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### DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE

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**It's that time of year again** when we are likely to meet ladies in Edwardian costumes with flowery hats, and gentlemen in striped blazers and boaters. Fear not, we haven't gone back in time, it's the annual Bloomsday celebration.

**James Joyce's epic novel** *Ulysses* celebrates the events of one day, the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1904. The day is now known to Joyceans everywhere as Bloomsday.

There are three central characters in the novel. Stephen Dedalus is a poet and school-teacher, twenty-two years of age, staying temporarily in the Martello Tower at Sandycove and teaching at the Clifton School in Dalkey. Leopold Bloom is a thirty-eight-year-old advertisement canvasser. The third character is his wife, Molly. They live at 7, Eccles Street, Dublin.

At Dalkey Castle, we are delighted that James Joyce set Episode Two, Nestor, in Dalkey. It's a short chapter and it contains some of Stephen's inner monologues which for first-time readers could be off-putting. Apologies for the heresy, but these can be skipped to concentrate on the narrative.

**The setting is a typical classroom situation** with a teacher, Stephen, (not very well prepared) and a group of students who, at any opportunity, are likely to become unruly. One of the students, Armstrong, ("well off people, proud that their eldest son was in the Navy, Vico Road, Dalkey") is more interested in secretly devouring fig rolls, than learning.

**Stephen is examining their knowledge of the Battle of Asculum** in 279 BC, and then moves on to *Lycidas*, until the class encourage him to tell jokes. Stephen's various attempts at humour: defining a pier as a 'disappointed bridge' go right over his students' heads. They are bewildered at his 'fox burying his grandmother under a holly bush' joke, and so are we.

**Eventually, the students decamp to play hockey** and Stephen is left helping a weak student, Sargent, with Algebra. Here, we see Stephen's tender side on a one-to-one basis and in his inner monologue we empathise with his sadness at his mother's death and his guilt at being unable to pray with her before she died.

The scene livens up considerably when Mr. Deasy arrives to pay Stephen his wages. The Headmaster is proud of his Unionist background. He holds very dogmatic views on countless topics, ranging from history to Foot-and-Mouth disease, to the 'necessity' of keeping the Jews out of Ireland. On every matter, he is wrong.

**Stephen is paid 3 pounds twelve shillings**, but we already know that he owes about £25 to ten or more people. He has no intention of paying off any of his debts, as he has arranged to meet Buck Mulligan in the Ship pub at 12.30.

**One of the most interesting anachronisms in the chapter** is that Stephen takes Deasy's letter on Foot-and-Mouth disease to the Evening Telegraph. In the letter, Deasy has a solution which he is certain will cure the disease. Joyce is using poetic licence here, as the article wasn't actually published until 1912.

Earlier, Stephen had left the Martello Tower in Sandycove where he had spent the night.

Two other young men also stayed there on that Thursday night, Buck Mulligan (based on Oliver St. John Gogarty) and Haines (based on an Englishman, Samuel Chenevix Trench). The actions and conversations of the three men form the basis for Episode One of *Ulysses*.

**The opening lines of the novel are well known:** "Stately plump Buck Mulligan came from the stairhead bearing a bowl of lather on which a mirror and a razor lay crossed." Most significantly, during the night, Haines had woken from a nightmare about a black panther.



He took his handgun and fired at the imaginary animal. Buck Mulligan grabbed the gun and fired at the pots and pans above the bed of Stephen Dedalus. Stephen took the hint: they wanted him to move on from the Tower.

**After breakfast, Buck Mulligan goes for a swim in the Forty Foot** and Stephen walks along Ulverton Road and up Dalkey Avenue to start his morning's teaching in the Clifton School.

As with all of Joyce's fiction, the events described in Episodes One and Two are rooted in the reality of the writer's own life: three months teaching in Dalkey in the Spring of 1904, and six days spent in the Tower at Sandycove in September of that year. Both had a profound impact on his life. He realised that he was not suited to teaching and the shooting incident convinced him to leave Ireland.

**On 8th October 1904, he left for the continent with Nora Barnacle**. He dedicated *Ulysses* to her by setting the events of the novel on 16th June 1904 – the day they first walked out together, the day now known as Bloomsday.

Here in Dalkey Castle, we recreate the Dalkey Schoolroom Scene at 3.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> June. This is followed by a Guided Joycean Walk, led by Joe Dunne, to the actual Schoolroom setting.

**On 15<sup>th</sup> June, we stage A Joycean Evening at 8.00pm** with tasters from much of Joyce's work. Baritone, Simon Morgan and Soprano, Donna Malone, ably accompanied by Josh Johnston (photo) enhance the extracts with appropriately chosen music and song.

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There are only a few solitary raggedy remains of flowers left on the Flowering Currant but its well entitled to wind down as this, and every year, from late winter to early summer it continually produced clusters of dangling pink flowers. In the cold days of March it would often hum with the sound of the earliest bumblebees on the wing.

Those bumblebees would have been queens that had overwintered and were now out looking for pollen and nectar and were finding it in great profusion on the flowering currant. At the other end of summer it's again of great value to wildlife as the berries are very popular with birds.

