

# DALKEY - Deilginis 'Thorn Island' COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Irish Heritage Town** 

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**Dalkey Community Council** celebrates the Golden Anniversary of the newsletter this month. This edition marks the 50th year of continuous publication from the first newsletter published in April 1974.

Since our 40th anniversary there have been many challenges. The world dealt with the Corona Virus whilst here in Dalkey, following Government Guidelines, our committed volunteers continued to deliver the newsletters each month throughout this difficult time.

In April 2020 our Advertising Manager Lena Feely died suddenly and DCC misses her expertise and her management skills.

Since its humble beginnings newsletter has undergone changes, from the first black and white one sheet copy to the colourful 44, 48, and from time to time, more than 50 page editions. In the early days the committee produced the newsletter to residents informed on matters relating to Dalkey. The newsletter reports on life in Dalkey past, present and future, including planning matters, the activities of various organisations, events and what the young people are up to through their education in the local schools. We are grateful for the continued support of the many contributors who regularly submit articles for the newsletter, DCC values our loyal advertisers, many of whom have been with us for many decades. Revenue from them keeps the newsletter on a sound footing as well as supplying our readers with information about local services.

In the early days the Hogan family, Sean and Margaret McDermott, Peggy Comerford and many others worked tirelessly when information had to be gathered and the pages of each newsletter had to be collated and stapled by hand. The process has been streamlined and much credit is owed to Editor Gerard Coakley who introduced more photos and colour!

Thanks are due to Des & Ita McGarry who were the typesetters for many years and Peter Moreau who has taken over from them in 2022 and does a super job with the artwork.

Thanks also to Andrew Tunney from Opus Print who prints the newsletter and delivers the newsletters on time each month.

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

The newsletter is uploaded to the website and copies of the newsletter from 2003 can be accessed there. This social record of the area is a source of interest for researchers and scholars. It is hoped to find and upload earlier copies and make a complete record of all the publications from its start in 1974.

As DCC celebrates the 50th anniversary the council continues its work through its many activities - monitoring planning applications, sponsoring the Community Games and other local organisations, working with Dalkey Tidy Towns, running our annual Art Exhibition and Awards Ceremony all with the aim to improve the town and make Dalkey a better place for everyone to enjoy.

Dr. Susan McDonnell Chairman DCC

#### DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE

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**Dalkey Community Council was founded in 1974.** At that time, Goat (Dalkey) Castle was used as an entrance foyer to the Town Hall and served as a rates office. The upstairs room, the former Living Quarters of the Fortified Townhouse/Castle, had been used by the Dalkey Town Commissioners until the 1930s and was now a municipal meeting room.

The year was memorable locally, nationally and internationally. There was both joy and great tragedy during that year.

The greatest tragedy to befall Dalkey in recent times happened on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1974. A horrific fire occurred in which both parents and eleven children of the Howard family of Carysfort Road lost their lives and their home. Two boys, who were badly burnt, survived. The Community Council acted swiftly to launch a fund that would contribute to the needs of the two boys. All local organisations got involved in the fund raising and the Manager of the AIB agreed to act as trustee. In total, over £11,500 was raised. The tragedy cast a very dark shadow for many years.

**Despite the awful tragedy, sporting life continued locally.** Cuala GAA held a function in the Shang-Ri-La Hotel in Dalkey to celebrate a wonderful season that saw them finish winners of the Dublin Minor League. Cuala GAA grew out of a 1974 merger between Dalkey Mitchels (previously St. Begnet's GAA) and Cuala Casements. In more recent times, there was great jubilation when Cuala secured an historic All-Ireland victory over the Clare Champions, Ballyea, in the All-Ireland Final at Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day 2017.

Back to 1974, down at the Forty Foot, in July, the Ladies were making a splash. The local Sandycove Bathing Place, as featured in James Joyce's *Ulysses*, had long been the preserve of male, often nude, bathers! Led by journalist Nell McCafferty, the women invaded "by land, sea and air". Among them was the late Nuala Fennell, politician and activist. The men didn't take kindly to the 'invasion'. "There was loads of sexist abuse from the men in language that was acceptable at the time," McCafferty said. However, she and they persisted as it had the cleanest bathing water in Dublin. From then on, women swam at the Forty Foot, although it took until 2013 for females to be allowed full membership of the Sandycove Bathers Association.

Nationally, the Taoiseach, Liam Cosgrave, and six other Fine Gael deputies voted against their own party's Bill to allow married couples access to contraceptives. A nine-week Dublin bus strike ended. The issue was the replacement of a six-day working week by a five-day one. Lots of secondary schools were working a half day on Saturdays at this time, as referenced in Maeve Binchy's play *Aches and Pains*. President Erskine Childers collapsed and died while attending a medical dinner in Dublin. Former judge, Cearbhall Ó'Dálaigh, replaced him in December. The seventh Earl of Lucan went missing, wanted for the murder of his children's nanny.

In Oslo, the Nobel Peace Prize was jointly awarded to Seán McBride and Japanese statesman, Eisaku Sato. Richard Nixon resigned, forced out of the US presidency by the lies of the Watergate scandal. Georgia's governor, Jimmy Carter, declared his intention to run for the office. Harold Wilson narrowly won the second British General Election of the year.

**There were long queues at garages for petrol.** The 1973 Arab-Israeli war prompted an oil embargo by OPEC that led to a fuel shortage and resulted in global recession. The world suddenly realised just how dependent it was on the Middle East and OPEC for its oil.



The Troubles continued to dominate Northern politics. Tragedy spilled over into the South with the Dublin and Monaghan bombings in May. Dublin city centre was rocked by three explosions. Twenty-seven people died. A further explosion in Monaghan town killed seven more.

**Hopes of peace were raised with the Sunningdale Agreement.** A power-sharing Northern Ireland Executive was formed following the Northern Ireland Assembly elections of 1973. The executive served as the devolved government of Northern Ireland from 1<sup>st</sup>January 1974 until its collapse on 28<sup>th</sup> May that year. Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.

**Theatre companies and cinemas endeavoured to keep people's spirits up.** Hugh Leonard's play *Summer*, having premiered at Olney, was staged as part of the Dublin Theatre Festival in the Olympia Theatre. The play is set on Killiney Hill. The Abbey Theatre staged *The Gathering* by Edna O'Brien. Actual tragedy was averted when the front section of the stage at the Olympia Theatre collapsed in November at the lunchtime break during rehearsals for the musical *West Side Story*. Luckily, there were no casualties.

**The big movie of the year was** *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Adelphi cinema. In 1974, the last film to be shown at The Pavilion in Dún Laoghaire was *No Sex Please, We're British.* St. Patick's Dramatic Society staged the Ray Cooney farce *Not Now, Darling*, here in Dalkey Town Hall.

**All politics is local. What began in Dalkey in 1974 has continued for 50 years** all due to voluntary endeavour. Many organisations have sprung from that inspirational beginning, supporting cultural, sporting and community life in Dalkey.

Dalkey Castle has since been developed into a Heritage Centre and visitor attraction that brings thousands of visitors to our heritage town annually.

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Margaret Dunne Manager Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

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"Some ladies decided to form an association and a meeting was called and held at the Coliemore Hotel, Dalkey, on Tuesday 4th of October 1960".



Committee Dalkey Arts & Crafts Club 1971-1972

So read the minutes of the first meeting of the Dalkey Ladies Club of the 4th October 1960. Later that year the group decided to call themselves the Dalkey Arts and Crafts Club. It's aims were to "foster in a community atmosphere - among the women of the area, an interest in Arts and Crafts and other matters of feminine concern".

The Club expanded rapidly in the late sixties and seventies, resulting in the activities of the Club becoming more varied. A choir was formed which won many awards, also a Drama Group which evolved into the well-known Dalkey Players. A very talented Variety Group put on shows and pantomimes twice a year for the members and also entertained the Old Folks at Christmas time. Because of the various activities of the Club it was decided to change the name to the Dalkey Ladies Club.





Back in 1972 the Club decided to organise a Community Carol Concert, which then became an annual event - run very successfully by the Community Council. Following a talk by local Councillor Flor O'Mahony in 1973 some members of the Club were instrumental in organising a meeting between various groups in the area - resulting in the formation of the Dalkey Community Council - a very important part of life in Dalkey.

