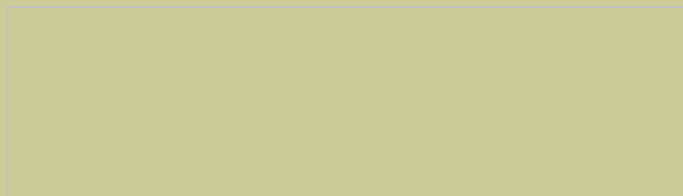


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August: The Roman Emperor, Augustus named the eight month August in honour of himself. He died 19 August 14 AD. The Anglo-Saxons called August “Weod-Monath” or “Weed Month”.



Flower: Poppy & Gladioli

August brings the sheaves of corn.
Then the harvest home is borne.

The July meeting of Community Council took place on Monday, 4 July at 8pm in Our Lady’s Hall.

Matters Arising:

There was an article published in the Newsletter about St Begnet’s Graveyard (published in July edition – Ed), comments from residents are very welcome. Entry to the graveyard is free-of-charge and everyone should visit in the coming weeks. It is being considered by the Community Council to set-up a sub-committee to draw up a strategy to explore the best course of action to take, in partnership, with other interested groups to get the project started.

Functions: The Garden Reception will be held on Friday 16th September.

Tidy Towns: There has been a poor attendance for the litter patrols and the helpers have been hard pressed. There are a lot of weeds around the area as DLRCC have not been out spraying this year. Many cars are being parked illegally on the footpaths and this is causing problems to both householders and pedestrians.

Neighbourhood Watch:

It was reported that there is an increase in public disorder offences and we are all reminded it is not permitted to drink alcohol in any public place in the borough. Everyone should be vigilant during the summer and remember to remove articles from cars and care should be taken when in the garden (make sure your front and side doors are closed) or leaving the house. Small and simple measures can be effective and prevent crime.

The meeting concluded.

AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

- Dead-head roses, annuals and perennials for a longer flowering period. Also keep watering and feeding with liquid fertiliser.
- Water and keep feeding hanging baskets/tubs daily.

- Sow some spring cabbage.
 - Dry off onions as the tops brown.
 - Pinch out the tops of runner beans for a larger crop. Also pinch out the tops of tomato plants and remove lower leaves (in greenhouse).
 - Take cuttings of fuchsias and geraniums.
- Above all enjoy your garden while the weather is milder, possibly even warm (!) and the evenings are longer.

CÉAD MÍLE FáILTE

A very hearty welcome to all visitors to Dalkey whether you are returning home for a short while or just dropping by, each and every one of you is very welcome. We hope you enjoy yourself however long you manage to stay with us.

The longest road out is the shortest road home.

DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE

Historical Tours As part of The Dalkey-Anglesey: Sharing a culture exchange there are just two Historical Tours left on 16th & 17th August and finally on the weekend of Sept 3rd & 4th before the project finishes. If you have been thinking of going and still haven't done so, time is running out! The funding by Interreg Community Initiative 111A of ERDF finishes in 2005, so it will not be possible to offer the product after that.

The tours are fully guided with a local archaeologist accompanying visitors to the following sites: • Beaumaris Castle • Din Lligwy Romano-British Farmstead • Penmon Early Christian Priory, Church & Dovecote • Bryn Celli Ddu Passage Grave and Menai Bridge. The tour schedule also allows for free time in Beaumaris for those who wish to explore the town or spend some time shopping. Welsh poets travel on the coach and entertain the passengers between stops. There is evening entertainment at the hotel by the Ffidl Ffadl or other Traditional Folk Groups. The cost of the trip is €195 per person (inclusive) sharing. For those preferring a single room, a supplement of €35 applies. Trips depart from Dun Laoghaire Ferry Terminal at 11:00 am and return at 8.30pm the following evening. The price includes ferry, coach, dinner, bed and breakfast as well as excellent lunch on both days. Guests stay at Tre Ysygawen Hall Hotel and Spa or the Bulkeley Hotel in Beaumaris. Groups are coming to Dalkey in a reciprocal arrangement. Great links have been fostered between the two communities.

Artist Residency The current artist from Anglesey here in Dalkey, Toby Downing is working with the Black Sheep Art Group on the Dragon and Goat for the Community Pageant in Sept. The boys from Home Again (formerly the Los Angeles Society) in Dalkey are making a great contribution with their enthusiasm for the project. A festival with a Welsh flavour, is planned for the weekend of 24th & 25th Sept. A Welsh male voice choir will perform in the Town Hall, the traditional Welsh folk group, Ffidl Ffadl so beloved of the people who travelled to Anglesey are coming to perform: There will be a writers workshop and of course the Street Pageant. Programme of events in the Sept issue.

