



# DALKEY - Deilginis 'Thorn Island'

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Irish Heritage Town

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

*Flowers: Poppy and Gladioli*

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## SUMMARY OF DCC JULY MONTHLY MEETING

The July DCC Meeting was held in the Harold Boys School on Monday 27th June. A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for the late Norah Hart who died in June. She had served the Community Council as Chairman, Functions Manager and was a member of the Planning Group. She had been a very active and enthusiastic Community Council supporter all of her life and was involved in many different local organisations.

**NW:** Break ins for the month of June were down on the previous month. The Gardai warn householders to beware of bogus roofers and handymen and to check out all credentials and not to pay until the work has been completed.

**TT:** The missing cap for the Tram yard pillar has been found and will be replaced. The summer litter patrols are ongoing.

**Functions:** The Garden Competition took place on Monday 20th June and see inside for results.

**AOB:** DLRCoCo are carrying out necessary drainage work at Hyde Road.

As there was no further business the meeting ended.

## DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre kicked off the second **Dalkey Book Festival** with Pat Kenny's Radio Show transmitting live from the Heritage Centre on Friday 17th June. It was heard far and wide and was a wonderful boost for the Heritage Centre and the town. Visitors from all over Ireland have arrived since saying they heard the programme or saw other national publicity and decided to call by. Restaurants in some cases have had to turn away customers on Saturday nights since the Festival.

The Festival was again this year organised by husband and wife team, David McWilliams and Sian Smyth. They put enormous work into the organisation of the Festival and were aided and abetted around Festival time by a wonderful team of volunteers and members of the Dalkey Business Group. The Book Festival is what Dalkey has needed for many years and with the national publicity that David can attract it puts national focus on Dalkey which lasts in the memory indefinitely. We all appreciate his work on Dalkey's behalf enormously.

Meanwhile the Living History Live performance as part of the guided tour here '**Meet the Terrible Tudors**' is proving very popular. Large numbers of senior students who are here



*Margaret Dunne presents David McWilliams with the John Fahy photo of Killiney Bay dolphins at the end of the Book Festival*



*Actors Paul Stack (Stephen Dedalus) and Philip Murphy (Mr. Deasy) with director Margaret Dunne at the Bloomsday Festival in Dalkey Castle.*

to learn English are benefiting from the memorable and colourful show. Visitor numbers from all categories have increased with more visitors from the US than in previous years. Numbers to the end of June are up 14% on this time last year. Maybe there are green shoots appearing?

**Living History Live Performances daily from 10.00-18.00 weekdays and 10.30-18.00 on Sat and Sun. Closed on Tuesdays.** If you have visitors staying bring them along. You and they won't be disappointed. Please note: numbers on each tour are limited. Check availability before arrival as tours can be fully booked in advance by group bookings.

**Zumba Fitness classes:** huge interest in the new craze: Zumba Fitness: over 70 arrived for the Summer Special on Wednesdays in July. Classes are run by Zumba fitness instructors Lukasz Matuszak and Colette Bourke who are experienced and licensed teachers from ZIN (Zumba Instructor Network).

Classes will be back from **September 13th on Tuesday nights in Dalkey Town Hall** at 7.00 and 8.00pm.:

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**Vinyasa Flow Yoga** classes have finished as Gina and Christine are moving to other countries. We wish them 'bon voyage'. The space is available to rent for Yoga from Sept again.

**Friday Market:** Dominican Farm attends every Friday with organic fruit and vegetables from 10.00-2.00pm.

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❖ **DALKEY TIDY TOWNS – JULY 2011 REPORT TO DCC** ❖

DTT horticultural volunteer managed to put a good variety of species from Bloom our way at a special price that have been planted at Kilbegnet Close. DTT also bought plants for the border at Archbold's Castle. We appreciate the support given by DLRCC. The missing capping from the left side pillar at the entrance to the Tramyard has been found and replaced by the owner. This whole area now buzzes with activity. A welcome and colourful oasis in central Dalkey.



*Planting at Kilbegnet Close*

Congratulations to DBG on a 2nd successful Book Festival. DTT awarded a prize for 'Best Shop Window' won by Unique Interiors on Castle Street. Toil & Glitter, On The Grapevine and Dalkey Pharmacy were close contenders. Judged by fashion designer Peter O'Brien.

We successfully applied to Dulux for a grant, 'to supply paint for A Worthy Community Project'. Sorrento Park gates and bandstand were put forward and a business group has already offered to help.

Local businesses are asked not keep refuse bins outside their premises in public view and for those with no alternative we suggest screening.

Volunteering is becoming fashionable and the greater our numbers the more we can spread the load to improve and maintain our Heritage Town.

**Litter Patrols** are every Tuesday and Saturday meeting 10.30 at Writers Corner. Every Thursday meeting 11am at Dillon's Park.



**Green Home Tip** - Never water your grass. Grass is durable and will recover the next time it rains

Thank you.

**June Barnett, DTT.**

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# DCC GARDEN COMPETITION 2011



*Over All Best Garden – Melrose, Dalkey Avenue*

## OVER ALL BEST GARDEN

- 1 Melrose, Dalkey Avenue.
- 2 13 St. Begnet's Villas
- 3 Killiney Towers

## BEST FRONT GARDEN

- 1 13 St. Begnet's Villas.
- 2 57 Hillside
- 3 Hyde Lodge, 73 Hyde Road

## BEST DISPLAY

- 1 12 Hyde Road. (*Below Left*)
- 2 13 White's Villas
- 3 8 Saval Park Gardens

## COMMUNAL OPEN SPACE

1. Killiney Towers. (*Below Right*)
- 2 Dalkey Court
- 3 The Burgage

## SURPRISE GARDEN

1. Erroldene, Coliemoire Road. (*Right*)
- 2 13 The Rise
- 3 Fairway, Harbour Road

## ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRIZE

(Presented by Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee)

Winner: Melrose, Dalkey Ave.

**HIGHLY COMMENDED:** 13 St Begnet's Villas  
The Burgage

## SPECIAL MENTION

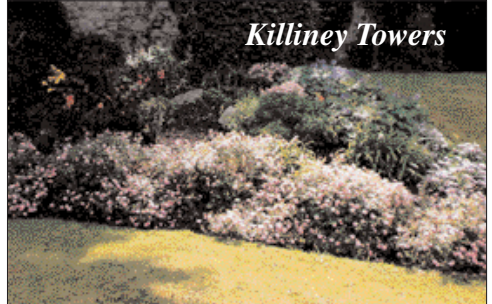
**5 The Burgage** – Excellent use of conservatory with planting linking both inside and outside. Clever inclusion of granite in the back wall to create interest.

**Barnhill Park** – Very good use of space. Embracing. The trees outside the garden boundary.

**Church of the Assumption** – Well designed and maintained shrubbery and flower beds which compliment the granite paving.



*Erroldene*



*Killiney Towers*



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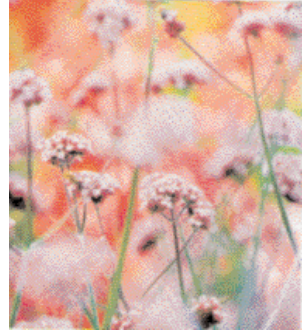
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*Verbascum bombyciferum. Is not the beauty of its large paddled-shaped leaves enough to warrant growing them?*

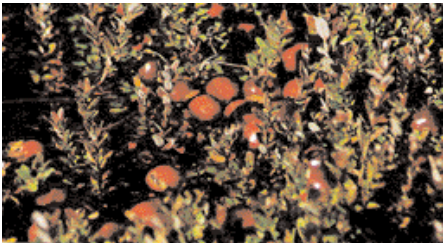
We love August for being a month of celebrations. The country is overflowing with Beer Festivals, Concerts, Fêtes, Book Festivals, Marches and a kaleidoscope of other delights, designed to compensate you for not having taken a holiday, locally – or gone abroad. Your Dalkey garden is another reason to keep you at home in the (hopefully!) glorious heat of August.



*Verbena bonariensis*

I suppose the skill and fun of managing any garden is in trying to make it look good, every single day of our year. This is tricky in late December but full of possibilities in this

precious month of August. ... Possibly, all we Dalkey folk, grow one single plant that we're exceptionally proud of! I have seen in many of our local gardens while walking our King Charles, some absolute prize specimens. ....Every single solitary August, I promise myself that I will grow more Verbena Bonariensis. This tall, skinny streak of perfection doesn't need staking, its colour seems to compliment every possible type of plant; it flowers for ages, it will not obstruct your view and it self seeds. Bronzes, purples, burgundies and oranges seem to come into their own this month. With our sun starting to sink lower in our sky, our late afternoons and early evenings here in beautiful scenic Dalkey, seem to take on every rich hue, almost velvety qualities of soft light. Don't some bees seem to be intoxicated, staggering around in their well deserved, pollen furry coats. Colour, I have been told can manipulate and control our perception and feelings as powerfully as music can, though I must say, I think I am happy with almost entirely green spaces.



