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## ❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

***An rud is annamh is iontach, as we say in Irish.*** What's rare is wonderful! Recently, we had the streets closed off and food tents erected on Dalkey's streets for the Lobster Festival. Nowadays, this is a very rare occurrence, but back in medieval times, it was a weekly event. In 1482, Dalkey was granted a licence to hold a weekly market, and an annual fair on the feast day of St. Begnet, 12<sup>th</sup> November. Food stalls were set up along the streets and much merriment was had.

**Whatever foodstuffs were sold from these stalls, it most certainly wasn't lobster.** Lobster was considered the lowest of the low in the food chain and they were referred to as the 'cockroaches of the sea' in medieval times. Their shells were crushed down and used to fertilise crops and as bait on fishing hooks. Dirt-cheap because they were so plentiful, lobsters were routinely fed to prisoners, apprentices, and no doubt, to the slaves on Dalkey Island. Thankfully, this is no longer the case, and today, lobster is seen as a rare delicacy and thousands queued to hear about cooking it in demonstrations, and tasting it in delicious rolls, during the Festival.

**Musing on what might have been on sale on the street stalls in medieval times,** and looking at historic paintings, there appeared to be lots of pies stacked up. Among them no doubt was the classic 'umble pie. The Lords and Ladies ate the flesh of the deer, and the servants got the heart, liver, brains, the innards of the animal – what were called the 'umbles. In order to make them more palatable, inventive cooks baked them into a pie called humble pie. This isn't a dish we like to eat too often today, but we know the expression very well.

**The native goose was much sought after in these local markets.** Once eaten, parts of the goose had further uses: the wing served as a hearth-sweeper and duster, and some of the long feathers were fashioned into quills for writing, in the beautiful calligraphy style.

**While most food items were sourced locally in medieval times,** rare spices came in from faraway places. Asheesh Dewan, of the Jaipur group of restaurants, enlightened us all about the many spices used in Indian cooking in his excellent talk at the Town Hall during the Lobster Festival. He continues to encourage local growers to cultivate the herbs they need to avoid over reliance on imports, therefore, less air miles.

**While spices came from far away in the Middle Ages, herbs were all grown locally.** In the 1530s, there were many plagues around, much like the Covid pandemic of the past few years. Fumigant masks to cleanse the air were made using herbs tied in muslin bags. They were covered in a beak like mask and worn around the face. Their structure led to the people wearing them being referred to as Quacks. As we all know, Quack doctors are often best avoided, and maybe even sometimes Dr. Google!

**Mask wearing was traditionally common at Halloween, long before Covid.** Contrary to public opinion, the festival of Halloween originated in Ireland, not in the US. Its roots can be traced back 2,000 years to the Celtic Samhain festival, which celebrated the end of autumn. On Halloween, when it was believed that ghosts came back to the earthly world, people thought that they would encounter ghosts if they left their homes. To avoid being recognised, they would wear masks when they went out after dark so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits.



*Dalkey Castle at Halloween*

**Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating,** carving Jack-o-Lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes, wearing masks, bobbing for apples, eating Barm Brack and lots of treats.

**Today, during Halloween at Dalkey Castle, the programme changes** to allow for a seasonal variation. Viking raiders roam the graveyard looking for escaped slaves and the witches take over the battlements. They barricade themselves inside making ghoulish potions (photo). The children carry Jack-o-Lanterns to ward off all evil spirits and help to banish the marauding Vikings. The Bad Witch is eventually captured with the children's help. She suffers a medieval bloodletting and loses all her powers. The Good Witch and the children with their lanterns triumph, and order is restored. Highly popular in recent years, check dates and times on our website to avoid disappointment. Halloween tours run from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.

**ECHOES Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers Festival at Dalkey Castle** has grown in popularity since its inauguration in 2017. It celebrates the work of Maeve Binchy and other contemporary Irish writers. At time of going to print, the festival opener *End of Term* on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October is fully booked, as is the *Marvellously Maeve* Guided Walk on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. There are still some tickets available for the full day of talks and readings on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Featuring Francis Brennan, Oliver Callan, Catherine Ryan Howard, Edel Coffey, Emer McLysaght, Donal Fallon, Dominic Dromgoole, Deirdre O'Kane, Caroline Erskine, Katie Hannon, Nicola Tallant, Ian Robertson, Christine Dwyer Hickey, Andrew Hughes, Sarah Binchy, Gordon Snell and many more!

**Tickets: half day €40 (morning or afternoon) or full day €70.**

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A cricket on Verbascum. Also known as the Great Mullein it is a native plant. It is very good for pollinators, the leaves a food source for Mullein Moth caterpillars, ladybirds overwinter in the flowers while Wool Carder Bees will take the fine hairs off the leaves to line their nests.

A group of Great Mullein, *Verbascum Thapsus*, self sowed in the flower border this year. Tall elegant flowers similarly shaped to foxgloves with clusters of small yellow flowers on tall stems and large, grey-green, velvety soft leaves

Verbascum is probably a corrupted form of the Latin word *barbasicum* meaning barbarian or bearded, referring to the finely haired leaves. The name Mullein derives from either the Latin word *mollis* meaning gentle or soft or the French word for soft or mellow, *moelleux*.

It also has quite a number of traditional names as Zoe Devlin's *wildflowersofireland.net* website states 'known as Aaron's Rod, referring to the Old Testament story of the rod which broke out in golden blossoms' she also says the leaves give it the names 'Flannel Flower and Woolen Blanket Herb'.

A couple of more recent names that you probably wouldn't want to speculate about too much are the 'Andrex plant' and 'cowboy toilet paper', evidently referencing a use of the soft lightly haired leaves, right.

The plant often grows in very dry conditions and it is believed the fine hairs on the leaves help trap moisture and keep it hydrated. Dried flower stems covered in wax were once used as candles and elsewhere dipped in tar or pitch and used as torches which accounts for further common names, Candlewick, Hedge-taper and Hag-Taper deriving from the belief it was used by witches (hags) as a candle (taper).

Verbascum had many medicinal uses including as an expectorant helping 'the body expel excess mucus, usually by helping make your coughs more productive'. Sounds a bit odd as a remedy but in past times in Ireland the leaves were dried and smoked in a clay pipe as a cure for asthma and apparently a company in the USA is marketing the dried leaves as a benign substitute for tobacco.