The numbers attending the Living History Day on Wednesdays (11.00-4.00pm) at the Centre have completely spiralled upwards. People and families are coming from far and near to see history brought to

life by the Deilg Inis Theatre Company. Normal admission prices apply, there is no additional charge. A Family Ticket costs only €16. Historical Walks from the Centre on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are also very popular. The cost is €4 per person and there is half price admission to the Heritage Centre with the Walks ticket and special price for lunch locally.

Language School visitors are great patrons of the Centre all year round, but particularly during July and August. Weekends are again adversely affected by the Dart closures.

The Story Gathering archive will resume in the autumn. Many people have come forward with fascinating stories of old Dalkey. Caimin Collins of Deilg Inis Theatre Company has written a fictitious Dalkey story entitled Cuan (harbour) and it will be performed outdoors at Coliemore Harbour and Dillon's

and Sorrento Parks from July 28th – August 6th at 7.30pm. There are matinee performances at 2.00pm on 30th & 31st July and 1st and 6th August. Book at 285 7802 or at the Heritage Centre.

The Dalkey Map which was an initiative of the new Dalkey Tourism group has been a great addition to all the shops, bars and restaurants in the town, as visitors were permanently looking for information and directions. They are on prominent display in all Dublin tourist offices. The picture of the impressive goat on the front was taken on Dalkey Island on St Patrick's Day.

New Writers Gallery Courtesy of the Heritage Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co the Centre now has a display of most of the writers associated with the area. It is a great addition to the Centre.

For info on any matters relating to the Heritage Centre contact 285 8366

GOOD LUCK

Wishing every student awaiting the results of the Leaving Certificate or college exams the best of luck.

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE: Know your rights

Is it true that you can no longer include your children on your passport?

Yes, it is true. From 1 October 2004, all children, regardless of age, can no longer be included on their parents' passports, but must obtain an individual passport in their own name. Children who are already included on a parent's passport can continue to travel with their parents to most countries up to their 16th birthday providing the passport is still valid. There are some exceptions, however, on this freedom to travel without an individual passport. For example, Estonia requires children aged 7 and over to have their own passport, while the Czech Republic requires it for those aged 15 or over. From 26 October, everyone regardless of age requires an individual passport for entry into the United States. If in doubt check with the embassy or consulate of the country to which you are going before you travel. The cost of a passport for a child is as follows:

Up to age 3 (3 year passport) €15

Age 3 to 17 (5 year passport) €25

When applying for a passport for a child you must submit:

Pas 1 (Application Form) (Pas 2/3/4 if not living in Ireland)

Pas M (Consent Form)

Long Form Birth Certificate

The child's previous passport (if he/she had one)

2 Passport size photographs

The relevant fee

Application forms are available from your local Garda station and from post offices. Also available from your post office is a 'Passport Express' service, which guarantees receipt of a passport within ten working days where applications are completed correctly with proper documentation. The additional fee for this service is €6.50 per application.

Further details available from the Citizens Information Centre, 85-86 Patrick Street, Dun Laoghaire.

Telephone: 2844544

Colette

PLACES TO GO

Malahide Castle: Malahide, Co. Dublin – oldest castle continually occupied by one family – the Talbots – from 1185 to 1975. Open Monday to Saturday (April to October) 1.00 to 17.00, Sunday and public holidays 11.00 to 18.00.

Fry Model Railway: Malahide Castle Demesne, Malahide, Co Dublin– a unique collection of handmade models from a collection built up in the 1920's and 1930's by Cyril Fry. The working railway covers 2,500 square feet. Open Monday to Saturday (closed Fridays) 10.00 to 17.00, Sunday and public holidays 14.00 to 18.00 (closed for lunch 13.00 to 14.00).

Newman House: 85/86 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 – two 18th century city-centre mansions combined to form the first Catholic University, now University College. The plasterwork is among the finest in Ireland. Open June to August, public tours Tuesday to Friday at 12.00, 14.00, 15.00 and 16.00.

Shaw Birthplace: 33 Synge Street, Dublin 8 – birthplace (1856) of George Bernard Shaw, set-out to give the impression the family had just left the house for a short while. Located just a ten minute walk from St. Stephen's Green. Open May to September, Monday to Friday 11.00 to 17.00 (closed Wednesday) Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 14.00 to 17.00 closed 13.00 to 14.00.

