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## ❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

**In Hugh Leonard's play 'A Life'** the action opens on the bandstand in Sorrento Park. A character called Drumm is at the closing stages of a guided tour around Dalkey. His guided walks, ingeniously entitled Dalkey Discovered, happen monthly in the world of the play. The next one was scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> June, on what we now know to be Bloomsday. In his closing speech of the walk, Drumm refers to Dalkey as "the Town of the Seven Castles, of which the surviving two are vermin-infested, one being in ruins and the other the town hall."

**Locally, it is well known that the seven castles were built as storage facilities** to house goods that were unloaded from bigger ships in Dalkey Sound. The Liffey was silted up with sandbanks and the ships with large hulls couldn't get past. Dalkey Sound had deep waters and, most importantly, shelter from the North Easterlies. Once the ships were lightened at Dalkey, they could proceed into Dublin. The goods included items such as wine, salt, spices, nails and iron.

**Six of the castles were named as follows:** The Castle of Dalkey (later, Goat's Castle), Black Castle, Dungan's Castle, House Castle, Wolverton's Castle, Archbold's Castle. The name and location of the seventh wasn't known until recently. Dalkey Tidy Towns have installed castle icons on the locations of the seven castles.

**The castles all had defensive features** so the precious cargoes could be protected from attack by the native Irish who had been dispossessed. There was a Machicolation on the outside over the entrance door. Through this, hot sand or rocks could be dropped on intruders. If all else failed, the archer with his crossbow would be called into action.

**If intruders got past the entrance door, a Murder Hole awaited inside.** Boiling urine or lighting firewood from the fire in the Living Quarters were hurled down. The door to Dalkey Castle was around the back, not on the street where it is today. If you walk around Archbold's, you can clearly see the Machicolation over the entrance.

**For the full authentic experience of how life was lived in medieval times** in these castles, you are most welcome to join the Living History Experience here at Dalkey Castle.

**The castles at Dalkey also featured in other writing.** Peter Wilson's topographical description of Dalkey was published in the *Gentlemen's Magazine* in May 1770, with an engraving by Beranger of Wolverton's Castle. About Castle Street he wrote, "the street was so incumbered by rocks that it was impassable for carriages."

**During Wilson's time, only five castles were standing.** Unfortunately, he doesn't name them. We know from Readings Map (1765) that they were Wolverton's Castle, House Castle, Black Castle, Archbold's Castle and Goat's Castle. Wilson's descriptions are interesting to us today: "One of the castles has been repaired... a second has been roofed and affords room for a good billiard table (Black Castle). A third and fourth have been inhabited by publicans". He describes Goat's Castle as "the most antique and complete of the whole and is occupied as a stable." Goat's Castle has since reverted to its original name of Dalkey Castle.

**M.R.L Kelly's Dalkey, Co Dublin (1952)** tells us that in 1767 Robert Barry connected up Black Castle and House Castle. The grounds of these two castles were laid out in gardens with fruit trees, flowering shrubs, busts and statues and "a pleasant view of the sea". He says that Wolverton's was in good repair in 1818, and the ground floor was used as a forge. It was sketched by Wakeman in 1841 and was still standing in 1843. It was the last to be demolished. The 1843 Ordnance Survey shows five castles.

# The Medieval Castles of Dalkey

Caisleáin Meánaoiseacha Dheilginis

The name Dalkey derives from Deilginis (Irish) and Dalk-Ei (Norse) meaning Thorn Island.

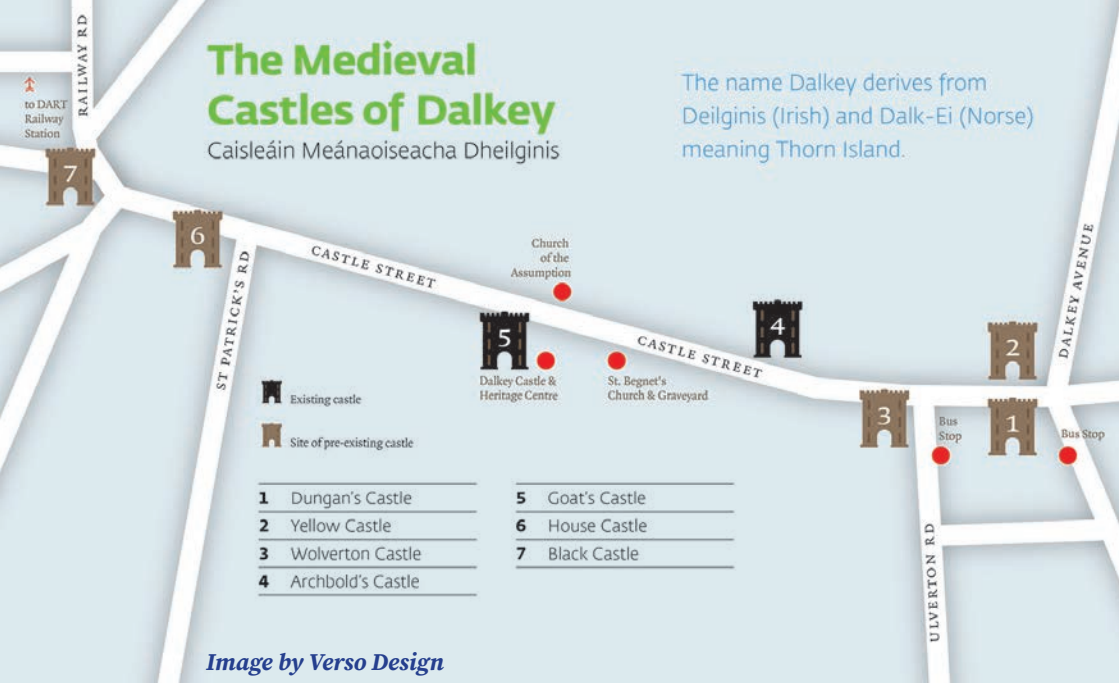


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**Local scholar, Charles Smith's book *Society and Economy in Small Medieval Town*** is still the leading authority on medieval Dalkey. He gives an illuminating account of Dalkey's prominence in the Middle Ages. He says Dalkey Sound was convenient for vessels making the short crossing from Chester and North Wales and the best landfall for ships coming up the Irish coast from the continent.

