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*Dr. Susan McDonnell Chairman of DCC
presenting the Community Council Cup to Susan Homan for her many years
outstanding contribution to Dalkey and the local community.*

❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

When you walk along the seafront at Dún Laoghaire, you will see many memorials and statues representing times past. The latest addition to these is the stunning statue of Roger Casement which commands a prominent position on the waterfront at Scotsman's Bay (see photo right).

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCoCo) commissioned the sculptor, Mark Richards, to design and cast the 3.5 metre bronze statue. It is the centre piece for the new Baths' development. The tall, tapering, polished concrete pillar on which the figure rests gives an amazing elevation to the statue. It visually links the work to its surroundings, but also gives a better view of the sculpture from the base of the plinth. By placing Casement in an arrangement of steps and levels, you can imagine that he is stepping ashore. A single word 'Casement', in raised letters, is fixed on the front of the plinth.

The late Bob Hannan was the senior architect who, with his team, masterminded the coastal mobility works along the seafront. Having trained in urban design in Rouen, Bob made a hugely positive contribution to the improvement of Dún Laoghaire, Monkstown, Sandycove and his native Dalkey.

In Bob's obituary in the Irish Times, Fergus McCabe wrote about the vision DLRCoCo members had for the improvement works to the centre of Dún Laoghaire which were based on linking a more pedestrian-friendly shopping area to an attractive seafront promenade. "Bob's input as an urbanist illustrated how this was to be incrementally achieved and, most importantly, what it would look like".

Sadly, Bob died recently on October 21st aged 55. A group of his friends held a swim in his memory, on Christmas morning, at Scotsman's Bay, in the shadow of the wonderful statue. Poignantly, among the remembrance tokens brought to the altar at Bob's funeral service in Dalkey Church was a miniature bronze replica of the statue of Roger Casement.

Roger Casement was born in a house on Sandycove Road in 1864, close to where the former, well-known Buckley's Auction Rooms operated. There is a plaque in his memory in Irish on the house. Both his parents died when he was young, and he was raised by an aunt in Co. Antrim, and educated at Ballymena Academy. Casement's adolescence is most associated with the time he spent in the Nine Glens, Ballycastle. This part of Ireland inspired his poetic voice and his early engagement with the Irish language.

After leaving school, Casement made his way to Africa. He remained there for two decades. He was employed in the British Consular Service from 1891 to 1913, from which position he exposed cruelties in the Congo. He was knighted by George V in 1911 for his important investigations of human rights abuses in the rubber industry of Peru.

In 1913, he joined the Irish Volunteer movement, having grown to distrust imperialism. He once wrote "A nation is a very complex thing...it never has consisted solely of one blood or of one simple race. It is like a river, which rises far off in the hills and has many sources, many converging streams before it becomes one great stream".

In 1914, after joining Sinn Féin, he went to Germany looking for military aid to support the cause of Irish independence. In April 1916, the Germans dispatched the Aud with a cargo of arms to be landed in Kerry for use in the Rising. Casement followed in a submarine, but his plans to liaise with the Aud failed. When he landed on Banna



Photo by John Fahy.

Strand, he was captured. On the eve of the Easter Rising, he was brought to Dublin, and, under armed escort, he was put on the overnight ferry to England. He was taken to London, tried for high treason, and hanged at Pentonville Prison on 3rd August 1916. He was the last of the 1916 revolutionaries to be executed.

In the years after his execution, efforts to bring his body back to Ireland were repeatedly refused by the British government. Finally, after exhumation on 22nd February 1965, the remains were placed in a coffin and flown by Aer Lingus to Baldonnell airport. The coffin lay in state for three days. He was accorded a full state funeral and buried in Glasnevin cemetery. He had always expressed a wish to be buried in an ancient graveyard near Murlough Bay, Co. Antrim, but the political situation made this impossible.

The airport at Baldonnell was later renamed Casement Aerodrome. It was there that Queen Elizabeth touched down on 17th May 2011 to begin her historic state visit to Ireland.

Roger Casement is one of the many historic figures and events covered on the National schools' tour at Dalkey Castle which began on 17th January. The theatrical recreation of the Viking raid in St. Begnet's Graveyard is a particular highlight, as is the operation of the Murder Hole. The scaled models highlight all the transport systems with the Atmospheric and Funicular railways and the much-loved Trams. The building of Dún Laoghaire Harbour features, too, where Roger Casement took his first and last steps in Ireland.

And, a final codicil to note, a sod from the earth near Roger Casement's beloved Murlough Bay was placed on his grave in Glasnevin Cemetery.



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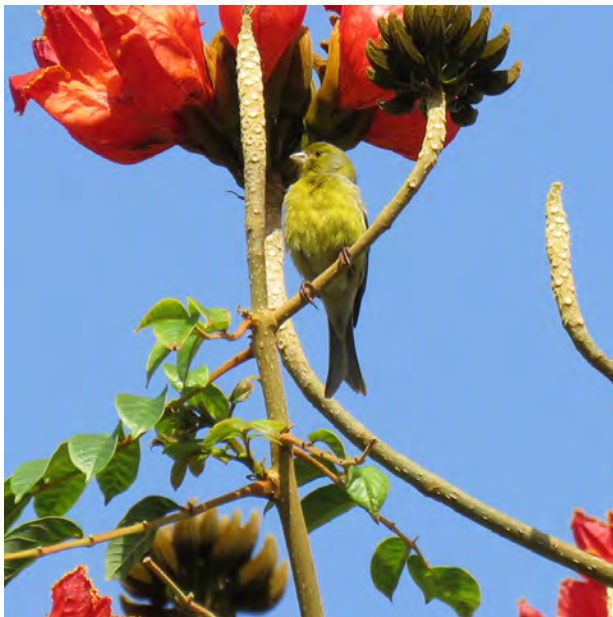
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Anywhere else it would have been a dreadful sight, driving through miles of burnt native conifer forest, the trees scorched black, dead brown needles on stark skeletal branches. It was still a distressing sight but I was delighted to be witnessing what was happening here as the burnt forest we were passing through was on the slopes below Mount Teide volcano in Tenerife, the native conifers were Canary Pine and, although they'd been ravaged by one of the worst fires in the island's history, they weren't dead.

