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## ❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

To mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Maeve Binchy's death on July 30th, RTE screened a new documentary The Magic of the Ordinary, directed by Máire Kearney. It was broadcast on May 9th.

The documentary examined Maeve's life and legacy through a contemporary lens. It had contributions from many commentators including her husband, writer Gordon Snell, niece Sarah Binchy and best friend Eunice Bailey. Many other academics and writers featured, including Professors Declan Kiberd and Margaret Kelleher; Conor O'Clery and Olivia O'Leary.

**Most satisfying of all, and nostalgic,** was the fact that Maeve's voice, her sense of fun, and her life story were threaded through the documentary. Her path from wonderful teacher, to travel enthusiast, journalist, short story writer and finally to world famous, successful novelist was beautifully chronicled in previously unseen footage. All was punctuated by the zinging of a ROYAL typewriter, like a musical score.

The strong relationship between Gordon and Maeve shone like a beacon through the documentary (with Audrey, the cat, attempting to upstage proceedings). Gordon always came back to the fact that he and Maeve worked as a team, side by side in their upstairs studio, like two pianists. Glory for one was glory for both. Gordon's skill as a radio broadcaster was evident in his mellifluous reading from his first children's book *The King of Quizzical Island*.

Sarah reminded us of the great compassion that Maeve gave to her characters. Her description of Maeve celebrating the magic of the ordinary, while spending time with friends and family, gave the documentary its title.

**Conor O'Clery and Olivia O'Leary spoke of the fellow journalist** they knew and admired. They marvelled at the machine gun speed at which she could turn out the most enlightening of journalistic articles. Olivia said Maeve's journalism wasn't shaped, it was peopled... the people jumped out at you. Ordinary people that she heard on the bus or in Bewley's were the stars of the show. Her journalistic style could move in an instant from her controversial tongue in cheek coverage of Princess Anne's wedding to her empathy in recounting the Zeebrugge disaster, where 253 lives were lost.

**She could be subversive, too,** according to Conor, in that she didn't have a very high regard for the old institutions of Ireland, the sacred cows. Her colour features and insightful writing was without malice and helped to quietly steer social change in Ireland.

**Professor Margaret Kelleher** said that in her journalism and fiction Maeve did not flinch from tough topics – abortion, divorce, domestic violence, depression, forced adoption and alcoholism, the difficulties of ageing and society's attitudes to the old. Maeve's view of the world in her fiction was underwritten by a belief in human goodness and an unflinching eye at what is less than good. She made Irish women feel their lives mattered and that their stories were worth telling. Prof Kelleher summarised that through her work, Maeve Binchy deftly documented the seismic shifts in Irish morality and society in the twentieth century.

**On her legacy as a writer – Professor Declan Kiberd,** described Maeve as the Jane Austen of our times. In his assessment of why she won as many readers as she did, he put it down to the power of her dialogue, the clarity of her style and the fact that she believed so strongly in the power of story, as a way of understanding humanity.

**In Dalkey, we bask in the knowledge** that Maeve is the most successful Irish writer of all time, with a staggering 43 million books sold worldwide. Her novels *Circle of Friends* and *Tara Road* were adapted by Hollywood and *Light A Penny Candle* broke records for a literary debut in 1982. At the height of her fame, Maeve led the St. Patrick's Day parade in Chicago, was celebrated by Oprah Winfrey and invited to the White House by one of her greatest fans, First Lady, Barbara Bush.



Writer, Gordon Snell at ECHOES.

Photo by Conor McCabe

**Young writer and critic Barry Pierce** says that the book of Maeve's that he goes back to most often is Echoes. He says its themes of social class, city versus country, and relationships, was the fore runner of Sally Rooney's work today.

**Dalkey Castle's festival, ECHOES** Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers also featured in the documentary.

**ECHOES 2022, from 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct** brings together some of Ireland's finest contemporary creative voices to celebrate unique stories and explore how they tell their tales across fiction, non-fiction, stage and screen.

**On Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>,** we will stage the original one man adaptation by the late Shay Linehan of Maeve Binchy's heart-warming story *Minding Frankie*.

**Saturday 1st Oct will be a day of readings and discussions** beginning with Sarah Binchy and ending with Paul Howard. Many of those in *The Magic of the Ordinary* will feature onstage: Sarah Binchy, Declan Kiberd, Conor O'Clergy, Barry Pierce and Gordon Snell, with others.

**Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 11.00-12.30**

Marvellously Maeve Guided Walk with readings and refreshments.

**Full details and all booking at [www.echoes.ie](http://www.echoes.ie).** Booking fees apply.

**Dalkey Castle is open daily from 10.00- 5.30. 10.30 at weekends. Closed on Tuesdays**

**Dalkey Castle DLR Sponsored Living History tours** are at 10.00am on Mondays and Thursdays, from July 6<sup>th</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup>. Booking essential.

**Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers Guided Walks** from Dalkey Castle. Thursdays at 6.00pm beginning on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Booking essential.

**All bookings for Dalkey Castle events are online at [www.dalkeycastle.com](http://www.dalkeycastle.com).**



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## TRIP TO GREENLAND

Hello, my name is PJ Davis, a native of Dalkey. Back in 2008 I published an article on a trip I took to Alaska - a wonderful trip. I'm lucky to have gotten to experience the four major destinations associated with the great explorers of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century; Antarctica, Alaska, Spitsbergen in the northern regions of Norway and most recently, Greenland. This series of solo trips began in 2004 at the age of 64, where my aim was to follow in the footsteps of these great men: Roald Amundsen, Fridtjof Nansen, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Robert Falcon Scott and the brave crews who sailed with them. I'm delighted to have accomplished what I have in the last two decades and at the age of 81, this will be the last piece I will write about these experiences.

In 2004, I took a great interest in the Polar explorers, which continues today. There is nothing which compares to sitting by a fire on a cold winters night and reading about the hardships which these great men undertook. My first experience was in Antarctica, a whole new world to me and a world which one can very easily become immersed in, Antarctica, the most southern point of the world and site of the South Pole, it is a completely uninhabited, ice-covered land mass. It was a life changing experience, even at the age of 64, an experience which created a drive in me to explore more of these vast regions.

Alaska was the next port of call in 2008. Of the four exercises, Alaska was by far the most fruitful. I was very fortunate to cross paths with many locals and fellow travellers which enhanced the experience. During this trip I had my sights set on the furthest point north, Point Barrow. After

arriving on a small single-passenger plane, I was gifted with a rare sighting of a Polar Bear, which I managed to capture on camera. It was an experience which stays with me still.



Saying goodbye to Alaska I went on to Svalbard, formally known as Spitsbergen. Roald Amundsen an explorer which I would hold in the highest regard, began his quest for the North-west passage there. It is a story which sparked my intrigue into this series of trips. Whilst in Svalbard, I visited the museum, which houses the great Fram, the ship which took Amundsen on his successful conquest of the South Pole. I also visited his birthplace in Oslo, in my opinion truly the greatest of all the explorers.

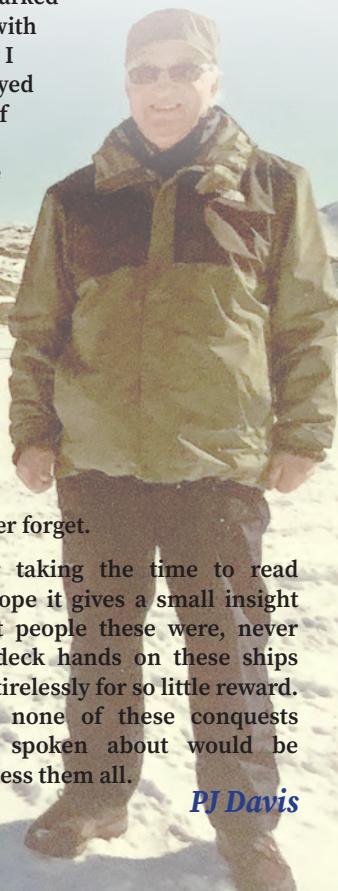
The last trip but not by any means the least, took me to Greenland this year just after my 81<sup>st</sup> birthday. Greenland brought with it wonderful sights, memories and people. A captivating article detailing Nansen and Johansen's epic crossing from East to West by ski is what sparked

my fascination with this destination. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of this endeavour.