#### Maureen Ryan

DLC was wound up at an EGM held on the 6th March 2023. The club was founded in the early 60's to provide the women of the area an opportunity to get out of the house! Sadly many of the members have gone to their 'heavenly club' and due to declining numbers the club could not meet its financial overheads and running costs. But remaining members agreed to meet socially on the first Monday of each month to keep up contact and enjoy a cuppa over a chat and a laugh. We thank Jayne in Our Lady's Hall for accommodating our group and we look forward to maintaining the legacy of those founding members.





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Back in the 70's when I got involved in the Dalkey Community Council there were various and ongoing issues which we addressed. There was a need for more child centred activities and we succeeded in getting tennis courts beside the church and ran summer camps for children for a number of years. We supported the opening of the community play group which is still going strong on Convent Road today. In one instance a group of us marched down Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire to the Town Hall to raise awareness of the needs of the community in Dalkey.

There were many involved over the years and I remember the Kelly's, the Northover's, Peggy Comerford, Eilish O'Reilly, the Wheatley's and Yvonne Fogarty.

#### Susan Homan







**Yvonne Fogarty** 

Peggy Comerford

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#### DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOGO





As part of the National Heritage Week events in August 2010, Mr. Brendan Henderson spoke in the Heritage Centre of life in Dalkey in the 1940's and 1950's. At the conclusion of his talk, he presented the revised logo of the Community Council to its Chairman Dr. Susan McDonnell. Brendan designed the original logo based on the old Dalkey flag.











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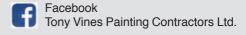
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Dalkey Players wishes everyone at Dalkey Newsletter a wonderful 50th anniversary continued success in the years ahead.

Gerry Clabby, Dalkey Players

COME See - The Crucible

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April in the Town Hall.



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#### DCC ANNUAL APPEAL

Next Month(May) the envelopes for the annual collection will accompany the newsletter. Contributions are essential for the funding of your Community Council

Dalkey Community Council would like to acknowledge and thank those who have already contributed in the past and appeal to those who may not have done so to help DCC continue to serve the Dalkey community.

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**The Tidy Towns Competition** is now in its 66th year. It has never been won by any town in Dublin, but Dalkey is now tantalisingly close to victory. In 2023 we

were only 2 points (374) behind the overall winners Abbeyleix (376). The Dalkey Tidy Towns experience has been a steady and progressive movement, although we are still tackling the same problems which never seem to go away - litter, weeds, graffiti and dog poo to name a few.

Our volunteers have grown in

numbers, people notice our teams out in the community week after week, in their distinctive blue vests and are



drawn

to join us. The challenges faced by global warming and climate change have resonated throughout communities and the Tidy Towns Competition reflects these challenges.

People want to do what is best for the environment and the Tidy Towns Competition provides a structure and platform for implementing change. The Covid Pandemic and travel restrictions also brought home



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to people how much they valued and relied on their local communities. Over the last ten years, the Tidy Towns Com-

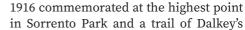
petition has shifted

its emphasis to promote Sustainability, Biodiversity and Waste Management. Bee Corridors, Pollinator Plants and Energy Conservation are now an integral part of the marking schemes. Dalkey Tidy Towns is very lucky to have so much expertise available to tackle these problems, develop strategies and implement them locally.

Tapping into Development Agencies and DLRCC funds is another skill in itself. Dalkey Tidy Towns has organised itself into teams - Planters, Pharaohs, Gleamers and a Sustainability Team to focus on these specific areas. Over the last ten years, we have also identified places of historical interest, often long neglected and forgotten and slowly and steadily

> brought them back to their former glory. The restoration of the

> > Eire sign on the Vico Road is one example. Dillons Park and Sorrento Park have been upgraded. The centenary of



Seven Castles marked through the town.

There are still a lot of challenges ahead...the decline of the town centre is one. Empty premises are an eyesore. Who in 2014 would have seen Dalkey without a Post Office? Can we protect our environment from overdevelopment? We are lucky in Dalkey to still have the sponsorship of SuperValu, huge support from DL-RCC, Dalkey Community Council and local schools. We have a beautiful area

to work on - the sea, two harbours, Dalkey Hill, Killiney Hill and an interesting town centre with some lovely buildings.

Dalkey has been going from strength to strength. We were awarded a Silver Medal in the very prestigious international Entente Florale Competition in 2022. Gold Medals in the Tidy Towns Competition and overall winners in the Tidy Districts Competition in the last few years certainly bode well for the ultimate prize in the near future.

On a personal note, over the last 10 years, we have lost two stalwarts from our Committee, Paddy Rigney and Flor O'Mahony. They are fondly remembered.

Everyone is welcome to join Dalkey Tidy Towns, see our notices in SuperValu, follow us on Facebook or ask anyone in a Blue High Vis Jacket.

> Blaithín O'Brien **Dalkey Tidy Towns**







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#### **Rathmichael Historical Society**

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Matthew Stout will present 'Ringforts' at 8pm on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. Admission is €5 for non-members.

#### **Mount Merrion Historical Society**

Conal Hooper will present 'Dublin Anatomy 1600-1900' at 8pm on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4/Students €2.

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

Professor Ian Speller will present 'The Future of Naval Warfare: Lessons from the Past' at 8pm on Friday Aril 5<sup>th</sup> in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome – admission is free.

#### **Old Dublin Society**

Michael Brannigan will present 'Dublin Moving East: 1798-1844' Lapel Badges during WWI' at 6pm on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> and Albert Fenton 'The Most Distinguished Order of the Knights of St. Patrick' on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Both lectures take place in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome – admission is free.

#### **Edward Worth Library Seminar Series**

Dr. Iona McCleery will present 'Turtles, oysters, and quails: health and natural history in the fifteenth-century west Africa' at 4.15pm in the Trinity Medieval History Research Centre Seminar Room (Room PX2.1, 5-7, South Leinster Street, Dublin 2. Those wishing to register for the online lecture are asked to contact the seminar co-ordinator Dr. David Ditchburn: email: ditchbud@tcd.ie

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

David McCullagh will present 'De Valera Rule:1932-1975' at 8pm on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> in St. Raphaela's Primary School Hall, St. Raphaela's Road, Upper Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €3 for non-members.

#### **Foxrock Local History Club**

Donal O'Sullivan will present 'New research notes on the building of Dun Laoghaire Harbour' at 8pm on Tuesday April 16th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €5.

## Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society

L. McLoughlin will present 'Wicklow County Council Archives' at 7.30pm on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> in Kilian Family Centre, beside Holy Rosary Church, Greystones. All are welcome – admission is €3.

## **Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society**

The AGM followed by the annual '*Treasure Night*' will take place at 8pm on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5 for visitors.

#### **Bray Cualann Historical Society**

Peadar Curran will present 'The Ice Houses of Dublin and Wicklow' at 8pm on Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

#### **Irish Railway Record Society**

Paul Hendrick will present 'DART+ Programme' at 7.30pm on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> in the Society's Hueston Station, Dublin 8 premises. Strictly members and their guests only.

#### Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society

Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú and Angela Byrne will recall *'Handel in Dublin and the First Performance of Messiah,1742'* at 8pm on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members are free / visitors €4 – The Swan Car Park Evening Rate is €4 from 7 p.m. to Midnight.



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#### **Publications**



March / April 2024 issue of 'History Ireland' magazine, Editor Tommy Graham, published by Wordwell Ltd. Some of the featured articles in the latest issue of this excellent Irish history magazine are – Edel Bhreathnach looks at 'St. Brigit – Who Was She?'; Ray O'Connor recalls 'Rev. John Reade and

#### **Dalkey - Looking Back**

On Monday March 3rd 1924 pupils of the Dalkey Gymnastic Club gave their third annual display in Dalkey Town Hall before a very large audience. Upwards of 60 boys and girls took part in the programme which included marching, scarf drill, Swedish drill, dumbbells, barbells and various other exercises.

