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DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE



There was a rush on ticket sales for ECHOES Festival after Gordon Snell's interview with Miriam O'Callaghan on *Miriam Meets* on Sunday 11th on RTE Radio One. Miriam was interested to hear Gordon's own back story. He was born in Singapore, where he grew up, an only child. His father was a Surveyor. When it was time for him to go to boarding school, his mother travelled with him to Geelong, Australia. While they were in Australia, Singapore was invaded, and his father was a prisoner of war for over three years. They later moved to England.

Miriam, being the expert interviewer that she is, wanted to hear how he met Maeve. Gordon recounted how he was working as a freelance broadcaster and producer for the BBC and Maeve used to be in the BBC broadcasting for Woman's Hour and that's how they first met. They were firm friends before a trip to France on the hovercraft sealed the romance. They married in 1977.

The interview ranged widely over both their careers. It is well known that Gordon wrote children's books. Maeve loved travel from the time she went to France on a school exchange. She later worked in a kibbutz during the long summer holidays, while she was a teacher. Her long letters home proved to be the catalyst for her career as a journalist. Novel writing was to follow beginning with *Light a Penny Candle*.

Among the famous people who loved and knew her work were Oprah Winfrey and Barbara Bush. The trip to the White House was a particular highlight. Maeve reported from many world events while working as a journalist for the Irish Times. It being the weekend when Queen Elizabeth had just died, Gordon paid a great tribute to the Queen's dedication to duty and her efforts for reconciliation and peace.

Miriam went on to ask how they dealt with Maeve's novels being made into films. Gordon said they relished this and always visited the film locations, even having walk on parts in some. *Circle of Friends*, *Tara Road* and *ECHOES* all got the Hollywood treatment, but were made in Ireland. Gordon talked about the item in *ECHOES* on Sat 1st October when Roddy Doyle and Lenny Abrahamson will talk about their experience of turning novels into films. He said her *Minding Frankie* and *Light a Penny Candle* had been adapted for stage by the late Shay Linehan. More recently, Elaine Murphy had adapted *Circle of Friends*.

Shay Linehan's adaptation of Maeve's Minding Frankie on Friday 30th September, is sold out, as the Newsletter goes to print. This is the original one person version that was expanded later and staged at the Gaiety Theatre by Breda Cashe Productions. Michael Heavey reprises the role he first played to great critical and popular acclaim in 2013. *The Joys of Recording Maeve* with Kevin Reynolds, Series Producer, RTÉ One, will follow. A long-standing collaborator with Maeve, Kevin has the inside story on her famously hilarious Rattlebag interview and much more!

Meanwhile, visitors are beginning to trickle back to the Castle, post Covid. The English Language School students were back in great numbers and the final CIE tour of the season arrives in October. CIE have booked their slots again for 2023.

Seasonal variations to the Living History Experience for families will kick in for Halloween and Christmas. The Halloween Tours for children have proved very popular. Watch out, as you pass by, as the Witches take over the Castle and will be screeching from the battlements. They have barricaded the doors and it will take some form of wizardry to gain entrance. The children



*Gordon and Margaret relaxing in studio with Miriam after Miriam Meets Radio programme.
Photo Dalkey Castle*

will help The Wizard to magically crash through the doors underneath the Murder Hole and take the Bad Witch prisoner. The Witches have turned the upstairs Living Quarters into their own magic den. They are making all kinds of horrid concoctions and dead witch pies.

There will, of course, be a Good Witch to banish the baddies. The archer will have his fire arrow ready to help scare away any marauding witches from the battlements. The children will join the Good Witch in Witch School and chant around her bubbling cauldron.

Dalkey Castle Christmas Experience with Santa, has Santa as the main character in the 40 minute Christmas Show. It's not too early to mention Christmas, as tickets book out quickly and numbers are limited. The experience is specially devised for the children who are expecting Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, and is full of fun, stories and games with Twinkle and Jingle.

The highlight, needless to say, is the appearance of the celebrity himself- Santa Claus! Santa's 'Ho Ho Ho' has gone very faint. The children will help him to get it back. He has two lists: one nice and the other naughty. All the children are on his nice list. Each child gets an age-appropriate gift from Santa.

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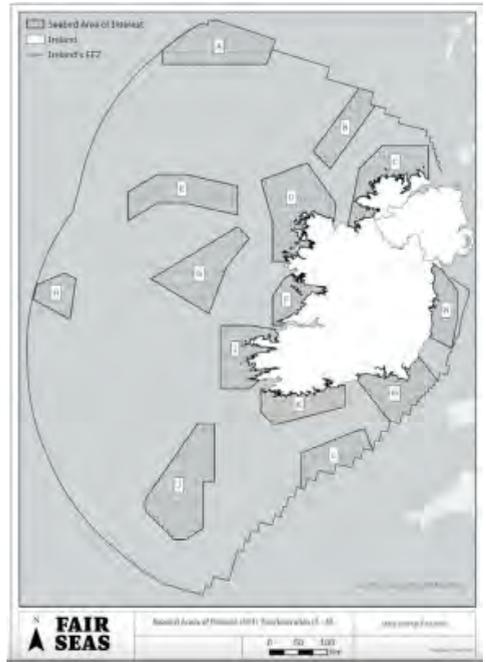
Change, like the wind, is what keeps the world moving forward. As any skilled sailor would know well, it is not about directing the wind but about properly adjusting the sails and using this force to reach the destination.

And we need to adjust our sails now. The shift from solid fuel energy to renewable sources is well underway and is part of the global effort to mitigate the effects of climate change. Under the Climate Action Plan 2021, the Irish Government Green Energy Plan must increase the proportion of renewable electricity, up to 80%, by 2030. This includes the generation of 5GW, sourced from the installation of offshore wind generation turbines, by 2030. This 5GW target will be met primarily through the development of offshore renewable energy (ORE) from Ireland's eastern and southern coastal regions.

At the same time, the Irish Government has committed to the 'principles and ambition' of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030. This would require a legal commitment by the Government to protect a minimum of 30% of Ireland's coastal land and sea area by 2030, in addition to 'strictly protecting' one-third, or 10% of all protected areas.

Currently, the Irish Protected Marine Area (MPA) stands at just 2.1%. Government faces the conundrum of the EU Climate Action Plan which demands a Biodiversity Strategy. One country, two commitments. Ireland now faces the double crisis of climate change and biodiversity loss. Fulfilling these two commitments will require a joined-up thinking approach. In this context, planning major national nature-based solutions, such as offshore windfarm generation, and biodiversity protection, means that, at present, offshore wind turbines may be imposed without the delineation or legal protection of an MPA. The solution to what may become mutually exclusive climate and biodiversity policies, is to assess the effect of possible incompatible strategies.

We must ask: does the Government's planned decarbonisation strategy include the protection of its Irish coastal waters by creating a marine zoning map that sets clear parameters for offshore developments? This is a basic premise



for ensuring that extensive renewables infrastructural development does not irrevocably compromise Irish marine habitats and biodiversity. Unfortunately, the mapping of MPAs has been left behind in this dual challenge thus creating a counterproductive (from an environmental aspect) or 'back to front' approach when it comes to the planning of offshore developments in Irish waters.

