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photos Dalkey Rowing Club

**Fr. Liam and Rev. Ruth wearing DRC Anniversary Tops,
Rev. Ruth and Fr. Liam Blessing Bláth na Farraige,
Old & new round the new boat . . .**

❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

At Dalkey Castle, we love the element of surprise when unexpected co-incidences occur with the visitors who arrive for the various experiences we offer. We had two of these surprises recently.

The first was a request for a special treat for an English lady's birthday from one of her family. The birthday lady was a big Maeve Binchy fan. She had read all her books and was an avid admirer. The family enquired if Dalkey Castle could put on the *Marvellously Maeve Guided Walk* that we usually reserve for the ECHOES weekend in October. Needless to say, we were extremely happy to oblige.

The walk covers many of the more famous Maeve stories including her great love of Dalkey, where she lived most of her life with her husband, Gordon Snell. Part of the experience includes the story of the 'Rosa Gordon Snell'. Rita Biggs, our excellent guide, told the background to the story of how Maeve had commissioned the rose for Gordon's 65th birthday.

Colin Dickson in Newtownards Co. Down bred the rose. Dickson's had been founded in 1836. Colin started in the breeding house in 1977. For his services to horticulture, Colin was included in Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Honour's List and was awarded an MBE in 2022. Lots of subterfuge had gone on for nearly two years to keep the planned surprise a secret from Gordon. The rose is a floribunda with a hue described as 'floribunda yellow flushed with scarlet'. Colin launched it at the Chelsea Flower Show. Ever one to celebrate an occasion, Maeve brought Gordon over to meet his namesake.

Upon hearing the story, one of the visitors mentioned that co-incidentally they knew quite a lot about roses as they were of the rose growing family of Harkness. The Harknesses have

specialised in creating new varieties of roses for five generations in Bedfordshire, England. They have recently released some extremely popular new cultivars including 'The Captain Tom Rose', 'The Duke of Edinburgh Rose' and 'The Queen Elizabeth II Rose'. In all, the company has won over twenty-five medals at Chelsea Flower Show, eighteen of them gold.

The group occupied a table under Maeve's photo in Finnegan's and reminisced on the serendipity of the occasion. It was deemed to be the best birthday celebration ever. All were delighted with the horticultural and literary connections they had made in Dalkey and have already booked to come back for ECHOES in October.

Hot on the heels of the Harkness experience, another special request landed on our doorstep, once again centred around Maeve Binchy.

The British Ambassador, Paul Johnston and his wife Nicola had special guests arriving who were, you have guessed it, dedicated Maeve Binchy fans. They had all been to ECHOES with the Ambassador, but due to illness had missed our production of Maeve's *Aches and Pains*, adapted by Shay Linehan.

Maeve wrote *Aches and Pains* as a 'Cheer Up' book, after her hip operation. In the book, she offers hilarious advice on motivating the patient in the next bed; hiding being lame; visiting a nudist colony; becoming a friend to your feet; terrific things to do when getting old; how to give up drink and many more unique and 'Maeviously' wonderful perspectives on life. The late Shay Linehan captured the essence of Maeve's book in his sensitive, laugh-out-loud adaptation.

A private performance was duly arranged in Dalkey Castle with Caitriona



Photo by John Fahy

Ní Threasaigh as Ann and Michael Heavey as Stan. All had a most enjoyable evening. Paul and Nicola and their party were delighted with the special performance. They assured us that the Rosa Gordon Snell that Gordon had gifted them at Christmas time was flourishing in the garden at Glencairn. There are seven Gordon Snell roses growing onsite now at Dalkey Castle.

Our next theatrical event will be our Bloomsday Festival on 15th & 16th June. Joycean celebrations begin on the eve of Bloomsday with 'A Joycean Evening'. A team of actors will perform enlightening extracts from *Ulysses*, *Dubliners*, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, and more. Josh Johnson will accompany Tenor, Simon Morgan and Soprano, Donna Malone in songs that James Joyce sang, or which feature in his work. Refreshments will be served, and you can wander outside to see the Gordon Snell roses which should be in full bloom by then.

On Bloomsday, Friday 16th June the Nestor Episode from *Ulysses* (Dalkey Schoolroom Scene) will be brought to life before your eyes in a memorable dramatisation featuring Mr. Deasy (Headmaster) and Stephen Dedalus (James Joyce). James Joyce taught at the Clifton School in Dalkey in 1904. Following the performance at Dalkey Castle, a Guided Joycean Walk will be led by an expert Joycean Guide, Joe Dunne, to the setting of the former schoolroom on Dalkey Avenue. Many thanks to Caroline and Barry for allowing Joyceans to admire the gates and gardens to see where "the sun flung spangles, dancing coins" each Bloomsday.

Early booking is advised, as numbers are limited.

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Manager Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre



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DALKEY LADIES CLUB



At an EGM held on the 6th March 2023 the members voted to wind up the DLC. The club was founded in the early 60's to provide the women of the area an opportunity to get out of the house! During the late 1950's and early 1960's Dalkey experienced an influx of newcomers due to the development of new housing estates and some forward thinking women came together and formed the club known as the Dalkey Arts and Crafts. It gave the women an opportunity to meet one another, learn new crafts, exchange ideas and form life

long friendships. Sadly many of the members have gone to their 'heavenly club' and the numbers have declined. Going forward the club cannot meet its financial overheads and running costs. However, remaining members have agreed to meet socially on the first Monday of each month to keep up contact and enjoy a cuppa over a chat and a laugh. We thank Jayne in Our Lady's Hall for accommodating our group and we look forward to maintaining the legacy of those founding members.

The members agreed to donate the balance of €500 left in the bank to the Dalkey CFR Unit in recognition of the wonderful work they do in our community.

Dalkey Ladies Club





Visit St Paul's Summer Fair!

