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Mhaise Daoibh!**

*Knitted Crib by Ann Scully*

## ❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

**The most striking feature in recent drone footage shot over Dalkey** is the close proximity of the town to Dalkey Island. Amazing videos were captured on a beautiful sunny day and are part of the new audio-visual presentation at Dalkey Castle. This valuable addition to the visitor experience was designed and created by Noho and largely funded by the Heritage Council's Community fund.

**Archaeologists found evidence that our Stone Age ancestors were hunting** and farming on the island at least six and a half thousand years ago. As the centuries moved on, a promontory fort constructed in the 5th century kept an eye on seafaring activities along the coast. Not alone that, but experts have found the remains of wine containers with links to exotic locations on the Mediterranean and North Africa.

**Later, a church dedicated to St. Begnet was established on the island.** Its architectural features suggest it was built between the 10th and 12th centuries. There is another church named after Begnet beside Dalkey Castle. The current structure dates from the 10th century and was built on the site of a seventh century Early Christian wooden church. Both churches were believed to have been linked to the famous monastic centre in Glendalough.

**Dalkey Island rose to prominence again** when the Vikings were forced to abandon their fortified camp in Dublin and flee to the island. There, they re-grouped, bringing their slaves with them. Dalkey Island became a holding centre for the Viking slave trade. By the late 900s, settlement had begun in the area we now call Dalkey town. Meanwhile, life in Dalkey did not escape the effects of major events in the rest of the country. The arrival of the Anglo Normans in 1169 changed the face of Irish history forever. When the Black Death struck in 1348, many of Dublin's inhabitants fled to the clear air of Dalkey Island.

**In the mid-1300s, as merchant ships got bigger,** navigating the shallow and treacherous River Liffey into Dublin became increasingly difficult. Instead, the heaviest ships could anchor safely in the deep waters of Dalkey Sound and off-load their goods to be transported locally and overland to the city.

**Dalkey owes much of its layout and development** to the merchants who carted these valuable cargoes up from the seashore. Over time, seven fortified townhouses - locally referred to as castles - were built to store these goods. The owners of these fortified townhouses took extra measures to protect their properties. Battlements and turrets were used as look-out posts. With Machicolations and Murder Holes, there was no *céad mile fáilte* for raiders! In 1482, the town was granted a licence to hold its own weekly market. An annual fair to celebrate the feast day of St. Begnet on the 12th of November was an occasion for great merriment and revelry.

**On Dalkey Castle's battlements,** there is a clue to a previous owner of Dalkey Castle. Once known as Goat Castle, the name was given to it by the Cheevers family in the mid-1600s. Their surname comes from the French word 'chevre', meaning goat. Look closely and you'll see that the banner flying above the castle has three goats - taken directly from their family's coat of arms!

**However, in the late 1600s Dalkey's status as an important trading post** began to fade. Ports around Dublin were developed to accommodate bigger ships, and the town became a sleepy fishing village. Following the French Revolution and the subsequent rise of Napoleon Bonaparte, England found itself at war with France. Fearing an invasion of England through Ireland, a string of 26 towers were built from Balbriggan to Bray. Named



*Singing with Santa at Dalkey Castle.*

Martello Towers after Cape Mortella in Corsica, several of these impressive structures still stand today including one on Dalkey Island, the only one built without a door.

**A prominent signal tower was constructed on Dalkey Hill** to communicate between the Martello Towers. The hill was not just strategically important but would also provide the granite rock to build a new harbour at nearby Dun Leary, later renamed Kingstown and, in 1922, Dún Laoghaire. The population of Dalkey and adjoining areas received a further boost when a railway linking Dublin city with Kingstown was opened in 1834. Ten years later, a world-renowned Atmospheric Railway ran from Kingstown to Dalkey until it ceased in 1854. The following year the Dublin-Kingstown railway was extended through Dalkey to Bray.

**The new audio-visual presentation at Dalkey Castle** gives visitors and locals alike a flavour of the history behind our heritage town. The visit is greatly enhanced by trained Tour Guides and Living History actors from Deilg Inis theatre company. In recent times, seasonal variations have been added to the living history experience giving families an enlightening and fun experience. The Castle and graveyard provided a wonderfully spooky backdrop for sold out Halloween tours recently.

**The Dalkey Castle Christmas Experience with Santa** begins on Saturday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run on Saturdays and Sundays until Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. The show is full of fun, stories, singing and games. The performance lasts 40 minutes and the highlight, needless to say, is the appearance of the celebrity himself- Santa Claus! There is an age-appropriate gift for each child. Extra dates have just been added, due to demand.

All details online at [www.dalkeycastle.com](http://www.dalkeycastle.com)



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It seems like a distant memory, that sustained heat wave and very dry spell at the beginning of summer, with record breaking temperatures for June.

The ground being baked into a solid crust must have made it very difficult for birds to get worms and insects from the soil or for House Martins and Swallows to get mud to make nests. As warm as it was here, there were reports from much hotter parts of Europe of swift chicks being boiled to death in their nests.

It might be difficult to know how many of our bird species fared but one species we know for certain that did badly were peregrines.

Three months before the record breaking hot June another Irish weather record was being broken. After the fourth driest February in Irish weather history we had the wettest March on record, the rainfall being 165% higher than average.

A lot of the peregrine nest sites are used annually and are monitored by the NPWS and it was noted that the majority of the nests failed or were never even begun. They would have



A Pied Wagtail struggling in the heat in Emo Court last June. A peregrine chick, below, born in a happier year.



been pairing and nesting in March but the wet weather deterred them. After that wet March there was even snow on 12th April which further delayed egg laying and although a lot of pairs were faithful to their territories ultimately they didn't nest. Out of 61 sites, regularly surveyed across 4 counties, only 32 pairs of peregrines actually laid eggs and many of those never hatched. Only 38 peregrine chicks were ringed this year a drastic contrast to last year when 96 chicks were ringed although that had been an exceptionally good season.

This male sparrowhawk, perching in a neighbour's garden, may have just had a bath and was fanning out his feathers to dry them.



I took this photo through the kitchen window then very carefully inched it open but it evidently saw me since it took off. I don't know if it's the same male sparrowhawk I took a series of photos of in the garden a few years ago, right, which watched me with disdainful indifference as I slowly approached, waiting till I was less than three meters away before flying off.





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Earlier in the year I wrote about the Scottish botanist and plant collector David Douglas who introduced to Europe over 200 species of plants and trees before his tragic death in 1834 aged only 35.

Unlike many of the botanists and scientists of the day his family weren't well off, his father being a stonemason, but Scotland's enlightened school system at the time ensured poorer children got at least a rudimentary education, and he benefited from that. From an early age he had a love for the natural world and on his three mile walk to school would often be late for class, if he arrived at all, delayed by watching birds or observing unfamiliar plants along the way. He would adopt and care for injured creatures, spending his lunch money buying meat for an owl he was tending. He left school at the age of 11 and began work as an apprentice gardener at Scone Palace which his father had helped build. At 20 years of age he got a position at the Botanical Garden in Glasgow where he advanced his botany studies and where his knowledge, work ethic and enthusiasm soon brought him to the attention of the Garden Director and Professor of Botany, William Jackson Hooker who became his mentor and took him plant collecting in the highlands.

