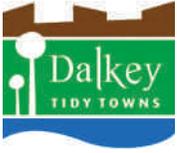
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## DALKEY TIDY TOWNS UPDATE



As the good weather continues DTT teams are out and about and working very hard around the town.

Our Planters did a great clearing job at the end of Hyde Road so that our long Rosa Rugosa hedge has sunlight once again and the entrance to Dalkey looks well cared for. Our Pharaohs painted both the low wall and the lone bench opposite Archbold's Castle which seems to be one of the most popular seats on Castle Street! Our Gleamers cleared a wide area of litter around the Town. Fiona presented our Dalkey Energy Master Plan at the 'Sustainable Energy Communities Information Webinar' on Tuesday 14th September. As a result, big congratulations are due to Fiona and our Sustainers on the confirmation that we are now finalists in the SEAI Inspirational Energy Community Award scheme. A really great achievement for Dalkey! Alan Winter also continued his great efforts in clearing Graffiti throughout on his regular rounds in our attempts to keep Dalkey a 'No Graffiti' area.

*Dalkey Tidy Towns*



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## WHAT'S ON IN DALKEY LIBRARY

*“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”* – ALBERT CAMUS

Welcome back readers! The above autumn quote is so true! Although you may have a few flowers still blooming in your garden, it's difficult to compare to the brilliance of the red and orange leaves we see on the trees during October.

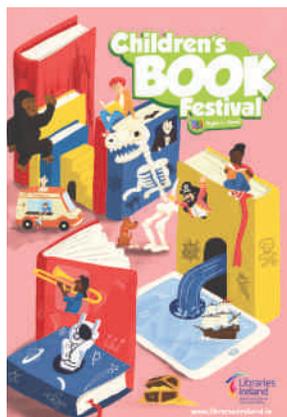
In line with the new Government guidelines and public health advice, we have reopened services in a gradual and measured way from the 20th September. Access to more PCs and some seating will be available in all branches.

Study spaces are being reintroduced on a phased basis from 20th September beginning with the Lexicon which previously trialled study spaces. We have begun expanding the number of study spaces in Dalkey Library from 27th September.

Newspapers are being reintroduced gradually; details to be confirmed at a later stage. Branches have also started to make magazines available again.

**Book Clubs** – Did you know dlr Libraries has a Book Set collection that holds multiple copies of all of these books, especially for local book clubs that might find useful when choosing for themselves. And if you are interested in reading along with us, and perhaps joining in the discussion, email: [libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie) for further information.

**Children's Book Festival 2021** – The annual Children's Book Festival helps spread the enjoyment of books and reading among children and families, authors and illustrators, teachers and librarians all over Ireland.



In October 2021, children will again have the opportunity to meet some of their favourite authors and take part in fun events for the whole family. We have a great line-up of authors and illustrators who will be 'zooming' in to dlr Libraries for Children's Book Festival this October!

For families, there will be exclusive videos from Alan Nolan, Oisín McGann, Paddy Donnelly, Shane Hegarty and Sheena Dempsey available on the dlr YouTube channel throughout the Festival month. Keep an eye on our website and our social media for information about staff storytimes, arts and crafts workshops and other events celebrating CBF in October!

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



The Minister for Climate Action – Mr Eamon Ryan  
Dáil Éireann, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

6 July 2021

### **Re:-Environmental Disaster**

*Dear Minister,*

I enclose a copy of an article from the July 2021 edition of the Dalkey Community Newsletter dealing with inter alia, the proposed Offshore Wind Farms in the Dublin/Wicklow offshore areas. If this proposal is proceeded with, it will be a complete disaster by destroying the glorious views lying offshore. It would be tantamount to erecting wind farms in the Lakes of Killarney!!! Additionally, Ireland's 'Bay of Naples' equivalent, namely the views from the internationally famous Vico Road, would be destroyed for ever. Politicians would better serve the current environmental problems if they paid attention to the proposals put forward in the aforementioned newsletter, by, in effect, proposing the erection of wind farms further out at sea.

In the longer term, Government should keep abreast of advances being made in the production of energy by Nuclear Fusion which will, in due time, resolve the world's energy supply problems.

Yours faithfully,

**Caoimhin Kenna**

*cc An Taoiseach Micheál Martin cc An Tániste Leo Varadkar.*

*Dear Editorial Team,*

I was surprised and disappointed to see the amount of Dalkey Newsletter space given to RWE Renewables Ireland Limited to market their business in the September issue. RWE is an energy company seeking to expand its portfolio in Ireland. I do think it is very healthy to have debate about the important issues coming down the track in relation to our Seafont and Marine Environment but providing two and a half pages of a local Newsletter for this developer to promote its business is in my view inappropriate. I wonder did they pay for the advertising space like the other advertising businesses did?

Kind regards,

**Concerned Resident**

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## DALKEY COMMUNITY GAMES



Dalkey Dashers certainly ran differently this year but we are delighted we could get our keen runners out in August!

We had three successful trial nights in the middle of August to select our team for the Dublin Community Games in Santry.

New and familiar faces came down to Loreto hockey pitch and ran their socks off! A big thank you everyone who attended the trials - you were all fantastic.

On 28th August, over 50 children representing Dalkey Dashers competed at the Dublin Community Games in Santry. It was a hot day but all of our athletes did amazing with many making it through to the finals.

Dalkey Dashers were regulars on the podium, taking home 16 medals!