Verbascum is native to Ireland, very good for pollinators, the leaves a food source for Mullein Moth caterpillars, ladybirds overwinter in the flowers while Wool Carder Bees will take the fine hairs off the leaves to line their nests.

In the 17th century Colonists brought seeds of the plant to the American Continent to catch fish. The seeds contain a compound called rotenone and were used as a piscicide, ground and mixed into water then poured on still water to poison fish though the plant has no toxic effect on humans.





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Knopper Gall on a oak tree, above left. This had started life as an acorn but after a tiny wasp had laid eggs into it the subsequent chemical reaction caused the acorn to mutate into first, the red sticky shape on the left and eventually into the woody, walnut like growth on the right.

When a tiny oak sapling appeared in the garden I was hoping the acorn it grew from was from one of the six native oaks I had planted decades ago. Oaks only begin to produce acorns when they're around 40 years old and the only one of mine that has had acorns so far is the one growing closest to the oak sapling. I examined the possible parent oak but where there should have been hundreds of green acorns there were only two. All the rest had been transformed into strange knotted mutations, Knopper Galls, the result of a tiny wasp, *Andricus Quercuscalicis* laying eggs into the emerging acorn which causes a mutation in the nut, initially producing a sticky red flower then developing into a hard ridged object similar to a walnut. These will be home to the wasp larvae until it drills its way out.

The wasp that lays the eggs isn't native to Europe, the galls being



This is one of only a couple of healthy acorns that didn't mutate into a gall on the same oak.

imported to produce ink. At one time the Knopper Galls, named after a type of German helmet, were feared to be a serious threat to the production of acorns in oak trees but thankfully that didn't occur.



This is another gall, the Oak Marble Gall, also on the same tree. These are produced by another tiny wasp, *Andricus Kollari*.

Many galls were introduced to Europe to produce dyes and ink as documented here from Scotland's Nature.blog

'Galls often act as 'resource sinks', drawing chemical compounds from other parts of the plant. In the case of trees, galls concentrate high levels of tannic acid, a substance used throughout the world to produce traditional medicines, hair dyes and tanning agents. But tannic acid from tree galls, particularly from oak, has a special historical significance: combined with iron salts, it forms a bluish-black substance that has been used as ink since about 2,000 BC. From the 5th century to the early 20th century, crushed oak galls were mixed with water, iron sulphate and gum arabic to make gall ink, which was the main medium for writing and drawing in the Western world. Medieval monks relied on gall ink to copy many of the surviving manuscripts from the Middle Ages. Old music scores, drawings, letters, maps, wills, book-keeping records, ship logs, etc. were produced with gall ink. In the words of entomologist George McGavin, "this indelible ink has preserved for posterity the Magna Carta, the American Declaration of Independence, the drawings of Leonardo da Vinci and the notes of Charles Darwin to name but a few."

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Visitors to Dalkey are often surprised to see so many tropical 'Palm Trees' growing around our Heritage Town. They certainly add an exotic element to our gardens. As we know, there are not actually 'Palm Trees' at all and in fact are part of the asparagus family and sometimes called cabbage trees. These ever-green Cordylines are native to New Zealand and often have a life of up to twenty years. Their berries and leaves can be toxic to dogs but bees

enjoy gathering the nectar from their small white flowers. The fibrous trunk can be cut back and will often sprout again.

So, having survived for so many years in the Dalkey area, why are so many now withering away. They should be kept frost free and Dalkey's mild coastline is clearly Cordyline friendly. With so many now looking like they will not survive, one theory is that it was not the short cold spells last winter which did the damage but more likely to be the later prolonged dry spells. With climate change weather patterns changing quite dramatically, the poor Dalkey Cordyline may now need frost protection and watering from time to time.

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**The Old Dublin Society** Professor Frank Barry will present '*Dublin Industry at EEC Accession: the Leading Firms and Factories of 50 Years Ago*' on Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>; Joe Brady and Paul Ferguson will present '*Dublin - Mapping the city*' on Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>; Francis Thackaberry will present '*Vagabonds and Beggars: Institutional provision for the Poor in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Dublin.*' All these lectures take place at 6pm in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library and Archive, 144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome, admission is free and no booking is required.

**Dublin City Libraries** Dr. Mary Muldowney will present '*Struggling against the odds in defence of jobs. The story of the 11/90 branch of the Amalgamated Transport and General Workers Union from the 1970s to the 1990s*' at 6pm on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> in Dublin Central Library, Ilac Centre, Henry Street, Dublin 1. Admission is free but booking is required – book in branch, call 01-2228300 or email: [centrallibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:centrallibrary@dublincity.ie)

**Mount Merrion Historical Society** Thomas Morris will present '*Dublin Railway Murder*' at 8pm on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission €4/Students €2.

**Donnybrook Walk** Takes place at 2pm on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> led by Adrian Le Harivel. Meet at the churchyard beside Donnybrook Garda Station. All are welcome - admission is free. Participants take part at their own risk. Please dress appropriately for the day's weather conditions, wear suitable footwear, and bring refreshments.

### Dalkey - Looking Back

In October 1923, even though the Civil War had ended in May with the 'dump arms' instruction to Republicans, there was wide concern about the number of armed robberies taking place in the Dublin area. On the evening of Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> two armed and masked men made a forced entry by a back door into the premises of a Dalkey publican and stole £12 in cash and a quantity of tobacco. At gun point he was forced to open his front door to enable the robbers to escape.

**Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society** Susan Pegley will present '*Thomas Connolly 1823-76 and the 'lost' 19<sup>th</sup> century of Castletown House*' at 8pm on Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> in St. Raphaela's Primary School Hall, St. Raphaela's Road, Upper Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €3 for non-members.

**Foxrock Local History Club** Derville Murphy will present '*The Irish Artist - Margaret Allen (1832-1914)*' at 8pm on Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €5 for non-members.

**Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society** David Gunning will present '*The Big Houses of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown*' at 8pm on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. All are welcome – admission is €5.

**Bray Cualann Historical Society** Brian White will present '*Early Motoring in County Wicklow*' at 8pm on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All are welcome – admission for non-members is €8.





