

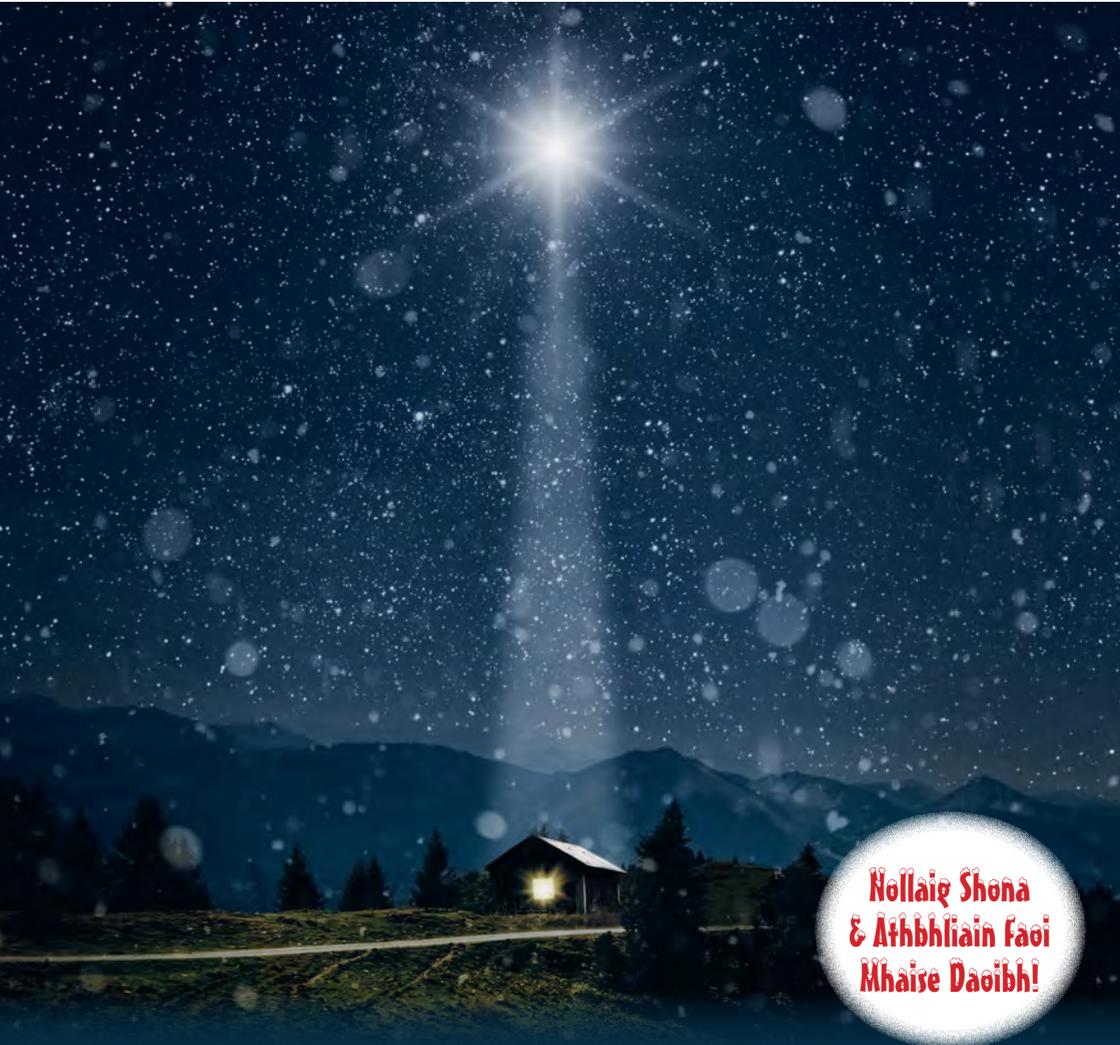


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❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

Some Christmas traditions For thousands of years people around the world have enjoyed midwinter festivals. With the arrival of Christianity, pagan festivals became mixed with Christmas celebrations. One of the leftovers from these pagan days is the custom of bedecking houses and churches with evergreen plants like holly, mistletoe and ivy.

Evergreen trees became part of Christian rites in Germany, and in the Middle Ages ‘paradise trees’ began to appear there. Meant to represent the Garden of Eden, they were displayed in homes on December 24th, the religious feast day of Adam and Eve. Paradise trees evolved into Christmas trees.

Before Victoria’s reign started in 1837, nobody in Britain had heard of Santa Claus or Christmas Crackers. No Christmas cards were sent, and most people did not have holidays from work. No era in history, however, has influenced the way in which we celebrate Christmas, quite as much as the Victorians.

The Christmas Tree Queen Victoria’s German husband Prince Albert helped to make the Christmas tree as popular in Britain as they were in his native Germany, when he brought one to Windsor Castle in the 1840s. The couple made Christmas trees a prominent part of the holiday’s festivities, and in 1848 an illustration of the royal family around a decorated tree appeared in a London newspaper. The Victorian tree was decorated with toys and small gifts, candles, candies, popcorn strings, and fancy cakes hung from the branches by ribbons and by paper chains.

The link between Christmas and Holly can be traced to Roman times, when it was the sacred plant of Saturn. In honour of their god of agriculture, the Romans would send boughs of holly to friends to mark the Saturnalia Festival. As the Romans adopted Christianity, holly became a symbol of Christmas instead. Holly is very plentiful in Ireland. In Irish folklore, the more berries the holly has, the more prosperous the new year is going to be.

Christmas Cards By 1843, with the recent expansion of the British postal system and the introduction of the Penny Post, a sender could send a letter anywhere in the country by affixing a penny stamp to the correspondence. Now, everybody was sending letters. The piles of unanswered mail became a problem. Writing responses to letters took too much time.

Sir Henry Cole, an English Civil Servant, approached an artist friend, J.C. Horsley, and asked him to design a card. Cole then took the illustration, which included the generic greeting ‘A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year To You’ and had a thousand copies made by a London printer. At the top of each was the salutation, ‘TO.....’ allowing Cole to personalise his responses. It was the first Christmas card.

The modern Christmas card industry arguably began in 1915, when a Kansas City-based fledgling postcard printing company, published its first holiday card. The Hall Brothers company (which later changed its name to Hallmark), soon adapted a new format for the cards—4 inches wide, 6 inches high, folded once, and inserted in an envelope. They had discovered that people didn’t have enough room to write everything they wanted to say on a Cole-style card, but they didn’t want to write a whole letter. The fold-over card was the ideal solution and is to this day.

Christmas Crackers – Invented by Tom Smith, a London sweet maker in 1846. The original idea was to wrap his sweets in a twist of fancy coloured paper, but this developed and sold much better when he added love notes, paper hats, small toys and made them go off with a



Photo Dalkey Castle

BANG when pulled. He perfected the mechanism's device by the 1860s. It used two narrow strips of paper layered together, with silver fulminate painted on one side and an abrasive surface on the other. When pulled, friction created a small explosion.

Father Christmas / Santa Claus is normally associated as the bringer of gifts. The two are in fact entirely separate stories. Father Christmas was originally part of an old English midwinter festival, normally dressed in green, a sign of the returning spring. The stories of St. Nicholas came via Dutch settlers to America in the 17th Century. From the 1870s he became known in Britain as Santa Claus and with him came his unique gift and toy distribution system – reindeer and sleigh.

Boxing Day was so named when the Head of a household gave all the workers a box of food and other gifts on December 26th. Every man and woman who had done him service during the year got a Christmas Box. This became known as Boxing Day. For some, money was put in a clay pot with a slit at the top. These small clay pots were called 'piggies'. Many people have to crack open their piggy banks at Christmas time!

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Back in May we had a lovely day for our first visit to Johnstown Castle. Very busy on the day we arrived and evidently a popular destination with a number of coaches lined up outside. An impressive foyer has a shop and information desk manned by nice and enthusiastic staff.