*Cranberries thriving*

Have you ever thought of growing cranberries or blueberries in ericaceous soil in damp conditions, yes, in your very own garden in pots or even in window boxes, even in hanging baskets? They neither like it too hot or too cold. Cranberries can even grow with blueberries thriving underneath, as ground cover. Both fruits swell as they ripen and are generally ready for picking around September.

Recommended varieties include: - Pilgrim, Stevens and Howes. (Multipurpose compost isn't generally recommended because most contain lime).

Isn't the whole idea of watching something grow and develop and change over a season or a year, - just mesmerising?

**MIGHT DO, MAYBE JOBS: -**

- 1 Pinch out tips of your basil plants regularly and remove any flowers in order to keep them bushy.
- 2 Hanging baskets are totally reliant on you to provide all their water as their canopy of foliage seems to act like an umbrella.
- 3 I have just returned from a gardening trip in South Tipperary. I never knew 'till now, that



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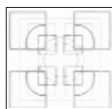
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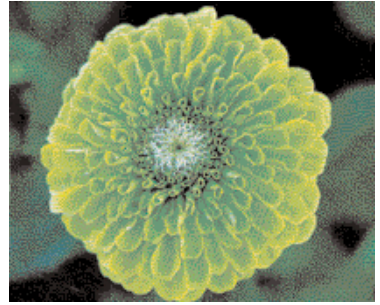
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placing a willow twig in a container with your desirable cutting can provide the necessary nutrients for your plant to grow.

- 4 Carrying a heavy bucket is often uncomfortable and can slow us down. Padding the handle is a cheap, nifty solution. Maybe try a short length of hosepipe. Slip the hose over the metal handle keeping the slit facing downwards.
5. Mangoes are naturally a very large tree. Maybe, try and grow one from its stone. (We lived on this delicious fruit many moons ago, in Madras, S. India). Find a very ripe fruit and remove its stone. Rub it gently with sandpaper and leave it to soak in a warm place for two weeks. You'll need to change the water daily in order to stop it going smelly. If you notice the stone sprouting, pot it up, and cover with compost, place in a plastic bag and put in a warm place. It may take several further weeks to sprout and grow but as soon as you see signs of life, place it on a bright windowsill or in conservatory. Re-pot as needed and feed during this summer - enjoy!



*Zinnia - 'A Giant Lime Ball'.  
Flower arrangers will love these giant green pompoms. It could also find a place in imaginative bedding borders*

*Next month: How to create your very own Fernery*



*(Blue Team) 2003 boys from  
Cuala Academy*



*Above: (Green Team) 2004  
girls from Cuala Academy*



*Left: (Red Team) 2003 boys  
from Cuala Academy*



*Female Linnet*

The Sparrowhawks moved from Killiney Hill to nest on Dalkey Hill this year, the young birds taking their first flights in early July. I hadn't seen the Jays for weeks but the parks staff had been seeing them regularly feeding on the bait of acorns and peanuts left out for the grey squirrels.

By early August many of the Swifts that dart across the warm air on summer nights will already have left, on their way south to spend winter in the African skies. Totally dependent on flying insects which inhabit the higher air, as the days get shorter and cooler their inner clock will tell them it's time to go.

A major food source for swifts is spiders. For anyone who has a phobia about spiders it might be disturbing to think that there might be thousands of them drifting

in the sky above but many spiders disperse through the air. The spider standing upright on the ground or on a higher perch sends out a thread of silk which waves in the air above it until the breeze catches it and it drifts up into the sky carried to a new location, unless it's snatched by one of those swifts or some other hungry bird.

Swifts seemed to be having a few bad years especially those recent summers which consisted of long periods of cold wet days. On those days it was hard to imagine there could be any insects in the air but swifts have two useful traits which help them adapt, the ability to fly at great heights above the rain clouds and the ability to lower their metabolism so they're flying in a virtual semi stupor while using very little energy. An experiment in Sweden in 1979 involved taking swifts from their nesting colonies and releasing them with tiny altimeters attached to their backs. Eight swifts released 405 kilometers from their nests returned the following day. They were able to establish that four of the birds had flown at heights between 1230 and 2750 metres at an average speed of 40 kms per hour. The highest altitudes reached were by swifts roosting, literally sleeping in the air, at 3,600 metres!

Anyhow the good news is that swifts seem to be around in much higher numbers this year. Dalkey quarry is one of the best places to get good close up views of them especially on humid windless evenings when the heat from the rocks must fill the air with insects. From the corner of the path above the easternmost quarry the screeching swifts swoop low, often a few feet above your head. I've often wondered at the sound of ravens heavy wingbeats passing overhead and the thrillingly dramatic sound of a swooping peregrine (which once gave the dog quite a shock) but this was the first time I'd heard the sound of the swifts sweeping by.

Apart from spiders another insect you wouldn't normally associate with flight is the ant. At the time of writing, mid July, we hadn't seen it yet but certainly by August there will be days when the sky will seem to be filled with wheeling and swooping Black headed gulls, Swifts, House Martins and Swallows. This happens on very humid, still days when young female ants, known as Princesses, and male ants, known as drones will take to the air on newly developed wings. Almost simultaneously around the country thousands of ants will have appeared from under walls and rocks and mill about preparing the much larger Princesses for their inaugural flight, fussing around them and preening their wings. The fact that lots of different colonies take to the air at the same time means the females can mate

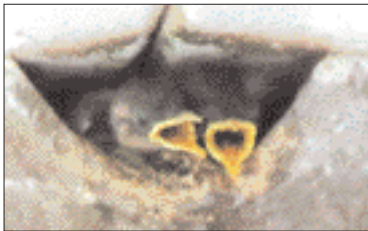
with ants that aren't closely related to her. She mates in the air with the males that are strong and fast enough to catch her another way of improving potential genes. The drones will die soon after their flight but the Princesses will land, start a nest and clip off her own wings as a source of protein for the hundreds of ants her eggs will produce.



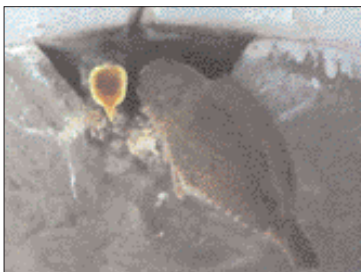
*Dalkey Fox Resting*

Although apparently our coldest summer in 25 years it wasn't a bad one for birds with the good weather in early spring helping our early nesting resident birds. Many birds will produce a few families, or broods, in one year especially if the weather provides a reliable source of food. In early July the wren which had nested under the eaves near our back door was feeding either its second or third family. With binoculars we could see the little yellow mouths of the chicks gaping wide whenever the mother flew up. Her initial caution at approaching the nest when there were any humans around had been surpassed by the chorus of hungry offspring demanding to be fed and she was constantly taking up beaks full of insects. Safe from predators all seemed well and hopeful for her little family.

Walked around the corner from the nest and there was the body of a tiny wren on the path. Presumably pushing too hard for a mouthful it had fallen from the nest. I picked up the little body, cold and limp with eyelids shut. Although it seemed lifeless I cupped it in my hand and breathed on it. This often works on woodlice which appear to be dead. Even if they've been floating for days in a rainfilled container they often recover after a few warm breaths. I wasn't hopeful for the baby wren but it did begin to move and was soon opening and closing its bill. It only had beginnings of feathers and a tiny stump of a tail but I thought if it rallied



*Hungry wren chicks*

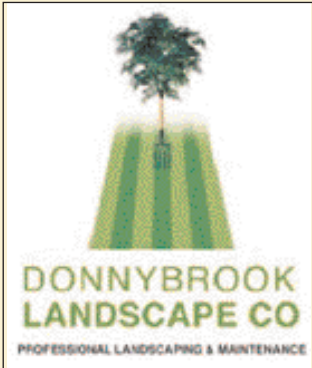


*Mother Wren feeding her Chicks*

a bit I could put it back in the nest. I cut up bits of ham into the tiniest pieces I could hold. Whenever the other chicks in the nest outside would begin calling for food this little one would open its bill as well. I placed tiny pieces of ham on its bill but it didn't seem to be swallowing any. I was in a bit of a dilemma wondering if I put it back in the nest would it survive but I knew I couldn't feed it. I placed the ladder against the wall beside the nest and while I was up there I cleaned off the accumulation of 'guano' which had collected at the opening of the nest box. The mother bird removes the faeces the young produce in a little pouch but she'd have needed a little hammer to remove this stuff. The nest box accommodates up to eight adult wrens in cold winter nights who poke their rear ends out to relieve themselves and that's what caked the entrance but inside the box I could see fresh green moss lining the wall. The mother wren had decorated the 'nursery'. Not a peep from the chicks inside who only respond to the calls the mother wren makes as she approaches the nest.

