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♦ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE

The Ukrainian flag was flying recently on Dalkey Castle to welcome 52 people from that war torn country, now living in Ireland. One can just imagine how they must have reacted when they heard that Ireland was going to be their destination. Like us all, nowadays, I'm sure they turned to Google to see where Ireland was. Today, setting out on a journey by car, Google Maps will guide you to your destination, and if you order something online your Eircode will guide the delivery driver to your door.

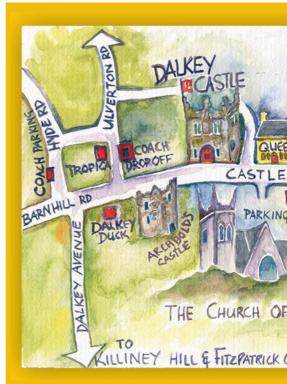
In the past, Maps played an equally important part in people's lives. The first reference to a local map was Tormer's 'Map of Dalkey Arable' in 1656. Then, there was a Brookings Map in 1728 and John Rocque's Map of Dublin Bay in 1760. Both of these that showed the seven castles of Dalkey still intact.

Reading's Map of Dalkey in 1765 illustrates the town and the outlying agricultural lands. The map is accompanied by a reference table that provides not just the names of the owners or tenants of the various land plots but also place-names, many of them in Irish. The name Farranayatta, immediately outside the west end of the town, most likely refers to the town's west gate (geata is the Irish word for gate). Within the town, several buildings are shown, including only five of the medieval castles. St. Begnet's Church and Graveyard are clearly shown and two inns, the Red Cross (site of The Queens) and The Sign of the Ship.

Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSi) completed the first ever large-scale survey of an entire country between 1829 and 1842. Acclaimed for their accuracy, these maps are regarded by cartographers as amongst the finest ever produced. As the national mapping archive service for Ireland, OSi has captured this and later mapping data in a digitised format.

Translations, a play by Brian Friel, is set in a Donegal hedge school in 1833 when the English soldiers were in the process of mapping the country. They mark field boundaries, rivers and streams, hills and forests -every detail of the Irish countryside. This process required translating beautiful Gaelic place names like Poll na gCaorach and Bun na hAbhann to Sheepsrock and Burnfoot. Something beautiful is lost in the translation. Currently, *Translations* is being performed in the Lesya Ukraine theatre in Kyiv. I'm sure it has obvious relevance for the Ukrainians as they try to defend their country from the invaders.

There was a Dalkey Township Map produced in 1863 by Mr. WC Carmody for Dalkey Town Commissioners. Its purpose was to find the most suitable positions to erect gas lamps and also to establish rate charges. Carmody used an Ordnance Survey map as a basis. He enlarged and detailed it for the grand sum of £1 and 1 guinea. It measures 2.1 metres square. Completely hand coloured on paper, backed with linen, it hung in the boardroom of the Queen's Hotel where the Commissioners held their meetings. It was later housed in the offices of DLRCoCo until the Heritage Centre opened in 1998. It was moved back to Dalkey (Goat) Castle, where you can see the original map today.



F. M. O'Flanagan issued 'A Map, Index and Guide to visitors and residents alike' in July 1963. He gives a brief history of the area and describes some of the most stunning landscapes. "From the summit of Sorrento Park may be observed - at suitable times - the Mountains of Mourne, Howth Head, Snowdon in Wales, Wicklow and Bray Heads, the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains, and Dublin and Killiney Bays. Can Sorrento in Italy offer as much?" His exhortation to support those shops who funded the Map is worth repeating: "In Castle Street, Railway Road, Convent Road, etc. will be found excellent shops, cafés and licensed premises, and while all are good and courtesy may be taken for granted from every assistant, yet the reader is asked to support more particularly those firms who, by their advertisements herein, make it possible to publish this Map, Folder, Index and Guide at the extremely modest figure of only 1s.6d!"

Here, at Dalkey Castle we produced the Goat Map in 2006. This was mainly to show visitors to the town Dalkey Castle, the various hostelries, walks, restaurants, and roads to the coast. It was updated in 2014 with full Heritage Map of the area and a streetscape by artist Jo Callanan. We are currently working on the latest version of the Map to encourage tourists out from Dublin city to visit our heritage town. There are info sections on what to see and do, where to eat and drink and stay. Like FM O'Flanagan, we enlist the support of local businesses to finance the Map.

We were delighted to showcase the Living History Experience at Dalkey Castle to our Ukrainian visitors. Afterwards, they walked to Coliemore Harbour and looked on the island and Dalkey Sound which acted as the port for Dublin in the Middle Ages.

DLR Spring into Heritage begins on Monday April 10th with free Living History Tours and runs on weekdays until 7th May at 10.30am on Bank Holidays and 10.00am otherwise.

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Margaret Dunne Manager Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre



Hand drawn Castle Street Map 2018 by artist Jo Callanan.



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One of the pair (bottom right) of robins framed by the flowers of a Wych Elm.

As I stopped to have a look at a tree beside the path on the Killiney Bay side of the hill I could almost feel the whip stream as a pair of robins flashed by me and perched fearlessly on a branch inches in front of me. Evidently they were robins that get fed by regular walkers and I'd been mistaken for one of those kind people. I was sorry to disappoint them but I imagine they wouldn't have to wait too long for someone more benevolent to come along.

The tree I'd stopped to look at was a Wych Elm and it was stirring to life producing clusters of pink flowers. I often mention the elm trees in the woods on Dalkey and Killiney Hills as we seem to have a high proportion of them



whereas they are missing in large parts of the country and across Europe where they were devastated by Dutch Elm Disease, a fungus which 'blocks the vascular (water transport) system, causing the branches to wilt and die'. I was telling a member of the Irish Widlife Trust about our elms and he told me that it's believed elms in coastal regions fared better than elms inland as the beetle that carries the fungus that causes Dutch Elm Disease doesn't like salt air.

Wych derives from an old term meaning supple or flexible and Wych Elm timber being waterproof was once used for piping water.

