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**Three generations of
Dalkey Ukulele Players
celebrate on Dalkey Island**



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Photo: John Hickey

A stroll along Coliemore Road

Carraig na Gréine: Charles Leslie, a wealthy wholesale chemist, built Carraig na Gréine in 1830. Carraig means rock and Grian is sun, in Irish. Rock of the Sun. He donated a large sum of money to St. Patrick's parish to build a school and a meeting hall beside St. Patrick's Church of Ireland on Harbour Road. (As a matter of interest, the first non-denominational school in Ireland - the Dalkey School Project-opened in St. Patrick's in 1978).

Charles Leslie is also reported to have made large sums of money according to The Freeman's Journal. He was accused of buying land from the quarry workers who had acquired Squatters' Rights at the bargain price of £18 and selling it shortly after for £1,700. Plus ça change...

In one famous case a Ms. Cullen, the daughter of one of the local fishermen who lived in the cabins had just returned from England to find her home was gone and that Charles Leslie had cut off the right of way to a Well. She was a competent adversary for Leslie. Eventually, he gave in and agreed to her demands to re-build her house and preserve the right of way by building an access tunnel underneath the grounds of Carrig Na Gréine. The Well became known as The Lady's Well in reference to Ms. Cullen's return and her present position as a lady of property. This tunnel still exists, although it is no longer accessible.

Sue Ryder Foundation: Today, Carraig na Gréine provides specialised sheltered accommodation for our senior citizens. Lady Sue Ryder of Warsaw (1923-2000) the Founder served during World War II.

When peace came, she began relief work for the millions of sick, homeless and destitute across the continent. She set up The Sue Ryder charity in 1953 in the UK.

The first Sue Ryder foundation in Ireland was built in 1982 in Ballyroan, Co Laois. The Dalkey Sue Ryder facility was completed as a Millennium Project in 2000. Moving in through the gates, we see the fine building that is Loreto Abbey and magnificent sea views. The Irish branch of the Institute was founded in 1821 by Frances Ball, a native of Dublin. Her first foundation was at Rathfarnham.

Francis Ball founded Loreto Abbey Dalkey in 1843. She was her own architect and her castellated building of Dalkey granite was finished and opened in August 1843, as a boarding and day school. In 1982, the Boarding School was closed. Among the many activities, apart from education, there are vibrant music, drama and sport programmes.

The Student Enterprise Programme is an initiative run by the Network of Local Enterprise Offices of Ireland. Students from Loreto Abbey have had many years of success at the Regional Student Enterprise Awards and have represented South Dublin in the National Awards on more than one occasion.

Watch out for the VR Post Box – Victoria Regina dates back to the reign of Queen Victoria in England. Born in 1819, she reigned from 1837-1901. Coliemore Road was constructed in the 1830s. There are many fine houses on the way down to Coliemore Harbour. These were mainly built in the 1830s and 1840s with local granite after the quarry opened up to build the harbour in Dún Laoghaire from 1817 onwards.

Rarc an Ilan (view of the island) was one of the first houses in the area to be given an Irish name, and the newspapers of the day commented favourably on this new practice! A lot of the roads in the area have Italianate names: Sorrento, Nerano, Vico etc. The house was lived in by Robert Cordner in 1847, a lace and trimming manufacturer in Dublin.

Cliff Castle built in the 1840s was a popular hotel from 1920 until the 1980s. It was renowned as a venue for wedding receptions and birthday parties. During the 1960s it was popular for its afternoon tea dances. It is now a private residence.



Actors at Dalkey Castle waiting to welcome you

Photo: John Fahy

Inniscorrig was built in 1847 for Sir Dominic Corrigan. He was a noted physician, a Catholic and an M.P. He campaigned for the provision of the Vartry water supply and was critical of the poor-quality drinking water generally available. He also pointed to the need for an adequate water supply for fire fighting purposes.

Avenue de Corrigan in Bordeaux: Dominic Corrigan delivered a lecture at the College of Physicians near Bordeaux and they were so impressed with his lecture that they named a street after him. He took a keen interest in Dublin Zoo and built his own at Inniscorrig. He is buried in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row. Inniscorrig was later the home of the architect of Kingstown (Dún Laoghaire) Town Hall, J.L. Robinson in 1880.

Elsinore is the site of ETTY SCOTT'S 'GOLD RUSH' OF 1834. ETTY was the daughter of a Scottish immigrant quarry worker. She claimed to have visions of gold buried under the 'Long Rock' between Elsinore and Inniscorrig. She persuaded over 30 quarry workers to follow her with torches in panning for gold. This produced a Gold Rush in this area. Many left their work in the quarry to pan for gold.

Eventually, the gold diggers were frightened off by a luminous cat set up by a gang of pranksters! The treasure is still undiscovered to this day!

Guided Historical and Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers' Walks: You can take Guided Historical or Literary Walks in pods of 6 from Dalkey Castle. Check website for details.

The Living History Experience continues every 90 minutes from 10.00 on weekdays and 11.00 at weekends.

Don't miss out on the 2 FREE slots daily sponsored by DLR Summer of Heritage until end of August.

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ECHOES 2021: We are living in hope that we will be able to run ECHOES Festival again from October 1st-3rd Details next month.