Douglas's first plant collecting trip to the US East Coast was very successful and when the Royal Horticultural Society asked Hooker could he recommend someone to embark on a plant hunting expedition to the, then uncharted, lands of the US Pacific Northwest he didn't hesitate in recommending Douglas for the job.

Doubts were expressed as to his suitability for such a potentially arduous journey due to his timidity, he being described by the president of the RHS as 'the shyest being I ever saw', but he rose to the occasion and became very resourceful and determined while always respectful and in awe to the splendour of the natural world.

His exploration was done on horseback, by canoe or boat but he walked huge distances as well. In one passage he described being unusually fatigued although he'd 'only' walked seven miles. At the time he was carrying a 60lb backpack containing barometers, thermometer, book and reams of papers he would use to press and dry out leaves and flowers he'd collected. He was often short of food and once walked 19 miles across a plain in 97 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade without any water.



He climbed mountains, often alone in very basic clothing and was the first European to climb the highest mountains in Hawaii. He travelled almost 10,000 miles across North America and at one stage planned to return to London by walking across Siberia where he wanted to compare the flora and terrain of lands on the same latitudes of two different continents but, after

travelling 1,000 miles and reaching Alaska he had to abandon his plan as the territory ahead was full of hostile natives. He was on an expedition where his companions were attacked by a grizzly bear. At the time it wasn't just animals they could be a threat, many of the native Americans had a very volatile relationship with the white man but he befriended many tribes, enlisted their help gathering specimens, learned a few words of their language and had great respect for their knowledge and uses of plants.

When he returned to England he found the plants he had introduced had been spectacularly successful and had greatly increased the revenue of the RHS who would sell trees and plants to the large estates where unique trees and plants in the gardens were seen as a very fashionable statement. He was granted fellowships in a number of Societies and became a minor celebrity. After a while though he became disillusioned with his status especially after discovering the doorman at the RHS was better paid than he was after he'd put his life on the line on many



## DALKEY COMMUNITY'S SEARCH FOR PAST COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER

DCC are hoping to locate missing copies of the newsletter from past years. Do you have any old copies? Currently copies of the newsletter are uploaded to our website with the 2003 newsletter beginning the archive record. The first newsletter was published in April 1974. Although a challenge, it would be terrific to find copies from the missing years and provide a more complete record of the history of Dalkey and the Community Council. We would be very grateful if you can assist us with this task. We are searching for copies that are preferably in good condition but we will consider all offers of help with this project. Please get in touch if you have any 'old copies'. Email: [perryann37@gmail.com](mailto:perryann37@gmail.com)



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occasions. It would seem as well that he had grown restless and wanted to go off exploring again.

In this incident Douglas was hoping to find a Sugar Pine tree, *Pinus lambertiana*. The sugar pine is the tallest growing species of pine and it produces spectacularly large cones which can be up to 42cm (nearly 18 inches) in length. Douglas had previously seen a cone from one which measured 16.5" and figured if the cone was that large the tree itself was probably enormous. He'd met a member of the Umpqua tribe and through a combination of drawings and sign language he was able to convey what he was looking for. The native indicated a visible hill approximately 20 miles away and Douglas hurried off towards it. This is an extract from his journal about what happened when he reached them.

*"The trees are remarkably straight; bark uncommonly smooth for such large timber, of a whitish or light brown colour; and yields a great quantity of gum of a bright amber colour. The large trees are destitute of branches, generally for two-thirds the length of the tree; branches pendulous, and the cones hanging from their points like small sugar-loaves in a grocer's shop, it being only on the very largest trees that cones are seen, and the putting myself in possession of three cones (all I could) nearly brought my life to an end. Being unable to climb or hew down any, I took my gun and was busy clipping them from the branches with ball when eight Indians came at the report of my gun. They were all painted with red earth, armed with bows, arrows, spears of bone, and flint knives, and seemed to me anything but friendly. I endeavoured to explain to them what I wanted and they seemed satisfied and sat down to smoke, but had no sooner done so than I perceived one string his bow and another sharpen his flint knife with a pair of wooden pincers and hang it on the wrist of the right hand, which gave me ample testimony of their inclination. To save myself I could not do by flight, and without any hesitation I went backwards six paces and cocked my*



A red squirrel on Killiney Hill in 2017, with a cone of a Douglas Fir, one of many trees introduced to Europe by David Douglas

*gun, and then pulled from my belt one of my pistols, which I held in my left hand. I was determined to fight for life. As I as much as possible endeavored to preserve my coolness and perhaps did so, I stood eight or ten minutes looking at them and they at me without a word passing, till one at last, who seemed to be the leader, made a sign for tobacco, which I said they should get on condition of going and fetching me some cones. They went, and as soon as out of sight I picked up my three cones and a few twigs, and made a quick retreat to my camp, which I gained at dusk."*

On what would be his final expedition he brought with him from England a Scottish Terrier named Billy, which would be his constant companion. After Douglas's untimely death in Hawaii, being found dead in a pit dug to catch wild cattle with a bull standing over him, Billy was found nearby waiting for his master. He was returned to England and was adopted by an employee of the Foreign Office. A stone monument commemorating David Douglas was erected and still stands where he died, surrounded by a grove of the tree named after him, Douglas Firs.

There's an excellent film about him 'Finding David Douglas Film' on YouTube and his journal of his 1823-1827 expedition to North America can be viewed on [biodiversitylibrary.com](http://biodiversitylibrary.com) or do an online search for David Douglas Journal.

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### **Military History Society of Ireland**

Marcus de la Poer Beresford will present *'Major-General Denis Pack, - Wellington's best brigade commander?'* on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> and Michael James Nugent *'A bad day I fear - The Irish Divisions at the Battle of Langemark, August 1917'* on Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2024. Both take place at 8pm in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome - on Zoom to members only.

### **Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society**

Eileen O'Duffy will present *'Champagne, Cocktails and Crêpes Suzette: Wining, dining and dancing in Dún Laoghaire through the ages'* at 8pm on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. All are welcome – admission is €5.

### **Rathmichael Historical Society**

A guest speaker will present *'Herbert Simms, Dublin City Architect'* on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. The AGM will take place on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024. Both take place at 8pm in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin, Admission is €5 for non-members.

### **Mount Merrion Historical Society**

Cathal Brugha will present *'Two Grandfathers'* on Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>. A 'Members Night' will take place on Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2024. Both take place at 8pm in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4/ Students €2.

