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*Dalkey Dashers at the Dublin Cairn Community Games
- the group is made up of athletes
from the Dalkey & Glenageary areas.*

Photos by Dalkey Dashers

❖ DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE ❖

Dalkey Players had the great honour of performing at the National Theatre in Dublin recently. During their festival tour of Arthur Miller's play *The Crucible*, they won numerous awards in all categories and qualified for the All -Ireland drama finals in Athlone. From nine qualifiers for Athlone, they were runners up, and won the prestigious Abbey Award to present the play at the Peacock Theatre in Dublin for four nights.

The tradition of theatre and drama in Dalkey goes back beyond living memory. Dalkey Town Hall was built in the 1890s to facilitate events and community theatre. There are photos showing a production of Dion Boucicault's *The Colleen Bawn* by 'St Lawrence's Dalkey' drama group in the hall in 1912. Dalkey Players, since its founding in late 1975, staged their first plays at the Epworth Hall and from 1979 onwards in Dalkey Town Hall.

The Abbey Theatre was founded in 1904 by W.B. Yeats and Lady Gregory. The theatre opened with three performances including premieres of *On Baile's Strand* by Yeats and *Spreading the News* by Lady Gregory.

Local interest was maintained when John Millington Synge wrote *The Playboy of the Western World* in the garden of his mother's house in nearby Glenageary. It was staged at the Abbey in 1907. It caused riots in the audience when the word shift was mentioned! "a drift of females standing in their shifts." (A shift refers to a woman's undergarment, like a slip or petticoat). Some others objected to what they saw as the play's demeaning representation of Irish peasants and Irish rural life.

Riots were again part of the Abbey's story in 1926 during the first run of Sean O'Casey's *The Plough and the Stars*. Some of the audience objected to the playwright's representation of the 1916 Rising. Yeats took to the stage: "You have disgraced yourselves again. Is this to be an ever recurring celebration of the arrival of Irish genius?"

Lennox Robinson, born in Cork, lived in Sorrento Cottage in Dalkey. He was Manager of the Abbey Theatre from 1909. He resigned in 1914 as a result of a disastrous Abbey tour of the United States but returned in 1919. He was appointed to the board of the theatre in 1923 and continued to serve in that capacity until his death in 1958. He had also worked as a secretary to playwright George Bernard Shaw, who lived for a time in Torca Cottage in Dalkey.

Lennox, a very tall man, was well known in Dalkey walking his tiny dog around the streets. He hosted open air performances in a type of amphitheatre in the garden of the house that one of our most famous musical residents now owns. Yeats and Lady Gregory attended these performances.

As one Abbey playwright was leaving the stage, another Dalkey writer was submitting a play with the unlikely name of Hughie Leonard. The pen name was taken from a character in the play *The Italian Road* which Jack Keyes Byrne (aka Hugh Leonard) gave as the author's name when he submitted *The Big Birthday* to the Abbey in 1955. Following the play's acceptance by Ernest Blythe, Jack held onto the pen name. In 1975 and 1976, the Abbey Theatre premiered two more of his plays, *A Leap in the Dark* and *Time Was*.

Hugh Leonard was Literary Editor at the Abbey Theatre from 1976-1977 and Festival Director of the Dublin Theatre Festival for over ten years. He had a prolific writing career. He put Dalkey on the international stage when his career defining play *Da* won four Tony awards, including Best Play, on Broadway in 1979. He was a great supporter of the two local community drama groups. He gave the premiere amateur production of *Da* to St. Patrick's Dramatic Society which was founded in 1961. He attended the All-Ireland performances every time that Dalkey Players reached the finals in Athlone. Hugh Leonard is reported to



Dalkey Players in The Crucible. Winner of the Abbey Award 2024
Photo by Lucy Nuzum.

have jokingly said that he and Bernard Farrell were “the only Irish writers with any talent, the rest were all geniuses”.

Bernard Farrell was born in Sandycove. His work graced the Abbey stage on numerous occasions. His first play, *I Do Not Like Thee, Dr Fell* was staged to great critical and popular acclaim at the Peacock Theatre in 1979. The run was extended and moved to the main Abbey stage. The Abbey commissioned Bernard's next play, *Canaries*, which was also hugely popular. Both of these plays, and many of his others, delighted capacity Dalkey audiences in the Town Hall down through the years, staged by Dalkey Players.

Bernard wrote twenty-one more plays. They were staged in Ireland, UK, Australia, USA and, in translation, all over Europe. Along the way, he was honoured with The Rooney Prize for Literature, was elected to Áosdana and served on the board of directors of the Abbey Theatre from 1997 to 2004.

Jennifer Johnston, daughter of Denis Johnston and Sheelagh Richards, again of Sorrento Terrace, is another with local associations whose work has been performed in the Peacock Theatre. Her *The Nightingale and not the Lark* premiered at the Peacock in 1979, when *Da* was the toast of Broadway.