It looks so natural and comfortable in the garden, where we've had a few self seeded bushes for as long as I can remember, I had always presumed it was a native plant. It was only very recently I discovered flowering currant is actually native to the north west United States and had been brought to Europe by the very accomplished Scottish botanist and plant hunter, David Douglas who the Douglas Fir conifer is named after. Douglas undertook some very adventurous plant hunting expeditions, two to the United States beginning in 1823 and a third final expedition to Hawaii in 1834.

The Royal Horticultural Society funded his travels and he turned out to be a very good investment as he introduced 240 species of plants to Britain including valuable timber trees such as Sitka Spruce and Lodgepole Pine and many other trees including the Monterey Pine and the aforementioned Douglas Fir. He also collected and introduced to Europe many popular garden plants including Lupin, Penstemon and California Poppy.



But it was the popularity of the Flowering Currant with gardeners that prompted one member of the Society to comment that his expeditions would have been worthwhile even if that was the only plant he'd ever brought back.

While visiting an arboretum in England last year a display board beside a Douglas Fir tree provided the curious fact that David Douglas had been killed by a bull in Hawaii. I remembered that sign recently and had a look online to find out more about what seemed a bizarre incident.



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There's a fascinating online archive which has reproduced hundreds of pages of diaries which Douglas kept for all his expeditions recording his travels and what were often perilous adventures and of course he meticulously recorded plants, fruit, vegetables and trees he came across.

But sadly the journal is tail ended by an account of his death in a letter from missionaries who were the first to hear of it. Apparently he fell into a pit trap which had been dug and covered over with the intention of catching wild cattle and he was gored to

death by a bull which had also been trapped. But there was strong suspicions voiced that an escaped convict and bullock hunter who was the last person to see him alive might have robbed him and may have had a part in his death. The circumstances of how he met his end left many unanswered questions but either way it was a tragic end to a great botanist and plant collector. David Douglas who'd achieved so much died at the tragically young age of 35.

Douglas Fir are one of the easier conifers to identify as their cones have trident shaped bracts growing out from under the scales of the cones. Apparently it was Native American people who said mice would hide in the cones to shelter from forest fires and described the cones as looking like a mouse had been trapped under the scales with just its hind legs and tail protruding.

A Douglas Fir growing in Powerscourt is the tallest tree in Ireland at fifty six metres though it's in a private section of the grounds beside the river and sadly not accessible to the general public unless you have an annual membership.

There used to be two Douglas Fir growing on the eastern flank of Killiney Hill which may have been two of the tallest trees in the parkland. Tragically one of them was a casualty to one of a series of fires that devastated the hill in 1995. Usually fires in the parkland would race through the gorse, scorching but not usually fatally damaging trees. But that summer after a long sustained period of drought had many serious wildfires across the country including the one that burned off most of the vegetation on The Sugar Loaf which took years to recover. The fire brigade would extinguish the fires but the parched soil would still be simmering under the ground like a peat fire and could often flare up again. That's what happened on

Killiney Hill when an earlier fire that had died down flared up again at night, spread down the hill and burnt the base of one of the two Douglas Firs. By morning the giant tree had collapsed, falling against the slope where it still lies, a sad skeleton with the stumps of broken branches protruding. Thankfully the other Douglas Fir still stands proudly towering over the surrounding trees. The Douglas Fir is a favourite food for red squirrels, perhaps because the cone scales

are softer and more pliable than many other conifers. Many decades ago, in the late 70s or 80s, I'd sat down on a rock to watch a red squirrel near the top of one of those trees. At the time Killiney Hill had uniformed park keepers who wore peaked caps and one appeared and inquired politely what was attracting my attention. He became very friendly and chatty when I showed him the squirrel and explained his concern as he'd recently came across some guys on the hill armed with a crossbow.

That was the first time I can remember seeing a red squirrel in the woods. Sadly apt if that was the first time I'd seen one there as the last time we saw them on the hills, in July 2018, the two adults and two juveniles reds we saw were also feeding on Douglas Fir.



Red Squirrels are very partial to the seeds of Douglas Fir cones, above and previous page.

## **HUNTERS**

**The Dalkey team** are proud to celebrate ten years in our Dalkey office and wish to thank all our clients and friends for their business and support over this time.

It's been a pleasure being part of the Dalkey community and we look forward to welcoming you into our offices to discuss the sale, purchase and letting of your properties for another ten years!

Many thanks, The Team at Hunters Dalkey, Clare Fahy, Finuala Byrne, Andrea McAdam, Rowena Quinn, Selina Breheny & Caroline McArdle

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#### The Follies Trust

Dr. Finbar McCormick will present 'The Kilbixy mausoleum and the Malone family' at 5.30pm on Tuesday June 6th in the Irish Architectural Archive, 45, Merrion Square North, Dublin 2 All are welcome - admission is free.

#### **Dublin City Libraries**

Dr. Mary Muldowney will present 'The 'arms dump' that ended the Civil War in May' at 1pm on Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> in Dublin Central Library, Ilac Centre, Henry Street, Dublin 1. Admission is free but as places are limited booking

### **Publications**

Featured articles in the May/June 2023 issue of **History Ireland** magazine, published by Wordwell Ltd., include 'St. Sunniva - Ireland's medieval martyrqueen' by Meredith Cutrer; 'Castilian-Irish trade in the later Middle Ages' by Gonzalo Franco-Ordovás; 'Hugon



come erindwards
- James Joyce's
Hugenots' by Martin
Green; 'The 1755
Lisbon earthquake
and tsunami and
the impact on the
coast of Cork' by
Michael Gibbons;
'Gypsies in Ireland

- a Hiberno-Romany community' by David Joyce; 'Laurence Ginnell (1852-1923), one of the truly global figures of the Irish revolution' by Paul Hughes; 'Born from fire - the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland at 100' by Tim Murtagh and Stephen Scarth; and 'Somewhere entirely different - Inisheer in the 1960s' by Dennis Boyle, plus all the regulars and book reviews.