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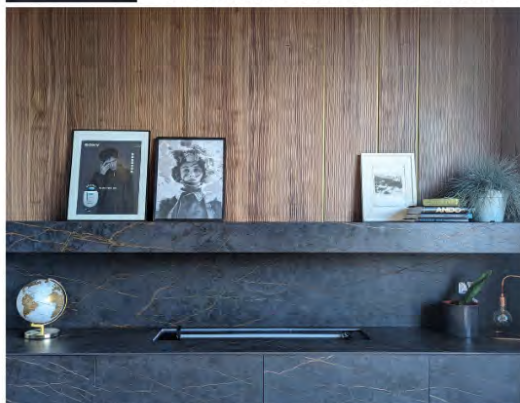
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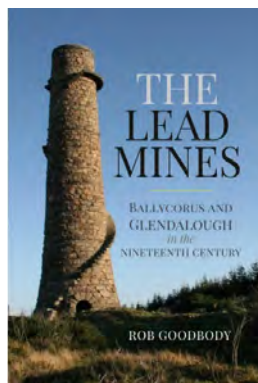
## Publications



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With the cover featuring 'Detail from *Paddy Daly* by Seán Keating (1955), there is a marvellous selection of articles in the latest issue with the main features being 'From the Editor' Tommy Graham poses the question and discusses the topical issue of 'Dublin's north inner city – a history of violence?'; 'Irish lords and English rulers' by Elizabeth Biggs; 'A villain meeting – the Society of Jesus and a witches' sabbat in seventeenth-century Ireland' by Cameron C. Engelbrecht; 'The omission of Collins from Year's poetic pantheon' by Fionbharr Rogers; 'The Clonfadda Ambush, 2 December 1920' by Conor Carley – this was the winning entry in the Schools' Essay Competition; 'Mapping the Troubles' by Arnold Horner; 'Éamon de Valera's mother-and-baby home' by Colum Kenny; 'Ireland at the League of Nations, 1923-46' by Michael Kennedy; 'Agnes Flanagan from Birr – a lonely résistante' by Isadore Ryan; Plus all the regular features including Book Reviews, Letters, Platform, Gems of Architecture, and Local Archives.

How that familiar South Dublin landmark the Ballycorus chimney came to be located on the side of Carrickgollogan Mountain and the role it performed is recalled by Rob Goodbody in his latest book who explains its location and its connection with mining operations carried out in the Glendalough area by the Mining Company of Ireland from the 19<sup>th</sup> century until the First World War. In this book Rob explains the mining process in the Glendalough area and the smelting process in Ballycorus, for which siding were built in the Shankill station to receive the ore. The chimney was used to disperse fumes from this Ballycorus smelting operation which was a very dangerous and hazardous one for workers.



**THE LEAD MINES**  
BALLYCORUS & GLENDALOUGH  
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Written in a very clear concise style and aimed at the general reader, this book by Rob Goodbody, is a very fascinating and engrossing account of mining in the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains and the production of finished products at Ballycorus from the mined ores. Superbly illustrated, it is an excellent account of the history of this unique industrial monument and is an essential acquisition for those interested in local, mining and industrial history.

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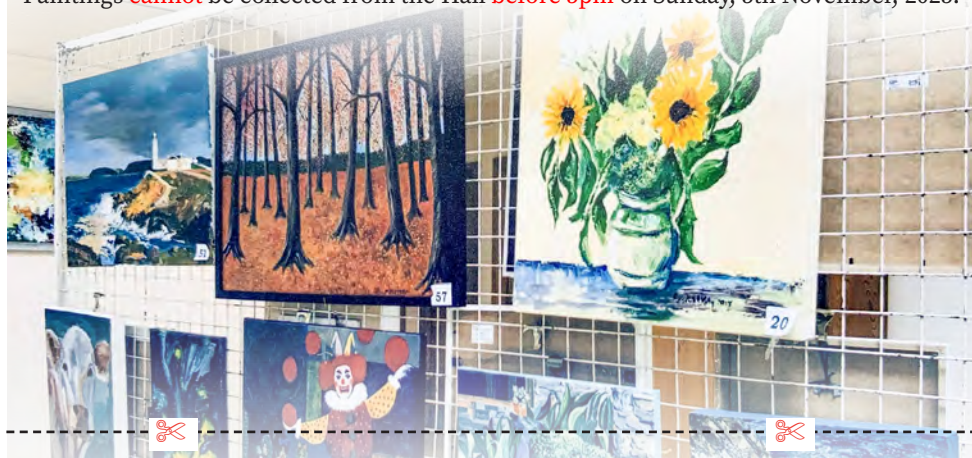
**Dalkey Community Council is happy to announce the return of the Annual Art Exhibition after an absence of nearly four years!**

The exhibition will take place in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey, from **Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th November 2023**.

Entry Forms, together with full payment, must be submitted by post (no entries will be taken at the door) to: Dalkey Community Council Art Exhibition, DCC Post box, Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin no later than **20th October**. There will be a charge of **€ 5.00** per picture and a commission of 10% will apply to all sales. Paintings, framed and ready for hanging, must be brought to Our Lady's Hall on Friday, 3rd November at 2.00 pm. Paintings must be accompanied by a signed Disclaimer and Exhibition Number(s) for the painting(s).

**OPENING RECEPTION: Friday 3rd November, 2023 at 8.00pm.**

Only two paintings per artist are allowed. "Not for Sale" exhibits will not be accepted. Paintings **cannot** be collected from the Hall **before 5pm** on Sunday, 5th November, 2023.



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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0544

**Application Rec'd Date:** 17/08/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** The Estate of Elizabeth Murphy , Dalkey Lodge, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96VY73

**Proposal:** Erection of a new 1.8m high fence consisting of mild steel vertical bars and mild steel posts to the southern boundary of Dalkey lodge which is a protected structure.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0325

**Application Rec'd Date:** 17/05/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Eileen O Sullivan , Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96XT80

**Proposal:** Construction for 6no. Dwelling houses including boundary treatment, circulation road within site and driveways, connections to mains sewer and water including ancillary works.