The Dalkey Players' production of *The Crucible* kept alive a long Dalkey association with the Abbey Theatre. Their sold-out performances were rewarded with standing ovations on all four nights. Huge congratulations are due to them.



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❖ DALKEY PLAYERS & THE PEACOCK THEATRE ❖

Dalkey Players production of *The Crucible*, by Arthur Miller, directed by Emma Jane Nulty won this year, The Abbey Theatre Award at the All Ireland Drama Festival 2024. This Award enables the Group to perform for 4 nights in the National Theatre.

We had an incredible experience performing *The Crucible* on the Peacock Stage in our National Theatre. We were thrilled to have a sold out run with standing ovations every night. 30 people from the Group were involved, including 19 actors that ranged in age from 17 to 79!

The Festival Circuit was also a wonderful experience for this Dalkey Players production, winning 7 of 8 Festival and 51 awards across acting, direction, and technical areas.

We are very grateful for the support from our Patrons, DLRCC Arts Office and The Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre.

Dalkey Players



Photo by Mark Stedman - taken on Opening night of Dalkey Players production of The Crucible directed by Emma Jane Nulty in the Peacock, @ The Abbey Theatre, 29th June 2024

NINE HUNDRED TOWNS AWAIT THE 2024 TIDY TOWNS ADJUDICATORS

When launched in 1958, Bord Fáilte as it was then, could never have anticipated the impact of what is now the SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition. For our own Dalkey Tidy Towns team, on May 8th this year, we submitted our 38th entry with all the same hopes and ambitions as the other 900 entrants!

Dalkey's entry this year covered all the designated categories, Community, Streetscape & Public Spaces, Green Spaces & Landscaping, Nature & Biodiversity, Sustainability, Tidiness & Litter Control, Residential Streets & Housing areas, Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes. Our DTT committee of ten guides our small band of local volunteers. Our four focus groups involved seven nationalities this year who completed 166 work projects – all communicated to the team every Sunday night throughout the year. Most of the efforts are featured on our DTT Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/dalkeytt>

As Dalkey awaits the arrival of the Competition Adjudicators, here is a very short overview. DTT now takes care of 31 roadside flower beds and three parks, excavating and maintaining points of historic interest including five Heritage Stones, The Flags,

EIRE, Famine Pot, Cats Ladder, Sorrento Viewing Circle and Bullock Steps and Harbour, not to mention litter gathering, pavement weeding, hedge trimming and tree pruning. It is estimated that DTT's removal of 4,500 graffiti tags over the years has saved DLRCC approximately €530,000. Some less obvious achievements – securing free solar panels for Our Lady's Hall and Dalkey Pre-School Play School, plus free cavity wall insulation for three local houses, organising Climate Action and Energy seminars, creating public community



❖ DALKEY TIDY TOWNS UPDATE ❖

orchards and planting trees, taking part in the SCORE EU Coastal Erosion Research programmes and monitoring rising sea levels, working closely with Harold Boys School, Loreto Primary School, St. Patrick's School and Castle Park School and much more. This year, our Castle Street Traders made a special effort in upgrading their shop fronts and they have never looked better. DL-RCC have been of special help with upgrading street markings and supporting DTT on many planting and repair projects. We thank ESB Networks too for repainting over 200 rusting street poles

and the residents of St. Patrick's Square, Dalkey Park, Gosworth Park and Hyde Road for their support. We also thank the Church of the Assumption and St. Patrick's Church for their greatly appreciated help along the way.

'All fingers are now crossed for a good performance in the 2024 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition.'



Dalkey Tidy Towns



DALKEY TIDY TOWNS ENTRY 2024

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James Scannell will recall 'The Last Tram to Dalkey - July 9th 1949' at 7.30pm on Tuesday July 9th in Our Lady's Hall, Castle Street, Dalkey. All are welcome.

Publications

Ireland's Own 1924 - Centenary Souvenir Issue - 2024: Building a New Ireland - The Story of 1924 - Part 9 in the Birth of a Nation series, Editors Seán Nolan and Shea Tomkins, published by Ireland's Own.