### **Dalkey - Looking Back**

On May 24th 1933 people watching an Irish Aero Club de Haviland single engine Gipsy Moth aircraft, piloted by Major Sam Dunckley with one passenger, Edward D. Clayson, flying around Dalkey Island, were horrified to see the aircraft suddenly fail to recover from a low level loop and crash into the sea resulting in the death of its occupants.

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### **Foxrock Local History Club**

Publication No. 87 'Fell Down,

Knocked Down, Slipped in - Four Fatal Mishaps in Dalkey 1890 -1913' by James Scannell, recalls four significant accidents that occurred in around Dalkey

including



the 1897 fatal accident to cyclist Margaret O'Donnell who was thrown underneath a tram as the result of glancing blow off another street vehicle and the Easter 1913 drowning of brothers Ernest and Frederick Quikley in a boating accident in a water filled disused quarry. Copies of this publication will be on sale at the May 16th meeting of the Foxrock Local History Club or can be ordered via

www.foxrocklocalhistory.ie.



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James Scannell

### DALKEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The Dara Summer Concert will be held in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 24th June at 7:30pm.Tickets €10.

All Welcome!



### RESIDENTS PARKING ENTITLEMENTS



### Dear Editor,

It is to be hoped that the Organisers of the Bloomsday Festival, (15th &16th June 2023), Dalkey Book Festival, (15th to18th June 2023), Dalkey Vintage Festival (5th June 2023), will ALL provide proper and controlled parking facilities for the duration of EACH Festival and STOP clogging up Public Roads in Central Dalkey (especially St. Patrick's Road) as if they were all FREE Public Car Parks, which they are NOT under the Road Traffic (Consolidated) Act 1961, when the Government of the day introduced THEIR concept of Paid Parking and told motorists

that Public Roads would NO longer be Free Public car parks after the Act came into operation as Road space was a valuable commodity which Local Councils were entitled to charge a FEE for parking.

ALL Residents living in Central Dalkey MUST pay for a Resident's Parking Permit if they wish to park AT or NEAR their homes. Flat and Apartment residents are NOT entitled to Permits under Council Bye Laws!!

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A resident, Saint Patrick's Road.





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the thrill of

against friends from the community and the community of parents and supporters enjoyed the opportunity to connect and celebrate the sport together. Thank you to our headline sponsors Affinity Advisers for their support and to the many others in the community who contributed including SuperValu, CaterHire, Sia Partners, Bel Gelato, Red Flag, Home Instead and Mason Haves & Curran.

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In 1793, France declared war on England. The peace was short lived. Napoleon Bonaparte already ruled half of Europe, saw England as his hated enemy. Hoping to use Ireland as a springboard to attack England, 1,000 French troops landed here at Killala in County Mayo in 1798 but that venture failed. Now the challenge was to fortify England's coasts to prepare for the next French invasion. Four years earlier, in 1794, two ships of the British Navy, HMS Fortitude and HMS Juno, with a total of 106 guns on board, failed to blast their way in to Corsica. A single tower at Mortella Point, armed with just one six-pounder and two 18 pounder guns, held off the British Navy. The tower withheld the bombardment. Learning from this, the Duke of York commanded Prime Minister William Pitt to survey

England's south coast and construct copies of Mortella Point's tower, now referred to as Mortello Towers. The first was constructed in 1796 in South Africa and shortly afterwards in Canada, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, Delhi, Mauritius, Bermuda and Tobago.

The towers on England's south coast each required 500,000 clay bricks, all shipped down the Thames. Seventy-three towers were completed, placed 600 yards apart, followed by another twenty-nine towers on England's east coast. By 1812, the construction was completed. The walls, over 30ft high and 13ft thick on the seaward side and 6ft thick on the landward side, were bonded with hot lime mortar-giving them a very hard outer shell. Access was by way of ladder to the first floor.



The roof mounted 2.5 ton rotating gun placed on a swivel, fired a 24lb shot, accurate to almost one mile! Shafts in the walls provided air and rainwater from the roof was directed to a cistern in the basement.

Island Ireland's Bere saw first Martello Tower. Others followed in Wexford, Waterford, Cork, Galway, Athlone, Drogheda, Lough Swilly and Lough Foyle. Work began in 1804 on the east coast around Dublin. As part of the chain of defences of the British Empire, between 1804 and 1806, 26 towers and 10 gun batteries were constructed between Bray and Balbriggan alone. Hewn granite blocks were used instead of clay bricks, each tower being 40ft in diameter, 30ft high and closely jointed. Between Bray and Dalkey alone, an enemy ship would have come under fire from five towers and batteries containing 17 cannon,

including 56 and 68 pounder guns. Stone from Dalkey Common was used for the Dalkey Island tower. This was one of only four with two cannon on the roof and was the most costly of all 26 towers in the area. It was also unique as it had no entrance door. Access was only by roof ladder to avoid attack from the land side of the tower. This was manned and armed till 1886. In 1913, it was leased to Irish Lights and later sold to Dalkey Urban District Council for the great sum of €575. Today, it is in the hands of DLRCC. A service door was added in later years. Hopefully, an information panel will be erected in the area to inform the public of this fascinating and wonderful local Dalkey landmark.