Anyhow I returned to get the chick but its eyes were closed and it was still. This time there was no resurrecting it. I had been worried in case if I put it back in the box and it died it would be unhealthy for the other birds. Anyhow the poor little thing had solved my problem. Very sad but one less mouth to be fed and at the time of writing all the others seem fine.

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As you can imagine, Dalkey is the sort of place one hears the strangest of stories. One of these is of the Dubliner coming into Dalkey late one night after the pubs closed (this was in the days of the ‘bona fide’) and he asked the local policeman was there a place a fellow could get a drink, and the policeman replied “Well, I don’t know about that, but I know a place where you can get two drinks!

Dalkey in the 14th and 15th centuries was a fortified town, that is, it was walled on three sides, the East, the North and the West. On the South side there was a great double ditch or rampart. The town had protection from the Hill of Dalkey to the South because it had become such an important place of commerce, it was wide open to raiders coming from the Dalkey Hills. In fact, later on Dalkey was included in the southern limits of the Pale for this very reason. One could estimate the distance of the old walls of Dalkey Town by measuring one arrow shot from each of the Castles.

To the rear of Goat Castle, this is on the north side, we find the spacious Town Hall which we have observed, is in a very poor state of repair. It was opened in 1868 and has served the community well in the hundred years or so it has been going.

Just to the east of the Castle we have “The Queen’s” which was once called “The Queen’s Royal Hotel”. The front part of the building dates from about 1820. A rather interesting feature is the false blinds and curtains which are actually painted on most of the windows on the top storey, which is quite effective and most economical. We find two street gas lamp standards which belonged to Castle Street many years ago.

Before we leave the Goat Castle I would like to mention something which is of interest to geologists and the like. Local tradition has it that many stones used in the construction of the Castle came from Carnsore Point in Wexford. Apparently they were brought up the coast here in old sailing ships when they used stones as ballast and, of course, it was all before the age of blasting powder, and most of the stones used were random stones to be collected.

Opposite the Goat Castle we have the Church of the Assumption built in 1840. The piece of land was presented to the parish by the Connolly family, who for nearly two centuries were Bakers in the town and surrounding district. One the south-east corner of the boundary wall of the Church was sited an ancient well. A feature of this Church, like many other churches constructed at the time, was that the main entrance did not appear on the Main Street of the town. To use the old-fashioned expression, ‘it wasn’t propitious for the Roman Catholics to do this at the time’. We must remember that Dalkey especially attracted the old Ascendancy class. Just behind the Church, on the south side, we have the Presbytery, which was built in the 1880s.

Just to the west side of the St. Begnet’s Graveyard we see a building which has been the Masonic Hall in Dalkey for the past 106 years. It has the notable distinction of being the only Masonic Temple outside of Molesworth Street in Dublin within the County Dublin area. It is Lodge No. 261, Dalkey and is a thriving one. Just opposite is another of the six Castles that I mentioned. It is called “Archbold’s Castle”, and is in the care of the Commissioners of Public Works.



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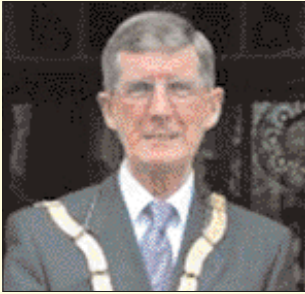
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*John Bailey, Cathaoirleach –  
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First of all I would like to thank my Fine Gael colleagues for nominating me as their candidate for Cathaoirleach of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. I must also acknowledge the cross party support for my election, in particular that of the Labour Group. It is an honour to serve in public office as the first citizen of the county and an opportunity not afforded to many. I trust that the confidence expressed in me will be well placed and that I will be a credit to the office.

My focus is on breaking down barriers and encouraging more engagement between local government and local communities. I hope to develop that spirit of collaboration and joined-up thinking over the coming year. Bringing people together in dialogue to learn from each other and to

come up with solutions and initiatives to solve problems is the way forward.

In a media environment that appears hell bent on undermining the work of public representatives and public servants, I know that elected members, management and staff are going to have to work harder than ever to restore public confidence in local government and politics in general. We are going to have to maximise limited resources and be more accountable for our policies and programmes.

However, I have every confidence that as a Council we will meet these challenges head on - and that we will continue to deliver and manage services efficiently. Whether its maintaining water quality, street lighting, public parks, developing public areas and community facilities or staging family friendly events.

There are many, many good news stories to tell about local government, and about this Council in particular and I intend to tell them. The negativity must be dispelled and I will be looking to elected members in particular, to assist me in the process of reputation building.

I can assure you that I'm well aware of the honour bestowed upon me as Cathaoirleach for 2011/12. I look forward to the opportunities that the role will offer me as first citizen and I thank the Councillors, management and staff in advance, for your support both in and out of the Chamber.

In this regard, I propose to pursue 2 key themes during my term of office -

### **1. PROMOTING THE REGENERATION OF DUN LAOGHAIRE TOWN**

I'm very anxious to promote the regeneration of Dun Laoghaire town - in order to ensure that the town recovers lost ground and realises its enormous potential. I'm convinced that this can be best achieved by reinventing the Dun Laoghaire town brand based on the work of the BRAND project., building on the many positive initiatives already underway and challenging the purveyors of 'doom and gloom' who unfortunately dominate the media portrayal of the town.

I propose to chair a major Conference of the Future of Dun Laoghaire Town in October as



*John Bailey, Cathaoirleach with his family*

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*Mary Mitchell, T.D. and Elaine Feely*

part of the Innovation Dublin Festival. The Conference will cover the councils role in the developing the public realm, in delivering major infrastructure and in organising events.

## **2. ASSISTING THE BUSINESS SECTOR**

Over the years the Council has been aware of the burden of the commercial rates on the business sector. In this regard, it's worth pointing out that increases in the Council's commercial rate (ARV) have generally been below inflation since 2003.

I propose to set the achievement of a significant reduction in the Council's commercial rate (ARV) in the 2012 Budget. This will not be an easy task but I believe it is a worthy objective. A significant reduction in rates will directly benefit all businesses in the county and help sustain employment. It will also improve the competitive position of the county as a whole as it will help reduce the gap in ARVs between Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and other Dublin counties.

**John Bailey**, *Cathaoirleach – Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council*

## ❖ THE DALKEY PLAYGROUP ❖

Well, the playgroup said a teary goodbye to another batch of excited children all heading off to 'Big School' in September. They were all looking forward to their big new adventure ahead of them - good luck to them and all the children starting school in September.

We finished off the term with our Sports Day. There was a running race, an egg and spoon race and the hurdles to 'compete' in. There was lots of barging and cheating but once the Mum's race was over the children got on with it fairly and nicely! Unfortunately it wasn't the best day weather wise, but the children didn't notice and really enjoyed themselves. After the children (and some siblings) had all run their races, we headed back to the playgroup where each child was awarded with a Medal. We then got sandwiches and drinks out and had a Teddy Bears' Picnic. It was a great day and no one really minded that it was bucketing down.

The playgroup enjoyed a great year and thanks to the support of DLRCC and the local community has been able to secure the outside safe surface play area from vandals, as well as getting insulation in the walls, which really helped through this cold winter.

A big thanks to the teachers who kept the school open throughout the cold and snow despite the treacherous conditions and for continuing to make it just the most warming, happy and safe learning environment for our most precious possessions. Thank You.

We are looking forward to meeting all the new children in September so good luck to them. Have a great summer!!





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**Reg. Ref.** D05B/0563/E

**Application Rec'd Date:** 08-Jun-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** F.J. Campbell, 17, The Rise, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal :** Permission for provision of attic bedrooms, first floor windows to front and rear gables and three velux rooflights on each side of the existing roof slopes.

**Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0614

**Application Rec'd Date:** 08-Nov-2010

**Applicant Name & Location:** Glencairn Flat Management Ltd., Glencairn Apartments, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development for the following ; a) relocation of existing vehicular entrance on Harbour Road, b) general refurbishment and upgrade of hard and soft landscaping including provision of 7 no. additional car parking spaces, c) upgrading works to elevations including a rendered plaster finish (also some window replacement), d) provision of 3 no. new apartments in a new third floor level (with roof top plant room over) at existing apartment building. **Application Type:** Permission. Add. Info: 10-Jun-2011.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11A/0272

**Application Rec'd Date:** 09-Jun-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Brendan & Nuala Toal, 5, The Rise, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for demolition of existing converted garage, outdoor utility room and WC, widening of existing vehicular entrance and the construction of a new side extension to include entrance hall, utility room and dining area.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0644

**Application Rec'd Date:** 23-Nov-2010

**Applic. Name & Loc.:** Tony & Linda Corcoran, Ard Na Carraige, The Green Rd., Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of existing terraced two-storey over basement four bedroom house (280m<sup>2</sup>), and the construction of two No. terraced two-storey over basement houses, consisting of a four bedroom house of 252m<sup>2</sup> with garage (house 2), and a two bedroom house of 202m<sup>2</sup> with car port (house 1), both with roof mounted solar collectors and rainwater harvesting, with pedestrian and vehicular access from the Green Road, and associated landscaping and site works. **Application Type:** Permission. Additional Information: 13-Jun-2011

**Reg. Ref.:** D11A/0291

**Application Rec'd Date:** 23-Jun-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Leo & Denise Blennerhassett, 8, Leslie Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for: 1. Removal of existing porch to front of house and formation of canopy over entrance door. 2. Formation of bedroom and bedroom accommodation within roof space including increase in height of existing roof by 400mm and formation of dormer windows to front and rear of main roof. 3. Internal alterations. 4. Formation of off-street car parking to front garden including new vehicular access gates & piers to front boundary wall, pavement crossing and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11B/0138

**Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Apr-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr. Dominic Galvin, 66, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission for material alterations to the permitted development per Reg. Ref. D08A/1392 (An Bord Pleanála Reg. Ref. PL06D.233883) to consist of: amendments to the fenestration to the front and side elevations, omission of glass box and

canopy above front door, and the replacement of permitted timber cladding infill with treated copper finish to the front and side elevations and minor alterations to side gable window. **Application Type:** Permission. **Additional Information:** 21-Jun-2011.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11B/0215

**Application Rec'd Date:** 23-Jun-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mrs Mary Roche, 7, The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for demolition of existing 6 sq.m utility room and 14 sq.m garage and construction of a 175 sq.m two storey pitched roof extension to side (south east) of existing 166 sq.m two storey pitched roof dwelling to include changes to the existing elevations including roof light to front together with all ancillary site works all on site of approx 752 sq.m.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11A/0299

**Application Rec'd Date:** 27-Jun-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** D & E Coulson, Shamrock Lodge, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for (a) removal of 50 sq.m section of existing dwelling, to facilitate construction, (b) construction of 2 no. new 175.50 sq.m two storey semi-detached dwellings, with single storey returns to rear, (c) alterations to existing vehicular entrance and creation of 2 no. new vehicular entrances to Barnhill Avenue and (d) all other associated site works, on site on side. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11A/0199

**Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Apr-2011

**Applic. Name & Location:** Dublin Bus, Hyde Rd. near junction with Barnhill Rd., Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for the removal of the existing bus shelter and its replacement with a new stainless steel and glass bus shelter 5.0m x 2.0m x 2.5m high with 2 no. internally illuminated Advertising Panels each of 2 sq. metre area, new shelter relocated 10.5m closer to junction with Barnhill Road. **Application Type:** Permission.

## PLANNING DECISIONS Wks. 23-27 7/6/2011 to 8/7/2011

**Reg. Ref.:** D11B/0138

**Decision:** Request Add. Info.

**Date:** 9-Jun-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr. Dominic Galvin, 66, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission for material alterations to the permitted development per Reg. Ref. D08A/1392 (An Bord Pleanála Reg. Ref. PL06D.233883) to consist of: amendments to the fenestration to the front and side elevations, omission of glass box and canopy above front door, and the replacement of permitted timber cladding infill with treated copper finish to the front and side elevations and minor alterations to side gable window. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11A/0193

**Decision:** Grant Permission

**Date:** 14-Jun-2011

**Applic. Name & Location:** Mrs Iris O'Malley, 21, Dalkey Ave., Dalkey. (The White House)

**Proposal:** Permission for demolition of a two storey four bedroom house (226 sq.m) and the construction of 3 No. two storey four bedroom detached dwellings (254 sq.m., 210sq.m and 208 sq.m in area) with roof mounted solar collectors on each dwelling, modifications to the existing access at Dalkey Avenue to provide access to all three proposed houses, landscaping and ancillary site development works. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11A/0199

**Decision:** Request Add. Info.

**Date:** 16-Jun-2011

**Applic. Name & Location:** Dublin Bus, Hyde Rd near junction with Barnhill Rd, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought for the removal of the existing bus shelter and its replacement with a new stainless steel and glass bus shelter 5.0m x 2.0m x 2.5m high with 2 no. internally illuminated Advertising Panels each of 2 sq. metre area, new shelter relocated 10.5m closer to junction with Barnhill Road. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.** D11A/0198

**Decision:** Request Add. Info.

**Date:** 13-Jun-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Marie Conlon, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission for a development on a 0.21655 hectare site at Ardburgh

Road. The development will comprise of the construction of 2 No. semi-detached dwelling houses. House No. 1 is a 5 bedroom house over three levels with a gross floor area of 345.6 sq.m. House No. 2 is a 5 bedroom house over three levels with a gross floor area of 327.7 sq.m. A new access to the site is proposed from Ardbrugh Road and a total of 6 No. car parking spaces are provided. The proposed development includes all site development works, services, landscaping and boundary treatments. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11B/0139      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 14-Jun-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr & Mrs S Flanagan, 41, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a single storey bedroom extension at first floor level to the side and rear of existing detached single storey house with mansard roof. The roof level to be 0.4 - 0.8 metres above the existing roof level. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11A/0209      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 22-Jun-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Alan and Michelle Bridgeman, 4, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is sought to widen the existing vehicular entrance to 3.5m wide, by demolishing the existing splayed wall and pier and constructing a new splayed wall and pier to match existing and all associated site works and dishing of public footpath.

**Reg. Ref.:** D11B/0012      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 23-Jun-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Noel Maloney & Carole Tuite, 24, White's Villas, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Planning permission is being sought for single storey extension to existing porch (2 sq.m), first floor extension to side and rear containing bedroom and study (17 sq.m).

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0614      **Decision:** Clarification of Add. Info.      **Date:** 30-Jun-2011

**Applicant Name & Location:** Glencairn Flat Management Ltd., Glencairn Apartments, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development for the following ; a) relocation of existing vehicular entrance on Harbour Road, b) general refurbishment and upgrade of hard and soft landscaping including provision of 7 no. additional car parking spaces, c) upgrading works to elevations including a rendered plaster finish (also some window replacement), d) provision of 3 no. new apartments in a new third floor level (with roof top plant room over) at existing apartment building. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0644      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Date:** 30-Jun-2011

**Applic. Name & Loc.:** Tony & Linda Corcoran, Ard Na Carraige, The Green Rd, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of existing terraced two-storey over basement four bedroom house (280m<sup>2</sup>), and the construction of two No. terraced two-storey over basement houses, consisting of a four bedroom house of 252m<sup>2</sup> with garage (house 2), and a two bedroom house of 202m<sup>2</sup> with car port (house 1), both with roof mounted solar collectors and rainwater harvesting, with pedestrian and vehicular access from the Green Road, and associated landscaping and site works. **Applic. Type:** Permission

## **APPEALS notified by An Bord Pleanala Wks 23-27 7/6/2011 to 8/7/2011**

**Reg Ref:** D11A/0169      **Reg. Date:** 8-Apr-2011

**Location:** Wavecrest, Vico Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Development:** Planning permission is sought for the construction of new retaining wall from entrance pier to adjoining boundary wall south of Wavecrest and a single storey first floor extension over existing kitchen comprising of 32m<sup>2</sup> with 3 roof-lights.

**Council Decision:** Grant permission & Refuse permission. Appeal Lodged: 20-Jun-2011

**Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission

**Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal

## APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanála Wks 23-27 30/5/2011 to 1/7/2011

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0674      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Appeal Decided:** 15-Jun-'11

**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission

**Location:** Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin

**Proposed Development:** Planning permission is sought for development on a site of 0.2468ha. The development will consist of; (1) The demolition of the front porch, the extensions to the southern elevation and part of the rear extensions at ground and first floor of 'Linden Lodge', (2) The replacement of the existing south facing side door of 'Linden Lodge' with a window, and the revision of the front door to 'Linden Lodge', (3) Construction of a new 2-storey extension along the southern elevation and rear of 'Linden Lodge', 62 sq.m, (4) Renovation of the existing 'Lodge' to convert it and the new extensions into office space, 209 sq.m, (5) Construction of 5 No., 4-bed 2.5 storey terraced dwelling houses, 211 sq.m each, (6) Vehicle and pedestrian access to the development will be through the existing vehicular and pedestrian entrance along Castlepark Road. (7) An additional pedestrian access will also be provided to the south of the existing vehicular entrance along Castlepark Road. The development will include all associated site works including hard & soft landscaping & associated parking & bicycle provision, surface water connection & water mains connection. **Applicant:** Martin Whelan & Richard Murphy.