Ireland's First Saving Banks'; Peter W. Halligan recalls 'Teresa (Annie) McGrath – Forgotten Irish Heroine of the Battle of Fort Gullistan, India, 1897'; John O'Brien looks at 'Women and Early Irish Lawn Tennis'; Martin Tyrrell tells the story of 'Máirín Mitchell and the Spanish Civil War'; John Mulqueen looks at 'Accidental Nazis? – The Irishmen who joined the Waffen-SS'; Brian Girvin remembers 'Owen Sheehy Skeffington and the Birth of Liberal Ireland.'

Also included are the regular features of 'Letters', 'Kindred Lines', 'Artefacts', 'Gems of Architecture', 'The Big Book', Book Reviews, 'Book-worm', 'Museum Eye', 'Seen on TV', 'History in the News', 'On This Day' and 'Bite-Sized History'.

James Scannell

#### **SEARCH FOR HOUSING / SHORT TERM LET.**

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Widely considered to be the World's first The Apple II was the computer that I trained on in college and, on

personal computer, the Altair 8800 was introduced to the public in 1974, the same year the Dalkey Newsletter was first published. The Altair 8800, which incorporated the 8080 processor from the little known Intel Corporation, was manufactured by Micro Instrumentation and Telemetry Systems (MITS) in New Mexico. The Altair 8800 was first

made available as a self-assembly electronics kit and sold

for \$397. It was a massive success!

In 1975 Bill Gates and Paul Allen moved to New Mexico and started to produce software for the Altair 8800, less

than one year after the Altair 8800 was born, Gates and Allen founded Microsoft and went on to revolutio-

nise the world of information technology.

In 1976, two years after the Dalkey Newsletter began publication, Apple released their first produced mass Apple I computer closely followed by the fabled Apple II in 1977.

a recent visit to the American Museum of Modern History in Washington DC, I was saddened to see it on display as some form of an ancient relic (that made me feel old). To this day I still adore Apple computers.

That same year, 1976, Micro Instrumentation and Telemetry Systems was sold to the Pertec Computer Corporation. In 1978 Pertec ceased

production of the Altair 8800. The Altair 8800 along with Micro Instrumentation and Telemetry Systems faded into obscurity.

It would be another 9 years before the first edition of Windows was published and

the rest, as they say, is history.

But the Dalkey Newsletter soldiered on, and now 50 years later, has become an integral and treasured part of the fabric of our heritage town.

Congratulations and thanks to the Dalkey Newsletter for 50 years of service to Dalkey



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Handmade crafts offer renewable resources that can be used over and over again withoutwaste or depletion. Something unique can be made while at the same time reducing your carbon footprint.

Any left-over wool or fabric would be welcomed by the group.

Unwanted China - tea plates, cups, saucers or China cake plates, linen tablecloths also appreciated. Please leave into Our Lady's Hall, Monday to Friday between 9:30 and 12 noon.

They will be put to good use.

#### LOOKING BACK WITH THE 17TH DALKEY SCOUT TROOP



Looking back 50 years into the archives of what was then the "Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland" (CBSI), we find a snapshot of vibrant activity within the 17th Dalkey, "St. Begnet's" group. In 1974, three years before our own 50th anniversary celebrations, we boasted a total of 119 members: 50 cub scouts, 44 scouts, 15 venturers, all supported by 10 dedicated leaders. While the names of many scouts from this time elude us, some of the names of leaders will be familiar to many, such as Terry and Gerry Connolly, Brendan Larkin, Kevin and May Somers, and D. O'Hegarty.

Driven by this motivated team and bolstered by committed parents, our journey towards a permanent meeting place commenced in the 1970's, after years of assembling in various halls across Dalkey. With fundraising efforts in full swing and formal applications submitted Dun Laoghaire to Corporation and Church Authorities, their hard work would pay off with the opening of our beloved Hyde Park Den in June 1976, where Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts gather to this day.

In the course of the past five decades, national scouting organisations have undergone significant transformations, culminating in the formation of "Scouting Ireland" in 2004, uniting the CSI (the 'Boy' component had been dropped some years prior!) and the Scouting Association of Ireland. Scouting Ireland now caters to 38,000 young people nationally from as young as six in Beaver scouts, up to 26 in Rovers.

Uniforms have also evolved over time. The scout uniform, consisting of a blue shirt and navy pants, mostly retains its familiar appearance, although the royal blue beret has been



phased out. Cub scouts' attire, once comprising grey socks, navy shorts, garters, and a cap, has thankfully transitioned to more practical jumper and hiking trousers.

Since its inception in 1908, scouting has largely maintained its core principles. A testament to Baden Powell's vision of harnessing young people's enthusiasm and energy for outdoor activities and fostering well-rounded citizens who embody the scout law: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, considerate, courageous, and respectful of themselves, others, and the environment.

While scouting's essence remains, equipment has undergone significant modernisation. Cutting-edge exploration materials from years ago are now commonplace, with large canvas tents giving way to smaller, lighter dome tents, and army surplus ponchos replaced by breathable wind and rainproof jackets. Despite technological advancements, scouts still navigate using maps and compasses, camp in diverse conditions, and engage in traditional activities like storytelling and singing around campfires.

faced Unfortunately, the group temporary closure in 2018 intending to reopen once new leaders had been recruited. Exacerbated by the global pandemic, it wasn't until January 2023 that we reopened our doors to new scouts, with currently 50 youth members across the Beaver, Cub, and Scout sections. Our leaders have a mix of experience from parents with no scouting background to leaders with decades of scouting in Dalkey, the UK and USA.

As we strive for growth, our main challenge lies in recruiting more adult volunteers to meet strict ratio and safeguarding requirements. If you share a love for the outdoors and a passion for mentoring young minds, we invite you to join us on this rewarding journey. We will provide all the training you need!

BRAVO to the Newsletter on its 50th anniversary and here's to the next 50 years!

Thanks to fellow
Dalkey resident and
longstanding 3rd Port Sea
Scout, Brian Meyer, of the Scouting
Ireland Heritage Team, for his
invaluable assistance in accessing
archival materials.

Albert White Troop Leader 17<sup>th</sup> Dalkey Scouts



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Sunday	No staff	8am-10pm

Easter themed simple cooking class. Suitable for kids from age 6-10. The class will last an hour. Deirdre is a food educator and children's cookbook author.

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#### Additional Needs and Autism Spectrum Collection – Drop in Information Evening

04 April 6.00-7.00pm

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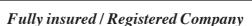
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#### **Crafts with Kim Jenkinson**

23 April 5.30pm-7:30pm

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this Spring themed art workshop where we will be creating magnolia blossom branches, using

crepe papers to create the blossoms and attaching to gathered branches and twigs with a mix of wire and florist tape.

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## Beginners Crochet with Anne-Marie Connolly

30th April 5.30pm-7pm

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The origins of the council are to be found in the Dalkey Ladies Club in late 1973 when it was decided that a community council was necessary to help bind the diverse organisations in Dalkey into a coherent and vociferous unit to represent the population of the town. A Steering Committee was formed with Mrs. Doris Smyth, as Chairman and Mrs. Judy O'Mahony as Secretary. A questionnaire was circulated to every house in the area. Following the return of the completed questionnaires, an election was held to elect representatives to the council who would represent the various organisations as well as the geographical areas in Dalkey.

A brief mention was published in the Irish

Times and this led to a letter from President Erskine Childers offering assistance to the newly formed council in any way he could. Consequently, President Childers formally launched the Community Council at the inaugural meeting which took place in the Sports Centre, Hyde Park, Dalkey and more than 500 people attended.

In the same week as all this was happening, tragedy struck Dalkey with the death in a house fire on Carysfort Road of 13 members of the Howard family. This prompted a call for support to all organisations in the area and helped to establish the Community



Council as a worthwhile entity. Shortly after the beginning of the council, it was decided to publish a monthly "Newssheet' which quickly became the Newsletter we know today. The first issue was published in April, 1974 and it is clear from the archive copies of these publications that the basic structure of

the present council has continued through

Dalkey Community Council has continued but like most voluntary organisations we are finding it difficult to recruit new members. Hopefully they will come forward to join us to continue the last 50 years of community activity. It will be interesting to see how the Community Council develops going forward – here's to the next 50 years with our wonderful community.

**Gerard Coakley** 

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#### THE HOWARD TRAGEDY

the decades.