27th May 2023

This year's fair promises to be our biggest and best yet! From Art, Catering, Reading, Fashion, Jewellery, Kids Entertainment, Collectables, Bric-a-brac and more, you'll find it all at St Paul's Glenageary on Saturday 27th May 2023.

***This promises to be a great day for the whole family
so take note of the date and we'll see you there!***

St Paul's Church, Silchester Road, Glenageary. From 10:30am to 2:30pm.



❖ GROWING OUR FUTURE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD ❖

Dear Editor,

In March we planted some trees. The occasion was full of joy, kids running around, flying kites, grown-ups across generations chatting in the drizzle. We celebrated our good luck in living in this friendly neighbourhood and we imagined a future neighbourhood that is even healthier, cleaner, greener.

We planted the trees for fun, but also to start a conversation about how we can leave this beautiful neighbourhood even better than we found it. When our kids have grown up, alongside these trees, will they have clean air to breathe? Will our picturesque seaside town remain intact?

A few days earlier we had gathered together to chat about how we can make our homes more energy

efficient. Chatting over tea, it was clear that so many of us are on the same page - we want to do something, whether that's reducing how much energy we're burning up in our homes, or leaving space for bees in our gardens.

It was clear that many of us are worried about the health of our planet and fearful for the future. It can get us down. But a morning spent with hands in the dirt, making new friends, telling kids what fruit they'll one day be picking here, was an incredible antidote.

We look forward to lots more activity in our neighbourhood, growing a greener community together. And we'd highly recommend that you do the same!

Angela, Aoife, Jane & Sarah





DARA ART, FLORAL ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION



After an absence of three years DARA held their annual Art, Floral Art and Craft Exhibition over the weekend of 01st to 02nd April. An Cathaoirleach Mary Hanafin opened the exhibition on the Friday night and the hall was buzzing with DARA members, guests, Local Councillors and a TD! The displays of art work were very impressive and it is little wonder that 27 paintings were sold. The craft work disappeared quickly too and the amount raised for the UNICEF's Syria & Turkey Earthquake Appeal amounted to €1,500. Sincere thanks to all who were so generous with their support. The floral displays gave a great array of colour to the hall and the paintings that decorated the walls were inspiring. It was very uplifting to see so much talent on display and a joy to embrace the return to normality!

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❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS/LECTURES MAY 2023 ❖

Dublin City Libraries

Dr. Mary Muldowney will present *'The 'arms dump' that ended the Civil War in May'* at 1pm on Wednesday May 3rd 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

Mark Davis will present *'The Irish in Oxford and Oxonians in Ireland: an age-old interaction'* at 6pm on Wednesday May 3rd in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Admission is free and no booking is required.

dlr – Spring into Heritage

Tom Conlon will present *'The Borough Environment through the 20th Century'* at 7pm on Wednesday May 3rd in Marlay House, Marlay Park, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin. Admission is free but booking essential via <https://webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents>



Mount Merrion Historical Society

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

Foxrock Local History Club

Gabriel Doherty will present *'Treaty Debates in the Dáil and Westminster'* at 8pm on Tuesday May 16th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society

James Scannell will present *'John Hinde and his Postcards of South County Dublin'* at 8pm on Wednesday May 17th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire. All are welcome - admission is €5.

Bray Cualann Historical Society

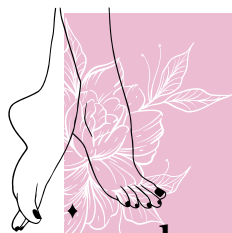
Peadar Curran will present *'The History of Dalkey Island'* at 8pm on May 18th in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome - admission is €8 for non-members/visitors.

Rathmines, Ranelagh and Rathgar Historical Society

Cora McDonagh will present *'For the Gratification of the Public and the Promotion of the Fine Arts: Old Masters Exhibitions in 19th century Dublin'* at 8pm on Thursday May 25th in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members free / visitors €4 - Swan Car Park Evening Rate: €3 from 5 p.m. to Midnight.

Dalkey - Looking Back

Easter Sunday 1906 fell on April 15th in an era the emphasis of Easter was one of spiritual renewal within the various Christian churches with none of the commercialisation that has become the main feature of Easter in recent years. Local papers of that time are devoid of any advertisements for Easter promotions and the only mention of it relates to various services of worship taking place in local churches during Holy Week. Weather wise summer type weather was the main feature of Easter Sunday and Monday that year with large numbers of people travelling out to Dalkey, Killiney and Bray to avail of what all these locations had to offer for the day visitor.



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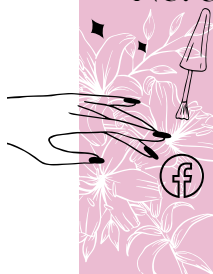
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Publications



Features in the current issue of this magazine include 'From Elizabeth to Elizabeth' by Dermot McGuinne; 'Comprehending contemplation - the Poor Clare Order in Ireland' by Bronagh McShane; 'Queen's College Cork is in flames'

by Pat Poland; 'The Wrestling Rage - the world championship tournament in Dublin, 1907' by Ronald Mulhaire; 'Liam Lynch's strategies in the final months of the Civil War' by Gerard Shannon; 'Thomas Keating - a Civil War killing' by David Prendergast; '73 Eccles Street - recreating a Dublin tenement 1915-1920' by Ken Boyle, and Brian Nelson - the rise and fall of a double agent' by Ian S. Woods.

Journal No 210 includes articles on 'The Newtownstewart Derailment 1943' by Norman E Gamble; 'Visits to Irish Railways 1954 & 1955' by David L. Charfield; 'The Railways on the Economy of Salvation' by Tim Moriarty; 'Society Matters'; 'Publications'; 'Obituaries'; 'Enterprise'; 'Catering and Customs' by Stephen Rafferty; 'Observations and Comments' and 'Irish Railway News.' Further information about this journal is available from membership@irrs.ie.