**Reg. Ref.:** D10A/0679      **Decision:** Grant Permission      **Appeal Decided:** 21-Jun-'11

**Council's Decision:** Grant Permission

**Location:** Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.(former Mackey's Garden Centre)

**Proposed Development:** Permission is sought for development at the site Mackey's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, Byrne's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin and Part of No. 1 Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin. Modifications to approved plans reg. ref. D06A/1808 (PL06D.224130) and D09A/0919 (PL06D.236838) being the addition of screened private terraced open space to 2 no. penthouse apartments at third floor, Block B. **Applicant:** Otranto Properties Ltd.



## A 1920 DALKEY MOTOR CYCLE TRAGEDY



In February 1920 43-year old Miss Eleanor King, who had served a V.A.D. (Voluntary Aid Detachment) nurse during the First World War, was living in 'Anglesea', Killiney Road, Dalkey, with another sister and her brother Robert King, C.E. On the evening of Saturday 14th February, Mr. Neil Campbell paid a visit to the household, travelling there on his motorcycle. Miss King mounted the motorcycle and rode it around the grounds surrounding the house but it appears that she accidentally increased the speed, lost control of it, and was then struck on the front of her head by the branch of a tree which was in her immediate path. Falling to the ground she was brought inside pending the arrival of Dr. McClintock, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, who had her removed immediately to Monkstown Hospital where she died the following morning from her injuries.

At an inquest held on Saturday February 21st, Dr. McClintock said that her case was a hopeless one from the outset as her neck had been broken and that there had been no change of recovery due to the nature and extent of her injuries. A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

**James Scannell**

*Source: The Wicklow Newsletter - Saturday February 28th 1920.*

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Summer term and the end of the school year were on 28th June. Thank you to all the teachers for all your hard work and dedication. Welcome to the new Second class boys entering Harold Boys National School in September. Best wishes to all the fine young boys from 6th class. Go n-eirí na bóthar libh!

### TRIP TO BALTINGLASS

On the twelfth of May our school went to Baltinglass. In the morning we all got dropped off at Cuala. We were sorted into different groups and waited until the bus came. It arrived and we left. It took us a little while to get there. When we arrived we played some football on the grass and then my group went to do archery. It was really fun and we played a little tournament.

Then my group and I went to a room and we got our wetsuits on and we walked down to a lake to do some canoeing. We played races and we swung off a rope into the water. We all went to the cafeteria and we got some dinner. After dinner my group and I went rock climbing and abseiling. The rock climbing was fun and when we reached the top we had to squeak the toy. We all went abseiling. We got a clip attached to our belt and we jumped down.

We all went in the bus to orienteering. We were split up into groups of three and we had to clip a piece of paper and we would use the map to find out where the clips were. We got the bus back and we played some more football. We all got on the two big buses and we went back to Cuala. We all either walked home or got picked up. Huge thanks to the teachers and to the Parents' Association for organizing a fantastic school tour.



*Having fun in Baltinglass*

### Thomas Finlay - Rang 6

On the 12th of May 2011 we went to Baltinglass. We left Dalkey on the bus at 8am and got there at 9.30am. Nearly the whole school went! There were 85 children. There were 10 instructors. We did canoeing. Warning! Do not capsiz in cold water! We did orienteering and archery. I got a bulls-eye! We also did abseiling and rock-climbing. We had a great time!

### Matthew Bardon - Rang 3

On the 12th of May 2011 Harold Boys' N.S. went to Baltinglass. It was a long journey. We did a lot of things like rock-climbing, abseiling, orienteering and archery. I came third in archery. The teacher came and took pictures. There were 2 buses because most of the school went. We had lots of fun. But at 4 o'clock we left. I hope we go back next year.

### Cian Meghen - Rang 3



On the twelfth of May our school went to Baltinglass. We were split into groups; my group had some people from 6th class some from 5th and some from 4th. First we did rock climbing which was a big wall with bits sticking out. Then we did abseiling which was walking down a wall with a harness.

After that we took a van ride to the forest to do orienteering. We had maps and pieces of paper and we used the maps to find clips that made holes in the pieces of paper. We did a few different kinds of races then we took the van back to Baltinglass. We had sausages and chips for lunch which was really nice.

Then we went to do canoeing where we did races and swung off ropes and other games. After that we went and did archery, we had a points competition and my team came second. The buses arrived and we had a long bus ride back to Cuala, we were a bit early. It was a great day and I really enjoyed it!

**Brian Barry 6th - Rang 6**

### **CELEBRATING HISTORY WEEK**

It was History Week in Harold Boys' from 23rd - 27th May 2011. It was Harold's 110th Birthday! On Wednesday 25th Mr. Seán Ó' Gormáin came to talk about the history of the school to 3rd-6th class. The Waldron family came at 1pm. They are the grandchildren of the 1st principal, Mr. James Waldron!! They planted a tree to celebrate the birthday of the school! We all brought in artefacts and had a Historical History Fancy Dress. History Week was fun!

**Matthew Bardon - Rang 3**



*Former Principal of Harold Boys' School, Seán Ó' Gormáin, planting a tree to mark History Week in the school.*



*Conor O'Donnell Ireland U-12 Chess Champion*

### **CHESS UPDATE**

Congratulations to two young Dalkey chess players, on their recent success at the Irish Junior Chess Championships. Competing against the best junior chess players in Ireland, Conor O'Donnell outplayed his opponents and won his first junior title. Dalkey featured in the U-14 section also, with another exceptionally talented chess player, Rory Ellard, taking second place

in that section. Both Conor and Rory started their chess careers in Harold Boys' National school, when the Parents' Association organised an afterschool programme. Both players were on the Harold boys school team which won the Dalkey Community Sports Cup last year, following their Leinster Schools U-14 victory.

Rory and Conor will now represent Ireland at a 4-nations international event competing against the best players in England, Scotland and Wales. Ireland is hosting the event this year in Dublin City University (DCU) from 22-24th July. Conor O'Donnell has also been selected to represent Ireland U-12, in the EU Youth Chess Championships in Austria in August and the World Junior Chess Championships in Brazil in November 2011.

Best of luck to both boys in their upcoming tournaments.



*Dalkey chess players Conor O'Donnell and Rory Ellard.*



**August 1st to September 4th** – Details of the guided tours organised by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council covering The Oratory, Dun Laoghaire; The Stillorgan Obelisk, Cabinteely House, Marlay House, Dun Laoghaire Seafront Memorials, The Metals - Dun Laoghaire, Seapoint Martello Tower, Carrickbrennan Graveyard, and Deansgrange Cemetery, will be found in their Summer of Heritage 2011 brochure, available from Dalkey Library, Dalkey Heritage Centre or from [www.dlrevents.ie](http://www.dlrevents.ie).

**Tues. August 9th at 8 p.m.** – Declan Heffernan will speak to the Genealogical Society of Ireland on *'Dublin's own Titanic: The sinking of the Tayleur off Lambay in 1854'* in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire - all welcome, contribution €3.

**Mon. August 15th to Fri. August 19th** – The Rathmichael Historical Society's 37th Summer Series of Evening lectures will take place nightly at 8pm in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Rd. (Dublin Rd. end), Shankill. Speakers and their subjects are -

**Mon. August 15th:** *'Underwater Archaeology: a last great frontier for discovery'*. (Dr. Niall Brady).

**Tues. August 16th:** *'Discovery and excavation of an Early Medieval Church and Cemetery at Drumkay, Co. Wicklow and other church sites in Dublin & Wicklow'*. (Esmond O'Donovan).

Wednesday August 17th: Leo Swan Memorial Lecture - *'Early Ecclesiastical Westmeath: Leo's excavations at Scarden revisited in the light of recent research'* (Rónán Swan).

**Thurs. August 18th:** *'The Antiquarian and the Folklorist: Realities and Relationships'* (Dr. Kelly Fitzgerald).

**Fri. August 19th:** *'Life and Death of Children in Early Medieval Ireland'* (Denise Keating). Admission €4 per lecture (including tea/coffee/biscuits after lectures). Enquiries to Dr. Elizabeth O'Brien: 01- 2984897; [elobrien@eircom.net](mailto:elobrien@eircom.net).

**Sunday August 21st** – To mark the centenary of the opening of Herbert Park, Ballsbridge, site of the 1907 International Exhibition, there will be afternoon of events between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. organized by the Ballsbridge, Donnybrook and Sandymount Historical Society in association with Dublin City Council. Watch the press for details nearer this date.