### RESULTS:

#### Gold:

Aran McCabe (U10 60m Hurdles)  
Martha O'Flanagan (U14 Long Jump)

#### Silver:

Harry Spencer (U10 100m)  
Roisín Hickey (U10 200m)  
Erik McMahon (U12 Ball Throw)  
Ivy Lyons (U14 80m Hurdles)

#### Bronze:

Lennox Kelley (U10 100m)  
Isabelle Spencer (U10 100m)  
Sam Soumare (U10 60m Hurdles)  
Shanice Ainscough (U14 Javelin)

#### 4th:

Tom Condon (U8 60m)  
Alex Murphy (U10 200m)  
Maggie Long (U12 100m)  
Rebecca McEvoy (U14 100m)  
Tiana Murphy (U14 80m Hurdles)  
Ruby O'Herlihy (U14 Javelin)

The gold and silver medal winners will compete at regional and national Community Games finals.

We are so proud of all of the Dalkey Dashers, well done!



## MORE SUCCESSFUL DALKEY DASHERS



Thank you to Robert Dunne at Loreto for allowing us to use the hockey pitch. Elaine Feely for all her hard work with Community Games in preparation for the finals.

Finally, a huge thank you to our enthusiastic and dedicated coaches - Conor Patton, Andy O'Brien, Jenny Quinn, Karen Holmes, Mairéad Tobin and Sandra Brady. Without you all, we could not have had Dalkey Dashers this year!

We hope to resume our usual weekly training sessions next Spring.

*Dalkey Dashers*



### BACK TO SCHOOL

We are all delighted and excited to be back in school after the summer holidays. It is great to see all our friends and all the staff again.

This year we are allowed to do activities in the classroom like singing and playing the recorder. We will also be doing after school activities like hockey. We couldn't do these activities last year because of Covid-19. We are happy that a lot of people have been vaccinated and now things are getting back to normal.

As well as Junior Infants and a new ASD class, there are also new pupils, teachers and SNAs in our school. It is fun to come to school every day and to learn new things. In 3rd class we are excited about learning how to read music and how to play the recorder. This year 3rd class will also learn how to play rugby for the first time.

2021 is a very special year in Loreto because we are celebrating the bicentenary of Loreto schools in Ireland. The first Loreto School was set up in 1821 in Rathfarnham by Teresa Ball.

We hope you enjoyed our update from Loreto and stay safe!

*By Mrs. Kavanagh's 3rd class*

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 32-36 9/8/2021 to 10/9/2021

*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.:** D21A/0721

**Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Aug-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Ian White, 26, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission for repositioning and widening of existing vehicular entrance etc.

**Declare Application Invalid:** 18-Aug-2021.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0727

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13-Aug-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Kiara and John Drake, 3 Barnacoille Park, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for new vehicular entrance and front boundary fence together with associated works to permitted Family Flat Extension to Dwelling: Reg Ref D19A/0841.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0517

**Application Rec'd Date:** 8-Jun-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Castlepark School, Castlepark Road, Dalkey. a protected structure (Ref. 1405).

**Proposal:** The development will consist of the construction of new vehicular and pedestrian gates & modifications to the existing roads, footpaths and kerbs to the access road from Castle park Road and the access from Castlelands top Castle Park School and to increase the height of the stone boundary wall delineating Castle Park School from the residential development to the west of the school from 1.8m to 2.4m and associated site works at Castle Park School, Castlepark Road, Dalkey. **Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds):** 19-Aug-2021.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0731

**Application Rec'd Date:** 17-Aug-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** John and Teresa Mullen of Ampelmann ULC, 2, Stanford House, Mount Salus Road, Dalkey (A Protected Structure).

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for: Works to the existing dwelling as follows: To front elevation main house: clean down existing render and stone: undertake repairs to door screen and windows and stone lintels/cills. To front elevation mews; remove existing timber screen and glazing to mews elevation; install 2 no. new lintels to form door at ground floor level and window at first floor level; infill masonry where required and new render to match existing to elevation. To side elevation main house: clean down existing render and stone; undertake repairs to windows and stone cills; remove first floor contemporary window and cill; infill masonry and patch in render to match existing; remove existing services; instate new wall vent to reception room. To rear elevation main house: Clean down existing render and cills; undertake repairs to windows; relocate rainwater goods; install new soil vent pipe and new radon vent pipe. At pitched roofs main house: relay pitched roofs to incorporate new membrane under slates; lay all new valleys/flashings; carry out repairs to chimneys including new haunching and flashings; install 1 no. new rooflights and new solar panels to inner roofs. Internally: remove existing ground floor and lay new floor slab with radon membrane and sump under and underfloor heating incorporated; make layout changes including structural openings at: ground floor level, return level, and at first floor, new bathroom and main bedroom/ensuite layout at first floor; install 2no. new attic hatches; undertake necessary repairs to ceilings and internal walls at all levels. And new extension works as follows: To mews and return areas; demolish existing structures behind line of rear wall main house and mews front wall and

construct new part 2-storey, part 3-storey extension to side/rear to include workshop at mews ground floor area and living area linked to main house over. Works will convert the main house and mews area to a single dwelling. And garden works as follows: To rear garden: reduce level to rear terraces and form new planters: construct new timber pergola to lawn; form 2no. new openings to existing garden walls and install new stone steps. To front garden: widen existing vehicular access gate from Mount Salus Road by 300mm by rebuilding existing pier to left hand side and installing new section of hinged metal gate to match existing. And general works: strip all existing plumbing/heating and electrical services and install all new systems; remove non-original fittings; install new fittings and redecorate; and any associated repairs; drainage works and builder's works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0750