James Scannell

DALKEY ROWING CLUB UPDATE

On the 1st April Dalkey Rowing Club gathered in the car park of the Club Bar to welcome their new boat the 'Bláth na Farraige'. Rev. Ruth Elmes, newly appointment rector of St. Patrick's Church and Fr. Liam Lacey from the Church of the Assumption kindly came down and blessed her to ensure our safety out rowing. Despite the rain both before and after, the sun was splitting the stones for the blessing event itself. Dalkey rowers old and new gathered together and we even had a few friends from rival Ringsend club, St. Patrick's who came along.

She will be getting her first outing on May 21st, in the first regatta of the season in Dun Laoghaire (see regatta calendar). We'll keep you

posted on how we get on. Training has started, what more can we do...?!

This year the club is also celebrating its 90th year and we used this gathering as an opportunity to officially launch this. As the oldest club on the East Coast we felt this was something to celebrate. There will be events running throughout the year; so keep an eye on our social media and this newsletter. We also have commemorative T-shirts and other merchandise to mark the event. The T-shirts are €15 and if you would like one please contact us at: dalkeyrowingclub1@gmail.com or through social media.

Jenny Dilley
Dalkey Rowing Club



Members of Dalkey Rowing Club round the new boat.

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17TH DALKEY SCOUTS



The 17th Dalkey held their first investiture ceremony in several years on March 12th to welcome new members into the group and to the World Scout Movement. The event was attended by Scouting Ireland County Commissioner Hugh McLain, Cormac Devlin TD, Cllr. Justin Moylan and 10th Kiltarnan Scouts Group Leader Gary Watts.

We are lucky to have long time Dalkey Scouters David Ellard, Mick McNamara and Shannon Nevin back with us, and Angelica Sos, Richard Cappin and Penelope O'Brien bring international scouting experience from Spain, UK, and USA. Most of our adult volunteers though are completely new to scouting and it's great to have them along with 36 boys and girls who have joined Cubs and Beavers.



This is just the start of a new chapter for the 17th Dalkey. We hope to restart our Scout section in September and expand our Cub and Beaver Sections. To do this we will need more adult volunteers so whether you were a scout previously, have an interest in the outdoors and want to share your experience, or are a parent who would like to get involved with their kids please get in touch! No experience necessary and we will provide all the training you need!

All details on volunteering and joining the waiting list are on www.dalkeyscouts.ie.

Albert White
Group Leader 17th Dalkey

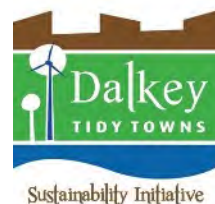


❖ SOLAR PV SYSTEM DONATED TO THE SUE RYDER FOUNDATION, DALKEY ❖



Sue Ryder Foundation, Dalkey

Dalkey Tidy Towns, together with SE Systems, are delighted to announce that the Sue Ryder Foundation in Dalkey has been selected to receive an offer of a Solar PV system, free of charge! The system will be installed by Dublin contractors, Truway Renewables and the project coordinated by Gerry McGough on behalf of SE Systems. The Sue Ryder Foundation is a non-profit organisation and an Irish Registered Charity dedicated to helping older people live independently.



How the Free Offer Came About In 2022

Dalkey Sustainable Energy Community (DSEC)* supported SE Systems** in a Community Energy Grant application to the SEAI***. SE Systems agreed to install a 5kWh Solar PV system on a community building in Dalkey to support their Sustainable Energy Community if the application for the community energy grant was successful, and it was!

This offer was made possible through SE Systems' Communities Fund. If any other community buildings are interested in upgrading their property to make it more energy efficient, please contact Dalkey Sustainable Energy Community and we can refer you to SE Systems.

** Dalkey Sustainable Energy Community (DSEC) is an ongoing sustainability project being run by DTT and supported by the SEAI. **SE Systems is an SEAI Project Coordinator for Community Energy projects. They deliver complete energy solutions, nationwide, to retrofit and refurbish building stock to a higher standards of energy efficiency.*

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Other exciting energy saving opportunities are being explored in Dalkey and details will be announced in the coming months. We encourage all Dalkey residents and business owners to consider implementing energy efficiencies and help reduce carbon emissions.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - WEEKS 11-14 2023 13/03/2023 - 07/04/2023

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/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 separating boundary treatment and new pedestrian entrance off Carysfort Road

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0194

Application Rec'd Date: 27/03/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Ellen Pinschmidt, Springfield House, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96VX70

Proposal: Removal of the existing single storey glass house to the side. Construction of a new single storey extension to the side, reinstatement of a window to the side and all associated ancillary landscaping and site development works.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0198

Application Rec'd Date: 28/03/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Killiney Hotels Ltd., Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Killiney Hill Road, Killiney, Dublin, A96N125

Proposal: Construction of 2 No. Padel courts as well as associated lighting and fencing in the existing carpark to the front (southwest) of Fitzpatrick Castle and all associated siteworks.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0210

Application Rec'd Date: 31/03/2023

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

Proposal: The proposed development will consist of Retention Permission and Permission. (a) Retention of Alterations to the development approved under reg ref D20A/0300 (An Bord Pleanala Ref No. PL06D.308729). The alterations to be retained are as follows:

(i) Increase in ground floor area from 238sqm to 273sqm. (ii) Increase in first floor area from 138 to 170sqm. (iii) Decrease in Attic level area from 55sqm to 45sqm. (iv) Changes to the internal layout of all floors. (v) Changes to the fenestration on front and rear elevations. (vi) Provision of 196sqm non-accessible void at basement level. (vii) revised steps and planting terraces at the front of the house. (viii) increase in height of chimney stack by 220mm. (ix) increase in height of roof-line from 9.15 to 9.156m. (x) Addition of 1.8m deep canopy roof on rear elevation. (xi) Addition of 1.8m Deep canopy roof on rear elevation. (xii) Addition of retractable awning on rear elevation. (b) Permission for alterations to the development approved under Reg Ref D20A/0300 (An Bord Pleanala Ref No. PL06D.308729). the alterations being sought are as follows: (i) Provision of 196sqm basement, in place of the existing void and (ii) Revised location of pedestrian gated entrance on west boundary.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0216

Application Rec'd Date: 03/04/2023.