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❖ DUK ON THE ISLAND ❖



Dalkey Ukulele Klub (DUK) was founded on the 25th April 2017 and started meeting weekly upstairs in The Club for ukulele sessions. We have played together at many subsequent Lobster Festivals, Vintage Car Festivals, RNLI Open Days, Christmas Lights in the Church of the Assumption and many more events. Sadly with Covid restrictions we have not been able to meet indoors for the last 17 months. However to boost our morale recently we organised a Big DUK Island Jam & Picnic. So on Sunday 25th July, with not a cloud in the sky, a bunch of DUKs with families and friends tramped out to Dalkey Island. Three generations of ukulele players could be seen sharing some food and drink and playing tunes together. A fabulous day out for everyone who came along and joined in the craic!

A huge thank you to photographer John Hickey who took some fantastic shots on the day and another huge thank you to Ken the Ferryman who ferried us safely there and back all day long.

We look forward to getting back to regular sessions and entertaining the crowds at the Dalkey Festivals again soon!

Dalkey Ukulele Klub

❖ REFLECTION ❖

September, coming from the Latin septem meaning seven,(th) was the seventh month in the old Roman calendar, later to become the ninth in the Gregorian. It is traditionally the month of the Virgin Mary with many dates representing aspects of her life, particularly the 8th being the Nativity of Mary and September 15th dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. The bible's theme for the month is "*Seek God first*" with the spirituality behind it being the "*Season of desire accomplishment*" as God wants our lives to be better and fulfilled. Hence we can understand the symbolism of September as being "on refocusing our energies".

Quite like the re-awakening linked to springtime. So that is why at this time of year many start a new task, a challenge, a hobby, a course or some attempt to improve our wellbeing or ambition. In this month we have Harvest - sharing the riches of the crops and preparation for Winter. A time for sharing what we have and prudently keeping in store. So in these ongoing pandemic times, let us continue to think of our neighbours, those feeling isolated, relatives we haven't seen or indeed people with whom we may have fallen away from for no particular reason and let this month of September be a renewal, a re-starting of contact and caring to help enrich our relationships with others.

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Dear Editor,

I wish to respond to the recent article penned by Save Our Seafront in your July Newsletter. In particular, I wish address a number of points which we believe to be incorrect, lest they cause concern to readers. The piece correctly begins by indicating that there is a need to move from fossil fuels to green renewable sources of energy. It also correctly identifies Ireland's incredible offshore wind energy resource. Unfortunately, the author then gives a series of reasons as to why important renewable projects should be delayed. This summer's extreme weather events, not only in the United States and Turkey (extreme heat), Germany and Belgium (flooding) but also what we have experienced in Ireland, have highlighted the increasing importance of urgent action.

It is acknowledged that Ireland is already lagging behind on our environmental targets and the simple truth is that this delay is preventing the necessary climate action which we must implement as a community. Primary among the changes we need to make is to cut our dependence on fossil fuels. While it is unquestionably important to consider planning proposals carefully, delay for the sake of obstruction is not in Ireland's best interests.

In shaping their argument, the author tries to suggest that there will be no acknowledgement of the cumulative effect of other developments at sea, including other offshore wind farms. This is incorrect. The planning process for any future offshore windfarm will examine the cumulative impacts of development, taking into account projects that are already built, projects which are consented and not built and future planned projects - this is a legal requirement as set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitats Directives.

The article describes 'fast tracking' of projects. It should be remembered that projects such as Dublin Array have been in the public domain for many years and have been the subject of previous planning consultations. The updated Dublin Array project has already had one recent round of public consultation and will have a further one in advance of a planning application being made. Ireland has by no means fast tracked offshore wind development and in truth it is well behind its European neighbours. By 2020, 25,000 MW of offshore wind had been installed in Europe with a further 29,000 MW of new offshore wind expected by 2025.

The author sets out an opinion that historically Ministers of the Marine were entitled to issue Foreshore Leases under the Foreshore Acts with no right of appeal and with inadequate public consultation. The State has now developed a marine spatial plan (the National Marine Planning Framework) and will have a new development management framework ('planning system') which includes for public participation and engagement. Proposed offshore windfarms, such as Dublin Array, will be required to secure new or updated consents prior to being permitted to proceed to construction and operation. The projects cannot proceed to construction on the basis of legacy decisions. Decisions on these applications for development consent will be required to be subjected to full environmental impact assessment (in accordance with European and national Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, Birds and Habitats Directives legislation). These environmental assessments are required to comprehensively address impacts on ecological receptors such as sandbanks, fish nurseries, birds and marine mammals in addition to a range of other environmental factors.

The article further seems to suggest that the public will have no say in the planning process for projects such as Dublin Array. That is also incorrect and it is very clear that the new planning system under the proposed Maritime Area Planning Act will have a far greater level of public input than the Foreshore Act based system which it will replace. When the

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Dublin Array team make a planning application some time in 2022, we expect a robust analysis of our project by the community and by marine and ecological experts in various state agencies and by planners. The Aarhus Convention, to which Ireland is a signatory, ensures that all planning processes must give access to environmental information, guaranteed public participation and a right of appeal. Not only will the new planning process incorporate these pillars, Dublin Array also believes in these principles.

The author suggests that Ireland is out of step with other EU countries in terms of distance from shore. As of the end of 2020, there were 7.8 GW of offshore wind capacity installed in Europe from 65 offshore wind farms located closer than 22 km from the coastline. Another 16 GW of projects within that distance either have planning permission or have applied for it. There are some countries that have put in place distance-to-shore restrictions, but it is important to understand that their water

depths are much shallower. No country in Europe, or anywhere in the world, has proposed effectively blocking fixed-bottom offshore wind farms. Britain, which is currently the largest offshore wind energy market in the world, has no distance-to-shore restriction on offshore wind farm development. Denmark, the world's leader in wind energy development, likewise has no such restriction.