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### PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - WEEKS 15-19 2023 10/04/2023 - 12/05/2023

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/0233 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12/04/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Castle Park School DAC, Castlepark School, Castlepark Road,

Dalkey, Dublin

**Proposal:** A proposed kindergarten classroom with toilet block and associated play area adjoining existing kindergarten classroom. All with associated site works. A Protected structure RPS Ref no. 1405.

**Application Type:** Permission

**Reg. Ref.:** D23B/0172 **Application Rec'd Date:** 14/04/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Patrick Cremin, Ormond, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Dublin,

A96PK29

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing 21sqm single storey extension to rear and 16.5sqm single storey shed along western boundary, construction of 4sqm single storey extension to side (west) and 63.6sqm two storey extension (including dormer over existing) to the rear (total extended area 67.6sqm) and refurbishment of existing 123 sqm dormer bungalow, provision of extended hardstand parking area to front and all associated works.

**Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0240 Application Rec'd Date: 06/04/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Eileen O'Sullivan, Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96XT80 **Proposal:** Construction of 6 no. dwelling houses including boundary treatment, circulation road within site and driveways, connections to mains sewer and water including ancillary works.

Declare Application Invalid: 26/04/2023

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0258 Application Rec'd Date: 20/04/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Donal & Katrin O'Connell, Fern Hill, Vico Road, Killiney, Dublin, A96H526 (Architectural Conservation Area)

**Proposal:** (a) A two storey extension to both sides of the rear return. Total extended area = 37m2. (b) Solar panels to the southwestern side of the rear return roof. (c)Alteration and reduction in floor area of an existing street level domestic garage. (d) Construction of a 12.5m2 garden shed in the side garden. (e) Extension of an existing vehicular parking area to accomodate 2 No. cars. (f) Adjustments and extensions to existing to existing boundary and garden walls. (g) New sliding sash windows, casement windows and new external doors. (h) re-roofing in natural slates. (i) Drainage and landscaping works within the curtilage of the site. House located in an ACA.

**Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0259 Application Rec'd Date: 20/04/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Glenn Brien, 14, Railway Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96X0C7

**Proposal:** 1) Demolition of existing rear returns and external access stairs. Partial demolition of existing rear elevation to connect into new works and increased window openings onto proposed courtyard. 2) Refurbishment and extension of existing house. 3) Construc-

tion of new 3 storey flat roof rear return extension. 4) New extension to include a courtyard matching next door No. 13, rooflights and a glass screened first floor terrace and garden access stairs. 5) All ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

**Application Type:** Permission

**Reg. Ref.:** D22A/0402 **Application Rec'd Date:** 10/06/2022

Applicant Name & Location: East Coast Heritage Limited, The Queen's Public House and

Restaurant (Protected Structure), Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Planning permission for the construction of a guesthouse accommodation to the rear. The proposed development includes the construction of 30 bedrooms of guest accommodation, including two suites and two accessible rooms, in 2 no. two-storey, flat-roofed wings set in a landscaped garden, with a covered walkway link from the bar/restaurant to the new accommodation wings, along with all associated works.

**Application Type:** Permission

**Further Information:** Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds) 04/01/2023 **Clarification FI Recd:** Clarification of Further Info (New Adds) 27/04/2023

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0271 **Application Rec'd Date:** 25/04/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Ian Curley, Sunnyside, Vico Road, Killiney, Dublin, A96YF97 **Proposal:** Permission and retention of minor amendments to house as previously permitted under reg ref D18A/0219 (ABP Ref: ABP-302553-18) as follows: 1 Permission for: Amendment to permitted western boundary wall from permitted rubble coursing wall on top existing boundary wall to proposed timber screen fixed to inner face of wall. 2) Retention permission for: reconfiguration of the front door/entrance foyer/bike storage area on the northern elevation. Widening of the vehicle entrance ramp within the site and subsequent minor relocation of the existing retaining ramp wall on the north-eastern part of the site. Reduction in the area of the permitted level -1 on the eastern part of the site resulting in a reduction of overall floor area by 45.7sqm and subsequent reduction on Level -1 external terrace. Amendment to permitted site landscaping including ommission of stair access on the west elevation of the house. Minor alterations to permitted external finishes and elevations.

**Application Type:** Permission for Retention

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0274 **Application Rec'd Date:** 25/04/2023

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

Dublin, A96CRK8

**Proposal:** Retention 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).

Declare Application Invalid: 04/05/2023

**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

Further Information: Additional Information 24/04/2023 (New Adds)

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0315 **Application Rec'd Date:** 12/05/2023

Applicant Name & Location: John & Teresa Mullen, 2, Mount Salus Road, Dalkey, Dublin,

A96K685

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for: 3 no. garden structures to the rear garden including 1no. greenhouse, 1no. potting shed and 1no. storage shed and all associated site works. A Protected Structure.

