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❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

You've heard about the Missing Link, but have you heard about the missing page? Let me tell you all about it. Each year for the opening event of ECHOES weekend Festival, we stage one of Maeve Binchy's plays, or an adaptation of one of her novels. For 2023, we were keen to present her first stage play, *End of Term*.

It was premiered by the Abbey Theatre on the Peacock stage in 1976, to great acclaim. From her interviews, it was abundantly clear that Maeve loved her early career as a secondary school teacher. She taught for eight years before becoming a journalist. *End of Term* drew on her teaching experience.

A search for a copy of the script went through all the obvious channels, including Maeve's agent, her husband, Gordon, various universities, and the Abbey archives. Finally, a typed script was unearthed in the attic of one of the actors in Smashing Times Theatre Company. They had staged the play at the Bank of Ireland Arts Centre in 1997. There was just one snag: the typed script had a note on it saying, 'last page missing.' It was obvious in the reading that the script wasn't complete.

***End of Term* is set in the staffroom of a convent school** on the final day before the summer holidays. There are three teachers working away on school reports and chatting between copious cups of tea. Headmistress, Sr. Dorothy hovers around keeping a watchful eye and wondering when the reports will be finished.

A can of worms opens up when a father of one of the students calls into the staffroom to thank the teachers. From the ensuing conversations, it emerges that his daughter is a very different person at home, to how she presents in school. A bombshell drops when the parent wants to increase the pay to one of the teachers for the grinds his daughter is receiving. Teachers are not allowed to charge for extra tuition with their own students. There is a big exposé with the headmistress, the teacher, the student, and her father. The six-million-dollar question is... who will be believed?

As we approached the end of the play, with a page, or maybe more, missing, the possibilities of how the play might end were perplexing. Would Maeve have put a twist in the tale? To be so near, and yet so far away, was very frustrating. There was one last source to be explored. We knew that Maeve had donated her papers to her Alma Mater, at UCD. It was there, among a myriad of other drafts in Special Collections that Librarian, Eugene Roche found the elusive script which included the missing final pages.

On Friday 6th October at 7.30 pm, all will be revealed in a Rehearsed Reading of *End of Term*, directed by Conall Morrison. Among the cast of six actors are: novelist and former Fair City actor Claudia Carroll (photo), Susannah De Wrixon and Ali White. Talkback after the play will be moderated by Gillian Binchy.

On Saturday 7th October, there will be a full day of talks and readings from 9.30am. Francis Brennan, Irish hotelier, hospitality expert, television personality and best-selling author opens proceedings. He will talk about life, making the most of opportunities... and having Maeve Binchy to stay.

A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats. Contemporary female writers say that Maeve Binchy was the standard-bearer for those who came after her. Aingeala Flannery, Edel Coffey, and Emer McLysaght discuss this, and the importance of having the support of other writers with Madeleine Keane of the Sunday Independent.

Other speakers include Sarah Binchy, Jim Culleton and Dominic Dromgoole. They will enlighten us on how they each bring stories to life on air, stage, and screen with Caroline



Photo: Actors, Clelia Murphy and Claudia Carroll by John Fahy.

Erskine. Dominic Dromgoole, a personal friend of the family, was former Artistic Director of the Globe Theatre in London.

Deirdre O’Kane and Lise-Ann McLaughlin will read from Maeve’s journalism during the day.

In the afternoon, *After the Silence*, was inspired by the ‘Woman of Honour’ controversy. Karina Molloy, Dr. Maeve O’Rourke and Prof. Ian Robertson discuss what happens after a deeply personal story has been shared with the world. RTE’s Katie Hannon will chair this session.

***One Dublin One Book* encourages everyone to read a book connected with the capital** every April. Three of these authors: Christine Dwyer Hickey, Andrew Hughes and Lia Mills discuss what it means to be nominated for this honour with Niall MacMonagle.

The Finale is *Capturing the Moment*, by Oliver Callan. Don’t miss one of Ireland’s most sought after comedians and radio presenters. Award-winning impressionist, satirist, and Maeve Binchy fan, Oliver brings his unique take on life to ECHOES in Dalkey.

Patrons can attend the full day on Saturday (€70) or half day ticket (€40). Each half day has at least two panel discussions, a reading from Maeve’s work and coffee break included. The Gutter Bookshop will have pre-signed copies of the authors’ books available to purchase on site.

Sunday 8th October 11am-12.30pm *Marvellously Maeve Guided Walk* from Dalkey Castle. ECHOES 2023 draws to a close led by Tour Guide, Rita Biggs, with local knowledge and anecdotes not in any guidebook.

Tickets can be booked on www.echoes.ie or www.dalkeycastle.com

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When we noticed the apples that had appeared early in the season were disappearing off the apple tree we'd presumed the culprit was a grey squirrel until we saw the Jay, above, helping itself to one of its five a day.

Often in late summer the BirdWatch office gets queries and photos from people who can't identify a particular bird that doesn't match anything in their bird guides. Either very dark or grey birds with speckled plumage but both with vivid orange brown markings on the crown and face.

These will turn out to be adult and juvenile starlings with the orange markings explained by pollen brushing off on to their heads while the birds have been feeding on nectar from the long tube flowers of New Zealand Flax, *Phormium tenax*.

I don't know of any other Irish bird species that feeds on nectar, something you'd normally associate with hummingbirds in the Americas or sunbirds in Africa and Asia but the starling's long curving bills are ideal for poking into the New Zealand Flax's tube like flowers.

While some starlings feed on nectar these ones were lining up to see if they could help this outdoor diner finish his pizza.



A juvenile starling perched on New Zealand Flax beside the coast road near the East Pier.