The cafe has outdoor as well as indoor seating but if you're inside you'd probably miss the novelty of having one of the peacocks approaching you for cake crumbs as well as slightly less spectacular rooks and jackdaws. A spectacular tail trailed down from a male peacock perched above the door while others roamed around the tables. A courtyard area beside the foyer was closed off to the public to safeguard a peahen and her clutch of ridiculously cute little chicks. Although the estate had lots of visitors they were easily absorbed into the spacious grounds and there were lots of areas of peace and solitude. The estate, which is used for agricultural research by Teagasc, extends well beyond the gardens open to the public and has red squirrel, pine marten and otters. A tower near the agricultural museum hosts around 700 Soprano Pipistrelle bats, one of the largest colonies of this species in the country. The top of another tower had an active hive of native



honey bees, one of a number of hives in the grounds and, in fact, Johnstown Castle is now declared a conservation area for native black honeybees and late in summer there is a great demand for their honey which quickly sells out in the castle shop. Two of the managers at the estate are beekeepers, whose expertise comes in handy on occasions such as when a swarm, that had tried to establish a hive within one of the castle rooms, had to be removed and relocated. The courtyard outside the agricultural museum has a number of successfully occupied swift nest boxes and from inside the museum building we could look at a monitor of a camera inside one of the boxes. An adult chick was covering a recently hatched chick which pulled its head out from under her as we watched. With eyes tightly shut its bill gaped wide, instinctively looking for what might have been its first meal.



We'd wandered around to the walled garden, parts of which were closed off while the greenhouse is being restored and new borders being created. As in almost every garden we've visited this year, Emo Court, Woodstock Gardens and Kilmacurragh it wasn't long before Lucy heard the distinctive 'whick whick' call of a woodpecker then spotted it near the top of a bare conifer. We found our first woodpecker nest this year in County Dublin and woodpeckers have even visited gardens in Dalkey this year feeding on peanuts.

One of the swift nestboxes positioned in a courtyard at Johnstown Castle had a camera with the monitor placed inside where we saw this chick, lower right, which looked like it might have just hatched wrench its head out from under the adult bird.

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It was on Midsummer Day itself I came upon two flowering Bee Orchids, spectacularly beautiful native species and very exotic looking.

I was concerned for them as a few years previously somebody had snapped the flowers off two Pyramidal Orchids growing nearby. Paying discreet visits to them in subsequent days I was relieved they were let flower and fade in peace, possibly helped by there being a wasp's nest a few feet away discouraging the potentially curious.

Great Skuas, Gannets and many other seabird species are being devastated by Avian Flu, a particularly horrible disease. Large crowded seabird colonies are especially vulnerable but many other species were affected including many raptor and crow species who might feed on infected birds. On our Iwebs counts on the strand we've seen many dead gannet and gull remains and a distressed gull turned up in a Dalkey garden. The disease has transferred to foxes and other mammals that might prey on carrion. The disease shows no sign of abating but mercifully so far doesn't seem

to have caused problems for garden birds according to June Fanning, deputy veterinary officer at Department of Agricultural. But there are a number of other diseases which can be transferred between visiting birds so it's always a good idea to clean your feeders regularly anyway.

Approaching midsummer, before the long heatwave began, the summer weather had been very mixed and on this particular evening it was blustery, very cool and cloudy. After walking through the quarry and up the steps to view the sunset we were glad to be heading home. Approaching 10pm, with the light fading, we were stopped short as just above the path, hovering in front of a Valerian plant, was a Hummingbird Hawkmoth. Wings a blur it was systematically shifting around the plant darting its long tongue into each flower cluster. Lucy got a great video on her phone, in which you can actually hear the wings humming and witnessing what might have been unique footage as you can see the moth pooping! A Southern European migrant carried here on southerly winds in summer and usually associated with hot weather. Always a treat to see but even more welcome late on that dull, cool night.



Colletes Bee

In early June vegetation, just above the railway line near White Rock, that was busy with visiting bumblebees also provided us with sightings of two unfamiliar insects I'd never spotted before. One handsome little creature was a species of Colletes



Stocky Mason Wasp

Bee but I wouldn't be confident on saying exactly which one it was as there are a number of very similar Colletes species. I'd be fairly certain that the other insect was a Stocky Mason Wasp which is frequently found in coastal areas but if anyone reading this knows otherwise, please let me know.



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❖ DECEMBER AND JANUARY IN OUR GARDENS – *Philippa Thomas* ❖

December sees the shortest day of the year, Winter officially begins on December 21st. Really, there is a beginning, a middle and an end to winter, each of these 'mini- seasons' lends itself to different plants with different levels of interest. THIS QUIET SEASON OFFERS A SUBTLE BEAUTY ALL OF ITS VERY OWN, LITERALLY WAITING TO BE EMBRACED. One of the easiest ways to liven up our winter landscape is with plants that glisten during our colder months. Special plants strategically selected and placed will give a magnificent landscape that will look superb in all four seasons. With our cold weather settling in, many of us are lighting fires and donning our chunky knits but remember, the coldest weather can generally bring calmer and drier conditions.... Then, on the other hand, we may have biting cold winds and even though much of our flora and fauna are fast asleep, we Gardeners have a long list of jobs to keep us busy. Winter is here to stay for a while, (or so we assume, despite our global warming.) For some, it is a welcome break to working outdoors Let's take this precious time to enjoy the winter scents in our gardens, *Daphne Odora Marginata* and *Sarcococca*, (Christmas Box,) are presently divine. - It's worth putting a few sprigs into a vase to scent a room



photo Philippa Thomas

Daphne Odora or Winter Daphne. It has presently, intensely scented flowers and is evergreen.

Unsurprisingly, the best garden ideas are achieved by careful winter garden planning. Really, it creates the backbone, the structure to a garden and is especially important in winter, our evergreen plants, climbers and shrubs play a leading role. Plants with colourful bark and stems really do come into their own especially when planted en masse for maximum impact. If we have space, Dogwoods are stunning, their colourful winter stems range from yellow and gold through bright orange, red and purple. So, let's make the most of daylight hours by getting bare root plants into the ground and let's take some hardwood cuttings. Virginia Creeper and Boston Ivy, both these self-clinging climbers are wonderful for autumn colour however, once their leaves have fallen, it's a good opportunity to cut back any parts that are starting to overextend their reach,left untrimmed, they can swamp supports and settle into guttering causing damage.

If we grow as many trees, climbers and shrubs as we possibly can, our local birds will repay our kindness. During the breeding season, birds, even those that normally eat seeds as adults, need staggering numbers of insects to raise their young. The best way to provide them is to grow as many trees, shrubs and climbers. Maybe, invest in some bird feeders and a winter bath....., it's a great way to enjoy the outdoors even from the comfort of our houses. Then, placing some small lanterns in our borders makes our gardens seem a little more magical and they work especially well against the reflection of a conservatory. ALTERNATIVELY, WE CAN SPICE UP THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS BY CREATING AN ADVENT SCAVENGER HUNT IN THE GARDEN. Maybe, hide packets of seeds, wrapped sweets or tiny parcels in the garden. Colourful bunting, garlands, balloons and hanging decorations can quickly turn a garden into a funky festival.



photo Philippa Thomas

*Rustic Dried Hydrangeas
with Evergreen Pittosporum work really well
together, for a natural effect.*

CHRISTMAS & OUR NEW YEARS 2023 WREATHS

A wreath on our front door is a holiday classic. The practice of hanging a wreath on the front door dates all the way back to Roman times when they symbolised victory. The word wreath comes from writ-hen, an old English word meaning to twist. Why not make a frame and decorate it with greenery, baubles, dried flowers or seasonal berries. For a gorgeously scented option, maybe create a wreath from Lavender, Rosemary or Bay Laurel. We can even delight our guests with a wreath made of dried herbs with a sumptuous aroma. We can position wreaths throughout our gardens, along fences, on gates, lamp posts, at the base of planters etc. **FESTIVE WREATHS AND NEW YEARS WREATHS CAN BE INEXPENSIVE AND FUN TO MAKE, EARTHY AND WHIMSICAL .**

Hardy and different textured foliage such as Spruce, Buxus, Evergreen Oak, Privet, Dried Oranges, Dried Limes, Cinnamon Sticks all look great and create a delicious festive aroma. Softer, evergreen foliage also works well as fillers for creating

the bulk of the wreath, so too is sphagnum moss a marvellous filler.....We can use wine corks, pine cones, seeds, dried apples, dried lemons, gourds, ribbons, yarn, paper and glitter, silver or gold sprayed fir and holly berries. We can cut evergreen foliage and branches to make festive garlands and wreaths. Ivy, cornus stems, sprigs of holly, birch, eucalyptus, all too, make stunning displays. Using floral wire to fasten greenery and a hot glue gun is most useful. A New Year's wreath is typically more rustic with natural elements or snowy or icy blue, jewel-like bits and pieces.