No commemorative issue of the Dalkey Newsletter would be complete without mentioning the horrific tragedy of the house fire that took the lives of thirteen members of one family in Carysfort Road, Dalkey on the 11th March 1974. It is Ireland's worst domestic fire tragedy and the reverberations are still fresh in the minds of Dalkey residents old enough to recall this truly sad and dreadful event.





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#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - WEEKS 07-10 2024 12/02/2024 - 08/03/2024

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.:** D24A/0084 **Application Rec'd Date:** 15/02/2025

**Applicant Name & Location:** Alvina Byrne, 6A, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96KF25 **Proposal:** Subdivision, partial demolition and alteration of an existing dwelling to provide an additional two storey two bedroom dwelling, including alterations to the front boundary and the revision to the position of an existing car parking space.

**Application Type:** Permission

**Reg. Ref.:** D24A/0094/WEB **Application Rec'd Date:** 16/02/2024

Applicant Name & Location: Edel Noble & Martin Stairs Location: 14, Saint Patricks Road,

Dalkey, Dublin, A96FA43

**Proposal:** retention of amendments to previously approved planning Ref No. D22A/0560 to include an amended window to that conditioned on the west elevation of the two storey rear extension, and access hatch to a rear roof and the proposed re-inclusion of balustrades on the first floor flat roof at 14 St Patrick's Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 FA43. This building is in an Architectural Conservation Area.

**Application Type:** Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D24B/0049 Application Rec'd Date: 13/02/2024

**Applicant Name & Location:** Darragh Whelan & Evelizy Chagas, 2, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96V065

**Proposal:** Retention permission sought for changes made during construction, including; (i) existing access from existing rear door to the decking area at rear, (ii) 1 no. first floor window to front elevation (south facing elevation), (iii) addition of rooflight to left side elevation (west facing elevation), (iv) relocation of rooflight on right-side elevation (east facing elevation), (v) omission of first floor window on rear elevation (north facing elevation), (vi) omission of pedestrian entrance, previously granted permission under D01A/1212, and all associated site works.

**Application Type:** Permission for Retention

Reg. Ref.: D24B/0064 Application Rec'd Date: 20/02/2024

**Applicant Name & Location:** Bayasabhad Ltd., Rock House, 91 Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96P5W9

**Proposal:** 1) Demolition of non original single storey sun rooms on the south east and west facing gables. Demolition of 2 storey part single storey return facing south. 2) Retention of original 2 storey section of house and alterations to include removal of stairs and ceiling to form double height central hall. Removal of part roof structure to accommodate new master bedroom at roof level. 3) Construction of new part 2 storey, with mansard roof extension to rear south side of house to provide new staircase to all levels together with bedrooms and ancillary accommodation on ground floor, new kitchen/dining/living accommodation on first floor with a master bedroom suite and balcony at mansard roof level incorporating

the roof of the existing house. 4) Provision of new single storey stand alone garage and wc with lean to greenhouse on the south elevation located along the northern boundary. 5) Provision of a single storey pool house with exercise pool and basement plant room/storage within the south western portion of the site. 6) Repair and reinstatement works to all boundaries, provision of site services, site works including drainage. New landscaping works including tree planting all within the site curtilage. The house will be served by the existing site entrance to Coliemore Road.

**Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D24B/0074 Application Rec'd Date: 22/02/2024

Applicant Name & Location: Brian Barry & Deirdre Robertson, 25, Saint Jude, Corrig Road,

Dalkey, Dublin, A96Y9Y6

**Proposal:** Alterations to the existing dwelling to include first floor extension over existing single storey extension to rear, internal layout alterations, new windows and rooflights, solar PV panels and all ancillary site and other works.

**Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0118 Application Rec'd Date: 28/02/2024

Applicant Name & Location: Patrick Cremin , Ormond, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Dublin,

A96PK29

**Proposal:** Permission for the demolition of existing glasshouse and construction of 87sqm. single storey lean-to shed at the end of the existing garden along rear garden wall and associated works to rear existing house.

Application Type: Permission Declare Application Invalid: 04/03/2024

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0143 Application Rec'd Date: 07/03/2024

**Applicant Name & Location:** Gill Opticians, 2 Saint Patrick's Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96XT82 **Proposal:** Infill the existing courtyard in provision of a single storey flat roof extension with rooflight with external access to the side lane, all to the south facing side of Gills Opticians. **Application Type:** Permission **Declare Application Invalid:** 08/03/2024

#### PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEKS 07-10 2024 12/02/2024 - 08/03/2024

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0789 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 12/02/2024

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

**Proposal:** Design alterations to D23A/0340, relating to the size, positioning and selection of windows and external doors, as well as the internal configuration of No's. 128 & 128A, to more closely reflect the existing layout at 128 Hillside.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0814 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 16/02/2024
Applicant Name & Location: Sean MacAnBheatha, 7, Castle Close, Sandycove, Dublin, A96HW56

**Proposal:** Development consisting of (i) Subdivision of the existing dwelling to form two four-bedroom dwelling houses, (change of use), with associated material alterations to the building, (ii) the removal of a set of gates and pillars subdividing the existing front driveways, (iii) New boundary walls to divide the site, (iv) Addition of privacy fencing to the existing front boundary wall, (v) Minor landscaping works and all ancillary site works.

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0815 Decision: Grant Permission Date: 21/02/2024

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 semidetached bungalow including demolition of existing side wall and shed structure to the south west, alterations to existing window opes 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.

**Reg. Ref.:** D24A/0007 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 23/02/2024 **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 garageand 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.

**Reg. Ref.:** D24A/0005 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 27/02/2024 **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 conections for the proposed new dwelling and all ancillary site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0675 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 04/03/2024 **Applicant Name & Location:** Cian & Adele O'Morain, 104, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey, Dublin, A96CF64

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D24A/0015 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 04/03/2024 **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.

**Reg. Ref.:** D24A/0024 **Decision:** Grant Permission For Retention **Date:** 08/03/2024 **Applicant Name & Location:** Shamrock Gift Company Investments Unlimited, 69 Saint Patricks Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96DX09

**Proposal:** Retention permission for an existing 3 storey building accommodating a retail/commercial unit at ground floor level, a commercial office unit at first floor level and a one bedroom apartment at second floor level.

**Reg. Ref.:** D24A/0034 **Decision:** Grant Permission & Refuse Permission **Date:** 08/03/2024 **Applicant Name & Location:** Sorrento HGT Unlimited Company, 1, Sorrento House, Sorrento Terrace, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96CX47

**Proposal:** (a) A new external steel staircase rising from the basement area to the forecourt including minor alterations to the front railings and plinth. (b) A new 12.3sqm single storey set back extension to the eastern elevation of the existing building at ground floor level to provide a new cloakroom and WC with a new flat roof over, in selected natural stone cladding and full height glazed infill panels and (c) minor modifications to development permitted under D22A/0566 to now include replacement selected natural stone cladding to existing extension to east of the building over two levels, selected natural stone finish to external verandah canopy and new pillars to the canopy at lower basement level in lieu of previously permitted stone columns. The application includes all associated landscaping and site development works. A Protected Structure.

#### APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 07-10 2023/4 12/02/2024 - 08/03/2024

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0724 **Reg. Date:** 20/11/2023 **Location:** 39, Castle Street, Dalkey, Dublin, A96P953

Development: Retention for the as constructed glazed bi-fold doors in lieu of shop front

window granted under D21A/0227.