**There had always been much speculation as to the location of the seventh castle.** It was often inaccurately thought to be the Telegraph Tower on Dalkey Hill or even Bulloch Castle. The mystery was solved during archaeological excavations by John Kavanagh in 2004. The seventh castle was under the road opposite the Dalkey Duck. Thomas Reading had referred to the area as 'Fearann a Chaislean Bhuidhe', the ground of the Yellow Castle. The missing name was found at last, Yellow Castle.

**To the great delight of all who use it,** the Town Hall is no longer "vermin infested" and is a beautifully restored, busy, community venue for all kinds of classes, activities and community plays. It will be one of the venues for the Dalkey Book Festival in June.

**Guided Walks still continue in Dalkey and can be booked** by groups. The next, A Joycean Walk, will take place, by great co-incidence, on Bloomsday, 16<sup>th</sup> June. It will follow the dramatisation of the Dalkey Schoolroom scene from the Nestor Episode of *Ulysses* (in one of Dalkey's seven castles) at 3.30 pm. Led by a knowledgeable Joycean enthusiast, it is one of our most popular walks.



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Our second butterfly of the spring was a first for our garden. Our first butterfly of the year had been a lovely little Holly Blue flitting around in a rare spell of warm sunshine. Holly Blues are often the first butterfly on the wing, appearing in the first week of April after overwintering as a pupae on, or under, an ivy leaf.

A few days later through the kitchen window Lucy spotted a butterfly perched down the garden, set off determinedly and managed to get a photo of it confirming it was a Comma, a first for our garden.

I wrote before of our first ever sighting of one in Ireland in 2015 on a flower bed at Huntington Castle. I had got very excited then because I didn't even know the species had arrived in this country.

Commas were first recorded in Ireland in 2000 when one was spotted in County Wexford and they are becoming increasingly commoner, spreading north and west. Last year Irish Butterfly Conservation recorded 187 sightings. Nearly every time we've seen them since our first Huntington sighting has been in ornate flower beds in gardens such as Kilmacurragh and Altamont. Wandering through Mount Usher Gardens few years ago we met a friend who is interested in wildlife and during our conversation mentioned he'd never seen a Comma in Ireland. We said farewell continued through the garden and then, as if conjured up on request, Lucy



Comma Butterfly, the white comma shaped mark that its name derives from is on the underwing

spotted a Comma and we happily relocated our friend to show it to him.

Perhaps the fact these gardens open to the public always have plants in flower attracts butterflies and bees or possibly, as a friend suggested, the very accessible and visible flowers make them easier to spot in such locations.

At time of writing we're all living in hope that the forecast for a decent spell of warm dry weather will prove accurate but the constant rain, wind and cool temperatures up till now meant we hadn't seen more than a couple of butterflies since those already mentioned.

We had seen some very early honeybees over two months back in mid February when the lovely fragrance from a Skimmia bush in flower on the driveway had attracted native 'black' honeybees on an unseasonably mild day when the temperature had reached 15c.

Chiffchaffs were once only considered to be summer migrants but milder weather now enables many to overwinter. This one though, seen in our garden, was almost certainly a recently arrived migrant, as quite a few of them had appeared in the garden on the tail of strong southerly winds. The Chiffchaff is one of those birds (like Cuckoo, Curlew and Kittiwake) named after their song, a repetitive two note call which has the bird described very aptly by noted birding expert Bill Oddie as 'a feathered metronome'.





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We'd just arrived home after spending the previous evening staying over at some friend's home in Avoca. They live above the Avoca River on a very secluded road surrounded by mature trees. They've had red squirrels in their garden and there are deer in the woods. Their back garden faces the opposite slopes of the river valley and, being Avoca, Red Kites drifting by are a common sight. As we'd approached the town earlier we'd seen a big group of them circling over the town. Our friends know the local butcher and on a previous visit he'd said he was going back to the shop to throw out some scraps in the back yard for the kites. Within minutes there were kites circling and dropping down to snatch up scraps of meat.

Gigrin Farm in Wales has made a very successful business of charging visitors to come and watch the daily routine of a tractor pulling a trailer of offal off which somebody forks out meat for the red kites. He, or she, flicks bits of meat into the air which the birds will agilely catch and devour in flight while dozens of visitors will watch or photograph them from large purpose built hides. Buzzards and ravens will perch in the trees as feeding time approaches but the main attraction is the kites which average 600 birds a day in winter! The spectacle has attracted up to 50,000 visitors a year with tickets costing between £29 for a family to £40 for an individual place in specially positioned photographic hides. The farm has been credited with being very instrumental in increasing the red kite's population from near extinction by thirty years of supplementary feeding and deserves to make a living from it.

The red kites in Ireland, released in Wicklow originated from chicks brought under license from Wales. A friend, Mark, has been very involved in the project, helping ring kite chicks every year. He told me there was concern that some chicks had developed a condition known as 'bendy bones' where their bones don't develop properly with the



A Long Eared Owl we were lucky to see in daylight a few years ago.

chicks suffering from calcium deficiency. It's believed when they are getting supplied pieces of raw meat offcuts and not being presented with the carrion their parents would feed them in the wild, they don't get to eat the bones, fur or feathers which contain calcium and other minerals vital for their development. But it's not certain if it's a serious problem and 600 healthy kites circling Gigrin Farm might indicate otherwise.