**Application Rec'd Date:** 23-Aug-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Laura Murphy, 10 Sorrento Road, Dalkey, A96 V9F2

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the erection of a new front boundary wall and gate with associated site works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0754

**Application Rec'd Date:** 24-Aug-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Ian White, 26, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for repositioning and widening of existing vehicular entrance to include new pedestrian entrance and associated gates, railing, landscaping and siteworks.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0773

**Application Rec'd Date:** 30-Aug-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Ard Services Ltd. Circle K Dalkey Service Station, 3 Ulverton Rd, Dalkey, A96 A4N8

**Proposal:** The development will consist of a change of use from retail use to retail use including the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises (i.e. off licence use) within the overall retail unit, where the floor area for the off licence use is 10sqm and is ancillary to the primary retail use.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0778

**Application Rec'd Date:** 02-Sep-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Sarah Jane O'Connor, 42A, Castle St., Dalkey. A96CX44

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for minor yet material modifications to previously approved planning permission register reference D21A/0236 final grant order number P/156/21 in the extensive upgrading works to the existing residential accommodation. No works are envisaged to the front facade or to the shop unit at GFL. These modification works are to consist of 1. the raising of the rear ground floor level previously approved by 300mm. 2. additional ground floor area to previously approved of 1.5m<sup>2</sup> to the rear. 3. additional rear first floor area to previously approved of 2m<sup>2</sup> to rear bedroom. 4. The floor to ceiling height of the rear living room is to be lowered by 1490mm to finish at 3500mm internally modifications are necessary due to the evidence of rock formation to the rear garden and to facilitate the consequent internal design arrangements.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21B/0461

**Application Rec'd Date:** 31-Aug-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Michael Mullany, 3, Craigfield, Cunningham Rd., Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing single storey garage, kitchen and utility room to the side (41sqm) and the construction of a new single storey extension to the side and rear (71sqm), modifications to the existing window opes to the front, the installation of external insulation, modifications to the driveway and landscaping, and all associated site works

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0798

**Application Rec'd Date:** 7-Sep-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr. Kevin O'Farrell, 9 Convent Road, Dalkey. (A96 HT67)

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a two-storey, two bedroom detached dwelling house to side of existing dwelling. Relocation of existing vehicular access, new vehicular access to front of existing dwelling and all associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0800

**Application Rec'd Date:** 07-Sep-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Stephen and Olivia Keenan, 14 Castlepark Road, Sandycove, A96AF40

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for proposed alterations to existing front boundary to provide a vehicular entrance from Castlepark Road and off-street parking.

**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0812

**Application Rec'd Date:** 9-Sep-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mark & Claire Homan, Clooneva, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, A96 X896

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the following works: 1. Alterations to front boundary wall including amalgamation of existing pedestrian and vehicular entrances to one single vehicular entrance and provision for new manual gates. 2. Demolition of existing garage, construction of new garage on its place and associated site works.

## PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEKS 32-36 9/08/2021 TO 10/9/2021

**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0568 **Decision:** Request Add Info

**Applicant Name & Location:** Michael Good, 44-45, Castle Street, Dalkey, (within an architectural conservation area)

**Proposal:** Permission at site at rere for a two storey, three bed, end of terrace house (no.3) 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 Pleanala (305227-19). Proposal to include changes to the two permitted (305227-19) terraced houses (no's 1 & 2) consisting of moving them 950mm southwards, increasing the ridge height by 550mm, realigning their garden walls and providing three pedestrian gates to laneway off Castle Street. Proposal to include ancillary site works.

**Reg. Ref.** D21A/0573 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 10-Aug-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Fiona O'Doherty & Ian Robertson, Juverna, 1, Alexandra Villas, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, A96C8X4, (Architectural Conservation Area)

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for demolition of existing hipped roof & glazed roof extension to access attic at second floor as part of existing rear return; Extension of floor area of existing attic space (5 m sq) with an increase in height of roof apex by 600 mm, with new external terrace and bounding walls and associated site works

**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0578 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 13-Aug-2021

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

**Proposal:** Permission for development comprising alterations to previously permitted works under reg ref. D21B/0074: A reduction in the extent of the permitted single-storey extension to the north facade and alterations to the windows to the south facade, all to the proposed living/kitchen/dining area: a single-storey extension to the north-west end at proposed bedrooms; alterations to the first floor plan, including modifications to the footprint and facades, with associated internal layout changes; and relocation of the garden shed. The proposed ground floor extends to 147 sq.m, reduced from 154 sq.m, whilst the first floor remains at 50 sq.m

**Reg. Ref.** D21A/0585 **Decision:** Grant & Refuse Permission **Date:** 13-Aug-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Kai ming Poon & Xiao jin Wu, 3C, Castle Street, Dalkey, A96WA26, (junction of Hyde Road & Ulverton Place), This development is located within Dalkey Architectural Area

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development consisting of: alterations to existing outdoor seating area to include the following: (i) removal of existing screening panels around seating area; (ii) construction of a single structure comprising of an outdoor dining

area enclosed with aluminium and timber panelling with retractable fabric awnings and new porch entrance providing pedestrian access off Ulverton Place; (iii) alterations to front facade to include the removal of existing 2 no. windows and cills to install new bi-folding screens providing access to outdoor area; and (iv) all ancillary works required to facilitate the development.