Greenland is the biggest island on earth, completely snow and ice covered and populated by the Inuit people. It is a very dear place to me and one which I will never forget.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article, I hope it gives a small insight into what great people these were, never forgetting the deck hands on these ships who worked so tirelessly for so little reward. Without them, none of these conquests which I have spoken about would be possible. God bless them all.

PJ Davis



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***Dalkey Meals on Wheels, 11 Kilbegnet Close, Dalkey. Tel: 01 2857863***

## WHAT'S ON IN DALKEY LIBRARY!

*"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow fast in movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."*

— F. Scott Fitzgerald,  
The Great Gatsby

### Welcome back readers!

The library is back to full numbers of available study desks and PCs, as well as access to newspapers, magazines and our Music Room. Library events and book clubs are all back up and running.



### Dalkey Library – Be a Summer Star!

Summer Stars is an exciting reading-based programme which is available free of charge to all children. Each child is invited to register for the reading adventure at their local library and enjoy reading many books during the summer holidays. All participants will be given a Summer Stars Reading Card to record and track their own progress and a library reward stamp will be added to their reading card at the library after each book read. Children will be encouraged to continue reading throughout the programme with rewards and incentives along the way and a big draw at the end of the summer.

### Events for children at Dalkey Library include:

#### 04th August: Mini Masters Drop in event

10.30 - 12 noon, under 6s with an adult  
Learn all about how a library works through games and play with a Mini Masters in Library Science at Dalkey

Library this Summer. With stickers to collect along the way, a very special Mini Masters in Library Science certificate is awarded at the end! You can expect to spend approximately 30 minutes in the library at this event.



#### 08th August: Starting School Unicorn Storytime & Craft

10:30am, 4+yrs with adult

Join library staff for a story-time all about starting school! We'll be sharing our favourite stories and making a very special friend to hide in our schoolbags.

#### 21st September: Lego competition

All ages! Entrants are asked to use their imagination and build a piece based on this year's theme: 'Our planet: re-imagined' If you could imagine a better world, what would it look like?

Feel free to let your imagination go everywhere and anywhere! Builds need to arrive to dlr LexIcon between 3pm and 5pm on the day. Please check the dlr Libraries website for the sign-up form.

#### My Open Library is coming to Dalkey!

My Open Library offers extended opening hours to library members on a self-service basis outside normal opening hours, seven days a week, from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year. There are no staff present when My Open Library



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Already in operation in some libraries across Ireland including Deansgrange Library, My Open Library will become available to Dalkey Library this Summer. Library members must be 16 years of age or over to avail themselves of the service.

During My Open Library hours, you can:

- ✓ Borrow and return items
- ✓ Print by sending documents from home or from your mobile device
- ✓ Photocopy/scan
- ✓ Use the internet/computing facilities
- ✓ Access free Wi-Fi
- ✓ Access study spaces

Information sessions on how My Open Library works and how to sign up will be taking place in the coming weeks so please keep an eye out or speak to any member of staff.

### **Ssshhh - Quiet Thursdays starting soon at Dalkey Library**



In Dalkey Library, we are learning different ways in which we can make the library more accessible to our users with additional needs, including autism. Our aim is to make dlr Libraries an even friendlier and more accessible place to everyone in our community. We will be offering a quiet evening every Thursday with reduced lighting and a quiet environment. Check out the updated Social Story for Dalkey Library on the dlr Libraries website and the ASC booklet for more of what Dlr Libraries has to offer.

### **Magic Table at Dalkey Library**



The Magic Table is an award-winning innovation from the Netherlands, which is renowned for its cutting-edge approach to dementia care. The technology has been designed to help those at a later stage of their dementia journey to be more active and to create moments of happiness. It consists of a series of interactive games that are projected onto a table. The light games encourage players to reach out towards them and the lights subsequently respond to their hand and arm movements, allowing the users to play with light.

The Magic Table is also available at dlr Lexicon and Deansgrange Library. Please note that the Dalkey Magic Table can only accommodate small groups. For more information on the booking the Dalkey Magic Table, please get in touch:

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## Joining your Library

Library membership is completely free of charge for everyone in every library in the country.

In order to join the library, you need to complete an application form, either online or in person at the library. If you choose to submit the form online, you need to visit any library and produce photographic identification (who you are) and proof of current address (where you live) to activate your membership. You can join at any age. Children and young people under the age of eighteen years must get the permission of a parent or guardian to join the library. Parents/guardians are responsible for their children in the library, their children's selections and use of library materials and services, including access to the Internet.

For more information on any of the above, you can always call us on 01-2855277 or get in touch via email [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie/](mailto:dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie/)

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## LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES AUGUST 2022

### Medal Society of Ireland

A 'Medals, Militaria and Collectibles Fair' will take place from 11am to 3pm on Saturday August 6th in the Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

### The Rathmichael Historical Society Summer Lecture Series 2022

Takes place from Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> nightly at 8pm in Rathmichael School which this year will be on the theme of '*The Monastery of Columcille*'. Lectures arranged for this event are: Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> - '*From Iona to Salzburg: Wide-reaching Connections*' by Dr. Dagmar Ó Riain-Raedel; Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> - '*Early Columban Monasticism: Reflections on Material Things*' by Dr. Cormac Bourke; Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> - Leo Swan Memorial Lecture; '*Colmcille-Columba: The Man and the Legacy*' by Dr. Brian Lacey; Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> - '*Rediscovering Columba's Monastery at Durrow, Co. Offaly*' by Dr. Elizabeth O'Brien; and Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> - '*The Annalistic Legacy of Colmcille and Iona*' by Dr. Dan McCarthy. All these lectures will take place in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, nightly at 8pm and will also take place simultaneously on Zoom. The admission for each lecture is €5, tea and coffee included. The annual Society fee is €25 and includes free admission to 12 lectures annually. See [www.Rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie](http://www.Rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie) for further details.

### Bray Cualann Historical Society Heritage Week Walks

Devoted to '*On the Banks of the Dargle*' these walks will take place at 11am on Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 3pm on Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> and 7pm on Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> starting at Bray Bridge and finishing at the Dargle Tavern during which participants, who take part at their own risk, will explore the history of the Dargle River, the Peoples Park and the Lower Dargle Road. Items covered in this walk and talk will include Bray Commons, the floods, Enclosure Act of 1867, Bray Corn Mill, Artisans Dwellings

and the Cripples Home. All welcome - please wear suitable footwear, dress for the day's weather conditions and bring refreshments.

### The Old Dublin Society

John Healy will present a Heritage Week Talk on '*Liam Devlin – Tough Times, Toffees and Textiles*' at 6pm on Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> in Dublin City Library and Archive Conference Room, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - free - places allocated on a first-come basis.

### Shankill Tidy Towns Community Walks 2022

On Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> Rob Goodbody will lead a '*Coastal Walk from Dalkey to Shankill*' starting at 11:30am from outside Dalkey DART Station - please wear appropriate footwear and bring refreshments - participants take part at their own risk.

### A People's History of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in partnership with the National Folklore Collection at University College Dublin is carrying out an oral history project in the county, The People's History of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. They are looking to speak with residents (and former residents) of the county area with a view to recording what they know about their families' and their own histories in the area. The results will form part of the National Archive and will help preserve the social history of the parish. Please contact A People's History at [peopleshistory@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:peopleshistory@dlrcoco.ie) or 087-1183160.

### Books

*The Fall of Dublin*. Published by Mercier Press, ISBN 978-1-85635-680-0, pb, 160pp, illus.