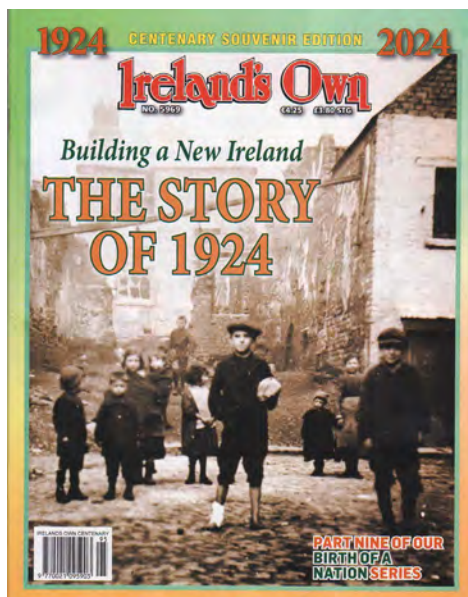
Articles featured in the latest issue, No. 9, of this excellent annual 'Birth of a Nation' magazine, with this issue devoted to 1924, which opens with 'The Free State Comes of Age' include - The World in 1924; They Were Born in 1924; Every Day Life in 1924; The Boundary Commission of 1924: An ill-fated attempt to redraw the Border; A new and controversial approach to the Irish Language; The Sporting Year, 1924; Gaelic Games in 1924: Dublin and Kerry crowned champions; Arts and Literature in 1924; One Day in September - Events at home and abroad on Monday September 22nd 1924; Kevin O'Higgins and the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1924; The Scott Medal; Juno and the Paycock; Aonach Tailteann - The Irish Olympics of 1924; The Courts of Justice Act, 1924: The emergence of the Irish Courts System; The Residency Rule: The controversial Waterford county hurling final of 1924; The Parish Olympics of 1924: The Free State takes its place on the world's sporting stage ; Observations on the Social and Economic Fabric of the Country; The Freeman's Journal - The Last Word: the success and demise of the nation's leading newspaper of the time; Lady Mary Heath: one of the world's famous women in both athletics and aviation; They Died in 1924. These fascinating articles are supported with some excellent illustrations, which provides the reader with an overview of events in the world and Ireland in 1924.

Dalkey - Looking Back

During the evening of Sunday July 13th 1924, a cyclist named Fitzsimons was seriously injured after his brakes failed and he crashed into a wall. Mr. Thomas Johnston, T.D., who came on the accident scene, went to Dalkey police station and requested that an ambulance be sent to the accident site. He was then told that Dalkey Township did not have its own ambulance and that the injured man would have to be taken by car or cab to St. Michael's Hospital in Dun Laoghaire. When he asked for the Dun Laoghaire ambulance to be sent to the accident site, he was informed that the Dalkey Town Clerk would have to be located as he was the only person who could authorise it's calling out to Dalkey. Taking matters into his own hands, Mr. Johnston telephoned the Dun Laoghaire ambulance and after undertaking to pay the call out charge, that ambulance then went to the accident site in Dalkey, picked up Mr. Fitzsimons and brought him to St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, where he was admitted as in-patient.

Copies of this excellent special issue are available from newsagents or can be ordered from Ireland's Own at www.irelandstown.ie.

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CAIRN COMMUNITY GAMES JUNE FINALS



The weekend of 8th/9th June 1,200 children participated in the Cairn Community Games June Finals.

With national Swimming, Gymnastics and Quiz competitions, that showcased the exceptional talent, community spirit and sportsmanship of children from across the country.

Gerry McGuinness, President of Cairn Community Games expressed his delight:

‘The Cairn Community Games June Finals have been a resounding success, showcasing the incredible talent and dedication of our young participants. The joy and excitement this weekend highlight the importance of community and engaging in diverse activities from a young age. A big thank you to all the volunteers, families and sponsors for their unwavering support’.

Cairn Community Games Regional Athletics, National Track and Field, Outdoor Teams and Arts and Cultural Finals will take place in August and September with thousands more children expected to take part.

Cairn Community Games

Congratulations to the girls from Dalkey who enjoyed a very successful competition.

Results:

2 Lengths Backstroke U12 Girls
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OUR LADY'S HALL - POWERED BY THE SUN & BY A STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT

In a remarkable turn of events this June, Our Lady's Hall, huddled on the southside of Castle Street in Dalkey, received a generous gift: a state-of-the-art 7.1kWp PV Solar System, 16 panels in all. The best part? It came at absolutely no cost to our community!



7.1kWp PV Solar System (16 panels)
Our Lady's Hall

Here's the backstory: SE Systems, fuelled by their Communities Fund, fully funded this solar installation. But that's not all. Dalkey Tidy Towns Sustainable Energy Community played a pivotal role securing this free offer by supporting SE Systems in their Community Energy Grant application to SEAI in 2023.

Solar contractors, **Truway Renewables**, worked their magic for a second time (last year with Dalkey Community Pre-School Playgroup), ensuring that Our Lady's Hall now harnesses the sun's energy to power its vibrant community life. And what a life it is! The hall buzzes with activity 6 to 7 days a week, hosting



Frank Dillon, Fiona Treacy both of Dalkey Tidy Towns with the Truway Renewable Team

11 diverse interest groups. From craftswomen to local artists, everyone finds a welcoming space here. Not to mention, DARA (Dalkey Active Retirement Association) practically lives here, using the hall 5 days a week. They're the largest active retirement group in the entire country! Our Lady's Hall, vested in the Saint Laurence O'Toole trust of the Archdiocese of Dublin, is Dalkey's Parish Hall. Jayne Courtney, the Manager of Our Lady's Hall, supports this environmental action and encourages sustainable practices.