The pink flowers I was admiring would soon produce little petal like discs with a seed inside them. Elms can be a valuable food source for birds as unusually among trees they produce seeds in spring rather than autumn.



The Wych Elm flowers, top right will soon produce seeds, above, which in spring are a valuable food source for birds like the Linnet, left.





Merlin is the name of a very impressive app produced by Cornell Lab of Ornithology which can be downloaded for free on any smartphone. It's designed to help identify birds by uploading photos of species you're not familiar with or by recording bird song in the field. The Merlin staff are based at Cornell Lab of Ornithology but their team includes 5000 birdwatchers from all over the globe with over an astonishing 800 million sightings being submitted to create the impressive data bank. It also has a very useful feature which, when given your location, will tell you the species likely to be seen in that area.

The sound feature on the app can recognise 1,054 species which is likely to cover most of the birds likely to be heard in Ireland. Of course it's very rewarding to learn birdsong by yourself but you can always do that and use the app to check was your identification correct.

A pair of Jays were paying regular visits to the garden over a few days. The first time we

saw them one was spending an awful lot of time preening (right) while perched on a branch. I thought it might have just had a bath and on subsequent days we saw they were indeed coming in to our garden to bathe.

They're regular visitors to bird feeders in the UK but our Irish jays are considered much shyer and more secretive. Also, even if we did have them coming to the garden for food, our sunflower

and peanut feeders are squirrel proof and the narrow bars would prevent jays accessing the peanuts. Unfortunate as they're a species of birds you never get tired looking at, quite exotic and very colourful for a bird of woodlands. A friend suggested I have a peanut feeder a distance away from the regular ones, accessible and solely dedicated to grey squirrels and jays and I might well try that. Irish jays are part of a small group

A big influx of Alpine Swifts were carried into Britain and Ireland on south westerly winds in mid March. The Alpine Swift is a much larger bird than our own Common Swifts, olive brown with a white throat and conspicuous white belly. The name is a bit deceptive as they breed in mountains across a very wide range including Africa, Southern Europe and Asia. On Monday 13th March a group of seven were seen over Dungarvan, Co spotted flying around St Michael's church in Waterford, the biggest number ever recorded in Ireland only for that record to be broken a



of bird, including Coal Tits and Dippers that are the same species but a distinct Irish race.

> The Irish race of jay Garrulus Glandarius Hibernicus has a slightly darker plumage than the UK and Continental jays but is still striking with beautiful wing panel of blue feathers, white rump and streaked crest.

> The Garrulus part of their name, meaning annoyingly talkative, is a misnomer apparently derived from the mistaken belief that they were related to Waxwings, birds which do appear in big chattering flocks.

The jays call isn't musical, a metallic shriek, but they've evidently got a musical ear as they often do perfect imitations of the Buzzard's mewing call which has initially fooled us a few times on Killiney Hill. The Glandarius part of its name is much more apt meaning 'of acorns' and jays habit of cacheting acorns in the ground for winter often results in unrecovered acorns sprouting into trees and extending oak woods.

few days later on the 19th March with nine birds being seen over Bray while on the day of writing this, the 21st, an individual was seen over Shankill and Ballybrack while I've just seen a text saying six are currently flying over Grand Canal Dock. A bit flustered I haven't seen any but over 20 years ago did manage to see a single Alpine Swift that spent a few days flying over Dalkey Hill. Another year one was Dun Laoghaire.

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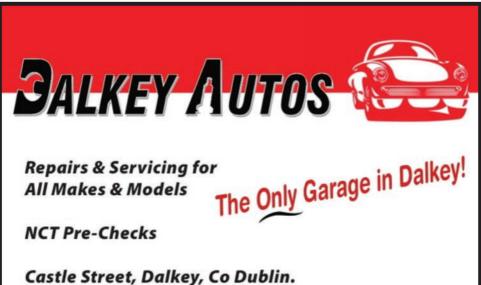
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♦ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS/LECTURES APRIL 2023

Rathmichael Historical Society

Finola Finlay will present '*The Story of Stained Glass in Ireland; Beyond Harry Clarke*' at 8pm on Wednesday April 5th in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission / Zoom fee €5. (Rescheduled from March 1st)

Mount Merrion Historical Society

Mairead Delaney will present *'The History of the Abbey Theatre'* at 8pm on Thursday April 13th in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €4/ Students €2.

Kilmacanogue History Society

Thèrésa Hicks will present

'The Kennedys of Newtownmountkennedy' at 8pm on Monday April 3rd in Kilmacanogue Parish Hall, adjacent to St. Mochonog's R.C. Church, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome - admission is €5 for nonmembers - attendees are requested to wear a mask/face covering.

Dublin City Libraries

Dr. Mary Muldowney will present 'Social conditions in Dublin in the late nineteenth century as Robert Tressell (author of The Ragged Trousered Philantrophists) was growing up' at 1pm on Wednesday April 5th in Dublin Central Library, Ilac Centre, Henry Street, Dublin 1. Admission is free but as places are limited booking is required - book in branch, phone 01-2228300 or

email: centrallibrary@dublincity.ie

The Old Dublin Society

Dr. Niamh Howlin will present 'Crime, Coroners and Criminal Procedures in Early Nineteenth Century Dublin' at 6pm on Wednesday April 12th in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Freddie O'Dwyer will present 'A Flying Visit in 1938: the day the Luftwaffe landed at Baldonnel by mistake' at 6pm on Wednesday April 26th in the same venue. Admission is free to both lectures no booking is required.

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Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society

Tony Keane will present '*Very Early Days of Dublin Airport*' at 8pm on Thursday March April 13th in Glenalbyn, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €3.

Military History Society of Ireland

Dr. Éamonn Ó'Ciosáin will present '*The Irish Geese: before the Wild Geese – Irish soldiers in France pre-1691*' at 8pm on Friday April 14th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society

The Society's AGM followed by the 'Annual Treasure Night' will take place at 8pm on Wednesday April 19th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire. All are welcome - admission is €5.