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**Reg. Ref.** D21B/0311      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 13-Aug-2021  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Eva Hamilton & Paul Murphy, The Gables, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, A95 WP96

**Proposal:** Permission for a proposed new two storey extension at first floor level which incorporates conversion of attic to storage space only, New dormer window to rear at attic level, new Bay window to front elevation at first floor level, the provision of 4 No. Velux windows to front roof and all associated site works.

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**Reg. Ref.** D21B/0321      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 13-Aug-2021  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Raymond & Rosemary Reilly, Montalcino, Knock-Na-Cree Road, Dalkey, A96P656.

**Proposal:** Permission for development at this site. The development will consist of the following: 30.00 m2 first floor kitchen extension and a 6.50 m2 ground floor bedroom extension both to the rear; works to include minor internal alterations and ancillary site works to rear garden.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21B/0326      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 18-Aug-2021  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Clare Salley & Declan O'Rourke, Greenoge, Killiney Road, Dalkey. A96XD32

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development. The development will consist of the demolition of an existing single storey extension to the rear of the existing house, in conjunction with the construction of a proposed single storey extension which will accommodate a kitchen, dining and living area. As part of the works some internal alterations are also being proposed.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0616      **Decision:** Request Add. Info      **Date:** 24-Aug-2021  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Brendan Seaver, Odessa, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing single storey pitched roof return to the rear, single storey bay windows to the side and front and the removal of the first floor pitched roof and dormers and construction of a first floor flat roof extension to form a contemporary 2 storey flat roof, 3 bedroom dwelling, with terraces to the front and rear and associated internal modifications fenestration and elevation modifications and all associated site works to facilitate development including a free standing store at the vehicular entrance. Demolition of the existing kitchen to the side, subdivision of the site and vehicular lay-bys on existing driveway were permitted under reg ref: D20A/0703.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0624      **Decision:** Grant Permission & Retention      **Date:** 24-Aug-2021  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Mark & Sarah Fitzpatrick, 12 Old Quarry, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Retention permission for constructed sub-structure elements and full demolition of roof and external walls of house, part of which were to be retained in accordance with a previous planning permission ref: D20A/0854 and planning permission is sought for the reconstruction of the demolished walls and roof structure back to their original positions together with the completion of the development in accordance with the size, layout and design as previously approved under register ref: D20A/0854 with minor design changes.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0643      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 26-Aug-2021  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Gillian Keily, 7 Tubbermore Road, Dalkey, A96 Y5D1.

**Proposal:** Permission for development consisting of minor amendments to previously permitted development namely reduction of roof heights to rear extensions, changes to

finishes of new pitched roofs from zinc to natural slate and omission of roof overhand & replacement with timber pergola. Other elements of previously permitted development to remain as per file ref: D20A/0521 namely the refurbishment, extension & alteration of existing terraced dwelling house comprising rear single storey extension for new kitchen, utility, WC, dining and living room, & refurbishment of existing dwelling to provide two bedrooms, bathrooms, office & associated internal & external alterations, all arranged around new courtyard garden, alterations to existing rear access to mews laneway and associated works to landscaping, drainage, boundaries etc.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D20A/0997      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 31-Aug-2021

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

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

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0084      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 31-Aug-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Jarlath & Susan O'Leary, Site of approx. 1,588 sqm, at the site to be known as, Imladris, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, bounded to the south by an existing dwelling known as Scarsdale, (Eircode A96C425), and to the North and North west, by Killiney Hill Park.

**Proposal:** Permission for development. The proposed development shall provide for the clearance of the existing site and the construction of 1 no. residential unit (c.734sqm) and including associated garage (c.56qm) within the lower ground floor. The residential development proposed comprises a 6-bedroom residential unit with associated private garden to the rear, garden terraces at ground, first and second floor level and the provision of PV panels on the sedum roofs. The unit is one to three storeys in height over lower ground floor. The development will include lower ground floor level car parking for three cars and a lift from the lower ground to the second floor. A new access point for pedestrians and vehicles will be provided on to Dalkey Avenue as part of the proposal with a new automatic steel gate (approx 2.7m in height) and stone piers. The development will also include all associated site development works above and below ground including site services and landscape works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21B/0364      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 31-Aug-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** Kevin Austen & Orla Mellett, Seaview, Dalkey Ave, Dalkey, A96D403

**Proposal:** Permission for development. The development will consist of the following works to the two storey semi-detached dwelling: Conversion of existing attached garage to den; Construction of first floor extension to front and side elevations; Reconstruction of part of the garage to side elevation; Reconstruction of part of garage to side elevation; Reconstruction of part single storey extension to rear with 2no. Roof-lights; Changes to elevations, refurbishment and internal amendments on both levels to the original house; All associated landscaping to front and rear gardens, drainage and site development works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0674      **Decision:** Refuse Permission      **Date:** 10-Sep-2021

**Applicant Name & Location:** McGENDCO Ltd., 17, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for redevelopment comprising:- Conversion of existing single occupancy dwelling to two, self-contained, own door, two bedroomed apartments. Re-alignment, extension & raising of first floor dormer accommodation to both sides. Removal of existing chimneys, fireplaces and general internal alterations throughout. New first floor dormer to rear & side. New screened balcony at first floor level. Replastering

exterior with selected, self-coloured, external insulation system. New and re-configured windows to all elevations at both floor levels. New flat & pitched rooflights at roof level. Demolition of existing garage, widening of existing vehicular entrance, provision of accessible lift, two in curtilage parking spaces, bin & general storage & re-alignment of existing ramped side access. All ancillary services & drainage works as required.

### APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanála Wks 32-36 9/8/2021 to 10/9/2021

**Reg Ref:** D21A/0464

**Reg. Date:** 21-May-2021

**Location:** The Barn, Atmospheric Road, Dalkey, A96TN90

**Development:** Permission for a residential development on an overall site of approx 0.26 ha. The proposed development shall provide for (a) the demolition of a two-storey residential dwelling and attached single storey outbuildings on site (total floor area approx. 501.58 sq m); and (b) the construction of 22 no. residential apartment units in the form of 1 no. 4 storey residential apartment block over part undercroft basement level/part basement level. The development shall provide for 2 no. studio apartment units, 18 no. 2 bed apartment units, and 2 no. 3 bed apartment units, ranging in size from approx. 43.77 - 165.17 sq.m, all with associated private balcony/terrace areas. Vehicular and pedestrian access is proposed via Atmospheric Road. The proposed development shall also provide for 19 no. car parking spaces (9 no. spaces at undercroft basement level and 10 no. spaces at surface level); a new single storey bicycle/bin storage building (approx 75 sqm) at the entrance to the site to accommodate a storage area for 27 no. bicycles spaces (approx 45 sqm) and a bin storage area (approx 30 sqm); 4 no. cargo bicycle spaces in a lock up area at undercroft basement level; a new public bicycle storage lock up (including 2 no. electric bicycle charging points), bicycle sharing facility and public seating area along Atmospheric Road; storage areas for apartments at basement level; all open space areas including play area; all boundary treatment: green roofs; solar panels; site services and all associated site development and landscaping works. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission.

**Appeal Lodged:** 11-Aug-2021. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission

**Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

**Reg Ref:** D21B/0184 **Reg. Date:** 16-Apr-2021 **Location:** Number 1 Rocklands, Dalkey.

**Development:** 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.

**Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 26-Aug-2021

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

**Reg Ref:** D21A/0573 **Reg. Date:** 18-Jun-2021 **Location:** Juverna, 1, Alexandra Villas, Rockfort Ave. Dalkey. A96C8X4, (Architectural Conservation Area)

**Development:** Permission is sought for demolition of existing hipped roof & glazed roof extension to access attic at second floor as part of existing rear return; Extension of floor area of existing attic space (5 m sq) with an increase in height of roof apex by 600 mm, with new external terrace and bounding walls and associated site works

**Council Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Lodged:** 3-Sep-2021

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

### APPEALS DECISION BY An Bord Pleanála Wks 32-36 2/8/2021 to 3/9/2021

**Reg. Ref.:** D19A/0932

**Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission

**Appeal Decided:** 23-Aug-'21 **Council's Decision** Grant Permission

**Location:** Site of c. 0.232 ha at The Tramyard, Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposed Development:** Permission for development consisting of: Demolition of 2 no. non-original, vacant single storey buildings and concrete plinth (C.503.5 sqm) on eastern side of site to be replaced by a 3 storey over basement building with roof garden, partial demolition (C.740 sqm) of 3 no. vacant, partly original tram shed buildings at the north-west of the site and the reconstruction in that location of the tram shed form with a raised roof profile, demolition (c.36 sqm), reconstruction and extension of cottage in western corner; and the overall construction of 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 (c.94 sqm or c.562 sqm if the north-west ground floor unit is occupied as retail space with off sales), cafe bar (c.127sq.m); office (c.594.5 sqm), health centre (c.700.5 sqm over two floors) and bar/restaurant uses (c.287.5 sqm or c.755.5 sqm if the north-west ground floor unit is occupied as a restaurant with bar space). At basement level, the development will comprise a plantroom and cultural space. At ground floor level, the development will comprise a public plaza with seating; 3 no. retail kiosks (c.21.5sq.m in total); a community notice board with steel canopy; a single storey cafe bar unit within the cottage walls being retained with a new glazed extension on .’ western elevation; a unit to be either retail with off sales or restaurant with bar use (c.468 sqm); a cultural venue (c. 311 sqm); office lobby (c. 68.5 sqm) and a retail unit (c.94 sqm). At first floor level, a total of c.594 sqm of flexible office space will be provided and health centre space (c.378.5 sqm) all accessed via lift from ground floor lobby or via external stairs from ground to first floor terrace. At second floor level, the health centre space is continued (c.322 sqm) and at third floor level a bar/restaurant (c.287.5 sqm) with external garden area will be provided, with customer access via direct lift from ground floor. 72 no. bicycle parking spaces and a bin store (C.30 sqm) will be provided at ground floor level. The development will be accessed via the existing gates and piers at Castle Street, which will be re-furbished and retained in the development. Service access will be provided via the existing access off Castle Street and via the laneway off Castle Street. The original granite setts and tram lines will be lifted and relaid in their existing layout. The associated site and infrastructural works include provision for water services; foul and surface water drainage and connections; attenuation proposals; all landscaping works; new lighting proposals; green roofs; boundary treatment; and electrical plant areas at basement, ground, first floor and roof level. The site is located within the Dalkey Architectural Conservation Area and contains Tram Lines (Protected Structure RPS No. 1463) and Gates and Entrance Piers (Protected Structure RPS No. 1471). **Applicant:** Cl6s Nua Limited.