Mercier has reissued a number of titles from their best-selling '*Military History of the Irish Civil War*' series of publications. This title focussing on the Battle of Dublin which raged from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> 1922 saw the city centre destroyed for a second time in seven years and veteran republican

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# THE FALL OF DUBLIN

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Cathal Brugha became the first high profile fatality in this ten month long conflict. Following the adoption of the Treaty terms by Dáil Éireann in January 1922 by the narrow margin of 7 votes, the IRA split into pro-Treaty and anti-Treaty factions. Events took a serious turn on April 14th 1922 when anti-Treaty forces occupied the Four Courts in Dublin and Kilmainham Gaol the following day. This was an open challenge to the authority to the Provisional Government as events began to spiral out of control. Pressure was exerted on the Provisional Government by the British to take action against the anti-Treaty IRA in the wake of the assassination of Field Marshall Sir Henry Wilson in London by two members of the IRA acting on their own initiative on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and events in Dublin on June 27<sup>th</sup> when those occupying the Four Courts were given an ultimatum in the early hours of June 28<sup>th</sup> to lay down their arms and surrender or face the consequences. When they refused, the newly created National Army using artillery borrowed from British Army units in Ireland opened fire thus initiating the Civil War.

This book provides the reader with an account of the attack on the Four Courts and the subsequent fighting which took place in Dublin until July 5<sup>th</sup> when the city came under total control of the National Army. Drawing on new sources, the book challenges many of the established ideas about this battle when the Civil War broke out and throws new light on the effect of the combat on the men and women on both sides of the divide.



Variety of content is the feature of the 'Dublin Historical Record 2022', Volume 75, annual Journal, of The Old Dublin Society, Editor Dr. Séamas Ó Maitíú.

Featuring a cover image of Kingstown Pavilion by night from an old postcard. There are many interesting articles in this year's journal by well-known historians. Copies of the 2022 'Dublin Historical Record' are available from Hodges Figgis, Dawson Street, Dublin, Books Upstairs, D'Olier Street or directly from The Old Dublin Society, by emailing: [olddublinsociety@gmail.com](mailto:olddublinsociety@gmail.com)

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All morning walks are approx. 2 hours duration and unless otherwise stated they are generally flat trails with some gentle slopes or shallow steps. Sunday outings will not require pre-booking at this time. Please note we can no longer share Binoculars or Telescopes.

If you would like to be added to the branch mailing list please email [secretary@southdublinbirds.com](mailto:secretary@southdublinbirds.com) with your email details.



### August-2022 - Outing:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Common and Artic Terns  
gather on Sandymount strand close to Merrion Gates.

Meet at 7pm at the first car park  
on the right from Merrion Gates.

**BirdWatchIreland**  
*protecting birds and biodiversity*

There is a fantastic network of people across Europe who are doing voluntary conservation work to help the amazing bird, the Common Swift. It is now far from ‘Common’ and in 2021 it was declared a red-listed bird of high conservation concern in Ireland due to the dramatic decrease in its numbers over the past 30 or so years – close to 50%.

Every two years this network of people get together to share their knowledge, experiences, project successes (and failures) and to enjoy talking about their beloved Swifts for three whole days! Previous conferences have been held in Germany, UK, Poland and Israel but none could provide the spectacle comparable with the one at the Roman aqueduct in Segovia. This amazing feat of engineering is not only a World Heritage Site but is home to thousands of Swifts. The conference organisers Foro GeoBiosfera estimate that 2000 pairs of Swifts nest in between the large granite boulders that make up the structure of the aqueduct. Watching thousands of Swifts screaming around and performing their aerial acrobatics is mesmerising, a Swift Lovers dream, and we were all in heaven!

The delegation representing Swift Conservation Ireland was made up of Trish O’Leary from Dalkey, Lynda and Chris Huxley and Jaroslaw Majkusiak from Castlebar in Co. Mayo. Jaroslaw is a Masters student from the Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Mayo Campus (ex-GMIT) and he was presenting



the findings from his study on the Breeding Biology of the Swift in the West of Ireland – the western edge of their breeding range. Jaroslaw’s research was based on watching and analysing 20,000 hours of recordings from the campus swift-livestream <https://www.swiftconservation.ie/gmit-swiftcams/> and his research has produced some unique and fascinating information on the successful breeding conditions in Ireland. So, from his research we know that the Swifts can find plenty of food for their chicks in West of Ireland. What we are now doing to help Swifts is ensuring that there are enough nesting sites where they can breed by setting up nest box projects and by protecting as many of their ‘natural’ sites in our urban buildings as possible.

Segovia is easy to get to on the superfast train from Madrid. The train travels at 230kmph and reaches Segovia in just 30 minutes. The train was clean, comfortable and very affordable at just €11 for the journey. Travelling around the city was easy both on foot and by bus. It was a pure delight being in this atmospheric Spanish city with its winding streets, historical buildings and river valley walks – not forgetting the thousands of Swifts in the breeding season from May to mid-September.

The conference was held in a theatre with displays and refreshments in an adjacent building. As well as soaking in the information given in the presentations,

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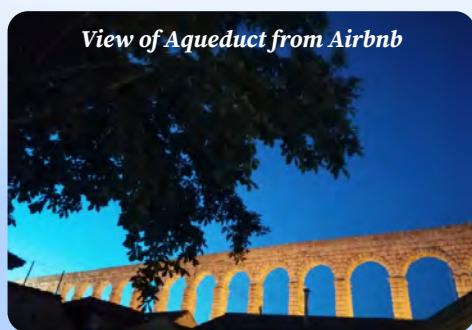
there was plenty of opportunity to meet up with old friends from previous conferences, such as Marcel Jacquet from Switzerland and Dick Newell from Cambridge, and make new friends like Jasper from Denmark and Rick from the Netherlands.

The presentations ranged from scientific research using GPS trackers on migrating Swifts from their breeding grounds to their wintering grounds in Southern Africa, to rehabilitation of hundreds of rescued Swift chicks (mostly fallen from their nests in extreme heat conditions) by the well-known Spanish rehabilitator, Enric Fuste.

If you'd like to learn more about the Swift you can visit the website [www.swiftconservation.ie](http://www.swiftconservation.ie) and you can obtain a copy of the booklet 'We are Swifts, We are in Trouble' by contacting Trish O'Leary. Email: [trisholeary1@hotmail.com](mailto:trisholeary1@hotmail.com)

The next International Swift Conference will be held in Trieste in Italy – when we can hopefully celebrate and announce a recovery in the Swift population with the help of nest box projects all around the country.

*Lynda Huxley  
Swift Conservation Ireland*



*Trish O'Leary and Peter MacAllister  
from Northern Ireland*

What a privilege it was to see Segovia. I had the good fortune to sit awhile of an evening and watch the Swifts. I stayed in an Airbnb nestled as I was directly beside the Aqueduct. It was a sight to behold spectacular acrobatic displays as the Swifts swooped down from on high like stealth fighter jets, joined by bats resisting the urge to roost.

Back to Dalkey where in May we had 3 nesting pairs that were joined in July by 6 Juveniles on the look-out for future prospective nesting sites. Nest boxes are an ongoing project, hopefully that will be finalised next year. I would like to say a big thank you to Declan Doyle for a generous donation. And, last but by no means least, a thank you to the Romans for that feat of engineering which is the Aqueduct where Centuries later thousands of Swifts successfully nest and rear future generations of this iconic bird.

*Trish O'Leary*



## DALKEY COMMUNITY GAMES ATHLETICS

The Dalkey Dashers commenced the 2022 season on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. A large number of children came along and after the first few manic minutes order reigned and training commenced. Unfortunately the weather cut the training session short (only by 15 minutes) as the wind, rain and hailstones came in from the sea. After 10 weeks training the selection for Santry was made and the athletes spent the last 2 weeks training on the running track in Kilboggett Park. On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June over 50 excited athletes made their way to Morton Stadium for the Dublin Finals. The competition was stiff as most of the competing areas have athletic clubs who train all year round. On the day a total of 20 medals; 1 gold, 7 silver, 12 bronze were awarded and a great day was enjoyed by all.