Applicant Name & Location: Richard Southern & Avril O'Connell, 39, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96XW81

Proposal: Retention of the existing vehicular access (4.5m in width) fronting onto Barnhill Road including entrance piers and vehicular gate and the provision of 1 no. vehicular parking space and associated manouvering area within the curtilage of the dwelling. the development also includes all associated landscaping, boundary treatments, site and engineering works necessary to facilitate the development.

Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0149

Application Rec'd Date: 03/04/2023.

Applicant Name & Location: Rosanna Inzitari, 49, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 KX31.

Proposal: Retention of existing 14.05sqm first floor extension to side of dwelling. Permission is sought for additional 4.64sqm first floor extension to the side with pitched roof and 20.09sqm first floor extension with flat roof to the rear of existing semi-detached dwelling to include new windows, internal alterations and associated works.

Application Type: Permission.

PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEKS 11-14 2023 13/03/2023 - 07/04/2023

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0037

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 16/03/2023

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

Proposal: Planning Permission for amendments to the landscape layout of the previously approved planning permission, Reg Ref No. D18A/0418 & ABP-303725-19. The proposed amendments will consist of 1) 6 additional car parking bays incorporated into the landscape. 2) Relocation of the ESB substation. 3) Addition of communal bin store. 4) Minor changes and detailing of landscape design, on a site of c.0.935 hectares. The proposed development is adjacent to 'Dalkey Lodge' (a protected structure)

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0039

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 16/03/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Cormac O Leary & Sarah Jenkinson, 1, Caldragh, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96T8KP

Proposal: Construction of a new single storey extension (29sqm) with rooflight above to the side of the existing three storey four bedroom end of terrace dwelling, as well as all ancillary site development works. The development will include the amendment of condition no.2(c) as it relates to no. 1 Caldragh that was attached to the permission granted by An Bord Pleanala under ABP Ref. PL06D.307001/ Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Reg. Ref. D19A/0561 that will remove the lanscape screening along the southern elevation of the end of terrace dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0148

Decision: Declare Application Invalid

Date: 16/03/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Glen Finegan, Ard Na Mara, Ardburgh 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).

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0063 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 28/03/2023
Applicant Name & Location: Richard Tynan, 4 Church Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96ET26
Proposal: Development consisting of a new vehicle entrance and provision for car parking to the front of the existing house. The works include associated site works, bin store and landscaping

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0066 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 28/03/2023
Applicant Name & Location: Aveen & Peter Gray, Epworth, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Dublin, A96X780
Proposal: Amendments to previously granted planning application reg. ref. D22B/0239 to include (i) construction of walls to enclose covered terrace to the rear, north corner of the dwelling to form an office room at ground floor level. (ii) associated alteration to north west and north east elevations. (iii) landscaping and all associated ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

Reg. Ref.: D22A/1001 **Decision:** Grant Permission. **Date:** 05/04/2023.
Applicant Name & Location: David Turner & Mairead de Barra., 23 Corrig Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 D7P3.
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.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0092 **Decision:** Grant Permission. **Date:** 06/04/2023.
Applicant Name & Location: John & Ingrid Moran., The Orchard, Torca Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 A2C2.
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.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0051 **Decision:** Grant Permission & Grant Retention. **Date:** 04/04/2023.
Applicant Name & Location: Laurence Pierce, The Mews, Victoria Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96 YY33.
Proposal: Planning permission for the conversion of an existing pitched roof conservatory room at the rear to a single-storey flat roofed room with rooflight providing an additional 1 sq. metres of floor area, minor internal alterations including two additional windows in east and west gables at ground level, provision of sliding door to kitchen to the rear at ground level and the retention of a high level double window with obscure glazing at first floor level of west gable of existing two storey dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0054 **Decision:** Request Additional Information. **Date:** 05/04/2023.
Applicant Name & Location: Tara Peterman. , Lohengrin, Torca Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96 XT93.
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.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0056 **Decision:** Grant Permission.

Date: 06/04/2023.

Applicant Name & Location: Maurice & Ann Fitzgerald., Wildwood, Mount Salus Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96 AV24.

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.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA 11-14 2023 DATED 13/03/2023 TO 07/04/2023

Reg. Ref.: D22A/1015 **Reg Date:** 20/12/2022

Location: Rear of no. 3 & 4 Bloyke, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: 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.

Council Decision: Refuse permission **Appeal Lodged:** 20/03/2023

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

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 11-14 2023 06/03/2023 - 31/03/2023

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0517 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 15/03/2023

Council's Decision: Grant permission **Location:** Castlepark School, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin a protected structure (Ref. 1405) **Proposal:** Permission. The development will consist of the construction of new vehicular and pedestrian gates & modifications to the existing roads, footpaths and kerbs to the access road from Castle park Road and the access from Castlelands top Castle Park School and to increase the height of the stone boundary wall delineating Castle Park School from the residential development to the west of the school from 1.8m to 2.4m and associated site works at Castle Park School, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. **Applicant:** Castlepark School

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Thankfully, this site visit made an impact on our Councillors and resulted in the passing of a very significant Council proposal:

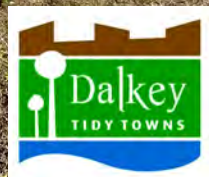
"To offer a requisite level of protection and maintenance to the site known as Eire sign #7 such that this site will be afforded protection from any future activities which may either intentionally or unintentionally

damage, undermine or remove this important historical heritage site and that this Council agrees to a reasonable level of maintenance of the site insofar as is practicable."