In Germany, individual states have authority over offshore wind energy planning up to the 12 nautical miles (22 km) limit. Of the three German coastal states only one, Schleswig-Holstein, has a restriction and this is currently under review. Neither of the other two states has a 22 km limit. The state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, for example, has a 103 turbine offshore wind farm within 22 km of the coast which received planning permission in 2019 and two more wind farms are expected to go online in 2023 and 2025.

So why are certain sites chosen for offshore wind farms? There are a number of reasons. First and foremost is the technical feasibility of building wind farms in certain water depths. In addition, a wide range of other criteria influence the location, size and shape of a windfarm site such as wind speeds, archaeology, sea bed geology, shipping routes, ecology and connection to the national electricity system.

The author attributes the location decision to cost of building the project. That is a factor too, but it is a factor which is just as important for the energy consumer as the developer. Dublin Array, like other offshore projects, will have to compete on price. The reduction in capital cost and operation cost is principally of benefit to the energy consumer, through lower electricity prices.

The article indicates that the development may have impacts on a range of environmental and natural areas including marine life and sea birds. The Dublin Array project has already been the subject of extensive environmental surveys and studies. The project design is being guided by these surveys and studies. Part of the planning process for a project of this size is to be able to demonstrate conclusively that there is no significant environmental impact when assessed against national and international standards including, for example, the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive and the Habitats Directive. Your readers will be aware that there is an increasing and welcome onus on project promoters to demonstrate that their projects can be delivered in a sustainable way. Dublin Array will similarly have to demonstrate this point if it is to be successful in being granted a development consent.

It is also important for readers to remember that this project will bring substantial environmental benefits. The project will significantly reduce Ireland's dependence on imported fossil fuels. The project could potentially generate up to 900 MW of green energy. That would be enough renewable energy to power about 840,000 average Irish homes and to offset over 1.5 million tonnes of CO₂ annually. By facilitating the removal of fossil fuels from electricity generation, heating and transport, this project will also play an important



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role in improving Ireland’s air quality and helping to avoid future penalties for failing to meet our EU climate commitments. Studies also show that the placement of turbine foundations can create new habitats for marine life, potentially enhancing biodiversity. The author seeks to promote floating wind farms as an alternative to fixed base projects. They refer to two demonstration projects as proof that floating is an immediate alternative. It is widely acknowledged and hoped that floating wind projects will have an important role to play in our long term energy future; however like tidal and wave energy, they are some way off being commercially deployable at large scale. For example, the Hywind wind farm the author mentions provides 30 MW of renewable energy. Dublin Array will produce between 20 and 30 times this, based on the final project design. Ireland cannot depend on floating technology to deliver our 2030 targets. Unfortunately, the author does nothing to highlight the significant benefits that will arise from the development of the project. There will be considerable economic as well as environmental benefits. It is envisaged that 700 people might be employed during the construction phase and 50 - 100 during the operational phase. Under the expected terms of the Government Renewable Energy Support Scheme, local communities will benefit from a multi-million euro community benefit fund. More details of this will be announced by Government in the coming weeks and months.

We welcome all engagement on the project. We are happy to provide information to groups and have done so extensively to date. We are determined that the discussion is based on fact and we will play our part in ensuring that facts are available. If anyone has any questions about the project proposal, we would encourage them to contact our full time Community Liaison Officer, Eda Martin, at dublinarray@rwe.com or by phone at 019020317

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NEWS FROM LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL



5th Class Trip to Killiney Hill Park

For a final class outing at the end of June, both 5th classes from Loreto went on a fun trip to Killiney Hill. We walked from our school with partners to Killiney Hill and when we arrived, we played in the playground for a while and had a snack.

After that, we were greeted by Mick, an arborist (tree surgeon) and one of the head gardeners from Killiney Hill, who brought us for a forest tour. He showed us all the different types of trees, including oak, eucalyptus, sycamore, spruce and many others and pointed out which ones were deciduous and which ones were coniferous (evergreen).

When we got to the top of the hill, Mick told us about the history of Killiney Hill and its owners. He told us that Killiney Hill used to be Robert Warren’s back garden! We were so lucky that Mick took us inside the obelisk to see the amazing view. It is the best view you can get of the whole of Dublin and it was amazing. Unfortunately, the view of the spiders inside the obelisk wasn’t so beautiful and so a few people weren’t convinced enough to come in, but we all still had loads of fun.

Béibhinn O’Donnell and Cara Gasparro



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Teddy's Van at Harold Boys' N.S.

Recently, the Teddy's ice-cream van came to our school. There was a great atmosphere around the school anyway, as it was our school's Wellbeing Week. This certainly added to the excitement. The van arrived on Wellness Wednesday and none of the pupils knew about this treat. Some classes watched as the van pulled right up on to the grass outside our

school. It was a lovely surprise for everyone. Each class went outside and queued up for a delicious ice-cream with syrup. We were very lucky to get nice, warm weather for the afternoon. The man serving the ice-creams was really friendly. Even some of the teachers got an ice-cream. We are looking forward to their next visit to us

*Teddy's Ice Cream
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The past 18 months has been a challenging time for all of us and as local organisations that rely so heavily on fundraising our efforts continue to be severely affected by

COVID-19 and our local Dalkey event will be an online event again this year. Besides raising money for our local hospice it is supported and enjoyed by all who meet and catch up with old friends and make new ones. It raises a lot of much needed funds for our local hospice and we ask everyone this year to support the hospice on **Thursday 23rd September** by donating online or by dropping a donation in an envelope marked **Blackrock Hospice** to Benitos where it will be collected and passed onto the hospice.