Bray Cualann Historical Society

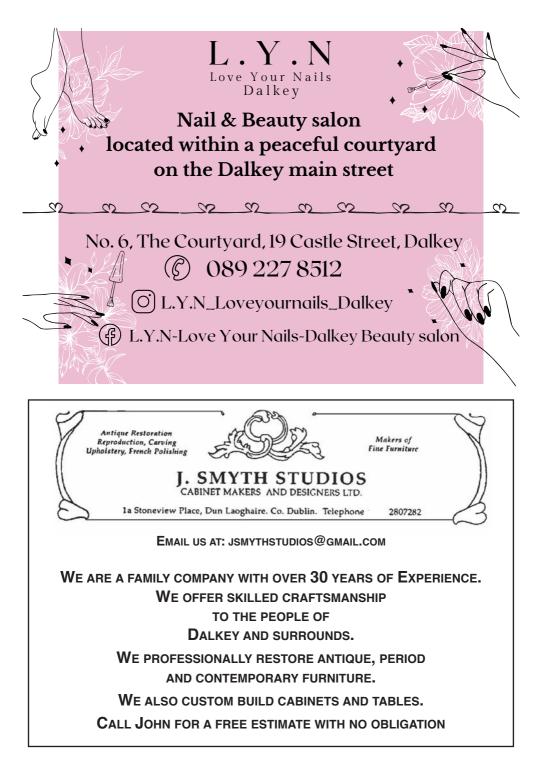
Paolo Viscardi, Deputy Keeper of the Dead Zoo, Museum of Natural History, Dublin, will present '*Richard Barrington, Human Science and Animal Science*' at 8pm on April 20th in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome - admission is €8 for non-members/visitors.

Foxrock Local History Club

Vincent Delaney will present '*Knocksinna Foxrock* - *The Houses and the People*' at 8pm on Tuesday April 18th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.

Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society

Michael McKenna will present 'Unholy Thursday': the killing of Séamas Dwyer (in his shop in Rathmines) and Robert Bonfield, 1923' at 8pm on Thursday April 27th in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members free / visitors €4 - Swan Car Park Evening Rate: €3 from 5pm to Midnight.



DALKEY - LOOKING BACK

Around 11.40am on Sunday April 15th 1923 a fourteen-year-old youth armed with a rifle accompanied by two companions armed with revolvers, all of whom wore masks, gained entry to Castle Park Boarding School. After disconnecting the telephone they searched the building which only provided a pair of opera glasses and several flash lamps which they took away. The maid, who was forced to admit them at gunpoint when she answered the door, was told to tell no-one about what had occurred.

Publications

'Champagne, Cocktails and Crêpes Suzette -Wining, dining and dancing in Dun Laoghaire through the ages' by Eileen O'Duffy, hb, 142pp, ills, ISBN 978-1-914488-77-1.

This fascinating and excellently illustrated book recalls the golden age of the Dublin Riviera when local inhabitants and visitors wined and dined in yacht clubs, restaurants and hotels all dotted along the coast between Blackrock and Dalkey. They were able to dance the night away into the wee small hours of the morning in numerous ballrooms and nightclubs with the Pavilion in Kingstown/Dun Laoghaire being the top spot until it later became a cinema. Through the pages of this engrossing book the reader is brought back to a gracious and leisurely era that has long since vanished with the text supported by a tremendous selection of photographs, menu cards, dance programmes and numerous newspaper cuttings recalling events and people.

It's often forgotten that once Dalkey was a popular holiday destination and the chapter 'Dalkey Seaside Hotels' recalls all these venues in text and pictures. Many of which sadly over time have vanished and have been replaced with apartment blocks on their sites. The chapter 'Crêpes Suzette' recalls the era of fine cuisine and their providers in the while 'Dancing, Discos and Clubbing' recalls the various locations associated with these activities.

All in all an excellent social history of the area down the decades, superbly illustrated supported by a very informative text. This book was carefully researched and its shows in the text which contains all the relevant information about venues mentioned and in the selection of the illustrations used. An essential book for those who collect books on the history of the area or who have an interest in the social or local history of the area.



Wining, dining and dancing in Dan Laoghaire through the ages

Eileen O'Daffy

This excellent book is available from Dalkey News, Castle Street, Dalkey, Hewett Newsagent, Monkstown, the Irish Design Gallery beside the dlr Lexicon or online https:// lettertecbookstore. com/product/ champagnecocktails-and-crepessuzette/

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EUROHOCKEY 2023 U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS



THREE YOUNG DALKEY ATHLETES SELECTED FOR IRELAND'S SQUAD EUROHOCKEY 2023 U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to **Orla Young-Hughes** (16), **Charlotte O'Neill** (17) and **Millie Jerman** (17). All 3 have secured a place in the Irish Squad which will compete in the U18 European Championships this year. Taking place in Krefeld in Germany on July 8/16, Ireland will take on teams from Austria, Belgium, England, Spain, France, Germany and the Netherlands (Russia excluded).

All three Dalkey athletes currently play for Monkstown.

Although selected to represent Ireland, the girls are self-funded and participation and preparation costs are high.



A special **HOCKEY TEAM SUPER RAFFLE** has been launched to help our U18 Girls to get to Krefeld in Germany in July. Please help if you can. Tickets are just €5 each and they are available now at: https://rafflecreator.com/pages/48167/irish-u18-girls-hockey-team-super-raffle-2023

We wish our Dalkey athletes, Orla, Charlotte & Millie every success and the very best of luck in Germany in July.







BRINGING THE BEES BACK TO DALKEY PARK!

What a perfect community project for St. Patrick's Day 2023. Apple, pear and plum trees provided by Dalkey Tidy Towns for a new orchard have started this special sustainability project. It was really wonderful to see so many Dalkey



Park, Hillside, Mapas and more neighbours of all ages working together to create a new orchard on their shared green. This will become a wonderful resource for many years to come for the surrounding residents. Susan McDonnell DTT was delighted to provide her expert advice and support the great work of Angela Kondo, Jane McLoughlin, Sarah O'Suilleabhain and Aoife Waldron in making this community project happen. Watch out for further updates.

Well done to all on St. Patrick's Day 2023!