While the maintenance details were being organised, DTT continued to take care of the regular work as they had done since the 2018 discovery. However, on March 27th 2023, the appointed DLR Contractors arrived on site to take over the maintenance work - and that makes an enormous difference. EIRE's survival is no longer dependent on our local DTT Volunteers. THANK YOU COUNCILLORS & DLR - Our historic EIRE site should now be secured for future generations to enjoy and also be available for whatever WW2 1939/45 commemorations might take place in 2025.

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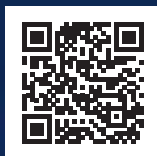
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Friday 26 May 10:30 - 11:30

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.

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Family Book Club

13 May 11:00-11:45 The Family Book Club is a great way to help children along on their independent reading journey. Each month, both adult and child read a selected book together and then come to discuss it in our monthly meeting, along with creating fun art, book-themed challenges and even library treasure hunts! Suitable for children aged 7-9 along with a parent.

A waiting list is in operation for this club so please contact staff to book a place dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or phoning (01) 285 5277.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

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

Monday 8 May 10:30 - 11:15

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Monday 22 May 10:30 - 11:15

Join us for music with Carrie, a fun interactive musical morning!

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Toddler and Parent Group for 18 months to 3 years

Friday 5 May 10:30 - 11:30

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

Friday 12 May 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 19 May 10:30 - 11:30

Join us at Dalkey Library for a music filled morning with Jessica, our music therapist!



Mermaid and Shark Blanket Sewing Workshop for Children

20 May 10:00-1:00pm

This 3hour workshop will be great fun for the beginner sewer and you will go home with your very own mermaid or shark blanket! This class is suitable for boys and girls aged 7-12 years old. Be prepared to have a WHALE of a time sewing up a storm!

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Booking is essential.

Pottery Painting Workshop for Adults *Tuesday 16 May 6pm-7:30pm*

Celebrate Spring and join us for a pottery painting session with Siobhán Brennan of Crazy Glazing. We will be painting butterfly garden ornaments which Siobhán will be glazing for us after the event.

Booking is essential.

Planting for Biodiversity **– a talk with Aoife Munn** *May 31 11:00 – 12:00*

Aoife Munn will be presenting a talk on organic growing for advanced gardeners, learn how best to improve the soil, deal with pests and grow healthy plants while supporting as much biodiversity as possible in our gardens. Plenty of time for questions and answers too. **Booking is essential.**

Junior & Leaving Cert Films

Thursday 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 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



TY Tech Sessions

Wednesday 3, 10, 17, 24 May

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A. Normal blood pressure readings are usually 120 (systolic) over 80 (diastolic). If these readings are 140/90 or higher it is diagnosed as High Blood Pressure or Hypertension. Blood pressure is measured in two numbers: the first number (systolic) records blood pressure when the pressure is at its highest (when the heart muscle squeezes out blood), and the second number (diastolic) is when the heart relaxes and allows blood to flow back into the heart.

High Blood Pressure has no symptoms and is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. The higher the blood pressure, the greater the risk. There is often no single cause for high blood pressure and it tends to run in families. It also increases as we get older so it is important to have it checked regularly to monitor for any increase in readings. Your GP may suggest a 24 hour blood pressure monitor which you wear for 24 hours and gives a more accurate overall picture.

There are certain lifestyle changes that can help to reduce blood pressure and if this is not sufficient then blood pressure lowering medication is used.

These steps are:

♥ **Know your blood pressure reading:** This is the best way to stay on top of your own

health and to have it checked regularly by a GP or Pharmacist

♥ **Aim for a healthy weight:** Even losing 10% of any excess weight you may be carrying can lower blood pressure.

♥ **Eat less salt and processed food:** Salt increases your blood pressure so try to reduce or cut out its intake, while processed food contains a lot of hidden salt. Add more vegetables, fruit and wholegrain cereals to your diet.

♥ **Drink less alcohol:** Drinking alcohol can increase your blood pressure and may cause damage to the liver and heart.

♥ **Be more active:** at least 30 minutes of moderate activity 5 times per week.

♥ **Avoid other risk factors for heart disease:** Smoking, high cholesterol and diabetes

If you are prescribed tablets for blood pressure it is important to take them as directed. These tablets lower blood pressure and prevent early ageing of blood vessels and reduce the risk of stroke and you are normally on them for life. In general they have very few side effects but if they don't suit you there are many other options for the doctor to switch you over to. Always talk to your doctor first before stopping them.

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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I have never bought Online. For two reasons;

1) I don't know how 2) I don't trust it.

This is all part of my lack of knowledge and trust of the Internet. I have a laptop, generously provided by a family member, who is a wizard on this contraption. Indeed, was it not for him the laptop would have been at the bottom of Dublin Bay long ago. I was inveigled into its use by been shown how to send an e-mail. Then I graduated to letter writing and eventually to short stories, such as this.

Of my many complaints the prime one is - the disappearing trick. How often have I written emails or replies and just as I near the end - bingo! It just disappears. I am told I am hitting some key - yet despite great care, in mid sentence it takes off - never to be seen again. Not in Drafts or Trash - gone forever - so I must do it all over again.

I have complained before with a short story entitled "*Too Many Buttons*" - which actually got a great public response. This was most consoling for I had begun to believe that I was uniquely stupid but found many fellow sufferers.

So, as so often happens when idly browsing, I came upon a Promo of interest. Now I knew from the beginning that this was a flytrap, but the subject was of great interest. So surfing the gauntlet - I clicked and listened attentively to a Medical Doctor explaining in great detail how he had developed this wonder pill which would alleviate pain. At least, and maybe cure the cause permanently. If you have been suffering from back pain, as I have for many years - anything, which might give ease, is greatly to be welcomed. In the early days I tried painkillers, anti-inflammatories, lubricants, pastes, exercises etc. Actually relief was achieved through a Pain Consultant, in a hospital setting - its theatre and various procedures as a Day Patient. The efficiency of these began to wane - relief went from 15 months to 12, then 6 and finally not worth the hassle. It is easy to see how I was attracted to this product. Chronic pain can wear you down, effect your mood and hurt.