Looking at this ecological situation within a climate crisis, Dalkey Community Council and Killiney Bay Community Council have opened up a public conversation forum to exchange information and points of view. We highlight the fact that there are win-win solutions which involve the protection, restoration and sustainable management of ecosystems along our coasts and in our seas. Our first public conversation took place on 20 July 2022, under the title of 'Winds of Change at Sea'. Regina Classen, Marine Biologist with the Irish Wildlife Trust and Fair Seas, presented the Fair Seas assessment, 'Revitalising Our Seas'. The prime objective of her analysis is to initiate a national

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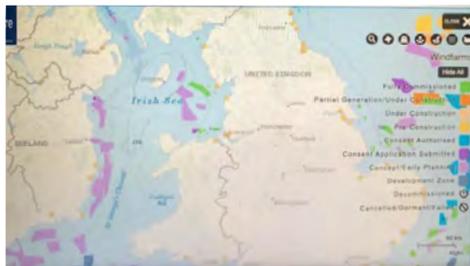
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discussion to focus on the locations of Irish MPAs, and to accelerate the designation of these MPAs, emphasising the need to protect the offshore areas of our ocean and our coast. MPAs refer to the whole ecosystem, not just one particular species or habitat. By taking an ‘ecosystem approach’, this allows all life within an MPA to flourish. This approach fosters better protection for all the species that occur in an area, the food they rely on and the habitats they live and raise their young in, while also removing threats from the waters they depend upon. (Revitalising Our Seas, Fair Seas, 2022)

The Fair Seas research identified 16 ‘special areas of interest’ in Irish waters which should be used as starting points for the development of the Irish MPAs network.

Co-speaker, Seana Kevany, followed this presentation voicing the local community’s ecological concerns with the opening question: **Is there a conflict with offshore windfarm developments and MPAs?**



Comparing both maps, one can only conclude that there is definitely an inherent conflict. The Fair Seas report recommends that a coherent and joint message needs to be sent to our Government to:

- Follow good planning using an ecosystem-based approach
- Follow good planning with fair and accurate data
- Rely on impartial analytical resources
- Map sensitive areas and impose interim protection / full MPA status

Only then should the Government identify areas that suit ORE developments. At present, the developer-led site selection process almost precludes the objective of creating effective MPAs. Foreshore Leases (for construction) and Foreshore Licences (for initial exploration) were awarded sites in Ireland’s nearshore waters under

the outdated Foreshore Act 1933. Ministers for the Marine could grant leases to private developers during the Celtic Tiger years for the construction of some of the biggest offshore windfarms in the world, with no statutory involvement of local authorities, no Marine Spatial Planning and grossly inadequate systems of public consultation and environmental assessment. When licences were granted, in close proximity to Ireland’s east coast, there was no public right of appeal against the minister’s decision. There was no government oversight of site selection, and no restriction on the size or scale of the development permitted. Minimal or no consideration was given to the negative impacts on vulnerable marine habitats or on Ireland’s high amenity coast. Speculative interests/developers staked claims over nearshore shallow areas, in particular east coast sandbanks, between 2000 and 2007.

Members of the Government and local representatives who attended the ‘Winds of Change at Sea’ symposium were invited to answer some of the main concerns raised by the participants. These were expressed as follows:

MAIN ISSUES OF CONCERN RAISED AT THE MEETING

- **No legal zoning map exists to guide offshore windfarm developments**
- **National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and An Bord Pleanála are unequipped to deal with offshore developments**
- **Derrybrien Disaster (ESB): a ‘green energy’ disaster**
- **Is Ireland developing renewable energy infrastructure in the right way?**
- **There is a vital and long overdue need for a national alignment between Marine Spatial Planning, the implementation of the EU Maritime Spatial Planning Directive and the designation of MPAs.**

Nature loss and the climate emergency are linked and solutions to one must not come at the expense of the other.

Subsequent to the meeting, on 27 July 2022, the Government approved the development of a General Scheme of a Bill to provide for MPAs and work on drafting and enacting the primary MPA legislation.

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❖ OCTOBER IN OUR GARDENS – *Philippa Thomas* ❖

As our first frosts arrive by the middle of October, a whole new range of gardening tasks commence. Combined with our blazing display from our diverse range of trees, it's our sun and red sky sunsets which gives a radiant glow to our autumnal evenings. Lots and lots of plants are at the right stage to harvest their seeds this autumn, indeed our present gardens could be bursting with seeds. Different plants make seed heads in different ways. Planting conditions now for biennials are more than likely pretty perfect too. Biennials are plants that will flower in their second year and without question of a doubt, are worth the wait. THE ACT OF TURNING A SMALL QUANTITY OF BROWN SEED INTO HEALTHY FLOWERING PLANTS IS POSSIBLY THE MOST MAGICAL PART OF GARDENING In all honesty, we can have an entire garden of flowers next year 2023, for less than a tenner, literally by sowing seeds of hardy annuals and biennials before the end of this very month, if of course it is mild. Then, if our plants like our conditions, they'll self-seed in a year's time, repeating the cycle for ever more, how simply incredible. Self-sown plants can make our lives ever so much easier but the key is to grow them direct into the soil, no seed trays, no compost, no pots and of course, no potting on. Instead, they plant themselves and grow themselves and flower themselves and with their own tremendous ease.

Maybe, let's take our cue from nature.... Annuals and biennials, sometimes have their own ideas, many hardy annuals grow biennially if sown in late summer/ autumn, flowering early next year. SURELY, SELF SOWERS ARE THE HARDEST WORKING PLANTS IN ANY GARDEN, BOTH LOW IN COST AND HIGH IN VALUE.

If it's our very first time growing self-sowers, the easiest way to start off is to grow some in a pot of peat-free compost or directly into rows in our soil.



Erysimum, Wallflower, 'Red Jep'

Maybe, lets pause a thought for: TO BIN OR NOT TO BIN? AND EQUALLY, WHERE TO BIN ? Since some people believe to fill our magical world with these unsightly 'grotesqueries', possibly some of our small stamp like and town gardens have all but been abandoned. There is no need for unattractive bins to dominate our outdoor space if we incorporate some smart, purposeful wheelie storage ideas into our plot /space.

Are We Aware That We Can Plant Peonies Now? Yes, We Can! Peonies are always popular, they're lush, showy and have the fullness of hydrangeas with slightly more elegance. If we plant peonies in our Autumn, they'll have more time to settle and build a root system. Peonies usually need a couple of growing cycles to produce flowers but planting now rather than in the spring gives them a better chance to flower in their first spring / summer. Well - cared for peonies can continue to bloom for a 100 years.

- Red Peonies symbolise wealth, passion and honour.
- Pink Peonies represent love, good luck and priority.
- Yellow Peonies are for new beginnings.
- Deep Raspberry shades and colour changing coral peonies are all the rage, presently.



Propagating Rosemary From Cuttings

Maybe, now let's propagate some Rosemary?

Pick some side shoots from a main stem. Strip off a few of the lower leaves and pinch to reduce water loss. Plant each shoot around the edge of a small pot filled with a gritty mix of moist compost. Store in a cool but well-lit spot and keep the pot well-watered.

DISCOVERING THE MAGIC OF BLUE FLOWERS.

Gardeners find it hard to resist the allure of blue flowers and true blue flowers are generally uncommon in our gardens, from lapis lazuli to ultramarine, cobalt to cerulean. Blue has long had a special role in art, jewellery and textiles. Traditionally, the colour blue has been used to represent qualities of the sublime such as truth, faithfulness and heaven. In contemporary times, blue is also associated with harmony, confidence, infinity and the imagination. The colour blue is a constant in the landscape. On a sunny day, we see a sky of blue over our heads. Oceans, lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and even glaciers reflect our sky and reflect it in variations of blue. Wonder, have we ever noticed that a distant mountain can draw us with its hazy blue aura....Blue, too has a low colour temperature. We experience blue hues as cool and find them calming, soothing for our souls and relaxing. The most fascinating aspect of all to me is that blue flowers seem

to recede from us in the garden. They can be used to increase the sense of openness and expansion in our gardens. So very few flowers are a pure true blue.

Today, gardeners are often drawn to more intense colours and bolder combinations. I simply adore purple and orange together. I, can't seem to get enough of this combination. Another way to accentuate blue is to pair it with silver or grey foliage. These cool neutral colours make pure blues look more brilliant. Of course, we can count on purple and blue complimenting each other.

SOME OF THE BEST BLUE FLOWERS FOR OUR GARDENS.