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We went to Farmleigh House in the Phoenix Park to visit the cafe adjoining the pond, and sat outside on the decking at a table overlooking the water and the birds on it. In the centre of the pond a Coot perched on a raised mound of vegetation, presumably the nest which had probably been the birthplace of the one solitary juvenile coot drifting around on the water with the other parent. The youngster was very vocal, squawking for the adult to pass food to it. It was already attempting to feed itself, taking little dives underwater to look for tasty vegetation. The tranquil scene became a bit concerning when the juvenile spotted a piece of plastic litter in the water. It looked like the corner of a bag of crisps or snacks that someone had torn off before finding itself in the pond. Some of the plastic was bright green which might have made the bird think it was something edible as it made a beeline for it.

When the accompanying adult intervened and seemed to be chiding and driving away the chick we thought great, it realised the danger and was protecting its offspring. The chick moved away but then, to our consternation the adult bird itself picked up the plastic and swallowed it. It didn't do any obvious immediate harm but it's hard to imagine the bird would be able to pass or regurgitate it and ultimately it would be bound to affect the bird's digestion and possibly prove fatal. There are lots of very distressing photographs of Fulmars, Albatrosses and ocean wandering birds whose corpses, when dissected, have been found to have numerous plastic items in their stomachs.



An adult Coot, above, and its offspring, below, at Farmleigh House. The hard white plate on the adult's head is the origin of the expression 'bald as a coot'.



But to actually see a bird ingesting plastic in front of you in such a domestic setting was very upsetting.

Subsequently I emailed the park rangers office who said they'd inform whoever looks after Farmleigh though it's unlikely anyone could do anything about it

It's easy to despair of all the toxic rubbish humans litter the earth with but sometimes even small gestures can help. A friend used always suggest if you find the plastic loops that hold six pack beer cans together that you tear the loops apart before binning them since, acting like a snare, they can be deadly to animals and birds and if they find their way into the sea they're another serious threat to fish, turtles and other creatures.

Some years ago in the woods in Killiney we came upon a robin, left, fluttering around wildly but not getting anywhere. One of its legs had become entangled on a length of red thread that someone had tied around a branch as a marker. Luckily we'd been there and were able to release it as it couldn't have freed itself otherwise. If someone had picked up that piece of plastic at Farmleigh or correctly disposed of it in the first place it wouldn't have ended up in the water then inside the coot.

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Coffee Morning



We are happy to announce that the annual Hospice Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 21st in Benitos. We welcome your support for this great event and besides raising money for our local hospice it gives us an opportunity to meet and catch up with old friends and make new ones. It raises a lot of much needed funds for our local hospice and we ask everyone this year to come along and support us.



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This year marks the 31st annual Coffee Morning that will be held on **Thursday 21st September** in Benitos from 9.30am - 1.00pm. The support from the Dalkey Business community is much appreciated. Raffle and all proceeds from the event fund our local Blackrock Hospice. Please call: **087 973 2362** for further information.

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❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS/LECTURES SEPTEMBER 2023 ❖

Donnybrook Walk Takes place at 2pm on Saturday September 2nd 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.

The Old Dublin Society David Flood will present *'Martyrs, Patriots, Casualties: Dublin Corporation in the Irish Revolution, 1913-1923'* at 6pm on Wednesday September 13th; Liam O'Meara will present *'When Paddy worked on the Railways: the coming of the railway to Inchicore'* at 6pm on Wednesday September 27th. Both lectures take place 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.

Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society Frank Tracy will present *'Lord Massey of Duntrileague'* at 8pm on Thursday September 14th in the Function Room, Glenalbyn, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €3 for non-members.

Foxrock Local History Club Alan Tuohy will present *'Dublin 18 Scenery Appreciation'* at 8pm on Tuesday September 19th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - Admission is €5 for visitors.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society Michael McShane will present *'The Killiney Estate of Robert Warren during his tenure, 1834-1869'* at 8pm on Wednesday September 20th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.

Dalkey - Looking Back

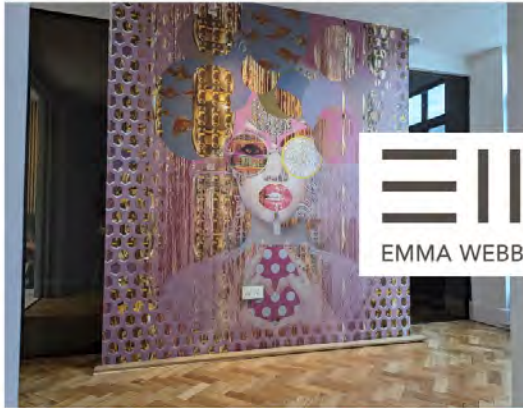
In 1923 Dalkey was much more rural in character as much of the housing from later decades had yet to take place. On Friday September 21st a fire broke out on hay stored by Mr. Patrick Mulhall at his residence of 7, Tubbermore Avenue and once it was discovered word was sent to the police and to the Dalkey Urban District Council fire brigade. Very quickly a party of the police under Inspector Walsh and Station-Sergeant Walsh and the fire brigade under Mr. George Bran were quickly on the scene and eventually after a lot of hard work managed to extinguish the fire but were unable to save about 50 tons of hay, valued around £250, which was totally lost. The cause of the fire was unknown but may have been due to spontaneous combustion as stacked/stored hay is prone to this.

Bray Cualann Historical Society

Thérèse Hicks will present *'The Kennedys of Newtownmountkennedy'* at 8pm on Thursday September 21st in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All are welcome - admission is €8 for non-members.