The Challenge Given my antithesis to Online Shopping and ignorance thereof, I asked myself "*should I try it?*" I was hooked by the sales talk. The cost €70 (half price!!). Even if it was a scam the loss would not be too severe. Such were my thoughts and in a moment of weakness, I clicked on the site. What followed was as follows - a general picture - not mundane detail. I placed an order and transferred funds, following instructions. I got acknowledgements. So maybe my mistrust was misplaced.

As time rolled on no package came my way. After a month's wait I contacted them and was given a tracker number. This led nowhere. Eventually they sent me "Got it". Great, but they had found it - in Israel! Despite being

given a full accurate address, somehow "Ireland" was replaced by "Israel" in their Despatch Dept. I checked my bank. Yes, the funds had been drawn down. My worst fears of online trading were coming to roost. So back I went asking for either a refund or replacement. They opted for a replacement. Six weeks had now passed, so I settled down and waited.

In the months that followed nothing happened. Tracker numbers - Royal Mail - strikes - and *mirabile dictu!* Four months after placing my original order a package arrived. The excitement was intense, I had bought an item online.

I opened the pack to find a supply of ninety pills to aid my digestion. Wrong product! In addition the label showed that the laboratory from whence they came was in France and they sent it to me in Dublin - "Royaume Uni" (U.K.) Unbelievable!

In desperation I advised them of what had happened and explained by giving them a geography lesson. I was prepared "to close shop".

This time the reply came to me from a new name "Shane". In my response I mentioned that this was an Irish name. By return I was asked "*Conas tá tú?*"

A complimentary original is on its way - hope it's in time for Christmas!!

Brendan Flood

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We would like to start our current news with a tribute to one of our Founder Members Josie Dixon who sadly passed away recently. As one of our original members Josie appeared in twenty Productions over the years and was involved in all aspects of production for another twenty plays. She was heavily involved in all aspects of Dalkey Community activities, and readily recognised with her beaming smile, snow white hair and an enviable sense of Fashion. Even when she ceased being active in the group she was a staunch supporter attending all our shows until ill health meant she could no longer be involved. She will be sorely missed and all of our members acknowledge that without her and the other founding members we would not be the successful group we are today. May she rest in Eternal Peace.

By the time this issue of the Newsletter reaches you we will have competed in the All-Ireland Drama Festival final in Athlone with our multi award winning play *"By the Bog of Cats"* by Marina Carr. We were thrilled to be once more one of the nine finalists and are hoping that we can repeat our win in 2017. We started our journey in Dalkey Town Hall in February where our production was very well received with great attendances and really positive feedback. Our journey to eight festivals

country-wide took hard work, stamina, dedication and total involvement from cast and crew. We received excellent adjudications and acquired a host of individual awards alongside the wins that saw us through to the Finals. Two pre- Athlone shows were planned for Dalkey Town Hall and as I write this ahead of those shows all I can say is we are living in hope!!! All will be revealed in the June issue.

The rest of the members have not been idle and are currently rehearsing two One Act Plays with which to finish our current season. Everyone loves a laugh so we plan to tickle your funny bones. See our Advertisement for details of the shows which will be performed in the Lexicon Studio. One play deals with the lives of dogs in a Dog Pound. It has themes that will make you a bit sad even as you laugh. The other reveals what happens when a wife decides after twenty five years of marriage that it is time to ditch the double and buy single beds instead. Hubby is not happy..... so do come along and find out what happens.

Thank you to all the Denizens of Dalkey and our many Patrons who have supported us this season. We do appreciate your interest and look forward to delivering more Dalkey Players Drama in the Autumn.

Lua McIlraith



***Some of the Cast from
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Hi! This is Dalkey St. Patrick's NS.

The last few months we have been having a lot of events such as family day and Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish week).

On family day we sang Hakuna-matata, made play-doh and played scattergories all with our family. It was sooooo much fun!!! It was also seachtain na gaeilge! We did sooo much stuff such as the céilí and welcoming Rev. Elms (aka Ruth). We performed a song called ‘Dúlaman’

(that is the Irish word for seaweed),
to greet Ruth into our school. We're
sooooo happy to have her coming to
our parish!!!

If you're not in a good mood, just to put a smile on your face: why did the chicken cross the playground? To get to the other slide (get it)?!!

Have a fantastic day!

**Andy & Jack (3rd class)
on behalf of 3rd & 4th class**





POETRY FEIS NEWS

I was one of the competitors who took part in a recent poetry Feis. I won a bronze medal. The poem I recited was called 'Dear Adjudicator' by Paul Cullen. That's also our Drama teacher. It is about forgetting the lines of your poem. Paul Cullen also hosted the Poetry Feis. He chose my sister to give out jellies. A lot of other children recited the same poem as me. It was great fun!

Written by Max Brodka, Rang a 5

Recently I competed in a Poetry Feis in Cabinteely. There were a lot of competitors, all reciting poems.



Poetry Feis Highly Commended

Everyone who took part got a certificate and a packet of jellies. If someone came in first, second or third place they got a gold, silver or bronze medal, and a packet of jellies. The poem I recited was called 'I love me' by Kenn Nesbitt. I won a silver medal for my recital. I enjoyed it very much, it was fun!

Written by Rian Mulcahy, Rang a 5

Recently, I took part in a Poetry Feis. At the start I was a bit nervous, but not too nervous, as I had done it before and won a gold medal. There were more girls there than boys. I chose the poem 'Say What' by Bruce Lanskey. It was a lot of fun and I got a bronze medal. I was proud of how well I did!