Jayne Courtney, Manager, Our Lady's Hall

Our Lady's Hall allowed us to show what's possible when sustainability takes centre stage with community groups working together. John Bright, acting as Project Manager for the Church of Assumption, remarked, *"The recently completed solar panels are capable of supplying 100% of the hall's electrical requirement, while simultaneously exporting surplus power to the national grid. The cost savings that will be achieved are of immense importance to the viability of this much-valued community facility."*

So, next time you step into Our Lady's Hall, remember: those solar panels aren't just capturing sunlight; they're capturing community spirit. And who knows? Maybe your next cup of tea at a community gathering will probably be powered by the sun itself!

Community teamwork at its finest!

**Dalkey Tidy Towns
Sustainable Energy Community**



REPORT FROM DALKEY DASHERS

The Dalkey Dashers kicked off the usual training sessions on Wednesday 3rd April and continued up to Wednesday May 29th with the Dublin Cairn Community Games finals held in Santry on Sunday 2nd June. Early on Sunday morning over 60 participants piled in to buses and cars and headed to Santry full of excitement and anticipation for a great day's competition.

We were lucky with the weather with the biggest challenge being to keep everyone hydrated and avoid getting sun burnt! The proceedings started with the parade around the track followed by the reading of the Community Games pledge and a lone piper played Amhrán na bhFiann.

The competition was stiff but Dalkey Dashers, comprising of the two areas Dalkey and Glenageary brought home a haul of 3 gold medals, 3 silver, 1 bronze and 6 fourth place medals.

The gold medal winners will go forward directly to the National Finals while the Silver and Bronze medal winners will go to the Regional Finals with a further chance of qualifying for the National Finals.

We wish them all the best of luck!

We would like to thank all the coaches and volunteers who help out each week and make the Dalkey Dashers the special community occasion it is for all the participants.

New volunteers are always welcome and once Garda vetted they will be supported with Safe Guarding and Athletics coaching courses. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mr. Dunne and the BoM of Loreto Secondary School who give us the use of the grounds for our training sessions.

Thanks also to Ciara Leech, the Sports Hall Manager and her staff for their assistance during our 2024 season. We would also like to thank Ann Perry and Elaine Feely of the Dalkey Community Council for their support each year helping locally and for their ongoing representation of Dalkey Dashers at the Dublin Community Games Committee.

*Conor Patton
Dalkey Dashers*



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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.: D24A/0330/WEB

Applicant Rec'd Date: 13/05/2024

Applicant Name & Location: Colin & Nicola Keane, 2 Seafield Terrace, Coliemore Terrace, Dalkey, A96XY60

Proposal: The development seeking permission will consist of the construction of a vehicular entrance in the garden to the front of the property, one parking space and all associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D24B/0244/WEB

Applicant Rec'd Date: 23/05/2024

Applicant Name & Location: Emma Hutchinson Mark O'Connor, 35 Corrig Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96X2P1

Proposal: Proposed demolition of ground floor porch extension to side and construction of two storey extension to side of semi-detached house together with associated site works.

Declare Application Invalid: 07/06/2024

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0377/WEB

Applicant Rec'd Date: 30/05/2024

Applicant Name & Location: Anna Magee, 2 Victoria Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96R966

Proposal: (i) Internal modifications and extension (11.5 sqm) to existing 2-storey dwelling. (ii) Demolish existing out-building and construct new single storey store/utility (18.5 sqm). (iii) Relocate existing vehicular access with new gate and reconfigure landscaped courtyard.

Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0378/WEB

Applicant Rec'd Date: 30/05/2024

Applicant Name & Location: Shane Errity & Georgie Patton, 22, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Dublin, A96W8X3

Proposal: The development will consist of: • Partial demolition of existing single storey garage to side / rear; demolition of single storey extension to rear; • Construction of a two storey extension to the side and a part single part two-storey extension to the rear of the existing house including 2no. rooflights; • Widening of existing front vehicular entrance to 3.5m and associated works; • Works will also include infill of front porch, alteration of a rear first floor window ope, all associated internal alterations / demolitions, site, drainage, landscaping and ancillary works. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0390/WEB

Applicant Rec'd Date: 03/06/2024

Applicant Name & Location: Patrick & Karen Kelly, 8A, Convent Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96DD58

Proposal: Removal of the existing front gable. Two new dormer windows to the front for two additional bedrooms on the first floor. Two-storey front porch extension. Relocation of the front entrance door. Change the sizes of existing front windows on the ground floor. New front and side single-storey extension. First-floor extension to the rear with a flat roof over. Demolition of two existing sheds and replacing with one shed with a flat roof to the side. Two roof windows to the new side extension.