The Dalkey Community Games comprises of two areas Dalkey and Glenageary. They train together but compete in the Community Games as two separate entities. The Glenageary Area is mostly children who have strong ties to Dalkey; attend school in Dalkey, have grandparents living in Dalkey or parents who were raised in Dalkey. Both areas come together as a community and in the true spirit of the Community Games 'co-operation is fostered and encouraged. Every young person should have the opportunity to take part in sports in their local community and grow up understanding how good it makes you feel when you are active and healthy'. This year we had terrific coaches who put the children through their paces and encouraged the athletes to reach their potential. Thank you to the volunteers who

*Photos - Karen Holmes*



## DALKEY COMMUNITY GAMES ATHLETICS

gave up their time on Wednesday evenings, often coming straight to the pitch from work to hold the training sessions. For many years the Dashers have been competently managed by Conor Patton and he is assisted by Anna and Sandra Brady who do the administration work and draw up the weekly schedules.

DCG is very grateful to Robert Dunne, Principal of Loreto Secondary School and the Board of Management who year after year permit Dalkey Dashers the use of the grounds. Also thanks to Ciara Leech,

Sports Hall Manager and her staff for their assistance. This year was special as Dalkey Dashers was one of the first groups to use the new running track.

We wish the winners from Santry who have qualified for the South Leinster Finals in Enniscorthy the best of luck.

We look forward to next year and more exciting fun and success in track and field events!

*Elaine Feely Assistant Secretary DCG*



*Photos - Karen Holmes*



## DALKEY COMMUNITY GAMES SWIMMING

The Dublin Community Games Swimming competition was held in the Tallaght Sports Complex on Sunday 03<sup>rd</sup> July. A great morning of swimming by Dalkey and Glenageary girls resulted in 6 gold medals; Aisling, Eavan, Roisin and Sorcha Ramsay, also gold for Kyla Harford and Ash Rigby (Glenageary) and 1 silver medal - Taylor Jay (Glenageary).

Not to be out-done, in the afternoon the boys representing Dalkey, Ben Kelly, Kjell Laudon, Bjarne Laudon, Beau Mc Cabe, Harry Kelly, Alex

Herlihy, Aran Mc Cabe and Sam Herlihy had an equally successful competition bringing home a clean sweep of golds both in the individual and relay competitions.

Huge congratulations to all the swimmers who have now qualified for the National Finals in Limerick in September.

We wish them the best of luck!

*Elaine Feely Asst Secretary DCG*



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**Reg. Ref.:D22A/0021**

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13/01/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Rosario Rizzo, Gortevan, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for 1. Alterations to the existing house, 'Gortevan' including: demolish roof and construct new first floor with pitched roof, widen/alter existing windows and door to front. New door and window to side. Construct single storey extensions to rear of retained existing rear extension, new high flat roof to rear extension and widen/alter existing windows to rear extension. 2. New vehicular entrance to Barnhill Road with sliding gate.

**Application Type:**Permission **Further Information:** Additional Information 15/06/2022

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**Reg. Ref.: D22A/0145**

**Application Rec'd Date:** 24/02/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Annmarie & Peter Bowring, Mornington, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96D293

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for change of use and extending first floor of existing boat house/garage to one bedroom apartment (61m<sup>2</sup>). Proposal includes new external access stairs and front door and 1 no. roof light to front elevation, new first floor oriel window to west side elevation, 3 no. rooflights to rear elevation, and all landscaping and site services.

**Application Type:**Permission **Further Information:** Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds) 16/06/2022

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**Reg. Ref.:D22A/0399**

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Audrey Whelan & Les Drumm, 4, Barnhill Lawn, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 YW01

**Proposal:** Permission for Retention of 1.) modifications to front boundary with 1 electric sliding car gate, 2 pedestrian gates, all in original locations. 2.) 2 no sheds to rear of garden 3.) small sunken courtyard to southern garden, & other minor ancillary site works.

**Application Type:**Permission for Retention

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**Reg. Ref.: D22A/0415**

**Application Rec'd Date:** 16/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** David & Evelyn Coulson, Shamrock Lodge, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** We David and Evelyn Coulson intend to apply for planning permission for development on this site at Shamrock Lodge, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin. The development will consist of the 1. Demolition of the majority of the existing property, associated mews, out houses and front boundary wall. 2. Keep existing vehicular entrance and driveway to rear annex building to be kept as applicants home. 3. Construction of 5 no dwelling houses 4 no semidetached three bedroom three storey and 1 no detached 4 bedroom three storey. 4. 10 no on curtilage car parking spaces and private amenity open space to each dwelling. 5. New vehicular entrances on Barnhill Avenue. 6. Landscaping, tree planting and Boundary treatments. 7. SuDs surface water drainage, foul water potable water connections. 8. All ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

**Application Type:**Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D22A/0424

**Application Rec'd Date:** 16/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Kate Whelan & Jens Toivakainen, No.7 Old Quarry, Dalkey, Co. Dublin A96 EY27  
**Proposal:** Planning Permission is sought for: 1. The removal of the existing conservatory, rear facade of the existing dwelling & outhouse to the side. 2. The construction of a part single, part two-storey extension with associated north facing dormer, 4 X south facing roof lights & solar photovoltaic panels, along with elevation changes to the existing house. 3. All ancillary site and landscaping works together with new electric entrance gates and new bike & bin store.

**Application Type:**Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:**D22B/0182

**Application Rec'd Date:** 07/04/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Catriona Garde, 83, St. Begnets Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Planning Permission to retain the following - 1. W/c to side 1.45m2 2. Conservatory to side 6.3m2 3. Wooden cycle shed to front garden 3m2 4. Velux roof window to side to ensuite bathroom. All to private dwelling.

**Application Type:**Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:**D22B/0293

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** John & M.G. Miller, 19 St. Michaels, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin A96 E659 (A Protected Structure)

**Proposal:** Permission for development will consist of the conversion of an existing first floor dressing room to a bathroom with associated services

**Application Type:**Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:**D22B/0297A

**Application Rec'd Date:** 15/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Jim & Georgina Wade **Declared Invalid:** 24/06/2022

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**Reg. Ref.:**D22B/0309

**Application Rec'd Date:** 27/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Jim & Georgina Wade, 4, Wolverton Glen, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, A96R6P1

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for the Retention of a single storey extension to the rear of the existing dwelling

**Application Type:** Permission for Retention

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**Reg. Ref.:**D22B/0300

**Application Rec'd Date:** 16/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Sam & Irene Simington, No. 32 Saval Park Gardens, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, (A96 D623)

**Proposal:** Permission for development. The proposed development shall consist the addition of a flat roof dormer extension on the rear slope. A pitched dormer extension on the side roofslope and new velux rooflight to the front roof slope. The removal of the existing side chimney stack on side roof slope. All associated elevational changes, internal alterations, site, landscaping and ancillary works.

**Application Type:**Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D22B/0302

**Application Rec'd Date:** 17/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Aoibheann O'Carroll & Gavin Murphy, 15 Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission for the following development. The development will consist of: 1) demolition of the existing side store unit, front pergola, rear boiler house and accompanying chimney stack. 2) Proposed new single storey flat roofed extension to the rear with flat rooflight, rear terrace area, amendments to all exterior elevations, internal alterations and all associated site works. o change required to existing L.A. drainage connection.

**Application Type:**Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D22A/0443

**Application Rec'd Date:** 22/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Niall O hOisín & Tara Murphy, 33 Corrig Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. A96 R5R3

**Proposal:** Planning Permission for development to include construction of single storey and two storey extension to rear, bike store to side, front door canopy and alterations to front steps, and associated alterations **Application Type:**Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D22A/0452

**Application Rec'd Date:** 24/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Robert Gilmartin, 115 - 116 Coliemore Road, Dalkey, County Dublin. Site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area.