Written by Rudy Murphy, Rang a 4



Poetry Feis Medal Winners!





THE BIG SING

We first heard about the Big Sing in January, our teacher Ms. O'Driscoll had entered us into the unknown. We started practising straight away even though it wasn't happening until the 27th March!!!!

There were 12 songs in all though some of them were medleys and they were harder to learn. On the night there would be 9 other schools singing with us so it really was a "Big Sing".

We all arrived at 5pm at the National Stadium and were brought to a gym room with a boxing ring in the middle, each school was given a portion of the room which we had to stay in and we dropped our bags and coats there. It was probably about 15 minutes later and we were brought for rehearsals. The stage was covered in lights and soon enough all the other schools took their seats too.

After rehearsals we were brought back to the "holding bay" i.e. the gym and had our lunch/dinner/snacks it was going to be a long night but there was a huge buzz in the room you could feel everyone's excitement. It was well over an hour later we went out for the performance and it was so exciting. Leading our side of the room was a guy called Seán Gilligan and he was great. On the actual stage were a band, performers, some dancers and Jake Carter was the compere, it was awesome. The band were amazing I loved the drummer (Ron Hardy) and the electric guitarist (Karl Breen) who did a solo number and he was incredible. It was a very late night and we were exhausted but it was such a great night. Thank you Ms. O'Driscoll for giving us an amazing experience.



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Welcome Bertie!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the newest addition to Castle Park School- Bertie, the school dog! It has been a long-standing request of the Student Council that we should have a dog in our School, and we're delighted to have made this a reality. After Jupiter, the pup visited the School recently, we thought he would have made a perfect addition to Castle Park due to his gentle temperament and excellent breeding stock, so our Principal travelled to Gorey to pick up Jupiter's brother, Bertie, and here we are.

Bertie will be based around the School Office and, in time, will be booked to assist in our new Sensory Room. He has already soothed pupils who

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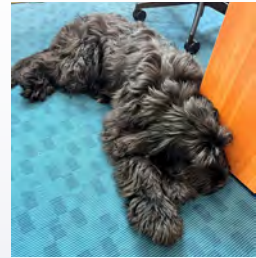


promote
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the sense that
School is a
home away
from home.

A leading and renowned principal and now academic, Anthony Seldon, said recently. *"Dogs are a powerful way of helping children feel more secure at school and offer a low-tech approach to reducing anxiety"*. Bertie will start training classes shortly to maximise the benefits he can bring to the school community.

We're thrilled to have Bertie as part of our school and are looking forward to the memories he will make.

Claire O'Sullivan
Castle Park School



photos Castle Park School



BERTIE! You can follow his adventures on Instagram @ bertiethecastleparkcanine



GRAFFITI CLASSICS

At the end of March, a band called *Graffiti Classics* came to Loreto Primary School. They had four people in their band. They were from Dublin, Japan, Spain and Poland. They all played string instruments – violins, a viola and a double bass. They kept us entertained with a variety of music types, including the combination of dance, classical, jazz and acoustic music. They played pieces of music by Beethoven and Mozart and told us about the lives of these musicians. The concert took place in the school yard and the musicians played under a gazebo. We were very lucky with the weather because it was a beautiful day and the sun was shining. Their humorous interactions with the audience made it a show that we will never forget.

Hazel Noonan in 3rd 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 series of Cluster Holy Week Services went swimmingly, including the interchurch Way of the Cross on Good Friday and the Sunrise Service on Killiney Beach at 6.30am on Easter Sunday. The cold wind would have removed all the skin from your face, but the sun made an impressive appearance and we had a very good crowd. Many thanks to all who assisted at these services, not least my clerical colleagues. Thanks also to those who took the time to decorate the church most beautifully for Easter!

The Flower Guild met

on Easter Saturday to decorate the church. Our happy band of volunteers worked efficiently and enjoyed the fellowship as

we went about our task. The flowers were supplied compliments of a generous donation from the Russell family in memory of Pam. Each week one of our number supplies and arranges the flowers for behind the Altar, this is greatly appreciated by the congregation.

Sheep Thrills are now on our Easter break having had a very industrious period making a wide variety of products with tea cosies making a comeback! All selling in the Victorian Tea Rooms Killiney. Contact Joan 087 2460078. www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney

Day Trip to Waterford

A day trip to Waterford is planned for Friday 26th May, when the bus will leave the Carry Centre at 9.30am and return around 5.30pm. We have a walking city tour booked and then there will be a couple of hours of free time. Full details are in the latest Obelisk or contact Helen Irwin on 2024497.





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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

As we enter into the Month of May, there is a great sense of Spring coming to completion. The trees and shrubs are now filling out with their foliage and the intensity of the '40 shades of green' is reaching its peak as the month unfolds.

This post Easter time is a beautiful time to experience nature and the bird song has exploded all round. It is something that we have appreciated more and more since the Covid lockdown. The world was plunged into silence as travel became restricted and people began to notice the sounds of nature which provided some respite from the effects of the pandemic.

This time of celebration after the Resurrection continues to give us insights in the new life which Jesus brought. In the coming weeks we will mark the Feast of the Ascension (21st) and the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost (28th).

The children who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion will celebrate this significant moment in their spiritual journey during the Sundays of this month. We wish them well and thank all those who have supported them on this journey: their parents, teachers and parish community.

Students preparing for the Junior Cert and Leaving Cert and third level exams are concentrating on concluding their studies. May the Spirit of God assist them in

these important days. As 6th Year Students mark their graduation from Second Level education we wish them well as they look to the next stage in their life journey.

Prayer for Examination Students

Lord, as I prepare to sit my exams
send your Holy Spirit to guide me
and be with me.

Thank you for the many talents
and gifts you have given me
and for the opportunity of education.