**Application Type:** Permission **Further Information:** Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds) 24/08/2023

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0555

**Application Rec'd Date:** 23/08/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Gael Hall, 3 Glenhook, Ullardmor, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 KX26

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the following: (a) Demolition & removal of the existing covered area & shed to the side of the dwelling at Ground Floor level along with the removal of the existing flat roofed dormer to the side of the dwelling at First Floor level. (b). Remodelling & sub-division of the existing dwelling to provide a Granny flat to the rear of the dwelling. (c.) Construction of a flat roofed dormer to the side of the dwelling to provide a bedroom at First Floor level. (d). Roof windows to be formed to the side & rear roof sections associated with the Granny flat & rooms at First floor level. (e). Existing windows and doors to be replaced in their entirety, with new ones to be provided at Ground Floor level including a bay window to the Granny flat and ones at First Floor to the rear of the dwelling remodelled. (f). External wall insulation to be applied to all existing external walls and solar PV panels formed to the existing pitched roof sections g). External landscaping and siteworks associated with the proposed development.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0563

**Application Rec'd Date:** 29/08/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Adelphi Real Estate Ltd, Barnhill Place, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96VN29--site adjacent to Dalkey Lodge.

**Proposal:** Revisions to approved planning (D18A/0418, ABP-303725-19, D23A/0021 and D23A/0037). The revisions comprise of a proposed relocation of 5 no. car parking spaces previously approved in the basement to surface level to accommodate additional plant requirements at basement level and alterations to basement gym layout. The application site is 0.935 hectares in size and sits adjacent to Dalkey Lodge, Barnhill Road (A Protected Structure).

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0567

**Application Rec'd Date:** 31/08/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Edel Fay & David Rooney, 37, Hyde Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 X6Y8

**Proposal:** New single storey extension with pitch roof to rear of property. New single storey side extension with pitch gable roof to side of existing house. New dormer window to rear. New window openings to front of existing house. New rooflights to existing house. Removal of existing 1no. chimney. Relocation of existing pedestrian entrance. Relocation and widening of existing vehicular entrance.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0436

**Application Rec'd Date:** 29/06/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Shane and Nicola Little, Gate Lodge "Inniscorrig", Coliemore Road, Dalkey, County Dublin (a protected structure)

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought. The proposed works include; a bay extension measuring 5m<sup>2</sup> on the north-eastern, internal garden, side of the gate lodge, including partial demolition and re-construction of the stone wall using existing/matching materials and the covering over of the existing enclosed yard measuring 6m<sup>2</sup> with a flat roof and a low profile rooflight and associated site works.

**Application Type:** Permission **Further Information:** Additional Information 06/09/2023

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0442

**Application Rec'd Date:** 30/06/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Ian O'Herlihy & Deirdre McHugh, 2, Alexandra Villas, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Dublin, A96H1W0

**Proposal:** 1) Demolition of existing 2 storey side extension, 2 storey rear return and rear sheds. 2) Construction of part single storey part 2 storey rear extension. 3) Widening and alteration of the vehicular access and the associated works.

**Application Type:** Permission **Further Information:** Additional Information 06/09/2023

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0579

**Application Rec'd Date:** 04/09/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Catherine & Conor Galvin, 30, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Dublin, A96YW58

**Proposal:** Extension and alterations of existing semi-detached dwelling. 1) Construction of new two-storey and single storey extension with pitched roof and two roof lights to the side and rear of the existing house. 2) Alterations to the existing internal floor layout, main roof and elevations. 3) Modifications and widening of the existing vehicular entrance off Castlepark Road to being 3.5m in width. 4) Demolition of existing single storey rear extension & existing outbuildings and all associated landscaping and ancillary works.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23B/0421

**Application Rec'd Date:** 07/09/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Bordoak Ltd, 35, Hillside, Dalkey, Dublin, A96CD66

**Proposal:** Demolition of the existing porch and entrance steps and the construction of a new first floor extension (circa 24.0m) to include an additional bedroom and ensuite bathroom. Minor alterations to elevations and minor internal alterations and all associated site works.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0421 **Decision:** Grant Permission & Grant Retention **Date:** 15/08/2023  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr & Mrs Glen Finegan, Ard Na Mara, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96CRK8

**Proposal:** Planning permission to remove the current boundary wall railings, raise the existing stone wall to 1.2 meters in height as per D15A/0240, reduce the height of wall portion fronting the utility services wall to 1.2 meters to match. Planning permission for retention of the utility services wall, the vehicular access gates and the pedestrian access gates as constructed.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0436 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 17/08/2023  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Shane and Nicola Little, Gate Lodge "Inniscorrig", Coliemore Road, Dalkey, County Dublin (a protected structure)

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought. The proposed works include; a bay extension measuring 5m<sup>2</sup> on the north-eastern, internal garden, side of the gate lodge, including partial demolition and re-construction of the stone wall using existing/matching materials and the covering over of the existing enclosed yard measuring 6m<sup>2</sup> with a flat roof and a low profile rooflight and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0258 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 22/08/2023  
**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 = 37m<sup>2</sup>. (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 12.5m<sup>2</sup> garden shed in the side garden. (e) Extension of an existing vehicular parking area to accommodate 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.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0434 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 21/08/2023  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Adelphi Real Estate Ltd, Lands at, Dalkey Manor, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Planning permission of revisions to the approved planning application (Register Reference D18A/0418, An Bord Pleanála Ref. No. ABP-303735-19). The revisions comprise of a change to the working hours under condition 12(b) of the approved permission to proposed new working hours of 7.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 2.00pm Saturdays. The application site is 0.935 hectares in size and sits adjacent to Dalkey Lodge, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin (A protected Structure).

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0442 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 21/08/2023  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Ian O'Herlihy & Deirdre McHugh, 2, Alexandra Villas, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Dublin, A96H1W0

**Proposal:** 1) Demolition of existing 2 storey side extension, 2 storey rear return and rear sheds. 2) Construction of part single storey part 2 storey rear extension. 3) Widening and alteration of the vehicular access and the associated works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0453 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 29/08/2023  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Michael & Rita Doorly, 106, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96 H6Y3.