Canary Pine are known as the most fire resistant trees on earth due to an adaptation known as epicormic buds. These buds, suppressed by hormones further up the trunk, lie dormant under the bark until the tree is exposed to more light or, as in this case, severely stressed by drought or fire which then activates them to burst through as new growth. These trees our coach was driving past had been burnt in a catastrophic fire which began in August and had burnt for months, only being finally extinguished in November, but many of the trees we were passing were already bursting back to life and producing new shoots, fresh vivid green against the blackened trunks and branches.

Canary Pine are endemic to the Canary Islands, meaning they are not native



Greenfinch on African Tulip Tree, *Spathodea*, in the Botanic Garden in Puerto de la Cruz

anywhere else. Often growing in very dry areas, subject to sustained hot periods without rain, they receive most of their moisture through condensation from the low clouds, their unusually long needles an adaptation to collect more moisture. This moisture seeps into the ground, filling underground aquifers once providing much of the island's water. I'd never thought of holidaying in Tenerife

A burnt forest of Canary Pine trees. You can just about make out emerging green, epicormic buds on the tree on the left. Sorry for the quality of the photo which was taken from a moving coach





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Monarch Butterflies are famous for their long migration from the US and Canada to winter in forests in Mexico but I only recently discovered they're also native to the Canary Islands and also have small resident populations in Spain and Portugal. Public gardens are often good places to look for insects and birds and sure enough it was at the



Botanical Gardens in Puerto de la Cruz in Tenerife that we saw our first ever Monarch. Monarchs in the US and Mexico depend on the Milkweed plant on which their caterpillars feed, ingesting some of the plant's toxins and thus making them unpalatable to predators. In the Canary Islands they lay their eggs on an endemic plant *Ceropegia dichotoma*.

before, considering it only as a sun holiday destination. But I'd been reading *Pollinators & Pollination* by Jeff Ollerton, one of the foremost world authorities on pollination ecology, who is fascinated by the flora of Tenerife, visiting there every year and bringing research students on field trips. Through his book I became aware of Tenerife's unique flora and wildlife, much endemic, which had developed over millennia on the volcanic rock.

An online search found a birdwatching guide on Tenerife but to engage his services for half a day would have been prohibitively expensive so we resigned ourselves to not seeing any of the unique bird species. On our first morning in Puerto de la Cruz we went to the Botanical Garden where we saw our first Monarch butterfly. It was there we also saw the Canary Chiffchaff, a separate species to ours. Then we saw the bird most associated with the island, the African Canary, the ancestor of all the domestic canaries. The origin of the name of the Canary Islands was said to be derived from the Latin for dog as many wild dogs roamed the islands although a later theory is that the original islanders, descendants of Berbers from North Africa, were known as 'Canarii'.

A day trip to the adjoining island of La Gomera involved an awful lot of time on a coach often traversing very narrow winding roads overlooking scary sheer drops of hundreds of feet. Kestrels in Tenerife and La Gomera are a sub species of our Common Kestrel and we saw lots of them, rising and

hovering on the hot air thermals over cliffs and canyons. As the coach climbed higher the spectacular vistas, blue sky and sunshine were often obscured by low clouds. The coach stopped at one renowned photo opportunity spot just as freezing mist blew in and anybody bothering to get off, even those who had brought warm clothes, were back on the coach very promptly.

The coach was executing a difficult three point turn when we noticed a pair of unfamiliar birds hopping around on the road and realised they were Canary Blue Chaffinches the nature symbol of the island and the endemic species I had been most hoping to see. Bigger than our chaffinch, the male bird has an almost uniform blue grey plumage. Although only fleeting glimpses we were delighted to have seen them at all.

A coach trip on Tenerife took us to Playa De Las Americas, a major tourist destination with lots of nightlife and restaurants. We were left to wander around and get lunch and hadn't moved far when Lucy spotted a flock of swifts milling above. Highly probable they were Plain Swifts, another new species for us. Many of them don't migrate and spend the year in Tenerife.

We were reboarding the coach when Lucy spotted birds which, as they flew over us, we realised were a pair of Hoopoes. We'd seen them before but you'd never tire of these exotic looking birds, pinkish brown, black and white striped wings, spectacular crest and long thin curved bill and seeing them in a busy town centre was an added bonus.

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For some time, it was very clear to Dalkey's Tidy Towns team that some of the areas most picturesque locations were being spoiled by many unsightly rusting powerline poles. When guiding the adjudicators of Entente Florale Europe along our coastline, the issue was damaging the overall image of our

was time for corrective action.

One of our Dalkey Tidy Towns Volunteers,

Frank Dillon, took on the task of surveying almost every single ESB Pole in the area. Once listed, the damage caused by salty sea air was more extensive than expected. Two of the unsightly ESB Poles surveyed also needed replacement. Once the target list was finalised, Frank made contact with ESB Networks Dermot Cunningham and his team and presented the findings of the survey. The immediate response from ESB Networks was very encouraging. Eventually, a painting schedule for a total of 210 poles was finalised. This was an enormous challenge as the work had to be carried out in the small hours of the morning to avoid local traffic disruption along our narrow roads. Working before most of us woke up each morning, this repainting and replacement work was completed with little or no disruption to our neighbours. Our environment is also a great deal safer.

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Mount Merrion Historical Society

Michael Sheil will present '*Dublin Kingstown Railway 1834*' at 8pm on Thursday February 1st in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4/Students €2.

Medal Society of Ireland

A '*Medal, Militaria and Collectables Fair*' takes place from 10am to 2pm on Saturday February 3rd in Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All welcome - Admission is €2 for members and €4 for non-members.

