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❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

Dalkey Castle was buzzing recently for the ECHOES Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers festival. The weekend's events began with Maeve Binchy's first stage play *End of Term* on Friday 6th October. Saturday was a full day of talks, discussions, laughter and readings with award-winning Irish writers. It all culminated with the Marvellously Maeve Guided Walk on Sunday.

All three days of the festival were fully booked out in advance. We were delighted to be joined by Maeve's husband, Gordon Snell, and many members of the Binchy family. The audience was comprised of literary fans from all over Ireland, Europe, the US and the UK. We were once again joined by the British Ambassador, Mr. Paul Johnston and his wife Nicola. A group from the Maeve Binchy Fan Club couldn't believe their luck in finding an entire weekend that had the work of their favourite writer at its heart. (photo).

Francis Brennan opened proceedings on Saturday. He regaled the audience with his unique take on a life in hospitality. Among his entertaining stories was the one when Maeve and Gordon arrived at his Park hotel one month early! The hotel didn't bat an eyelid and Maeve and Gordon got the room they always liked with a desk for Maeve to write at. Francis's good humour and bonhomie set the tone for the day.

Gaels of laughter were the order of the next item too when Emer McLysaght entertained the audience with tales of how the *Aisling* series of 5 books (with Sara Breen) came to life and how now, despite persuasion, the books have been consigned to history. Madeleine Keane led a discussion on the importance of support for emerging writers. All agreed that Maeve was a past master at encouraging new writers. She believed that "success is not like a cake that needs to be divided. It's more like a heap of stones – a cairn. If someone is successful, they add a stone to the cairn".

Caroline Erskine led a most interesting session on how creative producers bring ideas to life on air, on stage and on film. Sarah Binchy credited her Aunt Maeve's guiding principles when choosing topics for Sunday Miscellany. Write about what you know, keep it conversational and ensure there is some 'Schweppes' in the writing.

Deirdre O'Kane read from Maeve's Times: (November 1987) *A Royal Romance Spelling Danger from the Start* featuring Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales. The big question was: could Charles be King if he was divorced? We now know the answer. Lise-Ann McLaughlin brought us back in time to Maeve's quiet feminism of the 1980s when she encountered a woman at a bus stop in *Contraceptive Conversation*.

Nicola Tallant recounted the life story of the young boy, Joey O'Callaghan from inner city Dublin. Joey, at twelve years of age, started working on a milk float. Gradually, he was groomed as a drugs' mule. All of this dark criminal underworld is told by Joey himself in Nicola's book *The Witness*.

RTE's Katie Hannon had done ground-breaking investigations into the Sergeant Maurice McCabe whistle-blower allegations, and 'the Women of Honour' controversy in the Irish Defence forces. Katie explored what happens after a deeply personal story is revealed to the world with Karina Molloy, formerly of the Defence Forces. Dr. Maeve O'Rourke's sharp incisive mind kept coming back to the importance of having everything documented. She stressed that only sworn testimony is evidence. Prof. Ian Roberston advised the importance of naming the wrong and the importance of handling the emotions and avoiding, if possible, getting caught up in the anger.



Susan McDaid, Dublin, Cathy Irisarri, Randalstown, Marianne Clarke, Co Antrim, Sarah McLarkey, Belfast and Emily Maher, Dublin, pictured at ECHOES.

Oliver Callan described Maeve as effervescent. He said, “if she was dropped in a glass of Ireland, she would bubble to the top and energise the entire country”. She was filled with joy but wrote about sad issues in Ireland like alcoholism, divorce, abortion and domestic violence. He recalled her first appearance on the Late Late Show after *Light a Penny Candle*, in 1982. Oliver said she had no problem talking about money and the record amount she received of 52K for the paperback rights. Her biggest indulgence after the windfall was that she no longer would have to worry about time spent chatting on long distance phone calls! He reminded the audience that Maeve always tried to find the good in everything, so much so, that she once said that she was glad she never met Hitler in case she would have found some redeeming feature in him.

Gordon Snell gave a moving account at the end. He said he had been born abroad, lived in Singapore, Australia and the UK. He had envied those who had a hometown. He finally found one when he met Maeve and moved to Dalkey. He is proud to call Dalkey his hometown and to be part of the ECHOES festival in her honour.

Rita Biggs led *The Marvellously Maeve* Guided Walk around Dalkey on Sunday to places of significance in Maeve’s life and work, finishing with readings in the Maeve Binchy Memorial Garden at Dalkey Library.

Now to other important matters: looking on from the North Pole, Santa is preparing for his visit to Dalkey Castle, each of the weekends in December.



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The red squirrel above, eating fungus off a branch was in Killiney woods in September 2015

Red, right, on Scots Pine in Killiney wood also in 2015. Scots pines are wind pollinated and can produce cones throughout winter. We'd seen a pair of reds regularly coming to feed on this particular pine for over two months.



I'd given up hope of ever again seeing a red squirrel on Dalkey or Killiney hills, not having seen any there for over six years, so was surprised to hear that apparently one was trapped then released by the squirrel researcher on the hill this year. Further to that a neighbour told me they'd recently had a red in their back garden.

I'm often a bit sceptical when people report seeing red squirrels as grey squirrels have a phase when a lot of their fur gets a ginger tinge and they might appear a bit red but the neighbours are very familiar with grey squirrels and said their visitor, apart from having red fur, was much smaller than the greys; red squirrels can weigh up to 330gms while greys can exceed 600gms, so it seemed highly likely that it was a red which is great news.