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DALKEY ISLAND



I walk the mellow path
past graveled drives,
past fine houses
in sun after rain,
freshly painted gates glistening,
the granite of their faces
softened.
Scotts pines and hardy palms
rise from the grandeur
with the swagger of aged trees,
forthright
as they amble by the sea.
Bowing in the breeze
like old men tipping the hat,
gazing across to Dalkey Island.

I don't know if the island
ever looks back,
if the ghosts of pirates
measure the distance
across the sudden depths,
the surge of waves
cutting and tossing blue swells.
They know wreckage and anchors
lie below the white foam,
the breakers scuffing the hull of a red boat
pleading for the mainland,
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Aside from possible financial benefits, there will be no more estimated bills, nor people calling asking to read the meter. Your bills will provide lots of information on your consumption, year-on-year comparisons and hints on how to better manage your usage.

To make electricity during peak times, energy providers generally have to get power from plants that burn fossil fuels. By reducing peak time use, households can lower their carbon footprint and help the environment whilst possibly saving on lower tariffs.

If you have had a new Smart meter installed, you may need to contact your electricity provider and ask them what tariff options they are offering if you wish to consider a ‘Smart tariff’.

ESB Networks who are responsible for the installation programme have a short 2 minute video ‘About Smart Meters’ on their website <https://www.esbnetworks.ie/existing-connection/meters-readings/smart-meter-upgrade>.



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Welcome back readers! We are delighted to see 'Another September' as Thomas Kinsella called it.

There's still time for young readers to return their completed Summer Stars cards to the library! The Summer Stars reading programme drew to a close at the end of August- so if your young bookworm has completed cards, please return them as soon as possible so they can be entered for

the prize draw at the end of September. The Grand Draw prizes include a family pass for Airfield, multi-sport camp and family swim tickets from dlr Leisure, and vouchers for local retailers.

dlr Libraries Lego Competition 2021

Children and young people are invited to participate in dlr Libraries Lego Competition 2021, a perfect project to work on this September and also possibly win some prizes!

We have four age categories as well as the 'Crowd Favourite' category, team builds are also accepted, so feel free to buddy up with a sibling, family member or friend to build and to enter.



Entrants are asked to use their imagination and build a piece based on this year's theme: **'How I like to play...'**

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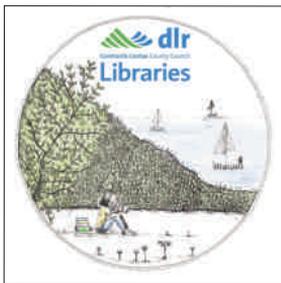
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These hormones are important for maintaining the body's metabolic rate, heart and digestive functions, muscle control, brain development and function and the maintenance of bones.

If the thyroid gland has an issue with producing thyroid hormones this can lead to too much hormone (called **Hyperthyroidism**) where the body uses energy faster than it should or too little hormone (called **Hypothyroidism**) when energy is used slower than it should.

The typical symptoms of Hyperthyroidism are weight loss, fast heart rate, high irritability/nervousness, muscle weakness and tremors, infrequent menstrual periods, sleep problems, eye irritations and heat sensitivity.

On the reverse the symptoms of Hypothyroidism are normally weight gain, a slower heart rate, fatigue, more frequent and stronger menstrual periods, forgetfulness, dry skin and hair, hoarse voice and intolerance to cold.

Both hyperthyroidism and hypothyroidism are generally easily treated and involve taking medication. For hyperthyroidism this is to stop the thyroid producing too much hormone.

For hypothyroidism or underactive thyroid this involves taking a replacement thyroxine hormone to replace what the thyroid is not producing. When starting on this medication the GP will carry out regular blood tests until the correct dose is reached. To reach the optimum dose and to feel an improvement in symptoms can take several months to achieve.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 28-31 12/7/2021 to 6/8/2021

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/0643

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Jul-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.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0364

Application Rec'd Date: 16-Jul-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.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0674

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Jul-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.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0676

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Jul-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Shane Errity & Georgie Patton, 10, Wolverton Glen, Glengageary, Co Dublin

Proposal: Retention permission for development at this property. The development consists of the retention and completion of the ancillary single storey garden room (13sqm) within the rear garden of their two storey terraced dwelling as well as all ancillary and site development works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0202 **Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Apr-2021
Applicant Name & Location: Julie Campbell & Jamie Airey, 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. **Add. Information:** 19-Jul-2021.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0373 **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Jul-2021
Applicant Name & Location: Darragh & Alison Fagan, Shamrock Cottage, Ardrubh Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission sought for a first-floor extension over part of existing building, a first floor roof balcony, internal alterations and all associated site works to existing dwelling house.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0685 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-Jul-2021
Applicant Name & Location: Warren Collins, 4 Edward Terrace, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for development. The proposed development will consist of an amendment to previously granted permission D20A/0550 and will consist of increased extension areas to both ground and first floor to the rear of the property. **Declare Application Invalid:** 27-Jul-2021.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0690 **Application Rec'd Date:** 29-Jul-2021
Applicant Name & Location: Shane Errity & Georgie Patton, 10, Wolverton Glen, Glenageary.
Proposal: Retention permission for development at this property. The development consists of the retention and completion of the ancillary single storey garden room (13sqm) within the rear garden of their two storey terraced dwelling as well as all ancillary and site development works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0997 **Application Rec'd Date:** 23-Dec-2020
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.
Add. Info.: 5-August -2021.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0084 **Application Rec'd Date:** 04-Feb-2021
Applicant Name & Location: Jarlath and 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. Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds): 05-Aug-2021.