**Sun. August 28th** – The Maritime Institute will hold a One-Day Maritime Lecture Seminar in the Eblana Club, Eblana Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, from 12.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Speakers and their subjects are -

**12.20pm** *'Neutral Ireland's role in the sinking of the Bismark, May 1941'* (Dr. Michael Kennedy).

**1.30 pm** *'Traditional Boats of Ireland. Wooden Workboats from all of the Maritime Counties of Ireland'* (Darina Tully)

**2.30 pm** *'Too Many Bags in the Lifeboat - a lifeboat tragedy off Bray, Co. Wicklow, 1876'* (James Scannell).

**3.30 pm** Interval

**3.45 pm** *'Model Boats'* - Short Talk & Exhibition (Garry Mooney)

**4.00 pm** *'Maritime Guinness - The Ships, Yachts and Barges of the Guinness Family'* (Dr. Edward Bourke).

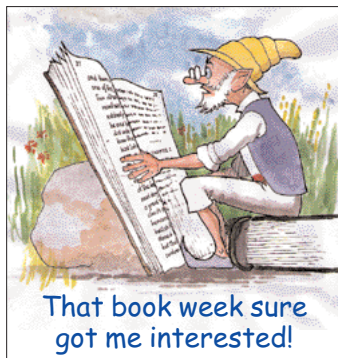
**5.00pm** *'Ireland's Armada - The Story of the Spanish Armada of 1588; the discoveries of the wrecks on the Irish coast and the recovery of Artefacts'* (Cormac Lowth). All welcome.

## A BOOK TO READ

Some Transport titles from Ian Allen Publishing Ltd. dealing with Ireland. Ian Allen Publishing is the leading publisher of transport books and magazines in Britain and Ireland with some of their excellent transport titles currently available including the following -

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- Tramway Memories: Belfast by Desmond Coakham

In the wake of the 2-month long RMS Titanic Festival held in Belfast during April and May this year with an even bigger one planned for next year, 3 titles dealing with this liner are -

- Ships of the White Star Line by Richard De Kerbreach
- Titanic: The Ship That Never Sank by Robert Gardiner
- The Great Titanic Conspiracy by Robert Gardiner

These are just some of the excellent transport titles covering rail, road and sea available from Ian Allen Publishing with illustrations reproduced to that extremely high standard that this leading publisher of transport titles is renowned for and are essential acquisitions for transport enthusiasts, historians, modellers as well as general readers.

All these titles can be ordered locally through The Exchange Bookshop in Castle Street Dalkey.

## TABLE TENNIS NEWS UPDATE

The last day of Dalkey Table Tennis Club - re-named Hyde Park Club - was on Wednesday 29th June. A competition was held that day and the results were as follows:

1st Place: Mary Boushell, 2nd Place: Susan Flood, 3rd Place: Lisette Barkie

The awards were presented by Niall Cullen, our Chairman.

We enjoyed another great year with a few more members joining our ranks. There are various age groups of both genders in the Club. This year two of our members turned eighty and both of them are playing better than ever! We hope to meet for lunch on the last Wednesday in July and the last Wednesday in August. We resume play on Wednesday, 7th September.

Marie Byrne

## ACROSS

1. An elastic fabric
6. Cain's brother
10. Initial wager
14. Bravery
15. Meal in a shell
16. Enemies
17. Angered
18. Apprentice
19. Foot digits
20. Improper
22. Slave
23. Similar
24. Exit
26. Ancient Biblical kingdom
30. President Lincoln
31. Arrest
32. Distinctive atmosphere
33. Short golf shot
35. Crown
39. Enlistee
41. Continuing forever
43. Killed
44. Alternatively
46. Sound
47. Cereal grain
49. Estimated time of arrival
50. Despise
51. Boulevard
54. Sound astonished
56. Give rise to
57. A type of cooking utensil
63. Leave in a hurry
64. Carry
65. Moses' brother
66. Where the sun rises
67. Biblical garden

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| 68. Homeric epic     | 13. SSSS                            | 45. Emissaries                   |
| 69. Tall woody plant | 21. Relative of a giraffe           | 48. Wobble                       |
| 70. Repose           | 25. Box office take                 | 51. A useful or valuable quality |
| 71. League members   | 26. Hearing organs                  | 52. Clergyman                    |
|                      | 27. Affaire d'honneur               | 53. Delete                       |
|                      | 28. Killer whale                    | 55. Braid                        |
|                      | 29. String puppet                   | 58. Connecting point             |
|                      | 34. In the Bible, either New or Old | 59. Corduroy feature             |
|                      | 36. Dwarf buffalo                   | 60. Operatic solo                |
|                      | 37. Rave                            | 61. Wander                       |
|                      | 38. Sheltered, nautically           | 62. Concludes                    |
|                      | 40. A Central American sloth        |                                  |
|                      | 42. Razz                            |                                  |

**Solution to Crossword No. 11 is on page 34**



## NEWS FROM CASTLE PARK SCHOOL

The busy summer term has now come to an end, and pupils and staff alike are enjoying a well earned break. At the end of the school year we published our annual magazine, the C P Review, each pupil brought home a copy which acts as a reminder of the busy year just completed.

Every pupil from Form I to Form VI participated in our annual School Swimming Gala, a hotly contested event when pupils compete in various events representing their house. The eventual winners were the pupils in Edwardes House.

The Primary Schools Athletics Track and Field Championships at Morton Stadium, Santry are one of the highlights of our summer term sporting calendar.

Our pupils enjoyed success at both events, and we celebrated gold medals in the field events for Jack Stewart and Julia O'Doherty in the high jump; with Katie Furlong and Guy O'Rourke-Walker winning bronze also in the high jump; Abby Peterson won silver and Daniel McSweeney bronze in the shot putt. Meanwhile in the track events our girls' under 10 relay team came fourth in their final and our boys under 11 team took bronze in their final. Congratulations to all pupils who represented the School and produced such fantastic performances.

In early June our parents association, the Friends of Castle Park, hosted a soccer awards day and family barbeque for all the children and families participating in the Saturday Soccer programme for our younger pupils. The previous two weekends they had organised two very successful Soccer Blitzes, inviting teams from Dalkey United to compete.



We have been trying out iPads in some of our classrooms and plan to introduce these on a wider scale in the School from September.

All our class groups enjoyed outings during the month of June, visiting exciting and interesting attractions. Over 100 children from the Montessori department dodged the showers at the Zoo. In spite of this they all had a wonderful time and special favourites proved to be the magnificent elephants.

The pupils of Form I spent a day at Newgrange Farm, again contending with some unseasonal weather which produced hailstones at one point. The children loved seeing the peacock, baby goat, boar, hens and turkeys and were not too disappointed when the rain curtailed their visit to the playground.

Then it was the turns of Forms II and III to set off, Form II going to Fort Lucan and Form III to The Chocolate Factory. The highlight of Form II's trip was the water slide and all the pupils in Form III brought home beautifully decorated chocolate bears.

Form IV spent an interesting day touring the Ferrycarrig Heritage Park in Wexford, whilst

Form V headed off for a day of action at the National Aquatic Centre. Our Form VI pupils spent a special day together at Glendalough, enjoying outdoor activities and a picnic on their last outing together as a class group.

We wish our leavers every success and happiness in the future as they move on to their chosen secondary schools. This year's pupils are going on to Blackrock College, St Andrew's College, St Michael's, Holy Child Killiney, Rathdown School, CBC Monkstown, St Gerard's, Loreto Dalkey, St Columba's College, Clongowes Wood College, and a couple will be moving abroad.

Our calendar of school events ended with a busy Sports and Parents Day on 18th June, after the sports activities, parents enjoyed viewing the Art Exhibition and dined at the superb Food Court which served a range of barbeque delights. The Friends of Castle Park organised a number of attractions including bouncy castles, bungee jumps, a cake stall and a book stall which ran throughout the day.

And during the last week of term we enjoyed prize giving and concerts, and our youngest pupils in the Montessori department brought their teddies to school to enjoy a picnic in the woodland play area

We wish everyone a restful, safe and enjoyable summer's break.



## DALKEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION



### TRIP TO BOYNE VALLEY & NEWGRANGE

On June 28th June 48 DARA members set off by coach from Hyde Road to the Boyne Valley in County Meath. It was a beautiful summer's morning for an annual day trip and everyone was in good spirits.

At about 11 a.m. we arrived at Oldbridge House (which is the Battle of the Boyne site) for tea/coffee and scones (included in Tour cost).

Next, our coach arrived at Newgrange Visitors Centre where we had lunch and an Audiovisual presentation. The Battle of the Boyne was fought in 1690 by the Williamites and the Jacobites. Williamite forces crossed the River Boyne while the Jacobites retreated to Duleek. We crossed the River Boyne by foot. We saw the 17th century weaponry displays and the laser Battlefield model. We walked through the walled garden, the Walkways and the Parkland all very interesting. In the Visitor Centre we saw a photograph of Ian Paisley and Bertie Ahern signing the Visitors Book in May, 2007.