Dublin City Libraries Dr. Mary Muldowney will present *'The Dublin Cattle Market'* at 6.30pm on Wednesday September 27th in Phibsboro Library, Blacquiere Bridge, North Circular Road, Phibsboro, Dublin, D07 VX54. Admission is free but booking is required - book in branch, call 01-2228333 or email: phibsborolibrary@dublincity.ie Dr. Mary Muldowney will present *'From 8th Amendment to Repeal of the 8th. Remembering Pro-choice Campaigns in 1983 and 2018'* at 6.30pm 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

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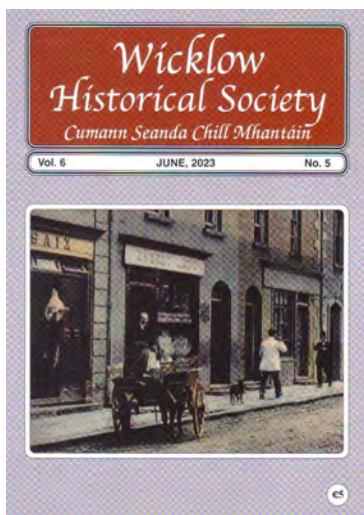
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Publications



Journal of the Wicklow Historical Society, 2023, published by the Wicklow Historical Society.

Articles featured in this year's Journal include 'Life in Wicklow a Century Ago – 1923' by John Finlay; 'Prominent families in East Wicklow in 1788 from Taylor and Skinner Atlas of 1788'; 'Oysters – The Makings of Fishy Tale' by Vincent O'Reilly; 'A Century Old – The Harry Clarke Nativity Window in St. Patrick's Church' by John Finlay; 'Wicklow and District in Antiquity and Folklore Part 5 – Nathi, Pagan Chieftain – Palladius – Patrick and Mantan' by Stan J. O'Reilly; 'Wicklow Shop-fronts in the 1980s' by John Finlay; 'Wicklow's Maritime Heritage Part 3 – Tragedy – Shipwrecks and Tales of the Wicklow Coastline' by Stan J. O'Reilly; 'Wicklow Town in 1827' by Tom Byrne; and 'The Byrne Identity - The Wicklow Background of Joyce Cranley' by Ken Hannigan. Copies of this excellent annual journal at the post paid of €10 can be ordered from Bridge Street Books, Bridge Street, Wicklow Town A67 XN83.

'Journal of the Irish Railway Record Society, June 2023, Vol. 30, No.211', Hon. Editor Tim Moriarty, Managing Editor Mark Merrigan, published by the Irish Railway Record Society.

The Irish Railway Record Society, founded in 1946, caters for all who are interested in Irish railways and tramways. The Society Journal, published three times a year, records the history of Irish railway and tramway along with comprehensive coverage of current developments in the railway industry.

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DCC TRIBUTE FOR FLOR O'MAHONY



Local man Flor O'Mahony died at the end of July.

Flor was a Labour politician He was an advisor to Brendan Corish, Tánaiste and Minister for Health from 1973 to 1977 and advisor to Frank Cluskey, who succeeded Brendan Corish.

He served in Seanad Éireann in the 1980's and was a member of the European Parliament for a short term. Flor lived all his life in Dalkey and despite his busy career he always took an avid interest in Dalkey matters. He had a great wealth of knowledge and was ready to provide his assistance and advice wherever and whenever it was needed. Flor represented Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre on

the Community Council giving monthly updates to the members on all its activities. He was the Road Rep. for Ulverton Road and delivered the newsletters to the residents there.

He also found time to volunteer with Dalkey Tidy Towns and was involved in their many projects. Among the many local issues he was instrumental in resolving the ferry licence from Coliemore Harbour to Dalkey Island. He was involved with the Bulloch Harbour Preservation Association to protect the heritage and public amenity of our harbour. Flor was courteous, gentle and very reserved. He gave his advice freely and graciously. He never sought the limelight. Dalkey owes Flor a huge debt of gratitude as he worked tirelessly all through his life. His heart was in Dalkey and he was a true servant to his home town.

Dalkey Community Council sympathise with Judy and all the family on the passing of Flor and may his gentle soul rest in peace.



BUMBLEBEE MONITORING WALK - SORRENTO & DILLON'S PARK



Pascuorum, the ginger tailed bumblebee, was the most common bumblebee on 15th August 2023 in Sorrento and Dillon's Parks.

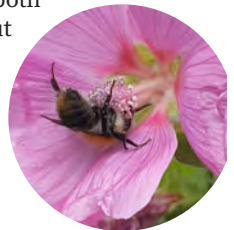
Two new generation Terrestris Queens were spotted. Once these Queens have mated, they will look for somewhere to hunker down until next Spring. The top foraging

plant today was the catmint followed by brambles. (see photos below left)

Both these photos were taken on 15th August 2023 in Sorrento Park. They both show B.Pascuorum workers but one has faded. Similar to us, as they age their hair gets lighter in colour. You will see a bag of pollen on the leg of the older worker.

In Dillon's Park, a B.Pascuorum deeply foraging on Lavatera Olbia Rosea, a pretty display just inside main entrance.

Terrestris Queen looking to nest in the long grass on Sorrento Summit.





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SUMMER RAIN DID NOT DAMPEN DALKEY TIDY TOWNS TEAM EFFORTS



Having already submitted our Dalkey entries to the SuperValu Tidy Towns competition and the DLRCC Tidy Districts competition, our volunteers did their best to keep the area shipshape throughout the year. That has become a bigger and bigger challenge and we await the competition results with all fingers crossed.

Did you know that Dalkey now has 31 large public planted flower beds along our streets? Every one of these needs planting, mulching, pruning, weeding and management. Castle Park Road, Hyde Road, Dalkey Avenue, St. Patrick's Square and others, now have flowering displays for all to enjoy. Sorrento Park and Dillon's Park used to have a full-time DLRCC gardener but now they just have our DTT Volunteers. The Cats Ladder, all 237 steps, also need a regular hair-cut and The Flags would disappear if not looked after – just a few other challenges for our DTT Volunteers.

Global Warming Rain also boosted weed growth along our kerbs and around our drains and unless cleared, flooding is a certainty. Again, our DTT Volunteers cleared the kerbs along all of Hyde Road, Sorrento Road, Sorrento Terrace, Coliemore Road, Vico Road, Barnhill Road and more.