### **Dalkey - Looking Back**

On Sundays December 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 1923, a Nativity Play produced by Kathleen Tynan Hinkson, featuring children from Killiney and Ballybrack was staged at 3.30pm in Dalkey Town Hall. The play included carols, folk music and a procession of Irish Saints. Admission was 1s.; 2s. Reserved and 6d. For children

### **Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society**

Brendan Ó Sé will present *'Tom Kettle'* on Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>, and Donal Maguire *'Irish Artists and the Revolutionary Period'* on Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2024. Both take place at 8pm 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**

Eamonn Delaney will present *'The accidental diplomat: my years in the Irish Foreign Service, 1987-1995'* at 8pm on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €5 for non-members.

### **Bray Cualann Historical Society**

The AGM will take place at 8 p.m. Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, and will be followed by *'Railway Mishaps in Bray Railway Station'* presented by James Scannell. All are welcome – admission for non-members is €8.



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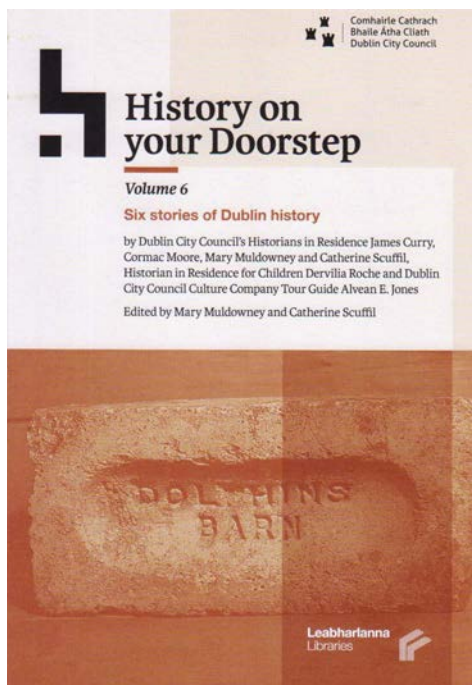
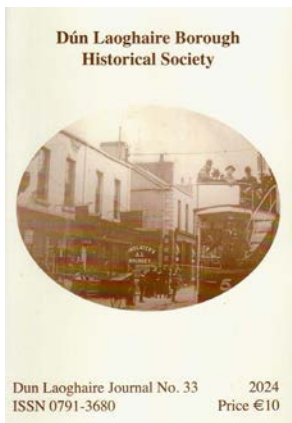
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## Publications

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'Mountains to the Sea – 50 Years Ago' by Patrick Donnelly, and the Society's visit to Armagh, Louth, and Monaghan recalled by Frances Fletcher. Copies of this journal can be obtained at monthly meetings of the Society; from the Hon Secretary at 01-2806213 (not after 9 p.m.; via the Society's web-site – [www.dunloghairehistorical.com](http://www.dunloghairehistorical.com); Dalkey News, Dalkey; Easons and DuBray Books, Dun Laoghaire; Hewetts Newsagents, Monkstown; and Eamonn's Bookshop, Sandycove.

A sample of the articles featured in the this issue include: 'The All-Ireland Strategic Rail Review' by Mark Merrigan; 'A Decade of Change, 1953 – 1963 – Part 2' by Dan Rehenhan; 'Trains for the GAA Hurling Finals -1973 to 2023'; 'Athboy Branch Communications' by Tom Wall; 'Society News';

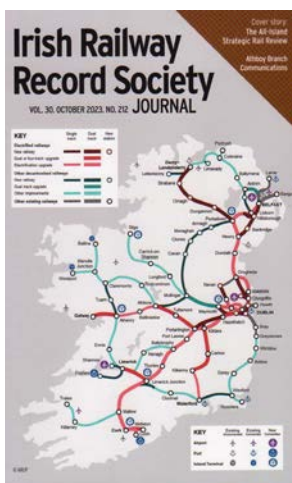


'Writings on Irish Railways 2022 – An Annual Bibliography' by A. O'Rourke and T. Wall; 'Irish Railways News'; 'Membership Subscription to the IRRS' and 'Programme'.

Articles featured in this year's issue include - Forward by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Daithí de Róiste; 'Breaking Barriers: The Development of Deaf Education in Ireland' by Alvean E. Jones; 'Dolphin's Barn Brickworks' by Catherine Scuffil; 'Responses to the Housing Crisis in late Nineteenth Century Dublin' by Mary Muldowney; 'Homes for Heroes: The Killester Housing Scheme for First World War Veterans' by Cormac Moore; 'The 1923 FAI Cup Final' by James Curry; and 'Following the Hidden Histories Hunt' by Dervilla Roche.

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### FINISHING THE YEAR ON A HIGH - DALKEY 'BEST TOWN OVERALL' WINNER IN 2023 DLR TIDY DISTRICTS COMPETITION

What an extraordinary year it has been for our Heritage Town of Dalkey and our Tidy Towns Volunteers! Early in October, following hundreds of volunteer hours of preparation in all weathers, Dalkey received three major awards in the national SuperValu Tidy Towns competition staged in Croke Park. With 886 entries in this competition, receiving the following was greatly appreciated and a wonderful surprise:

#### **DALKEY SPECIAL AWARD:**

#### **LOCAL AUTHORITY POLLINATOR AWARD**

#### **DALKEY DUBLIN COUNTY AWARD :**

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#### **DALKEY COUNTY AWARD : GOLD MEDAL**

Following this fantastic recognition, our Dalkey Tidy Towns team was then invited to County Hall in Dun Laoghaire to hear the results of the DLR Tidy Districts Awards. With 32 entrants, the competition to be 'Best Town' was as tough as ever. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan, and Frank Curran, CEO of DLRCC, welcomed all and then the great surprises were announced:

**DALKEY - OVERALL WINNER 2023**  
**DALKEY - BEST TOWN WINNER 2023**

Paul Kennedy, DLR Director of Services, thanked our DTT representatives, Susan McDonnell, Des Burke-Kennedy and Mary Rigney. Loaded up with two certificates, two lovely pieces of crystal, plus the Overall Winner's Silver Trophy, we all headed back to Dalkey to share the great news.