HOUSEPLANTS

Houseplants have a number of benefits in our homes. Indoor plants can improve our health and sharpen our focus, especially those displayed in an office or a classroom etc. Almost all our houseplants have one thing in common, they all need sunshine but each plant will differ in the amount that they will need. Let's just not place our indoor plant without a thought just because the plant suits our decor. Let's think about which room gets the most sunlight, which direction do our windows face...? Where are our heaters ? What is the average temperature in our houses ? This way we will know which areas work best when situating our plants. Some plants thrive in sunshine, some need partial or full shade for most of the time. Most plants will be happy with a window that is either West, East or South facing. Some plants detest facing a Northerly window. Flowering and foliage plants such as some varieties of ferns tend to deal with minimal direct sunlight and with artificial light. So if we can place our foliage plant back from our south facing window a

few feet, we will be putting our plant in an ideal position. Plants with large, fleshy leaves tend to do well in the shade, i.e. Jade, Aloes, The Snake Plant, Mistletoe Cactus, (Rhipsalis,) etc.

GROUND BREAKING NEWS

R H S Scientists have recorded the first rockrose, prickly leaf beetle, found in The UK. If there, it undoubtedly will be here shortly, it was identified on a rock rose, Cystis.

A variegated Aeonium that dates back to 1699 has been identified. Needless to say, it is being protected for our future.

Sphagnum Moss Trials.

Not sure . . .What do you think about This . . . ? Sphagnum moss decays in water logged soil to form peat, however the live peat might one day be used as a replacement for it as it shares many of the desirable characteristics including the way it holds water.

A new research project is looking at ways of optimising production by growing it in a greenhouse. This would speed up harvest from 3-5 years outdoors to 1/2 years undercover which would also keep it sterile and free from pests and diseases.

MIGHT DO, MAYBE DECEMBER JANUARY JOBS.

1. Bring tender pot plants and dahlia tubers into the greenhouse and close doors, windows and vents.
2. As winter sets in, deciduous fern fronds turn brown and start to look a bit messy, cut them back at the base of the stem and put them in the compost heap. In spring, new croziers will unfurl.



Dogwoods are exceptional shrubs for adding gorgeous colour. Their bare stems practically glow in our winter landscape .

3. Store firewood away from houses as insects love to live in wood piles and could make their way indoors if stored right next to our homes.
4. Wooden bins usually make better compost than plastic ones because they retain more warmth. Old palettes make fantastic compost / manure.
5. If you're itching to get going, this is a superb time for planting bare rooted roses....
6. Maybe, make a snow angel, a great excuse to get away from our TV for a while. A snow angel is made in fresh snow, by lying on one's back and moving one's arms up and down and one's legs from side to side to form the shape of an angel... Always take special care.

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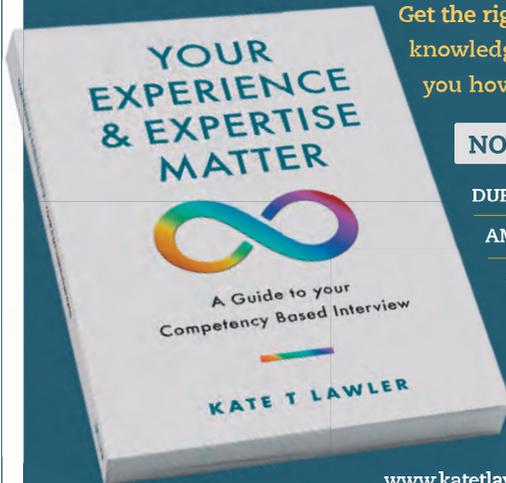
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Being a director of a state body is both a responsibility and a privilege. Remember what you are doing. You are the keeper of the organisation's integrity, responsible for the budget, the representative of the citizen, the recipient and holder of confidential information, which affects certain sectors of society and, ultimately, each member of society.

Do Your Research

My experience, as Chair of numerous selection panels, is that some applicants and candidates for roles at this level, do not do their research. Do not wait until a particular role of interest shows itself. If you want to do this work, then prepare. Sometimes the cover letter (and supporting CV) does not clearly specify how your particular background and experience meets the requirements of the board position(s) specified. Also, please fully answer any supplementary questions which are presented to you as part of the online application process. Everything matters. Everything counts.

Stateboards.ie is a mine of information. On this site you will find a list of every Government Department and within each Department you will find a list of the

boards responsible to that Department and Minister. For example, when you click on the Department of Agriculture you will find 12 named boards. Clear information on each of these is given . . . Just 'click'.

Legal basis: The Act under which this organisation was set up and which gives its *raison d'être* and responsibilities. It also gives the maximum number of positions on the board. The gender balance (numbers and percentages) and any notes about the board. This might include tenure, current availability of positions etc. The [Irish Statute Book](#) will give you full information about every Act so, if you want further information about the basis upon which an organisation was set up, this is a terrific reference point.

The [Information Booklet](#) issued by Stateboards.ie for every role notes that, "Members of State Boards are appointed to act on behalf of the citizen to oversee the running of the affairs of state bodies. State bodies must serve the interests of the taxpayer, pursue value for money in their endeavours (including managing risk appropriately), and act transparently as public entities. Members of State Boards, and the relevant management team, are accountable for the proper management of the organisation."

Kate T Lawler

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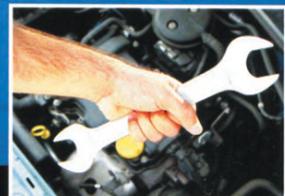
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Rathmichael Historical Society

Colum Kenny will present 'Arthur Griffith' at 8pm on Wednesday December 7th in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. The AGM will take place at 8pm on Wednesday January 4th 2023 in the same venue and will be followed by 'Weaving in the Liberties' by Catherine Scuffil. All are welcome - admission / Zoom fee €5.

Mount Merrion Historical Society

Tim Lynch will present 'Fionan Lynch' at 8pm on Thursday December 1st in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Cormac Chesser will present 'The Huguenots in Ireland' at 8pm on Thursday January 5th 2023 in the same venue. Admission is €4 and for Students €2.

The Old Dublin Society

Jessie Walsh will present 'Seeking Refuge. The Refugee Crisis of the 1970s - The Managing of the Refugees from Northern Ireland' at 6pm on Wednesday December 7th in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome and admission is free.

Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society

Professor Finola O'Kane will present 'Making Belfield: A landscape History of UCD Campuses and Some of its More Distant Prospects' at 8pm on Thursday December 8th in Glenalbyn, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Helen Litton will

present 'Kathleen Clarke - my great aunt' at 8pm on Thursday January 12th 2023 in the same venue. All are welcome - admission is €3.

Foxrock Local History Club

Evelyn Cusack will present 'The History of Weather Reporting' at 8pm on Tuesday January 17th 2023 in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin, and on Zoom. Admission is €5. The AGM will precede this lecture.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society

Seamus Cannon will present 'Did you notice?' at 8pm on Wednesday December 7th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire. Rob Goodbody will present 'Shankill - Stretching from the sea to Carrigolligan (Shankill Mountain)' at 8pm on Wednesday January 18th 2023 in the same venue. All are welcome - admission is €5.

Military History Society of Ireland

Anthony Kinsella will present 'British Army operations in Ireland in 1922-192402' at 8pm on Friday December 2nd in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. Dr. Daithi Ó'Corráin will present 'Cathal Brúgha; reappraising a founding father' at 8pm on Friday January 13th 2023 in the same venue. All are welcome.