**Application Type:** Permission

**Reg. Ref.:** D23B/0218 **Application Rec'd Date:** 11/05/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Mark Neville & Niamh Casey, Marlow, Green Road, Dalkey,

Dublin, A96W728

**Proposal:** Retention and completion of the further extension of the existing ground floor terrace by 1.0m to rear/north east elevation with new glazed balustrade and structural supports. An extension of 1.2m was permitted under Reg Ref D22A/0313. All associated drainage, structural support and site works.

**Application Type:** Permission

### PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEKS 15-19 2023 10/04/2023 - 12/05/2023

**Reg. Ref.:** D18A/0480/E **Decision:** Grant Extension Of Duration Of Perm. **Date:** 14/04/2023 **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.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0102 **Decision:** Grant Permission For Retention **Date:** 14/04/2023 **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.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23B/0069 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 14/04/2023 **Applicant Name & Location:** Paul & Nikki Cathcart, Santon, 39 Killiney Road, Killiney, Dublin, A96PP73

**Proposal:** Amendments and modifications to the permission granted for a garage conversion, single floor extension and conversion of the attic at this detached bungalow - all under Reg. Ref. D21B/0655, The amendments to include: retention of garage, no bay extension to front, reduced demolitions, reduced ground floor extension - the overall habitable ground floor reduced from permitted 193sqm to 171sqm, reducing 2 permitted dormers to one central dormer on north elevation. 3 Velux omitted from south elevation of roof and one additional to elevation to North. Reduction in proposed fenestration to rear/east & north elevations. Some internal modifications and all associated demolitions, decoration, drainage and site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0150 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 19/04/2023 **Applicant 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.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23B/0078**Decision:** Grant Permission For Retention **Date:** 21/04/2023 **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.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0158 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 28/04/2023 **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 east 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.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0160 **Decision:** Grant Permission & Grant Retention **Date:** 02/05/2023 **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.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA -WEEKS 15-19 2023 10/04/2023 - 12/05/2023

None for Dalkey Area

### APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA -WEEKS 15-19 2023 10/04/2023 - 12/05/2023

**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0464 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Appeal Decided:** 05/05/2023

Council Decision: Refuse permission

Location: The Barn, Atmospheric Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin, A96TN90

Proposal: Permission for a resedential development on an overall site of approx 0.26 ha. The proposed development shall provide for (a) the demolition of a two-storey residential dwelling and attached single storey outbuildings on site (total floor area approx. 501.58 sq m); and (b) the construction of 22 no. resedential apartment units in the form of 1 no. 4 storey residential apartment block over part under croft basement level/part basement level. The development shall provide for 2 no. studio apartment units, 18 no. 2 bed apartment units, and 2 no. 3 bed apartment units, ranging in size from approx. 43.77 - 165.17 sq.m, all with assoicated private balcony/terrace areas. Vehicular and pedestrian access is proposed via Atmospheric Road. The proposed development shall also provide for 19 no. car parking spaces (9 no. spaces at under croft basement level and 10 no. spaces at surface level); a new single storey bicyle/ bin storeage building (approx 75 sqm) at the entrance to the site to accomodate a storeage area for 27 no. bicycles spaces (approx 45 sqm) and a bin storeage area (approx 30 sqm); 4 no. cargo bicycle spaces in a lock up area at under croft basement level; a new public bicycle storage lock up (including 2 no. electric bicycle charging points), bicycle sharing facility and public seating area along Atmospheric Road; storage areas for apartments at basement level; all open space areas including play area; all boundary treatment: green roofs; solar panels; site services and all associated site development and landscaping works

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

#### **EVENTS FOR CHILDREN**

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

Monday 12 June 10:30 - 11:15

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.

#### Monday 26 June 10:30 - 11:15

Join us for Baby Book Club, a fun interactive morning in our Junior section! **Booking is essential for all dates.** 





### Toddler and Parent Group for 18 months to 3 years

Friday 02 June 10:30 - 11:30

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

#### Friday 09 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 16 June 10:30 - 11:30

Join us at Dalkey Library for a fun interactive and music filled morning with Carrie!

#### Friday 23 June 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.

#### Friday 30 June 10:30 - 11:30

Toddler Book Club, join library staff for story time and associated craft! **Booking is essential for all dates.** 

#### **Family Book Club**

24 June 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.

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### Sign Up for Summer Stars!

From 14 June - 31 Aug

#### Be a Summer Star!

Summer Stars is an exciting reading-based programme which is available free of charge to all children. Each child is invited

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#### CBI Book Doctors at the Book Clinic at Dalkey Library!

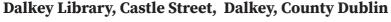
17 June 10:00-2:00pm

Dalkey Library is delighted to announce that we will be hosting the CBI Book Doctors on June 17 as part of Dalkey Book Festival! It's sure to be busy so drop in early on the day to get a personal consultation and pick up your next fantastic read! No need to book, all welcome.

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

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### Changes to watch out for are:

- Change in shape changed from a round and regular shape to an irregular shape or ragged edges
- Change in **size** mole growing larger
- Change in **colour** either changing or losing its colour
- · Looking red or inflamed
- If it is **bleeding**, oozing or crusting
- If it feels **different** for example becomes itchy or painful

Not all melanomas develop from moles so it is important to regularly check

your skin all over your body from head to toe every month. Becoming familiar with what moles, freckles and marks are normal for you and noting any changes will allow for early detection and treatment.