Declare Application Invalid: 07/06/2024

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0405/WEB

Applicant Rec'd Date: 07/06/2024

Applicant Name & Location: David O'Keeffe, Kathy O'Keeffe, 7, Cunningham Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96E439

Proposal: The development will consist of: the renovation and extension of the existing two storey detached dwelling including; demolition of the existing two storey extension to the rear, demolition of single storey extensions and additions to front and sides (total demolitions 136sqm), the removal of the existing roof and subsequent construction of part two, part three storey extensions to the front, rear and east side of the existing house to include terraces at the front and rear, construction of new roof to the existing house with dormer window and terrace to front and rooflights to front, rear and side (total proposed extended floor area 174sqm), alterations to all existing elevations to include reconfiguration and repositioning of all external windows and doors, existing walls to be externally insulated and finished with brick and painted render finishes, reconfiguration of the internal layouts, widening of the front vehicular access gate and driveway, a new garden room in the rear garden (total floor area 40sqm), along with all associated landscaping (including revised site levels), boundary treatments, site services above and below ground, and all associated site works.

Application Type: Permission

PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEKS 20-23 2024 13/05/2024 - 07/06/2024

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0196

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 15/05/2024

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 rear of existing house.

Reg. Ref.: D24B/0134

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 22/05/2024

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.

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0219

Decision: Grant Permission & Grant Retention

Date: 28/05/2024

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.

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0239

Decision: Request Additional Information

Date: 29/05/2024

Applicant Name & Location: Eugene & Mary Peppard, 41 Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96DX90

Proposal: Demolition of existing 2 storey over partial basement house and construction of new two storey over partial basement house including vehicular entrance and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D24B/0158/WEB **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 31/05/2024
Applicant Name & Location: David & Karen Whelan, Kilfenora, 3 Killiney Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96KN80
Proposal: This proposal is for the addition of a master bedroom suite on top of the existing two storeys flat roof structure.

Reg. Ref.: D17A/1129/E **Decision:** Refuse Ext. Of Duration Of Permission **Date:** 05/06/2024
Applicant Name & Location: Kathleen Kelly, 10, Corrig Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission is sought for a development consisting of the demolition of the existing single storey dwelling and the construction of a 3 bedroom, detached, dormer dwelling along with all associated site development and engineering, landscaping and boundary treatment works.

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0238 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 04/06/2024
Applicant Name & Location: Timothy & Sinead Bouchier Hayes, 33, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Dublin, A96KC92
Proposal: Construction of a new part single storey, part two storey mews type dwelling over basement. Accommodation provided includes a basement storage and plant area, a kitchen, living/dining room, bathroom and family room at ground floor level and two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a study/home office at first floor level, together with all ancillary works including connections to existing services. The proposed development will also include the creation of a new vehicular and pedestrian access from Hyde Park together with the formation of a new vehicular entrance gate.

Reg. Ref.: D24A/0241/WEB **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 04/06/2024
Applicant Name & Location: Bastable Peter & Siobhán, 5, Rocklands, Dalkey, Dublin, A96XD92
Proposal: Extensive redesign, remodelling and renovation of existing 3 storey detached dwelling to include partial demolition of existing first floor extensions, existing car port, rear timber terrace and stairs, internal walls, split level floors and roof and to construct a ground floor single storey extension to the rear (16m²), entrance porch to front (4.25m²), a single storey side extension to the west providing a walk through store (15m²), a two storey side extension to the east providing dining area and ensuite area (12m²), first and second floor landings to new internal accommodation stairs serving all floors (8.5m²), a new dormer window to second floor studio space, revised floor levels throughout, revised roof profile with increased pitch and increased ridge level (750mm approx.), extensive redesign of all external elevations including new windows throughout, external works including a remodelled front driveway and entrance design, a covered external rear terrace area & all associated site works including PV array at roof level.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA - WEEKS 20-23 2024 13/05/2024 - 07/06/2024

None for Dalkey



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Gardaí can be contacted at Dun Laoghaire Garda Station

TELEPHONE:

01- 6665000 OR

01-6665020

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0210

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 07/05/2024

Council Decision: Grant permission for retention

Location: The Flags, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Dublin, A96DX94

Proposal: The proposed development will consist of Retention Permission and Permission.

(a) Retention of Alterations to the development approved under reg ref D20A/0300 (An Bord Pleanala Ref No. PL06D.308729). The alterations to be retained are as follows:

(i) Increase in ground floor area from 238sqm to 273sqm.

(ii) Increase in first floor area from 138 to 170sqm.

(iii) Decrease in Attic level area from 55sqm to 45sqm.

(iv) Changes to the internal layout of all floors.

(v) Changes to the fenestration on front and rear elevations.

(vi) Provision of 196sqm non-accessible void at basement level.

(vii) revised steps and planting terraces at the front of the house.

(viii) increase in height of chimney stack by 220mm.

(ix) increase in height of roof-line from 9.15 to 9.156m.

(x) Addition of 1.8m deep canopy roof on rear elevation.

(xi) Addition of 1.8m Deep canopy roof on rear elevation.

(xii) Addition of retractable awning on rear elevation.