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Blue Flowers: Agapanthus, Borage, Morning Glory, Nigella, Plumbago, Salvias, Platycodon, Lobelia, Mertensia, (Virginia cowslip.)

Perennials With Blue Flowers: Brunnera, Campanula, Delphiniums, Eryngium, Gentian, Geranium, Iris, Meconopsis, Myosotis, Periwinkle, Phlox, Pulmonarias, Rosemary, Viola.)

Bulbs With Blue Flowers: Camassia, Chionodoxa, Hyacinth, Puschkinia, Scilla.

Shrubs With Blue Flowers: Ceanothus, Hydrangea, Lilac, Wisteria.

Foliage With A Deep Blue Hue: Agave, Blue Oat Grass, Euphorbia, Festuca glauca, Hosta, Juniper, Lavender, Sedum.

MIGHT DO, MAYBE OCTOBER JOBS

1. As growth slows, clip evergreen box and yew balls and hedges. Choose a dry day to reduce spore spread. With box blight on the increase, remember this is a fungus so ensure that there is circulation around the plants,really this is key in blight prevention : the fungus also appreciates tight clipping so that box will be able to grow looser.

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2. Wallflowers are unbeatable for their rich, velvety scented colour and compliment spring bulbs, lasting all the way from narcissi in march through alliums in May.

3. To reduce the amount of plastic in circulation, try to reuse it rather than putting it into recycling or buying something new.

4. Old compost bags can be reused as rubbish bags, to make leaf mould, or as potato- growing sacks or containers for large veg.

The Government is encouraging everyone to help bees, butterflies and other pollinators by downloading a free phone app called 'FIT COUNT', which will help to track pollinator numbers and movements, providing crucial data. The survey asks people to spend 10 mins a day collecting data on the number of insects that visit flowers such as dandelion, buttercup and lavender.

The Forestry Commission has confirmed that the deadly tree disease Phytophthora pluvialis has been found in Shropshire. It was first discovered last year in a woodland in Cornwall and outbreaks have been subsequently reported across The UK. The Forestry Commission is taking tree health protection measures to prevent it from spreading.

"MY FAVOURITE COLOUR IS OCTOBER."

Unknown

*October baptise me with leaves,
swaddle me in corduroy and
nurse me with split pea soup.
October, tuck tiny candy bars
in my pockets and carve my smile
into a thousand pumpkins.
O Autumn! O Teakettle! O Grace!*

Rainbow Rowell Attachments

image Philippa Thomas



*Continus Coggygria 'Old Fashioned', Smoke Bushes Are Marvellous
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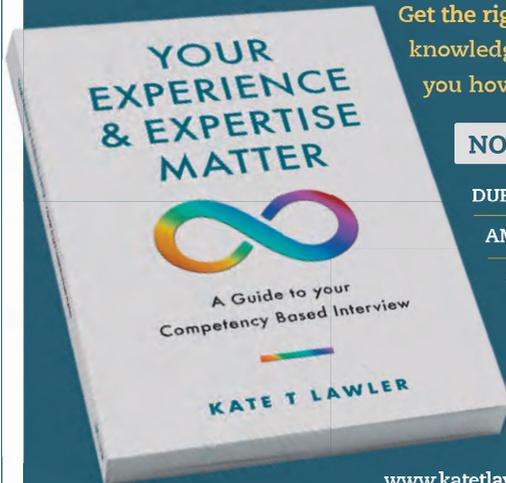
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When I first read 'Our deepest fear'
by Marianne Williamson I was really
challenged. Her question to us asks
where our deepest fear lies. And the
answer is a surprise.

My hope for you in reading this
is that you will discover answers
to your own questions and will
have the confidence to live fully,
trust in yourself and contribute to
everything in which you are involved
– be it family, work, volunteering,
rest or play.

Note: This inspiring poem is taken
from Marianne Williamson's
book *A Return to Love*.

Though often quoted as part of
Nelson Mandela's moving inaugural
speech, "*Our Deepest Fear*"
does not appear in the speech.
Marianne Williamson herself
has commented on this
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Our Deepest Fear

By Marianne Williamson

Our deepest fear is not
that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are
powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness
That most frightens us.

We ask ourselves
Who am I to be brilliant,
gorgeous, talented, fabulous?
Actually, who are you *not* to be?
You are a child of God.

Your playing small
Does not serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened
about shrinking
So that other people won't feel
insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine,
As children do.
We were born to make manifest
The glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us;
It's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine,
We unconsciously give other people
permission to do the same.
As we're liberated
from our own fear,
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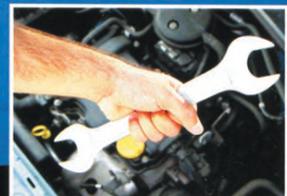
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Rathmichael Historical Society

Rob Goodbody will present '*50 Years of the Rathmichael Historical Society*' at 8pm on Wednesday October 5th in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin, and simultaneously on Zoom. Admission is €5, tea and coffee included.

Mount Merrion Historical Society

Brendan O'Brien will present '*Tom Crean - Antarctic Explorer*' at 8pm on Thursday October 6th in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission €4/Students €2.

The Old Dublin Society

Max Cannon will present '*Thomas Early, manufacturer of ecclesiastical furniture and stained-glass windows, Upper Camden Street, Dublin*' at 6pm on Wednesday October 12th in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Professor Cormac Ó'Gráda will present '*The Famine in Dublin*' at 6pm on Wednesday October 26th in the same venue - all are welcome - admission is free to these lectures.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society

Cormac Lowth will present '*A History of Dublin Port*' at 8pm Wednesday October 12th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome - admission €5.

Kilmacud-Stillorgan

Local History Society

James Scannell* will present '*John Hinde and his Picture Postcards on South County Dublin*' at 8pm on Thursday October 13th in Glenalbyn, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission €3.

Western Front Association (Dublin Branch)

James Scannell* will present *RMS Lusitania: War Crime or Legitimate Target?* At 2pm on Saturday October 15th in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome

Foxrock Local History Club

Carmel Kelly will give the Short Talk on '*Anna Haslam: Quaker and suffragette*' and Deirdre Rafferty the long talk '*The Big Houses in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown as Religious Institutions*' at 8pm on Tuesday October 18th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin and on Zoom. Admission is €5.

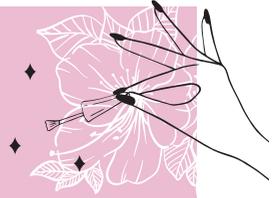
Bray Cualann Historical Society

Dr. Seamas Ó'Maitiú will present '*Mapping Rathmines for the Irish Historic Towns Atlas*' at 8pm on Thursday October 20th in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €5.

[*] Both these talks by James Scannell are available for presentation to community groups/organisations - email: scannell253@gmail.com to arrange same.



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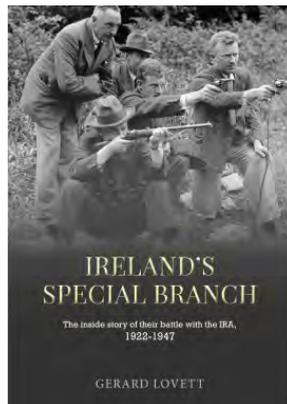
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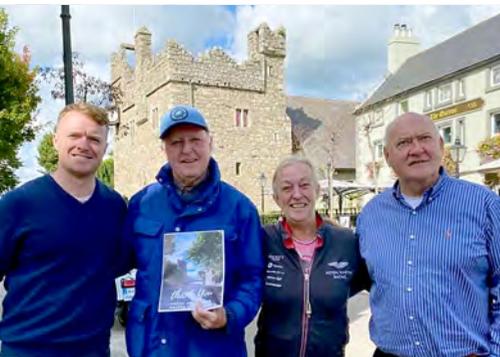
Books *'Ireland's Special Branch - The inside story of their battle with the IRA and other groups 1922-1947'* by Gerard Lovett, published by Wordwell Books, ISBN: 978-1-913934-29-3.