Information taken from House, Castles and Gardens of Ireland

CONTROL OF DOGS

Now that the summer is well and truly here we all want to be out and about and that includes walking our dogs but with that comes some responsibilities

Dog Licences: If you have a dog you must have a licence. Licences are valid for 12 months and are available from the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council offices or from any Post Office. The cost is €12.70. The information required on the dog licence is the owner's name, address and description of the dog, i.e. breed, colour etc. The Dog Warden may call and you must be able to produce the licence. One licence is required for each dog you own.

Penalties: Failure to produce a valid dog licence when requested to do so will result in an on the spot fine of €30. Failure to keep your dog under control will result in an on the spot fine of €30. This includes letting your dog out without proper supervision. Failure to pay any fines can result in a prosecution at the District Court.

Dog Barking: Excessive barking, which causes a nuisance to any person is an offence. Complaints in relation to excessive barking should be made to the District Court on the appropriate form (available from the Local Authority). For further information contact the District Court, Dún Laoghaire at 280 0038.

Stray Dogs: Stray dogs must be handed over to the Council's Dog Warden. They will be brought to the Dog Pound where they may be reclaimed by their owners. A "stray dog" is a dog which is in a public place and not accompanied by the owner or some other responsible person with the consent of the owner.

Unwanted Dogs: Unwanted dogs should be handed over to the Dog Warden or taken to the Dog Pound where they will be accepted free of charge.

Beaches: Please note that dogs are prohibited from certain beaches between 10.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. during the period 1st June to 30th September.

Leashes: All dogs must be kept under effectual control when in any public place, i.e. street, road, park etc..

Certain Breeds must always be leashed. These dogs should also be muzzled and accompanied by a

person over the age of 16 years when in a public place.

Dogs which should be Leashed and Muzzled when in all public places

- American Pit Bull
 - Terrier Bull Mastiff
 - Doberman Pinscher
 - English Bull Terrier
 - German Shepherd/Alsatian
 - Japanese Akita
 - Japanese Tosa
 - Rhodesian Ridgeback
 - Rottweiler
 - Staffordshire Bull Terrier
 - Ban Dog
- Any crossbreed of the above

Dog Fouling: You must clean up any dog litter which has been deposited by your dog in any street, road, path, park etc. Failure to do so is an offence under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997- 2003. The on the spot fine is €125.

Clean Up after your Dog: Diseases that can be contracted by humans from animals are called Zoonoses. Round Worm Infestation by *Toxocara Canis* is the most frequent worm in dogs and this can be readily contracted by humans especially children under 5 years from contamination by dog faecal material. The Larvae of this worm can migrate through human tissues and cause a condition called Visceral Larvae Migrants. On rare occasions this can enter the human eye and cause blindness. It may also damage internal organs, ie liver.

The faeces does not have to be fresh to be infective!

Dog faeces may also be a source of Eteric Bacteria that are contagious to humans, e.g. salmonella and E.Coli.

Dog dirt is smelly, sticky and disgusting and should not be left for others to take care of in public places. Remember Pooper Scoopers are available free of charge from the County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire or just bring your own.

Courtesy DLRCOCO

TEN TOP TAP TIPS

As our country grows there is also a growing demand on our water supply. In order for us all to enjoy our precious reserves we need to be more aware of water conservation.

It's surprising to know that the average daily water consumption per person in Ireland is over 148 litres! We can reduce the amount we use quite simply, by following these straightforward tips. Water is precious. Let's conserve it.

1. Keep a jug of water in the fridge. Instead of letting the tap run for cold water, fill a jug of water and keep it in the fridge.
2. Instead of letting the tap run, use a basin to rinse/clean your fruit and vegetables. Why not use the leftover water to give your pot plants a drink?
3. Use a bucket of water not a hose - a running hose will use about 9 litres of water per minute. The car will be just as clean using a bucket of water. When cleaning your windows or washing your car, use a bucket and sponge instead of a hose. The same goes for your garden flowers, try using a watering can instead.
4. Lawns don't need to be hosed. Use good mulch on your flowerbeds to reduce watering.
5. Fix leaking taps as soon as you hear them. Remember to check that your home is leak free and fix those dripping taps. Phone and report water leakage from burst pipes to your local authority.
6. Use your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full. A typical washing machine on full cycle uses up to 45 litres of water. A dishwasher uses 20 litres. Try to use only your appliances when you have a full load. You'll save money and conserve water.
7. Don't leave the tap running while brushing your teeth - a running tap will dispense up to 6

7. Don't leave the tap running while brushing your teeth - a running tap will dispense up to 6 litres of water a minute. Don't leave it running while shaving or washing your hands.
8. In the shower - reduce the time you spend in the shower. A power shower will use over 125 litres in less than five minutes (a bath takes 80 litres of water).
9. Know how to turn off your water supply - this could save thousands of litres of water and damage to your home in the event of a pipe burst.
10. Hot drinks - fill the kettle with enough for your needs, not to the brim. It saves energy too.