Dalkey - Looking Back

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'*Kitson's Irish War - Mastermind of the Dirty War in Ireland*', by David Burke, Mercier Press, pb, 352pp., ISBN

This fascinating and engrossing book looks at the counter-insurgency war waged in Northern Ireland by various elements of the British intelligence services working to plans drawn up by counter-insurgency expert Brigadier Frank Kitson. Kitson waged a clandestine war against Nationalists, using techniques he pioneered and developed in Kenya, Malaya, and Cyprus while ignoring the activities and crimes of Loyalists who were often used by him and his organisations in operations against Nationalists. Remarkably many of those who took part in the numerous atrocities perpetrated against Nationalists, many of whom had no links or connections with Republican paramilitaries were later exonerated at numerous inquests. They have never been held to account for what they did, including Kitson as well as his superiors who knew what he was doing and turned a blind-eye to his activities. To add insult to injury, like the Black and Tans and Auxiliaries who were never held to account for their 1920-1921 misdeeds in Ireland. Currently the British Government has taken steps to block the prosecutions of those involved in Kitson's operations, while he himself has always been economical with the truth when questioned about his activities, meaning that many of those who murdered innocent people or took part in violence against them, will never be held to account through the judicial system. This book reveals just how deep British collusion with Loyalist paramilitaries was during the Troubles and the legacy issues that still remain unresolved today. A fascinating book on this aspect of the Troubles and one to be highly recommended for reading over Christmas/New Year for those wishing a break from the numerous repeats on TV.

James Scannell



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Congratulations to Dalkey United's U15 boys team

Dalkey's top U15 football team recently travel to take part in the Barcelona Cup. This tournament is open to all countries and has a great international flavour. The lads played against teams from France, Sweden, Finland, Norway and England.

The team lost to a French side 2-1 in their opening match and bounced back to finish second in their group. In the semi-finals they faced a very strong Sussex Schools representative team, with some of their lads having connections with Brighton and Chelsea football clubs. After taking the lead through an excellent goal from Quinn Doyle, the first goal Sussex had conceded in the tournament, the lads played out a very tight and competitive match. Sussex equalised with a penalty before adding on 2 late goals, to win 3-1. They went on to beat the French

side in the final. Dalkey United had to console themselves with the 3rd place play-off match versus a Norwegian side, Tollnes. Dalkey won the match with an excellent all round performance, securing 3rd spot. A very commendable achievement in the team's first venture abroad.

Coaches Stephen Cullen, back right, and Dara Moloney, back left, (as well as Dominic Rihan and Dave Kane not pictured) were very proud of the teams performances.

The lads are competing in the top DDSL Sunday U15s league and are currently placed 4th in the table. The team includes local lads, with many having been together since starting in the Dalkey Academy over 7 years ago. There is a tight bond within the team, as is the ethos at Dalkey United Football Club.

Dalkey United Football Club



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SPORTS CLUBS RAISE €1.5M FOR NEW FACILITIES IN HYDE PARK



Cuala GAA and Dalkey United AFC have joined forces and raised €1.5m to date to help fund new sports and community facilities in Hyde Park in partnership with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLRCC).

The redevelopment plan will see the current dilapidated buildings in Hyde Park demolished and replaced with state-of-the-art modern sports facilities built to the highest standards of sustainability. The project secured full planning permission last year and the new design includes a wood sprung sports hall, a fitness studio, a large gym, changing rooms, meeting rooms, and a café.

The clubs are taking the initiative in responding to what they see as a pressing sports infrastructure deficit in the area. New residential developments in Dún Laoghaire are driving an average population increase of over 1% every year; 24,000 people in 10 years. At the same time green spaces have been squeezed. This is limiting young people's opportunities to play sports in the area.

The Hyde Road project is collaboration with partners across the community. The existing sports hall is used by local groups for fitness sessions, badminton, table tennis, special interest classes, and a range of other activities. In addition to members of Cuala and Dalkey United, the new facilities will be made available to more community groups. One of these is St. John of God Community Services Dublin South East (formally known as Carmona) where its adult service users will have access to the new sports facilities free of charge.

Sustainability is at the heart of the project and the new development will be built to the highest environmental standards and result in it being the first sports facility in Ireland to achieve the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold international accreditation. The building will include discrete solar panels and a green roof.

The clubs are committing to fund a significant portion of the project to ensure it is delivered. They are targeting to raise €3.0m of the total cost of €6.0m, with the balance being sought from government.

The local community are helping in the fundraising campaign. Eric Kinsella and Raouf Djeflal, co-owners of Ouzos Steak and Seafood Restaurant have made a very generous donation of €50,000. Sam McCauley, formerly of McCauley Health and Beauty Pharmacy, also donated €50,000. He said: *"When we see the tremendous number of children actively engaged in sports each week, we wanted to get behind this important project for the Dalkey community. We would encourage others who may be in a position to provide support to do so also."*

A car draw for a Peugeot 3008 is being held and a number of local shops are displaying a QR code to purchase tickets.

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Dalkey local, and Cuala and Dublin Ladies football star, Jennifer Dunne in Hyde Park with young fans at the launch of the Peugeot 3008 car draw to support the fundraising drive for new sports facilities.





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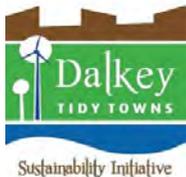
I adore Christmas.

If I could convince Desie Conway to sell me a tree halfway through November (“Sarah, it won’t last”), I’d have all the decorations up and presents under the tree already. But, no more than anyone else, I feel plenty of stress at this time of year too.

For me, stress comes from Christmas waste and what that does to our planet. With three small kids, plastic gifts and a deluge of packaging come flooding through our door.

So if, like me, you’d love to have all the joy with less of the guilt, here are just a few ideas to consider this Christmas:

More chocolate, less plastic. Selection boxes are MEAN. Tonnes of wrappers, very little of the good stuff. Instead, how about a couple of big chocolate bars (I love Chez Emily in Thyme Out or Skelligs in Barnhill Stores)?



hand markets like adverts.ie or many great Facebook groups, just search the word freecycle. If you’re buying new, aim for less harmful materials.

Shop local – I bet you can do ALL your Christmas shopping IN DALKEY. The best bit is that this even covers the last-minute panic-shoppers too! Here’s my (far from exhaustive) list:

- * Fancy food from Roberts for my sister
- * Soap from Select Stores & a tea towel from Pepper Laine for the office kris kindle
- * Books and puppets for nieces and nephews from Gutter Bookshop
- * Champagne from Grapevine for Mum
- * Arts & crafts stuff from the Red Shop for the kids
- * A very cool bag from Hark for my husband
- * And a few secret second-hand things from adverts.ie I’ll pick up locally.

From excess food and too many toys to a million twinkly lights, Christmas has a fair few emissions to answer for. But we can reduce waste without dimming the joy. Simple swaps and stopping to consider the impact of our choices can make all the difference.

Have a joyful, thoughtful Christmas,

**Sarah O’Suilleabhain
Dalkey Tidy Towns
Sustainability Team**



Secret Santa, Kris Kindle, call it what you like, reduce the number of presents you exchange by drawing names out of the hat.

No new plastic – pop into Dalkey’s charity shop, or any in Dun Laoghaire, to find second hand toys. I also love online second-



PS. You may note that I haven’t suggested any of the fabulous creative homemade solutions that could make a difference too – we’re only human.



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER FOR ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS



This story began over a cup of coffee at the Kings Inn here in Dalkey. Unknown to both our DTT Volunteers and Dalkey Special Event Volunteers, John T Murphy and Des Burke-Kennedy were invited to meet Mary Caviston (The Corner Note) and Peter Roberts (Roberts of Dalkey) for a surprise. Representing all our Town's Traders, they had combined to present a gilded voucher for a lavish dinner for our volunteers at Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel on Friday, November 25th.

This was to thank all for their efforts and dedication and for helping to keep our Town and surroundings looking so great.