The significance of these awards this year is of special significance. Dalkey is now within touching distance of winning the SuperValu National Tidy Towns Overall Award. If successful, the resulting national publicity would bring a major boost to our Town. At a time when many businesses are struggling and some towns are faced with abandoned sites and premises, a concerted effort now by Dalkey Heritage Town, our retailers, neighbours and volunteers, could bring the ultimate award to Dalkey and also be the first town within the DLRCC area to do so. A plan on how we can now combine our efforts to do this is underway – more on that soon. **WHAT A GREAT CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF US!**

*Des Burke-Kennedy Dalkey Tidy Towns*





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**Reg. Ref.:** D23B/0455

**Application Rec'd Date:** 10/10/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Noel & Valerie Quirke, 4, Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96CF76

**Proposal:** Installation of an enclosed lift shaft and all associated site works to front of existing dwelling house.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0661

**Application Rec'd Date:** 19/10/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Joanna Michalec & Robert Byrne, 26, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey, Dublin, A96K8R9

**Declare Application Invalid:** 25/10/2023

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23B/0480

**Application Rec'd Date:** 19/10/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mairead O'Reilly, 35, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96XK29

**Proposal:** Demolition of gable wall and roof over etc.

**Declare Application Invalid:** 25/10/2023

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0684

**Application Rec'd Date:** 02/11/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Deirdre Coleman and David McEvoy, 27, Saval Park Gardens, Dalkey, Dublin, A95XV21

**Proposal:** The conversion of the existing garage to a living space, including the replacement of the existing garage doors with a wall and glazed opening on the front elevation, the reconfiguration of the interior at ground floor level, and all associated site works

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23B/0505

**Application Rec'd Date:** 03/11/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Jane & William Brereton, 17, Cunningham Drive, Dalkey, Dublin, A96NA02

**Proposal:** a) Demolition of the existing domestic garage and shed at the side of the existing dwelling. b) The construction of a single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dwelling incorporating a new kitchen, dining and living area with external decking area to rear. c) The removal of the existing front door from the front of the existing porch and its relocation to the side of the existing porch. d) A new window to the front of the existing porch to replace the original front door location. e) The removal and replacement of the bay window at the rear of the property. f) A new gable window to the rear elevation at attic level. g) New velux roof windows in the existing attic. h) A new ensuite window to the side of the existing dwelling and i) The demolition of the chimney to the front of the existing dwelling. This is altogether with all associated site works.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23B/0507

**Application Rec'd Date:** 03/11/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mairead O'Reilly, 35, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96XK29

**Proposal:** Demolition of gable wall and roof over. The construction of a new 2 storey extension comprising of 41.5sqm at ground floor and 68.7sqm on first floor. Reconfiguration of the ground floor comprising of new livingroom and bedroom and stairs with associated fenestration, new first floor comprising of new livingroom, bedroom and ensuite and associated roof terrace & fenestration. Reconfigured roof over existing living room with new roof light with a gross internal floor area of 110.2sqm and all associated site works.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0669

**Application Rec'd Date:** 25/10/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Jamie Schmidt, 11, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96HK74

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the following: (1) Provision of new storey to existing flat roof, over existing 2 storey 2 bedroom, single family dwelling, to include bedroom, ancillary storage, Ensuite, (2) provision of new 2 storey extension to the front of the dwelling to include utility and WC. All associated internal modifications and upgrading incl. new windows throughout, site works and landscaping.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0672

**Application Rec'd Date:** 26/10/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Joanna Michalec & Robert Byrne, 26, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey, Dublin, A96K8R9

**Proposal:** A 75 sqm second floor extension at the rear of the house comprising of two childrens bedrooms, an office and a bathroom, conversion of the garage to a playroom, internal alterations to accomodate a new layout, extensions, alterations and elevation changes to all sides of the property, external insulation, widening of existing vehicular entrance to 3.5m including works to driveway, landscaping, drainage works, erection of bin/wood storage shed to front curtilage of the house and all ancillary and associated works.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0675

**Application Rec'd Date:** 26/10/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Cian & Adele O'Morain, 104, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey, Dublin, A96CF64

**Proposal:** Construction of a 13.8m2 ground floor level extension (parapet height to match existing at ground level) to the rear of existing house. The proposal includes the construction of a single storey 23.5m2 garden room (parapet height 2.95m above finished ground level) to the rear boundary wall of the property, along with a new rear garden access gate to the northern boundary into Hyde park. The works also include internal alterations to the existing house at ground floor level, landscaping, drainage and associated site works and services.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0326

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

**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.

**Application Type:** Permission

**Further Information:** Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds) 01/11/2023

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0682

**Application Rec'd Date:** 01/11/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Shona Duignan, Victoria Lodge, Victoria Road, Killiney, Dublin, A96TF38

**Proposal:** Construction of a new, low energy, flat roofed, two storey, two bedroom house of total floor area 158m2, with a balcony to the south. Associated site works to include a new gated vehicular entrance and associated landscaping and drainage, all as described in the drawings. The site is located within the Killiney Architectural Conservation Area.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**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

**Further Information:** Additional Information 07/11/2023

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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

**Further Information:** Additional Information 10/11/2023

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0702

**Application Rec'd Date:** 09/11/2023

**Applicant Name & Location:** Ronan Muldoon, 7, Church Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96C899

**Proposal:** New vehicle entrance including widening the opening of the boundary wall and provision for car parking to the front of the existing house with associated site works.

**Application Type:** Permission

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## PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEK 41-45 2023 09/10/2023 - 10/11/2023

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

**Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 10/10/2023

**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.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0555      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 12/10/2023  
**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 opes to be provided at Ground Floor level including a bay window to the Granny flat and opes 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.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0563      **Decision:** Request Additional Information      **Date:** 20/10/2023  
**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).

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0567      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 20/10/2023  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Edel Fay & David Rooney, 37, Hyde Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96X6Y8  
**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.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0579      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 20/10/2023  
**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.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0598      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 27/10/2023  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Caitriona & Stephen Roberts, 38, Gosworth Park, Sandycove, Dublin, A96P6K3  
**Proposal:** Demolition of a single storey shed to rear, conversion of existing attached garage

to side, construction of single storey extension to rear and new porch extension with overhang to front, construction of new single storey family flat extension to side, conversion of existing attic with new dormer extension to front, 1 no. velux rooflight to front and 2 no. velux rooflights to rear, widening of existing vehicular entrance to front including all associated site works to an existing two storey detached dwelling.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23B/0421      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 25/10/2023  
**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.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0602      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 09/11/2023  
**Applicant Name & Location:** David Evans, site of approx. 1.1162 ha. at Sorrento Cottage, Vico Road, Killiney, Dublin, A96WN90  
**Proposal:** Demolition of the single-storey extensions (75sqm), 2 no. south-facing bay windows (11.2sqm), greenhouse (62.5sqm), detached garage (27sqm) and external stores (11.4sqm). The construction of a side and rear extension (including garage) over 3 no. levels (787.3sqm). The construction of 1 no. replacement south facing bay window/extension (8.4sqm) internal renovations and reconfigurations and elevational changes. The development will also comprise the construction of a security hut (13.2sqm). The construction of a bath house/sauna (26.9sqm) refurbishment and modification of the existing vehicular entrance at Vico Road and provision of new gate, upgrade/resurfacing of the driveway, hard and soft landscaping, green roofs, boundary treatments including security fencing and all associated site development works above and below ground. A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

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**Reg. Ref.:** D23B/0438      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 09/11/2023  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Min Yee Chan & Albert White, 1, Burmah Close, Dalkey, Dublin, A96P896  
**Proposal:** Demolition of single storey ground floor porch structure to front (approx 2.0sqm), the construction of a single storey ground floor extension to front in its place (approx. 5.5sqm) and the construction of a single storey ground floor extension to the rear (approx 56sqm). The development will also include externally insulating the retained house (render finish), alterations to internal layouts, additional window opes and changes to selected existing window opes, proposed rooflights and all associated site works.