#### Issues to look out for are:

- Small lump
- Flat, red spot
- · Firm, red lump
- A lump or spot that is tender to touch
- An ulcer that will not heal
- A lump with a scaly or horny top
- Rough, scaly patches
- A new or changing mole

These may not be anything concerning but it is always advised to have them looked at for peace of mind and to deal with any potential issues as early as possible.

Always make an appointment with your GP if you are worried.

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dealing with issues that affect the community, producing and publishing
the monthly newsletter. These activities require financing
and the council is in urgent need of funds.

The DCC envelope accompanies this newsletter and donations may be collected or returned to your Road Rep. Your donation in the envelope can be dropped into Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street or placed in the DCC post box in the front room of Our Lady's Hall.

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Car Theft/Theft from Vehicles The crime prevention officer for the Dun Laoghaire area Sergeant Malone has advised of a recent increase in car thefts around the Dun Laoghaire area. The Gardai have asked to raise awareness of this with the public and circulate a few simple pointers on how best to prevent this particular crime from happening to you. Local Councillor Justin Moylan

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WE DID IT . . . We are thrilled to be the winners of the seventieth All Ireland Drama Festival in 2023 and our hopes were royally fulfilled. Once again, we are the holders of the lovely Trophy that we first won in 2017.

#### We achieved:

**Best Play** By the Bog of Cats by Marina Carr

**Best Director** Emma Jane Nulty **Best Actress** Sarah Coughlan

Best Lighting Barry Donaldson & Emma Mulligan

**Best Stage Management** Siobhan Caskie & Teresa Tzille

Scholarship to the DLI Drama Summer School in Limerick University Anna Kilcoyne and also Nominations Best Set

Best supporting Actor Dermot Byrne

Dalkey Players, directed by Emma Jane Nulty, were crowned RTÉ All Ireland Drama champions for their performance of 'By The Bog of Cats' by Marina Carr at the awards ceremony in Athlone's Radisson Blu Hotel on Saturday night 6<sup>th</sup> May last as the curtain came down on the RTÉ All Ireland Drama Festival. The festival is held under the auspices of the Amateur Drama Council of Ireland (ADCI) who celebrates its 70th anniversary this year.

'By the Bog of Cats' by Marina Carr premiered at Dublin's Abbey Theatre in October 1998. The play takes place in the Midlands. Loosely based on Greek mythology, it







contains many mystical and mythical elements, including ghosts, curses, and references to witchcraft. Its themes include land ownership, motherhood, betrayal/abandonment, and ethnic prejudice. No strangers to Athlone, Dalkey Players previously won the All-Ireland in 2017.

Emma Jane Nulty won the Best Director award. The Adjudicator, Paula Dempsey commended her for her creative approach and unique directorial choices.

In addition to best director, Sarah Coughlan, Dalkey Players, who played Hester Swaine won the award for best actress. Anna Kilcoyne, won the John Butler scholarship for her role as 'Black Wing'. Dalkey Players also took home

**Best Stage** Managemember who won numerous ment, awards on the circuit for Most Siobhan Caskie and Teresa Tzille and **Best Stage** Lighting, Barry Donaldson

and Emma Mulligan.

Nominations were also awarded for Best Set and Dermot Byrne for Best supporting Actor.

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President Michael D was in
Gran Canaria to celebrate
his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

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# LITTER PICKING IN OUR LOCALITY

Litter is waste in the wrong place and is always caused by humans. Litter can ruin the appearance of our beautiful town; Dalkey. Litter has many forms and many sources, from a sweet wrapper thrown on the street to a dumped bag of rubbish or a fly-tipped load of rubble. Local Authorities spend millions every year cleaning the streets of Ireland and trying to prevent people from dumping their waste illegally. We, at Harold Boys' N.S., feel that the money and effort spent on this could be spent on better things!

Most schools have a litter problem to some degree. The first challenge on the way to becoming a Green School is to prevent and reduce the amount of litter in the school grounds and to raise awareness about the problems associated with litter.

It was for these reasons that we recently went litter picking in our local community. As we are a proud Green School, we value our community and strive to look after it by keeping it clean. Each class chose a different area, close to our school, and decided to pick up any rubbish we found lying around. We were surprised at the amount of litter we picked up, but are glad to be positively impacting our



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# SPRINGINTO ACTION .....

The PTA in our school organise a Spring Market, this year in 6th class our PTA rep was "Stephen" Ruby's Dad. He came into our class to see what ideas we could come up with. We decided on a Carnival theme, we made posters and bunting and we made prizes i.e. our famous Rock Pets. We were all asked did we want to help on stalls or volunteer to help. I didn't volunteer for anything because I didn't think I was going to be there. I have a passion for animals in particular "horses" and I go to the stables every weekend, so that's my weekends sorted with my besties, Gen, Ruth and Fia. But I really didn't want to miss the Market so I asked my Mom could I bring my friends to the Market during the Stables and she said YES! The Market was packed and

we were starving after mucking out the stables, it's hungry work !!! We started off with "Becky's" famous waffles and then we headed to the nearest cake stall, everything was delicious. We stayed till the end of the Market and I introduced my friends to my class mates, it was a great day.