(b) Permission for alterations to the development approved under Reg Ref D20A/0300 (An Bord Pleanala Ref No. PL06D.308729). the alterations being sought are as follows:

(i) Provision of 196sqm basement, in place of the existing void and

(ii) Revised location of pedestrian gated entrance on west boundary

Applicant Name: Timo & Ruth Barry

Reg. Ref.: D23A/0352

Appeal Decision: Grant Permission

Appeal Decided: 28/05/2024

Council Decision: Refuse permission for retention

Location: Saint Patrick's Church, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Dublin, A96HA24

Proposal: Permission to retain the existing development consisting of antenna, radio equipment, microwave dishes and all associated telecommunications equipment. A Protected Structure.

Applicant Name: Vantage towers Ltd.



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Summer Stars is a national programme so even when you are on holidays children can avail of the opportunity to pop into any library in Ireland and get their cards stamped and updated! Ask staff about it the next time you drop in to your local branch.



EVENTS AT DALKEY LIBRARY:

Football Quiz for Kids

July 03 2.00 - 3.00

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Summer Comic Book Club

July 10 11.00-12.00

Join us for a junior book club where we talk about all things COMIC BOOKS! A fun way to keep kids engaged in reading over the summer.

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Monster Doodle!!

July 18 2.00-3.00

Whether you're a doodler, an artist in the making or just enjoy using all the colours, we can provide, come along for our Summer Stars themed Monster Doodle! Suitable for families, to book please call 012855317 or email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie

Board Game Club for Adults

July 16 6.00-7.30

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The ACORN tablet project from the dlr Digital Inclusion working group hopes to help bridge the digital divide by providing age-friendly, easy-to-use technology. The ACORN tablet is designed with the older person in mind and the home screen is clear and easy to navigate.



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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Dear Editor,

We no longer have an AIB bank in Dalkey, nor a Post Office, nor a Garda station, not even a bus service (?).

That last part isn't strictly true, but in reference to bus number 59, it sometimes feels that way.

Most of us, young and older than young, need to travel for shopping, dining, banking and postal services. The DART is great, but it doesn't drop us off in the centre of Dun Laoghaire, and it even has weekends when it gets cancelled completely!

There are now many traffic restrictions and one-way systems throughout the borough. So, we can ditch the car to cycle, walk or roller-skate from one place to the next.

I'm quite happy about this. What I can't understand is the lack of a reliable and regular bus service for Dalkey dwellers. Many more of us would gladly leave our motor car at home if we had at least a half-hourly 59 service.

We had local elections last month and will probably have General elections by the spring of 2025. So, we all now have a great opportunity to demand something more than an hourly bus service. The incumbent and the newly-to-be elected will surely be eager to promote reducing pollution, saving the environment and, perhaps, even genuinely improving the quality of our lives.

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MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Our school decided that it would be a good idea to put on a musical in celebration of Loreto being in Dalkey for 180 years. It took place in the secondary school hall, starting on the 30th of April for 3 days. The teachers began doing auditions a few months ago to decide what roles everyone would play.

Over the course of several weeks a few people at a time were called out of their classes to practise. The classes that were part of the musical were 3rd to 6th class. During choir we learnt all the new Matilda songs. Lots of different places, including RTE, let us borrow some of the costumes for Matilda and even lots of props.

On the nights that we were performing, we had lots of fun doing each other's hair and make-up. After our group had finished performing in the scene we were in, we went back to our classroom and played games while waiting until the second half, because we were part of the choir for



the second half. All the shows went very smoothly and everyone had lots of fun doing them. Some of the girls from our class had main parts. Cleo was Mrs. Wormwood, Alannah was the mechanic, Rosalyn was Mrs. Phelps, Aoife was Ms. Trunchbull, Rachel was the acrobat and Abigail was the escapologist.

All the teachers worked very hard to make this show happen including Ms. Quinn who taught us all the songs and was conducting during the show, Ms. Howard and Ms. Ellard who were on production and props and Ms. Power who was the choreographer. In fact, every single teacher in the school helped to make *Matilda the Musical* happen.

We are very grateful and thrilled at how amazing our show turned out.

**by Maeve Donagh
& Emma Phillips
in 6th class**



A VISIT FROM DAVE'S JUNGLE



Dave's Jungle recently visited us at Harold Boys' N.S. during our school's Wellbeing Week. The children were encouraged to take a step outside their comfort zone and pet animals they may never have seen before. Dave brought a variety of animals along with him. He set up his fictional jungle in the hall and made space for all of his animals. Each class got to spend time with Dave and his wonderful creatures.

Dave first showed the boys his python, named Shaun. He told them that Shaun likes to eat mice, rats, rabbits and even small birds. Next, we were shown another creature from the snake family, a boa constrictor. This animal is over 6-feet tall

and has 800 ribs! The boys held him and stroked his scales. Dave explained that he sleeps with his eyes open and never blinks.