**Proposal:** (i) Demolition of existing single storey flat roof extension to rear and removal of existing chimney stack to rear. (ii) Erection of new two storey sedum flat roofed extension to rear. (iii) Reconfiguration of existing pitched roof and introduction of 2 no. rooflights to the front elevation. (iv) Construction of new raised parapet and concealed gutter to the front elevation to match adjoining (vi) reconfiguration of levels of existing sloped landscape to rear. (vii) Alterations to all elevations, associated landscaping and all ancillary works necessary to facilitate development.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0458 **Decision:** Grant Permission.

**Date:** 31/08/2023.

**Applicant Name & Location:** John & Pia Feeney, Monte Alverno, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96 C594.

**Proposal:** Alterations to the existing part 2-storey, part 3-storey detached house (Protected Structure) and grounds, including reconfiguration of parts of the internal layout, new external window and door opes and replacement of PVC glazing to the rear of the house, new flat roof to replace glazed roof to rear of house, new rooflights to rear of house, replacement of existing PVC windows with timber windows throughout, reinstatement of original window ope to the front of the house. Removal of modern internal decorative features, new garden room to replace existing greenhouse, reduction in size of existing swimming pool, new metal stairs to pool terrace and to pool tower, various landscaping works and all associated site works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 33-36 2023 14/08/2023 - 08/09/2023

None For Dalkey

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 33-36 2023 07/08/2023 - 01/09/2023

**Reg. Ref.:** D21A/0920

**Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission.

**Appeal Decided:**

24/08/2023.

**Council Decision:** Refuse permission.

**Location:** c. 01495 Ha site at 92 Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

**Proposed Development:** Permission for development. The proposed development will consist of: the removal of the existing pitched and flat roof, selected internal walls, existing stone entrance stair, partial removal of the existing boundary wall (to facilitate a new access) and demolition of 49 sq.m of floor area. The development will include the construction of extensions at ground, first and second floor levels which will create a more functional layout and will also include a garden room and new garage. The proposed development will result in an increase of gross floor area from 300 sq.m to 405 sq.m, in addition to a garage (57 sq.m) and a garden room (40 sq.m). The development will increase the ridge height if the dwelling by 0.47m (from +28.03OD to +28.50OD). The development will also comprise: the extinguishment of the existing vehicular access to No. 92 Coliemore Road, the creation of a new vehicular access/egress, repositioning and upgrades to the entrance laneway; terraces; boundary treatments; hard and soft landscaping; and all other associated site works above and below ground. **Applicant:** Rotorua Limited.



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## DALKEY NURSING HOME JUDICIAL REVIEW

A Judicial Review has been brought by several Dalkey residents against the granting of permission by An Bord Pleanála for a 104- bedroom nursing home (D21A/0304) on lands between Ulverton Road and Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Bartra Property Ltd were refused permission by DLRCC in 2021 for the development but appealed to An Bord Pleanála who subsequently overturned their decision in July of this year.

Various grounds were raised including the failure of the Bord to take into account traffic issues, parking, the impact on local sewers

and the difficulty to adhere to the national guidelines for the treatment of badgers that are known to be present on the site. The residents claim that it would be impossible to build a large proportion of the nursing home if the conditions are to be complied with. The board also failed to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed nursing home.

The case has been adjourned until November.

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What a fantastic evening of history and story telling the Dalkey Anniversary event was. Members old and new were joined by members of the community for a

glass of wine and a trip down memory lane. Starting with an explanation of how the East Coast Rowing Clubs were formed, through the success years of the 70s and then bringing us up to Paul Cunningham rejuvenating it into the thriving club of today. Set to the backdrop of those famous red doors, the speakers talked us through the highs, the lows and the funny stories from over the years.

The evening was enlightening, interesting and fun. We learnt how Dalkey Rowing Club was formed from the old tradition of 'hobbling'. The 'Hobblers' were men who rowed out to the cargo ships, hooked their grapple onto the boat and rowed them into Dublin Port. There were hobblers all along the East coast, so they had to be quick to get there before the others. We also learnt that the most successful cox on the East Coast was not only from Dalkey, but also a woman by the name of Orla Conway. Very much in a man's world! Although there were times when the club was a bit sleeper than others, when they were up, they really were up. In the '70s Dalkey Rowing Club stole the show winning all round them. Towards the end of the decade, the Dalkey women's crew joined the fun, going onto win the senior women's title for 7 years in a row.

We heard some lovely stories, including that of 2 rowers successfully rescuing a fisherman who fell in – they bravely dived in and pulled him from the bottom. Another tale was of a hilarious altercation between a rower and an opposing cox which ended in a 6-week ban! We also learnt of how regattas were like a day at the races, with bookies present, taking bets on which crew would win.

The event was attended by members from across the years, and it was great to see everyone reunited like that. Sadly, Gunger Hammond, the 'oldest hobbler of Dalkey' could not attend (he would be 143 years old if he was still alive) but was represented by his grandson Peter Curran. There was an accompanying slide show and exhibition, displaying photos from across the 90 years.

The photos and stories will be sent to the Lexicon Archive for all to access, along with a brief transcript of the stories and historical information from the evening. Date is to be confirmed. Special Anniversary polo shirts and t-shirts are available to purchase. Please email ([dalkeyrowingclub1@gmail.com](mailto:dalkeyrowingclub1@gmail.com)) to order. The rowing Club, was and continues to be an important part of the history of Dalkey, and we hope it is still going strong in another 90 years!

Many thanks to all our speakers.

**Jenny Dilley**  
**Dalkey Rowing Club**







**Saoirse O'Brien**  
- main event organiser



**Kevin Carroll & Mick Mullen**  
- both spoke



**Pat Dalton, Gold Medal Senior  
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*L to R: Philip Murphy, Peter Curran, Pat O'Brien,  
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#### Baby and Guardians Group at Dalkey Library for 18 months and younger

**Monday 9 October 10:30 - 11:15**

Join us for a fun get-together and stories with Library staff

**Monday 23 October 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.

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

**Friday 6 October 10:30 - 11:15**

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

**Friday 13 October 10:30 - 11:15**

Join us for a morning full of fun play at the library!

**Friday 20 October 10:30 - 11:15**

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

**Friday 27 October 10:30 - 11:15**

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.