**Proposal:** Permission. At ground floor, retain bar use with minor internal amendments to include removal of existing internal staircase and replace with new staircase from ground to second floor and widen existing exit doors facing onto Tubbermore Road and proposed new stair and lift core at ground, first and second floor at north - west corner and retaining the existing entrance facing onto Castle Street. At first floor, proposed extension of existing kitchen by 18m<sup>2</sup> and revised internal restaurant layout and facilities. Proposed second floor, on existing roof of 152m<sup>2</sup> for restaurant use together with retractable roof, smoking area and glazed acoustic walls along Tubbermore Road and part facing castle Street. At third floor, proposed new storage area 41m<sup>2</sup>, all works. **Application Type:**Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:**D22B/0314

**Application Rec'd Date:** 30/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mike and Fiona Kerns, Rockview, 21 Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin A96 A373

**Proposal:** Permission for development. The development will consist of alterations to previously approved permission Ref. D22B/0121. Alterations will include changes to the roof of the rear extension as well as the construction of a 1.8m high stone screen wall. The works will include the demolition of extensions to the rear, side and front. The construction of a new extension to the rear on three floors with a roof terrace at ground floor and recessed balcony at first floor. The construction of a new two-storey extension to the front. Internal alterations to the house. New site services including new drainage connection to the mains. landscaping works with alterations to site levels. No car parking spaces or significant trees will be affected. **Application Type:**Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D22A/0313

**Application Rec'd Date:** Grant Permission

**Applicant Name & Location:** 29/06/2022, Mark Neville and Niamh Casey, Marlow, Green Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96W728

**Proposal:** Permission for development at this site. The development will consist of demolition of existing 2 storey flat roofed extension with first floor balcony and replacement with new 2 storey extension with extended slate, hipped roof over and first floor, balcony to front/south west. Demolition of existing single storey garage and replacement with new part single part 2 storey flat roofed extension with rooflight to single storey element - all to south-east side of existing 2 storey hipped roof, semi-detached house. Accommodation to include living room and storage at ground floor level and master bedroom suite at first floor. Proposals also to include extending the existing ground floor terrace to rear north east elevation with new glazed balustrade and steel support. Provision of new 3m vehicular entrance gate with 1.8m wall on shared boundary with "Rocky Hill", to allow new access along shared right of way from Green Road. New 1.3m high steel post and wire mesh fence with hedging to entire rear site boundary. Some internal modifications, improvements amendments, enlarging of fenestration and general upgrading works. All associated drainage, demolitions and site works **Application Type:**Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D22A/0488

**Application Rec'd Date:** 06/07/2022

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

**Proposal:** Permission at site at rear 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 380mm & realigning their rear garden walls. Proposal to include ancillary site works and maintaining existing right-of way to No.42 Castle Street

**Application Type:** Permission

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## PLANNING DECISIONS-WEEKS 24-27 2022 13/6/2022 - 08/7/2022

**Reg. Ref.:** D22A/0295 Decision: Grant Permission For Retention **Date:** 17/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Peter and Celestine Byrne, 70 Springhill Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96PE03

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for retention of development consisting of the widening of the existing front boundary entrance to provide vehicular access and off-street parking.

**Reg. Ref.:** D22B/0033 Decision: Grant Permission **Date:** 17/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Crona Kavanagh, Assisi, Grosvenor Terrace, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission for development. The development will consist of the: 1. Demolition of existing rear shed and side extension. 2. Construction of a two storey flat roof extension to the side & rear, stepped down from existing ground floor level. 3. Construction of a single storey flat roof extension linking the existing house to the new works. 4. Elevational alterations and internal layout alteration to the existing house. 5. Alterations to landscaping, new soakway, drainage works and ancillary and associated works

**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0907 Decision: Grant Permission **Date:** 24/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Brige and Brian Coe, Ardan, Ardblugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 TC62

**Proposal:** Permission for development. The development will consist of the following works to the existing two storey detached three bedroom dwelling: - Construction of a new two storey rear extension with flat roof with two rooflights above to the rear of the existing house; - An attic conversion with new roof lights to the rear and to the east of the revised roof to the existing internal floor layout at ground and first floor level; - Construction of a new single storey garage to the front of the property with separate external doors and with glazed link to existing house at lower ground level; and - Modifications and widening of the existing vehicular entrance off Ardblugh Road to being 3.5m in width, as well as all ancillary site development works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D22B/0221 Decision: Grant Permission **Date:** 21/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Brian Bliss & Sorcha De Eyt, 32A Ardblugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission. The development will consist of alterations to the roof comprising of new dormer window to the southeast elevation with associated balustrade. removal of 2 No. chimneys. Flat roof to part of northwest elevation with pitched roof above. New fenestration to the northwest elevation to include new door linked to new staircase with

storage under. Reconfiguration of ground and first floor layouts, with a gross internal floor area of 81.7m<sup>2</sup>. External insulation and render to all Elevations and all associated site works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D22B/0239   **Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 27/06/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Aveen and Peter Gray, Epworth, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin A96 X780

**Proposal:** The development will consist of: (i) demolition to the existing single storey extension to the side and bay windows to the rear of existing two storey over basement detached dwelling; (ii) construction of a flat roof single storey extension to the south-east side of the existing dwelling; (iii) construction of a two storey pitched roof extension, with dormer windows, to the north west side of the existing dwelling forming covered terrace and garage at ground level; (iv) 2 no. bay windows to the rear elevation ; (v) alterations to all elevations, new windows, rooflights, landscaping, site works, solar panels, SUDS drainage works and all associated ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development

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**Reg. Ref.:** D22A/0330   **Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Date:** 06/07/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Peter Kane, Verona, 68 Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co.Dublin (A Protected Structure)

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for upgrade and extension of existing 3-storey house (a protected structure). a) New carpark deck including new opening in existing front boundary wall and relocation of existing dropped kerb; b) Demolition and reconstruction of existing service wing including new double doors and lowering of existing floor slab; c) Construction of an additional storey within and above the existing parapet including external terrace; d) Removal of chimney at upper level and remodelling of internal partitions; e) New windows and external insulation replicating all period details; f) Reconfiguration of garden paths and lowering of front terrace level; g) Upgrade of foul and surface water drainage systems

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**Reg. Ref.:** D22A/0338   **Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 04/07/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Bernadette and John Gallagher, 7, The Rise, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** Permission for development on this site. The development will consist of: 1. Demolition of the existing single storey side garage, demolition of existing roof structure, removal of internal walls 2. Construction of a new roof at a higher level to provide accommodation at roof level 3. New dormer on the South elevation and roof lights on both side of new roof. 4. Extend existing house to the side, rear and front. 5. Two storey pitched roof extension to the rear with first floor recessed balcony. 6. Elevational alterations to all sides of the property. 7. The works will also consist of widening of existing vehicular entrance, new entrance pillars, new pedestrian entrance, drainage works, landscaping and ancillary and associated works.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D22B/0182   **Decision:** Grant Permission For Retention

**Date:** 04/07/2022

**Applicant Name & Location:** Catriona Garde, 83, St. Begnets Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Planning Permission to retain the following - 1. W/c to side 1.45m<sup>2</sup> 2. Conservatory to side 6.3m<sup>2</sup> 3. Wooden cycle shed to front garden 3m<sup>2</sup> 4. Velux roof window to side to ensuite bathroom. All to private dwelling.

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**Reg Ref:** D22A/0251      **Reg Date:** 12/04/2022

**Location:** 14 St Patricks Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 FA43. The building is in an Architectural Conservation Area

**Development:** Permission is sought for demolition of existing rear single storey extension and construction of two storey extension to rear, with amendments to front elevation positioning of door & windows with associated site works.

**Council Decision:** Refuse permission    **Appeal Lodged:** 29/06/2022

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

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**Reg Ref:** D21A/0916      **Reg Date:** 18/10/2021

**Location:** 4a, St. Begnet's Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Development:** Retention/permission for development at this site. The retention development will consist of (a) Retention of variations to original approved planning application Register Reference D98A/0391, (b) Retention of single storey rear conservatory extension and ancillary site works, (c) Retention of existing single-storey store to the side of the existing dwelling for the storage of bicycles, (d) And we also intend to apply for permission to complete the existing single-storey store referenced in (c) above.