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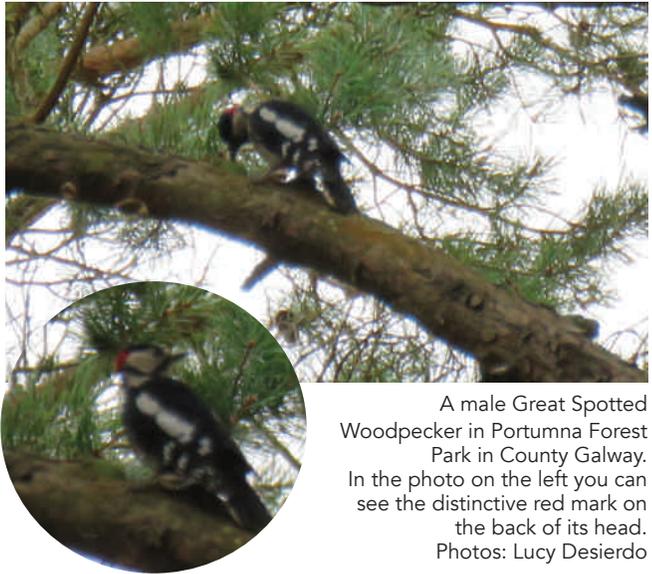
One of the largest areas of Scots Pine in the country is in Portumna Forest Park. As we strolled through it the rucksack was weighing heavy on my shoulders, due in no small part to the two litre water bottle in it. We hadn't touched it yet, so an obvious way to lighten the load was stopping to have a drink from it. If we hadn't stopped at that precise moment it's highly unlikely Lucy would have spotted a distant but unmistakable bird flying from pine to pine a few hundred yards away.

With rapid wing beats, black and white plumage and distinctive red patch on the back of the head it could only be a Great Spotted Woodpecker.

A most unexpected bird to see there, I didn't know they'd got as far west as Galway. Later I found they'd already been seen in the county in Derrycrag wood near Woodford, not too far from Portumna.

Woodpeckers are associated with the loud resonant drumming noise they make tapping on tree trunks but that's usually a spring display call to signify territory or attract a mate. What we could hear though was it pecking at horizontal branches to dig out insects and grubs.

A healthy population of red squirrels makes the forest park always worth a visit and Lucy had spotted at least four separate individuals. It's often while looking for, or at, some particular species of wildlife that you see something unexpected and just after we stopped to



A male Great Spotted Woodpecker in Portumna Forest Park in County Galway. In the photo on the left you can see the distinctive red mark on the back of its head. Photos: Lucy Desierdo

look at a red in a hazel tree a fallow deer crashed away through the undergrowth to our left and simultaneously we got a glimpse of a Pine Marten scurrying away to our right. It's possible the Pine Marten was actually stalking the red squirrel and we might have inadvertently saved the squirrel by disturbing the Marten.

I wrote before about when, on a previous visit there, we'd seen young Pine Martens moving down a tree, a privileged sighting and seeing one there again in daylight was a further treat. On that same previous visit to the forest park we'd found a busy hive of native honeybees in the fork of a conifer. We'd submitted that sighting and just days before we returned

there this year we'd been contacted by an Italian student, Chiara, doing an Erasmus in Galway University, carrying out an MSc project on wild honeybees. She asked did we know if the hive was still active and did we have a map reference. The answer to both



Immature Black-tailed Skimmer dragonfly in Portumna Forest Park

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Hive of native wild honeybees inside the walls of Portumna Castle. Honeycombs can be seen within both openings. Research into the populations of native bees in Ireland has produced some positive results. The close-up shows some of the busy bees and the honeycomb in the background.



questions was no but since we were hoping to get to Portumna within the following few days we said we'd have a look.

We found the tree but not a bee to be seen near it and it would seem the hive had been abandoned. Chiara had told us there was an active wild honeybee hive in the walls of Portumna Castle nearby so after we'd left the forest park we went there for a visit.

We didn't need to ask where the hive was as the guide, who greets you at the castle door, proudly informs you about their little residents and shows where their hive is, inside two adjoining round holes in the castle wall. With camera and binoculars we could see lots of activity and the actual honeycombs inside. Later I asked Chiara about her research and she supplied the following information which, for a happy change, is news about a native creature that is mostly positive news:

'*Apis mellifera mellifera*, the only native honeybee subspecies in Ireland, was once feared extinct in the wild. However, through the wild honeybee study, hundreds of wild honeybee colonies have been found throughout the country. In recent studies, morphological and genetic analysis showed that the sampled free-living population was largely comprised of pure *A. m. mellifera*. Most of the investigated colonies have

Small Tortoiseshell butterflies on Verbena in the garden of Portumna Castle



been reported by members of the general public, with the majority of reports involving colonies in urban areas, living in cavities in walls and roof spaces. The question then arises as to whether honeybees are present in forests here in Ireland. Further research showed that a significant number of Irish woodlands were suitable habitats for wild honeybee colony nests. Despite the relatively low forest cover in Ireland, some ancient and long-established woodlands are still present and considered to be of high conservation value.'