Rathmichael Historical Society

Colmán Ó'Clabaigh will present '*Sanctuary in Medieval Ireland*' at 8pm on Wednesday February 7th in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. Admission is €5 for non-members

Kilmacud-Stillorgan

Local History Society

Liz Gillis will present '*Women of the 19th Century*' at 8pm on Thursday February 8th 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.

Military History Society of Ireland

Piers Wauchope will present '*The Siege of Londonderry*' at 8pm on Friday February 9th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome.

Old Dublin Society

Dr. Mary Muldowney will present '*Prostitution in Dublin in the first*

decades of the twentieth century' at 6pm on Wednesday February 14th, and Cormac F. Lowth '*The Sailing Trawlers of Ringsend*' at 6pm on Wednesday February 28th. Both lectures take place in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome - admission is free.

Bray Cualann Historical Society

Brian White will present '*Victorian Childcare in Bray - Marking the 150th Anniversary of the Cripples Home, Bray*' at 8pm on Thursday February 15th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All are welcome - admission is €8 for non-members.

Foxrock Local History Club

James Brady will present '*With the 6th Battalion - South County Dublin and the War of Independence 1916-1921*' at 8pm on Tuesday February 20th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.

Dun Laoghaire Borough

Historical Society

David Doyle will present '*Carriglea House*' at 8pm on Wednesday February 21st in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5 for visitors.

Irish Railway Record Society

Tony Cooke will present '*Tarnród Éireann in the 1990s*' at 7.30pm on Thursday February 22nd in the Society's Hueston Station, Dublin 8 premises. Strictly members and their guests only.



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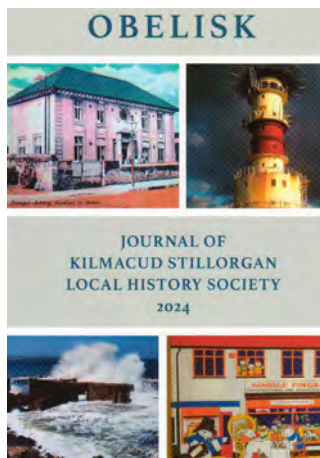
A special article of local interest in this issue is *'Queenstown – The Victorian 'New Town' on Killiney Hill that never happened'* by John Martin which recalls an 1840's proposed housing scheme on Killiney Hill which never came off.



Some of the articles featured in the 2024 issue of **'Obelisk'**, the Journal of Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society, include 'A Garda Experience of U.N. Peacekeeping in Yugoslavia' by Barry Molloy, 'We Exonerate the Driver from all Blame' by James Scannell, 'The Sandycove Bathers' Association' by Martin Creavin, 'Aunty Maureen's Shop' by Anne Coughlan, 'A History of Community Radio in South Dublin' by Mike Purcell, 'Quarries on Three Rock Mountains' by Michael Van Turnhout, 'Samuel Nelson DMP (1864-1917)' by Micheál Nelson, 'Recent Publications' by Members and the

Dalkey - Looking Back

At the Thursday February 6th 1924 sitting of Dun Laoghaire Police Court before Mr. Cooper, K.C., five Dalkey youths summonsed by Constable Lawler for throwing stones and breaking a window of Mr. Hurley, Grosvenor Lodge, Dalkey, on January 30th, were found guilty on the basis of their own admissions of doing this to the arresting constable. Although the defendants had made good the damage, four were fined 2s.6s. each and the fifth 5s. and warned that if they came before the Court again, they would be severely dealt with.



Society's Spring 2024 monthly talks. Copies of 'Obelisk 2024' are available from the South Dublin Credit Union, Lower Kilmacud Road, Lakeland Stores, Lakelands Road, Kildunne's Centra, 7 Drumartin Road, Aiden Peter Newsagent, The Rise, Mount Merrion, and The Village Cafe, Glenalbyn House. Copies can also be purchased online from the Society's website – www.kilmacudstillorganhistory.ie

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This free installation was made possible through **SESystems'** Communities Fund.

In 2022, Dalkey Tidy Towns had supported SESystems' Community Energy Grant application to the SEAI. **Truway Renewables** were contracted by SESystems to install the 5kW pSolar PV.

The Chair of the Playgroup, Muireann McDonnell, said:

"We are over the moon that the Dalkey Tidy Towns Sustainable Energy Community team chose our Playgroup to receive the solar panel system."

"The Dalkey Community Pre-School Playgroup is in its 50th year and we are delighted to celebrate it with such a positive step towards our future. It'll make a huge difference to our viability and we can't thank Dalkey Tidy Towns enough!"



Muireann McDonnell, Dalkey Playgroup Chair, Truway Renewable Installers, Paul Durant and Frank Dillon both of Dalkey Tidy Towns.



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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/0724

Application Rec'd Date: 20/11/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Shane Rushe, 39, Castle Street, Dalkey, Dublin, A96P953

Proposal: Retention for the as constructed glazed bi-fold doors in lieu of shop front window granted under D21A/0227.

Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0734

Application Rec'd Date: 21/11/2023

Applicant Name & Location: James Delany, Barrington, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96W292

Proposal: Retention of (i) Insertion of a rooflight and conversion of a first-floor garage storage area for use as a family member/granny flat, ancillary to the main house. (ii) ground-floor extension to the side of the garage with a lean-to roof and access onto private access road. (iii) erection of a gate at the north-east of the site and (iv) external alterations to the front elevation of the garage.

Application Type: Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0747

Application Rec'd Date: 24/11/2023

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

Proposal: The development will consist of the: 1) Demolition of existing rear returns and external access stairs. Partial demolition of existing rear elevation to connect into new works. 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 recessed first floor loggia and 'sedum' green roof. 5) All ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0542

Application Rec'd Date: 23/11/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Edward Harris, 6, Village Gate, Dalkey, Dublin, A96VH90

Proposal: 1) The construction of dormer structure (approx 3m wide) to the rear roof (west). 2) Proposed east facing window in existing gable at attic level and all associated site works

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0756

Application Rec'd Date: 30/11/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Triple Rock Limited, Lands at The Barn, Atmospheric Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96TN90

Proposal: The development will consist of: a) the demolition of a two-storey residential dwelling and attached single storey outbuildings on site (total floor area approx. 571 sqm); and b) the construction of 9 no. residential units etc.