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#### APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 41-45 2023 09/10/2023 - 10/11/2023

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0325      **Reg Date:** 17/05/2023  
**Location:** Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96XT80  
**Development:** Construction for 6no. Dwelling houses including boundary treatment, circulation road within site and driveways, connections to mains sewer and water including ancillary works.  
**Council Decision:** Refuse permission  
**Appeal Lodged:** 17/10/2023  
**Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission  
**Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

**Reg. Ref.:** D22A/0006

**Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Appeal Decided:**

16/10/2023

**Council Decision:**

Refuse permission

**Location:** Former Western Marine Building, Bullock Harbour, Dalkey, Co. Dublin A96 X6W2

**Proposed Development:** Permission for development is sought. The development will consist of the demolition and clearance of the existing industrial single storey warehouses and sheds (1210 sqm) and the development of a mixed-use marine commercial, leisure/community and residential based development. The proposal includes the construction of: A craft boat building workshop / craft boat storage facility, total area 397 sqm, including first floor area of 94 sqm. A single storey building incorporating relocated marine leisure unit (10 sqm), bin store (9 sqm), relocated marine commercial unit (10 sqm) and community water sports changing facility (60 sqm). A three storey building incorporating a cafe (108sqm) at ground floor and one number (411sqm) four bedroom apartment on two levels, at first and second floor, with associated roof terrace at first floor level and two balconies at second floor level, including ground floor entrance and off-street parking (40sqm) for 2 cars. A single storey re-located seafood sales outlet (30sqm) with ancillary bin storage. Four number fisherman's huts, (total area 19 sqm). A new public square fronting on to the harbour (20.85m wide x 9.00m deep =187.65sqm). Three number three storey detached houses (each 412sqm) each with roof terraces and off street covered parking for two cars, with provision for five number visitor car parking spaces. Eight public bicycle parking spaces and four bicycle spaces to serve apartment. Reinstatement and enhancement of existing surface water drainage system in response to best available climate change and wave data, including (i) Recommissioning/reinstatement of existing surface water sump with sluice gate in the eastern part of the land holding; (ii) construction of a new 300mm storm sewer to run from existing sump across the development area of the site to connect to the existing 300mm outfall culvert discharging under the Bullock Harbour quay road; (iii) construction of an additional overflow culvert to run inside the existing development area boundary wall for 46.3m along the eastern and northern edges of the development area; (iv) provision to redirect extreme storm event overflows into a new culvert under the proposed boat storage facility prior to discharge onto quay side (which overflows currently discharge onto the quayside immediately adjacent existing residential property). Stabilisation of the existing development area boundary wall and repair with natural coursed granite stone. A new support wall in concrete will be erected inside section (34.8 m long) of the existing development area boundary wall at rear and north side of site. The existing south-western vehicular access from Bullock Harbour will be maintained and upgraded, creating a two-way roadway and shared footpath affording access to the proposed dwellings to the rear of the development, the development will also include piped infrastructure and ducting; changes in level; site landscaping and all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground. A Natura impact statement will be submitted to the planning authority with the application **Applicant:** Bartra Property (Dublin) Ltd.



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### AN BORD PLEANÁLA REFUSES PERMISSION FOR BARTRA DEVELOPMENT ON WESTERN MARINE SITE

It had been more than a year since we last heard from An Bord Pleanála on the proposed Bartra Property (Dublin) Ltd development at Bulloch Harbour. Last Wednesday ABP issued their decision on the Appeals by both Bartra and ourselves (BHPA). ABP have refused permission thus upholding the refusal by DLRCC Planning in March 2022. See the Board Order at: [ABP Order 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023](#) Bulloch Harbour Preservation Association is delighted to receive this good news and share it with the large numbers who opposed the application.

We know that the multiple planning applications have been confusing, so here is a brief summary of the planning history. To date three planning applications have been submitted by Bartra to the planning authority, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for the former Western Marine site.

The first unsuccessful application in 2016 was what was popularly known in the press as the “Costa del Sol” development which was refused by DLRCC and not pursued by Bartra. The second application in 2017

was refused by DLRCC, appealed by Bartra to An Bord Pleanála in 2018 and awarded planning permission by ABP in 2019. This was when Bulloch Harbour Preservation Association launched a Judicial Review to challenge the ABP planning decision. That JR was quashed by the High Court when ABP decided not to contest our case. After lengthy Covid delays Bartra eventually lodged a third application in January 2022, which was again refused by DLRCC and appealed by both Bartra and BHPA to ABP in March 2022, resulting in this new, welcome decision to refuse permission a year and a half later. The full 145 page ABP Inspector’s Report may be seen at: [ABP Inspectors Report](#)

We look forward to discussing future sensible plans for Bulloch Harbour with stakeholders and interested parties across the board. More news will follow as it emerges.

Sincere thanks for your continued support,

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## DALKEY PARISH CRAFT FAIR



Dalkey Parish Craft Group would like to thank all who helped to raise funds for the Capuchin Day Centre for the homeless. A Craft sale and Coffee morning on Saturday 18th November followed by the Craft sale with Afternoon Tea Sunday on 19th November netted the grand total of €8,508.61 for this deserving cause. A thousand thanks to all!

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## The Iconic Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Drops to Critically Low Levels

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Fortunately, DLRCC Biodiversity Section plan to restore the red squirrel habitats on Killiney Hill. To restore areas of interest, some native planting will take place and fencing will be erected to assist habitat recovery.

Protecting the red squirrel is essential to ensure the survival of the species and we ask you to understand and assist by allowing these areas to recover.

If you see a red, or a grey, squirrel in your garden, school or local park please report your sighting at this link:

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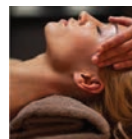
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*Monday 8 January 10.30 - 11.30*

Join us for a fun get-together and stories  
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## Toddler and Guardians Group for 18 months to 3 years

*Friday 1 December 10:30 - 11:15*

Toddler Book Club, join library staff  
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*Friday 8 December 10:30 - 11:15*

Join us for a morning full of fun play  
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Join us at Dalkey Library for a music  
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*6 January 11.30 - 12.30*

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*20 January 11.00 - 11.45*

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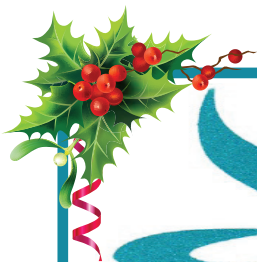
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**Q. I have a red swollen thumb which has become worse since the cold weather has hit. I think it might be chilblains. What is this and how can I treat it?**



**A.** Chilblains develop when it's cold. The cold makes the tiny blood vessels in your fingers and toes get smaller and this stops the blood moving around as easily. If you then warm up too quickly, the blood vessels get bigger again and blood rushes to your fingers and toes. This can cause the pain or swelling you are describing.