'A gang of police thugs' and 'Renegades and perverted types' were two of the many ways in which the men and women of the Garda Special Branch were described by their enemies within the anti-Treaty IRA. What follows in this work is the gripping narrative of the often brutal and violent struggle for supremacy that took place between these two sides. This book explores the foundation and the inner workings of a squad of detectives, initially called the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), based in Oriel House, Dublin, in August 1922 and their transition into what became known as the Special Branch. It further details the history of the turbulent decades which followed, and the regular confrontations with the IRA in which many of their officers would make the ultimate sacrifice.

Author Gerard Lovett is a retired member of An Garda Síochána who retired as a detective inspector in the Garda Special Branch in 2004. Since then, he was general secretary of the Garda Síochána Retired Members' Association for seven years and was editor of their quarterly magazine *Síocháin*. He has written numerous articles on police history and has regularly given lectures to historical societies on both garda and RIC history, as well as famous historical murder cases.



James Scannell



THIRTY SIX DALKEY TRADERS COMBINE FORCES TO DO SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

What a really lovely surprise! Mary Caviston and Peter Roberts on behalf of Dalkey Traders invited Des Burke-Kennedy (DTT Volunteers) and John T Murphy

(Special Event Volunteers) for coffee at The Kings Inn. What we did not know was that Mary and Peter had already contacted 36 Traders here in our Town and all agreed to show their appreciation for the work done throughout the years to keep Dalkey looking better than ever and for some great event management. All those hundreds of hours had not gone unnoticed. Their 'THANK YOU' Card with 36 messages from each is very greatly appreciated. In addition to that, our traders also generously plan to hold a special event for our Volunteers to enjoy shortly. If anything was ever needed to show the strength of our Dalkey Community spirit, this is it. Well done Dalkey Traders!



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DCC 2022 APPEAL

Dalkey Community Council has been unable to hold their door-to-door Annual Collection as the past couple of years have been very challenging. Despite this, the council has continued its functions, dealing with issues that affect the community, producing and publishing the monthly newsletter.

These activities require funding and the council is in urgent need of funds.

Dalkey Community Council would like to acknowledge and thank those who have already contributed to our online collection and appeal to those who may have not have done so to help DCC continue to serve the Dalkey community.

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SOUTH DUBLIN BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH IRELAND

Indoor Meeting

Date & time: Tuesday, 4th October at 8pm.

Location: The Killiney Room, Graduate Bar, Rochestown Avenue.

Title: *Wildlife from North to South: tips for local and travel photography.*

Speaker: Mark Carmody.

Details: Mark is highly-regarded and award-winning wildlife photographer. His talk will be about photographing wildlife when traveling, either locally or abroad, providing practical advice to those planning trips. Mark will focus on how to get the best out of a trip, whether that is a dedicated or non-dedicated trip. He has travelled extensively and will show us photographs he took in the Arctic, Europe, Middle East, Japan, South America and Antarctica.

Outdoor Meeting

Date & time to meet: Sunday, 9th October at 10:30am.

Outing to: Turvey Parklands and Rogerstown Estuary.

Extra information: Meet in Turvey Parklands car park off Turvey Avenue. Check www.southdublinbirds.com for a map showing the meeting place, the car park is at Flag 1 on the map. Our previous visit to Turvey & Rogerstown in February 2020 was a complete washout, thanks to the dreadful weather that battered the country at the time and only two brave souls managed to make it along.

General

The South Dublin branch holds indoor meetings each month from September to May and outdoor events in most months.

Bad Weather Protocol

If a Met Éireann **Orange** or **Red** warning is in force at the place where and when a branch outing is due to take place then **members should assume the outing is cancelled.**

Indoor Events

Our indoor events take place on the first or (very occasionally) second Tuesday of the month.

Unless otherwise stated, they begin at 8pm. Admission to indoor meetings is free, however we would be very grateful for any contribution made towards the cost of the meeting room.

Outdoor Events

Outdoor events are available to all and with the exception of trips made by coach, are free of charge. **Coach outings generally cost about €35.00 per person or €25.00 for children, students or pensioners, but prices are determined by the cost of hiring the coach, which is subject to periodic increases.**

When taking part, wear clothing suitable for the time of year and location and although we often take in a visit to shops around lunch time it is wiser not to rely on that completely for food and drinks during the trip.



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Dear Editor,

I write to express my deep concerns for my fellow elderly folk in the Dalkey District – I am 94 – who are facing into a winter of some discontent without the comfort of a reasonably secure public transport system linking Dun Laoghaire, Glasthule, Dalkey and Killiney summit.

I have been inquiring among these folk for some months now about their current experiences on the 59 Bus route and have to report a high level of deep dissatisfaction arising from regular cancellations of bus runs – with no forewarning.

Here is an example from my own experience. A bus from Dalkey to Dun Laoghaire failed to show up some weeks ago. I commented to a regular user of the service who was with me in a small bus queue advising that as my business was not pressing, I intended to remain on scene for the next service in just under an hour away and he responded: *“I wouldn't rely on that. It is always happening.”* As it turned out the next departure time passed and once again no bus. Following on this experience I made it my business to inquire into the working of the 59 Bus service and make careful notes of my own experiences.

At one stage I was told by another user of the service who had complained to the TFI (Transport For Ireland) company about one particular failure to show up: *“The driver did not turn up for work.”*

My inquiries among my fellow elder bus users have revealed a certain level of dissatisfaction of this particular route down all the years for the last dozen or so but nothing to compare with the quota of current complaints. This route is not blessed with a succession of bus shelters of quality. It is this that gives rise to my current concerns for elderly travellers in the winter months ahead.

I have made these concerns known to local political people who have assured me they will make responsible approaches to those concerned.

But I feel this approach should have the support of the public at large prior to the onset of winter. Hence this contact with a leading organ of our fine Irish heritage town.

Tom Magennis



Thank You!

Dalkey Rowing Club would like to say a massive thank you to the people of Dalkey and the East Club Rowing Clubs for helping make this Memorial Race and Fundraiser such a success.

What an amazing day it was. Over one hundred people in twenty boats took part, including five of Ger's relatives. Poor weather all week had us all putting out the child of Prague, and it paid off - the weather was beautiful. And so it was, that for the first time in over 25 years a skiff race was run out of Coliemore Harbour. Twenty wooden skiffs, from up and down the East Coast lined up in Dalkey Sound ready to take on the 10km challenge of rowing up to Dun Laoghaire, down to Killiney and back to the finish line at Coliemore Harbour.

Whilst the weather was glorious, the course had some challenges to match its delights. The week of bad weather meant initial big swells in the sea to the north. This part of the course took them past Loreto Abbey and its iconic red door, past the big rocks of Bullock Harbour, where you'll still see working fishing boats depart every morning; on to



see the swimmers at The Forty Foot and then up to turn at Dun Laoghaire Pier where they were waved on by Roger Casement. They then headed back up through Dalkey Sound, with the cheering spectators on one side and the glorious Dalkey Island on the other. As the boats rounded Sorrento Point, all wind dropped and the sea turned to glass. It was wonderful for the coxes, but a hot and heavy challenge for the rowers. They were rewarded with the sights of Killiney Bay and it's uninterrupted views down to Bray Head, the imposing Killiney Hill and the array of magnificent houses that look out to sea including the elegant Sorrento Terrace. After turning at Killiney Tearooms they faced the final challenge of the strong 'spring' tide against them in the Sound. Tired rowers fought against the force of the current to cross the finish line! All rowers recovered with a can of Red Bull and a Broderick's chocolate bar, all kindly donated.