After a lovely meal at our friend's house we went out on to the patio around midnight hoping to hear an owl while thinking what were the chances that within a densely wooded hillside, we'd see or hear the ghostly, silently flying bird? The chances were a lot better than we could have hoped for as it happened as we heard a brief sharp 'wick' call from the trees above us. Not the deep hooting call you'd normally associate with owls but we having heard this sound before we knew it was one of a number of calls made by a Long Eared Owl. This particular call, is often described as a bark though the first time I ever heard the short sharp sound many years ago it struck me as sounding like the quack of a mallard.

There are different theories of what the call signifies but one learned authority reckons it might be a sound of irritation rather than alarm. Wandering around the garden trying to discern where the bird was calling from triggered a sensor light which lit up the garden and surrounding trees. A light upright shape was visible on top of a bare branched tree. Surely it couldn't be the owl but a look through binoculars asserted that yes that was it. We didn't want to temporarily blind it by shining a torch at it and were content to hear it 'barking' away at frequent intervals. The calls grew in intensity then suddenly another owl was circling the tree possibly passing food to the perched one. It might have been a romantic gesture as it was the night of St. Valentine's Day and the 'barking' owl might have been impatient waiting for its meal.

**CLOCKS ON SUMMER TIME  
DALKEY TIDY TOWN'S TEAM ON HIGH ALERT**

Having done so well in the SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition and the DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition last year, once Summer Time arrived, all our Dalkey Tidy Towns Volunteers knew that the count-down was on! The 2024 Competition Entry deadline of May 8th, just happens to coincide with the arrival of warmer weather, exactly when local vegetation takes off. We all know that weeds and hedges play a vital role in the environment but getting the balance right in making Dalkey look cared for really is a challenge.

Our SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition Entry document being prepared at this time is quite a test too – 45 detailed pages / 14,000 words of text, graphs, photos, survey details and associated UN Sustainable Development Goals, all with a tight submission limit of 20MB. Competing against over 850 other towns gets tougher every year.

While our Census population is just 6,832 souls, Dalkey is not a small Town! Over the past few weeks, our Volunteers rolled up their sleeves at St. Patrick's Square, Castle Street, Hyde Road, Castle Park Road, Dillon's Park, Sorrento Park, Coliemore Road, Vico Road, the Cat's Ladder and Torca Road, Barnhill Road and Harbour Road. Creating

and erecting our new direction signs for 'EIRE' and the Cat's Ladder should help our curious visitors too. We also continued the Dalkey Island Gull Research project, the Rising Sea Levels study, the EU funded Smart Pebbles / Coastal Erosion Project on the beach, our ongoing Bee Survey and our Active







Travel Survey. We also prepared for the arrival of our new Air Quality Monitors and Dalkey Weather Stations.

If you just happen to be sitting at home and are feeling even a little bored, we need your help and experience. In return, you will make new friends, learn new skills and even go home with a smile. If you would even like to know what our Volunteers are doing from week to

week, we will send you a short email EVERY Sunday night to share the details with you – no commitment whatsoever, we just like sharing the fun.

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### **Mount Merrion Historical Society**

David Ryan will present *'Buck Whaley'* at 8pm on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4 for €2 for Students.

### **Medal Society of Ireland**

A *'Medal, Militaria and Collectables Fair'* will take place between 10am and 2pm on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - Admission is €2 for members and €4 for non-members.

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

Dr. Cathy Scuffil will present *'The South Circular Road on the eve of the First World War'* at 3pm on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> in the Worth Library, Dr. Steven's Hospital, Dublin 8. Admission is free but as places are limited, book a place at: [info@edwardworthlibrary.ie](mailto:info@edwardworthlibrary.ie)

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

John O'Brien will present *'Harristown Station – A History'* at 7.30pm on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> in the Society's Dublin Hueston Station premises – strictly members and the guests only.

### **Clontarf Historical Society**

Mairead McLoughlin will present *'History & Archaeology of St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin'* at 7.30pm on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> in St. John's Parish Centre, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3. All are welcome – admission is €5.

### **Malahide Historical Society**

Brian Dooley will present *'Images from Malahide Historical Society Archive'*, at 8pm on Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> in St. Sylvester's Church Parish Centre, Malahide, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission €5.

### **The Old Dublin Society**

John Healy will present *'Devlin's Pub and the Army Mutiny'* at 6pm on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome – admission is free.

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

Hal Sisk will present *'Developments in transforming Dun Laoghaire Harbour'* at 8pm on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> in Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.

### **Bray Cualann Historical Society**

Gerard White will present *'A WW2 Maritime Disaster with Bray Connections'* at 8pm on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

### **Western Front Association (Dublin Branch)**

James Scannell will present *'Infantry Weapons of the First World War'* at 2pm on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library and Archive, 139-144, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome – admission is free – donation appreciated.

### **Foxrock Local History Club**

*'A Night of Artefacts - 5-minute talks by members on historical artefacts they have in their possession'* will take place at 8pm on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5 for visitors.

### **Clondalkin Historical Society**

Freddie O'Dwyer will recall *'A Flying Visit in 1938: the day the Luftwaffe landed at Baldonnel by mistake'* at 8pm on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> in Áras Chrónáin Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5 for non-members.

### **Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society**

Lawrence Byrne will present *'A History of St. Mary's Church, Mary Street, Dublin'* at 8pm on Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members free / visitors €4 - Swan Car Park Evening Rate: €4 from 7 p.m. to Midnight.