**Council Decision:** Grant permission    **Appeal Lodged:** 04/07/2022

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

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## APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 24-27 2022 06/6/2022 - 01/7/2022

**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/1097      **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission

**Appeal Decided:** 14/06/2022

**Council Decision:** Grant permission

**Location:** 1 Harbour Crescent, Dalkey, A96 D5N7

**Proposed Development:** Permission for the demolition of the existing single storey rear conservatory, construction of a new single storey ground floor rear extension with kitchen, dining, utility and sitting room, the conversion of the existing garage into a home gym and playroom with new single storey glazed bay to the front, a two storey front extension to ground and first floor bedrooms and bathrooms, the construction of a single storey bicycle and bins shed, widening of the existing vehicular access to Harbour Crescent to be 3.m wide with new electric sliding gate, provision of a new pedestrian gate, new fencing behind the existing hedge line on Harbour Crescent and associated external works. **Applicant:** Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lombard.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0084      **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission

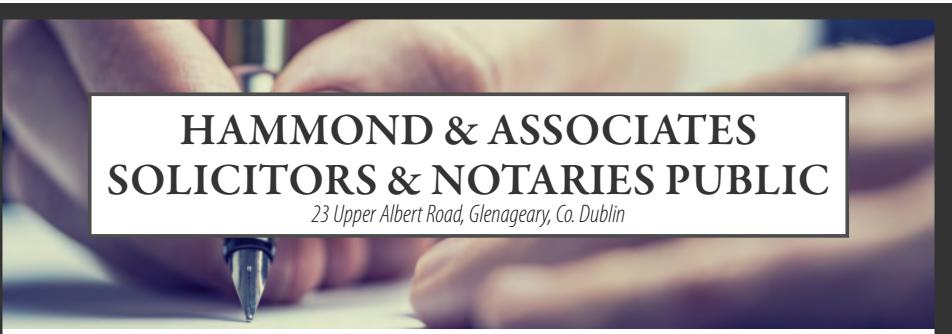
**Appeal Decided:** 27/06/2022

**Council Decision:** Grant permission

**Location:** Site of approx. 1,588 sqm, at the site to be known as, Imladris, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin, bounded to the south by an existing dwelling known as Scarsdale, (Eircode A96C425), and to the North and North west, by Killiney Hill Park

**Proposed Development:** 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. **Applicant:** Jarlath and Susan O'Leary.



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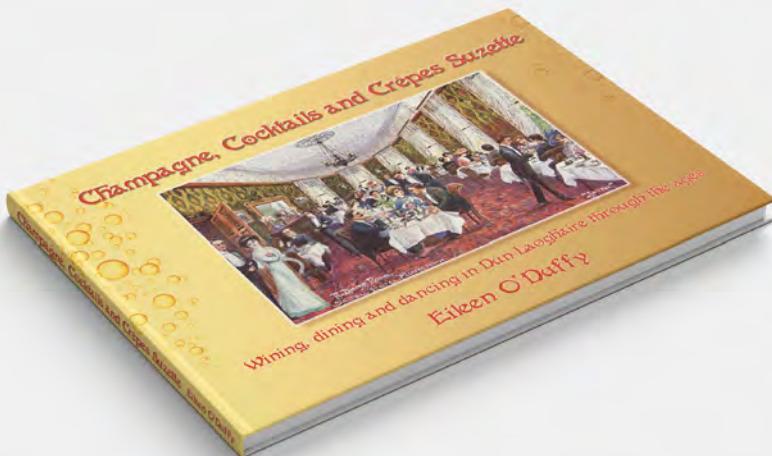
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## ❖ DALKEY SHINES ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE OF ENTENTE FLORALE 2022 ❖

LAST FEBRUARY, our Heritage Town of Dalkey was selected by the Department of Rural and Community Development to represent Ireland in this year's Entente Florale Europe competition. This selection resulted from our success and high marks achieved in recent Tidy Towns competitions.



*DLR Heritage Officer Deirdre Black delivers one of the presentations in Writers Gallery.*



*Jury Chair Inka Truxova presents the Entente Florale flag to An Cathaoirleach DLR Mary Hanafin with Frank Curran DLR CEO.*

As populations grow, the density of living areas within Europe is increasing. Founded in 1975, Entente Florale aims to raise the awareness of the importance of our green environment to the quality of living as communities grow. Dalkey Tidy Towns and DLRCC established a small team to lead preparations for the Entente Florale Jury visit scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup>. DTT's Susan McDonnell, Des Burke-Kennedy and Frank Dillon, agreed a plan with DLR Heritage Officer, Deirdre Black and the work began. Our Town's response was extraordinary.

Businesses along the Castle Street area upgraded almost all their shopfronts and displays, the Church of the Assumption repainted and cleaned all their street-front railings and walls, DTT volunteers worked tirelessly on weeding, planting, painting, litter, graffiti removal and repairs and DLR replaced broken paving slabs, erected information panels in the Parks and replaced the old curved benching in Sorrento Park. The area never looked so impressive.

Having submitted in advance a detailed Dalkey Portfolio plus a Route Plan Booklet to the Entente Florale Jury, we collected



*EF Jury enjoying the Dalkey Tidy Towns Display presented by Fiona Treacy.*

## ❖ DALKEY SHINES ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE OF ENTENTE FLORALE 2022 ❖



**DLR Senior Architect Bob Hannan leads a presentation on Castle Street.**

them at 8.30am on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel. With a very strict completion deadline of 4.00pm, the programme began with an opening ceremony at Archbold's Castle attended by special guests, An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mary Hanafin, DLR CEO Frank Curran, DCC/DTT's Susan McDonnell and DLR Heritage Officer Deirdre Black. Following Piper Archie, An Cathaoirleach carried the Entente Florale flag on a golden cushion to Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre to be immediately flown over the Castle. The timetable then included extensive presentations and displays in the

Castle, a guided visit to St. Begnet's Church, the Graveyard and Dalkey Castle by Manager Margaret Dunne and even a climb to the Castle battlements above. This was followed by gruelling inspection visits to a total of ten preselected and well prepared venues in the area to comply with the event requirements. Could this all be completed by 4.00pm?

Guided by DTT's Des Burke-Kennedy with timekeeper Frank Dillon, the Jury members from Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary and Ireland inspected all ten sites, listened to and questioned



**DLR Sr. Executive Park Superintendent Brigid Treacy introduces the Jury to Dalkey Hill & Playground.**



**Annemarie Bowring of Dalkey Garden School & Mornington Garden gives a master class on creating a sustainable environment.**

appointed experts at each venue and took detailed notes along the way. These included DLR Senior Architect Bob Hannan and Dalkey Castle's Rita Biggs on Castle Street and Writers Corner, Susan McDonnell at the Dart Station, Dalkey Hill with DLR Sr. Parks Superintendent Brigid Treacy, AnnMarie Bowring at Dalkey Garden School and Mornington Garden, Eileen O'Duffy at Village Gate, Principal Fiona McKenna at Loreto Primary School, DLR Biodiversity Officer, Anne Murray at Coliemore Harbour, DLR's Deirdre Black and author Gary

## ❖ DALKEY SHINES ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE OF ENTENTE FLORALE 2022 ❖



*Resident Eileen O'Duffy leads a tour of the very well managed Village Gate estate.*



*Author Gary Branigan introduce all to the Dillon's Park Holy Well.*



*Loreto Primary School Fiona McKenna and Niamh Moran, DLR lead all through the students planted area.*



*Dr. Michael Kennedy RIA (centre) explains the significance of EIRE at Hawk Cliff.*



*Anne Murray, DLR Biodiversity Officer, explains the importance of our built environment.*



*The end of a wonderful ENTENTE FLORALE 2022 in Dalkey with Archie the Piper.*

## ❖ DALKEY SHINES ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE OF ENTENTE FLORALE 2022 ❖



***Debbie Emerson and the Dalkey Ukulele Klub welcome all to the Sorrento Park Bandstand.***

Branigan at Dillon's Park and Holy Well, Dr. Michael Kennedy RIA at EIRE and finally, Bridget Treacy again with DTT's Des Burke-Kennedy at Sorrento Park Promenade and Summit viewing circle.