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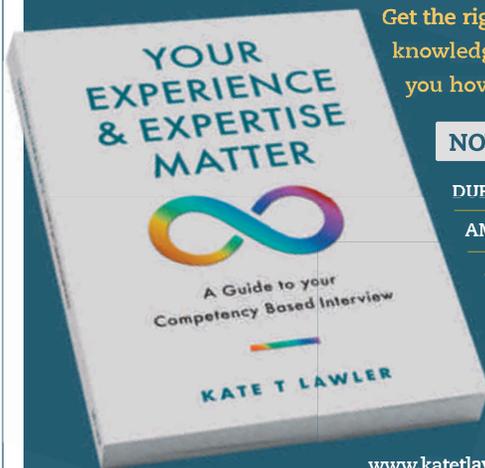
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## ❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES OCTOBER 2021 ❖

Although most Government restrictions on public meetings and indoor gatherings are due to be lifted from October 22nd, the following events are being held online or via Zoom - donation/charge may apply.

**Wednesday 6th at 8 pm:** The Rathmichael Historical Society will host '*1691: The Year that Sealed Ireland's Fate*' by Joe Joyce on Zoom - log onto [www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie](http://www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie) for further information.

**Thursday 7th at 1pm:** Dr. James Curry will present '*The Irish Revolution 1916-1923: The Irish Civil War: Part 2 (1923)*' from Cabra Library on Zoom - register with Cabra Library by calling 01-222 8310 or email: [cabralibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:cabralibrary@dublincity.ie) to obtain a link to it.

**Tuesday 12th at 8 pm:** The Foxrock Local History Club will host a short talk '*George IV*' by Frank Woods on Zoom - email: [info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie](mailto:info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie) for further information. The Malahide Historical Society will host '*Smuggling in North County Dublin*' by Paddy Ryan on Zoom - log onto [malahideheritage.ie](http://malahideheritage.ie) to obtain a link.

**Wednesday 13th at 7.30 pm:** The Old Dublin Society will host '*Retail Shopping in Dublin*' by Dr. Mary Muldowney on Zoom - email: [registerwitholddublinsociety@gmail.com](mailto:registerwitholddublinsociety@gmail.com) by 2 p.m. that day to receive a link to it.

**Thursday 14th at 8 pm:** The Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society will host '*Children need help and I am going to help them*' - Ella Webb 1877-1946' by Declan Warde online - members only.

**Monday 18th at 8 pm:** The Medal Society of Ireland will host '*Irish Doctors in the Second World War*' by Pat Casey, Kevin Cullen and Joe Duignan while for Show and Tell Peter Mulready will speak on '*A Naval Medal from my collection*'. Presented on Zoom - members only.

**Tuesday 19th at 8 pm:** The Foxrock Local History Club will host a long talk '*UCD and the Development of Belfield*' by Finola O'Kane on Zoom - email: [info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie](mailto:info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie).

**Wednesday 27th at 7.30 pm:** The Old Dublin Society will host '*Spectral Mansions: the making of a Dublin Tenement, Henrietta Street, 1800-1914*' by Timothy Murtagh on Zoom - email: [registerwitholddublinsociety@gmail.com](mailto:registerwitholddublinsociety@gmail.com) by 2 p.m. that day to receive a link to it.

**Thursday 28th at 7.30 pm:** The Rathmines, Ranelagh and Rathgar Historical Society will host '*Mapping Rathmines for the Irish Historic House Atlas*' by Séamas Ó Maitiú on Zoom - to obtain a link email: [rathmineshistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:rathmineshistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

### INFORMATION SOUGHT

Dr. Barbara Walsh, author of '*Irish Servicewomen in the First World War*' would appreciate any information from readers on the following ladies from the Dalkey area who served in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps - Margaret Ann Downey, born July 6th 1898 in Dalkey, Co. Dublin and later lived in 15, Kildare Street, Dublin - Hostel Forewoman, served March 1918 to December 1919; Kathleen Butler, born August 24th 1897, 2, St. Patrick's Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin - Cook, served March 1918 to October 1919; Winnie Cole, born May 13th 1897, 12, St. Patrick's Square, Dalkey - Housemaid, served March 1918 to September 1919; Sarah Kathleen Simmonds, born October 7th 1885, Monaster Lodge, Glenageary - Forewoman waitress, served May 1918 to November 1919. Please reply to [scannell253@gmail.com](mailto:scannell253@gmail.com)

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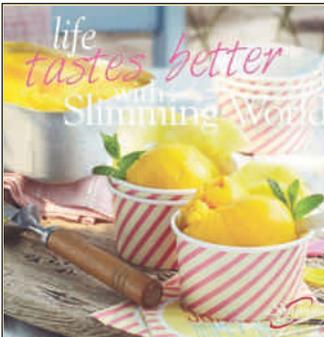
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Cataracts are diagnosed as part of an eye exam by your Ophthalmologist or Doctor.

**Early signs** to be aware of and which should be checked by a professional are:

- Blurry, cloudy or foggy vision
- More sensitive to the glare from headlights or the sun
- Difficulty driving at night
- Double vision in one eye
- Colours appearing faded
- If you wear glasses, it may feel as if the lenses are dirty and need to be cleaned

Treatment for cataracts depends on the severity of the condition. Early symptoms can often be managed by adjusting the prescription in your glasses, wearing anti-glare lenses and using increased light when reading. If necessary, cataract surgery may be suggested where the cloudy lens is replaced with a clear plastic lens.