#### Lego Challenge Club

**7 October 11:30-12:30**

Ages 5+ accompanied by an adult

What Lego creation will you build? Come for a free play session in the Library on Saturday mornings through July.

#### Family Book Club

**14 October 11:00-11:45**



Reading together as a family 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 guardian.** A waiting list is in operation for this club, so please contact staff to book a place

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Dalkey Library is delighted to announce that we will be hosting the CBI Book Doctors. 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.**

**Wicklow Willow Spider Web Workshop**

**24 October 5:30-7:00**

Create some spooky spider web crafts with Aoife from Wicklow Willow. Families will work together to create a creepy (but unique) craft to bring home. **Please contact staff to book a place**

**A Very Unscary Storytime**

**31 October 5:30-6:30**

Join library staff on Halloween for a very (un-)scary story time and Halloween-themed craft with library staff. We would love it if everyone could come in their costumes! **Please contact staff to book a place**



**ADULT EVENTS:**

**Dalkey Community First Responders Information evening and CPR Demo**

**17 October 17:30 - 19:00** October 16th is

**Restart A Heart CPR Awareness Day!** Join

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***Looking forward  
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**Q. I have had symptoms of a cold for the last 24 hours. I have a sore throat, runny nose and a cough. What should I use to manage this?**



**A.** These symptoms are similar to those presenting with COVID-19 so to avoid spreading it an antigen test would be advised to rule this out. Follow current public health advice if this is positive.

The common cold is also caused by a virus and is an infection of the nose, throat, sinuses and upper airways. The main symptoms are a sore throat, blocked or runny nose, sneezing and a cough. They normally clear up by themselves within a week and can be managed by rest, drinking plenty of fluids and over the counter pain or cold medications.

Your pharmacist can advise on suitable remedies to manage the symptoms based on your age and medical history.

**It is important to inform your Pharmacist if you are on any long term medication as these can interact with some over the counter treatments.**

The cough that accompanies a cold happens when the body is aiming to clear the airways of mucus and can be described as dry or chesty.



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A dry cough is non-productive and is not accompanied by phlegm on the chest.

A chesty cough is generally productive and there will be mucus caught on the chest.

There are different cough bottles on the market which are designed to treat the two types of coughs so it is important to take the appropriate one.

While a short term cough due to a virus is nothing to be concerned with, if the cough persists for more than 3 weeks then it is recommended that you would see your GP.

Other reasons to visit the GP would be if the cough gets progressively worse, coughing up blood, shortness of breath, breathing difficulties or chest pain.

Coughs in children are often caused by the same reasons as adults but some causes that are more common in children are:

- Bronchiolitis - mild respiratory tract infection
- Croup - child has a distinctive barking cough
- Whooping cough - normal intense bouts of coughing with a whoop sound on the intake of breath

A blocked nose can be treated with a nasal spray (both medicinal or saline) and /or pseudoephedrine. A runny nose can be aided with an antihistamine which can dry up secretions.

A sore throat can be managed using lozenges, a throat spray or with painkillers.

Always speak to your Pharmacist or GP if you are concerned but most are self-limiting and require no treatment.

**If you have any questions you would like answered please email us on [maxwell.dalkey@gmail.com](mailto:maxwell.dalkey@gmail.com) and put **Dalkey Newsletter** in the message subject line.**



## Stations of the Cross

Every year at the start of Lent, Ms. Howard puts up laminated pictures of the Stations of the Cross in the school garden beside the yard. We call this area the maze. While these pictures were great, we needed something that wouldn't be ruined if there was bad weather. So, my grandad made new Stations of the Cross for our school. On each station, there is a picture and the name of the station. My grandad knows a man in Derry who made the pictures and my grandad made the stands. He came all the way from his house in Donegal to our school in Dalkey, to put them in the ground in our garden. During Lent, all the classes in Loreto will be able to visit the Stations of the Cross in the maze.

*By Lucy Noonan 4<sup>th</sup> class*



*photo Loreto Primary School*



We were very excited to welcome all of the girls and boys back to school in St Patrick's NS on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

A very special welcome to our 14 new Junior Infants who joined our school. They have been working hard and making sure to make some new friends.



As a class of Senior and Junior Infants we worked as a team to create a colourful and happy display to mark our first few days at school.

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## NATIONAL BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of May, we at Harold Boys' N.S., took part in the National Bike to School Day. The Green Schools' Committee helped organise the day and reminded each class to use their bicycle or scooter to get to school.

Every week we do WOW (Walk on Wednesday) from Cuala, and so many boys chose this route on their bicycle or scooter.

The day was extremely successful as over half of the school came to school either by bicycle, scooter or walking. In all, there was a

grand total of 12 students and staff who cycled, 15 students who used scooters and 56 students and staff who walked.

Our bicycle and scooter racks at the front of our school were jammed full, which was great to see! A big thank you to everyone who rode their bike to school. Cycling is a really great way to help save our planet as there are no emissions like there are from cars and it also helps us get some exercise too!

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## ***Return To School***

As we opened our doors to a new school year, it was with great excitement and anticipation that we welcomed everyone back to our vibrant learning community.

We are pleased to say the children quickly adapted to their routines. To support the adjustment, we implemented regular movement breaks throughout the day, allowing them to stay engaged and energised while settling back into the school day structure.



## ***A Warm Welcome***

We would like to warmly welcome all the new pupils and their families joining the Castle Park community this year. We look forward to this journey of adventure, discovery and growth together.

## ***Events on the Calendar***

As our pupils settle into their routines, we have some exciting events and activities to look forward to. These include the Early Years Harvest Concert, the Intermediate Singing Competition, Anti-Bullying Week, Maths Week and Dress Up Day, to name just a few.

## ***Open Morning***

Mark your calendar for our upcoming Open Morning on Friday, October 6th. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and end at midday. To register your interest, please email our Admissions Secretary - [admissions@castleparkschool.ie](mailto:admissions@castleparkschool.ie)

***We look forward to welcoming you!***

***Claire O'Sullivan***  
***Castle Park School***





## UPDATE FROM DALKEY DASHERS



The Community Games Leinster North and South track and field events were held in the Tullamore Athletics Club on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August. There were ten finalists from Dalkey Dashers eligible

for the Leinster Finals. The day proved challenging with stiff competition and unpredictable weather! Our determined athletes rose to the occasion and gave a great performance on the day.