They usually appear a few hours after you've been in the cold and mostly occur on your fingers and toes. But you can also get them on your face and legs.



With chilblains your skin can feel itchy or like it's burning and your fingers or toes may become red, purple or swollen. The redness may be harder to see on brown and black skin.

Chilblains usually go away on their own in 2 to 3 weeks. There are some things you can try to get rid of them yourself and stop them coming back:

- Try to avoid being outside when it's cold or damp – if you do go out, wear warm, waterproof clothing, gloves and thick socks
- Take ibuprofen or paracetamol for the pain

The following are **not** advised when suffering with chilblains:

- do not put your feet or hands on a radiator or under hot water to warm them up
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- do not scratch or pick at your skin

**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.**





## DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ART EXHIBITION



It was so great to see the DCC Art Exhibition back in Dalkey again at Our Lady's Hall on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> following Covid interruptions. With a total of 91 works of art created by 47 artists on display, the overall standard this year was truly impressive. Most of the artists were from Dalkey and prices ranged from €50 all the way up to €650.

DCC Chair Dr. Susan McDonnell introduced novelist and newspaper columnist Martina Devlin who congratulated all on creating such an impressive body of art. DCC's Functions Manager Rosaleen Callaghan and team were also congratulated on organising the very popular event. Already, the plans for November 2024 are gathering momentum.



## MADE A WELCOME RETURN TO CASTLE STREET







## November 11th - Remembrance Day

On the morning of November 11th, our Prep Pupils, Teachers and Staff gathered in the Assembly Hall to honour and remember those who died in World War I. Led by our 5th class teacher, Mr. Meade, our Remembrance Day Assembly focused on the brave past pupils who fought in the Great War.

A total of fifty-six staff and pupils served in World War I, and sadly, twenty-five of them lost their lives. Harold Boyd, the first pupil to enrol in our school in 1904, boarded at Castle Park after travelling by ferry from England. Tragically, he lost his life in Gallipoli, Turkey, in 1915.

Among the names on the Castle Park Roll of Honour are Captain Sidney Cowan and Captain Philip Cowan, both heroes who perished in aerial combat. The youngest Castle Park pupil to lose his life in the First World War was 2nd Lieutenant Sydney Vernon Young, who was killed at the tender age of eighteen in September 1918.

In a moment of reflection, we observed a minute's silence, remembering not only those who served in the past but also those affected by conflicts today. Pupils from our 6th class then paid tribute in our Remembrance Garden by laying a wreath in honour of the past Castle Park pupils who gave their lives for their country.

Accompanied by our Director of Music, Ms. McKiernan, on piano, our Principal, Mr. McKernan, sang a moving rendition of 'Willie McBride' ('No Man's Land'). The emotional lyrics of this song tell the poignant tale of a young Irish man killed in WWI in 1916.

As we concluded the assembly, a powerful message remained: wars do not solve problems, and the path to a brighter

future lies in peace and dialogue.

**Claire O'Sullivan**  
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## WELLBEING COMMITTEE AT HAROLD BOYS' N.S.



Ms. Molloy is delighted to introduce our first ever Wellbeing Committee at Harold Boys' N.S. The boys on the committee have been doing super work so far this year to spread good news and to keep everyone informed of all of the lovely things that go on in our school. They were all a great help for our recent Friendship Week. The week was packed with loads of fun activities - drumming workshops, debating, friendship bracelets, Kahoot! Quizzes, obstacle courses.

Here is what two of the boys on the committee had to say:

I am very proud to be on the wellbeing committee, as this is the first one there has ever been at our school. Two boys were selected from each class. In assembly we

read out our 'Thought for the Week' and announce upcoming birthdays. We have weekly meetings and wear badges.

**David Madden, Rang 6**

In the wellbeing committee we announce birthdays, update the wellbeing noticeboard and wear badges. Two pupils were picked from each class to be on the committee. This is the first time a wellbeing committee has been in the school and I like being on it. I think I was picked because I am mature.

**Max Brodka, Rang 6**



**Wellbeing Committee '23**



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## Explorers Seashore Safari

During Marine Week in Loreto Primary School, 6th class took part in an expedition to Sandycove with Mona McCrea, a marine biologist from the Explorers Education Programme. We walked from our school to Sandycove, where we met Mona. She talked to us first and showed us how and where to look for creatures and plants. She gave us buckets and nets and sent us off to work! We walked into the sea, shoes and all, and started turning over rocks. Mona told us to wait for a minute after turning over rocks, to see what creatures would pop out and reveal themselves.

There were tiny, little starfish that were greyish-orange and were covered in miniscule hooks. The hooks were for catching food, which then went into the starfish's mouth. Its mouth is a tiny hole in the middle of the starfish. There were also, believe it or not, hundreds of shrimp and prawns. We found them in rockpools and hiding in bunches of seaweed. They came in all shapes and sizes, with a strange, transparent look on them and their black, beady eyes.

Dog whelks are the top predator in rockpools. These tiny, little animals have a slow and painful way of killing their prey. They latch themselves onto their prey, such as cushion starfish and small crabs. They drill through their shells and into their flesh and suck out what's inside.

Crabs were everywhere that day. We might even have found enough to make a whole meal. How do you know which crabs are edible? You have to look at the shells. Edible crabs have a smooth edge, while non-edible crabs, also known as seashore crabs, have jagged edges.

Our trip to Sandycove was an unforgettable experience. We learned so much and had lots of fun too. A massive thank you to Mona and Ms. Taylor for bringing us.

***By Rosanna Mohr  
& Callie Kinsella-Hughes 6th class***







## **St. Vincent de Paul fundraising Appeal**

For almost 200 years St. Vincent de Paul has been supporting communities throughout Ireland including Dalkey. You have always been very generous in our annual collection and this year, we must ask for that generosity again.

The current wave of inflation has frightening impacts on the most vulnerable in our community and we must do what we can to assist them.

**There are many ways you can contribute to the work of St. Vincent de Paul in Dalkey:**

- In early December Loreto school are, once again, assisting us in delivering an appeal to all the households in Dalkey
- We have a fundraising page where you can donate online at:  
<http://www.svp.ie/assumptiondalkeyappeal23>
- There are collection envelopes in the Church of the Assumption on Castle St. which visitors to the church can use to drop a donation safely in the secure postbox in the Sacristy door.



**We represent you as we respond to requests for help.  
Please support us as much as you can.**



We have been celebrating all things **STEAM** in school over the last few weeks.

**Science:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class were investigating Acids, Bases and making potions in Dalkey Library in a George's Marvelous Medicine Workshop.

**Technology:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class used our iPad to do some Halloween coding activities.

**Engineering:** Junior and Senior Infants planned, built and tested their very own Lego marble mazes.

**Arts:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class have been creating their very own Sunshine pictures to show us all how that even when the sun isn't shining, we can be our own sunshine!