By Amber Smith

Myself and Amber volunteered with a few others in our class to paint the pet rocks, we were very creative. I volunteered to do Face Painting on the day, I arrived early and set up my area, it turned out I was the only one doing the Face painting and it was very, very, very busy. I think I got one 10 min break in the whole day but it was really successful and I had a great time.

By Sadhbh Swan





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# A Busy Month of Exciting Activities & Events at Castle Park School!

### **Grandparents & Special Person Day**

We were delighted to host our annual 'Grandparents and Special Person Day' this month. Every pupil had the opportunity to invite a special guest to join in on the day and experience first-hand the nurturing environment in which our pupils thrive.

### **Summer Term Trips and Activities**

Form IV took a trip back in time at The Irish National Heritage Park in Wexford, while Form I went on a Treetop Walk at Avondale House, bringing them 'Beyond the Trees'. Form III travelled to St. Stephen's Green, where they boarded the Viking Splash bus/boat and had an enjoyable picnic in St. Stephen's Green. Finally, Form II took a trip to the Butler's Chocolate Factory, and each pupil became a Chocolatier for the day.



The weekly Summer Term sailing lessons have commenced, and we recently had an explosively Friday in the assembly hall when we had a visit from Junior Einstein Science Club.

#### **The Early Years Department**

The Children in the Early Years Department have been busy learning all about the Spring and Summer, sowing sunflower seeds and painting beautiful cherry blossoms. The Kindergarten 2 class has started its introduction to Forest School and is enjoying learning and exploring a new outdoor environment.

#### Writer of the Month

There was great excitement about the launch of our first Writer of the Month competition, created to celebrate the excellent writing skills displayed by pupils in our classrooms.

## Claire O'Sullivan Castle Park School







#### **Our Class Tour of Dublin Castle**

On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April our class went on a school tour to Dublin Castle. First, we all walked down to the DART station and hopped on the DART just in time! We arrived in town and walked through Trinity College and Temple Bar. When we arrived at Dublin Castle, we ate our small break in the courtyard under the sun.

We were then split into two groups and our tour guide, Tristan, told us all about the history of the castle. We visited the Viking excavation and Tristan gave us all sorts of fun facts about the ruins. He told us that the Vikings actually used blood, hair and eggs to build their walls. They kept gunpowder in these towers, so when in the 1600's there was a fire in the castle, they had to blow it up before it would reach the gunpowder and set the whole of Dublin city on fire!

We then passed through the moat, which lots of people had tossed coins into for good luck. Tristan told us that it flowed into the Liffey at such a slow pace that it looked as if it wasn't moving at all.

Next, we visited the State Apartments. We walked up the Battleaxe Staircase and through the State Corridor and saw all the presidential portraits. After

into the throne room. We were told that the throne was so huge because King George IV who it was built for, was an extremely large man.

The drawing room was very interesting. We learned a lot of new facts there. Tristan told us that the women would play cards and gossip in the 'gossip chair' and that the reason the mirrors were floor length was in order for the women to be able to quickly glance down to check if their ankles were on show, as at the time it was considered scandalous to show them.

The dining room had paintings of former kings and queens of England all along the

walls. The oldest was from the

year 1800! We were told that the dining room used to have a table that stretched the entire length of the room, seating a huge amount of people. The servants would look through mirrors to see if anyone needed to be attended to, as they weren't supposed to be seen by the public.

The last room we saw was St. Patrick's



Hall where beautiful paintings covered the ceilings. People would dance here and every Irish president has been inaugurated under the Irish flag at the top of the room.

After a very interesting tour, we had a picnic lunch outside in the Dubh Linn garden. When we finished our lunch, we lined up and began our journey back to the DART station. Ms. Towell and Ms. O'Neill gave us all Haribo jellies and we snacked on those

as we walked. When we finally arrived at the DART station, Shayla played a lovely song on the piano in the station as we waited for the DART to arrive.

We had a great day and learned a lot on our tour of Dublin Castle. It was very interesting to learn about what life was like in Dublin long ago, very different to our lives now.

Laoise Randles in 5th Class

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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 sympathies are with the family of Fred Kay, whose funeral was on 13th of April. We especially remember Robin and Susan in our prayers. On 2nd May, Deirdre Rogerson was laid to rest in Dean's Grange cemetery after the funeral in Holy Trinity, taken by Rev Gary Dowd. Please remember her



daughter Heather in your prayers.

Y Club is taking a break for the summer and will restart again towards the end of September. Thank you to everyone who supported our meetings and outings during the year. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the Carry Centre in September.

Sheep Thrills all is good at our weekly meetings with super designs coming in from our very creative members. The purses for St. Patrick's Cathedral are selling well. A good cross-section of product can be bought at the Victorian Tea Rooms Killiney Hill Park. Wool is always welcome when spring cleaning. Contact Joan 087 2460078



**And as if by magic** the Dalkey Community Preschool Playgroup is approaching its **50**<sup>th</sup> year! Although all our crucial core values of child-based learning and community involvement remain as strong as ever there are plenty of other things changing at the Playgroup.

Our wonderful manager from the last few years is moving on to take up a role in Pobal. Sarah has brought the sparkle back to the playschool that was so needed after the madness of Covid. Ringing in joyful new changes - building materials for the kids to construct interesting structures in the garden, mud kitchens, reading couches and tons more. We wish Sarah every success in her new role, she'll be sincerely missed by everyone at DCPP.