What a night! A total of thirty-four volunteers arrived for a pre-dinner Drinks Reception and then sat down for a very special four course dinner. Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel have to be congratulated for both the high quality of the banquet, the very friendly service and the beautifully presented



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tables and surroundings. Susan McDonnell, representing Dalkey Community Council, thanked our Traders for their much appreciated generosity and congratulated all our volunteers for the great work completed this year. Representing Dalkey Tidy Towns, Des Burke-Kennedy, ended the glamorous evening with a colourful big-screen presentation which captured the highlights of the volunteers year and also Dalkey's participation in the Entente Florale Europe

Awards Ceremony in Balatonfured in Hungary last Summer. Thanks to our Dalkey Traders, this was a very special occasion which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and highlighted once again the strength of our Dalkey Community. We really are blessed.

Photos are available on the Dalkey Tidy Towns Website at <http://www.dalkeytidytowns.com> and on our Dalkey Tidy Towns Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/dalkeytt>



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If you are concerned about a particular item it is strongly recommended that you examine the relevant file in the Council's offices.

Due to variation in the publication dates by Dún laoghaire Rathdown County Council, please note that the deadline for planning observations/objections may have lapsed when it is read in the Dalkey newsletter.

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0784

Application Rec'd Date: 17/10/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Glen Finegan, Ard Na Mara, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96CRK8

Proposal: Permission is sought for planning permission to alter boundary railings to reduce as-installed height to match those as featured in previously approved planning permission along boundary wall (original planning reference D15A/0240) Retaining vehicular and pedestrian gates.

Application Type: Permission for Retention **Declare Application Invalid:** 25/10/2022

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0793

Application Rec'd Date: 20/10/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Aline & Clive Gilmore, Villa Vico, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96W880

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of single storey structure to side (approx. 40sqm), the demolition of three storey return structure to rear (approx. 37sqm) and the construction of part single and part three storey extension to side and rear (total approx. 140sqm) attached to the retained house. The development will also include the construction of first floor terrace to side and rear, changes to selected existing window opes, additional window opes, proposed rooflights, 16sqm of roof mounted PV solar panels, internal alterations to accommodate new internal layout, demolition and construction of granite wall and gateposts to Sorrento Road and all associated site works.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0811

Application Rec'd Date: 25/10/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Alex Mitton & Lorna Bradley, 9, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for a development consisting of: (1) 41sqm ground floor flat roof extension to the rear. (2) 9sqm ground floor pitched roof extension to the front. (3) widening of vehicular access gates and associated dishing of pavement. (4) All associated site works to facilitate this development. **Application Declared Invalid:** 17/11/2022 (Site Notice)

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0817

Application Rec'd Date: 26/10/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Colin & Nicola Keane, 2 Seafield Terrace, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96XY60 (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: The development will consist of: a new two storey extension to the rear of the semi-detached house, alterations to the existing return to accommodate bathroom upgrades and all associated site works including SuDS drainage.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0830

Application Rec'd Date: 28/10/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Paula Hatch & Barry Magee, Lackenash, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, A96HX06

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of single storey front porch structure, rear facing attic dormer structure and the construction of single storey front porch extension, single storey rear extension and rear facing first floor dormer structure and window. The development will also include increasing the height of existing flat roof to rear, externally insulating the retained house (render finish), alterations to internal layouts, changes to selected existing window opes, forming of rooflights in existing and proposed roofs, 12sqm of roof mounted PV solar panels, construction of standalone workshop in rear garden (approx 27sqm) widening of existing vehicular entrance gateway and all associated siteworks.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0458

Application Rec'd Date: 28/10/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Albert White, 5, Wolverton Glen, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, A96V8W6

Proposal: Permission is sought for the retention of an existing sunroom to the rear of the existing dwelling. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention

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 Pleanala (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 **Additional Information Rec'd** (New Adds) 03/11/2022

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 'Fortlawne' 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'. **Additional Information:** 10/11/2022

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0849

Application Rec'd Date: 07/11/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Board of Management, Harolds Boys National School, Harolds Boys National School, Saint Patrick's Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission for the replacement of the existing UPVC windows with conservation type traditional timber frame sash windows in the original schoolhouse located in an Architectural Conservation Area. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0873

Application Rec'd Date: 11/11/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Sara Hayes & John McEvoy , 105, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96 AX09

Proposal: Permission is sought for alterations to the existing permitted development under reg ref No. D21A/0278. Works include: Omission of the following granted in D21A/0278: first floor extension to rear and proposed shed. Minor alterations to the following granted under D21A/0278: reduction of ground floor extension to the side and rear. Additional proposed works with this application: construction of a replacement living room bay window to the west facing facade, refurbishment of existing roofs including replacment of roof slates Reg. as necessary and installation of breathable external insulation to side and rear walls, internal alterations and modifications and all associated site works, landscaping and services.

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 **Additional Information Rec'd:** (New Adds) 17/11/2022

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0880

Application Rec'd Date: 14/11/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Glen Finegan, Ard Na Mara, Ardbrough Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Retention permission to alter boundary railings to the east of the gate so as to reduce as installed railings to a height of 1550mm in height above road level to match those as featured in previously approved planning permission along boundary wall (Note: the original planning reference D15A/0240), and to retain vehicular and pedestrian gates and railings to the west of the gates at the higher, as built, level.

Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0896

Application Rec'd Date: 17/11/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Sean O Connor, 3 Saval Grove, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96XW92

Proposal: The development will consist of: Attic conversion to give 2 additional bedrooms and storage. New first floor window to the front, new first floor window to the rear. 2 dormer windows on each side. Single storey porch to the side with a roof window. 3 Velux windows to side roofs. Widen front vehicular access.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0470

Application Rec'd Date: 16/11/2022

Applicant Name & Location: Michael McDonagh & Noreen Farrar, 21, Ardbrough Road, Co. Dalkey, Dublin, A96HH3E

Proposal: Retention permission for development comprising the retention of 3no. rooflights

Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0638 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 17/10/2022
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.

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0639 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 21/10/2022
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 'Fortlawin' 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'.

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0656 **Decision:** Grant Permission & Grant Retention **Date:** 27/10/2022
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.

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0675 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 02/11/2022
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.

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0699 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 09/11/2022
Applicant Name & Location: Margaret Boucher, 7, Cunningham Drive, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 TX82

Proposal: Permission for a proposed prefabricated single storey with attic artist's studio structure with lean-to roof structure over proposed landing and steps connecting to the existing single storey house, permeable paving, landscaping, fencing, soakpit and to include all ancillary site and other works.

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0705 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 14/11/2022
Applicant Name & Location: Niall & Ruth Scannell, Seafort, Anastasia Lane, Off Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96RK30

Proposal: Development consisting of demolition of existing 2 storey house and construction of new 2 storey house with a single storey return, Plant room/garden store, front parking area with new front boundary wall and revised vehicular entrance, upgrading of existing boundaries including new 2.0M high wall to rear railway line, new drainage and all associated siteworks and landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0422 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 16/11/2022
Applicant Name & Location: Liz Monahan, 17 The Rise, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96AP98
Proposal: Development to consist of alterations and extension of existing 4-bedroom bungalow including new side extension, garage conversion, attic conversion, internal layout changes, new front door, facade revisions, new gable windows, new velux roof lights and associated demolitions and site development works.

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0433 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 18/11/2022
Applicant Name & Location: Angela Hayes, 32 St. Patrick's Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Planning retention is sought for an existing ground floor extension to the rear of the property.

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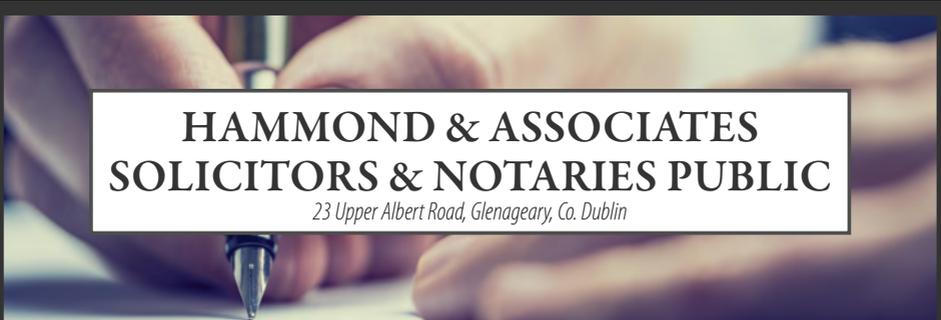
Reg. Ref.: D22A/0576 **Reg Date:** 05/08/2022
Location: 33 Knocknacree Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Development: Permission for development at this site. The development consists of the demolition of the existing 1960's two storey over sub-basement single detached dwelling and the construction of a new 3-bedroom three storey over sub-basement single detached dwelling, all ancillary services and site works.
Council Decision: Refuse permission **Appeal Lodged:** 26/10/2022
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0638 **Reg Date:** 29/08/2022
Location: "Southwinds", Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Development: 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.
Council Decision: Refuse permission **Appeal Lodged:** 09/11/2022
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0375 **Reg Date:** 16/08/2022
Location: 3 Tower Hill, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Development: 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.
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The year is drawing to a close, but Dalkey Library is humming with activity.