**Maths:** We put on our Maths Eyes and tried to find maths, numbers and patterns all around us!

It has been so enjoyable and we loved all the activities that we tried over the last few weeks. All of the classes will try to continue finding new ways to incorporate

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS and MATHS** into our days.



# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

## New Parish Partnership Mass Schedule from December

A real sign of the changing times will be the introduction of a DDG Parish Partnership Mass Schedule commencing on the first weekend of Advent, 2nd/3rd December 2023, as follows:

Church of the Assumption, Dalkey	SAT		SUN	
	6pm	9am	11am	
St Michael's, Dún Laoghaire	6pm	9.15am	10.30am (in Irish)	12pm
St Joseph's, Glashtule		10am	11.30am	

This new schedule is designed to offer a long-term sustainable number of weekend masses celebrated by fewer priests. Each parish will 'drop' one mass, giving parishioners the choice of nine masses, with little overlap of times. Why not explore our wonderful churches?

### A welcome message from our Parish Priests

Change doesn't come easy to clergy or parishioners. But planning for the future involves challenges and offers opportunities. We are confident our new Parish Partnership is the right way forward. We are blessed to live and serve in one of the most beautiful parts of the Dublin Diocese. We look forward to working with each other, our priests and pastoral councils – and with you all – to ensure our future of faith.

We send you our blessings and thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Fr. Liam Lacey, Dalkey

Fr. Paul Tyrrell, Dún Laoghaire & Glashtule



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**Fr. Liam** would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, Prayers and cards.

On medical advice, he will not be returning to the parish until the New Year. If you have a query for him, please do not contact him directly, contact the office and we will pass on any urgent queries to him.

### CONFESSION TIMES

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
December - after 10am Mass.  
(except when there is a funeral)

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses  
- 6pm and 9pm  
Christmas Day Masses  
- 8:45am, 10:15am and 12pm

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**"Everybody comes  
from Somewhere Else",**

an anthology of poems, stories and reflections by migrants from direct provision centres, is to be launched at the Quaker Meeting House on Pakenham Road in Monkstown on December 6th between 5pm and 6.30pm. Everyone interested will be very welcome. Edited by Rosy Wilson of the Dalkey Interchurch Migrant Support Group, with contributors from Mosney, Dun Laoghaire and further afield, some of whom will read aloud their contributions at the launch, the book will be on sale for €10. It will also be available through Dalkey News from then on. We are grateful to the Arts Council for a grant towards the cost of production and to Boland Press for publishing the volume.

This is the latest initiative of our local Migrant Support Group, which took off back in 2017 as a result of that year's Interchurch Lent Group on the theme "God's Heart for Migrants". It was there that parishioners of both Dalkey churches and a few Quaker friends from Monkstown met Mosney resident Christiana Obaro, who was introduced to us by Irish Times journalist Andy Pollak. Her story of displacement from Nigeria on account of her Christian faith, and her difficulties finding a welcome in Ireland along with her husband and children, moved us all; so we established a link through her with the migrant direct provision centre in Mosney, aiming to do all we could to support and nurture them as a group.

Since then, we have hosted busloads of Mosney residents for social and church events and walkabouts in Dalkey,

as well as trips to beauty spots and the zoo and occasional social evenings at Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. We have also helped them with letters to the authorities to help them resist deportation and secure permission to stay indefinitely in Ireland.

Since Covid hit in 2020, there has inevitably been less social activity, so we have concentrated instead on providing for their everyday needs. This has been chiefly by providing laptops and second-hand bikes, which we deliver personally to them in Mosney, and by helping with access to education. Individual members of our group have also "adopted" migrant families living locally, helping them to find and maintain accommodation and manage such details as school transport and homework.

The cost of all this has been considerable, so we are grateful to many friends and supporters who have responded so generously to our occasional fund-raising drives, the most recent of which was the Cake Sale and Raffle organised by Jackie Nelson with help from Valerie Hand in Our Lady's Hall last December. There will be something similar happening early in the New Year, as funds are running low once again. All of us, our chairman Peter Woods, hon. secretary Margie Waters, and our friends in Mosney will continue to rely on your generous support. We usually meet in Dalkey once a month on a Tuesday morning, and would greatly welcome more volunteers to help in the work. Just tell me on one of those mentioned above if you'd like to join us.

*Ginnie Kennerley*



### Christmas Service Schedule

- All are welcome!

#### **Friday 15th 7pm – Blue Christmas**

A safe and gentle service for those who have reason to feel “blue” during the Christmas season

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. – Holy Communion Rite 1

10.15 – Holy Communion Rite 2.

7pm - Carol Service followed by Mulled wine and Mince pies

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** 10.15 & 11pm Holy Communion

#### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

9a.m. & 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day**

10.15 Holy Communion

(note no 9 a.m. service)

#### **Suddenly - Oh my goodness, how did that happen?**

As I type, the season has moved on and now I am looking at sending the Christmas information. Suddenly the Christmas ads are appearing and there is talk of things like carol services and lights and even new year and 2024. I'm having a little sit down to process that.

Christmas Services are open to all. As I frequently say, there is no naughty list on the back of the door of those we haven't seen for a while. Even if you haven't ever appeared



in the door, sure come and say hello, sing if you wish and sit for a while in your own thoughts, prayers and memories.

**Blue Christmas** is a special service for those who may find it difficult to feel the way the advertising on the television suggests. It is a gentle opportunity to hold a sadness we feel before God in a service that allows that to be acknowledged. No requirement to sing, join in with the liturgy or embrace the joy of Christmas. Should you wish to have further information or reassurance that it is a safe space, give me a shout and I am happy to explain it further.

Wishing you all  
a happy Christmas  
and a peaceful new year.

**Rev Ruth Elmes**



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## From the Rector

So it's that time again. Though Rectors like Christmas in theory as much as most other people, the Festive Season in actual practice is another matter - the 'Christmas' word does strike a certain cold fear in clerical hearts. For many, there will be an obstacle course of multiple Carol Services, both children's and adults', possibly a series of Christmas Dinners, house calls, home Communions, Vestry meetings, funerals, many miles driven, and too many mince pies - as well as family preparations - before eventually arriving breathless at the last chords of 'O Come All Ye Faithful' on the 25th. Thus the afternoon of Christmas day can feel like recovering from being hit repeatedly by a hammer on the back of the head. More than one rector has gone to sleep face down in his or her Christmas dinner while still humming carols. And the glass that cheers was not the culprit. But we will persevere! We will carry on with bright, morning faces, and with a friendly and seasonal word to all. The show must go on! As this is my last Christmas in Clerical Harness, I feel I can lift a corner of the curtain and let you have a privileged honest backstage glimpse of the life of many rectors.