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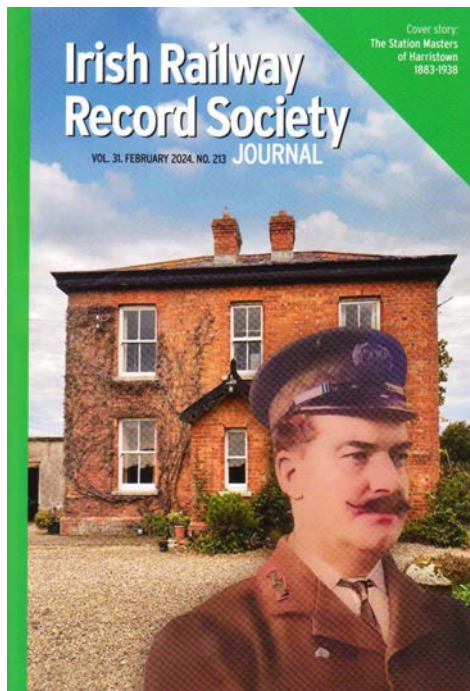
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## Publications

February 2024 issue of *'Irish Railway Record Society Journal'*, Vol.31 No.213, Tim Moriarty, Hon. Editor, published by the Irish Railway Record Society.



Articles featured in this issue of this excellent Irish railway history magazine include –

### Dalkey - Looking Back

On May 13th 1924 the gas supply to Blackrock, Dun Laoghaire, Dalkey, and Killiney, was cut-off at 10pm due to an industrial dispute in the Dublin gas works over trade union membership. The company also announced that it might not be able to maintain a supply in Dublin from noon the following day.

*'The Station Masters of Harristown 1883-1938'* by John O'Brien, *'William Dargan's English Railways – Part 2'* by Robert Hartley, *'From Dining Car to Food Trolley'* by Louis Cullen, *'The Irish Pullman Experiment 1926-1936'* by Tim Moriarty, *'Irish Rail 2024 Timetable'* by Barry Carse, *'Society News'*, *'Obituaries'*, *'Observations and Comments'*, *'Publications'*, *'Paddy O'Brien Photo Miscellany'*, *'Irish Railway News'*, *'Outing to Mallow Level Crossing Control Centre & Lartigue Monorail and Museum'*, *'Time Arrow' Railtour*, *'Meeting Programme'*. Subscription Rates and how to join the Irish Railway Record Society.

*James Scannell*



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Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Stella Maris RC	Ringsend
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Skerries RC	Skerries
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> / Suny 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	St. Patrick's RC	Ringsend
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Bray RC	Bray
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Fingal RC	Balbriggan
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	St. Michael's RC	Dun Laoghaire
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Greystones RC	Greystones
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Wicklow	Wicklow



The East Coast Rowing Season kicks off with Dalkey this year! Dalkey are hosting their Annual Regatta on the weekend of May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> down in Sandycove. Please feel free to come and support us. Hopefully it will be a sunny day and you can enjoy a quick dip and an ice cream while you watch the races.

*Dalkey Rowing Club*



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### Planning

Here is an update on the current status of the planning application from Bartra Property (Dublin) Ltd. for the former Western Marine site at Bullock. You may recall that Bartra submitted a third planning application (almost identical to their previous one) in January 2022 which was turned down by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (Spring 2022) and by An Bord Pleanála (October 2023). Following the refusal by ABP, Bartra has launched a judicial review in the High Court to challenge that decision. Bartra has also sought a Judicial Review against DLRCC for their change of Zoning for the Western Marine site which is part of the current 2022/28 County Development Plan. Judicial Reviews only consider incorrect procedural grounds for decisions. These JRs are working their way through due legal process and decisions are awaited. We will keep you posted on developments in this regard.

### Boat Moorings

It has come to our attention that on 12<sup>th</sup> March Dublin Port published the online application form on their website for Bullock Harbour moorings during the 2024 season. See the details at this link:

<https://www.dublinport.ie/renew-apply-for-moorings-in-bullock-harbour-for-2024-season/>

These were due for submission by 22<sup>nd</sup> March. If you wish to have moorings in the harbour this season and have not already applied you should complete the form and the requirements and submit online immediately.



### Harbour facilities

Mr. Jimmy Murray of the Irish Nautical Trust, who has a track record of valuable work for the Dublin Port Company, is acting as caretaker for the operation of Bullock Harbour on their behalf. He has submitted a comprehensive report on the potential of the harbour, and is awaiting a response from the Dublin Port management team under the new C.E.O. Barry O'Connell and the new Harbour Master Capt. Michael McKenna. His report included

the need to re-lay the mooring chains in the harbour and provide ferry access to boats moored in the centre of the harbour.

Please note that it is no longer possible to rent boats from Monica Smyth or Chris Lawless at the harbour. We hope that a similar facility might be available in the future. We wish Monica a continuing happy retirement.

Thank you to the Dalkey Tidy Towns “Planters” team who did a terrific job of cleaning up the Bullock steps and making them a safer shortcut from Ulverton Road down to the harbour.

It was great to see so many people visiting Bullock last summer, especially during the good weather, and we are looking forward to another busy summer this year.

If you have photos - old or new - of Bullock Harbour, please post them to our Facebook group [Save Bulloch Harbour](#). Popular topics in this group are: activities, memories and weather.

Thank you all for your continuing camaraderie and support of Bullock Harbour.

*Issued by the BHPA Committee*

You can keep in touch with the Bullock Harbour Preservation Association and the latest news on:

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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.:** D19B/0003/E

**Application Rec'd Date:** 15/03/2024

**Applicant Name & Location:** Deirdre Bonus & Conor Whelan, Sabi, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin A96 WR60

**Proposal:** Permission for one-storey projecting bay window combined with porch/canopy and renovation of existing dormer all to front façade, internal modifications, replacement and repositioning of existing window on the south elevation, renovation and extension of existing dormer, single storey extension with roof lights all to rear, replacement of all windows and associated site and landscaping works.