Our DTT Volunteers even found time this year to repair and replace the Coliemore Harbour Binoculars, build an orchard of apple, pear and plum trees with residents of Hillside and replace all the disintegrating red brick paving with lovely granite sets at Archbold's Castle. As John Cleese once said, 'what have the Romans ever done for us?' To follow progress throughout the year, do check the DTT Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/dalkeytt>

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - WEEKS 27-32 2023 03/07/2023 - 11/08/2023

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/0450

Application Rec'd Date: 07/07/2023

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

Proposal: 1) The 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) Construction of new 2 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 **Declared Invalid:** 20/07/2023

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0453

Application Rec'd Date: 07/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Michael & Rita Doorly, 106, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96H6Y3

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.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0458

Application Rec'd Date: 11/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: John & Pia Feeney, Monte Alverno, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96C594

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. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0485

Application Rec'd Date: 20/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Iris O'Malley, Tetherdown, 21 Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Dublin, A96Y9W8

Proposal: Construction of two extensions at first floor level of 20sqm in floor area above the existing study and store, and 17sqm in floor area above the existing kitchen.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0494

Application Rec'd Date: 21/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Simon & Roise Lowry, 25, Mapas Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96T659

Proposal: Construction of first floor extension to the side of existing dwelling comprising of bedroom. Conversion of existing attic space comprising of modification of existing roof structure, new access stairs, roof windows to the front and flat roof dormer to the rear. Retention permission for widening of vehicular entrance. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0258

Application Rec'd Date: 20/04/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Donal & Katrin O'Connell

Location: 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 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.

Application Type: Permission **Further Information:** Additional Information 31/07/2023

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0499

Application Rec'd Date: 24/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Tony & Bernie O'Reilly, 8, Barnacolle Park, Dalkey, Dublin, A96V268

Proposal: (a) The reconfiguration of front garden access steps (including provision for external, accessible platform lift) and new, extended landing/terrace area outside living room (with new storage area below accessed from existing garage). (b) New 3sqm entrance porch/projecting bay at existing dining room window. (c) Front living room window replaced by patio door at existing house. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0526

Application Rec'd Date: 09/08/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Margaret Ryan.

Location: Ardfallen, Cunningham Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96K802

Proposal: Permission for modifications to permitted development D22A/0253 to provide for a residential scheme for four part single, part two storey dwellings, which is a reduction in height overall from permitted three storey height comprising: House 1, (195sqm), four bedroom dwelling, House 2 (156sqm), 3 bedroom dwelling, House 3 (164sqm), 3 bedroom dwelling, House 4, (360sqm), 5 bedroom dwelling, which comprises an overall area of 870sqm, and a reduction from the extant permitted floor area of 985sqm of 115sqm and a reduction of two dwelling units compared to extant permission all on a site of 2364sqm. The development will include revisions to public open space and private open space allocated for each dwelling, revisions to provide 7no. car spaces, a reduction of two car parking spaces, including universal access spaces, electric charging points, covered bicycle spaces and bin storage. The modifications will include a new 6.1m vehicular entrance on Cunningham Road reduced in width from the width of 10.85 as permitted and an existing vehicular entrance and minor adjustments to the boundary wall height on Cunningham Road as granted in the extant permission. The development will include revisions to site infrastructure works above and below ground including excavation works, changes in site levels, plant, services, drainage, landscaping and new ESB substation as granted permission, all located within the grounds of Ardfallen, a protected structure. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0372

Application Rec'd Date: 09/08/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Eamonn MacAodh, 17, Steepholt, Killiney Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96VH99

Proposal: Retention permission for alterations to previously granted (D18A/0229). The alterations consist of a) conversion of previously existing garage structure to side of dwelling, to include new patio doors and timber cladding to front, with 1no. rooflight. b) Changes to zinc canopy over previously granted new front entrance door, and associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0379

Application Rec'd Date: 11/08/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Emmet & Marie O'Donovan, 36 Gosworth Park, Dalkey, Dublin, A96F2X9

Proposal: Two dormer windows (interconnecting) to the rear. One dormer window to the front. New rooflight to the front slope. All associated demolitions, internal alterations, site drainage, landscaping and ancillary works. **Application Type:** Permission

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Reg. Ref.: D23A/0315

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 04/07/2023

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.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0325

Decision: Request Additional Information

Date: 07/07/2023

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.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0326

Decision: Request Additional Information

Date: 07/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: John Feeney, Monte Alverno House, Monte Alverno, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96C594 (A Protected Structure)

Proposal: 1) Construction of a new detached house in the front garden. 2) The proposed house will be a 4 bedroom detached flat roof house. 3) The house will be two storey, split level set down in the site entered at first floor. 4) The works will also include a single storey flat roof garden room. 5) Partial demolition of wall to the side of the existing entrance driveway to create a new vehicular access to the site. 6) Proposed new pedestrian entrance onto Sorrento Road. 7) Alterations to boundary walls, landscaping, soakaway, drainage works and ancillary and associated works. 8) SuDS surface water drainage, foul water potable water connections. 9) All ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0218

Decision: Grant Permission For Retention

Date: 03/07/2023

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.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/1072/E **Decision:** Grant Extension Of Duration Of Perm. **Date:** 12/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Bernice & Brian Barrington, 3 Church Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin (A portion of this site is located with the Dalkey Architectural Conservation Area)

Proposal: Permission for: A. Demolition of the existing rear single storey extension to the existing dwelling, including a section of the existing boundary wall onto the adjacent laneway. B. Construction of a new single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dwelling. C. Erection of 2.0m high fence along the existing shared boundary with the neighbouring property. D. Erection of a bin storage shed to the front curtilage of the dwelling, along with all associated site works and landscaping.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0340 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 13/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Liam Moore, 128, Hillside, Dalkey, Dublin, A96H5K2