An iguana named Phyllis sat on a table and walked around the hall during the show, occasionally turning around in response to the excitement. The next part of the show included a tarantula, named Charlotte, which every boy got to handle. Dave also showed us a locust, which one of the teachers bravely placed on her head!

Dave saved the best for last, showing us his snapping turtle, called Spike. Spike was friendly and we watched while he snapped a carrot out of Dave's hand.

We really enjoyed our visit from Dave and his animals – we hope to see him again soon!

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CASTLE PARK SCHOOL PUPIL ARTWORK

With just two weeks left until the summer break, our pupils have been reflecting on the year that has passed and have taken the opportunity to share their favourite moments, projects and artwork with the school community.

experience and it is a pleasure to be able to share their work with the wider community via this newsletter.

On Friday 7th June, the annual Castle Park Pupil Art Exhibition opened and a steady stream of parents, grandparents and Special Persons joined us to take in the many wonderful creations by pupils of all ages.

Castle Park School



photos Castle Park School

Creativity and play are important parts of any primary school pupil's



GOODBYE FR. DECLAN

After 15 years of service in the Church of the Assumption, Fr. Declan said a quiet goodbye to us on the 17th June.

Fr. Declan is known and loved for his wisdom, storytelling, wicked sense of humour and, most importantly, his deep compassion. I think everyone would agree that after one encounter with him you instantly felt that you had made a dear friend who gives you their time, an empathetic ear and lifts your spirits in the low moments.

Oscar winning artist Charlie Mackesy said that *'success is not in awards or accolades but in the depth of connections with other people'* and these deep connections are Fr. Declan's gift. Embracing Jesus' command to love God and love people, Fr. Declan showed us over the last 15 years how to live out

these words by practicing unselfishness, kindness, patience and joy.

I have had the privilege of working with Fr. Declan on

several ministries over the years. He usually spent the majority of a meeting listening to everyone's ideas or concerns and would then carefully discern how to support an idea or request especially if it was rooted in love for God and people. His thoughts were always gentle and positive but behind every response was support. He went to great lengths not just to encourage but also to create a wide and supportive space that allowed the Holy Spirit to work through people. I will be always grateful not just for his example but for his ability to elevate people and steer them into purpose.

Fr. Declan's absence will be felt here in Dalkey and we will miss his gentle smile but we wish him a well-deserved retirement that is filled with joy, peace and adventure.

Jayne Courtney



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As I write the State exams are still progressing. Where is the traditional sunshine? I not only remember the stress of my own, with my 18th birthday in the middle, but have been through it with two of my children as a parent. The promise of a post exam period will be a reality by the time these notes are published.

I look forward to meeting **Fr David Brough** as he begins his ministry in the Church of the Assumption and thank you to Fr. Liam and Fr. Declan for extending such a lovely ecumenical welcome to me since I arrived. I look forward to more opportunities to work together.

Our new Parish Website is coming soon! Keep an eye out, it's going to be Mega!

UPCOMING SERVICES

Teddy Bear Sleepover and Picnic Saturday 13th July 7 - 8 pm

Teddies and their families are welcome to the church for tucking in with a story.

(Older teddies and their friends are most welcome too.)

Sunday 14th July

Teddy bear collection at 10.15 to join in at the 10.15 service followed by Bring your own picnic.



21st July Broadcast Service on RTE

This has already been recorded and will be shown on that Sunday morning. If you or anyone else you know will be watching at home and like to sing along or pray along please contact the parish office for an order of service which we can email out.

dalkeyparish@gmail.com

Sunday 25th July

10.15 Baptism indoor and all going out for an Outdoor service weather permitting.

In the meantime, have a lovely Summer and enjoy a good rest and remember; our churches are open all summer.

Rev Ruth Elmes





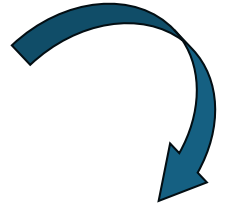
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Sunday Worship

Holy Communion or Matins, 8.30am.

Main Service 10.45 am, Holy Communion/
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A reminder that in cases of emergency or
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Bark in the Park

What a super, fun filled family event this "First for Killiney" turned out to be on Saturday 8th June! The morning started at 7am for a lot of our sturdy men who arrived at the school's playground in Wyvern to erect various Gazebos, move tables etc and had everything ready for us to open at 10am. The main attraction was the sheepdog trial demonstration (three of them during the morning) by the award-winning Denis Birchall and his dog Tweed. These were held on the grass area, where the sheep were well fenced in, with plenty of seated viewing. The children especially were fascinated. They were allowed in to pet the sheep in between the demos - such a strange sight in a Dublin school playground!

There were five different competitions at various intervals for the 80 dogs who had been registered. They paraded down the central walk, judged by Joseph O'Sullivan, a Vet from the Veterinary Hospital in UCD. Each winner received a prize and a red Rosette for their dog. The Grand Finale was "Killiney's Poshest Pooch" competition - a treat to watch such proud dogs!