Take a guess at the average

Water consumption and use: Average, Daily Water Consumption per Person:

Shower 35 litres, W.C. 27, laundry wash 40, hand wash 12, teeth brushing 12, dish wash 10, cooking 10, drinking 2 – a total of 148 litres per person, average, per day!

Courtesy of Tap Tips

TIDIER TOWN

Don't forget that during the summer months we are being judged for the Tidy Towns Competition. So please make that little extra effort to keep Dalkey clean. If you would like to help at the regular clean-up days please see the notice board at Our Lady's Hall for details.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Comparing the accounts for 2004 with 2003, there is very little difference except the provision of €4,500 for projects commenced during 2004, for which the payments will be made in 2005. The completion date of these projects is out of our hands as we are dependent on others for completion.

The memorial bench will be made from granite and will be sited at Archbold's Castle in memory of the late Harry Latham.

The Heritage sign will be similar to that at the junction of Castle Park and Ulverton Roads and will be sited where the existing metal sign is on Barnhill Road near Killiney Towers.

Overall the finances of the Community Council are in a very satisfactory state.

Pat Egan, Hon. Treasurer

BACKYARD BURNING

If you are burning your waste at home, you need to **STOP!**

Many people in Ireland burn waste on their own property. The materials burned are varied and include paper, cardboard, textiles, timber, food, garden clippings, synthetics, such as plastic and even glass, metal and household chemicals. This "backyard burning", as it is known, is mistakenly seen as a cheap method of keeping waste out of already overflowing landfills and many presume that it is not harmful to the environment. **Nothing could be further from the truth.** Practically all uncontrolled low temperature burning of waste releases toxic pollutants directly into the air without treatment or filtering. This is one of the major sources of some pollutants impacting on air quality in Ireland today.

Uncontrolled, low temperature burning of municipal waste can impact on human health, food safety and the environment. Current research indicates that when municipal waste is burned, in piles in the open, in barrels or open pits, or in commercially available home incinerators, toxic pollutants are released into the air. The major problem with backyard burning is that it is rarely carried out at high enough temperatures to destroy toxic substances.

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Almost 70% of the dioxins emitted to air in Ireland came from the uncontrolled, low temperature burning of waste. This makes backyard burning of waste the single biggest source of dioxins released into the Irish environment.

Courtesy Race against Waste

DALKEY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Table Tennis resumes for play on Wednesday, 7 September 2005 at 10.30am (till 12.30pm). Venue is the Cuala Sports Centre, Hyde Road with a break for tea/coffee at approximately 11.15am. We have had a very successful year with a large membership only finishing on 29 June. However we welcome more male members (particularly house husbands!) to join our existing four. During the year we played for the Betty Wilmot Memorial Trophy, which was won by Mary Boushell and Marie Long, also for the Shield presented to us by the "Queens Hotel". This was won by Patricia O'Donoghue. We also had a small competition at Christmas. Apart from these three competitions we normally play social table tennis every Wednesday, but you must agree the occasional competition makes it all the more interesting. We hope to see all our members back again on 7 September. New members are always welcome. Just come along to Cuala any Wednesday morning and we will be delighted to see you. Marie Byrne

WELCOME TO THE FESTIVAL OF WORLD CULTURES 2005!

This is the fifth year that artists from over 50 countries will be taking part in this year's exciting event: 70% of which is free to the public. 40 venues will host over 160 events in a global celebration for all ages. As in previous years Dun Laoghaire will be transformed as artists and audiences alike - a staggering 160,000 in 2004 - descend on the town for 3 days of cultural celebration. This year celebrating Africa 05, the Festival and the British Council present the stunning collaboration by Fun 'Da' Mental and the Mighty Zulu Nation and the French Embassy continue their support of African francophone hip-hop, this year by bringing Daara J from Senegal. The Czech Embassy proudly brings Gaudeamus, Prague's thirty-member folk dance troupe and in association with Oxfam the Global Village, a new colourful out door market featuring over 50 international stalls. The Festival is also proud to present 'Ireland's Voices - An Intercultural Understanding', a series of talks and coffee mornings hosted by cultural and educational organisations. Also Brahma will bring their Brazilian 'ginga' to many of the Festival's events. The Festival works in partnership with many creative organisations and individuals, such as members of the Brazilian, Filipino and Chinese communities, who invite you to their own cultural events - Mexe Brazil, Chinese Karaoke and Diva Manila. Along with these exciting additions RTÉ and The Irish Times are the Festival's official media partners for 2005. An RTÉ - commissioned three part television programme 'Highlights of the Festival of World Cultures 2005' will be broadcast in the autumn. The Festival takes place between Friday, 26 to Sunday 28 August.