Proposal: Subdivision of existing two-storey 7-bed dwelling and garden to form two independent dwellings (No. 128, a two-storey, 5-bed dwelling and No. 128A, a two-storey, 2-bed dwelling) involving both internal and external alterations, the removal of an existing ancillary outbuilding, landscaping and boundary treatments, together with the provision of 3no. off-street parking spaces on a shared driveway, widening of the existing vehicular entrance and all associated site development works.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0344 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 13/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Sarah Jane O'Connor, 42a, Castle Street, Dalkey, Dublin, A96CX44

Proposal: Division of 1 no. residential unit over shop, to create two residential units along with the raising of the wall at rear entrance.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0366 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 21/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Sarah Jane O'Connor, 42, Castle Street, Dalkey, Dublin

Proposal: Change of use from shop to cafe/coffee shop.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0352 **Decision:** Refuse Permission For Retention **Date:** 14/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Vantage towers Ltd., Saint Patrick's Church, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96HA24

Proposal: Permission to retain the existing development consisting of antenna, radio equipment, microwave dishes and all associated telecommunications equipment. A Protected Structure.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0243 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 11/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Malcom & Liz Currie, 20, Highland Lodge, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey, Dublin, A96W2T4

Proposal: 1) Partial demolition of existing basement including demolition of external steps all to the front elevation. 2) Proposed new two storey extension consisting new entrance at ground level and double height windows to the front and side elevations. 3) Proposed new terrace / balcony to the front elevation with railings. 4) Proposed changes to all elevations and internal alterations to floor plans. 5) Including all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0021 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 18/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Adelphi Real Estate, Lands at, Dalkey Manor, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co.Dublin
Proposal: The development will consist of amendments to the previously approved Planning Reference Reg Ref D18A/0418 & ABP-303725-19. The proposed amendments will consist of 1) Amendments to 9 no. 3 bedroom dwellings to be 4 bedroom dwellings, 2) Minor modifications to external elevations and materials of dwellings of

house units 3- 7 and 8-13, 3) Amendment to roof lights and removal of vaulted roof lights to apartment building. 4) Minor modifications to apartment building elevations, materials and apartment layouts. 5) Amendments to basement layout to apartment building. 6) Minor amendments to all associated site works and landscaping on a site of c 0.935 hectares.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0370

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 23/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Proinseas O'Daibhis, 8 Sorrento Drive, Dalkey, Dublin, A96CD32

Proposal: 1) Moving existing vehicular entrance. 2) Construct an additional vehicular entrance to allow for an 'in and out' driveway. 3) Alterations to the front boundary wall to accomodate these changes. 4) new front boundary wall to have a stone finish. 5) All ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0407

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 28/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Paul and Catherine McCabe, 11, Mapas Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Planning permission for development. The development will consist of: Widening the existing gates from 2.4 metres to 3.2 metres

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0275

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 26/07/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Alan & Kelly Lewis, Seaspray, Beulah Court, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96DK57

Proposal: 1) Roof alterations consisting of (a) raising the ridge line to the south. (b) Construction of new dormer facing east. (c) New gable window facing west. (d) hip roof to west over entrance altered to gable. 2) Internal alterations. 3) All external windows and doors replaced with alterations to ope size. 3) 10sqm rear extension. 4) External insulated render finish to existing walls and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0390

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 08/08/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Timothy & Sinead Boucher-Hayes, 3 Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Dublin, A96KC92

Proposal: Development at rear of 33 Castlepark Road consisting of the construction of a new 2 storey mews type detached dwelling. The development will comprise the construction of a new part single-storey, part two-storey dwelling over basement. Accomodation provided includes a basement storage and plant area, a kitchen, living/dining room, bathroom and study at ground floor level and two bedrooms at first floor level, together with all ancillary works including connections to existing services. The proposed development will also include the creation of a new vehicular and pedestrian access from Hyde Park together with the formation of a new vehicular entrance gate.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0293

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 10/08/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Majella & Pat Giles, Alwoodley, 13 Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96W592

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of single storey, ground floor, side structure (to west side of existing house) and the construction of a single storey, ground floor, side extension (approx. 12.50sqm) in its place including associated rooflights. The development will also include externally insulating the retained house (render and brick slip finish), alterations to internal layouts and all associated site works

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 27-32 2023 03/07/2023 - 11/08/2023

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0352 **Reg. Date:** 26/05/2023

Location: Saint Patrick's Church, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96HA24

Development: Permission to retain the existing development consisting of antenna, radio equipment, microwave dishes and all associated telecommunications equipment. A Protected Structure.

Council Decision: Refuse permission for retention **Appeal Lodged:** 09/08/2023

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

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 27-32 2023 26/06/2023 - 04/08/2023

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0907

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 30/06/2023

Council Decision: Grant permission

Location: Ardan, Ardrugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 TC62

Proposed Development: Permission for development. The development will consist of the following works to the existing two storey detached three bedroom dwelling:
- Construction of a new two storey rear extension with flat roof with two rooflights above to the rear of the existing house; - An attic conversion with new roof lights to the rear and to the east of the revised roof to the existing internal floor layout at ground and first floor level; - Construction of a new single storey garage to the front of the property with separate external doors and with glazed link to existing house at lower ground level; and - Modifications and widening of the existing vehicular entrance off Ardrugh Road to being 3.5m in width, as well as all ancillary site development works.

Applicant: Briega and Brian Coe

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0137

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 28/06/2023

Council Decision: Grant permission

Location: 131 Hillside, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for demolition of existing single storey sun room to rear and boiler house and chimney to side, new single storey extensions to rear and side conversion of roof to attic accommodation with dormer windows to rear and side, front porch roof and internal alterations to existing two storey semi detached house.