Declare Application Invalid: 07/12/2023

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0764

Application Rec'd Date: 04/12/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Glenn & Patricia Marina, 26, Corrig Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96R8Y0

Proposal: Alterations to the existing dwelling to include a new porch to the front, a two-storey with single-storey extension to the rear, internal layout alterations, external wall insulation to the existing building, replacement of existing windows, new windows, Solar PV panels, new paved areas, new paved patio including steps, SUDS, rainwater harvesting unit, soakpit, changes to drainage layout, relocation of existing steel shed and all ancillary site and other works.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0767

Application Rec'd Date: 07/12/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Triple Rock Limited, Lands at The Barn, Atmospheric Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96TN90

Proposal: The development will consist of: a) the demolition of a two-storey residential dwelling and attached single storey outbuildings on site (total floor area approx. 571 sqm); and b) the construction of 9 no. residential units in the form of 7 no. houses (3 detached, 3 semi-detached, 1 mid terraced house) and 2 no. apartments ranging from 2-3 storeys in height all with associated private balcony/terrace/garden areas; c) Vehicular and pedestrian access is proposed via Atmospheric Road d) Removal of 7 no. trees and replacement with 25 no. semi mature trees; e) The proposed development shall also provide for 15 no. car parking spaces at surface level; f) Bicycle parking will be provided to apartment no. 9 in the form of a separate bike storage area while each of the houses and apartment no.8 will be able to store bicycles within their individual homes and gardens. 3 Sheffield bike stands are proposed to provide secure bicycle parking for visitors; g) Communal open space area (c.262sqm); all boundary treatment; site services and all associated site development and landscaping works. All associated site and infrastructural works including provision for water services; foul and surface water drainage and connections; permeable paving; soakaways; all landscaping works; landscaped boundary treatment; footpaths; and electrical services. For development on a site: of approx 0.255ha on lands at 'The Barn', Atmospheric Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 TN90.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0563

Application Rec'd Date: 29/08/2023

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

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

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0815

Application Rec'd Date: 22/12/2023

Applicant Name & Location: Cedric Christie, 56, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Dublin, A96NX95

Proposal: Single storey hipped roof extension to south west side and increasing the width and height of the existing projecting hipped roof with kitchen extending to front and new glazed porch to front elevation to Castlepark Road, alterations to the existing semi-detached

bungalow including demolition of existing side wall and shed structure to the south west, alterations to existing window apes to front and rear elevations including a box bay under existing eaves to front North East elevation, the provision of a pitched gable to the existing hipped roof to the rear elevation to the south, demolition of the existing rear chimney, widening and reinstatement of vehicular and pedestrian access relocated further North East on Castlepark Road blocking up the existing pedestrian gate, provision of garden shed to rear garden, provision of covered passage to rear garden to South West boundary, lowering the level of the front garden towards Castlepark Road and provision of garden room/home office to boundary on Castlepark Road. Provision of 1.8 meter high composite timber fence and gates behind existing low wall to front boundary on Castlepark Road. A rooflight to South West side of existing hipped roof, external painted plaster finish to existing walls of house, solar panels to existing rear and side roof of house and associated ancillary works to the site.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0005

Application Rec'd Date: 04/01/2024

Applicant Name & Location: Johnny Ross Murphy, 6, Chinook, Knocknacree Grove, Dalkey, Dublin, A96D267

Proposal: 1) Subdivision of existing site. 2) Construction of a new two storey dwelling house with a flat roof. 3) New vehicle entrances for existing and proposed houses. 4) Minor amendments to the front and side elevation of the existing dwelling house. 5) Amendments to front boundary wall/fence, new foul and storm drainage connections for the proposed new dwelling and all ancillary site works.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0007

Application Rec'd Date: 05/01/2024

Applicant Name & Location: Tara Peterman, Lohengrin, Torca Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96XT93

Proposal: Demolition of a single storey extension to the rear, a single storey bay window to the front, two chimneys, and a single storey garage facing onto Torca Road. The construction of a two storey garage and work from home space with an external stairs. The construction of a gym to the rear of the site, accessed by an external bridge. The relocation of the living spaces to the first floor and bedrooms to the ground floor with internal alterations. Alterations to the front elevation to reinstate the appearance of the original stone walls and window openings at ground floor. Changes to the existing fenestration pattern and replacement of windows. Alterations to the front boundary wall to form a new pedestrian entrance. Changing of roof finish and installation of solar panels to the rear of the roof. The single car parking space will be retained and no significant trees will be affected.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0015

Application Rec'd Date: 11/01/2024

Applicant Name & Location: O'Briens Wine Off-Licence, 13 & 13a, Castle Street, Dalkey, Dublin

Proposal: A) Change of use of part of the ground floor office (former Credit Union) at no.13a Castle Street to use as off licence and its amalgamation into the existing off-licence at no.13 Castle street. B) The relocation of the entrance and stairs to the existing first floor 2-bed apartment over no.13 Castle Street to a new location to the east (within no.13a), and the creation of two new 1-bed apartments by way of the change of use of the remaining parts of no.13a at ground and first floor levels from office (former credit union) to residential, along with a single-storey extension within the yard to the rear and C) Revisions to the front facade at ground level, to include a new shopfront, all to accommodate the above alterations.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0440 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 15/11/2023
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.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0326 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Date:** 23/11/2023
Applicant Name & Location: John Feeney, Monte Alverno House, Monte Alverno, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96C594 (A Protected Structure)
Proposal: 1) Construction of a new detached house in the front garden. 2) The proposed house will be a 4 bedroom detached flat roof house. 3) The house will be two storey, split level set down in the site entered at first floor. 4) The works will also include a single storey flat roof garden room. 5) Partial demolition of wall to the side of the existing entrance driveway to create a new vehicular access to the site. 6) Proposed new pedestrian entrance onto Sorrento Road. 7) Alterations to boundary walls, landscaping, soakaway, drainage works and ancillary and associated works. 8) SuDS surface water drainage, foul water potable water connections. 9) All ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0453 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 21/11/2023
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.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0455 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 23/11/2023
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.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0453 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 01/12/2023
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.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0544 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 01/12/2023
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.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0505 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 19/12/2023
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.