Congratulations to Lennox Kelly who won gold in the 600m u12, Sadhbh Quinn who won silver in the 200m u10 and Ethan Hall who came fourth in the 100m u14.

A terrific result for our Dalkey Dashers!







### CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

- All are welcome!

#### Weekly

9 a.m. Holy Communion Rite 1

#### Monthly

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - 10.15 Holy Communion Rite 2.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - 10.15 "All Age" (All are welcome at all services - Age is no barrier!)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - 10.15 Holy Communion Rite 2

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 10.15 a.m. Morning Prayer

If there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month style and content at 10.15 may vary.

I hope that you have had the opportunity for a break during the summer even if that did not involve physical travel. The parish does not shut down for the Summer and the work continued, we are blessed to have been able to recruit some new members of staff for our parish family. Mrs. Rachel Dolan is our new school Principal, we are also delighted to welcome our new organist, Ms. Eleanor Jones McAuley. A choir director fresh from her work in Trinity College. Thank you to our choir who work so diligently in supporting worship. The is an opportunity to come on board and join our choir with all its stress busting advantages. Contact the parish office on 01-2845941

#### Food Bank

This will be an ongoing collection at the back of the church. The goods will be sent to the food bank at Crinken Church who provide us with the chance to be practical in one aspect of our Christian giving.



#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

##### Harvest Festival Service 10.15 am

We will gather to give thanks to God for the gifts from the land and the hands that labour to keep the Supermarket shelves full. All are welcome as indeed at any service.

#### Fete 2024

What a wonderful day it was this year. Building on that, the vestry have approved the date of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024. In my mind I can hear that great character Corporal Jones from Dad's Army shouting "Don't panic, don't panic!"

It is a wonderful thing to have plans and opportunities to gather and give thanks. Onwards and upwards!

*Rev Ruth Elmes*



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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.

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**From the Rector** Lots of things going on in the Parish, including a Harvest Lunch, organisations starting up and much else besides as you can see below. Also more meetings than one could shake a stick at, but that's an occupational hazard.

Our sympathies are with Meg Jackson and all the family on the death of her son Tom in America. We will be having a memorial service for him in November.

**Sunday Club** recommenced on 17th September and will run on the 3rd Sunday of the month up until May. Please call Lisa Doyle 0863429849 for more information.

**Charity Christmas Card Sale** will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November in the Carry Centre after the 10.45am service. We hope to have the following charities represented: Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Blackrock Hospice, Christ Church Cathedral, Peter McVerry Trust, LauraLynn, Holy Trinity. Please note that most charities take cash only.

**Harvest Lunch** is planned for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October following the Harvest Thanksgiving service. This will be a relaxed and social event at which a hot main course, salad, dessert and refreshments will be served. A donation of €10 will secure a place (no charge for children). Please book and pay Helen Middleton 0863989092 in advance by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Roslyn Christie 0872079594 will be delighted to hear from volunteers to help set up the hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> (afternoon) and to help with wash up and clear up after the event.

**Ladies Guild** season started with a short service, AGM and chat. We have a schedule arranged for the next few

months and anyone is welcome to join us on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Carry Centre.

**Sheep Thrills** meet each Thursday in the Carry Centre at 2pm. Even though it was holiday time, throughout the summer we received enough garment's to sell in the Victorian Tea Rooms Killiney. In addition our purses are selling well in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Wool is always welcome.

Contact Joan 087 2460078 [www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney](https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney)

**Flower Guild** Harvest decoration of the church will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 12 noon. Contributions of flowers, vegetables and fruit may be dropped off at the church on Saturday morning. All the vegetables and fruit will be donated to the Crinken Storehouse for distribution to families in need. As always new volunteers for the Flower Guild are most welcome, no experience needed! Contact Georgina O'Brien 0862592694 or Roslyn Christie 0872079594.

**Crinken Storehouse** In August 2021 we started the appeal for Biscuits & Honey to be donated for the above. In those two years the amazing number of 2,745 packets of biscuits, 365 jars of honey and (only recently added) 120 jars of jam have been brought to Crinken where the staff are always most appreciative. A huge "Thank You" to all who contribute so generously and please keep them coming as it is such a simple way of helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

**Hats Off to Austin** To its great credit the IRFU recently trawled through its archives to recognise and honour those players who have put on the green jersey but who for several reasons, including the appreciation that World War Two Service in as many as eight nations would have ruled some players unavailable, international "caps" as such were not awarded. One of the seventeen identified was the Revd. (later Canon) E A Carry (Old Wesley) who in 1946 was Ireland's fly-half. Austin was the immensely popular Rector of Holy Trinity from 1956 until his retirement thirty years later. His replacement in the number ten shirt was taken by Jack Kyle, one of Ireland's most famous players. Of the seventeen who were identified in the an article with their photographs in the programme in advance of Ireland's defeat of England at Aviva 29-10 in August, five played in 1946, a fateful year. Those of us who remember Austin will be delighted that he has not been forgotten as the fine player he was.





## ❖ OCTOBER 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

The sound of starlings gathering on the telephone wires at this time of year is very distinctive. The **'murmuration'** of starlings out in the open is an extraordinary sight and has been captured on film in recent years. As the season changes we are in a mid-point of autumn and the chill of the early morning is a sign that nature is slowing down and the harvest is almost done. *Deireadh Fómhair*, the end of the harvest, is how the Irish refers to the month of October.

Parish life continues and activities are in full swing. We look forward to seeing the fruits of the various groups who are fully engaged in strengthening the ties of our communities. The follow up to the showing of the film **'Listen'** and subsequent discussion is eagerly awaited.

### WHEN LEAVES FALL

When leaves fall:

they curl up and float away -  
 blown by the breeze  
 to gather in corners,  
 get caught in bushes,  
 or cling to grass.

When leaves fall:

it is a sign of approaching Winter  
 when days are dark and cold  
 and short.

When leaves fall:

I see the starkness and beauty  
 of nature unclothed  
 shapes and colour are revealed.