Reg. Ref.: 21B/0408

Application Rec'd Date: 06-Aug-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Jerry and Hannah Dowling, 1-2 Torca View, Sorrento Rd, Dalkey. A96PX44 and A96YW40

Proposal: Permission is sought for: (1.) Planning permission for an extension to the front of the house, (2.) An atrium roof-light to lower front roof apex, (3.) Retention permission for 3 lightweight structures to the front garden of the property and (4.) Ancillary site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR WEEK 28 - 31 2021 12/7/2021 to 6/8/2021

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0318

Decision: Grant Permission **Date:** 15-Jul-2021

Applicant 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.: D21A/0464

Decision: Refuse Permission **Date:** 15-Jul-2021

Applicant Name & Location: Triple Rock Ltd. The Barn, Atmospheric Road, Dalkey, A96TN90

Proposal: 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

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0487

Decision: Request Add. Info.

Date: 15-Jul-'21

Applicant Name & Location: Maragret Ryan, On a site (c. .2ha), 'Ardfallen', (a protected structure), Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of an infill

residential scheme of 6 houses comprising 1 number two bedroom single story detached dwelling (215 square meters), 1 number one bedroom single story detached dwelling (70 square meters), 1 number five bedroom two storey detached dwelling (350 square meters) with lower level access with garage parking for one car and utility room, 3 number three story terraced mews houses each unit (150 square meters) with 3 bedrooms. The development will include courtyard open space, total of 10 number surface level carparking spaces (including 1 number universal access space), and bin storage facilities. The development will include the demolition and reconstruction of the existing boundary wall, and railings at the north end of the site and a new (3m wide) vehicle entrance to the middle of the site on Cunningham road. The development will include piped infrastructure, ducting, a new ESB substation, changes in level, internal roads, pathways and steps, site landscaping, and all associated site development and excavation works above and below the ground. A tree survey, assessment of existing on site planting and special measures to protect the roots and crown of significant beech and yew trees on Cunningham Road are included with the application.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0104 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 20-Jul-2021
Applicant Name & Location: The Board of Management of Loreto Abbey Secondary School, Loreto Ave. off Harbour Road, Dalkey, A96 YC81 Loreto Abbey is a Protected Structure (RPS 1445).

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

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0374 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 23-Jul-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/0501 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 23-Jul-2021
Applicant Name & Location: Conor & Heather Lonergan, 2 Tower Hill, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the following, including all associated site-works: a) Alterations to the front boundary including widening the vehicular entrance, relocating the pedestrian entrance, raising the front granite wall height and removing the railings. The proposed gates will be of hardwood. b) The provision of an additional off-street car-parking space to the existing driveway. c) Removing a section of the stone wing-wall to the granite steps leading to the front door and its replacement with a decorative railing to match the opposite side.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0458 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 29-Jul-2021
Applicant Name & Location: Neil Vaughan, 3 Sorrento Drive, Dalkey. A96 XE63

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of the single storey garage to the side and chimney to the rear, the construction of a single storey extension to the side as a ‘Granny Flat’, the widening of a dormer window to the rear, the widening of the vehicular access onto Sorrento Drive and all associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0517 **Decision:** Request Add. Info **Date:** 29-Jul-2021
Applicant Name & Location: Castlepark School, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, a protected structure (Ref. 1405)

Proposal: Permission. 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.

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0531 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 30-Jul-'2021
Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Edward Doyle, Office Unit 6, The Courtyard, rear of No. 19, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the Retention of Development is sought for Office Unit 6 The Courtyard. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0184 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 30-Jul-2021
Applicant Name & Location: Michael Shelly, Number 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/0542 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 4-Aug-2021
Applic. Name & Location: Briege & Brian Coe, Ardan, Ardrubh Rd. Dalkey. A96 TC62

Proposal: Permission is sought for the extension to existing detached dwelling and construction of domestic garage structure. the development will consist if the following principal elements: 1) Construction of new two storey extension with flat roof to the rear and alterations to the existing internal floor layout. 2) An attic conversion with roof lights and new roof covering to existing house. 3) The construction of a two storey domestic garage structure to the front of the property with parking for 2 cars at ground level and an attic floor gym room with separate external doors and with glazed link to existing house at lower ground level. 4) New pedestrian gate to the rear garden from Ardrubh Close. 5) The existing vehicular entrance to be moved and increased in width to 3.5 m including alteration to existing front garden and all associated landscaping and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D21B/0202 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 6-Aug-2021
Applic. Name & Location: Julie Campbell & Jamie Airey, 11, Corrig Rd, 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.