**Application Type:** Extension Of Duration Of Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D24A/0162

**Application Rec'd Date:** 13/03/2024

**Applicant Name & Location:** Gill Opticians Limited, 2 Saint Patrick's Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96XT82

**Proposal:** Infill the existing courtyard in provision of a single-storey flat roof extension with external access to the side lane, all to the south facing side of Gill Opticians.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D24A/0161

**Application Rec'd Date:** 12/03/2024

**Applicant Name & Location:** Margaret Ryan, Ardfallen, Cunningham Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96K802

**Proposal:** Modifications to previously permitted scheme for 6 houses (D22A/0253). The proposed development, as modified, will consist of a residential scheme of 6 part single, part two-storey dwellings (which is a reduction in height overall from permitted three-storey height) comprising: House 1 (160 sq.m) 4 bedroom part two-storey dwelling, House 2 (50 sq.m) 1 bedroom single-storey dwelling, House 3 (98 sq.m) 2 bedroom two-storey dwelling, House 4 (148 sq.m) 4 bedroom two-storey dwelling, House 5 (324 sq.m) 5 bedroom two-storey dwelling and House 6 (53 sq.m) 1 bedroom two-storey dwelling, which comprises an overall floor area of 833 sq.m, a reduction of 152 sq.m from the extant permitted floor area of 985 sq.m, all on a site area of 2,364 sq.m. The development will include revisions to public open space and private open space allocated for each dwelling, revisions to provide 8 no. car spaces, a reduction of one car space, including universal access spaces, electric charging points, covered bicycle spaces, bin storage and enhanced tree protection for existing copper beech specimen tree. The modifications include a reduction in length of wall to be removed on Cunningham Road to facilitate new vehicular entrance (reduced in length to 6.1m from permitted 10.85m) use of an existing vehicular entrance onto Cunningham Road and minor modifications to the boundary wall on Cunningham Road. The development will include revisions to site infrastructure works above and below ground excavation works, changes in site levels, plant, services, drainage, including SUDs (green roofs to all houses) and landscaping as granted permission and all associated site development works. Ardfallen is a Protected Structure.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D24B/0101

**Application Rec'd Date:** 14/03/2024

**Applicant Name & Location:** Eleanor Denny, Doonecoy, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Dublin, A96Y9K8

**Proposal:** Retention for the reduced two storey rear extension to the existing dwelling, following grant of D21B/0634, containing extended kitchen, dining, living rooms with master bedroom suite over and internal alterations to form a ground floor utility/wc and associated external works.

**Application Type:** Permission for Retention

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**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.

**Additional Information** 20/03/2024

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**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.

**Additional Information** 22/03/2024

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**Reg. Ref.:** D24A/0196

**Application Rec'd Date:** 26/03/2024

**Applicant Name & Location:** Patrick Cremin, Ormond, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96PK29

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

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D24B/0134

**Application Rec'd Date:** 28/03/2024

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

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for amendments to previously approved planning application Reg Ref: D23B/0275 for the following changes: 1) Change of roof finish from existing fiber cement tiles to a new dark grey zinc roof. 2) An additional portal window to the previously approved zinc dormer to the South-East elevation.

**Application Type:** Permission

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**Reg. Ref.:** D24A/0219

**Application Rec'd Date:** 04/04/2024

**Applicant Name & Location:** Margaret Boucher, 7, Cunningham Drive, Dalkey, Dublin, A96TX82

**Proposal:** Permission and retention permission for development that will consist of the retention of changes to the footprint, location and design (finishes, roof, windows and doors) of the prefabricated artist's studio structure that is a single storey with attic storage granted under planning permission with reg. Ref. D22A/0699, retention of front boundary changes that includes new pedestrian gate, and permission for the alteration of the artist's studio wall finish to harmonise with existing dwelling, alteration to location and colour of timber fence and proposed new light blue painted timber pergola structure to link artist's studio with existing house and to include all ancillary site and other works.

**Application Type:** Permission

### PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEKS 11-14 2024 11/03/2024 - 05/04/2024

**Reg. Ref.:** D24B/0049

**Decision:** Grant Permission For Retention

**Date:** 28/03/2024

**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.

### APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 11-14 2024 11/03/2024 - 05/04/2024

**None for Dalkey**

### APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 11-14 2023 04/03/2024 - 29/03/2024

**Reg. Ref.:** D22A/1015

**Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission

**Appeal Decided:** 11/03/2024

**Council Decision:** Refuse permission

**Location:** Rear of no. 3 & 4 Bloyke, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposed Development:** Permission for amendments to existing permission D18A/0480 (under construction) to include (1) Reduction of permitted floor heights of 350mm at ground floor and 350mm at first floor (2) addition of new living room, hallway and wc (35sqm) at first floor. (3) addition of new 'front door' at first floor with pedestrian access and gate onto Harbour road and associated elevation changes and siteworks. **Applicant:** Bryan Molloy.



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#### **Baby and Guardians Group at Dalkey Library for 18 months and younger**

*Monday 13, 27 May 10:30 - 11:15*

Join us for fun Baby playtime or sensory social time best suited for our baby borrowers. Set in a quiet library with dimmed lights, colourful eggs and a selection of toys to play with.

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#### **Toddler and Guardians Group for 18 months to 3 years**

*Friday 03, 10, 24, 31 May 10:30 - 11:30*

Join us at the Library on Friday mornings, something different on each morning, from playtime to music mornings! This group is suitable for ages 18 months-3 years old.

Please note there is **no Toddler Group** on 17<sup>th</sup>.