Next a shuttle bus took us for a guided tour of the Knowth site. We saw Knowth Castle, the ruined church and went through the caves, the graveyard and also the Hill-Top where people were buried many years ago in the stonework on the Hill. The view from the top is spectacular and well worth seeing. We descended from the Hill and on a plaque the Iron Age in 6000 BC, the Neolithic in 3000-2000 BC.

We saw another audiovisual presentation at Newgrange which explained how the sun comes through the passage once a year. People came here to see it from all over the world. We then drove to Brogan's Hotel in Trim for a four-course meal.

All in all it was a wonderful day and everyone enjoyed it so much. We arrived back in Dalkey about 9 p.m.

A sincere thank-you to Niall & Jill Meghen who masterminded the whole day from start to finish.

**Marie Byrne**



Dalkey Sea Scouts, the 41st Dublin (St. Patrick's, Dalkey) Scout group, held its annual fundraising Clambake on May 7th in the grounds of the rectory garden at St Patrick's Church, Harbour Road.

Despite the thunder and lightning and the rain, another great night was had by all who attended. The Clambake is a huge endeavour undertaken every year by the parents of the scouting members of the troop. The effort and support put into the night is astounding and we would thank everyone involved organising it, parents, leaders, Scouters, guests, those who attended on the night or supported it in any other way.

We would thank Reverend Ben Neill and his wife Kay for allowing us to use their garden which makes an idyllic setting for such an event and the Parish Fete committee for allowing us to avail of the marquees to provide much needed cover. We also would thank the local residents for their understanding and hope that we did not disturb them unduly.

We wish to thank the local businesses who sponsored the evening including Fitzpatrick's Hotel, On the Grapevine, Grandstand Sports and Nuala Woulfe. From members of the group we also received other prizes which included limited edition photographs by both local men John Fahy and Terry Mc Donagh and a voucher for the Ferrycarrig Hotel, Co Wexford donated by the Noonan Family. We would also thank Tiggy and Robert Fowler as well as Avril Ivory of the College of Naturopathic Medicine for putting up other raffle prizes.

A particular mention is deserved by Mervyn Stewart of the Guinea Pig restaurant for his unwavering support. Mervyn has supplied his delicious chowder for more years than he cares to remember and each year it is the cornerstone of the catering.

Without all this generous support we would not have such a great night and gain an impressive fundraising result, in particular in these economic times. All monies raised go towards equipment and other expenses for the troop.

Dalkey Sea Scouts is a part of Scouting Ireland which is a member of the World Organisation of the scouting movement (WOSM). Modern scouting is all about getting out there and enjoying developing new skills such as sailing, swimming, hiking and leadership. Currently our troop has a membership of 114 Scouts and 30 Leaders and are based in the Northover Hall.. All our boating activities are based out of Bulloch Harbour and we have received prizes in the Scout Liffey Descent, Canoe Sprints, Triathlon and we did very well in the Junior Liffey Descent which is an open competition of a higher standard. The Scouts are also involved in many community based projects.

Yours in Scouting

*Jean Heylin – Chairperson of the Parents Support Group*

### SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD NO. 10 *(page 31)*

**ACROSS** – 1. Lycra; 6. Abel; 10. Ante; 14. Valor; 15. Taco; 16. Foes; 17. Irate; 18. Tyro; 19. Toes; 20. Indecorous; 22. Esne; 23. Akin; 24. Egress; 26. Edom; 30. Abe; 31. Nab; 32. Aura; 33. Putt; 35. Tiara; 39. Recruit; 41. Eternal; 43. Slain; 44. Else; 46. Tone; 47. Oat; 49. ETA; 50. Hate; 51. Avenue; 54. Gasp; 56. Sire; 57. Enamelware; 63. Scat; 64. Tote; 65. Aaron; 66. East; 67. Eden; 68. Iliad; 69. Tree; 70. Rest; 71. Teams.

**DOWN** – 1. LVII; 2. Yarn; 3. Clad; 4. Rote; 5. Areca; 6. Attribute; 7. Bayonet; 8. Ecpu; 9. Loosen; 10. Afterbirth; 11. Moose; 12. Teens; 13. Esses; 21. Okapi; 25. Gate; 26. Ears; 27. Duel; 28. Orca; 29. Marionette; 34. Testament; 36. Anoa; 37. Rant; 38. Alee; 40. Unau; 42. Tease; 45. Legates; 48. Teeter; 51. Asset; 52. Vicar; 53. Erase; 55. Plait; 58. Node; 59. Wale; 60. Aria; 61. Roam; 62. Ends.



### *GREAT NEWS !!*

Great news to see all the NEW businesses opening in Dalkey:

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**Pecorino** - Italian Restaurant, where Don Giovanni's used to be

**The Corner Note Café** - café, where Wine Not use to be

**www.TellMyStory.ie** and **www.LetYourVoiceCount.ie** – online business sites, that enable people to share their stories with the community and make an impact on the issues that concern them.

We would like to wish each of them well and are delighted to have them join the Dalkey Business Group as business members to help them promote their businesses and help add to the Dalkey experience for both local residents & visitors.

**The Tram Yard** – We are also delighted to see The Tram Yard developing further which now has an incredible 18 Businesses compared to 2 a year ago. Well done to Dave Coulson & his colleague Jim on all their hard work.

After the **Dalkey Book Festival** success in June this is another inspiring example of positive & proactive business people getting on with it and making it happen in Dalkey!!

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Finally, we would like to thank you, the local residents, for your continued custom and urge you to think **“Dalkey” and support your local businesses by shopping here first.** Together we can make Dalkey the place you want to live & shop in.

Many thanks,

**Jason McChesney** – *Chairman, Dalkey Business Group (2011)*

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## MARITIME DALKEY

Following two successful Dalkey Book Festivals, there's a uniquely wonderful opportunity to expand the festival by natural progression in retracing Dalkey's rich medieval maritime past. For example, any proposals to re-enact a wine-cargo arrival in Dalkey Sound and then transporting it up to the town's Goat Castle (Heritage Centre) should be explored. If there's any message in the bottle...let's hear it!

In recent years a French wine company carried their commercial cargo to Dublin Port by 'green' transport, using sail-power rather than conventional carbon-emitting ships. In July 2008 the inaugural consignment was loaded in Brest, Brittany on the 1900-built staysail schooner *Kathleen and May* which embarked on the historic voyage, not conducted since the days of sail.

Another shipment took place in advance of St. Patrick's Day 2009 when the St. Malo based schooner *Etoile de France* passed The Muglins at close quarters, so near and yet so far!

Switching topics, it is hoped that the *Jeanie Johnston*, which was under 'full' sail for the first time in 2003 for a publicity helicopter film-shoot in Dublin Bay and Dalkey Sound, in advance of her inaugural voyage to North

America, will be in seaworthy condition so to attend two prestigious sailing events in 2012. The first event is the Volvo Ocean Race in Galway in July and then in August, the Tall Ships Races Festival returns to Dublin, where 100 tallships are expected. The capital last hosted the event in 1998.



*Etoile de France*



*Asgard II*

the Tyrrell boatyard, Arklow. With her distinctive green hull she was a common sight in Dalkey Sound, during the vessel's early career.

Her first and only appearance with her Irish counterparts was in the 'Parade of Sail' of the Waterford Tall Ships Races 2005. Neither, *Jeanie Johnston* or *Dundrodry* attended June's tall ship festival.

A notable tallship visitor to Dalkey Sound was the three-masted *Tenacious*, which made for an impressive entrance on a glorious day in May 2009, where she joined her fleetmate *Lord Nelson* at the Dublin Docklands Maritime Festival.

When the *Asgard II* sank in September 2008 off the French west coast, this left the *Jeanie Johnston* and *Dunbrody* as the remaining Irish tallships.

The 19th century replica famine-museum barques are port-bound, where the former is based in Dublin and the latter in New Ross.

*Asgard II* was Ireland's first purpose built sail training vessel and the brigantine was launched in 1981 at



*Jeanie Johnston*

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The 'A' class (being the largest) tallships are run by the Jubilee Sailing Trust and are the only square-rigged tall ships in the world, specifically designed to enable people with physical abilities to sail.

During the early 1990's the replica Mersey pilot gaff-schooner Spirit of Scotland, which for a vessel of her size made a rare overnight anchorage in the sound. Now renamed Spirit of Fairbridge, the 92-ft vessel took part in this year's tall ships races alongside the only Irish entrant, the ketch Celtic Mist.