Keep me calm.

Help me to do the best I can
on the day of my exam.

Help me to remember all that I
have studied, to express it clearly and to
answer the questions as best I can.

Give me peace, understanding and wisdom
and be with me today and always.

Amen.

*As a follow up to the series of Lenten Talks in Our Lady's Hall during Lent, a meeting will be held on 9th May in Our Lady's Hall (7.15pm cup of tea/coffee) at 7.45pm to explore how the local Christian communities may address issues of sustainability in the context of Climate Change. Des Burke Kennedy of Dalkey Tidy Towns will make a presentation on this topic. Other guests will offer more suggestions. Looking forward to this.

Fr. Liam

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH UPDATE



Sunday Services for May

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

Church Fete

Preparations are well under way for the Fete on Saturday, 13th May. All are welcome to join us from 10am for all the fun of the Fete - Stalls, Games, Bouncing Castles, Pony Rides, Food and much more.

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.

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.



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“Never mind the next world. Let’s fix this one!”

Enough talk about climate change. Now we need to decide what to **do** - as individuals, as churches, as local community.

That was the feeling expressed by the participants at the last of Dalkey’s Inter-Church Lent Course evenings on March 21st, at which Fr. Liam Lacey and the Revd. Ruth Elmes hosted TCD professor Jacob Erickson for the last of the “Apocalypse Tomorrow?” sessions.

“Never mind the next world. Let’s fix this one!” was the dominant response; as members of the audience demanded another meeting in which options would be explored and action initiated.

So May 9th in Our Lady’s Hall was agreed as the date and place for this meeting, to which all are warmly invited. It will begin at 7.15pm with a welcoming cuppa before a formal start at 7.45pm. It will feature a special presentation by Dalkey Tidy Towns “supremo”,

Des Burke-Kennedy, who is already relishing the prospect of expanding the Tidy Towns work with members of our Dalkey faith communities and perhaps our schools. “Sustainability is the major challenge,” he says, “fostering plant and animal life, yes, but also putting an end to pollution of all kinds. We have to focus on how you and I can fix it. It may be expensive, but help is available.” Reports from Tidy Towns activists Fiona Treacy and Susan McDonnell (chair of our Community Council) will also feature at the meeting, at which we also hope to hear from schools personnel.

Another anxiety expressed on March 21st was that of the spiritual nurture of our young people, which hopefully can be addressed at a subsequent meeting.

One thing at a time!

Canon Ginnie Kennerley

SOUTH DUBLIN BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH IRELAND

May 2023 Indoor Meeting

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

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

Title: Complete Talk on Ireland’s Butterflies.

Speaker: Jesmond Harding.

Details: Jesmond is Ireland’s leading butterfly expert. He is the author of two books, *Discovering Irish Butterflies & their Habitats*, published in 2008 and *The Irish Butterfly Book*, published in 2021. His talk to the South Branch will cover all of Ireland’s butterflies, their caterpillars, foodplants and most important Irish habitats.



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May Outdoor Meeting (Dawn Chorus)

Date & time to meet: Sunday, 14th May at 4am.

Outing to: Killiney Hill Park.

Extra information: Set your alarm clocks to meet in Killiney Hill car park at the top of Burmah Road off Dalkey Avenue at 04:00.

Please be sure to dress warmly.

For a map showing the meeting place check the website

<https://www.southdublinbirds.com/events/events.php>

(the car park is at Flag 2 on the map).



Also you can use the QR to visit the website
www.southdublinbirds.com

SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 11TH APRIL 2023 HELD IN OLH.

- Correspondence:** A resident contacted DCC suggesting measures to alleviate the severe traffic problems on St. Patrick's Road. The resident also requested that DCC investigate the return of the polling station from HBS to the Town Hall. These matters will be taken up with DLR with the assistance of the Local Councillors.
- Treasurer:** The DCC Annual collection is postponed for the present. Notice will be given when it will be taking place.
- TT:** The DTT teams are continuing with their weekly routine duties. They are also busy completing the entry forms for the National Tidy Towns competition that are due to be submitted 10th May.
- Graffiti:** There were more than 15 graffiti tags removed during the month of March and thanks to Alan Winter and Des Burke-Kennedy for their tireless efforts removing these tags.
- Planning:** It has been quiet with no major applications being lodged with DLR.
- AOB:** There was great disappointment about how DLR approached the matter of creating fire breaks on Mullins and Killiney Hills and a complaint will be sent to the DLR Biodiversity Dept.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 3pm in OLH.

UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH MAY

Dalkey Community Council

April DCC Meeting Tuesday 9th May 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**
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Meditation Sessions Wednesdays at 7.00pm. **Heritage Centre**
Contact taracentredublin@gmail.com Tel +353 1 492 7136

St. Patrick's Dalkey - Church Fete Sat. 13th May, 10am- 2pm. All are welcome.

Plant Sale – 26 Hyde Park on Saturday 20th May from 2pm-4pm

St. Paul's Summer Fair on Saturday 27th May from 10:30am-2:30pm

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RTE then started using the transmitter to broadcast Radio One, and did so until the 14th of April (2023), when due to running costs the service was switched off. Some estimates suggest that it had cost 2.5% of their annual budget to run the transmitter.

Ian Macdonald, Maxtec Systems

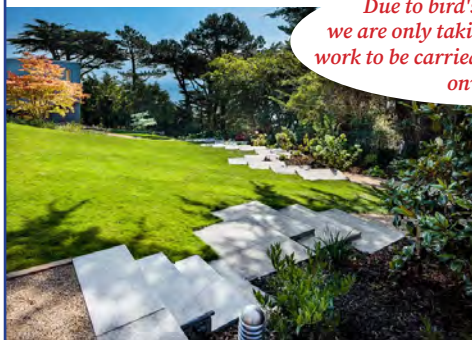


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