As all approached that final inspection phase in Sorrento Park, Debbie Emerson had kindly assembled an entire Bandstand-full of Dalkey Ukulele Klub members, all in full flight to bring smiles to the now weary Jury members. This was followed by actor Michael Heavey reading part of the opening of Hugh Leonard's 'A Life' from the Bandstand which featured in the Play. Then, as a special surprise for the first time, Archie the Piper had adapted a piece of John Dowland's 16<sup>th</sup> century music for the Pipes, 'Fortune My Foe'. To bring an extraordinary day to a close, we followed the Pipes all the way to the summit to enjoy those spectacular Dalkey views.

'One final question! Did we somehow finish this exhausting day as stipulated by 4.00pm? Official Time Keeper Frank Dillon, to the cheers of many, confirmed the completion at 3.58pm. Job done! The awards will be announced in September in Hungary.



***Entente Florale Jury with site speakers, DTT Volunteers and mentors.***



**An Roinn Forbartha  
Tuaithe agus Pobail**  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development

**Entente Florale comments received  
from John Carney Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> July 2022:**

Good morning everyone,

Just a short email to acknowledge the tremendous community effort and collaboration that we witnessed during the lead up to and during the Jury visit for Entente Florale in Dalkey. We acknowledge the willingness of all involved to accept the nomination from the Department and congratulate you on the way in which you set about putting a plan in place and bringing the wider community along with you.

Some of the sites we visited on Saturday last were truly amazing and ones that will be on my list to make a return visit to when we are not watching the clock. The weather worked with us too and it was nice at the final stop as I exited the bus to see the umbrellas still in their plastic.

I want to thank you all on behalf of the TidyTowns unit and the Department of Rural and Community Development for representing the competition, your community, county and the country so well on the European stage. I wish you all the very best in the competition and look forward to hearing more after September 24th. We have included a short piece in the July Newsletter, one for the scrapbook.

I do not have contacts for all who were involved so please feel free to share this email with your colleagues and volunteers by way of thanks.

Thank you all once again and good luck.

Kindest regards, John

**John Carney Higher Executive Officer Rural Programmes & Policies Unit**

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## SUMMARY OF DCC ZOOM MEETING 04TH JULY 2022

- TT:** DTT would like to thank all those volunteers and the businesses who made a great effort to have the town and surrounding area looking so well for the Entente Florale Competition on Saturday 02nd July. The prize giving ceremony will take place in Hungary next September and hopefully Dalkey will be among the medal winners.
- Sport:** Dalkey Dashers had a very successful day competing at the Dublin Community Games in Santry and the winners will go forward to compete in the South Leinster Finals to be held in Enniscorthy.
- NW:** The Gardai advise care and vigilance as opportunist burglaries often occur during the summer months.
- Planning:** The Coliemore has lodged a planning application and the Planning Group will check it out.
- AOB:** There were many complaints about the traffic at the squareabout with vehicles not heeding the signs on Castle Street and making illegal turns from Barnhill Road to Dalkey Avenue. DLR will be contacted to hold a review of the situation.

*There will be no meeting in August and the next DCC meeting will be Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm.*

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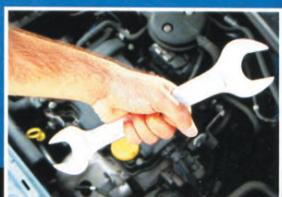
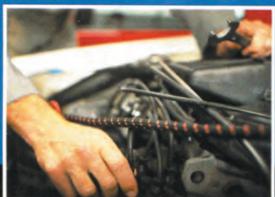
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Sometimes indigestion can be an indication of something more serious so always see your GP if it does not resolve with medication or if there are any of the following symptoms – nausea, vomiting, weight loss, blood in stools or vomit, difficulty swallowing, pain or swelling in your stomach.

You may be referred for an endoscopy in which a camera is inserted in the GI tract. There are medicines that can be taken to reduce the acidity and your Pharmacist can recommend these if needed.

There are a number of products on the market which act in different ways:

- PPI or H2 blockers – these are more long term solutions and act by reducing the amount of acid your stomach produces.
- Antacids – these provide immediate relief for moderate indigestion and work for a few hours. They neutralise the acid in your stomach so it no longer irritates the lining.
- Alginates – these act by forming a raft on the top of your stomach contents to stop the acid from going up to your oesophagus.
- Lifestyle changes can also help to improve symptoms and these include:
  - Cutting down on tea and coffee, soft drinks and alcohol and smoking
  - Eat smaller, more frequent meals
  - Losing weight if you are overweight
  - Avoid eating 3-4 hours before bed and sleep with your head and shoulders propped up by raising the end of the bed 10-20cm
  - Trying to relax

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## DALKEY RE-VISITED!



It is 33 years since I last visited Dalkey. As a lad of twelve I had no idea it would be such a long time till my next visit.

At the time I was staying in my maternal grandma's home - Torca Garth - on the Torca Road as near up Dalkey Hill as you could get. My grandma, recently widowed was surviving as best she could with the help of kindly neighbours and frequent visits from my mum and her sister from England. Within two years the steep hill down to Dalkey would get the better of her, the house was sold and my grandma moved over to England where her remaining family could better attend to her.

As I stepped off the DART at Dalkey station recently, I felt like a first time visitor. I could not clearly recall the town centre, but had a list of 'must see' places to visit provided by my mum. First up, the Church of the Assumption. This is where my grandparents offered their devotions, and where one of their daughters was married. I had forgotten the sheer beauty of this building in its praise of the Lord. The statue of Our lady, the vivid depictions of the stations of the cross and the intricate marble carvings on the alter coupled with the quiet restful atmosphere reduced my partner to tears. A chat with the very helpful verger soon put me in contact with my next 'must see'. I met your very own Ann Perry in the church carpark. My mum has kept in touch with Dalkey over the years through your newsletter and has become a frequent correspondent with Ann. Over coffee and cake we put the world to rights and soon felt like old friends. We talked about the changes to Dalkey over the years which brought back memories we both thought we had forgotten. We left Ann feeling like we had said goodbye to a long lost relative and made our way up Knocknacree to the Torca Road - the resinous smell of the trees reminded me of the familiar smell from my grandma's garden

which I had forgotten about until this moment. Torca Garth is still there in name only. The 1930s Bungalow built by O'Brien builders has been demolished and replaced by a very stunning looking modern house. However, the steep right of way up Dalkey Hill still remains and as I made my way up (luring my partner with the smell of delicious pastry brought up from Dalkey) we were greeted at the top by the timeless view over Killiney Bay towards Bray head. It was this view that first caused my grandpa to buy a quarter of a field on what was then a very bleak and wild Dalkey Hill. It lay fallow until he had saved sufficient funds to have the house built and could move in with his new wife. The view brought him to Dalkey as it still attracts people to this day - however, a look in the estate agents window confirms that you need a good win on the lotto to move here these days! We finished our visit by swimming in the sea at both White Rock and the Forty Foot. The diving board at Vico I am advised is no longer suitable for diving as sand accumulation over the years has left the water too shallow. The Forty Foot remains as popular as ever and now welcomes females who were strictly out of bounds in my grandpa's day. I left Dalkey with mixed emotions. I thought about my mum, who at the age of eighteen left the beauty of Dalkey Hill and emigrated to the bleak northern English town of Halifax, her sister following a few years later. The need to find work and make our way in the world drives us all to make compromises. I feel Dalkey is making necessary compromises also. It is thriving, but this creates a demand for housing and re-development that may seem excessive to some. It is easy to revel in the rose tinted nostalgia of the past and wish for things to remain unchanged, but as I people watch on the DART I am struck by the energy and enthusiasm for life displayed by young people, and I remind myself how resilient and hard working the young are and why should they not make their mark on things?