Council Decision: Refuse permission for retention Appeal Lodged: 15/02/2024

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

**Reg. Ref.:** D23A/0734 **Reg. Date:** 21/11/2023

Location: Barrington, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96W292

**Development:** 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.

**Council Decision:** Grant permission & refuse permission **Appeal Lodged:** 15/02/2024 **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

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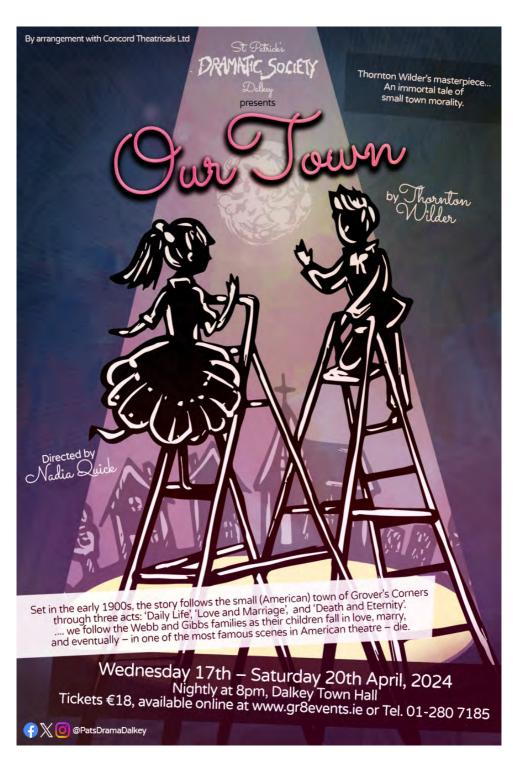
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#### ❖ CONGRATULATIONS FROM ST. PATRICK'S DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Congratulations to Dalkey Community Council Newsletter on your 50th Golden Anniversary.

Jim and I moved to Dalkey in 1961 and lived

in a flat in Glencairn, Harbour Road. Alas, the house is no longer there being replaced by apartments. We later moved to Mapas Road. In the Spring of 1962 we joined St. Patrick's Dramatic Society whose early plays were staged in the Parochial Hall, Harbour Road.

In 1963 we moved our productions to Dalkey Town Hall and moved our scenery on the night of President Kennedy's assignation, the play being 'The Hollow' by Agatha Christie. We are still active members of St. Patrick's D.S. even though we have moved about we still keep in contact with Dalkey and enjoy the newsletter.

Members of St. Patrick's D.S. would like you to know how much we all appreciate the work of the Group who produce this wonderful source of information and

of information and the promotion of activities in the Town.

We are looking forward to our next production back in Dalkey Town Hall 'Our Town' by Thornton Wilder from Wednesday 17th to Saturday 20th April.

Joan Gregg







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A few weeks ago I came across a red cardboard covered notebook. It was the two words "Car Maintenance" that brought me back to Dalkey in the 1970's and my memories of that time.

The world of the '70's is not unlike the way it is today. Syria and Egyptian soldiers were massed on the Israeli border. On October 6th 1973, both attacked Israel and the world witnessed the Yom Kippur War. Arab oil producers reacted to U.S and European support of Tel Aviv with an oil embargo which saw oil prices quadruple prices bv December 1973. These remained high for all of the 1970's. The Gulf statelets became fabulously wealthy and Europe rushed to the USSR (Russia) as it thought it was more stable and reliable a supplier and the Soviet coffers overflowed as a result. The results of these huge oil prices in our homeland forced up unemployment and crushed economic growth. We were more dependent on oil then than we are now. Oil was king.

Like the rest of Europe, Ireland was badly affected by the turmoil created by the oil price increases. Additionally, petrol delivery drivers went on strike and many garages across the country were forced to close because of lack of supply. This lack of fuel meant that motorists joined long queues at garages that were open in the hope of filling up or being able to buy a few gallons with remaining supplies rationed. Cars lined streets bumper to bumper. Many were down to their last drop of petrol and some ended up pushing their cars to the pump!

Readers of the Newsletter are now asking "what about the red cardboard covered

notebook?". I had joined the petrol queues after school many times. My garage was the Vico at the top of Convent Road and taking my car (Vauxhall Viva) out of the garden I would join the queue of cars at the end of Ulverton Road, on to Castle Street and slowly travel up to where Convent Road joined it. There on the left was the Vico Garage where Robert Boland dispensed the petrol and Fred & Liam were the mechanics. You would have two worries as you travelled to the pumps – firstly that you would have enough fuel to get there and secondly, that Robert would have some petrol left in the pump!

What about the notebook? My friend Dermot and I decided that to make our lives less expensive we'd have to find out how car engines worked and when we did, we could then repair our cars ourselves and save money for the expensive petrol. We learned of "Car Maintenance" night classes in Newpark Comprehensive and as I recorded in my notebook, the first class was on Thursday, 20th January 1977.

We knew then that this would be a masterplan for our future car management. When we entered the classroom in Newpark with other mature students, sitting in front of us on the floor was a real genuine car engine - a Fiat, the instructor told us. For the following ten weeks we learned of engine parts and maintenance that we had never encountered before. My knowledge of car engines at the outset was - when I turned the ignition the car started and I could get from A to B. As the weeks went by, a four stroke engine, valves on the cylinder head, feeler blades, timing chain, crankshaft, the engine cylinder block, the ignition circuit and the source of power, a 12-volt battery, became familiar to us. A practical bit of information was to always keep the tank half full. Classes finished on the 31st of March and we felt confident that the classes were money well spent.

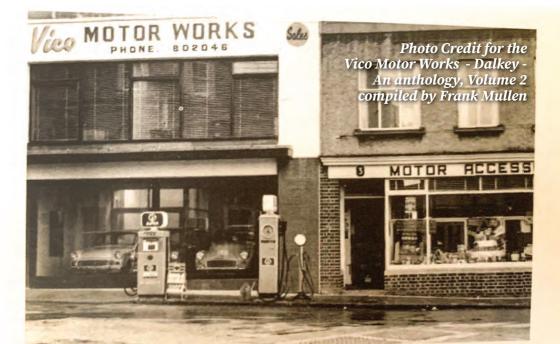
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At that time it was customary to take our children to visit their grandparents. After the school day we got ready to set off for our weekend visit. I had the good habit since coming to live in Dalkey of parking the car facing down the garden in the direction of St. Patrick's Road. And the garden sloped in that direction. It could happen that I wouldn't use the car regularly as I lived beside the school. Sometimes a little push was required to spark the engine. On this particular Friday evening, despite my best efforts plus examining the engine's moving parts, the car was silent. My wife helped push it forward in the sloping garden, but silence. I could hear some of my 6th class bovs playing football in the school yard and I already knew we needed muscle power to get the car started. I asked them for help and soon I had the wooden gate open on to St. Patrick's Road. There's a slight slope on this road leading to Carysfort Road. Ignition turned on, I'm sitting steering the car, a bit of momentum builds, clutch

in, second gear, press accelerator... the engine coughs but remains silent. Turning right on Carysfort Road and on to Convent Road I told the boys that the very sloped road towards Loreto School would get the result we needed.

Momentum really increased from the brow of the hill, I'm steering, ignition on, clutch in, second gear, press accelerator but the engine once again fails to respond. I have to accept defeat, there's something seriously wrong! With the boys pushing and myself steering at the open door, we turn up Leslie Ave. and on to Coliemore Road, there in front of us is Vico Garage. We get to the forecourt and I thank the boys for all their efforts. Fred & Liam, the mechanics, guide the car into the garage and I await their expert opinion with a heavy heart. After a few minutes the two serious garage men walk towards me..."You've no petrol, Seán", Liam said.

Seán O'Gormain







# Restoring a piece of Dalkey Rowing Club History – 'Old Malachy'

After many years of servitude, the oldest member of the Dalkey Rowing Club fleet is to be restored back to her original glory. The wooden, clinker built skiff, lovingly now known as 'the Old Malachy', was commissioned by the Irish Glass Bottle Company for their Sports and Social Club. As was popular at the time, many of the large Irish companies had social clubs for their workers and if they were near the water, rowing was included. She was built in 1951 in the Ringsend Boat Yard, by master boat builder Harry Smith. He drew her lines from an earlier Ringsend skiff he built, called the St. Patrick. Smith considered this to be the best boat he ever

built. At that stage she was called St.
Luke and achieved immediate success winning 7 out 8 of her maiden races at the 1951 Ringsend Regatta.