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#### **Lego Challenge Club**

*11 May 11.30 - 12.30*

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#### **BEALTAINE EVENTS AT DALKEY LIBRARY:**

##### **Upcycling Wall Hanging with Lynn Haughton**

*08 May 10.30 - 12.00*

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### **Jewelry Making with Mary Daughtery**

*09 May 18.00-19.30*

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### **Soap Making with Aoife Munn**

*20 May 10.30-11.30*

Each participant will make their own bar of soap and packaging from recycled material. Booking is essential, to book please call 01-2855277 or email [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie)



### **Knitting with Pauline Gallagher**

*24 May 10.00-13.00*

Join Pauline Gallagher of The Knitting Class in this fun workshop where you will learn to knit a beanie hat on circular needles and how to create customised beanies from any yarn for anybody using Pauline's 'Beanie Hat Planner and Recipe Pattern'

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### **Drop in Age-Friendly Information Stand**

*20 May 10.00-12.00*

The dlr Age-Friendly Programme based in dlr County Council is part of a national programme working with partners to improve the quality of life of older people across the county. Interested in



finding out what dlr County Council and Libraries have going on? Drop in to our Age Friendly information stand to find out more. No need to book, all are welcome.

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ACORN tablets are now available for lending to all dlr Library members.

For more information on this lending scheme, contact your local branch.

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## COMMUNITY GAMES NEWS



At the Dublin Community Games Swimming Competition held in The Tallaght Sports Complex Balrothery on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April Ben O'Dwyer finished in 2nd place in the U10's Freestyle.

Ben also recently won a National medal when he finished in 2nd place at the Irish Minor Schools 2024 competition, representing Harold Boys National School Dalkey.

Well done Ben!

Not to be out done the girls, Chloe Marshall, Sorcha and Roisin Ramsay, Clara and Leah Pinschmidt, Lara Woods, Katie McNelis, Orla Mortimore, Taylor-Jay Breen and Ada McDonnell had a very successful day too! The first place winners will go on to represent Dublin in the National Finals later this year.

### *Dalkey Community Games*





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## SCIENCE BLAST 2024



Our class made up this Science experiment with Ms. Schutte about what material makes the best ear defenders. Our choices were: cotton wool or bubble wrap.

I thought that bubble wrap would win and we did tests on them and it came back in a draw.

We took the Dart to the RDS and when we got there we got to look around. We saw Mark the Science Guy doing some cool stuff. We walked around trying some cool stuff. We also had lunch there, it was very fun!

*Written by Killian Kennedy  
Rang a 6*

Today, in school, we went to the RDS Science Blast with Ms. Schutte. We all had jobs to do (shifts). Once we arrived, we were told to do our shift. My shift was one to two. My friend and I started to look at the other activities.

There were loads of other activities, including Mark the Science Guy and the Rapper. It came to our shift; our project was about the best ear defenders – cotton wool vs. bubble wrap. It was a draw and our project got an award in the end.

*Written by Harry McCallig  
Rang a 6*





# Visit St Paul's Summer Fair!

**25th May 2024**

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## DREAM SPACE AMBASSADORS

Dream Space is an initiative run by Microsoft. The Dream Space Ambassador program provides children in 5th class with an opportunity to develop leadership skills and to support the development of STEM education in the school. Two of our Dream Space Ambassadors, Eve Murray and Iseult Dodd have written about their experience this year.

We are Dream Space Ambassadors. We had to do a project to apply to be a Dream Space Ambassador. Ten of us were chosen out of our class for our experience, creativity and our enthusiasm for technology.

At the beginning of the year, it was coming up to EU Code Week. We had to start planning. We were split into groups and were given a coding activity for each class. We taught the classes how to do basic coding using Code Monkey, Rodocodo and the Hour of Code Dance Party. It was a lot of fun for everyone!

Our next big project was during Internet Safety Week. We were split into two groups and we put on plays for the junior classes and did a Kahoot Quiz with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes. The senior classes were given a talk on internet safety by a funny man called Reuben. We had lots of fun and learned lots!

During the year we had some workshops with Microsoft. We learned how to code using Micro: bit and Make Code Arcade, which we all really enjoyed. We also learned all about Cyber Safety and how to recognise phishing and other internet scams. We loved taking part in Kahoot quizzes at the end of our training sessions with Microsoft.

In May we are going to go to Microsoft with lots of other Dream Space Ambassadors from all over Ireland for our graduation. We have all really enjoyed being Dream Space Ambassadors and we are very excited about our trip to Microsoft!

*Eve Murray  
& Iseult Dodd*



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## IRISH DANCING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### “A HAON, A DÓ, A TRÍ”

Hi, my name is Layla and I am in 6<sup>th</sup> in the DSP and I'd like to tell you about my passion which happens to be Irish Dancing. My mother decided when I was in 1<sup>st</sup> class to send me to Irish dancing which they were running as an after school activity and I loved it right from the start but little did I know where it was going to take me and how it would shape my life . . .

I changed to the Dawson McDonnell school of dancing when I was in 4<sup>th</sup> class and I have been with them ever since. I started doing competitions in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, at the beginning for competitions your dance teacher loans you dresses etc. but as you progress and are taking it really seriously you get to design your own dress with a number of people, a designer, dressmaker etc. It is a very exciting process and needs to be taken very seriously as your outfit and appearance all count for points along with your dancing. It is nerve wracking doing competitions but everyone is in the same boat and it is so exciting.

This year I qualified for the World Championships which made all the hard work worth it. They took place over the Easter down in Killarney and what an experience that was, my amazing Mum comes to all my competitions with me and then my Dad and family travelled on the day of the competition. It takes a lot of commitment, I do classes twice a week and practise every single day and it keeps you really, really fit. We have already started getting ready for next year's competitions, thank you Mum for putting me into that first Irish Dancing class it has been an incredible journey so far and it's only beginning . . .