Applicant: Claire and Jonathan Harte

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0251

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 27/06/2023

Council Decision: Refuse permission

Location: 14 St Patricks Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 FA43. The building is in an Architectural Conservation Area

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for demolition of existing rear single storey extension and construction of two storey extension to rear, with amendments to front elevation positioning of door & windows with associated site works

Applicant: Edel Noble & Martin Stairs

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0362

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 30/06/2023

Council Decision: Grant permission & grant retention

Location: 4 Cunningham Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposed Development: Retention permission is sought (as a revision to previously granted permission file ref D20A/0649) for the demolition of select additional internal and external walls at ground and first floor levels in order to accommodate proposed development at the site; and in addition, Planning Permission is sought (as a revision

to previously granted permission file ref D20A/0649) for the construction of select new walls to replace additional demolished, as well as the construction of extended basement area of +32 sq. m. to incorporate new utility room and ground floor connection, along with minor revisions to the proposed ground floor layout along the eastern boundary.

Applicant: Geoff Brannigan

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0391

Appeal Decision: Refuse Outline Permission

Appeal Decided: 30/06/2023

Council Decision: Refuse outline permission

Location: Hill House, Torca Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposed Development: Outline permission sought for a development. The development will consist of an outline planning application for a new two storey house consisting of an entrance hall with 4 bedrooms and bathroom on ground floor and for a guest bedroom dining and kitchen area to first floor all with a flat roof and for new vehicular entrance and car parking spaces all to site to side of existing house.

Applicant Name: Michael Lennon

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0548

Appeal Decision: Withdrawal Of Appeal

Appeal Decided: 26/06/2023

Council Decision: Grant permission

Location: 24 Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 CX27

Proposed Development: Planning permission is sought for: the provision of semi-basement front garden work-from-home room ancillary to the main dwelling, incorporating home office/gym spaces and associated WC space, refuse and bicycle storage for the main dwelling, front and side garden wall and integrated sliding gate, all associated landscaping and ancillary site works and the replacement of existing front ground floor windows of main dwelling with 2 No. Bifold Doors. **Applicant:** David Cunningham & Alison Harvey

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0304

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 06/07/2023

Council Decision: Refuse permission

Location: c.06 HA site, comprising the former residence 'Yonder', (previously demolished), Ulverton Road and 'Maple Tree House', Harbour Road, Bulloch Harbour, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposed Development: Permission for development. The development will consist of the demolition of the existing 2 storey dwelling 'Maple Tree House' (c.289 sq m) and the removal of the foundation slab of the previously demolished 'Yonder', and the construction of a 104 No. bedroom nursing home, ranging in height from part-two to part-five storey (total gross floor area measures 5,618.40 sq.m). The development will also include the provision of vehicular entrances off Ulverton Road and the spur off Harbour Road; car and bicycle parking; green roofs; PV panels; ancillary signage; boundary treatments; hard and soft landscaping; plant; lighting; changes in level; and all associated site works above and below ground. **Applicant:** Bartra Property Limited

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0916

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 14/07/2023

Council Decision: Grant permission

Location: 4a, St. Begnet's Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposed Development: Retention/permission for development at this site. The retention development will consist of (a) Retention of variations to original approved planning application Register Reference D98A/0391, (b) Retention of single storey rear conservatory extension and ancillary site works, (c) Retention of existing single-storey store to the side of the existing dwelling for the storage of bicycles, (d) And we also intend to apply for permission to complete the existing single-storey store referenced in (c) above.

Applicant: Keith and Catherine Watson

Reg. Ref.: D21A/1089

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 18/07/2023

Council Decision: Refuse permission

Location: Site to the Gortevan, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposed Development: Permission is sought. The development will consists of: (i) construction of 2 no. two-storey, four-bedroom, flat-roofed detached infill dwellings each served by private amenity space to rear and sharing a front courtyard/parking area of 5 no. parking spaces; (ii) removal of existing vehicular entrance to private driveway/access gate off Wolverton Glen and replacement with new vehicular entrance of 3.232m width; and (iii) landscaping, boundary treatment, SuDS drainage and all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development. **Applicant:** Rosario Rizzo

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0183

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 17/07/2023

Council Decision: Refuse permission

Location: 59A, CASTLE STREET, DALKEY, DUBLIN, A96F512

Proposed Development: Permission development will consist of : restoration and upgrade works including; demolition of the existing dilapidated single storey extensions to the rear, replacement of the existing slate roof and front window to Castle Street, construction of a new two-storey extension and dormer to the rear, and all associated site drainage works. The proposed development is intended to match the heights, massing, and materiality of the concurrent proposed development at the adjoining property, 59B Castle Street. **Applicant:** Donal Nolan

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0185

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 17/07/2023

Council Decision: Refuse permission

Location: 59B Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 P997 within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA)

Proposed Development: Permission. The development will consist of: restoration and upgrade works including; demolition of the existing dilapidated sheds and two-storey extension to the rear, replacement of the existing slate roof and front window to Castle Street, construction of a new two-storey extension and dormer to the rear, and all associated site and drainage works. The proposed development intended to match the heights, massing, and materiality of the concurrent proposed development at the adjoining property, 59A Castle Street. **Applicant:** Gwendilene Porter

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0021

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 24/07/2023

Council Decision: Grant permission

Location: Gortevan, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for 1. Alterations to the existing house, 'Gortevan' including: demolish roof and construct new first floor with pitched roof, widen/alter existing windows and door to front. New door and window to side. Construct single storey extensions to rear of retained existing rear extension, new high flat roof to rear extension and widen/alter existing windows to rear extension. 2. New vehicular entrance to Barnhill Road with sliding gate. **Applicant:** Rosario Rizzo



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DALKEY SWIFTS UPDATE 2023



Throughout Ireland swifts are sadly declining. So much so that they are now, officially red-listed, however the Dalkey swifts are a determined lot. As each year in early May I count six nesting pairs, and if they have two young in each nest, that's twelve new swifts. Which by mid-August will take off on their maiden flight, totally unaccompanied from Dalkey to sub-Saharan Africa and hopefully they will return in the coming years, when they are ready to breed.