Well done to all the crews who took part

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GER CUNNINGHAM CHARITY RACE



and thank you for joining us. the ultimate winners were **Dalkey Rowing Club** for the ladies and **St. Patrick's Rowing Club** in Ringsend for the men. The winning Dalkey ladies crew was coxed by Ger's brother Paul which made it extra special. (Fun fact, one of the ladies in the winning Dalkey crew, Gail, also won gold in the last regatta 25 years ago!)

Back on land, it was a great gathering for the local Dalkey Community alongside the East Coast supporters. Everyone was kept entertained by Philip Murphy from St. Patricks Rowing Club on the PA, who kept us all informed on the progress of the race. There were plenty of refreshments, all kindly donated by local businesses for which we are so grateful (The Club Bar, Arty Baker, Country Bake, Cafe du Journal and SuperValu). It was great to see so many people there, enjoying the day and generously donating to the chosen charity, Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust (KBRT).

The event was a huge success in so many ways but most importantly because over **€10,000** was raised for the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. **Thank you to everyone.**

Message from the family

of Ger Cunningham: We want to say a big thank you to all who supported the event, the participants, the sponsors, those who donated and a special thanks to Dalkey Rowing Club and to you and your committee.

Also, a special mention to the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust who were of course immense in our hour of need.

John and Bubbles Cunningham and family.

If anyone would still like to donate, you can use the following this link:

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/Ger-Cunningham-Memorial-Row>

(For more photos and video please see our Social Media pages)

Jenny Dilley Dalkey Rowing Club

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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.: D22A/0601

Application Rec'd Date: 17/08/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Aoife Waldron 30 Dalkey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Planning permission at this site. The development will consist of the demolition of the existing, single storey lean-to shed along the eastern boundary, the construction of a new two-storey extension to the existing first floor flat on the side yard, relocation of ground level access from Dalkey Park and all ancillary internal, site and boundary works above and below ground.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0612

Application Rec'd Date: 19/08/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Brendan & Olga Roche Selskar, 23 Knocknacree Park, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96V8X7

Proposal: Permission for development. The development will consist of alterations to the existing dwelling house to include internal layout changes, enclosing existing garage under the property, conversion of existing store room to home office, changes to existing floor levels (drop ground floor 520mm, level first floor and raise second floor 980mm), raise patio at rear to reflect new floor height, changes to rear roof height and pitch direction, changes to the front pitch direction, changes to windows and doors, small stairwell and entrance extension, energy upgrades throughout including external insulation with render and stone finish, heat pump, heat recovery, widening of vehicle access by 600mm and all associated works.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0375

Application Rec'd Date: 16/08/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Denis Daly & Schira Tallon 3 Tower Hill, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of a single storey/part two storey rear facade of an existing dwelling and replaced with a new single storey/ part 2 storey rear extension to include a new ground floor kitchen and first floor family bathroom. Works to the existing dwelling include replacement of hardwood windows and doors, new dry lining insulation internally and ancillary works to help achieve a greater building envelope energy performance. Permission is also sought for a single storey rear garden annex and associated landscaping works.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0382

Application Rec'd Date: 19/08/2022

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

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0373

Application Rec'd Date: 30/05/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Timo and Ruth Barry The Flags, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96DX94

Proposal: Permission is sought for alterations to development previously approved under Reg Ref. D20A/0300 (An Bord Pleanála Ref NO PL06D.308729) comprising: (i) The demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with a proposed 2-storey dwelling; (ii) The revised layout and footprint of the proposed dwelling to provide a 4 bedroom, two-storey dwelling with attic level and basement and terraces at 1st floor and attic levels; (iii) The relocation of the pedestrian gate and (iv) all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development

Application Type: Permission **Further Information:** Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds) 26/08/2022

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0622

Application Rec'd Date: 23/08/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Jane McCudden and Brian Gahan 50, St Begnets Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 P2D5

Proposal: Planning permission for the proposed development. The proposed development includes alterations and proposed extension to the existing dwelling. The proposed works comprise A) Enlarging the front door and installing an external insulation system to the front elevation. B) Widening of the existing front gate to provide vehicular access to the site. C) Construction of a part single and part two storey extension (total 94m²) to the rear of the existing property with enclosed external courtyard and providing utility and open plan kitchen living area to ground floor (67m²) and additional bedroom and ensuite at the first floor (27m²) and is to include all ancillary site development and landscaping work.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0628

Application Rec'd Date: 23/08/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Catherine Gleeson Nerano House, Nerano Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96TH52 (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: The proposed development shall consist of: Removal of the existing (modern) spiral staircase in the courtyard, Construction of a part single part two storey link extension within same courtyard to rear (south west) of main house and side (south east) of coach house. Infill of the existing door opening at first floor and provision of new openings at ground and first floors on the south east gable wall of coach house to provide internal access from the main house to both levels of the coach house. Reconfiguration of coach house interior at ground floor to provide new shower room and bedroom in lieu of current gym space. Replacement of the existing (modern) gate in the screen wall (between main house and coach house) with a new door to access the proposed link extension. All associated conservation, site services and landscaping works.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0631

Application Rec'd Date: 24/08/2022

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

Proposal: Permission 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 Pleanála (305227-19) Proposal to include changes to the two permitted (305277-19) 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

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 **Further Information:** Additional Information 23/08/2022

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0253

Application Rec'd Date: 13/04/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Margaret Ryan site (c. .2 ha.) at Ardfallen (a protected structure), on , Cunningham Road, Dalkey, County Dublin

Proposal: New application consequent on the response to a DLRCC Notice of request for Clarification of Further Information, Order Number P/1065/22 Planning Application Register Reference D21A/0487 date 24.01.22 and the expiry of the six month time limit for development on the site. The development will consist of an infill residential scheme of 6 houses comprising 1 number two bedroom single storey detached dwelling (115 square meters), 1 number one bedroom single story detached dwelling (66 square meters), 1 number five bedroom two story 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, a shared garden, courtyard open space, total of 8 number surface level car parking spaces (including 2 number universal access spaces), bicycle parking spaces 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 on Cunningham Road are included with the application.

Application Type: Permission **Further Information:** Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds) 29/08/2022

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0638

Application Rec'd Date: 29/08/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Eileen Sullivan "Southwinds", Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the construction of 6 No. dwelling houses including boundary treatment, access roads and driveways, connections to mains sewer and water including ancillary works.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0639

Application Rec'd Date: 30/08/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Greythorn Developments 2 Limited Fortal, Killiney Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96K744

Proposal: Permission for development at a site of c.0.21ha on lands to the rear of 'Fortal'. The development will consist of 8 no. three-bed terraced houses arranged across three storeys ranging from c.146.8 to 148.1sqm in area each. All dwellings are provided with rear private garden space ranging from c.63.4sqm to 83sqm each. The development includes 17 no. car parking spaces and 12 no. cycle parking spaces (8 no. long-stay and 4 no. short stay). Vehicular access to the south from Killiney Road via the existing roadway serving 'Fortlawn' residential development (north of the subject

site). All associated site development works, services provision, drainage connections including pumping station, proposed internal shared access road, bin storage area, landscaping, tree removal and boundary treatment works including provision of a new wall separating the site from the existing dwelling known as 'Fortal'. No other changes are proposed to 'Fortal'.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0656

Application Rec'd Date: 02/09/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Robert Gilmartin 1 Tubbermore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Retention permission for change of use of 108.55sqm existing two storey dwelling to Bed & Breakfast that consists of 4 no. rooms and revised site boundary. Retention is also sought for raising the front site boundary wall at 2.8m in height. Planning permission is sought to reinstate the recently demolished front boundary wall with vehicular access off Tubbermore Road.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0387

Application Rec'd Date: 29/08/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Aideen and Declan Kelly 59 Springhill Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission for demolition of all rear flat roof extensions and single room with flat roof to the side with provision for new two storey side extension and new single storey rear extension, full renovation of existing house and all associated site works.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0675

Application Rec'd Date: 09/09/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Peter O'Connell 23, Cliff Castle, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96X086 (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: Permission for development. The construction of a new greenhouse extension at ground floor (area 22.6 sqm) to the rear (north-east elevation) of the house, blocking up an existing ensuite window to the rear of the house. The development will also include replacing an existing bay window to the rear of the house with glazed doors and balcony.