It was over twenty

years ago, a few years before the greys arrived in Dalkey that another neighbour adjacent to us had a red squirrel on their roof which came into our garden. As I watched it, making its way along the top of our hedge and on to the neighbouring conifers, I realised it was actually fleeing from a cat stealthily following it along the ground. Although that squirrel was probably safe up in the trees, gardens can be risky for red squirrels as cats are one of their major predators especially when the squirrels come regularly to feeders where a

cat can conceal itself nearby and stalk them. Staying, at a B&B in Kilkenny run by a very eccentric lady whose cat, as she told all her guests had appeared on TV once. Lucy asked her were there any red squirrels in the area only to be told that she'd once seen the celebrity cat carrying one in its mouth it had killed.



Ivy which flowers in autumn and winter provides food for pollinators late in the year. This clump of ivy had hoverflies and honeybees, above, visiting it in mid October.



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The crows and jackdaws were performing their usual dusk spectacle, gathering at the eucalyptus grove, perching awhile before soaring out in impressive numbers, wheeling noisily and exuberantly around the sky. On this occasion they were milling around overhead when breaking through the raucous caws of the crows came the distinct resonance of a raven's deep 'kronking' call. Looking up I saw a pair of ravens were flying through the flock of dozens of hooded crows, the ravens distinguished from them by their larger size, pitch black plumage and wedge shaped, as opposed to the crow's fan shaped, tails.

Some of the 'hoodies' were dive bombing them or chasing them at a respectful distance but the ravens barely registered their attackers and flew on purposefully. As one of the pair passed over me I reflected again that ravens are a species of bird you can recognise by sound though not necessarily the sound of their call but by the powerful whoosh of the raven's wing beats that here carried over the calls of dozens of excited crows.

You could describe the sound as like powerful bellows or the flapping of sails but another sound I associate it with is the opening shots of the Apocalypse Now movie which features helicopters moving across the foreground of the screen in slow motion. The sound in that scene is slowed down as well and it's the deep pulsing thumps of the helicopter rotor blades that the powerful raven wing beats calls to mind for me.

Finding a severed gull's wing near the Vico Road recently I became a bit concerned for the ravens as carrion forms a large part of their diet. A number of distressed gulls have turned up in Dalkey gardens often with what appears to be a broken wing but it's very likely they're suffering from avian flu and had damaged the wing while flapping around in

the disorienting and distressing condition the disease causes. It was quite possible the wing may have come from a gull that died of the disease and could prove fatal to anything that ate the remains.

I think it a privilege that Dalkey has among its residents a pair of breeding ravens, birds more usually found on remote mountains or cliffs. They've nested around here for decades and I'd read they'd even nested in Dalkey Quarry. I sincerely hope they'll survive the avian flu and any other problems thrown at them and will be around here for a lot longer.



Ravens are distinguished from other crow species by their sheer size, large bill, wedge shaped tail and prominent primary feathers, displayed like outstretched fingers.

Ravens are the biggest and cleverest members of the crow family whose other species can be very bright as well. You might have heard earlier this year about a Dutch researcher who found magpies were incorporating bird deterrent spikes they'd ripped off roofs into their own nests, one

particular nest containing 1500 spikes. He saw they had placed the light metal devices with the sharp bits always pointing outwards which he believes was deliberately done by the birds to deter predators. Some bird species will put thorns outside their nest for the same reason. Years ago I heard about a fish farm which, to prevent Cormorants taking the stock, had employed automatic bird scarers. Similar to the crow scarers used here in Ireland mimicking shotgun retorts to protect crops. The bird scarers would be turned on and begin firing when the workers clocked off in the evening until somebody noticed they were having the polar opposite effect to that intended.

The cormorants, becoming used to the noise, knowing it wasn't going to harm them and realising there wouldn't be any humans around after the first scarers went off, would use the noise of the scarers like a dinner bell, waiting for them to begin before flying in for undisturbed feeding.

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❖ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS/LECTURES NOVEMBER 2023 ❖

Rathmichael Historical Society: Ruth McManus will present '*Crampton Built: A History of Crampton Builders*' at 8pm on Wednesday November 1st in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. Admission is €5 for non-members.

Mount Merrion Historical Society: Robert Nicholson will present '*Tales from the James Joyce Tower*' at 8pm on November 2nd in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission €4/Students €2.

Military History Society of Ireland: Professor Eunan O Halpin will present '*Intelligence and the Military Profession: Colonel Dan Bryan, 1900-1985*' at 8pm on Friday November 3rd in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome - on Zoom to members only.

Medal Society of Ireland: A 'Medal, Militaria and Collectibles Fair' will take place from 10am to 3pm in the Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission for members is €2 and non-members €4. The AGM of the Society will take place at 3.30 p.m.

Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society: Mark Coen will present '*Most of the inmates remain for life: Donnybrook Laundry, 1737-1992*' at 8pm on Thursday November 9th 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.

The Old Dublin Society: Dr. Angela Byrne will present '*John Lee's visits to Dublin in 1806 and 1807*' on Wednesday November 8th; Peadar Curran will present '*Letters from America*' followed by the AGM of the Society on Wednesday November 22nd. Both these lectures take place at 6pm in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library and Archive, 144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome, admission is free and no booking is required.

Dalkey - Looking Back

Around 10pm on Monday November 25th 1923, a man called into Dun Laoghaire police station and informed those on duty that a short while earlier he had seen a Four touring car passing through the town heading in the direction of Dalkey. There were two armed men with rifles in the front of the car beside the driver and another armed man covering two men in the back seat who were gagged. Immediate details of the incident were telephoned to armed detectives based in Pearse Street police station who responded quickly and spent hours searching the Dun Laoghaire and Dalkey area for the mysterious car and occupants to no avail. It was later assumed that the whole incident was an elaborate hoax.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society:

Tom Conlon will present '*From Victorian to Carolean era - how Dún Laoghaire has changed*' at 8pm on Tuesday November 14th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. All are welcome - admission is €5.