Meeting Space

Our light-filled meeting space at the front of the library is available for groups to book during usual opening hours. Whether you are a book club, language group, craft circle or other community group, the space is open to you. Speak to a member of staff or drop us an email for more information.

My Open Library

The My Open Library, or MOL, service is now fully up and running in Dalkey. It is a self-service initiative that lets you use library facilities outside of regular opening hours between 8am and 10pm, 365 days of the year, and we even have Sunday papers! Anyone wishing to sign up for the service must be over 16 (under 18s with guardian's signature) and in possession of a valid library card. After a 10 minute induction session, you will be free to use all of our self-service facilities such as internet PC, Wi-Fi, printing, loans & returns, newspapers & magazines, as well as study spaces, whenever you wish.



Christmas Hours

The library will be closed from 5pm on Friday December 23rd and will reopen at 1.15pm on Tuesday January 3rd. For My Open Library patrons, the library will be accessible between the hours of 8am and 10pm throughout the closed period and daily newspapers will continue to be available during that time.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT DALKEY LIBRARY

Festive Painted Pottery for Adults on Thursday December 1st at 6pm

Join Siobhán from Crazy Glazing in this festive workshop where participants will paint an ornament to be glazed and collected in plenty of time for the holidays.



Winter Card Making Workshop for Families on Saturday December 3rd at 11am

Join Susie from The Muddle for a card making workshop especially for families. Suitable for children aged 6+ with an accompanying guardian, participants will work together to create some beautiful cards for the holidays.

Festive Babies on Monday December 5th at 10.30am

Join library staff for some Christmassy songs and activities, and make some beautiful Christmas decorations to bring home! Suitable for children under 18 months, booking essential. Our usual Parent & Baby group will meet on Monday December 19th with a Christmassy sensory theme.



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Festive Toddlers

on Friday December 16th at 10.30am

Join library staff for some Christmassy stories and activities, and make your very own snowman teddy to bring home! Suitable for children over 18 months. Our usual Parent & Toddler group will meet on December 2nd & 9th.

TY Smart Device Support

on Wednesday December 7th, 14th & 21st at 2pm

Are you having difficulties navigating your smart phone or tablet? Do you have a new laptop that you can't find your way around? Local Transition Year students will be available to help in half hour sessions every Wednesday, just bring along your device and your questions! Contact us for booking.

Please remember to book all events in advance as we don't want anyone to be disappointed!

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

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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.

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.

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WORLD CUP IRISH MASTERS HOCKEY TEAM 2022



I was lucky enough to be selected for the Irish Team to compete in the 2022 World Cup Masters Hockey Tournament and we headed off to Cape Town on the 28th September. This was an amazing occasion that started with an impressive opening ceremony in which 84 teams from 22 countries followed their flag through the iconic Victoria and Alfred waterfront area of Cape Town.



Against the stunning backdrop of Table Mountain a total of 1200 participants played across 10 days. Each match was highly competitive with the pride of the players' countries at stake. The teams battled for victory leading to many highs and lows but at the end of each match they were always able to finish with a fist bumps, hugs and handshakes. Ireland was unlucky to be grouped in with England and Argentina, both coming 1st and 2nd in the tournament. Ireland had to settle for 6th place but

had victories over South Africa, USA and Spirit of Masters team.

This terrific event would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors and local businesses in Dalkey. We hosted a very successful fundraiser in The Club in Dalkey. We thank all the Dalkey/Killiney business again for their generosity.

*Thank you so much,
Jacqui Wildgoose*





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A. Bunions are hard bony lumps that form on the side of the foot.

If you think you may have a bunion it would be advised to see a GP or Podiatrist for more individualised advice.

Symptoms of bunions include:

- hard lumps on the side of your feet, by your big toes
- Your big toe pointing towards your other toes
- Hard or swollen skin and the bunion may look redder or darker than the skin around it
- Pain along the side or bottom of the foot



Surgery is the only way to get rid of them but there are some things you can do to relieve the pain:

A GP may refer you for surgery if the bunions are very painful.

- Wear wide shoes with a low heel and a soft sole
- Try bunion pads which you can buy in the pharmacy
- Use an ice pack on the area for up to 5 minutes at a time
- Take Ibuprofen or Paracetamol if needed for pain
- Try to lose weight if you are overweight

A Podiatrist can recommend and provide orthotic insoles, toe spacers and toe splints as appropriate to ease the pain and reduce the development of the bunion.

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DALKEY CELEBRATES SUCCESS

DALKEY CELEBRATES A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR ON BOTH IRELAND'S STAGE & FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE EUROPEAN STAGE.

Entering any competition is only for the brave! Volunteers must rely on goodwill and commitment. Learning the rules, defining the tasks, organising the teams, logging progress, compiling the submissions - and then wait to hear the results. Without a generous contribution of personal time, these challenges cannot be overcome.

This year, our Dalkey Tidy Towns team not only took on the DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition and the national SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition, but also the Entente Florale Europe 2022 Competition. There were many moments when we thought that we had just taken on too much. However, our Volunteers really excelled this year. In our wildest dreams, we could never have expected the good news which came later.

The DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition is a mini version of the national SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition. While much of the work needed satisfies both events, the entry form for the DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition was a 34 page photo filled submission. The national SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition required a further 54 page submission.

Representing Ireland, the ENTENTE FLORALE EUROPE 2022 Competition was Dalkey's first attempt to enter an international event. While the visible outdoor work by our volunteers is seen by all, the backroom work of completing extensive entry documents is seldom seen. All take hundreds of hours. None are easy tasks. Working with DLRCC, the many briefings, document submissions, judges tour organisation and final dinner were all completed on time. Even participation in the award ceremony by Dalkey Tidy Towns in Balatonfured in Hungary, was a completed as required.



Success always seems to bury the memory of the effort expended. As we approach the end of 2022, we can now look back at a wonderful outcome on all fronts. We thank our Dalkey Tidy Towns Volunteers, our Special Event Volunteers, our Dalkey Traders and also DLRCC for their work and support throughout. We can all now celebrate the following together:



DLRCC TIDY DISTRICTS

The special Climate Action Award was presented to Dalkey, plus the second place award in the Best Town category.

SuperValu TIDY TOWNS

Competing against 882 entrants, Dalkey achieved its highest marks ever in its long Tidy Towns history. This resulted in the award of a GOLD MEDAL, title of County Winner, plus a new special award for Air Quality. This achievement was just six points below the overall national winner.

ENTENTE FLORALE EUROPE 2022

Competing for the first time against towns in six countries around Europe, Dalkey succeeded in achieving a Silver Award. A second award was also achieved for ‘Conservation Strategy for Dalkey Island’. Special thanks to all our volunteers and to DLRCC for their work and support. Thank you also to our Entente Florale Mentors who guided us so well all the way, Dr. Christy Boylan, Eamonn De Stafort and Bill Kearney.