Application Type: Permission

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Reg. Ref.: D21B/0634

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 17/08/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Eleanor Denny Doonecoy, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co Dublin, A96 Y9K8

Proposal: Permission for a part single and two-storey rear and side extension to the existing dwelling containing kitchen, dining, living, playroom and internal alterations to form a utility and cloaks at ground floor with new first floor master bedroom suite over, inclusive of replacement windows and front bay, a new entrance door and canopy and associated external works.

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0443

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 16/08/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Niall O hOisín and 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

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0452 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 18/08/2022
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 18m² and revised internal restaurant layout and facilities. Proposed second floor, on existing roof of 152m² 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 41m², all works.

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0029 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 18/08/2022
Applicant Name & Location: Eva Hamilton & Paul Murphy The Gables, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 WP95

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

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0314 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 23/08/2022
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.

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0328 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 02/09/2022
Applicant Name & Location: Jane McLoughlin 41 Mapas Rd, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 Y368
Proposal: The development will consist of: Attic conversion for storage, with raised gable to the side, with a new gable window. Dormer window to the rear. Two Velux windows to the front. Widening of front vehicular access, single storey extension to the rear. Demolitions of single storey extension to the rear.

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0543 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 09/09/2022
Applicant Name & Location: Sorrento HGT Unlimited Company Sorrento House, 1 Sorrento Terrace, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96 CX47 (A protected structure RPS No. 1609)

Proposal: The proposed development will comprise internal alterations to existing single storey over basement garage/staff accommodation building, removal of a parking bay and the construction of a single storey extension on the north and south ends of the building to increase the garage/staff accommodation from c. 145.9m² to c. 214.9m². The application includes all associated landscaping and site development works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 33-36 2022 15/08/2022 - 09/09/2022

Reg Ref: D22A/0391 **Reg Date:** 07/06/2022 **Location:** Hill House, Torca Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin **Development:** Outline permission sought for a development. The development will consist of an outline planning application for a new two storey house consisting of and entrance hall with 4 bedrooms and bathroom on ground floor and for a guest bedroom dining and kitchen area to first floor all with a flat roof and for new vehicular entrance and car parking spaces all to site to side of existing house.

Council Decision: Refuse outline permission **Appeal Lodged:** 22/08/2022

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

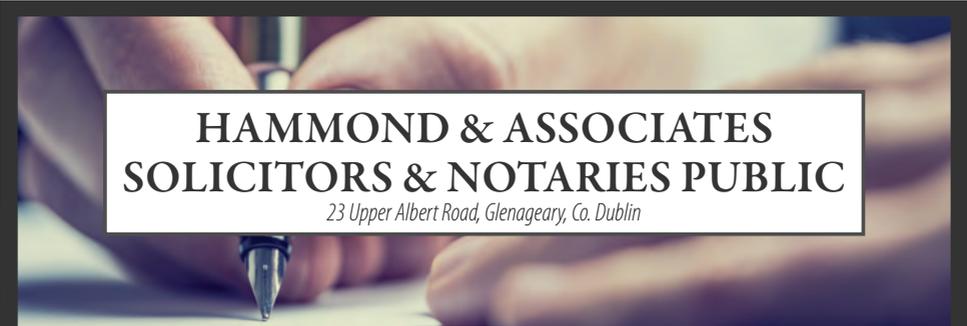
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Council Decision: Refuse permission **Appeal Lodged:** 05/09/2022

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

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ARE THE EATING HABITS OF OUR GULLS REALLY CHANGING ?

We have all seen Gulls terrifying seaside walkers when snatching food from the unwary along our coastline. Their clever air raids can be quite frightening. Is this unusual? Are they evolving away from such feeding places as the seas around Dalkey Island and the Muglins Rock? This and other questions have attracted the attention of Dr. Adam Kane, lecturer at UCD's School of Biology and Environment Science / Earth Institute.

To study the subject more closely, Adam and his team needed to trap some Gulls, place sophisticated electronic tags on those selected and somehow track their behaviour over time. This would require a team of bird tagging experts and ongoing analysis of the tracking data received. It would also require the placement of signal receiving equipment in a location overlooking Dalkey Sound. Dalkey Tidy Towns and Anne Murray, DLRCC offered to help at this stage. Enter our neighbours Michael and Marybeth Shiel who then very kindly offered Adam a perfect place for his monitoring equipment. As a result, all was in place and ready to go by last May.

In attempting to verify what food sources the birds are now using, see if these change over time and, if possible, quantify their reliance of urban habitats vs marine habitats. This project will run for four years. Adam and the team hope to compare and contrast the natural colony at Dalkey with some inland nesting populations.

Adam's impressive team included Jon Williams who is doing his PhD and will publish the findings in a scientific journal later on once the analysis has been completed.

Jon is being co-supervised by Barry McMahon, also at UCD. Last May the tagging exercise began. In June, a further five Herring Gulls were tagged. Gary Clewley and Katherine Booth Jones from the British Trust for Ornithology have the expertise to fit the harnesses correctly and painlessly to the Gulls for supporting the GPS units. Members of the Irish Midlands Ringing Group who are based in Ireland are also involved. To help in catching the birds, experts Barry Nolan and Graham Prole also visited the island.

Over the coming years, Adam will keep us posted on the results of this very interesting project of great local interest and we thank all for their efforts. Special thanks also to our neighbours Michael and Marybeth Shiel. At this very early stage, it does appear that the birds don't really use the sea but are very much inclined to forage inland!



*Des Burke-Kennedy
Dalkey Tidy Towns*



Dalkey Utd MGL U13 Winners

Photo Kim Fortune



Dalkey United FC welcomed back its most famous son and one of Ireland's all-time greats, Paul McGrath, to a medal ceremony held at the clubhouse in Hyde Park in August. Paul personally presented the players from last season's Under 13 Girls and Under 15 Boys league winning teams with their medals, before posing for photos and signing autographs for fans of all ages.

The league successes were the highlights of a very busy season at Dalkey United. The same Under 15 Boys narrowly missed out on a league and cup double, losing the cup final on penalties, while one of the club's Under

13 Boys teams also reached their cup final.

Dalkey United now has 30 teams competing in Boys, Girls and Senior leagues as well as a thriving Academy for boys and girls from five to eight years of age. While we'd love to think that there's another Paul McGrath somewhere in our ranks, the priority for the club is to see as many local boys, girls and young adults as possible playing and enjoying football on a weekly basis.

More success surely lies ahead and perhaps more visits from Paul will follow.

Dara Marnell **Chairman**



Dalkey Utd DDSL U15 Winners

Photo Kim Fortune

WHAT'S ON IN DALKEY LIBRARY!

*"I wish that every day was a Saturday
and every month was October."*

— Charmaine J. Forde

Welcome back readers!

My Open Library is now available in Dalkey Library!



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 service is in operation. Opening hours with library staff are as normal.

Already in operation in some libraries across Ireland including Deansgrange Library, My Open Library has recently become available to Dalkey Library this September. 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
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- Photocopy/scan
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- Access free Wi-Fi
- Access study spaces

Please speak to the staff on how My Open Library works and how to sign up!

EVENTS AT DALKEY LIBRARY

Baby and Parent Group at Dalkey Library for 18 months and younger

Monday 03 October 10:30 - 11:30

Join us for a Sensory Tummy Time best suited for our younger borrowers. Set in a quiet library with dimmed lights and use of our Magic Table that projects colourful images for babies to interact with.