**Layla Lewins**  
**DSP 6th Class**



## NATURE ZONE AND SENSORY GARDEN

We have recently made a few additions to our school grounds, which have brightened up our yard! As well as our two colourful buddy benches, we now have some plant boxes and some colourful additions to our Nature Zone, complete with wooden stepping stones, fairy doors and windows and new flowers to enjoy.

Some students helped to plant some herbs in the boxes and a parent volunteer planted the other flowers during the Easter holidays. The herbs that were planted are mint and thyme, and we are allowed to squeeze our fingers gently along them to get a lovely smell of fresh mint or thyme! The planter boxes are at the ends of a beautiful wooden corner bench, which we have all been enjoying in the yard at break time. These additions have really brightened up our break times!



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Easter has come and gone, the Holy Week arrangements for this year have been filed for reference next year and my thoughts turn towards the **Parish Fête on the 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Will the sun shine? Will Timo win "Scruffiest Dog in Dalkey" for a second year running? Soon we will also have enjoyed the generous opportunity to have a wine tasting evening in the Northbrook Hall with our local expert Mr. John Wilson. It's all go.

The opportunity to attend the traditional Ecumenical "Way of The Cross" event between Holy Trinity Killiney and St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church along with the other churches in the area was welcome. Thank you to all those who participated, the choirs of both churches, organist Mr. Frank Hughes for leading the music. Big thanks also to those who undertook the difficult task for saying so much in such a minimal word count. Fr. Tom Dalzell, Fr. Mike Ream, Dr. Mary O'Holohan, Mrs. Carol Casey, Mr. John Deane O'Keefe, and Rev. Gary Dowd and me.

The Easter Sunday alarm clock erupted into my ear at 5.45 a.m. but with the hour change it did indeed feel like 4.45 a.m. The rain bouncing off the windows did little to assist a bounce out of bed. Oh me of little faith! The drive to Killiney beach gradually used the windscreen wipers less and arrival in the car park gave a glimmer of not only the rain petering out but the possibility of a sunrise. Our Ecumenical gathering on the beach was, in the end, a beautiful opportunity to greet



the day with a spectacular light show as we shared a brief liturgy together.

**Parish Communications** - Newsletter, Instagram, Facebook pages parish and Fête, Contact magazine and hopefully a new website. Information available on the very active use of the Northover Hall with the DARA choir, Tuesday Toddler morning crafting, painting, book club, scouting, drama, bowling, Film Club, etc. etc.

Confirmation classes will be offered soon and please encourage potential candidates to sign up asap.

*Rev Ruth Elmes*





The month of May is upon us and in some traditions, it marks the beginning of summer. But for me it is the high point of Spring. The abundance of flowers and the light green of the new leaves on trees, the warming sun's rays, all make this a wonderful and exciting time of year. The great dawn chorus reaches its peak and the air is filled with great bird song. May is the Month of Mary and in former times the May Procession was a great event in parishes across the land.

The great stretch of daylight means more activities are possible and in the sporting calendar, many competitions reach their finals while the GAA calendar is in full swing with the Championships.

In the parish, **First Holy Communions** are taking place. The preparations, ongoing since last autumn, are now complete and the special day is fast approaching. We wish all the First Communicants and their families every blessing for the occasion and look forward to seeing them fully participating in the Eucharist from now on.

We congratulate those who have prepared the children in our schools and thank them for their support.

The community is gearing up for a number of events over the course of the summer and we wish every success for the various events due to take place.

Sadly, the world is still in turmoil with various wars and displacement of peoples. Our local Migrant Support Group do great work and we commend them for their time and commitment to this cause.

The **Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee** continues their marvellous work and thanks to the hard work of the volunteers Dalkey is looking great. May we keep it that way.

Students in second and third level are focussed on exams and I include a prayer below for those facing State and Third Level Exams.



## **Prayer for Examination Students**

Lord, as I prepare to sit my exams send your Holy Spirit to guide me and be with me.

Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of education.

Keep me calm.

Help me to do the best I can on the day of my exam.

Help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions as best I can.

Give me peace, understanding and wisdom and be with me today and always.

**Amen.**

God's blessing upon all.

*Fr. Liam*

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**Sunday 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.

A reminder that in cases of emergency or general pastoral care please contact the Rural Dean, Reverend John Tanner. Tel: 01 298 3154 or email: [revjohntanner@gmail.com](mailto:revjohntanner@gmail.com)

The **Easter General Vestry** was held on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, chaired by the Rural Dean, Rev. John Tanner.

The following were elected to serve on the Select Vestry for the coming year:

Clive Christie, Peter Hayes, Mark Heaton, Paul O'Brien, Lewis Purser, Nigel Teggins, Michael Wolfe, Helen Irwin, Zandra Laing, Laura Martin, Sandra Moore, Joan Millar, Vanessa Mitchell, Libby McElroy, Linda Peters, Pam Unger

We are most grateful to the Rev. Tanner for his continuing oversight of the parish and express our thanks also to Ven. Gordon Linney, Canon Ben Neill and Lay Readers, Mr. John Deane-O'Keefe and Mr. Alan Rhodes for taking Services since the New Year.

**Killiney "Bark in the Park"**

It is five years since our last major fund-raising event in the Parish, so the time is now ripe! If you have not already heard on the grapevine, we are splashing out into something new and unique - namely the above - on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2024** from 10am to 2pm in Wyvern School grounds, off Killiney Road. It is unique in that there will be **SHEEPDOG TRIALS DEMONSTRATIONS**, by the award-winning Denis Birchall & his dog Tweed, taking place there - yes, in the South County Dublin suburbs!! There will also be competitions for all ages with their lovely dogs, plus lots more to entertain, buy and eat! We would like to stress that this is not only for dog owners, but for parishioners, their families, friends, neighbours and anyone else who wishes to come and enjoy a family fun morning out and we look forward to welcoming everyone.