This year by mid-July, the number of swifts increased to approximately eighteen, as six juveniles arrived on the look-out for nesting sites, for future years. Unfortunately, although there are a number of nesting boxes dotted around Dalkey, no swifts have nested in any of these boxes. Which is deeply frustrating, and it really is the only way we can attempt to help them. Apart from swift bricks for new builds and by not sealing up gaps under gutters and soffits. I was very pleasantly surprised while travelling to and from the Loughlinstown Leisure Centre, throughout the Summer, to count up to ten breeding swifts. Their nests are scattered around the surrounding houses, a very welcome, joyful site.

As I have been approached by a number of people, who want to come and see the swifts, I will lead a basic "Swift Walk", next Summer 2024. Basic as in, I am not an expert, just an enthusiast. I will do my best to answer questions and make it an informal, fun, get together of hopefully swifts and those of us who wait for, enjoy and marvel at these amazing creatures. I will post the date and time, on the "Dalkey Open Forum" and will tag it on to Michael and Lucy Ryan's excellent nature article in this "Dalkey Community Council Newsletter" May and June editions.

Provisionally mid-July, as this is peak swift season. Mark Cocker has published a new book, "One Mid-summer's day, swifts and the story of life on earth", it's a really nice book and in it he quoted a couplet, from Edward Thomas's poem, *The Haymaker* - "the swift with wings and tail, as sharp and narrow, as if the bow, had flown off with arrow" which in my opinion is the best description ever of a swift in flight. Seven copies of Mark's book are available in Dun Laoghaire LexIcon Library but it is very popular and therefore should be reserved.

I have included as a final salute an illustration from the hand of the late Michael Viney, that amazing nature writer, who sadly passed away this year. Michael you will be missed. And finally look at the photograph of the bold cat, Humphrey, who's thoughtful owner has fitted him with a collar complete with bell, precariously positioned, way up high on a roof, above the entrance to a swift's nest, hoping to catch one for his supper, Humphrey has been disappointed every time.

Regards until next year

Trish!

Swift Conservation Ireland

**Michael Viney, February the 6th 1933,
died on May the 30th 2023.**



Humphrey waiting for his supper.

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Monday 11 September 10:30 - 11:15

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

Monday 25 September 10:30 - 11:15

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Friday 1 September 10:30 - 11:15

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

Friday 8 September 10:30 - 11:15

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

Friday 15 September 10:30 - 11:15

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

Friday 22 September 10:30 - 11:15

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Friday 29 September 10:30 - 11:15

Join us at the Library for a Yoga adventure with Eike!

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2 September 11:30-12:30

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16 September 11:00-11:45

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and they will be able to advise you.**

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Loreto's Got Talent

At the end of June every year, we do a talent show in Loreto Primary School. 5th class organised it this year and did an amazing job. The girls from 5th class got into groups of two or three. They went to all the classes in the school and held auditions. They had to pick three acts from junior infants to 5th class to take part in the talent show. They had a tough job!

After a lot of practising at break time in the yard, the day of the talent show finally came. We all brought our chairs

outside to the school yard. It was a lovely sunny day. We watched all the classes perform, starting with junior infants. There were lots of different acts like singing, dancing, magic tricks, gymnastics, jokes and playing instruments. We had microphones, speakers and backing tracks. The sound was brilliant. Everyone did their best and it was really fun.

*By Pia Harrington & Maria Sosa
in 4th class*

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CRAOBH PHIARAIS CUMANN N'OG - GRÚPA CHEOIL

Two boys from Harold Boys' N.S., Oliver Dobbin and Ronan Murdock, took part in the Under 12 Grúpa Cheoil Dublin County Fleadh competition representing Craobh Phiarais Cumann N'Og. The competition took place in Balbriggan on Sunday



Fleadh Ceoil Átha Cliath 2023

photos Harold Boys School

14th May. Oliver and Ronan were part of the group, playing the tin whistle.

The Grúpa was composed of 20 young musicians playing fiddles, harps, accordions and whistles who came together to perform a set programme of 5 tunes: *Polka, March, a Slow Air, Níl na lá & The Bog down in the Valley*. Each tune had a different introduction. The musical arrangement and intense rehearsal schedule was the work of Mairéad Ní Ghréagáin, musical Director of Craobh Phiarais.

The adjudicators were focused on the group playing the tunes together, demonstrating harmonies and not letting any one musician or instrument dominate the set. The competition saw their group competing against 8 other groups from around Dublin! Our Group were the last to perform to a packed-out hall. They held their nerve and played beautifully.

Craobh Phiarais Cumann N'Og came 3rd place in the Dublin Fleadh. Well done to all!





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News from the Early Years Department at Castle Park School

End of Year Summer Concert

The Early Years pupils showcased their musical talent via a repertoire of songs and a charming play celebrating the beauty of summer. The children exhibited confidence beyond their years and captivated the audience with energy and enthusiasm. Thank you to Ms. McKiernan our Director of Music, and the Early Years teachers for supporting and guiding these young performers on and off the stage.

Wooly's Mobile Farm Visit

As our Kindergarten 1 class is still a little too young for a trip, they had a visit from Wooly's Mobile Farm. The surprise visit was an exciting end-of-term experience for the young group. They had the opportunity to feed a lamb, brush its coat, and hold some small animals. They exchanged high-

fives with a friendly duck and even rested a chicken on their flat caps.

Glenroe Farm

The children from Kindergarten 2, Junior Infants and Senior Infants all set off on an adventure to Glenroe Farm in Co. Wicklow where they fed, petted and interacted with the animals, including everyone's favourite 'Batman' the Goat.

Teddy Bears Picnic

The Junior Infants classes hosted a delightful Teddy Bears Picnic on the school's front pitch. This event was inspired by the beloved book, "The Everywhere Bear" by Julia Donaldson. Each child eagerly crafted their own special bear and engaged in playful activities during the picnic.