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - WEEKS 07-10 2023 13/02/2023 - 10/03/2023

The material in the Planning Section of the newsletter is based entirely on data taken from Dun laoghaire Rathdown County Council's website. If you are concerned about a particular item it is strongly recommended that you examine the relevant file in the Council's offices. Due to variation in the publication dates by Dún laoghaire Rathdown County Council, please note that the deadline for planning observations/objections may have lapsed when it is read in the Dalkey newsletter.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0087Application Rec'd Date: 15/02/2023Applicant Name & Location: Jackie Greene Construction, 34, Barnhill Road, Dalkey,
Dublin, A96H9V6Declare Application Invalid: 22/02/2023Application resubmitted:Construction Construction ConstructionConstruction Construction Construction

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0158

Application Rec'd Date: 08/03/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Jackie Green Construction, 34, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96H9V6

Proposal: The general refurbishment works to the townhouses and site will be completed as exempted development, Section 5, REF No 7319. This application includes the relocation of 2no. front doors from the esat to the west elevation with new windows formed in the original door openings, the addition of 2 no. rear double doors on the east elevation in existing window locations and the removal of 2 no. existing external doors on the west and north elevations. On the ground floor, the permission will include 3 no. additional windows on the west elevation and one opaque picture window within the blocked up arch on the south elevation. At first floor level, 2 no. existing window openings are relocating marginally to the north to facilitate internal arrangements and a blocked up window opening is being reinstated on the south elevation. At roof level there are 9 no. proposed rooflights. This application includes the demolition of 1 no. existing unstable chimney located close to the south gable. The houses will be serviced by car parking spaces included in the adjacent An Bord Pleanala approved planning application ABP-307639-20 (planning ref D19A/0914) while townhouse 2 also avails of an additional private external area provided in this same application. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0088Application Rec'd Date: 15/02/2023Applicant Name & Location: Billy Kelly, 1, Whites Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96XF58Application Withdrawn- 10/03/20

Application resubmitted:

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0160

Application Rec'd Date: 08/03/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Billy Kelly, 1, White's Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin **Proposal:** Permission is sought for permanent Sub-division and retention of previously permitted and constructed 2 storey Granny flat (D03A/0502) as a separate 2 bedroom dwelling from the main dwelling, with associated seperating boundary treatment and new pedestrian entrance off Carysfort Road **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0092

Application Rec'd Date: 15/02/2023

Applicant Name & Location: John & Ingrid Moran, The Orchard, Torca Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96A2C2

Proposal: Planning permission for an addition of a walkway/balcony to the South-West of their existing single storey over basement house (side and rear) (it will be at ground level to the front extending to above basement level to the rear on the sloping site). Also modification of glazing on West elevation to provide access door from kitchen. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0054

Application Rec'd Date: 13/02/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Tara Peterman, Lohengrin, Torca Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96XT93 **Proposal:** Alterations to existing 2-storey detached dwelling house to include reorganisation, maintaining 4 bedrooms and habitable rooms internally, rear (north west) extension (27sqm) and front (south east) extension (6.4sqm) on lower and upper stories, replacement of existing pitched roof with new profile pitched roof with roof glazing, new fenestration arrangement including balconies at first floor level to front (south east) and rear (north west), together with alterations to garden to provide lower level external dining area, with associated works. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0056

Application Rec'd Date: 15/02/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Maurice & Ann Fitzgerald, Wildwood, Mount Salus Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96AV24

Proposal: Planning permission for internal and external alterations to include external insulation, minor alterations to fenestration, extension to rear ground floor of 5sqm, landscaping and ancillary works. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0480/E

Application Rec'd Date: 22/02/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Bryan Molloy, Site at rear of no. 3 & 4 Bloyke, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission for a part 2-storey/part single-storey flat roofed detached 3 bedroom dwelling, comprising 139 sqm with 2 off street parking spaces on a site comprising part of the rear gardens of no. 3 and 4 Bloyke with a new automated vehicular access gate within the existing stone boundary wall to the access lane. The proposed development will be screened from Harbour Road by 0.8m high timber fence above the existing stone boundary wall. Permission is also sought for all associated landscaping, boundary wall works and drainage works. **Application Type:** Extension Of Duration Of Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0068 **Application Declared Invalid Decision Date:** 13/02/2023 **Applicant Name & Location:** Aoibhinn Finlay, Carlton house, Torca Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A94AK74

Application Resubmitted:

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0102

Application Rec'd Date: 20/02/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Aoibhinn Finlay, Carlton House, Torca Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96AK74

Proposal: Planning permission for retention for alterations to previously approved D13B/0086 which include increase in size of two storey extension to rear of existing house all with associated ancillary works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0148

Application Rec'd Date: 03/03/2023

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

Proposal: Retention Permission is sought for planning permission to remove boundary railings as-installed and increase height of stone wall to match those as featured in previously approved planning permission along boundary wall, retaining gates as installed (original planning reference D15A/0240). **Application Type:** Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0150Application Rec'd Date: 03/03/2023Applicant Name & Location: Simon & Sarah Murphy, 9 Saval Park Gardens, Dalkey,
Dublin, A96T284

Proposal: Removal of existing rear extension, removal of shed to rear, construction of new first floor side extension with hipped roof detail, new single storey extension to front elevation with canopy detail to entrance, new single storey rear extensions, new external wall insulation to existing house, widening of existing gate pillars to 3.6m, internal alterations and all associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0078

Application Rec'd Date: 28/02/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Isolde & Werner Blau, 2, Summerville Terrace, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Dublin, A96NF83

Proposal: Retention Permission. Single storey 31.25 sqm structure as a non habitable garden studio with WC, located to the rear of existing dwelling. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D22A/1001

Application Rec'd Date: 16/12/2022

Applicant Name & Location: David Turner & Mairead de Barra, 23 Corrig Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96D7P3

Proposal: The development consists of A) the demolition of the existing outbuilding to rear. B) the construction of a 93sqm part two-storey, part single storey extension to rear. C) internal alterations, elevational modifications including roof-mounted solar panels and general refurbishment. D) a new vehicular entrance 3.5m wide. E) new patio to rear and associated site works and landscaping. **Application Type:** Permission Additional Information 10/03/2023

PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED - WEEKS 07-10 2023 13/02/2023 - 10/03/2023

Reg. Ref.: D22A/1015Decision: Refuse PermissionDecision Date: 22/02/2023Applicant Name & Location: Bryan Molloy, Rear of no. 3 & 4 Bloyke, Harbour Road,
Dalkey, Co. DublinDate: 22/02/2023

Proposal: Permission for amendments to existing permission D18A/0480 (under construction) to include (1) Reduction of permitted floor heights of 350mm at ground floor and 350mm at first floor (2) addition of new living room, hallway and wc (35sqm) at first floor. (3) addition of new 'front door' at first floor with pedestrian access and gate onto Harbour road and associated elevation changes and siteworks.