Although cataracts are generally age related there are some suggestions that may help to prevent getting them – quitting smoking, eating a diet with antioxidants from leafy green veg and fruit, wearing sunglasses and a hat in the sun and avoiding excessive alcohol consumption.

If you have any concerns always speak to your Ophthalmologist/Optician or Doctor

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**Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am Thursday Holy Communion Service 10:30am**

Services can be viewed online – see link to videostream below.

### FROM THE RECTOR

We approach the season of mist and mellow fruitfulness, etc., and the eternal search for interesting things to do with turnips, without sniggering. Our Harvest Thanksgiving will be on 10th October at the 10.45am service, all being well and the visiting preacher will be the Archdeacon of Ossory and Leighlin, the Venerable Ruth Elmes.

The government, etc are going to muck about with the Covid Restrictions in the next few weeks and we'll see what they come up with, depending on the situation at the time.

Numbers allowed in churches have already gone up to 50% of capacity. This is only liable to be relevant for funerals or at Christmas and so forth, but in our case it will be 100 or so.

We will continue to wear masks and singing is still not allowed and since services are available online, you don't have to turn up unless you really want to. But you'll be very welcome if you do. Church organisations are straining at the leash, but it's still a matter of 'wait and see' for many of them.

Our deep sympathies are with all those who lost loved ones in the last while.

We remember John Taylor of Killiney Road, who passed away on 25th July and we think of Pam and all their family. Bill Russell, a very faithful servant and Treasurer of this parish and Pam and all their family are in our prayers. The funeral was on 19th July. So too Chris Hurley, another faithful treasurer and choir member and we think of June, Roger and Sylvia and all their family circle. The funeral was on 23rd August and was taken by Rev. Nigel Pierpoint.

My personal thanks to Rev. Nigel for arranging that last funeral and to all who took services and minded the shop while the Rector disported himself [mildly] on holiday — Rev. Gary Dowd, Venerable Gordon Linney, and Canon Ginnie Kennerly. May it be counted to them even as righteousness!

**Videostream of Sunday Church Service** – The Videostream of the live Sunday Church Service at 10:45 and Thursday at 10:30 am can be accessed via the link on the website: <https://holytrinitykilliney.com/> or through our Facebook page.

**Sheep Thrills** had a very good get together at Fitzpatrick's Lawn café on Thursday 26th August which was very well attended. A decision was made to restart again on Thursday 7th October in the Carry Hall at a new time of 2pm until 4pm. We welcome new members and can always guarantee a lively time sharing great knitting ideas. Contact Joan @ 087 2460078. <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney>

**Church Review** please collect your monthly Review magazine in Church going forward.

**Charity Christmas Card Sale** – We are hoping to have our Christmas Card Sale in the Carry Centre on Sunday 14th November after 10:45am Service. The charities that we will be supporting include: RNLI, Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, LauraLynn, Irish Hospice Foundation, Peter McVerry Trust, Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association, St Luke's. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your great support.

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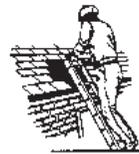
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3rd October:	10.15am	Holy Communion
10th October:	10.15am	Harvest Thanksgiving
17th October:	10.15am	Holy Communion
24th October:	10.15am	Morning Prayer
31st October:	10.15am	Holy Communion



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 5th and the 19th 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.

**Book Club**

Our Book Club will meet on Zoom on Friday 22nd October at 8.00pm. Our book for October has yet to be chosen, but if you check our parish website, it will have the information as soon as it is available. If you 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.

**Pastoral Support Group**

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**Our Church:** Following government guidelines, we have made more space available in our Church and we will be introducing an additional Sunday Mass as well as music over the coming months. We would love to welcome you into our Church to celebrate together. Please remember to wear a face mask and sanitize hands!

**Contacting our Church:** Our Parish Office can be contacted by email: [office@dalkeyparish.ie](mailto:office@dalkeyparish.ie) or you can contact our sacristy by email: [sacristy@dalkeyparish.ie](mailto:sacristy@dalkeyparish.ie) or call: 01-2859975.

## REFLECTION FOR OCTOBER

The month of October heralds the final month of autumn with falling leaves, chilled air and final fruits.

There are many feasts and anniversaries this month:- **1st:** Thérèse of Lisieux

**2nd:** The Guardian Angels (the name of the parish on Newtown Park Avenue).

**4th:** St. Francis of Assisi who espoused love of nature - Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water, all of which encourages us to value the world, its flora and fauna around us to enrich and sustain our lives and future.

**7th:** Our Lady of the Rosary, **15th:** St. Teresa of Avila, **18th:** St. Luke the Evangelist

**20th:** St. Paul of the Cross, **22nd:** St. Pope John Paul II with whom we Irish have a special affinity since his visit here in September 1979. **28th:** Saints Simon and Saint Jude

Towards the end of the month, children dress up to mark the Celtic vigil of Samhain or All Hallows' on the eve of All Saints' Day,

So, at this time, let us remember our neighbours, particularly those living alone as the evening light begins to dim.

For those cyclists among us we must adhere to front and back lights as essential safety. Keep safe.

*John T. Murphy*



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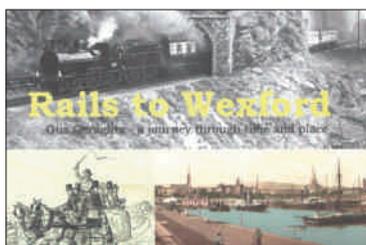
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