Bray Cualann Historical Society: Vincent Delaney will present '*Bray Town, The Sailing Club and the Droleen Dinghy*' at 8pm on Thursday November 16th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All are welcome - admission for non-members is €8.

Foxrock Local History Club: Professor Fergus D'Arcy will present '*Leopardstown Racecourse Origins*' at 8pm on Tuesday November 21st in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5 for non-members.

Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society: Ultan Coen will present '*Glencree Co. Wicklow - barracks, reformatory, military cemetery and more*' at 8pm on Thursday November 30th in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members free / visitors €4 - Swan Car Park Evening Rate: €3 from 5 p.m. to Midnight.



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- ‘Around the Town’
by Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú.
- ‘The early design of the National Concert Hall in Dublin’ by Greg Devlin.
- ‘A Trip through the history of Dalkey Island’ by Peadar Curran.
- ‘Eight centuries of marriages, collecting, hoarding...Insights from the 2021 Howth Castle auctions’ by Mary O’Callaghan.
- ‘Some notes on the history of Kilmahuddrick’ by Brian McCabe.
- ‘The Dublin Cattle Market’s decline, 1955-1973’ by Dr. Declan O’Brien.
- ‘Dublin Soccer players in the First World War, 1914-1918’ by Conor Curran.
- ‘What’s in a name? The lives and legends of Lansdowne Road Stadium and Football Club’ by Charles Ivar McGrath.
- ‘Manor Street, Grangegorman and Stoneybatter; from medieval manor to hipster quarter’ by Lynda Dunne.
- ‘Dublin Tramways - the first generation’ by Clifton Flewitt.
- ‘They remained on the footplate: a railway accident at Donabate, Co. Dublin, 14 December 1945’ by James Scannell.
- ‘Crime, coroners and criminal procedure in early nineteenth century’ by Niamh Howlin
- ‘Sir James Ware and the first history of Dublin’ by Eoin C. Bairéad.



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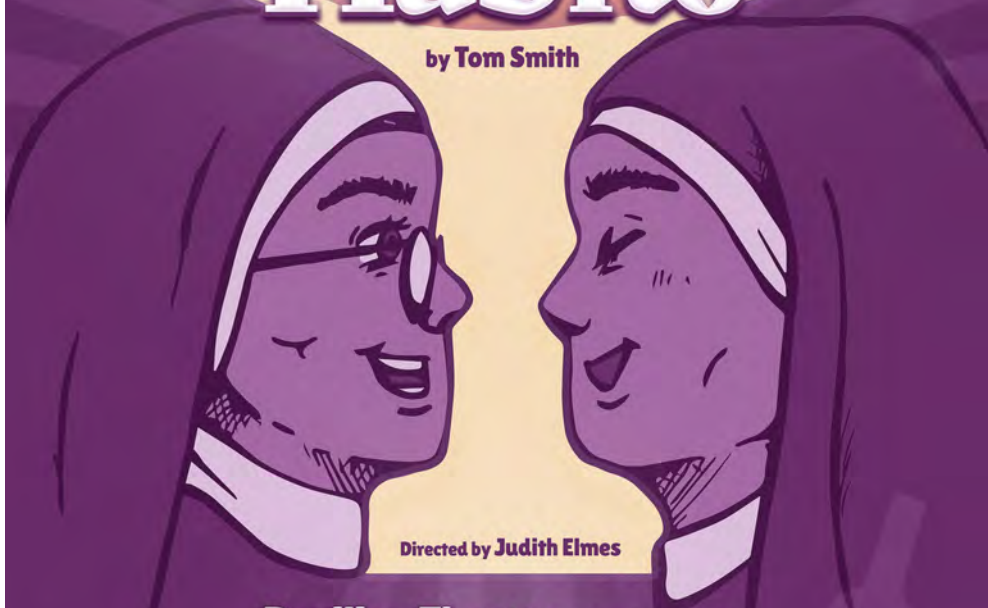
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - WEEKS 37-40 2023 11/09/2023 - 06/10/2023

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/0588

Application Rec'd Date: 11/09/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Philip O'Connell, 12, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96W9D0

Proposal: Demolish a rear extension (conservatory) and to construct a new single storey rear extension to a dwelling. Permission is also sought for internal alterations, new natural slate roof finish, replacement of pebbledash with lime render, painted and timber replacement windows on front elevation. Situated in an Architectural Conservation Area.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0598

Application Rec'd Date: 18/09/2023

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.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0602

Application Rec'd Date: 19/09/2023

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.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0438

Application Rec'd Date: 25/09/2023

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.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0440

Application Rec'd Date: 27/09/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Ruth Hallahan & John Farrelly, Taranga, Beulah Court, Dalkey, Dublin, A96FW98

Proposal: Proposed external alterations to include, Partial demolition, new external opes and alterations to existing opes, new entrance and relocated external entrance steps, together with associated site works to a detached two storey dwelling.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0453

Application Rec'd Date: 06/10/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Claire Cronin, 2, Termon, Castle Street, Dalkey, Dublin, A96EH27

Proposal: Conversion of attic to storage including a dormer window to the rear and two velux rooflights to the front all at roof level and a new window to the rear at first floor level.