APPEALS NOTIFIED By An Bord Pleanála Wks. 28-31 12/7/'21 to 6/8/'21

Reg Ref: D21A/0349 **Date:** 21-Apr-2021
Location: Carrigbaun Mews, Meany Ave., within the curtilage of a protected structure (Ref 1501), Carrigbaun, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, A96YW3
Development: 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).

Council Decision: Refuse Permission for Retention. **Appeal Lodged:** 12-Jul-2021

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

APPEALS DECISION by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 28-31 5/7/21 to 30/7/2021

Reg. Ref.: D20A/0300 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission

New Determination Date Due: 2-Jun-2021

Appeal Decided: 15-Jul-2021 **Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission

Location: The Flags, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, A96 DX94

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

Applicant: Timo and Ruth Barry.

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Adult peregrine with remains of a recent kill. The young peregrine, inset, photographed in 2017 prior to being ringed, fledged successfully but many peregrines weren't so lucky this year with a high failure rate for many nests.

The very bad weather in May resulted in a very high nest failure rate for Peregrine Falcons in County Wicklow and Wexford. Ann Fitzpatrick of the NPWS monitors most of those nests and usually rings any chicks born in them. Peregrines don't make a nest as such, usually laying their eggs on a slight scrape in earth or old debris on bare rock which in persistent bad weather, like the above average rain and way below average temperatures during May, makes the eggs or chicks on vulnerable sites liable to being washed away or the eggs being saturated and getting cold.

Apparently it was also a very bad year for Hen Harriers who nest on the ground and would be even more vulnerable to bad weather than the peregrines. But it wasn't all bad news for birds of prey. Another friend of ours, Mark Lewis, is an experienced climber who works with the Red Kite project which is run by the Golden Eagle Trust and he helped to bring many of the original Red Kite chicks from Wales that were

subsequently released in Wicklow.

Mark was climbing up to nests to help ring and put wing tags on red kites earlier this year and said they've had a spectacularly successful breeding year, possibly the best year ever, with at least 50 juveniles born. Red kites do make their own nests and are well known for decorating them with all sorts of odd objects.

In various nests Mark has found golf balls, the head of a Barbie doll, and in one nest 8 gloves (none a matching pair). They found a large cuddly toy under one nest which was almost the size of an adult red kite. In the UK kites nests have been found to be decorated with flags, handbags, magazine pages, tea towels, lottery tickets and socks and one red kite had even lined its nest with a pair of frilly knickers. It's thought that the unusual, often colourful decorations might be used as a signal to other kites that the nest is in use. Unlike Red Kites, which were reintroduced to Ireland, Buzzards colonised the country in a very short period without any help from man,

spreading all over the country from County Down where they probably arrived from Scotland. I mentioned before that from a coach, on a day trip to Northern Ireland a few years ago, we counted 26 individual buzzards along the way.

One large establishment in Ireland whose grounds support hares, rabbits and other prey species has seven individual buzzards nesting in very close vicinity.

As a measure of how successful they've been Mark says the raptor groups no longer monitor buzzards since there's so many of them it would be a full time job during the breeding season.



A Red Kite, the coloured tag on the wing is to help identification from a distance.



Above left, debris Mark collected from one red kite nest. 'A piece of rope, silage wrap, remains of a nappy and baby wipes...lovely, and none of which are biodegradable.'



Above right, 'a classic kite nest lined with wool.'

Right, this is what you want to see in a red kite nest, a healthy red kite chick.



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Above left, Mark described this as 'a nest with various scraps of cloth, baby wipes and, of course, a sock!'



Above right, a bit macabre, these are the remains of prey rather than the 'decorations' in the other nests. This kite nest contained 'a crow and a rat/rabbit skull with the spine of a rabbit. Fairly fresh it seems.'

Right, a pair of chicks on a nest, this year might have been a record one for breeding success for red kites in Ireland.



All images of red kites and their nests were photographed by Mark Lewis under license from NPWS. The Red Kite Project is run by the Golden Eagle Trust

Small Tortoiseshell butterfly and Common Carder bumblebee on orange buddleia in September. This particular buddleia is late flowering which is opportune for many butterflies which are on the wing then.



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CAREER CORNER

Over the next number of months we are providing you with some insights into how to start your career and how to go about telling your story in the best way possible.

Starting Off – The key to having a career rather than going for a job is your approach. If you are beginning on the road to being self sufficient, whether it is having a job or creating something that you can sell, think of yourself as your own boss at all times.

What do you expect of yourself? What level of service do you expect? What attitude will you go to work with each day? Do you smile at your customer or client? Do you smile at your colleagues? Do you want them to smile at you?

What do you want to earn? Why? What are you going to do with it?

Does the pay match the experience you bring? If you are totally new then look at what you are expected to do and the value that brings.

Most people have experience that they have not really thought about. Have you baked, cooked, done the garden, babysat, walked the dog, kept your room tidy, taken part in hobbies, learned to knit, to sew, to play a game, either individually or as a member of a team? Have you helped someone in need, stayed with an elderly relative or friend, visited hospitals or nursing homes? Have you been trusted with the key of the house? Is there anything else?