Des Burke-Kennedy Dalkey Tidy Towns



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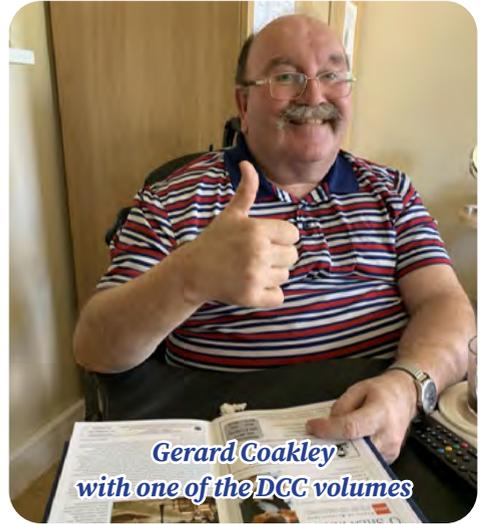
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To comply with this requirement DCC has the newsletters bound into yearly volumes and this work is carried out by Antiquarian Bookcrafts. Due to Covid binding was interrupted and this year we had the years from 2016 to 2021 bound. In total there were three sets bound; one for The National Library, one for DLR LexIcon and one for the council itself.

The books can be accessed in either library and we know that they have been used by research students and others studying history or checking social records.



In addition to the three sets DCC had a copy of the 2021 newsletters bound to present to Des & Ita McGarry our Typesetters who retired last year. The bound volume is a token of our appreciation and a keepsake for them.

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Having a bad day? Here is a joke to end the newsletter . . .

One day John Lennon and Paul McCartney were walking down the road and a Beetle scurried across the path. John said “we named our band after you!” The beetle said “really, I didn't know there was a band called Kevin.”
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*Written on behalf of 3rd & 4th class by
Rob Lovegrove & Ellen Rooney
[4th class]*

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ROAD TO THE FINAL

We are the DSP GAA team for 2022, it is a small League just for 6 weeks and a lot of local schools are involved. Most teams are made up of just one class but our team has students from three classes, 4th/5th and 6th. We also have some players who have never played football before but we wanted to be inclusive and welcomed anyone who wanted to give it a go and have a bit of fun.

My name is Stan and when I got selected as Captain for a sport that I had never properly played before I was nervous but ready to step up into the leadership role. In our first game we won 23-4 which was amazing since only 6 of our players actually play the sport but the rest of our players don't. I love being Captain because it gives me a chance to teach everyone to be as competitive as I am naturally. It also helps get my thoughts out to the squad. But I think it doesn't matter if you are a Captain or not you should still shout out encouragement to your teammates!

My name is Tadhg and I am the Vice Captain of our team, there are 20 students altogether on our squad. We play matches

every Tuesday at the Thomastown pitches, so far we have played 5 matches and we are now in the **FINAL!!!** After school we walk from school up to the pitch. We do a warm up and find out what positions we are playing. Because we have so many players it is a juggling act for our Managers (Mr. Mannion and Ms. Nea) as they want to make sure everybody who has shown up gets on the pitch to play and learn new skills. It has been great fun and we can't believe we are in the **FINAL**.



*By Stan Brooks
& Tadhg
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6th Class DS*



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THOMASTOWN GAEIC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

We recently played an after-school GAA tournament with teams made up of students from fifth and sixth class. There were plenty of other local schools involved; The Harold Glashule, Carysfort NS, Johnstown NS, Dalkey School Project, St. Joseph's NS, Scoil Cholmcille and ourselves.

In the first week all of us were very excited to kick off our first game of the tournament. We enjoyed it overall and all of the teams representing Harold Boys' did really well.

Every week Ms. Molloy, Mrs. Fogarty and Ms. Molyneux handed out the kits, helped sort the teams out and most of all organised everything. Without all the great help from the teachers, we wouldn't have had such a great time.

Also, we want to give a big thank you to all the students from Clonkeen for refereeing all the matches and preparing all of the pitches, and to Ken from Cuala for helping organise the tournament.

Written by Paddy O'Brien



Thomastown Autumn GAA League

In Loreto, sixth class students get an opportunity to be on the Student Council. The council meets with the lead teacher and represents the views of the pupils in the school.

In the weeks leading up to the election, we worked on speech writing in English class and we designed election posters that we put up in the school. Some girls had badges and stickers to help persuade people!

There are 26 girls in our class and 20 of them ran for the election. There were 6 places up for grabs. It was going to be tough!

The election took place on Wednesday, the 26th of October. Each girl had to speak for two minutes on why they felt that they would be a good candidate. We drew lollipop sticks to decide what order we would go in. Lots of us really didn't want to be drawn first. Some girls traded their spots! All the pupils from 3rd – 6th gathered in the hall as they are the classes who are entitled to vote. They even brought notepads and pens to write down things that we said in our speeches.

When it hit 9.30, it was time to begin. There were some jokes, raps and songs and all 20 girls did their best. The standard was incredible this year and we all felt proud of ourselves afterwards... and very relieved!

After the vote, the pupils went back to their classes and thought about who they might vote for. Class by class, we were brought back to the hall to cast our vote. It really looked like a proper election with ballot boxes and different polling stations.

The next day, Mrs. McKenna came into our class with the news we had all been waiting for. The successful candidates were: Bonnie Loughrey, Eimear Buggy, Ava Kelly, Ciara Saville, Clara McMahon and Grace Kershaw.

A few facts about the Student Council

Once a month, the Student Council meet up with Ms. Power and talk about new ideas for the school. We might put an ideas box in every classroom so all other students get a voice.

The Student Council girls get a badge to put on their uniform. Sometimes in the yard children can come up to us with ideas to improve our school. We get to go for a training day with other schools and learn how to represent our school in the best way.

The Student Council can organise and be involved in things like Family Fun Day, fundraising days for charity, bake sales and lots of cool things like that. We can't wait to get started!!

Bonnie Loughrey & Ava Kelly (6th class)



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Christmas Services

Parish Carol Service: 4pm Sunday 18th December
 Christmas Day: 8.30am Early Communion Service
 10.45am Parish Communion

From the Rector

Our Interchurch commemoration of the Blessed Fr. John Sullivan, SJ, an erstwhile parishioner of our own, went swimmingly and many thanks to all who came and made it a memorable evening, not least Mr. David Millar who spoke on the early life of Fr. Sullivan. Our thanks too to Rev. Canon Stephen Fielding who spoke at our Harvest Thanksgiving and also to those who made the church so beautiful on the day. Below this there is mention of a presentation to Frank Hughes, 25 years organist of this parish and I would add my own praise to the effect that he is a very prince among organists, and wish him many more years at the keyboard!

Our Archbishop will be with us on 11th December, to preach and also to bless our new disabled access gate, as well as the work done in the last couple of years on the organ, heating system and internet camera.



An outdoor interchurch community Carol Service may happen in the grounds of Killiney Castle in the week before Christmas, something we planned and abandoned this last two years due to Covid, but this year we might get away with it! The details will be on Facebook, the parish website and in the weekly email.

Charity Christmas Card Sale Thank you to everyone who bought Christmas cards at the sale after morning service on 13th November. A total of €1338 was raised for a range of charities.

Specshifters At the end of October the Revd. Steve Frost, founder of the charity *Love in Action*, which he runs with his wife the Revd. Linda, came to pick up the 133 pairs of spectacles which have been collected for the Philippines. A big thank you to all who have scratched their heads and delved into drawers and cupboards to produce so many. They are warmly welcomed and will be put to good use. The Church Wardens keep our box open at the end of the church and it is cleared regularly. We appreciate the modest contribution of one euro with each pair to defray transport costs. Please encourage your friends. The number is countless in the population of 107 million of those for whom whatever we can do to help provide improvement in their eyesight is life-changing. David 086-2659065.

Sweet Singing in the Choir & Frank Hughes

On Sunday, 16th October our Harvest Festival and Frank Hughes’ 25th Anniversary as Organist and Choirmaster happily converged. Following a presentation by the Rector on behalf of the parishioners, Frank briefly emerged from behind the “Safety Curtain” to say a few words about his time with us so far. He proved to be just as adroit with his memories of the choir and three Rectors as he is at the keyboard! After Service the choir were pleased to entertain Frank and his wife, Lynne to lunch in the very pleasant surroundings of Killiney Golf Club. Frank’s contribution to our worship and praise Sunday by Sunday has been immeasurable. To describe him as “Master of the Music” is an understatement. We look forward to continuing harmony as we enter the Festive Season and beyond.