Application Type: Permission

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Reg. Ref.: D23A/0485

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 11/09/2023

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.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0494

Decision: Grant Permission & Grant Retention

Date: 14/09/2023

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.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0495

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 14/09/2023

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

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

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0499

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 14/09/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Tony & Bernie O'Reilly, 8 Barnacaille 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.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0325 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 20/09/2023
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/0436 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 29/09/2023
Applicant Name & Location: Shane and Nicola Little, Gate Lodge "Inniscurrig", Coliemore Road, Dalkey, County Dublin (a protected structure)
Proposal: Planning permission is sought. The proposed works include; a bay extension measuring 5m2 on the north-eastern, internal garden, side of the gate lodge, including partial demolition and re-construction of the stone wall using existing/matching materials and the covering over of the existing enclosed yard measuring 6m2 with a flat roof and a low profile rooflight and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0442 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 29/09/2023
Applicant Name & Location: Ian O'Herlihy & Deirdre McHugh, 2 Alexandra Villas, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Dublin, A96H1W0
Proposal: 1) Demolition of existing 2 storey side extension, 2 storey rear return and rear sheds. 2) Construction of part single storey part 2 storey rear extension. 3) Widening and alteration of the vehicular access and the associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0379 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 28/09/2023
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.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0526 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 02/10/2023
Applicant Name & Location: Margaret Ryan., 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 2,364sqm. 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.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0372 **Decision:** Grant Permission For Retention **Date:** 02/10/2023
Applicant Name & Location: Eamonn MacAodh, 17 Steephholm, 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.

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None for Dalkey

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 37-40 2023 04/09/2023 - 29/09/2023

Reg. Ref.: D21A/1084 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission
Appeal Decided: 18/09/2023 **Council Decision:** Refuse permission
Location: 8 Convent Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 DD58
Proposed Development: Permission is sought for development. The development will consist of the following: (i) Removal of the existing, detached single storey, pitched roof dwelling (118 sq.M) and 2no. x garden outbuildings; (ii) Construction of 2 no. x two storey, terraced, pitched roof dwellings (House B - 122 sq.M, House C - 125 sq.M) and 1no. x two storey, terraced pitched roof dwelling with attic accommodation and a dormer window to the rear (House A - 230 sq.M), all in a single terrace; (iii) Modifications to the existing front boundary wall comprising relocation of the existing pedestrian entrance, formation of 2no. new pedestrian entrances, removal of render finish and capping to wall and provision of new low painted steel railings to top of wall. The development will include the division of the existing property into 3no. plots for the proposed terraced dwellings, new drainage connections to the public drainage system, hard and soft landscaping, and all associated site development works necessary to complete the development
Applicant: Noel MacMahon

Reg. Ref.: D22B/0116 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission
Appeal Decided: 27/09/2023 **Council Decision:** Grant permission
Location: Koti, Cunningham Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposed Development: Permission is sought for the refurbishment and extension of the existing dwelling. Works to include; A. Demolition of existing first floor level and roof structure. B. The construction of a replacement first floor structure. C. Alterations to the existing elevations at basement and ground floor level. D. Provision of new external terraces to the front and rear of the property at ground and first floor level. E. Reconfiguration of entrance steps and associated landscaping works to the front, rear and side of the property.
Applicant Name: Paul Dillon & Sophie McGirr



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

FINAL BUMBLEBEE MONITORING WALK FOR 2023 SORRENTO PARK & DILLON'S PARK



Only 2 *Bombus Pascuorum* were spotted in Sorrento Park today (7th October 2023). One was foraging on Catmint and one on the Yellow Furze (gorse). There were zero to be seen in Dillon's Park. Low numbers are normal for this time of year as most bumblebees are already hibernating. The

Bombus Pascuorum seems to be the last of the Irish bumblebees to wind up its season and go into hibernation. Crocus can be an important food source for queens that emerge early from hibernation in the spring. Now is a good time to think about adding some Crocus bulbs to your garden for spring 2024. So that's a wrap for our 2023 bumblebee walks. Dalkey Tidy Towns are looking forward to the spring. We will be starting again in March 2024.

Biodiversity Ireland offer a free online bumblebee identification and monitoring course. You can access it here:

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If you feel that it suits you, Biodiversity Ireland are looking for volunteers.

Dalkey Tidy Towns
Sustainability





LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

Re: Encroaching overdevelopment, destroying residential amenities and the architectural environment of our designated Heritage Town

We wish to share our experiences with the planning and enforcement system. We live in Knocknacree Park largely made up of 1-2 storey houses designed by an Architect who visited America in the 1960s and was inspired by the spirit of mid-century Californian exemplar architecture. We believe the visual harmony, architectural heritage and established height and design pattern of development which existed for almost 60 years was recently destroyed by the demolition of a single storey frontage dwelling, and its replacement with a 3-storey bulky building form. (See attached photo)

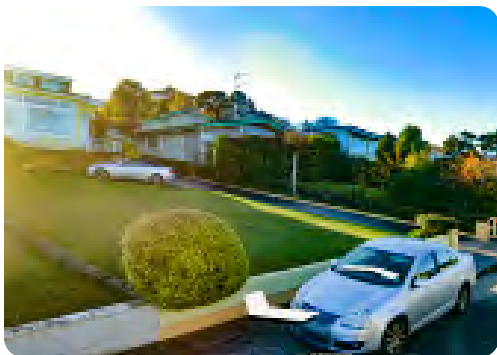
Firstly, during the application stage, some residents submitted concerns to the Planning Authority, that the raising of the front elevation from single storey to a double storey replacement building with a design that is totally out of keeping with the appearance and character of the street, would essentially have a visually overbearing negative impact and a consequent loss of our residential amenity. We fail to understand how the application was approved, particularly given the lack of a strong justification or rationale

to demolish a habitable home in the middle of a housing estate. It appears to have been demolished on the basis that it needed new wiring, plumbing, glazing and balustrades. Does this mean that every 1960s estate in the country needs to be demolished? Surely in an age of sustainable development and a national housing crisis, what was required was maintaining the characteristic elements as part of retention, retrofit and reuse of the existing housing stock in line with the legal policy framework.