Reg. Ref.: D23B/0507 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 21/12/2023
Applicant Name & Location: Mairead O'Reilly, 35, Ardbrugh 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.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0702 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 11/01/2024
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.

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None For Dalkey

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 46-01 2023/4 06/11/2023 - 05/01/2024

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0452 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission
Appeal Decided: 15/11/2023
Council Decision: Refuse permission
Location: 115 - 116 Coliemore Road, Dalkey, County Dublin. Site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area.
Proposed Development: Permission. At ground floor, retain bar use with minor internal amendments to include removal of existing internal staircase and replace with new staircase from ground to second floor and widen existing exit doors facing onto Tubbermore Road and proposed new stair and lift core at ground, first and second floor at north - west corner and retaining the existing entrance facing onto Castle Street. At first floor, proposed extension of existing kitchen by 18 m2 and revised internal restaurant layout and facilities. Proposed second floor, on existing roof of 152 m2 for restaurant use together with retractable roof, smoking area and glazed acoustic walls along Tubbermore Road and part facing castle Street. At third floor, proposed new storage area 41 m2, all works. **Applicant:** Robert Gilmartin

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0330 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission

Appeal Decided: 23/11/2023

Council Decision: Refuse permission

Location: Verona, 68 Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co.Dublin (A Protected Structure)

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for upgrade and extension of existing 3-storey house (a protected structure). a) New carpark deck including new opening in existing front boundary wall and relocation of existing dropped kerb; b) Demolition and reconstruction of existing service wing including new double doors and lowering of existing floor slab; c) Construction of an additional storey within and above the existing parapet including external terrace; d) Removal of chimney at upper level and remodelling of internal partitions; e) New windows and external insulation replicating all period details; f) Reconfiguration of garden paths and lowering of front terrace level; g) Upgrade of foul and surface water drainage systems.

Applicant: Peter Kane

Reg. Ref.: D21A/0835 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 30/11/2023 **Council Decision:** Refuse permission

Location: Sanford, Green Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 AV65

Proposed Development: Permission is sought for demolition of existing dwelling [2 level dormer], and construction of one 4 bedroom dwelling [2 storey to road, over a lower ground/part basement level to rear garden], with separate ancillary building to accommodate garage/gym/home office use [single storey to road, 2 storey/single storey to front garden], utilising existing vehicular site entrance, with connection to public services and all associated landscaping and site development works including new stone boundary wall to public road, on their site. **Applicants:** Patrick and Heather Snelgar

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0675 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission

Appeal Decided: 28/11/2023 **Council Decision:** Refuse permission

Location: 23, Cliff Castle, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96X086 (A Protected Structure)

Proposed Development: Permission for development. The construction of a new greenhouse extension at ground floor (area 22.6 sqm) to the rear (north-east elevation) of the house, blocking up an existing ensuite window to the rear of the house. The development will also include replacing an existing bay window to the rear of the house with glazed doors and balcony. **Applicant:** Peter O'Connell

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0415 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission

Appeal Decided: 11/12/2023 **Council Decision:** Refuse permission

Location: Shamrock Lodge, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposed Development: Permission for development on this site at Shamrock Lodge, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin. The development will consist of the 1. Demolition of the majority of the existing property. associated mews, out houses and front boundary wall. 2. Keep existing vehicular entrance and driveway to rear annex building to be kept as applicants home. 3. Construction of 5 no dwelling houses 4 no semidetached three bedroom three storey and 1 no detached 4 bedroom three storey. 4. 10 no on curtilage car parking spaces and private amenity open space to each dwelling. 5. New vehicular entrances on Barnhill Avenue. 6. Landscaping, tree planting and Boundary treatments. 7. SuDs surface water drainage, foul water potable water connections. 8. All ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development. **Applicants:** David & Evelyn Coulson

Reg. Ref.: D22A/0639 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 21/12/2023 **Council Decision:** Grant permission

Location: Fortal, Killiney Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96K744

Proposed Development: Permission for development at a site of c.0.21ha on lands to the rear of 'Fortal'. The development will consist of 8 no. three-bed terraced houses arranged across three storeys ranging from c.146.8 to 148.1sqm in area each. All dwellings are provided with rear private garden space ranging from c.63.4sqm to 83sqm each. The development includes 17 no. car parking spaces and 12 no. cycle parking spaces (8 no. long-stay and 4 no. short stay). Vehicular access to the south from Killiney Road via the existing roadway serving 'Fortlawen' residential development (north of the subject site). All associated site development works, services provision, drainage connections including pumping station, proposed internal shared access road, bin storage area, landscaping, tree removal and boundary treatment works including provision of a new wall separating the site from the existing dwelling known as 'Fortal'. No other changes are proposed to 'Fortal'.

Applicant: Greythorn Developments 2 Limited

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DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AWARDS CEREMONY



After a break of three years the Community Council held the presentation of Community Council Cups. The Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday 5th December in Our Lady's Hall.

The council awards a person or persons who have worked, served or distinguished themselves in our local area.

The DCC Community Cup was awarded to Susan Homan a native Dalkey person who has worked tirelessly in many local organisations in the community and has always been to the forefront to promote Dalkey and its local heritage.

The Comerford Cup was awarded to Dalkey Players Drama Group for their outstanding achievement in winning the RTE All Ireland Drama Festival 2023.

Alan Winter, a serving member of DCC and Dalkey Tidy Towns was awarded the Community Shield for his dedication in clearing the tags and keeping Dalkey graffiti-free.