Monday 17 October 10:30 - 11:30

Dalkey Library has invited Churchtown School of Music to host their Mini Masters series for our Toddler and Parent Group. The workshop is led through song and uses a variety of props and age-appropriate instruments to get everyone involved. Booking essential for all dates, please email at dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or ring us at 012855277

Toddler and Parent Group for 18 months to 3 years

Friday 07 October 10:30 - 11:30

Toddler Book Club, join library staff for story time and associated craft!

Friday 14 October 10:30 - 11:30

Join us at Dalkey Library for Let's Build! We'll provide the Duplo and building blocks, you build to your heart's content.

Friday 21 October 10:30 - 11:30

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Story Blast! A Storytelling and Puppetry Adventure for Little Ones

Saturday 22nd October

Session One: 11:00am Session Two: 12:00pm
Suitable for 3-6year olds plus family members. Join storyteller Simone Schuemmelfeder from Story Gate in a special storytelling and puppetry experience for young listeners. With her gentle, funny and interactive storytelling style, Simone does not only bring stories to life, but integrates a number of curious, shy and naughty puppets into her performance that take on a life of their own! Laughter and fun are guaranteed in this family session. Booking essential for either session, please email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie



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Saturday 15 October 2 Sessions 10:00 - 11:15
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FADÓ FADÓ

Máirín Mhic Lochlainn Presents:
Scéalta ón Sean-Am! Tales of Yore!

Tuesday 25 October 6:30pm Má tá scéal agat, inis é; muna bhfuil, cum ceann! If you have a story, tell it; if you don't make up one! We are delighted to welcome traditional storyteller Máirín Mhic Lochlainn who travels to us from Connemara.

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Mosaic Workshop for adults
with Laura O'Hagan *Monday 24 & Wednesday 26*
October, 10:00 - 12:30

We are marking the 10th anniversary of our Maeve Binchy Garden with a set of mosaic workshops with Laura O'Hagan, the artist behind the beautiful mosaic commemorating Maeve Binchy at Dalkey Library. Using hand painted and glass mosaic tiles, participants will be creating their own works of art in a relaxed, inspirational atmosphere. This is a series of adult workshops and participants are asked to commit to attending both sessions. Booking is essential, to book please email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie



EVENTS FOR CARERS OF PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA
Art making with Caroline Hyland
Wednesday 5 October 11.00 - 12.30

Join artist Caroline Hyland for a relaxing workshop that explores gellui plate printing. This is a fun and easy way to create beautiful designs using found objects such as feathers,

leaves and paper stencils. The session is a dementia inclusive workshop and will be followed by an opportunity for tea and a chat. Booking is essential, to book please email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie

Music with Eamon Sweeney
Monday 10 October 11.00 - 12.30

Musician Eamon Sweeney will delight with this dementia inclusive music session, fostering meaningful engagement, connection and stimulation. This is not intended as a music class, sit back and relax, meet other carers and have a cup of tea. Listen, hum or sing along – as you feel comfortable. Booking is essential, to book please email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie

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 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: Tel:01-2855317 / 2855277 Email: dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie

ACORN tablets now available
in Dalkey Library!

The new ACORN tablet project from the dlr Digital Inclusion working group hopes to help bridge the digital divide by providing age-friendly, easy-to-use technology. The ACORN tablet is designed with the older person in mind, and the principle behind the tablet is to provide more accessible options for those with little or no computer or smart device experience. The home screen is clear and easy to navigate. ACORN tablets are now available for lending to all dlr Library members. For more information on this lending scheme, contact your local branch.

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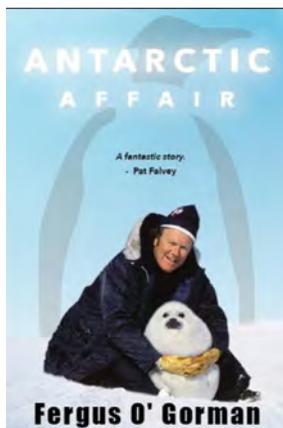
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A. In general studies have shown that Irish people have low levels of Vitamin D. It is made in the skin following exposure to UV light from the sun and ingested from certain foods. From October to March we are generally not exposed to enough sunlight to make sufficient



Vitamin D. For this reason it is recommended that all adults and children over 4 years take a daily Vitamin D supplement from October to March. We generally make enough Vitamin D from the end of March to the end of September (along with a balanced diet) not to need a supplement. The recommended level is 10 micrograms (400IU) daily.

People who are not exposing themselves to sunlight as they are not often outdoors or in a care home or wear clothing to cover their skin while outside may need to take a supplement all year round.

Babies under 1 year should be supplemented with 5 micrograms of Vitamin D every day from birth and children between 1 and 4 years should have 5 micrograms daily between October and March.

Food sources of Vitamin D include:

- Oily fish such as salmon, sardines, herring and mackerel
- Red meat ● Liver ● Egg yolks
- Fortified foods such as some fat spreads and breakfast cereals

Vitamin D is needed to regulate the amount of calcium and phosphate in the body which are involved in keeping bones, teeth and muscles healthy.

Too much vitamin D over a long period of time can cause a build-up of calcium in the body (as Vitamin D activates calcium) and this can damage the kidney and the heart and weaken the bones. This does not happen with Vitamin D made naturally in the body through sunlight.

Your GP may prescribe higher levels of Vitamin D as they are appropriate for you as an individual and the levels will be monitored.

If you have any concerns speak to your GP or Pharmacist for advice.

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“UP, DOWN AND ALL OVER THE PLACE”

We are two kids in 6th Class in the DSP and we have been in the same class for 8 years, we didn't like each other for ages, it was a friendship that was up and down and all over the place. In Junior



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we would argue and bicker constantly and look for each other at break time to continue our arguing and bickering. Then one day, it was like a Fairy Godmother waved a wand and something changed and we started chatting and laughing and hanging out with each other and little did we know but a bond was being formed that could not be broken.

Fast forward and we are now in 6th class and we have a lot to be excited about but also we have to say “we have a lot to be nervous about too”. The main thing is leaving the DSP and going into secondary school. Nelly is moving away to Co. Wicklow,



so we are going to be further away from each other and we will be going to different secondary schools so there are going to be big, big changes and that's exciting and a challenge. So we are hoping that the Fairy Godmother who got us together will do her magic and wave her wand again and help us to stay the best of friends for a long time to come.

By Alyna Cahill & Nelly Fitzgibbon



SCHOOL TOUR TO CAUSEY FARM

On the 21st of June, Rang 2 – Rang 5 went to Causey Farm. We all met at Cuala at 8:50am and got a bus to the farm. After a tiring 1.5 hour journey, we made it to Causey Farm.

When we got off the bus, each class was assigned a tour guide, ours was a really nice guy called Caolan. We had a quick snack and then we went on a short walk to our first activity. It was a welly-throwing competition. You had to throw the wellington boot into different sized tyres.

Next, we got to see some animals and feed them too. I collected some grass and fed it to the horse. After that, we went to this cool barn that was covered in graffiti and we got to make giant bubbles with bubble wands and buckets of soapy water. It was great fun!

The highlight of the day was the bog jumping. We changed into old clothes and shoes for this part. The journey to the bog was short, but it was really fun on the cattle trailer and we all sang songs. When we arrived, we took off our shoes and started making our way into the bog. The mud wasn't too soft as it had not been raining.

After a short while, everyone was covered in mud and we didn't want to leave. We are already looking forward to our next visit!

By Donal Mulcahy



Bog Jumping at Causey Farm



Junior Infants Photo LPS.