Secondly, to add insult to injury, during the build, numerous residents formally complained to the Enforcement Section that the height of the new building in relation to the height of the adjoining property did not appear to be consistent with what was depicted on the planning drawings, upon which permission was granted. Therefore, we find it extraordinary that the Planning Authority have taken the position that they are unable to take enforcement action based on either drafting errors or inaccurate visual information on planning drawings submitted by developers.

On that basis, it appears the onus is now on all neighbours to bear the cost of engaging with appropriate professionals to double check all measurements and visual drawings submitted by developers.





**Before: Visual Harmony
Distinctive Character/Architecture**

Failure to do so may result in a new development towering over neighbouring properties and adversely impacting on the community as a whole, without the public ever being aware of the true impact of the development and, consequently, having no opportunity to make observations to the Council. Surely grossly and fundamentally misleading drawings and depictions of the visual impact vis-à-vis neighbouring properties, for whatever reasons, undermines the viability and credibility of the system? There seems to us to be significant gaps in the entire process.

Thirdly, in a similar case, there is a proposal to demolish another habitable house in Knocknacree Park; this time the plan is to replace it with a 4-Storey monolithic building with a lift, swimming pool, sauna, changing facilities, gym and steam room. Residents submitted numerous observations to the Council, including that the demolition of a habitable house is unjustified and what is required is retrofit and reuse. Interestingly in this case, the Planning Authority agreed with our submissions and refused planning permission based on the absence of any justification to demolish a habitable house. Moreover, they stated the proposal would be unduly visually obtrusive, overbearing from adjacent sites and visually dominant from the surroundings. It would therefore seriously



**After Demolition: Visually Obtrusive
Bulky High Building Form**

injure the visual and residential amenities and would depreciate the value of property in the vicinity. This is now under appeal with residents requesting An Bord Pleanála to uphold the Council's decision to refuse permission.

By way of conclusion, we have invested significant time and energy into trying to protect the character and amenities of our exemplar estate, but the system appears to have failed us. Yet, we know that the County Development Plan - Heritage and Conservation, and Development Management is there to protect all Neighbourhoods - People, Homes and Places as part of proper planning and sustainable development of the area. If preservation of heritage means anything, it surely should mean the prevention of continuous erosion of distinctive architectural heritage.

We are in contact with TDs, Councillors, Planning Consultants, Media and Solicitors, although this is not how things should work and these issues should not end up in the courts. It is critical to build public confidence in the planning system and to ensure proper, transparent and accountable planning based on values of fairness, integrity, and equity.

***A Group of Concerned
Knocknacree Park Residents***



DALKEY TIDY TOWNS WINNERS !



DALKEY RECEIVES THREE MAJOR AWARDS AT THE 2023 TIDY TOWNS CEREMONY AT CROKE PARK

This year, the 65th edition of the event, Croke Park's Hogan Suite, was an appropriate setting for the much anticipated results of this year's SuperValu Tidy Towns competition. With over 30,000 volunteers involved throughout Ireland, there were 887 entries this year and, again, Dalkey was one of these.

Heather Humphries TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development, and Ian Allen, Managing Director of SuperValu led the announcements.

The Tidy Towns adjudicators visited Dalkey, incognito, on Thursday June 22nd and on Saturday July 29th. They even spotted some of our DTT Volunteers in action in the area. Both days were sunny and warm.

Representing Dalkey Tidy Towns (DTT) in the Large Town Category at the ceremony, were Des Burke-Kennedy, Frank Dillon and Fiona Treacy. Attendance was limited to just three representatives. Ann Cassin ensured that RTE Nationwide viewers





DALKEY TIDY TOWNS WINNERS !



saw the celebrations on screen later that night.

Expecting very little this year as rain, sunshine and kerb weeds had created a challenging harvest like never before throughout the Summer, all in DTT were ready for a disappointment. How wrong they were!

By the end of the ceremony, DTT was celebrating the following:

DALKEY SPECIAL AWARD:

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POLLINATOR AWARD**



*Des Burke-Kennedy
Dalkey Tidy Towns*

DALKEY DUBLIN COUNTY AWARD: FIRST of 47 County entrants

DALKEY COUNTY AWARD: GOLD MEDAL

Best of all, the adjudicators points award to Dalkey this year was 374, fourteen better than in 2023. The overall winner was Abbeyleigh but their score was just TWO points ahead of Dalkey at 376. This suggests that Dalkey is within touching distance of the ultimate award. Dalkey outscored Abbeyleigh in the categories of Streetscapes, Nature and Biodiversity, Tidiness and Litter Control and Residential Streets. What a boost it would be for our Heritage Town if we could take that coveted top award in 2024. A giant community effort could make that dream come true.

SuperValu NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS RESULTS 2023

DALKEY'S TOTAL MARKS - JUST TWO POINTS LOWER THAN THE OVERALL WINNER

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2022	DALKEY	ABBEYLEIX
			Mark Awarded 2023	Mark Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	52	54	55
Streetscape & Public Places	80	52	54	52
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	50	52	54
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	46	48	47
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	28	30	34
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	58	59	54
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	37	39	38
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	37	38	42
TOTAL MARK	550	360	374	376



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Monday 13 November 10:30 - 11:15

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

Monday 27 November 10:30 - 11:15

Join us for a calm Sensory morning in a quiet library with dimmed lights and use of our Magic Table that projects colourful images onto the floor for babies to interact with..

Toddler and Guardians Group for 18 months to 3 years

Friday 3 November 10:30 - 11:15

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

Friday 10 November 10:30 - 11:15

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

Friday 17 November 10:30 - 11:15

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

Friday 24 November 10:30 - 11:15 Join us at Dalkey Library for Let's Build! We'll provide the Duplo and building blocks, you can build to your heart's content.