I have found during my visit that the important things are still here. The people - who are as friendly as I remember. There is still a good sense of community promoted through the newsletter - it was this that helped carry us all through Covid lest we forget. Finally, there is the scenery which I am glad to say remains unchanged. Thank you Dalkey, I will try to visit sooner next time.

*George Henderson*



## THE SEÁN O'GORMAN CUP 2022

Every year our Senior Gaelic Football Team take part in a best-of-three Gaelic Football competition against The Harold, Glasthule. It has been played now for over 20 years and it is always something the boys look forward to. We were lucky enough to win our first two matches this year and so the cup was ours! Seán O'Gorman, a former teacher at Harold Boys' N.S., came into our school to present the team with the shield at assembly. It was a joyous occasion!

Our first match against The Harold, Glasthule in the Seán O'Gorman cup was at Cuala on Hyde Road. We beat The Harold Glasthule by a good bit and in the second match we beat them again. So, we won the cup because it was a best out of three and we won the first two. We got medals after the match and it was really fun. I hope the GAA team next year can win it again.

*By Charlie Pike*

It was great fun playing in the Seán O'Gorman cup. We won our first match by a lot and we won our second match as well. We got to meet with Seán O'Gorman and he gave us medals for winning the cup. It was so much fun and I really enjoyed it.

*By Eoin Kelly*



Seán O'Gorman Cup Winners 2022

## FOND FAREWELLS IN LORETO

We had a very busy month in June in Loreto saying goodbye to 6<sup>th</sup> class, Teresa O'Connor and Mrs. Patton. Teresa worked in Loreto for 29 years. She was an amazing school secretary. She was a bright light when it became dark. She was always there to call our parents when we were sick, bring forgotten lunches and books to our classrooms and to make announcements on the intercom. She made sure everyone was ok, as well as doing her work efficiently. Mrs. Patton started in Loreto 16 years ago and has been working hard ever since. She is brilliant at teaching, especially Maths, Irish and sports and has taught so many pupils to love and excel at these subjects.

When it was announced that Teresa and Mrs. Patton were retiring, we all wanted to do something special. We celebrated an end of year assembly in the school yard with all the classes. We had a prayer service and the choir sang beautiful songs. We showed a video of pupils saying goodbye to Teresa. Mrs. McKenna, Margaret English and Elaine Noonan made speeches. We gave a memory book to both Teresa and Mrs. Patton. The school staff and the Parents' Association also gave them presents. It was a very memorable occasion and was a lovely send-off for such valued members of the school community.

We wish Teresa and Mrs. Patton all the best in their retirement and good luck to 6<sup>th</sup> class as they begin their new journey in secondary school.

**By Aoife Noonan & Lily Donagh  
(5<sup>th</sup> class)**



photo Loreto Primary School, 6th Class 2022

photo Loreto Primary School, Joan Patton & Teresa O'Connor



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## SLÁN GO FÓILL SEÁN

Sadly DCC lost another former member, Seán McDermott who died on 02<sup>nd</sup> July. Seán was a quiet natured man who worked hard for the community. He organised the collating and distribution of the newsletter. During his time in charge of this task the pages had to be collated, stapled, the newsletters counted and bagged ready for pick up by the Road Reps. He was always on hand to help with the various DCC activities, help set up stands for the Art Exhibition, shift tables and chairs for the reception evenings and carried out all tasks assigned to him. Seán had an uncanny knack of being in the right place at the right time! He got on with what had to be done in his own unassuming way and he never sought the limelight. He was a popular and highly respected member of the Community Council.

*Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.*



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The month of August has come swiftly around and the march of time continues apace. After the hot temperatures recorded in July a more mixed pattern awaits, though occasionally August days can be very pleasant. Flowers abound and the harvest is not far away. The golden-brown fields of corn await the combine harvesters. Evenings are closing in and I always find that come the middle of the month, a significant change occurs. The 15<sup>th</sup> of August marks the feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady. In times past it was a great feast celebrated in Ireland. Not so much now, but on the continent, it is still a major feast and large festivals are held. The feast of the Assumption is a special day for our parish as the church is dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is interesting to note that there are quite a number of churches in our diocese dedicated to this feast.

I noticed recently that the popular statue of our Blessed Lady in the grounds of the church is not looking its best. After the major work carried out

in the grounds and also the sprucing up of the Presbyteries, the statue and wrought iron cupola are in serious need of a clean up. A very kind parishioner gave a sizeable donation towards this work, but to my dismay, the projected costs are far more than I would have thought. Perhaps some more people would be in a position to sponsor the works? I just plant the thought!

Holiday time is in full swing and I pray that time away from the routine will give refreshment and energy to face into the latter part of the year.

It is a source of great pain to witness the continuing destruction of Ukraine and the consequent loss of life and property not to mention the displacement and separation of families. The Irish people have rallied once again to support the suffering people. Sadly, there are other areas of conflict in our world, particularly in Africa and Asia. May God's Spirit lead people to a better way.

The knock-on effect of the war in Ukraine has meant that the cost of living has gone up dramatically. Concern has arisen regarding the ability of a lot of families to cope with the increase in inflation and to plan for the winter months. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and other agencies are bracing themselves for the increased demand for their services. Thanks to the generosity of donors, these agencies offer hope to a great number of people.

On a lighter note, the end of the month will see the Lobster Festival return, and we are happy to provide the church garden for the tent which will be erected during the festival.

May God's blessing be with you all!

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## Services for August

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Sunday

10.15am Celtic Eucharist, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday



## Our Lady's Manor

The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 09<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month at 2.30pm.

## Book Club

Please visit our parish website for the meeting details. Or alternatively if you would like an invitation to join the Book Club please contact the Parish Office.

## Centering Prayer

We meet for Centering Prayer by Zoom on Monday evenings at 7.00pm. Any-one who would like to share in the time of silent prayer together is welcome.

All that is needed is a willingness to sit in silence together for twenty minutes. The Parish Office, or Carol Casey will be happy to send you the Zoom link.

**St. Patrick's Dramatic Society** present '*The Long Road*' by Shelagh Stephen-son and directed by Judith Elmes from Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8pm in The Studio, DLR Lexicon. Please come along and enjoy a great performance.

## CHURCHES CARING FOR CREATION

Dalkey residents are warmly invited to the "Churches Caring for Creation" ecumenical gathering at the Heritage Centre and St. Begnet's churchyard on Sunday September 11, from 4 - 6pm. The Revd Andrew Orr, chair of Eco Congregation Ireland, will be driving up from Midleton, Co. Cork to encourage and inspire us in this area. He would be happy to receive any particular questions in advance (via one of the parish offices please).

### **The programme will be as follows:**

4.05pm. Talk by Revd Andrew Orr in Heritage Centre Hall

4.35pm. Time for prayer, chat and a look around St. Begnet's graveyard.

5.00pm Questions and discussion with tea and coffee in the hall.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

All the classes have finished for the summer until September,  
except Karate.

Karate for juniors. Wednesdays at 6.30pm and 7.30pm **Town Hall**  
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## **Oh How Television (and Radio) has changed over the years . . .**

Sky recently announced that they have extended their contract with SES (who owns the satellites that Sky use to broadcast TV to the UK and Ireland). The new agreement ensures that Sky will still broadcast (via satellite) until 2028, and from that point the emphasis will be to deliver their channels using the internet.

SkyQ customers already use this technology, as channels are delivered via satellite and the internet . . . Fortunately this will not interfere with viewers who enjoy the many free satellite channels already available in Ireland.

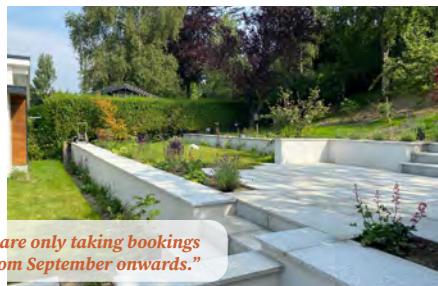
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