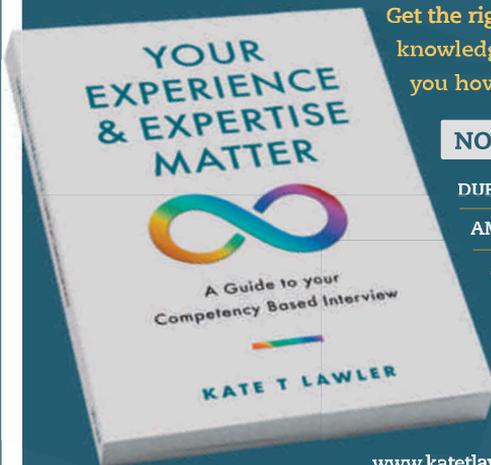
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❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES SEPTEMBER 2021 ❖

Although some restrictions on public meetings and indoor gatherings to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and its variants have been lifted, the following events are being held online or via Zoom - donation/charge may apply.

Wednesday 8th at 7.30pm: The Old Dublin Society will host ‘*Dublin Cattle Market Decline 1955-1973*’ by Declan O’Brien on Zoom - email: registerwitholddublinsociety@gmail.com by 2pm that day to receive a link to it.

Tuesday 14th at 8pm: The Genealogical Society of Ireland will host their September lecture on Zoom - members only.

Tuesday 14th at 8.15pm: Skerries Historical Society will host ‘*Stephen Crowe Remembered*’ by Brendan Crowe on Zoom - members only.

Monday 20th at 7.30pm: Offaly Historical & Archaeological Society will host ‘*Catherine Maria Bury and the design of Charleville Castle, Co. Offaly 1800-1812*’ by Dr. Judith Hill on Zoom - access via info@offalyhistory.com

Monday 20th at 8pm: The Medal Society of Ireland will host ‘*Collected Memories*’ by Robbie Peel while for Show and Tell ‘*Weapons of the Irish War of Independence*’ will be presented by Kieran McMullen on Zoom - members only.

Wednesday September 22nd at 11am: The Genealogical Society of Ireland will host its ‘*September Open Morning Meeting*’ on Zoom - members only.

Wednesday 22nd at 7.30pm: The Old Dublin Society will host ‘*Historic Sculptures in Dublin*’ by Professor Paula Murphy on Zoom. Email: registerwitholddublinsociety@gmail.com by 2pm that day to receive a link to it.

Houses to Let or Sell – In July 1853 Messrs Bentley & Son, 110 Grafton Street, Dublin, advertised with particular emphasis to the ‘Gentry and Nobility’ that the houses on their books, in addition to their usual large number [of properties] in the squares and leading streets, comprised nearly all first class residences for letting, furnished, unfurnished, or for sale, in Kingstown, Dalkey and Killiney and in other fashionable areas near the City.

The Big Houses of dlr County – The focus for the dlr 2021 Decade of Centenaries project is the ‘*Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown*’. The dlr historian in residence is looking to speak to people who have photographs, anecdotes, memories and stories relating to any of the Big Houses and estates of the county,

especially Marlay, Cabinteely and Fernhill houses, as well as information relating to Republican activities around these buildings and estates during the revolutionary years (1912-23) and afterwards. If you have information, please contact David Gunning, dlr Historian in Residence at dgunning@dlrcoco.ie or 01 2362722.

Publications – ‘*St. Stephen’s Green. A History of the Green and its Environs: The Sights, Sounds, Characters and Events*’ by Frank Hopkins, published by Mercier Press, Ireland’s oldest independent publishing house.

For his latest book, Frank Hopkins, author of the best selling ‘*Hidden Dublin*’ and ‘*365 Days of Dublin*’ looks at the numerous events that took place in and around St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin and the area surrounding it as well the variety of people who lived there, some of whom were of an unsavoury nature. This is a random collection of tales of human tragedy, eccentrics, crime and punishment, hanging and rioting on ‘*The Green*’, in which Frank Hopkins reveals a wealth of information about those who lived in and around this part of Dublin which is enjoyed by Dubliners on a daily basis and are not aware of much of this.

This fascinating and engrossing book begins with a chapter devoted to the origins of the Green which can be traced back to 1236AD. The Green as we know it was walled in and

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gated by 1666 during which the area was levelled and made smooth. But within 150 years the area had fallen into a very poor condition and had become used as a convenient dumping ground. In 1781 the murdered body of a two-year old boy was found in a ditch within it. While a short term improvement took place, the condition of the Green still continued to deteriorate and it was not until 1814 when residents began to complain about it, that things began to improve. The downside was that local residents had to pay a fee to use it and there were protests for the next 60 years over its closure to the public. In 1876 Sir Arthur Guinness, M.P. offered to pay the commissioners running the park and have it opened to the public. When this offer was accepted, he paid for a total makeover of it and it was transformed into the first class amenity it is today.

This excellent book is divided into a number of sections with the streets within each of these sections covered individually.

This is really a fascinating book such is the wealth of information in it and if you enjoyed 'Hidden Dublin' then you will really enjoy this new book from Frank Hopkins.

JAMES SCANNELL

NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Sunday Worship

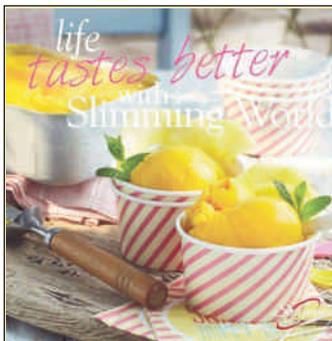
The church is re-opening for worship on Sunday at 10.15am. Please remember when coming to church, to follow relevant public health advice at all times and arrive early as numbers in the church are limited. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Patrick's!