BACK TO SCHOOL

We returned to school at the end of August after our long summer holidays. We were all delighted to see our friends and teachers again and we were ready to learn new things. There are lots of new faces in our school this year, including our new secretary, Sabrina O'Sullivan and a new SNA, Rachel Dunne. In some classes there are new pupils. The junior

infants were very excited on their first day and they are all getting used to 'big' school. For the first time in two and a half years, we were able to have assembly in the hall with the classes gathered together. We hope that we will have a great year of learning in school this year.

By Mrs. Kavanagh's 3rd class



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 Services can be viewed online via
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 through our Facebook page.

From the Rector

Firstly my thanks to Mr. John Deane-O’Keeffe and Rev. Ginie Kennerly for minding the shop during my holidays, a much needed break. We had a couple of parish walks during the summer, which were very pleasant affairs and thank you to Mark Heaton for arranging them and to Geraldine and the Millars for providing refreshments. We might have another go at the walking business, weather permitting. Sheep Thrills and the Ladies Guild are back in action, and in the next few weeks we hope to have a special collection on 2nd Oct for those suffering from the floods in Pakistan. Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on 23rd Oct, and Canon Stephen Fielding will be our preacher. On 26th Oct we are having an inter-church service in Holy Trinity, with the parishioners of St. Stephen’s. Fr. John L Sullivan, SJ, was once a parishioner of our church and will shortly be canonised. There will be a short service followed by a wine and cheese reception in the Carry Centre. On Sunday 14th August we laid to rest the ashes of Brian Gale in our Garden of Remembrance, and also on 18th Sept, the ashes of Pam Russell. Our sympathies are with their families. On 17th Sept, Courtney Watkins and Stephen Cole were joined in Holy Matrimony and our congratulations to them!

Biscuits & Honey Appeal

It is now just over a year since we started collecting

biscuits and honey which are brought to The Storehouse in Crinken, who make up food parcels for weekly delivery to families struggling to put food on the table. To date we have donated just over 1,600 packets of biscuits and 220 jars of honey – all of which have been SO gratefully received.



Thank you to those who contribute regularly and if you are not one of them, please consider doing so. Simply add a couple of packets of biscuits and/or a jar of honey to your weekly shop and leave them in the box at the back of the Church whenever suits you. It is such a simple way of helping those in need, the number of which is sadly growing constantly!

Sheep Thrills

Our Autumn meetings began on 8th September and continue each Thursday. We look forward to another fruitful season of knitting and sewing. Everyone is welcome and if anyone has any spare wool we will always put it to good use. Joan 087 2460078 www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney

From on High

On Tuesday 30th August ten intrepid parishioners and two dogs ascended from the north face Mullin’s Hill (also known as Roche’s Hill and Flagstaff Hill), which offers a superb view of south-west County Dublin and also the extent of the fire which on Monday 25th July could be seen from miles around. Several Fire Service vehicles were required that evening to put out the blaze, confirmed by water-bearing helicopter sorties the following morning. The story goes that goats are to be introduced to the Hill.

Charity Christmas Card Sale

The annual sale of Charity Christmas cards will take place on Sunday 13th November in the Carry Centre after the 10.45am service. The charities represented will be Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Peter McVerry Trust, Irish Hospice Foundation, LauraLynn, Irish Cancer Society, Holy Trinity Killiney.



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The winds of change are sweeping through and most attention is focussed on how to cope with the high cost of heating and lighting and praying for a mild winter! The perennial issues that we face always seem to throw us off balance, just when we think that some equilibrium has been achieved.

I write this well in advance of its publication, so there is no knowing what will have transpired between this day and when you get to read it. The Bible is full of colourful if not violent descriptions of how the people of God related to their environment and their neighbours. There is a tension between what if, what now, whatever!

How one reacts to difficult situations can determine whether one can have peace of mind or find life a great burden. Recently, a friend of mine gave me a book of poems which he thought I would find useful. It drew on poets and thinkers of bygone years

and centuries who captured a piece of wisdom in their writings. What the author of the collection found was that there is much more to be gained from life than to focus on the misery of the moment.

Not always easy to achieve but sharing the light of hope is better than cursing the darkness. As the days draw in and the light of the day shortens, we may feel a cloud of emptiness and gloom coming over. Yet there is great beauty to behold, even at this time of year. The colours of Autumn provide a rich canvas to reflect on. The berries and fruits are harvested or lie in wait for other parts of creation to feast on.

The song of the robin can fill the air with music and the slowing down of nature invites us to meditate on the way our lives are going. These gifts are given to us to remind us of the greater good that exists. In our religious tradition, God is the source. It is to God we address our prayers, our hope, our dreams, our criticisms, our anger, our rage.

The God to whom I relate is always willing me to discover anew the good things that are part of creation, and to see where, despite unpleasant experiences, I can grow as a person. Never easy, but always worthwhile. The greatest people that I have come to know have been the people who in a simple yet profound way, radiate love. It is within them. Not manufactured. Bless them. May God bless you. *Le gach dea ghruí* **Fr. Liam**

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Sunday Services for October

Every Sunday:

9.00am Holy Communion (Rite I)

2nd October:

10.15am Holy Communion
(1st & 4th Sundays)

9th October: 10.15am Morning Prayer

16th October: 10.15am

Holy Communion

23rd October:

10.15am Harvest Thanksgiving

30th October:

10.15am Holy Communion

Our Lady's Manor

The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 4th and the 18th of the month. An updated leaflet entitled 'Pastoral Care Information for Residents & Their Families' is available from the Parish office or from reception in the Manor. The leaflet gives details of service times, some prayers for personal use and contact details for the chaplain.

Book Club

If you would like to join the Book Club you would be very welcome to do so; simply email the Parish Office, and



details will be sent to you nearer the time of the meeting.

Centering Prayer

A group of us meets for Centering Prayer by Zoom at 7pm every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. If you would like to join us please contact the Parish Office or Carol Casey at carolflylikeabird@gmail.com and we will gladly send you the Zoom link. We sit and pray together in silence. A subtle energy arises by praying together in this way. We help one another into a greater awareness of God's presence with us.

Harvest Supper

This year, a Harvest Supper Party will be held on 30th September. An occasion for reconnection and some parish fun.



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❖ SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 06TH SEPTEMBER 2022 HELD IN OLH ❖

This was the first monthly in-person meeting held by DCC in over two and a half years and everyone was glad to return to our normal meeting routine.

Correspondence: DCC will liaise with TFI and our Local Councillors the inadequate service of the 59 Bus after a resident contacted the council listing certain failures on this route.

TT: DTT are looking forward to the results from the Entente Florale, National Tidy Towns and the Tidy District's competitions that should be known at the end of September. It is hoped that all the hard work and commitment of the volunteers will be well rewarded.

Traffic: A number of complaints have been received about the serious situation at the squareabout. DLR will be contacted again and requested to review this matter.

AOB: There will be a follow up windfarm meeting 'Changes at Sea' Public Meeting in The Royal Marine Hotel on Tuesday 27th September at 7:30pm.

The next DCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th October at 7:30pm in OLH.

UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Dalkey Community Council

October Meeting on Tuesday 11th October in Our Lady's Hall at 7:30pm

Pilates Tuesdays 7.15pm & 8.15pm **Heritage Centre**
www.wildgoosewellness.com/pilates Tel + 353 1 01 437 6933

Karate for juniors. Wednesdays at 6.30pm and 7.30pm **Town Hall**
Contact 085 1412828 or email secretary@hombudojokarate.com.

Meditation Sessions Wednesdays at 7.00pm. **Heritage Centre**
Contact taracentredublin@gmail.com Tel +353 1 492 7136

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

Monday the 19th of September (Britain's Queen Elizabeth II funeral) was one of the most watched events in the history of Television (with over 4 billion viewers worldwide). Most British based television channels decided not to broadcast any advertisements on the day of the funeral which made for a much more enjoyable viewing experience.

On a different note (general entertainment channel) Virgin media 4 launched on the 24th of August, and is available to anybody with a suitable Saorview TV or set top box receiver.

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