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0525Decision: Grant PermissionDecision Date: 20/02/2023Applicant Name & Location: Roy Irwin, 11 Fairlawns, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin,
A96EC57

Proposal: Permission is sought for A) the removal of the existing lean-to porch roof and part section of the wall to the front. B) the removal of 1 chimney to the front and 1 chimney to the rear. C) the removal of the existing rooflight to the front. D) the construction of a lean-to extension to side (west). E) the construction of a flat roof with canopy to the front. F) the construction of a canopy to the rear at ground floor level. G) the construction of a dormer roof to the front. H) Alterations to the existing window and door openings on the existing north, south east and west elevations. I) The construction of a new garden shed in the rear garden. J) Internal reconfigurations to the existing layout. K) all ancillary site and landscaping works.

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0533Decision: Grant PermissionDecision Date: 20/02/2023Applicant Name & Location: William & Joan McCue, 24, Springhill Park, Dalkey, Co.Dublin

Proposal: Permission for the construction of a single storey rear conservatory extension to existing single storey detached bungalow and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0021Decision: Request Additional InformationDecision Date:03/03/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Adelphi Real Estate, Lands at, Dalkey Manor, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co.Dublin

Proposal: The development will consist of amendments to the previously approved Planning Reference Reg Ref D18A/0418 & ABP-303725-19. The proposed amendments will consist of 1) Amendments to 9 no. 3 bedroom dwellings to be 4 bedroom dwellings, 2) Minor modifications to external elevations and materials of dwellings of house units 3-7 and 8-13, 3) Amendment to roof lights and removal of vaulted roof lights to apartment building. 4) Minor modifications to apartment building elevations, materials and apartment layouts. 5) Amendments to basement layout to apartment building. 6) Minor amendments to all associated site works and landscaping on a site of c 0.935 hectares.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA 07-10 2023 DATED 13/02/2023 TO 10/03/2023

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0470 **Reg Date:** 16/11/2022

Location: 21, Ardbrugh Road, Co. Dalkey, Dublin, A96HH3E

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

Council Decision: Grant permission for retention **Appeal Lodged:** 14/02/2023 **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEK 07 2023 06/02/ 2023 - 03/03/ 2023

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Dalkey Tidy Towns

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♦ A FASCINATING PIECE OF DALKEY HISTORY - THE FLAGS & 300 HORSES

The Flags in Dalkey, a granite pathway heading down from Ardbrugh Road to Dalkey Avenue and recently uncovered by our Dalkey Tidy Towns team, remind us of a fascinating piece of local history. Opened in 1815, the hard granite under this part of Dalkey Common, was highly prized and so quarrying began. It was also near the surface and easy to extract. Over the years ahead, as a result, the appearance of our landscape was to change forever. Today we can admire Dalkey granite in many places including Dun Laoghaire's Piers, Dublin's City quayside, Kylemore Abbey in Connemara, Cobh Cathedral in Cork, Fanad Lighthouse in

Donegal, the River Thames Embankment in London and even Newfoundland's Basilica of St John the Baptist in Canada.

Transporting the large blocks of granite from the Dalkey Commons quarry was an enormous and dangerous job. It involved as many as 800 men who lived mostly in tents and temporary huts in the area. The first major assignment was to provide granite for the construction of Dun Laoghaire Harbour 1817 -1842. The movement of the granite required from the Quarry to Dun Laoghaire

was to be organised in three stages, termed Inclines, taking advantage of gravity wherever possible plus horse drawn effort. Stage or Incline **One** ran from inside the Quarry to Ardbrugh Road. Firstly, rails were laid on granite blocks four feet apart and four inches high. A large cast iron wheel / disc, seven feet in diameter, was pinned at ground level at the starting point and another where it met Ardbrugh Road. A heavy chain wound around the wheel at one end, ran down to the next wheel and back up again. This continuous loop could then be rotated. Brakes could be applied to the outer rim. The small "trucks" to carry the stone were 4 feet wide and 6 feet long. At the front and back, they had two hooks for fastening to the chain with

a strong flat platform bed for carrying large stones. For smaller stones they had a box with doors at both ends. Covered with canvas sheets, the carts were filled



with up to 8 tons of stone and let down with brakes as the empty trucks were then pulled up, all attached to the endless chain. 'And so the granite blocks had now completed **Incline One** and reached Ardbrugh Road.

At Ardbrugh Road, the trucks were then unhooked from the rotating disc chain at the end of **Incline One** and horses were then used to



pull the load across the road to hook up to Incline Two, exactly where The Flags are today. At one time, 300 horses were in operation on this task. The second rotating disc and chain then repeated the activity as the trucks rolled on from The Flags below Ardbrugh Road all the way to Dalkey Avenue where The Metals sign is located today. The trucks unhooked. were again However, this is where there is a longer stretch with no chain apparatus and where horses had to be used to pull the trucks all the way from today's Metals sign down to

meet the start of **Incline Three** at Dalkey Park. The final Incline Three chain drive then took the trucks from Dalkey Park to Barnhill Road.

For the remainder of the journey hundreds of horses pulled the carts to the harbour being constructed in Dun Laoghaire.

The uncovering of the Flags below Ardbrugh Road last week by Dalkey Tidy Towns team gave us all an opportunity once again to admire the extraordinary local effort which made it possible to construct so many landmark buildings in Ireland, the UK and in Newfoundland.