The McCabe Sports Cup was awarded to Lennox Kelley. This cup was given to the council by the late Paddy McCabe from Select Stores to award an individual or group who excelled in sport during the year. Lennox Kelley who represented Dalkey Dashers in the Community Games was awarded this cup. Lennox won gold in 600m U12 in the Dublin Finals in Santry and gold in the Leinster Finals in Tullamore. We were honoured that Paddy McCabe's daughter Mairéad presented Lennox with his trophy.

Dalkey Community Council







At the end of the Autumn Term, Castle Park School held its traditional Carol Service at Monkstown Parish Church. Our Prep pupils, led by our Director of Music, delighted us with wonderful performances, reflecting the Christian spirit and unity we value at our school.

To share some further festive joy, our School Choir visited Our Lady's Manor Nursing Home. They performed a charming Christmas Song List, bringing smiles and happiness to the residents. The Choir's presence added a touch of excitement and entertainment, fostering a sense of community and connection. This visit served as a gentle reminder to the residents that they are cherished and thought of during this special time of year.

We are excited to commence the Spring term and have already started discussing 'Thriving Habits' in our assemblies as an integral aspect of our status as a High-Performance Learning Pathway School (the only one in Ireland). High-Performance Learning (HPL) is an innovative approach to cognition-based education, complemented by the cultivation of growth beliefs and learning habits. Our principal, Mr. McKernan, introduced this methodology to the School in September 2023.



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Tennis Victory – Congratulations to one of our boys from Rang 3 who recently took part in a local tennis competition:

“I play in Glenageary Lawn Tennis Club. I was in a tennis competition for children in 3rd – 6th class from other local schools. I played 6 matches and I won each match. Each game lasted 30 minutes and was a knockout round. At the end, I was awarded first place. I was presented with a gold medal. I had lots of fun!”

Drama Achievement – We were so proud to see one of our boys from Rang 6 playing a role in the production of the well-known show *Oliver*:

“I took part in *Oliver!* with the Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society.

We performed in the National Concert Hall for three nights. Overall, we did four shows as we did a matinée on Saturday too. I did the show with my Mum, who played the horrible widow Corney. I was in the Junior Entourage with about 15 other kids and teenagers. It was my first time every performing.



Maith Sibh!

Although it was stressful at times, I really enjoyed it and will definitely do it again!”

Cricket Success

– One of our pupils from Rang 4 is doing so well playing cricket.

“I play cricket for Pembroke Cricket Club

and these medals are for Under 10 A's Mixed League and Under 13 B's boys League Champions. I'm really proud to have these medals. Our team was doing so well all season, so I am very happy!”



Sharavogue Junior School had a great start to the academic year in September 2023, welcoming lots of new students after our 6th Class graduated in the summer.

Science Week took place in November and is a nationwide celebration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). This annual event aims to inspire curiosity, ignite a passion for discovery, and promote the importance of STEM education in schools. The students in Sharavogue from Junior Infants to 6th Class fully embraced the additional activities which inject fun and creativity into the standard curriculum.

It is hard to believe that the students of Sharavogue are now working towards our 6th Green School Flag this year. This Flag is **Global Citizenship - Litter & Waste**.

It is a maintenance theme which enables schools to discover how the work in Green schools has positively influenced people and environments worldwide. It also enables the students to revisit the previous Litter & Waste theme. The students are very committed to helping our planet and approach each green school project with energy and enthusiasm.



photo Sharavogue Junior School

Junior School Student Council

We would like to congratulate all the members of our Student Council who were all elected in by their fellow students.

Back Row L-R:

Jessica McLoughlin, Nicola Gawley, Arian Cooke, Juno Murray

Middle Row L-R: Eoin Quigley, Scott Smith, Oragh Huerta Casey, Philipp Bayer, Eva Rodrigues.

Front Row:

Anna Friel, Patrick Heffernan

Each member represents their classmates and brings forward any new ideas they may have to help improve the school community. The children have come up with some fantastic suggestions and we look forward to taking more on board in 2024.

Sharavogue Junior School



History Month in LPS

History month took place last October. Every Thursday we met in the hall for History assembly, where everyone brought in artefacts, photographs or stories from home and we showed these artefacts and told interesting stories to the school.

All of the classes got to do something fun. Second class went to the Marine Museum and interviewed their grandparents. Fourth class went to Dublinia and learnt about the Vikings. Fifth class went to the Natural History Museum. Sixth class and several other senior classes did the Big Dig, whereby archaeologists came in to show the students the job that historians and archaeologists do. First class did a talk with Ms. Ellard's granny. Third class went to the National History Museum and the junior classes did a history trail.

We had so many guest speakers in who spoke to us about different areas of History. They were such interesting talks, from Dun Laoghaire and Dalkey in the past, to other areas of History in Ireland and around the world.

Overall, Loreto Dalkey Primary School had a wonderful time celebrating History.



*By Aoife Cosgrave
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DALKEY SCHOOL PROJECT NATIONAL SCHOOL WINNER OF DUN LAOGHAIRE LIONS CLUB SPONSORED PEACE POSTER

Dun Laoghaire Lions Club held a Presentation of Prizes for Peace Poster in County Hall, Dun Laoghaire on Thursday 23/11/2023. A competition had been run amongst local schools on the theme of Dare to Dream. The competition encourages pupils to emphasize the importance of world peace to people everywhere. Seven local national schools took part in the contest and the winners were invited to attend the ceremony. Family, friends and staff from the participating schools all attended along with members from Dun Laoghaire Lions Club who sponsored the competition. The Dun Laoghaire Lions Club members who organised the event were Catriona Fogarty, Annette Collins, Maire McGinley, Adrienne Byrne and Regina Duane. In attendance were Lions Eamonn and Pauline Teehan, Noel Corcoran and Club Secretary Veronica Deignan.