She was bought by Dalkey Rowing Club in 1964 for £35 including 7 oars. The Ringsend rowing clubs were so upset that she was being taken out of Ringsend that Dalkey had to paint her blue to detract anyone who may have been coming to take her back. They would have been looking for a red boat, so they painted her blue to put them off the scent! Upon arrival in





Dalkey, her name was changed to 'St. Malachy'. She was the 2<sup>nd</sup> boat called St. Malachy that DRC had. The name 'Malachy' came from the name of the Priest (Fr. Malachy) who was blessing the original boat. They could not decide on the name, so the Priest just said he'd use his own name and that was that. 'The Malachy' as a name has remained synonymous with Dalkey Rowing Club

Entries for Open Skiff Race SEE COMPETITION NOTICE BOARD FOR POSITIONS, ETC. INSIDE POSITION NO. Each Boat will carry a number indicating the position drawn and must turn the mark bearing the same number. BOAT FLAG CLUB Navy Endeavour Stella Maris Yellow Ringsend Ringsend 2 nd St. Patrick Violet White Dun Laoghaire Marie Therese Dun Laoshaire May Queen Green 3 Red \_\_\_ Dun Laoghaire (Holder May Flower Navy White X Dalkey 1.4t St. Malachi Sandycovo 3 rd St. Joseph's II Red and Yellow White and Red Guiding Star Wicklow Billy He Yellow and Violet St. Joseph's Violet and White Colleen Bawn White and Green Irish Glass Bottle Co St. Luke DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES PRIZES AND CUPS FOR ROWING AND SWIMMING EVENTS WILL BE PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE ROOMS AT 6 P.M. PRIZES AND CUPS FOR SAILING EVENTS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL AT 11 P.M. COME TO THE PROM. ABOUT 9.30 FOR THE EIDENNADEC DICH AV

boats. Even though the newer boats have different names, it's still "C'mon The Malachy" that supporters shout to cheer on the rowers!

She is the sturdiest of the Dalkey skiffs and a favourite for many. She doesn't have the lightness and speed of the newer boats but she sits beautifully in the water and can cut smoothly through rougher conditions.

Instead of letting this beautiful bit of history fall into demise, Terence Keogh and Kevin Carroll are going to restore her back to her former glory. They will be starting work in Autumn this year and will work through the winter to have her ready for spring. Restoration involves replacing any planks and ribs that cannot be saved and installing new seats and tiller. All this will be done to the original spec with the majority of the original woodwork remaining to ensure she remains authentic. The work will be carried out in St. Laurence's Hall, Dalkey. Please feel free to call in and check on the progress.

We are seeking to raise money to help fund this project, but details have not yet been finalised. Keep an eye on our social media for more information.

#### Jenny Dilley Dalkey Rowing Club





#### STANDING ROOM ONLY AT FITZPATRICK CASTLE HOTEL

On March 12th, one of the largest groups of local neighbours and friends seen for some time, assembled in Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel to update their knowledge of Windfarms and participate in a Q&A with the experts. Organised by Dalkey Community Council and Killiney Bay Community Council, the meeting was chaired by Dr. Susan McDonnell of DCC. The expert speakers were Marie Louise Heffernan, Chartered Environmental Scientist and Dr. Michael O'Meara of Blue Horizon, a citizens' group based in Waterford.

Marie Louise Heffernan used a graphic presentation to highlight the extensive wildlife along our coastline and the unique populations and sensitive habitats located here, highlighting the critical ecological role played by the Kish, Codling and other East coast sandbanks in support of the species that occupy these near-shore waters. The sandbanks also play an important role in protecting the coastline from the risk of erosion, currently an issue for the DART line at Killiney and a constant concern at Shanganagh Cliffs, a little further south along the coast. Dr. O'Meara updated all on

how significant technology advances, that have emerged since East coast windfarm schemes were originally conceived, have transformed the options open for optimal wind farm development offshore. While near-shore sandbanks with depths of 20m appeared to be the best construction option by some in the past, turbines can now be placed in much deeper waters. With masts as high as 320m, this has encouraged other European countries, for obvious reasons, to site them further offshore and also transformed the options opened for developers.

The Q&A session highlighted how almost all present accepted the enormous benefits and urgent necessity of having wind energy available to Ireland and the need to take advantage of this. However, few appeared to be aware that the enormous turbine structures being proposed can now be located far offshore, where wind speeds are greater, in depths—in the region of 70m, greatly minimising both visual and ecological damage – a critical point for Governments and Planning Authorities.



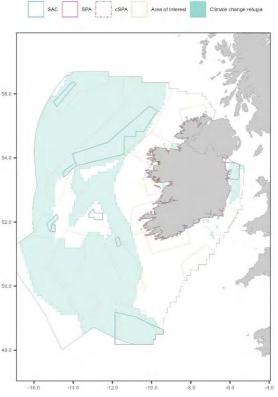
#### Fair Seas Report: A Climate-resilient Path for Ireland's Marine Protected Areas

Fair Seas, a coalition of Ireland's leading environmental non-governmental organisations and environmental networks, are committed to seeing Ireland become a world leader in marine protection, giving species, habitats and coastal communities like ours the opportunity to thrive. On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the day after the meeting, they published a new report, 'A Climateresilient Path for Ireland's Marine Protected Areas'.

The report, based on research from Plymouth Marine Laboratory, concluded that more than half of Ireland's waters are particularly resilient to the effects of global warming. The authors propose that "placing Marine Protected Areas within these areas may thus represent a no regrets decision when it comes to conservation: an opportunity to support the effective conservation of marine species and habitats for decades to come".

While most of these areas are far off shore, inshore areas to the East and North West coast of Ireland are also included as being among the 'most biologically meaningful and climate-resilient' sites in Ireland. The east coast 'climate refugia' is clearly shown on the map above right in light blue/green. It encompasses an area of the East coast from the shore out to almost the 22km foreshore limit, an area within which numerous offshore wind farms are currently proposed, ranging from 6-13km from shore at their nearest points.

The benefit of the ocean in mitigating the impacts of climate change are well known. Oceans cover more than 70% of Earth and, according to NASA, more than 90 percent of the excess heat trapped in the Earth's system due to human-caused global warming has been absorbed by the oceans in recent decades.



So not alone is it evident that the areas off Dalkey and Killiney, and near shore areas stretching North and South along the coast, are valuable for the wonderful wildlife they support, they are also among the 50% of Ireland's seas that will be of the greatest value in combating the impacts of climate change – a persuasive reason to engage as a community to advocate for their conservation.

Further meetings will be arranged to help our community in keeping abreast of these very significant developments.

For more information, contact windfarms.dalkeycc@gmail.com or info@blueireland.org





I remember Dalkey When I was a child When winters were cold And autumn's were mild. I remember Findlaters And the open top trams And seeing mothers Wheeling enormous prams. Ah, I remember Coliemore And the rowing boats And on the railway bank Mrs. Pollard's goats. I remember our garden When I was a child When chestnuts were conkers And primroses grew wild. I remember the old station And the old steam trains And in 1954 The news Aer Lingus planes.

I remember the fields With the hilltops beyond And Ulverton quarry With its long vanished pond. I remember the Obelisk, In the distance the Kish Bray and the Sugarloaf As on the stone we did wish. I remember the Burmah With snow all over the place And seeing sleighs of every sort As downhill they did race. I remember Ardeevin Where we played every sport Cricket, Soccer and Tennis With a choice of 5 courts. Yes, I remember Dalkey And St. Patrick's steeple But what I best remember (and always will) Are its warm, exceptional people.

Brendan Henderson (August 2010)

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Just imagine. Colour TV did not arrive here till 1968, six years before the birth of our Dalkey Community Council's Newsletter. In that earlier black and white time, Dr. Finlay's Casebook was one of the most watched BBC TV series of the time and it continued for 191 episodes. The part of Dr. Finlay's character housekeeper, Janet McPherson, was played by Barbara Mullen and what an extraordinary life she had. Born in 1914 to Irish parents in Boston, she hit the headlines as one of Vogue's top models in America, worked with Coco Chanel and 'embodied the new look of the 1950's'. At that time, she was earning twenty times the average wage in the US, a super star. She appeared in three successful movies, played on stage in theatres in the USA and London and married Documentary Producer, John Taylor.

Meanwhile, Mary and I were living in Chicago and London during the 1970's with our two small children, Wendy and Sam. A quick trip home led us to a gloomy, unoccupied and wind-swept Victorian house for sale as we planned to return home at some later stage. Located at Mount Salus Road in Dalkey, the views of the bay are spectacular. Compared to lovely Lake Shore Drive in Chicago, Mount Salus Road was and still is heaven. However, parental advice included – you will never be able to heat that home, the south east wind will take the slates off the roof and blow the children away and if you fall over the front garden wall, you will end up in the sea below the Vice Road!