Flower Guild decorated the church beautifully with colour and skill for our Harvest Thanksgiving. Thank you to all who turn up, supply flowers, greenery, fruit and vegetables and complete the job so efficiently.

Y Club Men’s Society, Christmas dinner will be held at Fitzpatrick’s Castle Hotel on Thursday 15th December at 7pm. Please contact Nigel Teggins or Paul O’Brien for further information.

Ladies Guild will meet as usual on the second Tuesday of the month, 13th December at 2.30 pm. We will sing a few carols and have a Christmas tea this year.

Sheep Thrills continue to produce items for sale and proceeds are donated to the homeless and chosen charities. We are busy getting ready for the Christmas Parish sale on Saturday 26th November. Sales at the Victoria Tea rooms are slowish as the works for the new wheelchair access is reducing the number of people who walk with their friends and families. We are told it will be a great when finished! Wool is always welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078
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The Emergence of the **Christmas Cactus** flowers in the middle of October could be a metaphor for the preoccupation of preparing for Christmas! I am writing at the beginning of November and the shops and advertisers are busy trying to get us to buy now so that we are stocked up for the feasting. But have you noticed how the tins of biscuits and drums of chocolate sweets are cheaper but lighter? The piped Christmas themed music in our supermarkets and shops become tired and uninspiring by the time Christmas Day comes around. The tradition of doing the Christmas shopping on December 8th is long surpassed by the pursuit of consumerism.



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The **Christmas season** begins in August for some and ends on Christmas Eve.

In the **Christian tradition**, Christmas is celebrated on December 25th and on the following days to mark the birth of the Saviour. It's amazing how things have become so inverted. The Season of Advent which began this year on November 27th, is a time of preparation for the Christian to celebrate the coming of the Light into the darkness and so leading us to a hope filled time. **The colour of Advent is purple** as it reflects a time of repentance or cleansing of the soul. The themes during the four weeks of Advent represented by the four candles are: **Hope, Peace, Joy (rose candle) and Love**. In our **Advent Wreath** the fifth candle (white) represents **the Light** which Jesus brought into the world through his birth.

The world continues to experience wars, migration, hunger and poverty, political instability and an energy crisis, not to mention climate change. This is putting pressure on our own country and other countries. The message of Jesus is needed now more than ever. **My prayer** is for the message of Christ to break through the darkness and lead us in hope towards a better future.

Traditionally, in the lead into Christmas various groups hold a **Christmas Carol Concert** and this year the Parish Choirs will host a Carol Concert on Monday 19th December in the Church of the Assumption.

Le gach dea ghuí **Fr. Liam**

Sunday Services for December

Every Sunday:

9.00am Holy Communion (Rite I)

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

11th December: 10.15am Morning Prayer

18th December: 10.15am Holy Communion
4.30pm Carol Service

24th December: 11pm Holy Communion

25th December: 10.15am

Family Christmas Communion Service



Our Lady's Manor

The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 6th and the 20th 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.

Film Club

The film club meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. Please find details in our Contact magazine.

Bowling Club

Our Dalkey Indoor Bowling Club are inviting new prospective members to pop in to the Northover Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm to try your hand at it. No experience necessary, all ages very welcome.

Centering Prayer

A group of us meets for Centering Prayer by Zoom at 7pm every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. 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.

On the 2nd Monday of each month, there is a Healing Circle on Zoom. The Healing Circle is hosted by the Church's Ministry of Healing.

If you would like to join us please contact the Parish Office at dalkeyparish@gmail.com and we will gladly send you the Zoom link.

Parent Toddler Group

Our Parent Toddler Group meets in the Northover Hall on Tuesdays at 10.30am for an hour and a half. Come along and meet for fun, support and fellowship.



SOUTH DUBLIN BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH IRELAND

December 2022 Indoor Meeting

Date & time: Tuesday, 6th December at 8pm. **Location:** The Killiney Room, Graduate Bar, Rochestown Avenue.

Title: East to West: Terns of the Irish Sea.

Speaker: Branch Committee member Emma Tiernan. **Details:** From Roseate Terns on Rockabill Island to the Little Tern colonies on Kilcoole Beach and Portrane, Ireland's east coast is of great importance to several tern species. Emma Tiernan tells us what it is like to live and work on Rockabill Island and at Kilcoole Beach protecting and monitoring breeding terns.

December 2022 Outdoor Meeting

Date & time to meet: Sunday, 11th December at 10am. **Outing to:** Balbriggan.

Extra information: We are making our first visit to this north Dublin location. Meet in the Martello Tower car park north of Balbriggan, from there we will follow the coastline north to Braemore



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meeting place check

www.southdublinbirds.com the car park is at Flag 1 on the map.

January 2023 Indoor Meeting

Date & time: Tuesday, 3rd January at 8pm.

Location: The Killiney Room, Graduate Bar, Rochestown Avenue. **Title:** Cape Clear, Ireland's migration hotspot.

Speaker: BirdWatch Ireland's Countryside Bird Survey National Coordinator, Dick Coombes. **Details:** Migration stories from Cape Clear Island.

January 2023 Outdoor Meeting

Date & time to meet: Sunday, 8th January at 10am. **Outing to:** Watertown Park, Palmerstown. **Extra information:**

We are making our first visit to this west Dublin location. Meet in the car park off Watertown Avenue. For a map showing the meeting place check www.southdublinbirds.com the car park is at Flag 2 on the map.

If you would like to be added to the branch mailing list please email secretary@southdublinbirds.com with your email details.



NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM DCC



Dalkey Community Council would like to thank all their supporters; the advertisers who continue to advertise in the monthly newsletter and all the volunteers who help sort and distribute the newsletters each month. We also thank Peter Moreau our typesetter and Andrew Tunney from Opus Print.

2022 still proved to be a challenging year, although as the year progressed it was uplifting to see more 'normality' returning to our everyday life. A big thank you to all those who contributed to the DCC appeal. It is planned to hold our annual door-to-door collection early in 2023. We plan to hold most if not all of our events and functions during the coming year.

DCC appreciates the support of the following retail outlets who agreed to hold copies of the newsletters for pick up by their customers; SuperValu, Hicks, Maxwell's Pharmacy, Dalkey Pharmacy, and Desie Conway on Dalkey Park.



*Wishing all
a Very Happy Christmas and
Peace and Happiness in 2023!*

❖ SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 08TH NOVEMBER 2022 HELD IN OLH ❖

Treasurer: DCC thank all those who have made a contribution to our fundraising appeal. It is planned to resume our annual door-to-door collection early in 2023.

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TT: Congratulations to DTT as Dalkey achieved 360 points in the National Tidy Towns competition. This score is only 6 points behind Trim, the winner for 2022. Dalkey received a gold medal for Air Quality.

NW: As the Christmas season is here the Gardai advise vigilance and care when out and about and be particularly careful when shopping online.

Planning: ABP has delayed the decision for Bulloch Harbour. The process to lodge the judicial review for the Torca Right-of-Way has commenced.

AOB: DLR will be contacted again as the traffic situation at the squareabout, through the town and on other ancillary roads is causing ongoing problems for motorists and pedestrians. The next DCC meeting will be a short one as we adjourn for tea/coffee to celebrate the Christmas.

The December meeting will be held on Tuesday 06th December at 3pm in OLH.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE NEXT 2 MONTHS

Dalkey Community Council

Next Meeting on **Tuesday 6th December** in Our Lady's Hall at **3:00pm**

January Meeting on **Tuesday 10th January** in Our Lady's Hall at **3:00pm**

Dalkey Castle Christmas Experience with Santa:

Saturdays & Sundays in Dec at 10.00, 11.00, 12.00. 2.00pm,
3.00pm & 4.00pm. www.dalkeycastle.com

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**

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In 2010 ITV 2, 3 and 4 became available in High Definition, however they were only available to viewers in the UK who subscribed to Sky TV. In October these (HD) channels became available free to anybody with a suitable satellite system.

Unfortunately no ITV channels are included with any Irish Sky TV package (due to various reasons including Virgin Medias acquisition of UTV).

As always at this time of year I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Prosperous New Year.

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