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Events at Dalkey Library

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

Monday 24 April 10:30 - 11:15

Join us for music with Carrie, a fun interactive morning for both Parent & Baby!



Toddler and Parent Group for 18 months to 3 years

Friday 14 April 10:30 - 11:30 Join us for a calm Sensory morning in a quiet library with dimmed lights and use of our Magic Table that projects colourful images onto the floor for babies to interact with.

Friday 21 April 10:30 - 11:30 Join us at Dalkey Library for a music filled morning with Jessica, our music therapist!

Friday 28 April 10:30 - 11:30

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

Easter Drop in Crafts morning for Kids!

5 April at 10:30-12:00 Join us for fun Easter-themed crafts, suitable for children over 4 years with adult assistance. No need to book, come along on the morning!

Easter Drop in Storytime 12 April 10:30-11:00 Come along for a Spring and Easter themed story time with Dalkey library staff. All are welcome!

Junior & Leaving Cert Films Starting Thurs 20 & 27 April, 5.30pm

Dalkey Library will be showing select films on the Junior and Leaving Cert cycle on Thursday evenings. For more details, and to book



your place, please contact Library staff by emailing dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or phoning (01) 285 5277

Needle Felted Birds Workshop for Adults 25 April, 6:00pm-7:30pm Celebrate the Dawn Chorus at the start of May and create a unique felted piece at this oneoff workshop for adults at Dalkey Library. Booking required by emailing dalkeylib@ dlrcoco.ie or phoning (01) 285 5277



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19, 26 April 2:00-3:00 and continuing into

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ACORN tablets are now available for lending to all dlr Library members.

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When Stroke strikes, act F.A.S.T.



How to spot symptoms of a stroke and the importance of acting fast.

A stroke occurs when a blood vessel, which is carrying oxygen and nutrients to the brain, bursts or is blocked by a clot. This causes the blood supply to part of the brain to be disrupted. This can damage or destroy brain cells which will affect body functions.

The Irish Heart Foundation's Act F.A.S.T. campaign aims to raise awareness of the signs of stroke and the importance of calling an ambulance as soon as possible.

F.A.S.T.

stands for Face, Arms, Speech and Time.

Facial weakness – can the person smile? Has their mouth or eye drooped?

Arm weakness – can the person raise both arms?

Speech problems – can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?

Time to call 112 or 999 for an ambulance if you spot any one of these signs.

If you recognise any of the signs of a stroke, call 112 or 999 immediately.

Effective stroke treatment is hugely time dependent. The faster you act, the more of the person you can save.

Stroke destroys two million brain cells every minute. If you suspect that someone is having a stroke call 112 or 999 immediately. Every minute matters so act F.A.S.T.

While the most common signs of stroke are those included in the F.A.S.T. campaign, there are a number of other less common symptoms of stroke that can also occur.

These may include: Problems with balance and coordination, a sudden and severe blinding headache, confusion, dizziness, difficultly understanding what other people are saying, loss of vision in one eye or one half of both eyes, sudden onset dizziness or vertigo, and a sudden loss of sensation on one side of the body involving both the arm and leg or the face and arm.

Calling an ambulance and getting straight to the Emergency Department can make all the difference. Emergency stroke treatments can greatly reduce the disability a person may have after a stroke.

If you have any questions you would like answered please email us on maxwell.dalkey@gmail.com and put Dalkey Newsletter in the message subject line.

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GARDA CLINICS Services have been cancelled for the present. Gardaí can be contacted at Dun Laoghaire Garda Station TELEPHONE: 01- 6665000 OR

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ST. PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

1st & 2nd Class have been Mini Monet>s this week, creating their own versions of Claude Monet>s Water Lilies.

We learnt all about Claude Monet; his life and his garden.

We looked at the colours and shapes of water lilies and then created our own using pastels. We used tissue paper for a 3D effect.

To make the water we mixed different colours, and blended them together using water to blur the lines. We looked at the brush strokes in Monet's art work and created our own.

We hope you like them... we do!



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GREEN SCHOOLS' NEWS FROM HBS



Our Green Schools' Committee have been working very hard this year. We have two members from each class on the committee.

We are always trying to make the school grounds more creature-friendly and we have done this by rebuilding our bug hotel. This also has a fancy new sign thanks to the school secretary, Ms. Doyle. We have also been busy



planting, with new flowers, plants and vegetables in the gardens, and plant pots around the grounds with Mrs. Fogarty and Mrs. O'Neill. We will continue making the school a greener place this year! By Hugh Dunleavy, Rang a 5



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CREDITPUNION QUIZ 2023

Two teams from our school took part in the Credit Union Ouiz 2023. One team was from 6th class and the other from 4th class. The 6th class team was made up of Constance, Daragh, Ruby and Poppi. The quiz took place in **Cherrywood Educate Together Primary** School on Monday 27th February. It started at 7pm and went on for about two hours. We had to answer 12 rounds of 6 questions, it was super nerve wracking but so much fun. It felt great knowing the answers to the questions, especially when no one else knew them. On the 10th round, everyone got a bag of goodies and Credit Union merch.

Mr. Mannion organised the team and was very helpful during our quiz preparation. We had breaks in between rounds and people could go up to sing at the front if they wanted, our Ruby got up and did a performance of "Bad Habits" by Ed Sheeran!!

At the end of the 12 rounds the winners were announced and it felt amazing when it was announced we had got 1st place, then our 4th class team were announced as winners of their age group too, double celebrations. Even better we got prizes, a medal and a voucher for €20 each and then a Trophy for each team and €100 for each class so that means the school got €200 altogether. We decided to spend our money on a pizza party for our classes.

It was such an amazing experience and it was epic being part of such a great team.

> By Constance Cavin, Ruby O'Brien, Daragh Carr & Poppi Cogan in & Che Class



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NEWS FROM CASTLE PARK SCHOOL

On the 15th of March, we celebrated our annual Castle Park Day (CP Day). Despite the weather, the children had a fantastic time with lots of activities organised for both pupils and staff. The school was buzzing with excitement and everyone enjoyed the celebrations.