Back to show business. In 1964, BBC TV and Radio presenter, Dublin's Eamonn Andrews, prepared for yet another 'This is your Life' TV surprise. This time it was to be for the Hollywood and London's





### Barbara Mullen, Who Rode Unorthodox Beauty to Modeling Fame, Dies at 96

With her 20-inch waist and gangly figure, she overcame early skepticism from editors to embody a new look in 1950s fashion.

West End international star, model and actress, Barbara Mullen. She appeared wearing her long knee-length Aran Sweater and was in total shock as Eamonn Andrews tried to calm her down. Her Irish connections to the Aran Islands were of course highlighted. The lovely black and white show is still available on YouTube. Following her stellar career and before the death of her husband, John Taylor, Barbara returned to Ireland and with little or no local fanfare, bought a house here in Dalkey. I know this for a fact because she and her husband signed the title deeds to our home over to us here on Mount Salus Road. We can still visualise her enjoying the views from our front garden and were delighted to discover a photo taken here in our front garden just before she moved to Switzerland and died in 1979. What an extraordinary woman. Our house appears to have some creative vibes too as historical writer and broadcaster Tim Pat Coogan also spent some time here when writing one of his many successful books. It must be something in the air!

Des Burke-Kennedy

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#### **ARCLIGHT POETRY FESTIVAL 2024**



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Recently, some boys from our school took part in the Arclight Poetry Festival. We were so proud to hear how well they did at the feis and that they

all won medals. One boy won a gold

poem 'I Love Me' by Ken Nesbitt. After our group was done, all of the sixth-class groups got up on stage for the prize giving. Everyone got a packet of jellies and I won a bronze medal.

Written by Brendan Cronin, Rang 6





medal, two boys won silver medals and seven boys won bronze medals. Well done to all involved!

When I did the Poetry Feis on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, I sat down next to my mum waiting for my group to be called. After a bit, Max came and shortly after our group was called. I was the second person to say my poem in our group. I recited the

The Poetry Feis happened on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. The Poetry Feis is a competition where people say poems as best they can. The poem that I picked was *'Scissors'* by Allan Ahlberg. I won a silver medal in the competition. At the end, everyone got jellies and I had a great time!

Written by Max Brodka, Rang 6



# Spring Fair

We're hosting our first Spring Fair! Our Lady's Hall, April 20th 10am - 2pm



On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in March, the Dalkey Community Pre-School Playgroup welcomed an enthusiastic crowd of present and past families and some founding mothers to Sorrento Park. Through the wonderful chaos of countless free-range children our group planted over thirty native Irish trees in an idyllic spot just below the summit of the Park.

As well as being a wholesome community boosting day out to improve our

environment, the DCPP managed to raise a staggering €1200. This money is going straight into our account with an aim to fully renovate our building down on Convent Road this Summer. We would like to offer a huge thank you to both DLRCC and Tidy Towns for supporting us. If anyone else would like to support us on our fundraising mission we'd be delighted if you'd scan our QR code and donate that way, thank you in advance!















#### FRIENDSHIP & WELL-BEING WEEK

Well-being is a word that we hear a lot about these days. Well-being means looking after our mental, physical and emotional health.

celebrated February we Friendship and Well-Being Week to highlight the importance of wellbeing and looking after ourselves and others. Every day during this week, we did fun activities. We played board games, had a crazy hair day, a non-uniform day and a disco in the school yard. The older classes read books to the younger classes. We made a well-being wall, where all the pupils in the school wrote down what makes them happy. We also had an art and poetry competition. On the

last day of the week, there was a big assembly in the school hall. Ms. Sheehan announced the winners of the art and poetry competition and Ms. McKenna presented prizes to them.

There was also a special award called the Loreto Spirit of Friendship Award. One pupil in each class received this award for being a really good friend. Friendship and Well-Being Week was great fun and we all enjoyed it. In fact, it was the best one yet!

By Lucy Keating & Freya Kershaw (4th class)





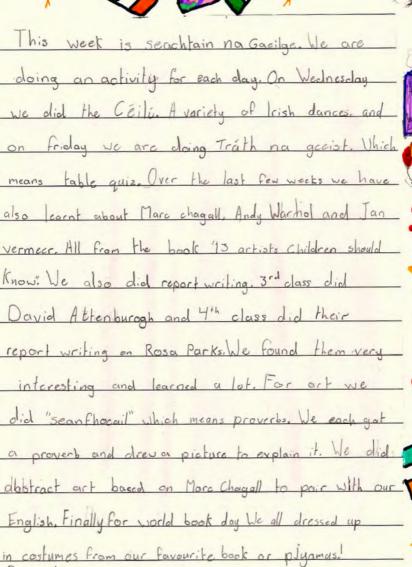














By: 3rd and 4th class









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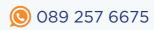
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# April notes from the Church of the Assumption

In this Easter season or Eastertide, we're marking the new life of Jesus in his Resurrection, his presence, and his relationship with God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

The explosion of new life all around us also reminds us of the creative forces at work in our world. Concern about the effects of climate change and the damage caused by human activity has focused our attention on the fragility of our planet and calls on us to ensure that we reduce the destructive actions that lead to a decline in our environment.

We rejoice in new life – like the joy of welcoming a baby into the world. It brings hope and while some fear for what the future holds for a new baby, there is still a desire to protect and defend this new life. So, too, as nature unfurls and the world is transformed by the new energy of Spring, we need to do all we can to protect this part of creation too. During the month of April, we notice the lengthening of days more and more. The heat of the sun becomes stronger, blossoms abound, and the dawn chorus intensifies. The world you might say is coming alive!

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on the children in 6th class from our schools. The spirit is the animator, the breath that gives life, the counsellor who



offers guidance to help us understand, who can drive us forward like a strong wind or a gentle breeze. The Spirit blows where it wills. May we renew our lives acknowledging the Spirit and move forward guided by the power of the Spirit of Jesus alive in our hearts.

Fr. Liam

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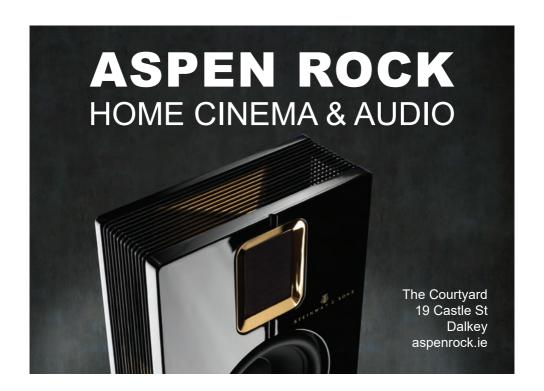
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#### WALKING TOGETHER ON THE WAY

The **Dalkey Inter-Church Lent Evenings** concluded on Tuesday March 12th with parishioners and clergy from both St. Patrick's and the Church of the Assumption making suggestions on how our churches can help each other forward.

As in all the evenings in this series, a warm atmosphere of togetherness was evident, as we listened to each other's suggestions on how best bring our churches and the whole community into the best possible future.

Revd Ruth Elmes and Fr. Declan Gallagher listened carefully as Sr. Helen Grealy, Ken Grace and Jayne Courtney spoke on the spiritual challenges and practical possibilities involved in future cooperation before making their own contributions. (Ruth's distribution of C of I leaflets on a variety of church talking-points was particularly appreciated.)

Group discussions came up with further ideas and a final session agreed on a number of desirable ways forward. Among them were noted: regular, ecumenical perhaps bi-monthly. services in each other's churches (in addition to the existing January Unity Week event and the short Wednesday evening Compline); an inter-church eight Alpha week course, initially one for teenagers; weekly group meetings in Our Lady's Hall for Bible study, shared prayer or spiritual exploration for "seekers"; contact with young people, either post confirmation or through their schools, or on social media, not to conscript them but to ascertain

their needs and concerns; solidarity and service to those in dire need, maybe an all-night vigil with music in aid of homeless men; encouraging participation in seasonal ecumenical events such as the Stations of the Cross in the churches on Killiney Hill Road, the Easter Son-rise service on Killiney Beach and the Christmas pantomime in Glenageary.