The prizes were presented to the winners by Dun Laoghaire Lions Club Secretary Veronica Deignan with Cormac Devlin TD and Councillor Denis O'Callaghan, An Cathaoirleach. The winners were Siobhan Cortes and Freya Bergsson from **Johnstown Girls School**. Ikrame Belkhen from **Holy Family Monkstown**. Lola Drummond, Hannah Ryan and Wiktoria Ptak from **St. Kevin's Sallynoggin**. Noah Ward, Aida Matiukas and Advika Jalgt from **Dominican Convent Dun Laoghaire**. **St. Joseph's** winners were Anuska Gathe, Artem Gaiazob and Aadhira Deepan. The winners from **Dalkey School Project** were Anna Sophia Fox, Teya Kelly Murphy and Finn Rivera.

Anna Sophia Fox, a pupil at Dalkey School Project National School, took her first step to become an internationally recognized artist by becoming the overall winner of the competition. **Dun Laoghaire Lions Club** was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students who took part in this competition. It was obvious that the students have strong ideas about what peace means to them. The winning posters will be on display in Dun Laoghaire thanks to the generosity of EBS Offices, George's Street, Dun Laoghaire.

*Catriona Fogarty
Dun Laoghaire Lions Club*



Overall winner Anna Sophia Fox with Principal Miriam Hurley from Dalkey School Project National School showing her winning poster. The Peace Poster Perpetual Trophy will remain at their school until next year when the competition is run again by Dun Laoghaire Lions Club.



Lions Club Secretary Veronica Deignan, Cormac Devlin TD, Anna Sophia Fox and Councillor Denis O'Callaghan, An Cathaoirleach.



WELL-BEING WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S NS

St. Patrick's NS embraced the spirit of well-being throughout our community during well-being week. Each class delved into the exploration of promoting individual and collective well-being, guided by our school mottoes, acts of kindness, and the power of small changes.

Wednesday's theme, 'Healthy and Active,' brought invigorating experiences as we were delighted to welcome Ciara Bonner. Ciara led dynamic yoga sessions for each class, igniting a sense of movement and relaxation. Additionally, we were privileged to receive valuable insights from Dentist Abigail Plewman, who enlightened us on the significance of maintaining our dental health.

Thursday's focus shifted to empathy, encouraging us to walk in other people's shoes. Deirdre, accompanied by her guide dog Bruno, shared her life journey with us. The day also featured an exciting visit from Laura Steersman, who is collaborating with us to craft a captivating mural in our schoolyard. Laura shared her vision, and we eagerly embraced the opportunity to contribute to making our play space more vibrant.

As the week reached its end on Friday, we took a moment to

appreciate our community and acknowledge those who contribute to its well-being. Marion Power, a dedicated Community Garda, shared valuable insights into her role and the positive impact of the Gardaí on our community.

The bustling and joyful Well-Being Week at St. Patrick's has left a lasting impression on all of us. Inspired by the week's activities, we are going to carry forward all we've learned into our daily lives, both at home and at school.

St. Patrick's NS





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Dates to Note in February;

14th February – Ash Wednesday –
Masses at 7:30am and 10am

18th February – First Sunday of Lent

**First Confessions
for Communion Children;**

Monday 19th February – 5pm –
Loreto Primary School

Thursday 22nd February – 5pm –
Castlepark School
& Rathdown School

Monday 26th February – 5pm –
Harold Boys National School

*We wish Fr. Liam best wishes for
2024 and we are looking forward to
welcoming him back among us in
the near future.*



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WALKING TOGETHER ON THE WAY

LENT is approaching, with Ash Wednesday falling in mid-February and Dalkey's Inter-Church Lent Evenings taking off on Tuesday the 20th at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall.

This year parishioners, clergy and invited speakers will be looking at the increasing role of lay people in the ministry and decision-making of the Church, in response to the Catholic Church's epoch-making consultations worldwide on "Synodality". (The word implies "Walking together on the Way", from the Greek "syn" (together) and "hodos" (way).

For the past 150 years, the Church of Ireland has been governed by a General Synod composed of more elected lay people than clergy, including all the bishops, with major legal changes requiring a majority of each group; and for over half a century lay men and women have been trained and licensed to preach. As a result of Pope Francis' recent initiative and the current synod in Rome including lay representation, it seems that the Catholic Church may be moving in the same direction - and offering fresh insights on how best to conduct synods and run our Churches today and tomorrow, whether on a national, international or parochial level. Everyone has a part to play!

We are particularly grateful to the Ven Gordon Linney, former archdeacon of Dublin, and Julieann Moran, general secretary for the Synodal Pathway in Ireland, for agreeing to speak at our opening session on Tuesday February 20th. From there on, our speakers are mainly from our two churches in Dalkey, people experienced in aspects of lay ministry and governance. We anticipate lively group discussion with important insights emerging from those who attend on our four evenings, Feb 20th and 27th and March 5th and 12th.

The draft programme for the Lent Course is as follows:

Dalkey Inter-church Lent evenings, 2024.

"SYNODALITY"?

Walking together on the way

- listening, leadership and service in our churches

*Tuesdays Feb 20th and 27th,
March 5th and 12th
7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street.*

1. Feb 20th

What is a synod? Decision-making by laity and clergy together.

Julieann Moran and the Ven Gordon Linney

2. Feb 27th

Lay leadership in prayer and worship.

*St. P's: David Reynolds (Bray)
C o A: Mark Healy, Ruth Lambkin*

3. March 5th

Governance and pastoral support

*St. P's: Mark Tottenham
C o A: Michael Lane*

4. March 12th

Hopes, fears and opportunities.

Can our churches help each other forward?

*Fr. Liam Lacey and Fr. Declan Gallagher
with Revd Ruth Elmes
St. P's: Ken Grace.
C o A: Sr Helen Grealy and Jayne Courtney*



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.

As I type this the decorations have been taken down until later this year when Christmas will loom again. The lights from the tree which were still working when I put them away may decide they are on strike when I need them to shine brightly on their return. It may take some time to work through the leftover chocolate but I'm dedicated to the task.

Here in St. Patricks we have two events in the planning stage.

On February 23rd in the Northover Hall the popular Table Quiz makes a return. Get your biros ready and watch for further details. €40 per table of 4 and if you come alone the charge is €15.