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The day began with an assembly from the School Principal, Stephen McKernan where pupils and staff reflected on the school's history from 1904. Following the assembly, the whole school led a countdown and a cheer for our caretaker John, who raised the original CP flag, for what will be his final time ahead of retirement next year. One of the

highlights of the day was the cutting of the wholeschool-sized cake, which was delicious and enjoyed by everyone. The cake was a symbol of the community spirit that our school fosters.

Overall, our CP Day was a great success and a reminder of the importance of celebrating milestones and achievements. We are already looking forward to next year's CP Day celebrations when we will be 120 years old!





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photos Castle Park School

THE BIG TRAVEL CHALLENGE

This year, all the schools in Ireland were invited to participate in the Green-Schools '*Big Travel Challenge*'. Our school, Loreto P.S. Dalkey, named it 'The Walking Bus'. We started it to raise awareness about the amount of traffic around our school community. We want to make our school a cleaner, safer place.

The 'Walking Bus' left Cuala at 8:40 a.m. every school day from the 20th of February to the 3rd of March. Lots of teachers and parents helped and supervised. They gave out hi-vis jackets and Green-Schools stickers.

When we arrived at Cuala for 'The Walking Bus,' we wrote our names and classes on a piece of paper and put them into a raffle. At the end of each school week, at our assembly, four names were taken out of a bag. The winners won a voucher for a delicious hot chocolate from The Homeground Coffee Van in Dalkey.

The overall winning school will get the grand prize of 1,000 Euro! Fingers crossed, it's Loreto!

QUOTES FROM THE PASSENGERS -

"I loved talking to my friends on my way to school." **Barra**, 1st Class

"I loved talking to my friends in the other class. It was fun." Sinead, 1st Class

"I'm on the Green Schools Committee. I think it was a great idea to show a good example to the younger children." Amelia, 3rd Class

"It was really nice talking to friends on the way to school and it made the mornings easier." Holly, 3rd Class

"I really liked the walking bus, we burnt calories, not electricity." Molly, 5th Class

"It was great fun. The draw at assembly was exciting and there was even a special prize at the end." **Ria**, 5th **Class**

By Susie Byrne & Rosanna Mohr (5th class)



Photos LPS.

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Sunday Worship

Holy Communion 8.30am Rite one/ Rite two alternating. Main Service 10.45am Holy Communion/ Service of the Word alternating. Thursday Holy Communion Service 10.30am Services can be viewed online via the website

https://holytrinitykilliney.com/) or through our Facebook page.

From the Rector

Our Holy Week schedule for the whole Cluster of Parishes is as follows:

Monday, 3rd April: 8pm St Patrick's Dalkey: Preacher, Rev. Canon Gary Hastings

Tuesday 4th April: 8pm, St Matthias' Killiney/ Ballybrack: Preacher, Rev. Gary Dowd

Wednesday, 5th April: 8pm, Christchurch Dún Laoghaire: Preacher Rev. William Olhausen

Maundy Thursday: 6th April, 8pm St. Paul's Glenageary

Good Friday, 7th **April:**12 noon, Holy Trinity Church, The Way of the Cross, an Interchurch service of reflection and meditation.

Sunday 9th: Easter Sunday in Holy Trinity:

6.30am, Sonrise service on Killiney Beach. [note change of venue] A short, joyful celebration of the Resurrection.

8.30am Holy Communion

10.45am Holy Communion, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments in the Carry Centre.

In the next while we bid farewell to two of our colleagues in the local Cluster here, Rev. William Olhausen and Rev Ása Ólafsdóttir. They will be much missed. The Cluster has been for all its clerical members a great source of friendship, entertainment, and support, and we look forward to welcoming whoever will be joining us next.

Ladies Guild will continue to meet on second Tuesday of each month in the Carry Centre at 2.30pm. In February the Rector came and played his traditional flute for us which was very much appreciated by the group. Thank you Gary.

Y Club in February were entertained by one of the members experiences about his travels on the Camino Way. In March we visited the National Maritime Museum in Dun Laoghaire. We are currently planning a visit to the Jameson Visitor Centre in Bow Street, Smithfield for our April meeting. More details to follow.

Sheep Thrills are knitting masses of Easter chicks, bunnies and rabbits. Don't miss buying them as they are flying out at the Victoria Tea Rooms Killiney. We also continue to knit gorgeous baby jackets, jumpers, hats, tea cosies and one-off items. On Thursday 9th March, Gerry Robinson joined us to give a talk and presentation of how she started designing and making hats. We saw wonderful exclusive designs. Wool always welcome if anyone is decluttering. Contact Joan 087 2460078 www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney

Specshifters Interesting to read an article entitled "Church unity will not happen in our lifetime" (?) in The Irish Times of Monday 6th January - in which Bishop Michael Burrows speaks warmly of his connection with Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines, a keynote speaker at the Lambeth Conference, during a meeting in Rome of the Anglican Centre, which the Bishop of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe has chaired for many years. He probably didn't mention your and your friends' contribution to Specshifters, Holy Trinity's offshoot in support of the Rev. Steve and his wife the Rev. Linda Frost's charity "Love in Action" which they operate from the South Leitrim group of parishes with its ten churches. Ten Churches. Wow! Someone should tell the Bishop about our link with the Philippines through the glasses you collect for us to give.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Vigil (Sat evening) 6.00pm, Sunday: 8.45am, 10.15am, 12.00noon Weekdays Monday to Saturday: 10.00am

Easter Thoughts from The Church of the Assumption

With the clocks changing and the hour 'springing forward' the bright promise of new life and energy is gathering pace. The world of nature is alive with sights, sounds and colour. It is the time of new life and so Resurrection is our theme this month. Easter is the high point of the Christian calendar and Christians celebrate the joy of new life.

In these times, with many different challenges, the hope of new life gives us a new light to shine in the darkness of uncertainty and disaster. Wars continue to rage, famine threatens many millions of people, floods have washed away crops, houses and people's livelihoods and earthquakes have turned to rubble the homes and businesses of some of the poorest, in an area of conflict and shelter for refugees from war.