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Thursday		
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Lego Challenge Club

4 November 11:30-12:30

Ages 5+ accompanied by an adult
What Lego creation will you build?
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Family Book Club

18 November 11:00-11:45

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Wicklow Willow Spider Web Workshop

18 November 11:00-12:30

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The drop-off for these items is Dalkey Pharmacy on Railway Road and all items will remain in the local community.



Dalkey Community Pre-School Playgroup

The DCPG are currently looking for a self-motivated hygiene assistant to join our team on Convent Road. The job involves cleaning our playroom, bathrooms and kitchen as well as some of the toys on rotation. We are hoping the right candidate would be available for 2hrs a day for 5 days a week - after 2pm (so the kids aren't around to help!). If you are interested, we'd love to hear from you, please contact Sinéad on **085 172 5608** or email her at **dalkeycpp@gmail.com**



‘The School Farm’ at Castle Park

In October, Castle Park welcomed two Alpacas, marking the beginning of ‘*The School Farm*’ project. The arrival of our Alpacas was exciting news around the School. In the Spring Term, we also hope to welcome some Pigmy Goats.

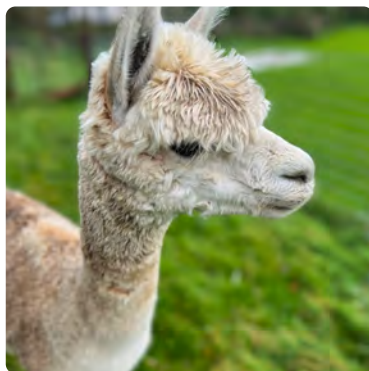
Once our Alpacas have comfortably settled into their new home for the first few weeks, we will be giving an introduction to our Alpacas, including important information about Alpaca behaviour, welfare and husbandry. Following this, we will gradually introduce our

pupils to Alpaca Trekking as part of Lunchtime and After-School Activities.

After our Agri Science development is fully established, we plan to invite children from

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Here is what the chef himself had to say about his experience:

I was delighted when I became Junior Master Chef 2023! It was great fun. I went to the Tram Yard on a rainy looking day. I went to the stage and I met the other person and she was getting her ingredients ready so I started to prepare my ingredients. After a few minutes the show started and I sat down with my parents and the interviewer talked with her and she explained how to make her lobster carbonara. So, while she was waiting for her lobster to cook, I went on stage and started with my fennel and olive salad. I started by boiling some water in a pot and I added some salt to add flavour and help the broccoli. For my salad I started shredding some fennel with a mandolin, then I cut some olives up, added some oil and mixed herbs, and mixed it up. I started to see bubbles in the water so I started to prepare my broccoli. I cut the ends off the stalks and I ripped off the leaves and dropped the fresh tender stem broccoli into the boiling water for about a minute and a half. I then began

preparing my main course of sea bass.

I placed it in a tray, skin side down, and I oiled and seasoned it. I then heated up the pan and placed the fish skin side down until the sides were almost completely white. Then I picked up the pan and added the butter and flipped the fish. I then added my broccoli and I cooked it until it was golden brown at the bottom. Once cooked, I took out the fish and placed it on a plate.

Finally, I added extra butter and my capers and let them cook in the butter for a minute then I plated it up. The judge came up, tried my food and said it was lovely. She then gave me a trophy.

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Celebrating 180 years of Loreto in Dalkey

This year we celebrate the 180th anniversary of the founding of Loreto Dalkey by Mother Frances Teresa Ball. Mother Teresa succeeded in buying a site in Dalkey commons in 1842 and on 17th August 1843 a free school was opened with 200 students. Loreto Primary and Abbey have continued to educate many generations of children from Dalkey and the wider community since.

As part of our 180th celebrations, we are creating an exhibition of photos in the primary school. We would be very grateful if you could get involved by providing photos of Loreto Primary School from years gone by. Please email any photos to historyloreto@gmail.com and include the year the photo was taken or send by post to Loreto Primary School, Loreto Avenue, Dalkey. In 1840 Dalkey was still a small fishing village

and it would be fantastic to display the changes over the decades.

The last Loreto nun to have led the school as principal was Sr. Kathleen O'Grady. She was principal from 1993 until her retirement in 2009. When she retired, she stayed in the area, living in Teach Mhuire on Leslie Avenue until recently.

We would like to extend our fondest farewell to Sr. Kathleen O'Grady, as she leaves Dalkey this month and moves back to her native Kilkenny. Sr. Kathleen served Loreto Primary School well and if it wasn't for her and many strong women like her, we would not have the wonderful school as it stands today!

Bail ó Dhia orthu ar fad!!

Loreto Primary School



photo Loreto Primary School



Retired teachers from Loreto PS wishing Sr. Kathleen O'Grady farewell, as she returns to Kilkenny

Christmas Workshops

Hosted by Annamaria*

Come and join us and make your own
Hall Door Wreath or Candle Centrepiece



Sunday 26th November, in Our Lady's Hall, Dalkey

Candle Centrepiece Workshop: 11.30am – 1.30pm

Hall Door Wreath Workshop: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

All materials provided. Tea/coffee and biscuits included

Cost €60



Contact us on 0857318625 to arrange your booking

*Places are limited so book early
to avoid disappointment!*



Workshops to raise funds for:

**Dalkey Community
Pre-School Playgroup**

*Annamaria is a professional horticulturist with a love of flower arranging, and many years experience running workshops and selling her hand made decorations.