*Words and Photos: Jehan Ashmore*

## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH OPENS FOR HERITAGE WEEK

During Heritage Week 2011 visitors will be welcome at St. Patrick's Church, Harbour Road/Church Road from 2-6 pm on Thurs 25th, Fri 26th, Sat 27th and Sun 28th August. This well-known local landmark was built in 1843, and in later years the Sexton's Lodge, Parochial Hall, School and Rectory were added. Information on the whole curtilage of buildings will be available including old prints, photos, plans and extracts from the parish archives. A team of parishioners will be on hand to show visitors around and answer questions.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I'm trying to track down anyone who might remember the filming of Gorgo in Coliemore and Bulloch Harbours in 1960/61.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorgo\\_%28film%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorgo_%28film%29)

Particularly anyone who might have been involved as an extra etc. Any help you could provide, or suggestions you could make, would be very gratefully received.

Many thanks in advance.

**John Byrne**, *Arts Journalist*

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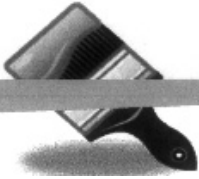
Dear Editor,

I am writing in connection with the long awaited removal of the Patton Flyer buses from what has been their resting place in Hillside since the service ceased operation in September 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Hillside for their patience and understanding in relation to this matter. When the Patton Flyer stopped operations, on direction from the Department of Transport, I was directed by the relevant financial institution that the buses were to remain in the vicinity of the residence of the bus driver(s) at the time. I had hoped that I would be in a position to resume the service, or indeed operate a similar service from another terminus in the area, but this was not possible. I finally succeeded in getting the buses removed to a more suitable location at the beginning of June (by which stage the buses themselves had become quite an eyesore, due to vandalism, to what is a very well maintained locality). I have met with and apologised directly to many of the residents in the area but for those of you that I have not seen please accept my apologies for any inconvenience.

Finally, I want to assure your readers that I am not out of the transport business as yet, my next venture should result in further enhancements to the transport services offered to this community (watch this space).

Kind regards,

**Trevor Patton**



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## AN AFRICAN JOURNEY . . . Continued

I will start with what animals I meet in my daily walks to the shower or on the road to the camps. Firstly, the very large cockroaches, I swear these ones are of the GM variety as the size of those antennae are massive; - maybe they are really spies? Small scorpions too, I heard there are large ones around the compound, but I've been so lucky not to step on or see one yet, (touch wood). The usual flying, green things that make noises or just fly straight at you.

The sound of the man shouting at least 7 times a day, the worst one is at 5 till 5.30 am when he recites a long poem; I wish I could find that recording and stop it for a while or move their clocks. Mind you the Ethiopian clock is very odd, it is 6 hours behind and there are 13 months per year, so this month is April 2004, figure that one out!

Now back to the animals, well, the donkeys are always braying, of course. One morning I was half asleep and shuffling towards the toilet, when I had to rub my eyes a few times as I thought there was a donkey and cart in the compound, but it was true, he comes in to bring in a drum of water and remove the rubbish!

Back to the animals, on the drive it is hens flying back and forward across the road, the donkeys that just stand there and the goats that run away, but their direction sense usually means towards your car.

There are some 'dic dics' and baboons, yes the ones that look as if someone scalded their bottoms, camels, moorhens and of course goats and cattle. Work is very slow as the people who are running the show, don't care one bit about the refugees and they try every which way they can to stop you implementing anything, as you have to go through them. The only time that they wake up is for food distribution and then they are ready to siphon whatever they can from the distribution list.

I had a very good day today teaching the Outreach workers and they were delighted with all of their new knowledge and I have been re booked, so that was a positive.

Food wise, it is all carbs, rice and pasta or potatoes, so I am a fat round barrel and they think it is great. Of course the fatter that you are means you have money. I had a consultation this evening with one of the guards to the compound as his son works for MSF and he has been given loads of antibiotic and was obviously overdoing it as everyone here thinks antibiotics cure everything, it's so overprescribed and the damage has been done. I tried to get him to take in vit c but sure where he would get that from. I forgot to mention the obligatory goat and chicken, bones that have been cooked really.

So it rained for ten mins the other day, but it was bone dry in 2 mins, so much for growing crops. The refugees are fleeing from Somalia as it is 40% drought ridden and the numbers are escalating every day, so there is a large back log. This means that they are waiting for almost a week with only 3 days provision of food, which is one meal per day, so malnutrition is on the increase in the camps, another difficult job to tackle as they sell their food. The children are sent to the feeding centre to get fed, but not supervised very well at all, so the fat and healthy ones eat the lot! So it is sad to say nothing changes, but you have to keep on trying.

The selection of music is the usual rubbish and of course turned up real loud on defunct players and sure it's great.

Very hot during the days and sand storms in the camps leaving collapsed latrines, (imagine

if you were doing a number 2 in there when that happened, probably no one would notice). Now that is a very good excuse for constipation.

Football is the game, both on the field and on the TV. I can honestly say that I have seen most of the African, Spanish and Germany leagues. For me it is grand as I can get the 6 nations and Heineken league via a South African channel.

I have not got paid this month, so I may be here for quite some time!

Love to all.

Lu or as they have given me a Somali name Hannai, which means Honey. They will not listen to me when I say that I am a nurse and it is often 'good morning, Doctor!

Yes, I have some Somali words and the local Amarach, of course my language ability means I say both in one sentence and they are too polite to say so!

Lu Kellett



## FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS FOR AUGUST



**On the first weekend in August**, The Peoples Park in Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin will be filled with sublime sounds as classical music wafts through the late summer evening warmth with The Classical Twist Shows presented by DLR Events and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

The shows will take place on **Friday August 5th and Saturday August 6th at 8.00 pm** and **Sunday August 7th at 2.00 pm**. Tickets are not required for these shows and the park will be open to all who wish to attend.

On **Sunday August 7th** the show will be a sing along especially for families and children with songs from smash hit shows such as High School Musical, Fame, Annie, the Jungle Book, The Lion King and Many more.

Between **12th and 14th August 2011**, Dun Laoghaire will be the only international stop on the world famous French Solitaire du Figaro yacht race.

To celebrate the stopover of this iconic 3,390 km race, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, the Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company and the National Yacht Club have joined forces to create Festival des Bateaux.

The harbour will be a magnificent tapestry of colour as the boats arrive for this international event. Dun Laoghaire will be resplendent with fireworks, music and the sights, sounds, foods, and 'joie de vivre' of France.

Dun Laoghaire has a rich maritime and festival history and will play host to Festival des Bateaux for three days. The boats will be in port from the **12th to the 14th of August**.

Dublin Bay Taste and Music Festival 2011

Set to take Ireland by storm, this premiere event, **25th - 28th August**, in the Peoples' Park, Dun Laoghaire, features a celebration of great Dublin Bay area chefs and cuisine.

With a full stage of live musical entertainment, including Niamh Kavanagh & the Illegals and Flash Harry, this event is bound to please all friends, families, 'foodies' and music lovers of all ages.

For all the latest news and updates see [www.tasteandmusic.com](http://www.tasteandmusic.com)

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DCC Monthly Meeting in OLH	Tues. 2 Aug
Heritage Week (check <a href="http://www.dlrevents.ie">www.dlrevents.ie</a> for info)	Sat 20 - Sun 28 Aug
Sorting September Newsletter	Thurs. 25 Aug
DCC (September) Meeting in OLH	Mon. 5 Sept

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Karate** sessions for all age groups @ 6.00-9.00pm. Tuesdays & Thursdays. Contact Wayne Deegan at 086 857 2546

**Dalkey Players Theatre Group** - New season begins early September but enquiries welcome. Contact Caroline Hickey 086-8092850 or check [www.dalkeyplayers.ie](http://www.dalkeyplayers.ie) for details.

**The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society** meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested please call 086-8391839.



## DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



### BIODIVERSITY EVENTS AUGUST 2011

**Saturday 6th August - 2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.** – Exploring the Ecology of Dillon’s Park. *Venue:* Dillon’s Park, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.

**Sunday 7th August 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.** – Let’s Catch Butterflies. *Venue:* Killiney Hill; meet in the main car park.

**Sunday 21st August 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.** – Seashore, Seashow. Meet at Sandycove Beach. (Booking required for this event: Contact Andrew on 087 32 999 36; [info@owls.ie](mailto:info@owls.ie))



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

*I have been installing official "Saorview" systems since they became available last April. In some cases, especially around the Dalkey area, it has been necessary to install new aerials as well as amplifiers. Unfortunately some parts of Dalkey do not have "line of sight" directly to the mountain top transmitter (typically 3 Rock Mountain in Dublin), hence the new aerial and amplifier, to capture as much signal as possible. However all this should change in the future as "Saorview" is currently operating on only 6% power, which will be cranked up to full power when the old analogue service is switched off. You can view the coverage maps by going to [www.saorview.ie](http://www.saorview.ie)*

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