A long time ago, a counsellor invited me to take a fresh look at how I was interpreting my struggles and reminded me that my struggles did not provide the whole picture in my life. It gave me a new way of looking at the difficulties I was grappling with. I began to realise that in time things would change. And as I look back on my life, I see how I have been blessed by the love that I received from many sources and understood how God has been present to me. This to me has been a sign of new life.

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In our parish there are lots of activities under way and soon the celebration of First Reception of the Eucharist will be marked by children in our local schools. Our schools are also busy with their activities and the extra daylight provides more opportunities for outdoor pursuits.

I leave you with a poem I wrote some time ago that captures the mood of this time of year.

EASTER

Cherry blossom hues Pastel and Deep, Tulips, wallflowers, Daisies peep.

Warming sun, Lengthening days, Spring has come, Would that it would stay!

> Dawn music, Cantors solo, Nature celebrates, What a chorus!

Be praised, O God, The curtains are drawn, The buds are bursting, The leaves unfurl.

The darkness of winter Has now given way, To resurrection and life This Easter Day!

© Fr. Liam Lacey

Sunday Services for April

Each Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion (Rite 1)
10.15am Holy Communion (Rite 2)
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
10.15am Morning Prayer,
2nd and 4th Sundays
Every Thursday:
10.30am Holy Communion

Institution of Rev. Ruth Elmes

We are delighted to welcome our new rector, Reverend Ruth Elmes to the parish. The institution was greatly attended and a big thank you to all who organised and everyone who supported the event.

Film Club

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

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.



Dramatic Society

Skin Deep by Jon Lonoff, which will be our spring production at The Studio, dlr Lexicon, Dun Laoghaire. It will run nightly from Wednesday 19th April to Saturday 22nd April inclusive. Tickets for the play will be available later this month online (www.gr8events.ie) or through TEL. 01- 280 7185.

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.

Left to right: Joe Hughes, Rev. Sean Hanily, Archbishop Dr. Michael Jackson Rev. Ruth Elmes, Rt. Rev. Michael Burrows & Dorothy Taylor

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SOUTH DUBLIN BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH IRELAND

April 2023 Indoor Meeting

Date & time: Tuesday, 4th April at 8pm. Location: The Killiney Room, Graduate Bar, Rochestown Avenue. Event: Gull Identification. Speaker: Cian Cardiff. Details: Tips to becoming more adept at gull identification.

April Outdoor Meeting (Coach Outing)

Date: Sunday, 16th April. Outing to: Lough Boora Discovery Park, Offaly. Booking details: Bookings can be made at our indoor meetings. Extra information:

Following an absence of three years we are

BirdWatchlreland protecting birds and biodiversity announce that the branch is resuming its popular programme of coach outings. To begin with, we are returning to **Lough Boora** for the first time since April 2012. The park is home to Ireland's only remaining population of Grey Partridges, which are now thriving there, thanks to a successful captive breeding and reintroduction programme. It is also a great place for a wide range of other birds.

On the day of the outing we will depart from outside the old Dun Laoghaire Ferry Terminal on Harbour Road. **Please note, the coach will leave at 08:30 sharp**.



Check the website www.southdublinbirds.com for details on prices.

FAREWELL TRIBUTE TO JOSIE

All who knew Josie Dixon knew how much she did for the community. In her day Josie was involved with many local activities and organisations. She had great energy and resolve and took an interest in helping to improve the area where she lived.

Although she had a busy home life she joined many organisations and took an active role in each of them. Josie served in executive roles with Dalkey Community Council and was Chairman for a time.



She was a founder member of the Dalkey Players and served in various

committee roles including Chairman and was a Honorary Life Member. Josie displayed her talent as a very accomplished amateur actor in many of the DP productions. Josie was a talented and successful artist. She was a member of the Dalkey Ladies Club, DARA and also found time to serve on the Residents Association.

Josie was a hard working woman who held strong opinions and was forthright in her manner. But she had a kind heart, always thought of others and reached out to many in the community. In her later years she suffered great personal loss but she didn't fold under it and she kept going for as long as possible.

Dalkey Community Council extends our sincere sympathy to the Dixon family as Josie will be remembered for her enthusiasm, commitment and loyalty to the community of Dalkey.

SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 14TH MARCH 2023 HELD IN OLH.

Treasurer:	It was decided to hold our annual door-to-door collection next month and the contribution envelopes will accompany the May newsletter.
Newsletter:	A notice advising of the collection will be published in the April newsletter.
TT:	The DTT are continuing with their routine duties. Volunteers uncovered 'lost' granite steps on Vico Road beside the Heritage sign.
Graffiti:	There were 24 graffiti tags dealt with during the month of February and thanks to Alan Winter for acting so promptly to remove the tags.
Traffic:	DCC in conjunction with DTT, Local Councillors and other interested parties will be meeting DLR to discuss the various traffic issues.
Planning:	It has been quiet with no major applications being lodged with DLR.
AOB:	Congratulations to Dalkey Players who are currently touring with their production ' <i>By the Bog of Cats</i> ' and are receiving accolades on their performances.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 3pm in OLH.

UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH APRIL

Dalkey Community Council

April DCC Meeting Tuesday 11th April in Our Lady's Hall at 3:00pm

Scrabble & Afternoon Tea in aid of Barnardo's every Wednesday at 3 pm in Derrynane, 35 Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Call Di Fitzpatrick at 01 2850593 for more information.

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 . . .

The BBC has finally completed its reshuffle of both TV and Radio channels. The process, which was first suggested took 13 years to implement, and was the biggest technical shake- up in over 20 years. Viewers with compatible receivers can now receive all BBC channels in High Definition.

On a different note Sky customers will see some of the Sports channels have been changed to different numbers, customers using SkyQ and Sky HD will notice these changes, however Sky Glass customers will not be affected.

Rugby fans will be delighted to hear that both RTE and Virgin Media have secured the rights to the Rugby World Cup which starts in September, unfortunately if you're watching Virgin on Saorview its still in Standard Definition, unlike RTE which are broadcasting in High Definition.

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