When leaves fall:

they tell the story  
 of new life and hope  
 as they already have prepared  
 for Spring.

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(Fr. Liam's book **Echoes of the Heart**  
 is available from the Parish Office €15)

*Fr. Liam*

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 we are also on Facebook and Instagram

## ❖ BUMBLEBEE MONITORING WALK - SORRENTO & DILLON'S PARK ❖

### Penultimate Walk 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

If it wasn't for the Catmint and the dwindling Echium, the bumblebee count in Sorrento Park would have been non-existent today!

Fortunately, Dalkey Tidy Towns and DL RCC had planted plenty of Catmint early this year and it has served our local bees well. We are told by the scientists that the most likely colours to attract bees are purple, violet and blue. Catmint fits in there "purrfectly".



The Lavatera Rosea, tucked just inside the main entrance to Dillon's Park, was also providing food. Further down in the Park, some Clover and Bush Vetch, which was growing in the long grass, also helped out. The only species of bumblebees spotted in the Parks today was the Pascuorum which is the ginger tailed one.

**Dalkey Tidy Towns**  
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## THE LETTER: A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH



*"Awareness of the ecological crisis must be translated into **New Habits.**" Pope Francis*

The special showing of the acclaimed film **"The Letter: a Message for our Earth"**, relating to Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* call for action on climate change was well attended on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September held in Loreto Abbey.

The guest speaker Patrick Davey of the award-winning SAGE church eco project in Shankill shared simple suggestions that we might consider acting on to help reduce our carbon foot print and reduce climate change. Pat is a biochemist who has worked in Africa as well as Ireland. In relation to churches Eco project he wrote: "At Anew we built in 2013 a fully eco-house and in 2015 we helped to launch SAGE and have been busy ever since".

The Climate Crisis has been brought on by carbon emissions, including from our homes. It is time to reflect and to renew our commitment to the Christian message to love our neighbour. One way to do this is to examine how our lifestyle might be having a negative impact on others, especially the neighbours we do not know. **How we consume energy in our homes is such a lifestyle issue.**

We must **take positive steps to conserve energy in our homes.** This will contribute to the national effort to reduce our carbon emissions which contribute to the **"Ecological Crisis" which has such damaging impact on the world's poorest peoples.**

The Biodiversity Crisis is caused by over-development, reducing natural habitats and destroying plant and insect life by industrial farming which produces most of our food.

### Did you Know? - Energy in the Home

By lowering your thermostat on your home heating by **1 degree C** you will **save up to €150 per year** in heating costs (SEAI)

Running your dishwasher on the **Eco cycle**, despite it running for longer, will **save 30% of energy.**

The **energy used to dry 5kg** of clothes in a tumble dryer will **boil two full kettles** a day for **eight days** or enable you to **watch TV for four hours per night for a week!**

Use a timer and run **Washers** and **Dryers** at **night** to save money and reduce demand at peak times.

**Food** Current estimates put the **value of food wasted** in Ireland annually at **€700 per household!** Food waste accounts for 10% of the world's carbon budget.

Food transported by **air** uses up **10 times more energy** than when transported by road. Food from **Southern Africa or South America** travels more than **8,000 km.**

**Shopping locally** for local produce will save, reduce our **carbon footprint** and support **local enterprise.**

**Gardens** Using chemical fertilisers and weed killers has turned the modern lawn into a **Biological Desert** incapable of sustaining a variety of other **species of plants and insects.** This **denies food** for the Birds and the Bees.

**One third of Irish bees die of hunger** in Springtime as the wildflowers that feed them are no longer there!

We can all help the bees, etc. by growing pollinator friendly plants in our gardens and window boxes, and the birds by having fresh water for them in our gardens.

*Revd Virginia Kennerley*

## SOUTH DUBLIN BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH IRELAND

### October 2023 Indoor Meeting

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

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

**Title:** Urban Gulls Myths, Facts and Stories.

**Speaker:** Niall Keogh.

**Details:** Niall is a member of the Irish Rare Birds Committee.

### October 2023 Outdoor Meeting

**Date & time to meet:** Sunday, 8th October at 10am.

**Outing to:** West Pier, Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

**Extra information:** Meet in Windsurfer's car park at the base of the West Pier.

For a map showing the meeting place check the website

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

(the meeting place is at Flag 1 on the map).

Also you can use the QR code right to visit the website  
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## SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 05TH SEPTEMBER 2023 HELD IN OLH

- Treasurer:** DCC is grateful to all those residents who have returned their Annual Collection envelopes and encourage those who may not have returned theirs yet to give the envelope to their Road Rep, drop it into the DCC post box in Our Lady's Hall or donate online: **Dalkey Community Council / BIC: AIBKIE2D / IBAN: IE63AIBK93353817535009**
- TT:** DTT have been very busy over the summer months, litter picking, planting and maintaining paths, parks and public areas. The results from the TT Competition should be published soon.
- Graffiti:** There were nine tags during July and twenty-three removed during August. There are 'pencil line' tags on the bridge at Hawk Cliff and these are taking some time to clear. Thanks again to Alan Winter, Miriam Lee and Jacqui Geldorf for their commitment in clearing the graffiti.
- Sport:** DCC congratulates Sadhbh Quinn, Ethan Hall and Lennox Kelly who made it through to the Leinster Finals in August.
- Planning:** The Planning group have been asked for help with planning applications in the area and are assisting residents with general advice.
- AOB:** DCC ART Exhibition will be held in OLH over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> November.  
***The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 3pm in OLH.***

## UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH OCTOBER

### Dalkey Community Council

DCC Meeting is **Tuesday 3rd October** at 3pm in Our Lady's Hall.

**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.

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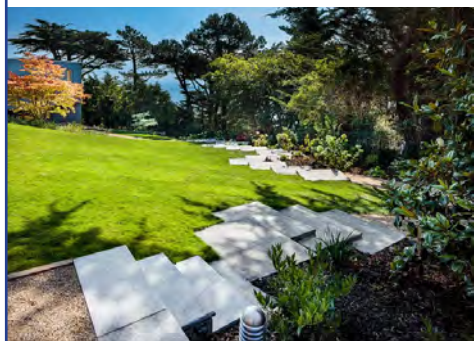
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