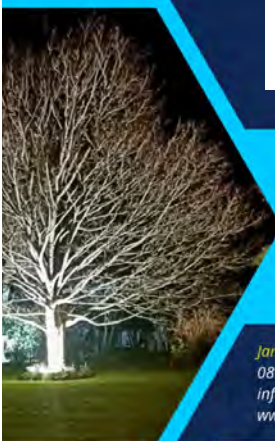


Saturday 11th May is Fete Day. Put it in your diary now and it seems that the Dog Show, so popular last year, will make a return. Dalkey's Scruffiest Dog 2023 who resides at the Rectory is starting his preparation to retain the title so if you see him being blown by the wind on Bullock Harbour that's what he is up to.

Rev Ruth Elmes





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SSunday Worship

Holy Communion or Matins, 8.30am.

Main Service 10.45 am, Holy Communion/ Service of the Word alternating.

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

Vacancy Arrangements

During the vacancy we will be under the very capable care of the Rural Dean, Reverend John Tanner. We are delighted that the Ven. Gordon Linney, Canon Ben Neill and Lay Readers, John Deane-O'Keeffe and Alan Rhodes have also kindly agreed to take Sunday services in the immediate future.

Retirement of Canon Gary Hastings

During the course of refreshments in the Carry Centre following the Parish Carol Service on Sunday, 17th December 2023 a presentation was made to our Rector, Gary to mark his time with us and his retirement from the active Ministry. Gary had difficult challenges to face during his time with us. Besides the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic, which heavily impacted parish life, an added challenge was his wife, Caitríona's illness and her brave fight with MND.

Here in Killiney Gary built a close connection with Fr. Tom Dalzell, PP of Ballybrack and Killiney, and together he and Father Tom made interfaith engagement a real achievement – Ecumenism in action! In his time, Gary lectured extensively on faith, spirituality and tolerance and is the author of a book entitled "Going Up the Holy Mountain: A Spiritual Guidebook".

Extract from the note written by Gary to the Select Vestry and Parishioners of Holy Trinity:



Very many heartfelt thanks for the beautiful pictures of the church and the kind gift as well.

I wish the parish well in the future and may the Lord bless and keep you all. Beirigí buaidh agus beannacht,

Canon Gary Hastings.

Parish Organisations & Activities

All of our social organisations sprang back into action during January and it is intended to arrange some other different social activities on an occasional basis in the coming months.

Ladies Guild continues to meet in the Carry Centre at 2.30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. At our next meeting Rev. Ruth Elmes has agreed to talk to us to be followed by tea and chat. We would be delighted to welcome people from neighbouring parishes at our meetings.

Sheep Thrills had a very successful Craft winter sale in the Carry Centre at the end of November and also gave cheques to Solidarity with Refugees and the local Vincent de Paul. We then finished our 10 years of celebration with a terrific, well-attended lunch in the National Yacht Club. We restarted on Thursday January 18th in the Carry Centre. Wool is always welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078



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SOUTH DUBLIN BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH IRELAND

February 2024 Indoor Meeting

Date & time: Tuesday, 6th February at 8pm.

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

Title: The Birds and Wildlife of Costa Rica.

Speaker: Paul Lynch.

Details: Paul will talk about the birds and wildlife of Costa Rica, one of the most biodiverse places on the planet.

February 2024 Outdoor Meeting

Date & time to meet: Sunday, 11th February at 10am.

Outing to: Balbriggan.



BirdWatchIreland
protecting birds and biodiversity

Extra information: Our previous attempt at holding an outing to Balbriggan back in December 2022 was foiled by the dreadful weather prevailing at the time, we hope our second attempt proves more successful. Meet in the Martello Tower car park north of Balbriggan at 10:00, from there we will follow the coastline north to Braemore Point and back.

Please take note that the terrain is quite uneven in parts and those attending are advised to wear suitable footwear. For a map showing the meeting place check www.southdublinbirds.com



You can use the QR code left to visit the website

SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 09TH JANUARY 2024 HELD IN OLH

- Treasurer:** DCC sincerely thanks all those who contributed to our annual 2023 appeal for funds either by returning the collection envelope or contributing online.
- TT:** The DTT volunteers returned to duty this week. The Planters Group have been busy planting lavender in the beds at the bridge at Village Gate and weeding the Castle Park Road flower beds.
- Graffiti:** There were nine tags during December with one large one at Atmospheric Road. It has been over-painted but will need another coat.
- Planning:** Bartra, the Bulloch Harbour developer has lodged a judicial appeal against ABP's decision to refuse permission for their proposed development.
- AOB:** DLR will be contacted again about the pedestrian crossing at the Hyde Road/Barnhill Road junction.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 2024

Dalkey Community Council DCC Meeting is Tuesday 13th February at 3pm in Our Lady's Hall.

Ash Wednesday Soup Lunch in Our Lady's Hall from 11am to 2pm in aid of St. Vincent de Paul

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

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

On January the 8th last, the BBC finally pulled the plug on all its SD (standard definition) channels, viewers must now have a compatible HD (high definition) system to continue watching any BBC channels.

As a result of last years secret payment scandal RTE has announced that they will be closing RTE1 plus 1, RTE2 plus 1, and TG4 plus 1. There are also plans to cut staff numbers by 20% (approximately 400) over the next 4 years.

Plans are also in place to upgrade the RTE Player App, which can only be a good thing, given that the current offering is nothing short of dreadful!

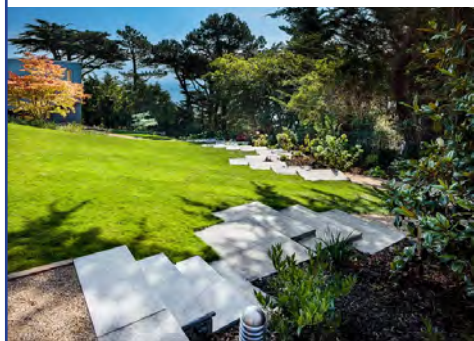
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