*Claire O'Sullivan
Castle Park School*

photos Castle Park School





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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

Parish walks, barbecues, not to mention organisations kicking off again —what's not to like? And an action packed season in front of us! Confirmation, Harvest, and more! (But we won't mention the Xmas word)

Go mbeannaí is go gcumhdaí Dia Austin Anthony and Arthur Andrew Day, baptised on 2nd July, and Monty Michael McFarlane, baptised on 30th July.

On 18th June, we laid to rest the ashes of Fred Kay, and we remember his family at this time.

Parish BBQ

Despite early morning downpours, the weather shone for the afternoon of the BBQ at Mark and Geraldine Heaton's house. Over 40 attended a very successful and social afternoon. The Rector ensured that the rain stayed away by inviting some local clergy

who's power of prayer obviously worked. We were delighted to welcome, Reverend Ruth Elmes from St. Patrick's Dalkey, Father Tom Dalzell

from Ballybrack Parish and our own Gordon Linney. Many

thanks to Clive Christie and Peter Hayes who cooked superbly on the BBQ, Nigel Teggin who provided a great taxi service, Helen Irvin who arranged a wonderful selection of salads from parishioners and Roslyn Christie who made delicious pavlova desserts for all. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.



Ladies Guild will host its first meeting on Tuesday, 12th September in the Carry Centre at 2.30pm. We hope to have a schedule of events for the coming year available then. Ladies from neighbouring parishes are very welcome to join us.

Sheep Thrills ended the summer session in sunny June with a trip to Russborough House. The coach brought us over the scenic Wicklow Mountains with coffee in the beautiful Hollywood Café. We then had a private tour of Russborough House followed by lunch. Before we broke up we supported the Charity Pink Tie. Sheep Thrills starts again on Thursday, September 14th and wool is always welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078 www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney

Welcoming Visitors

We look forward to welcoming visitors to Holy Trinity and its grounds (as we did last year) every Thursday in September from 2 to 4 pm. Since the last occasion a new gate from the Hill was opened by His Grace, an ecumenical Service in memory of Blessed John Sullivan, S.J., has taken place, and the "Green Team" has been working hard to combat climate change and encourage biodiversity. Our 'Harry Clarke Window' cards are available for sale. We look forward to seeing you and your friends!

❖ SEPTEMBER 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

September is upon us and where has the year gone! The Irish for September is Meán Fómhair – the middle of the harvest. Fields that survived the excessive rain of the past few months are cut and the grain stored. The new term in schools has begun and the new entrants are beginning to settle in. Holidays seem distant now – except for those who are not bound by work or school!

In the parish we are beginning to return to regular activities. Registration for the Sacraments will be taking

place and we are also preparing to implement the Archbishop's request to reduce one Sunday Mass in each parish as the Building Hope project is being rolled out. We will be integrating our Mass schedule along with our partner parishes of Dun Laoghaire and Glathule. The new schedule will come into effect on the First Sunday of Advent (December 3rd).

Care for Creation is the theme during the month of September and there are various initiatives being promoted both nationally and locally.

It's an exciting time and we pray that God will guide us through the various challenges that we face in our world and in our faith.

Blessings on you all, Fr. Liam

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❖ OK SO FAR IN DALKEY? - WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE PLANET? ❖

To help us all confront this year's horrific increase of forest fires and raging floods worldwide - and the grim warning it bears - there will be a 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. This will be in Loreto Abbey Hall on Tuesday September 19th at 7.30pm. All are warmly invited, and there is no charge.

Justin Kilcullen, former director of Trócaire, now active in Eco Congregation work in St. Anne's parish

in Shankill, will introduce the film and lead discussion afterwards over light refreshments hosted by the school.

This is a follow-up to the evening in May with Tidy Towns' Des Burke Kennedy (*"Never mind the next world: Let's fix this one!"*) organised by the Dalkey churches, and hopefully the first of a number of events over the coming months. Schools in the Dalkey area are alerted to the event, young people being especially welcome.

A collection will be taken up to cover expenses. *Revd Ginnie Kennerley*



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September 2023 Indoor Meeting

Date & time: Tuesday, 5th September at 8pm.

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

Title: Habitat enhancement works for native wildlife in a former Sitka spruce plantation.

Speaker: Rob Gandola.

Details: Rob is a Senior Science Officer, he co-ordinates the science agenda for Herpetology Society of Ireland. He is a Ph. D student at University College Dublin where his research primarily focuses on the conservation and ecology of Nile crocodiles in Madagascar. He also leads the herpetology team for Operation Wallacea at their field site. Rob also conducts other research on the ecology and conservation of other reptiles and amphibians in both Ireland and further afield.



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September 2023 Outdoor Meeting

Date & time to meet: Sunday, 10th September at 10am.

Outing to: Broad Lough, Wicklow.

Extra information: We return to the Broad Lough for the first time since December 2012. The Broad Lough is a shallow tidal and brackish lagoon that is fed by the Vartry River and several other smaller streams. It is situated just north of Wicklow town and is separated from the Irish Sea by a long spit of land called the The Murrough, along which the Dublin to Wexford railway line runs. Meet along the road outside the Irish Biofuel Production Limited plant.

For a map showing the meeting place check the website

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

TG4 are to launch two new channels this September.

The first is TG4+1 which as it suggests is a time shift version of the main channel showing content one hour later.

The second channel Cula4 is a dedicated children's channel which will broadcast home produced content, they will also show programmes produced in English which will either be dubbed into Irish, or have Irish subtitles.

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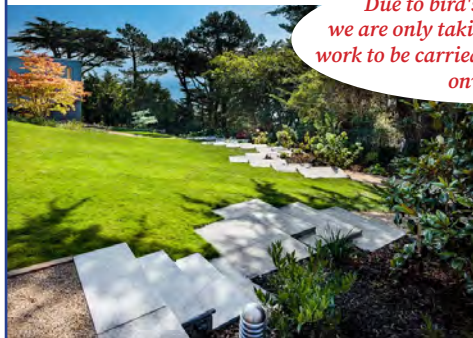


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