A suggestion for an apt Christmas present for any Rector of your acquaintance might be to refrain from phoning, speaking to them, or otherwise contacting them for at least 48 hours after their last service. They will deeply appreciate it. If you do happen to speak to them, avoiding words in any conversation with them like, "I know it's the holidays, but..." may actually prolong your life. Go raibh Nollaig Shona agaibh go léir!



## Advent and Christmas services

15th December, St. Patrick's Church Dalkey, Blue Christmas service — a gentle supportive, reflective space for those who may find Christmas difficult this year as a result of bereavement, illness, redundancy or any other sadness.

17th December, 3rd Sunday in Advent, Carol Service, 4pm, other services at usual times.

21st December, Outdoor Carol Service [weather permitting] 7pm Killiney Castle Hotel

24th December, usual services

25th Dec, Christmas Day, Holy Communion 8.30am, and 10.45am

**Harvest Lunch** was a pleasant and well supported event at which we hosted TDs Jennifer Carroll MacNeill and Cormac Devlin, Councillor Jim Gildea and some guests from St. Matthias Parish following the Harvest Thanksgiving and presentation of an Eco Congregation award.

**Sheep Thrills** have a great attendance every week with products selling well in the Tea rooms and at St. Patricks Cathedral. This month we supported the charity Medecins Sans Frontieres. Wool is always welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078 or [www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney](http://www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney)

**Charity Christmas Card Sale** Thank you to everyone who bought Christmas cards at the sale after morning service on 12<sup>th</sup> November. A total of €1,222 was raised for a range of charities.



## NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM DCC



Dalkey Community Council would like to thank all those who have contributed to our annual envelope and online collection during 2023. These funds support the running of the organisation, the sponsorship of the Dalkey Community Games, planning observations, supporting local projects, organisations, producing and publishing the monthly newsletter. Dalkey Community Council would also like to thank all their supporters; the advertisers who continue to advertise in the monthly newsletter and all the volunteers who help sort and distribute the newsletters each month. We are grateful to Peter Moreau our typesetter for his attention to detail and high standard of artwork in the newsletter. Thanks too to Andrew Tunney from Opus Print for the printing and on-time delivery of each month's delivery.

The Community Council slowly got back to 'normal' during 2023. We changed our monthly meetings to the afternoon and this new time is

proving more suitable for members. We held our annual Art Exhibition in early November. The first one after a break of four years and it was a great success. In December we will hold a small awards celebration where we will award our Community Cups and trophies to those who have worked hard for the benefit of the community during the past year/years. We are always looking for new volunteers and if you are interested in becoming involved in DCC please contact us at [perryan37@gmail.com](mailto:perryan37@gmail.com). It may be only a couple of hours a month but will make a big difference to Dalkey.

DCC appreciates the support of the following retail outlets who hold copies of the newsletters for pick up by their customers; SuperValu, Hicks, Maxwell's Pharmacy, Dalkey Pharmacy, and Desie Conway on Dalkey Park.

*Best wishes for a Very Happy Christmas  
and peace and happiness in 2024!*

## SOUTH DUBLIN BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH IRELAND

### December 2023 Indoor Meeting

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

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

**Title:** Dunnocks to Dodos:  
The Birds of the Dead Zoo.

**Speaker:** Paolo Viscadi.

**Details:** Paolo is the Zoology Curator at the National Museum of Ireland, a member of the NMI Board and a trustee of the Natural Sciences Collections Association. He has a passion for communicating science and making museum collections accessible and relevant to society.

### December 2023 Outdoor Meeting

**Date & time to meet:** Sunday, 10th December at 10am. **Outing to:** Cabinteely Park.

**Extra information:** Meet in Cabinteely House car park.

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### January 2024 Indoor Meeting

**Date & time:** Tuesday, 9th January at 8pm.

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

**Title:** Reintroduction of Wolves in Ireland.

**Speaker:** C  il  n MacLochlainn.

### January 2024 Outdoor Meeting

**Date & time to meet:** Sunday, 14th January at 10am. **Outing to:** Booterstown Marsh.

**Extra information:** Meet in Booterstown Dart Station car park. For more information on the park, check [www.southdublinbirds.com](http://www.southdublinbirds.com). The meeting place is at Flag G. For accounts of our most recent outings to Booterstown check the website for February 2019 and January 2020.

You can use the QR code left  
to visit the website



## SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 07TH NOVEMBER 2023 HELD IN OLH

- TT:** Congratulations to DTT who were very successful in the Tidy Towns and the DLR Tidy Districts Competitions. The volunteers continue with their duties, litter picking, clearing the paths in Sorrento Park and planting bulbs in the beds on Hyde Road/Castle Park Road.
- Graffiti:** There were 13 graffiti tags dealt with in October. Of those, there were 3 tags on The Metals, on the section just down from Old Quarry, those three were dealt with by the owner of the wall adjacent to The Metals. Thanks to Bryan O'Grady who dealt with a tag on the electrical kiosk at Village Gate.
- Planning:** ABP has refused permission for the development at Bulloch Harbour. Permission has also been refused for three-terraced houses on Convent Road.
- AOB:** DCC congratulates Martine Lavery who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. A small Awards ceremony will be held next month to award the DCC Community Cups and voting took place to nominate the recipients for 2023.

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 05th December 2023 at 3pm in OLH.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH DEC 23/JAN 24

**Dalkey Players Cake Sale in OLH on Saturday 02<sup>nd</sup> December from 10am to 1pm.**

**Scrabble & Afternoon Tea** in aid of Barnardo's every **Thursday** at 3 pm in Derrynane, 35 Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Call Di Fitzpatrick at 089 447 4236 for more information.

*Scrabble finishes Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December & resumes Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

**Pilates** Tuesdays 7.15pm & 8.15pm Heritage Centre

[www.wildgoosewellness.com/pilates](http://www.wildgoosewellness.com/pilates) Tel: +353 1 437 6933

*Classes finish Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December & recommence Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024*

**Feldenkrais Class** Tuesdays at 7pm.

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**Argentine Tango Classes** Tuesdays at 8pm. Followed by **Practica** at 9pm. Practice & social dancing.

Dalkey Town Hall. Tel: 087 411 6384 for further information.

*Classes finish 12<sup>th</sup> December & will recommence in mid-January 2024.*

**Karate** – Wednesdays in the Town Hall. Beginners at 5.30pm,

Advanced Children at 6.30pm and Adults/Teens at 7.30pm

Contact: 085 1412828 or email [secretary@hombudojokarate.com](mailto:secretary@hombudojokarate.com)

*Classes finish Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December & recommences Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

**Meditation Sessions** Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Heritage Centre

Contact [taracentredublin@gmail.com](mailto:taracentredublin@gmail.com) Tel: +353 1 492 7136

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

*UKTV have announced the launch of three new HD channels (free to anybody with a suitable satellite system), the channels that were available in SD (standard definition) will now be available in HD, and will also include Irish advertising.*

*Alibi HD, Dave HD and W HD will all be available by the time you are reading this article.*

*As always this time of year I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year*

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