During all this, there were other attractions around the edge of the grounds: Freshly cooked delicious Burgers, Coffee to Go, Home-cooked Meals, Cakes, Bracks, Biscuits to take home. Teddy's Ice Cream Van was on site, which was very popular. There was a fantastic array of goods made by our parish knitting group "Sheep Thrills" who had been especially busy producing "Doggie" items such as jackets, pants, hats, neckties and even little knitted bags with dog treats in them!



The Vet also kindly gave Pet Health Checks. We also had Storytelling with E.J. Leeson, Face painting with Nalena who also had some lovely jewellery for sale and the inevitable Raffle with good prizes. We enjoyed live music by one of our parishioners, John Wildgoose and his friend, making for a great atmosphere. Three weeks before the event there was an Art Competition for each class in the school to draw a special dog/pet, which was judged by Brett McEntaggart RHA. Their amazing drawings were on show in the School Hall all morning.

The Organising Committee - Mark Heaton, Sorcha O'Reilly, Helen Irwin, Joan Millar & Paul O'Brien - would like to sincerely thank GKNS Principal, Mrs. Sadie Honner for use of the school grounds, all those who generously sponsored our competitions, donated Raffle Prizes, bought tickets, gave a donation, the early morning "Gang" and particularly those who gave their time and effort to supply all the varied items for sale. Without all of you this obviously could not have happened and been the success it was - it's been a long time since we saw SO many smiling faces all together!

Carry Centre

Blossom Nursery School continues running until 28th June when they close for the summer holidays. We are looking forward to having the summer camps back again this summer. We start with the Designer Minds from 1-12th July and then Bricks 4 Kidz from 15- 19th July and 12-16th August. Pilates will be running on Tuesday nights from 6-30-8.30pm.

Table tennis finals were held on 9th May and there was a good attendance including past members Gloria and Rodney Smyth and Derek and Liz Crampton.

The AGM will be held on the 30th August in the Carry Centre 7.30pm and table tennis will resume on the 2nd September at 7.30pm.

Sheep Thrills had a very interesting talk given by Fiona, the daughter of Miriam, one of our members of Sheep Thrills on the Charity Extern and were delighted to support it. Wool is always welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078 www.facebook.com/holytrinitykilliney

Y Club men's society will resume with a meeting on 19th September.



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SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING 4TH JUNE 2024 HELD IN OLH

- Treasurer:** DCC acknowledges all those who have contributed to our annual collection and encourage those who may not have returned their envelopes yet to do so or make an online donation.
- DTT:** The DTT teams are working extremely hard in preparation for the adjudicators from the TT who will be visiting the town and area during the coming two months.
- Graffiti:** There were 17 tags during the past month. It is hoped that IE will take care of the graffiti in the shelters at the DART station. They have been helpful in the removal of tags on their property.
- Sport:** The Dalkey Community Games athletes enjoyed a very successful day at the Dublin Community Games Competition held in Santry on Sunday 02nd June.
- Planning:** The Queens has been granted permission for the guesthouse accommodation at the rear of the property.
- AOB:** The Dalkey Players would like to thank everyone who supported their performances in The Abbey Theatre.
As part of the DCC 50th anniversary celebrations James Scannell will present a talk on The Last Dalkey Tram in OLH on Tuesday 9th July at 7.30pm. All welcome.
The next DCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 02nd July 2024 at 3pm in OLH.

UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH JULY 2024

DCC Meeting is Tuesday 02th July at 3pm in Our Lady's Hall.

The Last Dalkey Tram – talk by James Scannell in OLH at 7:30pm. All welcome!

Swift Walk & Talk on Wednesday 17th July. Meet at the bus shelter on Hyde Road at 9pm.

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 . . .

Sky are currently sending letters to some customers telling them they need to upgrade to SkyQ, & If they don't upgrade then they will start to lose channels.

This applies to VERY OLD sky boxes only, and in most cases the letter can be ignored. To check if you really need to upgrade (and you probably don't) go to channel 101 on your Sky box, and if you are receiving RTE1 in HD you DO NOT need to take any further action, and you will NOT lose any channels.

On a different note Channel 4 has decided to drop some of its music channels, 4Music, The Box, Kerrang, Kiss and Magic TV will not be transmitting by the time you read this article.

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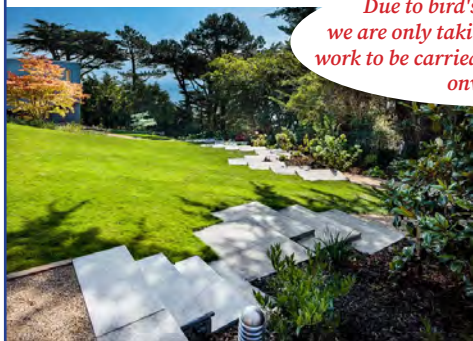
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