Perhaps the most stirring speech of the evening came from Assumption parish coordinator, Jayne Courtney. She remarked that God's command, "Be not afraid", occurs 365 times in the Bible, once for each day of the year and needs to be taken to heart. To act on that, she suggested, we need three essentials: Community, Outreach to those in need, and Faith Development. All the ideas mentioned above fall into one or other of those categories. A big Thankyou to all involved!

#### Revd Ginnie Kennerley, Lent Evenings Facilitator

N.B. Copies of Julieann Moran's presentation at the Lent programme's opening session are available by email on request.





Congratulations to all who have been involved in the Newsletter. When I arrived in Dalkey last year it was a pleasure to be able to acquaint myself with the town and events big and small in such an informative way. Well done to all!

The weather is getting warmer and that brings the suggestion of brighter things ahead. The smell of the Barbecue, walks between the Harbours (Bullock and Coliemore and perhaps even Dun Laoghaire.) Festivals in Dalkey (Book and Lobster) as well as visitors seeking parking and celebrities, though I haven't been asked to sign an autograph yet. I have no doubt it is only a matter of time.

#### Fete May 11th 2024

Planning for our Parish Fete on Saturday May 11th is well underway and it is shaping up beautifully. I can almost smell the burgers sizzling and imagine the sound of ukuleles as stall browsing and children's activities fill in the background hum. Memories from last year include a child happily struggling under a giant teddy bear bought with pocket money, the delight of a "tweenager" and her friend who wanted to show off the jacket bought at the clothes stall which they had haggled a real discount for. Fresh strawberries and cream being hoovered up. Ice cream covered little mouths and the opportunity to sit for a sandwich and a cup of tea. The addition of the Dog Show last year caused a rush of booking online to enter family pets who strutted their stuff to win wonderful prizes. The Rectory dog



is hoping to retain his "Scruffiest Dog in Dalkey Title". Get your beloved canine booked early this year. We anticipate a rush.

#### **Wine Tasting Evening**

This event will take place in the Northbrook Hall on the evening of 19th April. Mr. John Wilson, wine expert from the Irish Times, will take us on a journey of tasting and appreciation. Booking details will be available from the parish closer to the time.

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Holy Communion or Matins, 8.30am.

Main Service 10.45 am, Holy Communion/ Service of the

Word alternating.

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We extend our grateful thanks to the Rural Dean, Rev. John Tanner for his pastoral support and oversight of the parish during the Vacancy. We are also most grateful to the Venerable Gordon Linney, Canon Ben Neill and Lay Readers, John Deane-O'Keeffe and Alan Rhodes who have taken Sunday Services for the last three months.

A reminder that in cases of emergency or general pastoral care please contact Reverend John Tanner. Tel: 01 298 3154 or email: revjohntanner@gmail.com

#### **Easter General Vestry**

The Easter General Vestry, chaired by the Rural Dean Revd. John Tanner, will take place on Sunday 14th April in the Carry Centre at 12 noon, following a Service of the Word with Baptism at 10.45 am. We look forward to a good attendance during which we can provide an update on the proposed sharing of a Rector with St. Matthias' Parish, Killiney-Ballybrack.

#### **Spring Supper**

The best laid plans, etc., etc: There was great disappointment when we had to postpone our Supper on Friday 1st March, due to the inclement weather earlier that day. The Carry Centre was inaccessible and the roads and pavements around it were flooding and covered in slush.. Special thanks to our caterers,



Naomi's Kitchen who were most understanding and stopped their food preparations without any fuss or bother. The supper was rescheduled to Friday 5th April

#### **Sheep Thrills**

As Easter was early this year we started selling the Easter Chicks and Bunnies early and they sold out. We were delighted to support Médecins Sans Frontières and Dogs for the Disabled with a cheque. There was also a generous donation from a fan of Sheep Thrills to support the MS Hope Foundation for Sarah Irvine. We receive wool practically every week and are making wonderful garments for sale which in turn helps us support chosen charities. Wool is always welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078

The Y Club, the Holy Trinity Killiney men's society, meet each month between September and April, usually on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Carry Centre at 8pm. The society is open to all men in the Killiney area giving those attending a chance to meet and chat with some refreshments. Our next meeting will be held on 18th April in the Carry Centre at 8pm. If you would like any further information, please contact Nigel Teggin or Paul O'Brien.



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Garda Clinics are resuming in OLH.

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#### SOUTH DUBLIN BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH IRELAND

#### April 2024 Indoor Meeting

Date & time: Tuesday, 2nd April at

8pm.

**Location:** The Killiney Room, Graduate

Bar, Rochestown Avenue.

**Title:** Strawberries in December, farming, food and biodiversity.

Speaker: Paul Moore.

Details: Paul is a seventh generation

farmer and conservationist, a member of BirdWatch Ireland for over 35 years and a Cork Branch committee member, and a

former member of the Irish Rare Birds Committee and BirdWatch Ireland

> board member.

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He will talk about how we got to where we are in the modern world with food production and its impact on farmland biodiversity.

#### **April 2024 Outdoor Meeting**

Date & time to meet:

Sunday, 7th April at 10am.

Outing to: St. Catherine's Park, Lucan.

**Extra information:** 

Meet in the park's overflow car park. For a map showing the meeting place check www.southdublinbirds.com the

meeting point is at Flag 2 on

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#### SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 5TH MARCH 2024 HELD IN OLH

Newsletter: It was agreed that DCC that the April newsletter should be a special edition to mark its

50th anniversary.

TT: The DTT volunteers continue their duties keeping the town tidy. DLR have given trees to

DTT and trees will be planted in suitable green areas around the town.

*Graffiti*: Alan Winter reported that he dealt with seventeen tags during February.

Sport: The Dalkey Dashers will commence training on Wednesday 03rd April at Loreto.

**Planning:** It is still quiet at the present and nothing major to report.

The next DCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 09th April at 3pm in OLH.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH APRIL 2024**

Dalkey Community Council DCC Meeting is Tuesday 09th April at 3pm in Our Lady's Hall.

#### Cuala Cake Sale/Coffee morning Fundraiser

on Saturday 06th April in Our Lady's Hall

**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.

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

In January and February FACT (Federation Against Copyright Theft) sent legal warnings to over 20 suppliers of "dodgy boxes" telling them to cease and desist, or face criminal prosecution. The vast majority complied, and as a result tens of thousands of viewers lost their channels.

Few people realise that using such illegal devices can and have resulted in identity theft, data loss and malware, not to mention loss of revenue to legitimate broadcasters.

Those that do not comply will be persued through the courts, and will face significant fines, and possible imprisonment.

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Challeman: Peter Northower.

County Dublin. Secretary: Miss Mai Kelly, Z Montevella, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

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NEWSHELT NO. 1.

At last, the news you've been waiting for - your Community Council is now established! You may have been wondering what has been happening. Well, an Executive Committe has been formed, and at a meeting on 24th March 1974 the following were elected to serve on it:

#### EXECUTIVE COLMITTEE

Mr. Peter Northover
Mrs. Doris Seyth
Mrs. Boris Seyth
Er. Martin Kennedy
Miss Eithne Dooge
Mr. E. Budds
Mr. Jack Kelly
Mr. Harry Lethsm
Mr. Richerd Bleke
Mr. Robert Lembirin
Mrs. V. Loughren
Mr. J. Mackey
Mr. Dos Saoris.

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
P.R.O.
Assistant P.R.O.

A full list of the Council members is displayed in Brian Dunne's shop window at 26 Castle Street.

#### CONSTITUTION

A Constitution for the D.C.C. has been drafted and the Council hopes to have it passed at its next meeting in May.

#### THE HOWARD FUND FASHION SHOW

Don't forget, this fashion show will be held on Monday, 6th May at the Dalkey Sports Centre. Tickets Il each. This event is being organised by the Dun Leoghaire Lions Glub in co-operation with Dalkey Community Council. A trust deed is being set up to administer the fund which is now standing at \$6.472.