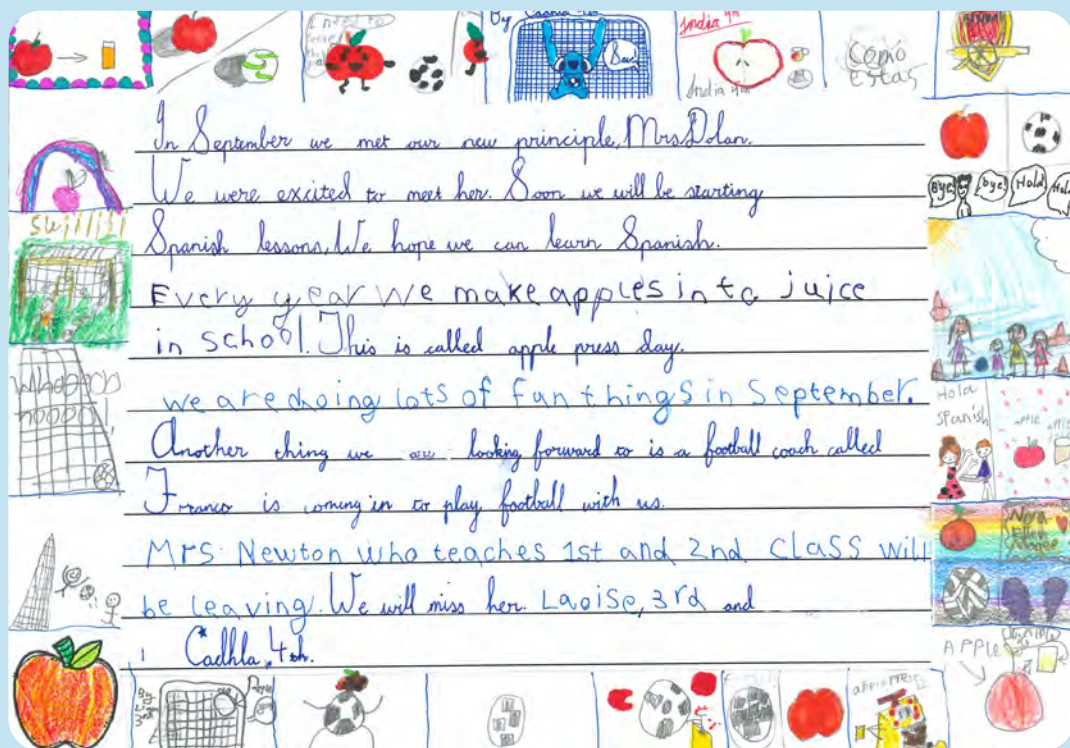
Loreto Primary School, Dalkey
are now accepting expressions of interest
for enrolments for September 2024.

For further details,
please see our website

www.loretopsdalkey.ie



ST. PATRICK'S N.S.



3rd & 4th St Patricks National School Dalkey (Newsletter)



NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH OF IRELAND



CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

- All are welcome!

Weekly

9 a.m. Holy Communion Rite 1

Monthly

1st Sunday - 10.15 Holy Communion Rite 2.

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

3rd Sunday - 10.15 Holy Communion Rite 2

4th Sunday - 10.15 a.m. Morning Prayer

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

What a fabulous weekend the Harvest weekend proved to be. Following the Harvest Supper on the 8th October was a triumph. Open to all, it was booked out and was a very successful evening. Next, the Harvest Festival service on October 10th with only the Ireland rugby win against Scotland in between. The decorations in the church and porch were beautiful and a credit to all involved.

The choir led the singing of some of the old favourite hymns as well as contributing with the Rutter anthem, "For the Beauty of the Earth." Our speaker this year was Mr. Roger Boyd, a dairy farmer from Tinahely, who spoke of the current challenges facing farmers. He gave the surprising news that the Irish and English are the only consumers of the world's supply of Cheddar cheese. The fact that the grass in this country is the main feed for our cows accounts for the recognition of the superb nature of Irish produced milk which is high in protein and therefore very sought after for the manufacture of baby milk and sports protein powders. Thank you to all who



contributed to the weekend which was a roaring success. Next stop, Advent and Christmas. Plans are coming for a Reverse Advent Calendar in November. Instead of receiving, there is a chance to collect an item a day to produce a Christmas hamper for the less fortunate.

Blue Christmas will be a new addition to the schedule of services this year in St. Patrick's. It will be held on the evening of Friday 15th at 7pm and is an opportunity for those who have reason to feel sad at this time of year to bring their sadness before God in a liturgy that allows for this in a gentle and supportive way. All are welcome and further information will follow. If you want to know more about this, feel free to stop me when I am out and about to ask. Full list of services at Christmas time available shortly.

Rev Ruth Elmes



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contact Sandra Moore 087 6291568.

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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.

Services can be viewed online via the website <https://holytrinitykilliney.com/> or through our Facebook page.

From the Rector: Harvest Thanksgiving Service, [church looking stunning, thanks to the flower team who can do **wonders** with turnips] and a Harvest lunch after, [which was lovely and very well attended and thank you Ros Christie etc. for organising!] and a presentation after the service of our Eco Congregation Award, made by Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, TD, [for which much thanks to Joan Millar, Caroline Elliot-Kingston and the rest of the Green Team who put much work into the whole thing.] As well as that we launched our booklet of EcoCongregation prayers — one a month from all the organisations in the parish. And as well as that, we received another Eco Award in the Green Cities Europe Award 2023 – Ireland. “A special recognition for excellence in showcasing green-focused landscaping in the built environment.” More thanks to Caroline E-K for writing the entry to that! We also blessed two park benches in the church grounds, dedicated to the memory of Joan Bewley and Ruth Stuart. [Phew!]

Our sympathies are with the Kay Family as we interred the ashes of their father Brian, and also with Meg Jackson on the death of her son Tom in America. Go *dtuga Dia suaimhneas daofa uilig.*

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

Christmas Sale The annual Christmas Sales takes place in the Carry Centre on Saturday 25th November from 11am-1pm. Please come along and support us.