As Sarah leaves, Niamh and Vicki arrive! Niamh has recently joined us and already has made incredible bonds with the children and slotted seamlessly into the team. We are also delighted to welcome Vicki as our new manager. She brings a wealth of experience and it's always very exciting to see the benefits change can bring.

We must mention the endless work and unending enthusiasm of our long-term staff Brendan, Annette and Karen. Their joint ability to keep the learning so fresh and the children so engaged is nothing short of miraculous. Without our team we would not have such a magical Playgroup.

Thank you!



#### **Get Involved!**

Despite a dedicated staff we often need a hand! If you have a FETAC level 5 qualification in early years childcare and would like to be placed on our relief panel, please contact us at dalkeycpp@gmail.com

And lastly, wonderful plans are afoot! A full refurbishment of the DCPP premises is planned. It's long overdue and will make an incredible difference to everyone involved from the children to staff. Unfortunately, the works will come with the predictably enormous price tag. If you are in a position to make a donation or perhaps you have a business willing to sponsor us, we would love to hear from you. Support from the local community has been fundamental to the success of the Playgroup and is always enthusiastically received!

## **JUNE THOUGHTS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION**



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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

**June** is upon us, and these long days are reaching their peak. The full flush of foliage has covered the trees and flowers are in profusion. From the bright green of early spring the leaves on the trees assume a deeper shade. So the month is a busy month for schools as the Leaving Cert gets underway; Primary Schools are a hive of activity with tours, Sports Days, tests, and general excitement as holidays beckon! In our Parish, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on children from our local schools. The Holy Spirit is a significant presence in these days, and we pray that those being confirmed will experience the many gifts that the Spirit brings into our lives. The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be familiar to many, especially those from an older generation who learned them off by heart: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and Wonder and Awe in God's Presence.

Those who live by the Spirit share in the fruits as St. Paul puts it: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5).

For those doing the Leaving Cert and those finishing third level education, may God's Spirit direct them and guide them.

In the local community the Dalkey Book Festival will get underway, and the Town is

gearing up for a busy summer. May these be wonderful days to enjoy.

While we enjoy relative peace in our lives, our thoughts turn to those who are affected by homelessness. We also think of those whose lives have been affected by war, conflict, famine and devastation due to floods and drought. It is a challenge to us all to respond as Spirit-filled people to the sufferings of others. Beannacht, Fr. Liam

#### THE BEECH

A seed so small, A tree so tall. Splendour, Majesty,

Autumn gold, Grace. Turning brown,

Spring leaves, Bright green, Dappling and flitting

Falling down, And seeds Carpeting ground.

In the breeze.

Winter bare, Resting, Summer shade, Sleeping, Conserving, Strong green, Cooling, Waiting,

Sheltering, Filtering sun.

To give thanks Once more to new life.

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# SOUTH DUBLIN BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH IRELAND

# June 2023 Indoor Meeting ONLINE TALK

Date & time: Tuesday, 6th June at 8pm. Title: Wexford Wildfowl Reserve. Speaker: Dominic Berridge.

Our June 'indoor' talk will be presented as a Webinar using Zoom. The link will be circulated via the branch's e-mailing list two days in advance of the talk.



#### **June Outdoor Meeting**

Date & time to meet: Sun. 11th June at 10am.

Outing to: Killinev Hill Park.

**Extra information:** Meet in Killiney Hill car park at the top of Burmah Road off Dalkey Avenue.

For a map showing the meeting place check the website

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

(the car park is at Flag 1 on the map).



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

## SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 17TH MAY 2023 HELD IN OLH.

Treasurer: The DCC Annual envelope collection will take place during June and envelopes will

accompany the newsletters.

TT: The DTT teams are busy removing litter, weeding and maintaining all around Dalkey in preparation for the TT judging. A group of employees from Dell has agreed to assist

DTT with clearing/weeding in Dillon's Park as part of their community/team building

project.

Graffiti: During the month of April there were 18 tags. Unfortunately, earlier this month the

town was very badly hit overnight with a total of 16 tags that was evidently perpetrated by a group. DCC thanks Alan Winter, Miriam Lee and Des Burke-Kennedy for their

relentless commitment to tackling this ongoing problem.

Planning: The Planning Group has been checking and giving assistance on smaller applications.

There are still no decisions from ABP for the Dalkey area this month.

AOB: A representation will be made to DLR about the pavement on Castle Street, particularly

outside the EBS as the slabs are lifting and are a hazard to pedestrians.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 3pm in OLH.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH JUNE**

**Dalkey Community Council** 

May DCC Meeting Tuesday 13th June 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

Vintage Car Festival Monday 5th June in Church Car Park DARA Summer Concert Saturday 24th June at 7:30pm.

**Argentine Tango Classes** Tuesdays from 7.00pm Dalkey Town Hall Tel 087 411 6384

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

Sellers of illegal IPTV receivers (commonly known as "dodgy boxes") are in line for a shake-up, as enforcement agents in Ireland and the UK are on a mission to halt the sale of such boxes. One such individual in the UK, who failed to turn up at a court appearance recently, was sentenced in his absence to a 5 year prison sentence. Mark Brockley from Liverpool apparently skipped the country, and according to the Police in the UK will start to serve his sentence as soon as he sets foot in the UK...

I have been asked many times if we sell such boxes, we do not, as they are illegal.

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