Sunday Services for September – Each Sunday 10.15am Morning Prayer

Guidelines for Safe Reopening of Church – The guidelines that were in place for the church previously are still in effect. A maximum of 50 are permitted to attend and the following protective measures continue to apply:

- 2 metre social-distancing guidelines must be adhered to (members of the same household can sit / stand close together)
- Please wear face coverings
- Please use the hand sanitisers that have been made available
- No gathering of people outside the church before or after any service
- Congregational singing is not currently permitted
- Attendance at funerals and weddings is increased to 50

School News – School reopened on August 25th. We welcome back all our students and staff and wish them all the best for the new school year.



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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY

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

Services can be viewed online via the link on the website <https://holyltrinitykilliney.com/> or through our Facebook page.

Biscuits and more biscuits! You will know from recent e-mails that we are now supporting The Storehouse in Crinken Parish where a wonderful job is done by volunteers who compile bags of food and essentials for distribution to needy families each week by Social Work Agencies. Having contacted one of the organisers, we were told they are always short of biscuits and often need to buy them, so we have decided to make them our **ongoing** contribution to such a great effort.

When you are doing your weekly shop maybe you would add 2/3 or more packets (and the odd jar of honey which is considered a luxury and is so good for children!) and leave them, maybe once a month, on a Sunday morning in the box provided at the back of the Church or to Helen Irwin (2024497) who will deliver them. Thank you and please keep them coming, as hungry mouths don't go away!

Sheep Thrills: plan to start again in September but await to hear details from the Government as to what we are allowed to do. Meanwhile we have been quietly selling our knitted products and have supported the Blackrock Hospice. Also we have kindly been given more wool which is always welcome and we plan to meet at Fitzpatrick's Hotel at the end of August to discuss our autumn plans. Contact Joan @ 087 246 0078

<https://www.facebook.com/holyltrinitykilliney>

"Church Going" – We hope to continue opening Holy Trinity Church every Thursday from 2 to 4pm throughout September, depending on the availability of volunteers. This is an opportunity for visitors to experience both its wealth of local history and the solace it offers. We look forward to seeing you.

Flower Guild: We are continuing with fresh flowers at the altar each week. Very many thanks to all those who have so willingly done their arrangements so far. There is no set rota at the moment and if interested, please contact June Hurley.

Communications: We have been very fortunate that a broadband connection has been installed in the church for the last nine months or so. After a lot of contact with our broadband supplier a fixed line has now been installed and we now have this facility in both the Carry Centre and the church. We expect the transmission of services will be much more reliable from now on!

On another note, we email parishioners with the Order of Service along with other notices each week. We occasionally receive a "bounce back" message to say the email has not been transmitted to a recipient. In most cases this is because the email address we have is for eircom.net. Since 2 July 2021 Eir, the service provider has deleted eircom.net accounts. If you wish to continue receiving emails via Eir you must now sign up to a monthly subscription service they provide. Many people have changed to a Gmail service or another email provider who currently do not charge for this facility. Please check in case you have an old eircom.net email address and remember to let us know if you change to another provider so we may update our records.



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CARERS PROMOTING POSITIVITY

Sowing seeds of gratitude and fostering caring communities - carers promoting positivity and connection during Covid-19

Carers at The Great Care Co-op, Dalkey launched a new community engagement initiative in August - a postcard campaign to spread positive messages and help combat loneliness and isolation that many people have experienced during the pandemic.

The postcard is designed on seeded paper (biodegradable paper with seeds embedded). Carers are distributing them in Dalkey and Dun Laoghaire neighbourhoods for free. It has a simple message 'Just to say I care'.



Honora Doyle and Aoife Smith of the Great Care Co-op

Many people are feeling lonely and isolated due to Covid, particularly older people and many people in the community have stepped up to help. We want to foster this community spirit. The intention is to send a message of gratitude to a loved one or neighbour that has been helpful or kind to you throughout the pandemic. The postcard can then be directly planted into the ground or into a pot and you can watch it grow into a living message of love and thanks, which can be nurtured and treasured. People can share

these images with us on our Facebook page. Anyone and everyone can get involved.

One of our core principles as a co-op is our concern for the community. We have come up with a way to engage with the community in a way that brings with it the energy that we intend to deliver our care services with – genuine care, appreciation and support. We need to build caring communities, and we want to be involved and do our part.

This is phase one of a three phase community engagement initiative planned for August and September that includes 'Nominating your Care Hero', 'Crowning Your Care Hero' and 'The Gratitude Tree'. The Co-op is holding a community event in September to announce the **Crowning of the Care heroes**. For more information people can find us on Facebook

@thegreatcarecoop and Twitter @GreatCareCoop. Our goal is to inspire change in how 'care' is accepted bringing back the sense of togetherness and unity that seems to have been lost. We want people to know our name, to know that we are here to make a genuine difference in their lives, promoting independence, providing support and facilitating people with care needs to be able to remain in their own homes for as long as it is possible, with the best possible quality of life. Look out for the postcards in the community and spread some love.



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Oh! How Television has changed over the years

Last July we installed a Beta (trial) version of the new Starlink satellite internet system, which comprises app 1500 low orbit satellites. Once the system was up and running the data speeds were quite impressive with download speeds at 300Mbs, and upload speeds of 60Mbs... there were some interruptions to the service (which we were expecting) as the system is still at the testing stage. Starlink is currently available in 11 countries including Ireland and with the expected launch of thousands of more satellites, global coverage is expected by the end of 2022.

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