Y Club met on the 19th October where John Dean O'Keeffe spoke about Forensic Psychology. A most interesting topic followed by refreshments and chat. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 16th November at the Carry Centre at 8pm. Please note that our Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday 12th December at the National Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire. For further information, please contact Paul O'Brien or Nigel Teggan.

Sheep Thrills received a commission for a christening jumpsuit which was beautifully knit and embroidered by two of our members. We are glad to report that the parents were thrilled and a happy baby was well christened. Loads of fabulous hats are now available at the Victoria Tea Rooms. Wool is always welcome.

Contact Joan 087 2460078

www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney

Table Tennis club is going well with 28 members playing on Monday evenings. It is mostly doubles games to keep everyone playing while tea and biscuits are available to those waiting for a table. We are lucky that we are able to enter 3 teams into the Church's League again this year. We will be holding a Christmas Tournament in December and our annual Christmas dinner on November 24th in the National Yacht Club.

The Carry Centre It is nice to see the hall back in full use after the summer break and the organisations back to normal. Sunday Club takes place on the third Sunday in the month, Ladies Guild on the second Tuesday in the Month, Sheep Thrills on Thursdays from 2-4pm, Y Club on the third Thursday of the month, Table Tennis on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7.30-10pm, Irish Dancing on Thursday 5.30 -7.30pm, Pilates on Tuesdays at 6.30pm and Blossom Creche every day 8.30-1pm.

Blessing of the Animals Frank Hughes set the scene as he played the theme tune from the television series 'All creatures great and small' on the organ before the Service! The prayers and readings were all done by the children. Gary preached on the unique markings of various animals....and told a fascinating tale of why dogs have wet noses. A fine parade of dogs great and small were brought forward for a Blessing at the conclusion of the Servicebut William deserves a mention for bringing his goldfish in a jug!!!





NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION



Fr. Liam is presently unwell and we send him our best wishes for a full recovery and look forward to his return to Dalkey very soon.

Dalkey Dún Laoghaire Glasthule Parish Partnership



3 PARISHES - Growing Together
1 PARTNERSHIP - Building Hope



Building Hope

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:

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



Parish Office:

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Website: [www.https://dalkeyparish.ie](https://dalkeyparish.ie) we are also on Facebook and Instagram

SOUTH DUBLIN BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH IRELAND

November 2023 Indoor Meeting

Date & time: Tuesday, 7th November at 8pm.

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

Title: Birds and Wildlife Photography.

Speaker: John Murphy.

Details: John will show examples of his pictures and talk about his experiences as a photographer.



BirdWatchIreland
protecting birds and biodiversity

Outdoor meeting (Coach Trip)

Date: Sunday, 12th November.

Outing to: Wexford.

Booking details: Bookings taken at our indoor meetings. **Extra information:** Meet outside the old Dun Laoghaire Ferry Terminal on Harbour Road. Coach departing at 08:30 sharp.

To read an account of our last coach outings there in March 2020 and in November 2017 check the website

<https://www.southdublinbirds.com>

You can use the QR code left to visit the website



SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 03RD OCTOBER 2023 HELD IN OLH

- Treasurer:** DCC is grateful for all those who have contributed to our annual collection and there is still time to donate either by envelope or online.
- TT:** DTT have been anxiously waiting for the results from the Tidy Towns Competition and the DLR Tidy Districts. The TT results are due to be announced at the end of the week and the Tidy Districts the following week. It would be very helpful if everyone tended their own kerbside and maintained neat and trim hedges that don't overhang the footpaths.
- Graffiti:** Alan Winter reported that there were eight tags during September and both Alan and Miriam Lee are busy monitoring and clearing tags as they appear in the area.
- Planning:** The planning is rather quiet at the moment with nothing major to report.
- AOB:** DLR will be contacted over the number of gullies that are blocked and need clearing. The DCC Art Exhibition will take place over the weekend of the 4th and 5th November with the opening night at 8pm on Friday 3rd November.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 07th November 2023 at 3pm in OLH.

UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH NOVEMBER

DCC Art Exhibition

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th November in Our Lady's Hall from 10:30am to 5pm

Dalkey Community Council

DCC Meeting is **Tuesday 7th November** at 3pm in Our Lady's Hall.

Scrabble & Afternoon Tea in aid of Barnardo's every Wednesday at 3 pm in Derrynane, 35 Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Call Di Fitzpatrick at 01 2850593 for more information.

Pilates Tuesdays 7.15pm & 8.15pm **Heritage Centre**
www.wildgoosewellness.com/pilates Tel + 353 1 01 437 6933

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

Karate – Wednesdays in the **Town Hall**. Beginners at 5.30pm, Advanced Children at 6.30pm and Adults/Teens at 7.30pm
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Oh How Television (and Radio) has changed over the years . . .

By the time you are reading this article a new (free) satellite channel called Sky Mix will be available in high definition. The channel will feature recent Sky Originals and acquired series in the evenings and is available to anyone with a suitable satellite system.

This is the first time Sky has launched a High Definition channel for free, as previous channels were always in Standard Definition.

For those who know how to tune their satellite system here are the details needed: 12186. Vertical. 27500. fec 2/3

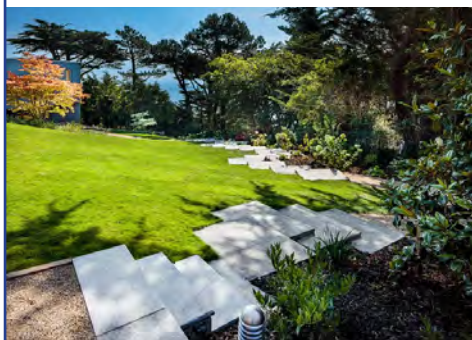
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