**Parish Supper**

Our Parish Supper finally took place in the Carry Centre on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, having been postponed on 1<sup>st</sup> March due to snow. Sixty-eight people sat down to a delicious meal provided by Naomi's Kitchen. We were delighted to have as our guests Venerable Gordon Linney, Alan Rhodes and John Deane-O'Keefe, all of whom are helping with our Sunday services during the vacancy, and we also welcomed a number of friends from our neighbouring parish St. Matthias. Tom Mansergh-Wride, the son of one of our choir members, tinkled beautifully on the piano for a couple of hours, which created a lovely background.

This event was not a fundraiser, but purely a social get-together which it turned out to be, as the atmosphere in the hall was amazing and we have had nothing but positive feedback. Thank you and well done, Ros Christie.

**Organ Restoration**

We are moving to the next stage of the project, the restoration of the Great Division. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council have advised us we have been awarded a grant of €5,500 from the 2024 Built Heritage Fund available from central government funds. However, the grant is contingent on the work being completed by October this year. To fund this stage completely we need more pledges. Thank you to donors who have already committed to this stage of the project. If you would like to make a donation please contact Clive Christie.

For those of you interested in the practical technicalities of the organ restoration to date you can view it in detail on the parish website, [holytrinitykilliney.ie/organ](http://holytrinitykilliney.ie/organ); Our thanks to Roger Hurley for his full explanation.

**Sheep Thrills** sold over 200 chicks for Easter and have kept the Victoria Tea Room filled up with lovely baby garments. We also finished a commission for the arrival of a new baby this month. We were delighted to support Alone with a cheque. Wool is always welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078. [www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney](http://www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney)





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## **SOUTH DUBLIN BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH IRELAND**

### **May 2024 Indoor Meeting**

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

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

**Title:** Bird and Orchid, Connections.

**Speaker:** South Dublin BirdWatch Ireland committee member, Shane Kerr.

**Details:** Shane has had a lifelong fascination for orchids and birds and has served as Chairperson of the Irish Orchid Society. He will discuss the biology, diversity and colourful history of orchids and their interactions and associations with birds.

### **May 2024**

### **Outdoor Meeting(Dawn Chorus)**

**Date & time to meet:**

Sunday, 12th May at 4am.

**Outing to:** Killiney Hill Park.

**Extra information:**

Set your alarm clocks to meet in Killiney Hill car park at the top of Burmah Road off Dalkey Avenue at 04:00. Please be sure to dress warmly. For a map showing the meeting place check [www.southdublinbirds.com](http://www.southdublinbirds.com) the car park is at Flag 1 on the map. There are also accounts of our most recent Dawn Chorus outings on the website.



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## SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 9TH APRIL 2024 HELD IN OLH

- Treasurer:** The Annual Collection envelopes will accompany the May newsletters.
- DTT:** The DTT committee are working on the submission for the TT Competition and the teams are doing the routine duties of litter picking, weeding, and tidying up.
- Graffiti:** Alan Winter reported that there 21 tags for the past month with one particularly bad one at the DART station.
- Sport:** The Dalkey Dashers commenced training on Wednesday 03<sup>rd</sup> April at Loreto and there was a good turnout of aspiring athletes.
- Planning:** It is still quiet at the present and there are no significant applications for the Dalkey area.
- AOB:** To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the newsletter DCC will plant five native cherry trees at Clay Hill on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm.

***The next DCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 07<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm in OLH..***

### UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH MAY 2024

**Dalkey Community Council** DCC Meeting is Tuesday 07<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm in Our Lady's Hall.

**St. Patrick's Parish Fête Harbour Road** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 3pm.

**St. Paul's Summer Fair Glenageary** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 10:30am to 2:30pm.

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

**Feldenkrais Class** Tuesdays at 7pm. Relaxation method that creates neurological balance and profound changes of mind and body. Contact Kristina 087 411 6384

**Argentine Tango Classes** Tuesdays at 8pm. Followed by **Practica** at 9pm.  
Practice & social dancing. Dalkey Town Hall. Tel: 087 411 6384 for further information.

**Karate** – Wednesdays in the Town Hall. Beginners at 5.30pm,  
Advanced Children at 6.30pm and Adults/Teens at 7.30pm  
Contact: 085 1412828 or email [secretary@hombudojokarate.com](mailto:secretary@hombudojokarate.com)

**Meditation Sessions** Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Heritage Centre  
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## ***Oh How Television (and Radio) has changed over the years . . .***

*SportyStuff TV, which was one of the very few free sports channels on satellite, has ceased trading. The channel which focused strongly on greyhound racing and motorsports closed down without warning at the end of March.*

*Younger viewers also lost some channels,*

*Tiny pop & Popmax (which were very popular and aimed at children aged between 4 and 6 years of age) are now only available on-line, as their parent company (Sony) decided to pull the plug !*

**Ian Macdonald, Maxtec Systems**



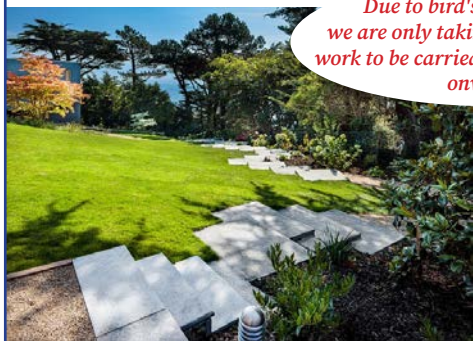
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