Courtesy of DLRCCO

LIBRARY NEWS FOR AUGUST

'The Chinese Princess' – Puppet Show – Tuesday, 9th at 3pm (Ages 3 to 10).

Summer Art Workshop – Tuesday, 16th at 3pm (Ages 6 to 12) – max 15.

African Tie Dye Workshop – bring home a colourful bag designed by you! – Tuesday, 23rd at 3pm (Ages 5 to 10) – max 30.

Indonesian Shadow Puppet Workshop – Friday, 26th at 3pm (Ages 7 to 12) – max 20.

The Japanese Tea Ceremony, Kimono and Origami Workshop takes place in several of the other libraries in the area, it is for ages 7 to 12 with a maximum number of 30 places:

Dundrum, Wednesday 24th at 11am (telephone 2985000); Cabinteely, Wednesday 24th at 3pm

(telephone 2855363); Stillorgan, Friday 26th at 11am (telephone 2889655) and Deansgrange, Friday 26th at 3.15pm in junior library (telephone 2850860).

HORSE SHOW CARNIVAL

On Monday, 1 August (bank holiday) the Dun Laoghaire International Horse Show Carnival and Flower Display will take place in Shanganagh Park, Shankill. This is the new venue for the Horse Show, which is always an exciting event with entrants from the international arena of show jumping and lots of family entertainment and music

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NEWSLETTER REPORT – AGM MARCH 2005

The Dalkey Community Council's December 2004/January 2005 Newsletter brings the total number of Newsletters published by the Council to 338 and sees us halfway through Volume 11.

During 2004 we celebrated 30 years of publication and these past years have seen many changes not least in Dalkey but the Newsletter which has gone from strength to strength comprising originally of one page to editions that run each month to five and quite regularly six pages with even the odd seven pager thrown in there for fun! And it is only right and fitting that all our contributors and volunteers are acknowledged for helping us reach this milestone. To the Editors through these thirty years, thank you for your tenacity and hard work – Dick Blake, Jeremy Chapman, Charles Aliaga Kelly, the late John Rowlands and the late Deirdre Devine. If I have omitted anyone, my sincere apologies but nonetheless the thank you is as sincere for your wonderful contribution to what is a record of our life in Dalkey since 1974.

It is through the dedication of elected Community Council members, each and every one a volunteer, who helps that same Community Council continually strive towards its objectives. The monthly Newsletter is the most known activity of the Community Council, other activities being the likes of the Art Exhibition and Gardening Competition. However it is the Newsletter that reaches each and every household in Dalkey, some 3,000 homes, each and every month. An outstanding achievement for any organisation but in the Dalkey Community Council's case even more outstanding when it is taken into consideration just what goes into producing that monthly Newsletter. From the editing to the ads to the manual collation to the delivery it is a marvellous piece of volunteer engineering. To you the reader could I ask you to spare a thought for your road representative who has delivered your Newsletter over the past year in varying degrees of

weather but still persists in the quest to bring as much of the local news as possible to your door.

The delivery of issue number 338 means that approximately one million Newsletters have been delivered in Dalkey since April 1974 – what other publication can lay such a claim. In fact we believe that Dalkey's Newsletter is the longest running of its kind in Ireland, unless you can tell me otherwise. However through the Dalkey Home Page, courtesy of Cyber House, our Newsletter has a far greater readership than we could ever imagine and one we just could not quantify.

This AGM affords me the most appropriate and suitable time to take the opportunity to thank all contributors during the past year to the Newsletter, as well as our advertisers. Without all these contributions there would be no Newsletter. This past year due to personal circumstances I have been unable to complete the Minutes for the Newsletter and I would like to thank most sincerely Ann Perry, Secretary of the Dalkey Community Council for helping me in this regard each month. Your help Ann has been very much appreciated.

I hope each and every one of you enjoys reading the Newsletter and perhaps you might like to contribute an article or two at some stage.

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