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April: Possibly named for Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love or from the Latin verb meaning 'to open' or the Greek word meaning 'the opening'. Greeks called the season of Spring 'the opening'.

Flower: Sweetpea & Daisy



Winter's done, and April's in the skies,
Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!

CHARLES G.D. ROBERTS - 'AN APRIL ADORATION' 1896

*Cásc Shona díbh go léitheóirí
Happy Easter to all our readers*



DCC ANNUAL COLLECTION

Dear Resident,

With this issue of the Council's Newsletter you will receive an envelope for our **Annual Collection**. We would appreciate if you could put your contribution in it and return it to your Road Representative or simply pop it in the post box in Our Lady's Hall.

We rely on your contributions to carry out the many activities we engage in such as making Representations to the County Council on all matters involving Dalkey, the Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Planning matters, sponsorship of local causes e.g. sports, athletes, etc., Garden Competition, Art Exhibition, etc.

Many thanks for your contribution.



Pasque Flower
(Easter Lilly)

DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday 6th April 2010

IN THE TOWN HALL HERITAGE CENTRE

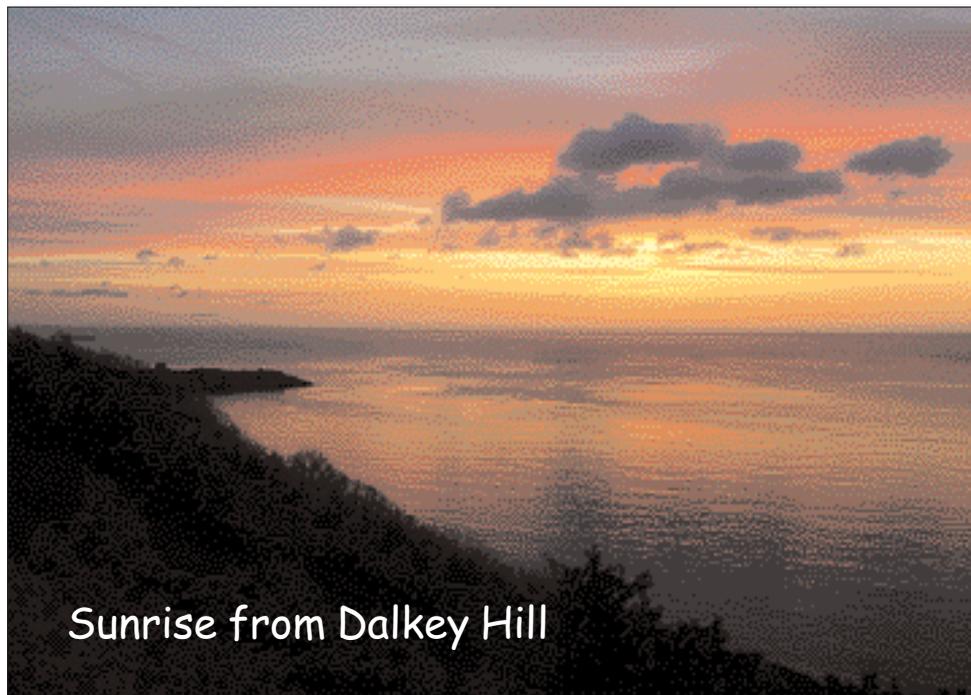
**Residents are reminded that the above meeting
will take place at 8 p.m**

ALL RESIDENTS OF DALKEY ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Your Area Representative is

Telephone: E-Mail:



Sunrise from Dalkey Hill



SUMMARY – DCC MARCH 2010 MEETINGS



The AGM of Dalkey Community Council took place on Monday 1st March at 8pm. The minutes from the 2009 AGM were read and agreed. The reports and accounts for the year ended 2009 were adopted. Richard Mooney and Carmel Threadgold retired from the Executive and DCC thanked them for their service. Susan McDonnell was elected as Chairman and the meeting appointed Ann Perry as Secretary. After the agreement to re-appoint the Auditors the AGM concluded.

The monthly meeting followed and Susan welcomed Ann Brennan who has joined DCC as a Road Rep for Barnhill Road. The members heard reports from the various sub-committees. Councillor Stephen Fitzpatrick informed us that DLRCoCo are considering enhancing the signs against dog fouling in an attempt to make them more effective. Also under consideration by the Local Authority is a proposal to expand the issue of fines for littering and dog fouling. The new litter bin has been positioned by the taxi rank. The water problems that many residents had experienced have eased but it is important to be mindful that it is a precious commodity. As there was no further business the meeting ended.



BOOK SEARCH



Having grown up in Dalkey until 1958 (Castle Street) I would love to get a copy of the book *“Images of Ireland - Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown”* mentioned in the newsletter. Could you tell where I could purchase a copy?

Regards

John Toner



Scoil Haróid nowadays could be described as shaped like the letter T. The bar of the letter lies to the north of the site and the perpendicular lies to the south of the bar. The original school was the two roomed red bricked building opened in January 1901 facing St. Patrick's Road and then in 1930 another room was added again in red brick, which gave the school an inverted L shape at the time. Further additions in the mid-60s completed the T shape as it is today.

When I came to Haróid in October 1971, I was given the room added on in 1930. Facing northwest meant the sun never shone into it. It had one internal wall with the remaining three jutting out into the schoolyard. Three large windows in the wall facing north overlooked a classroom the school yard and the roofs of the houses in White's Villas. The lack of sunshine in the room meant the lights were on from beginning to end each school day. It couldn't be described as a room with a view and I taught there for twelve years.

When Michael O'Connor retired in 1983 I knew my chance of migration had arrived! In September 1983 I started teaching in the room, on the bar of the T, that looked out on St. Patrick's Road and the front of the school. Not alone did I have the beautiful Horsechestnut in the grounds to view but Telegraph Castle could clearly be seen on Dalkey Hill. Lest it be thought that I spent the time looking out these beautiful surroundings, I must state that I spent 21 years in this room and it had a large expanse of glass in a window, perhaps 5 m by 1 1/2m, facing south which meant, as time passed, I became conscious of life and features outside the classroom window. In the afternoons when the sun shone from the south in the window, it was necessary to close the blinds as boys complained "I can't see Sir!". The Horsechestnut housed the messy Starlings in September as many people, who parked their cars there then can testify. Then it shed its leaves, 'til in January, the sticky buds re-appeared to bloom into thick green foliage by the spectacular white 'candles' of late April. Looking further to the south, Dalkey Hill can be seen with the granite carved from its side to build Dun Laoghaire Harbour. But from the room window your eye would be drawn to the Old Telegraph, the old stone ruin on top of Dalkey Hill, which is generally referred to as a "Castle". This telegraph tower was built at the time of the Martello Towers about 1807. It

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was used for signalling or for sending messages by Semaphore or even lighting a fire in the tower, to the ships and other various military installations in the area. It was restored and probably made more picturesque by Robert Warren, who owned Killiney Castle in the 1850s.

Outside the front wall of the school was the road connecting Carysfort Road with Castle Street, called at different times, Porters Road and Bus Lawn, to its present name of St. Patrick's Road. Hugh Leonard, a past pupil, refers to Bus Lawn in an article as "once the terminus for the throbbing, chugging, panting single-decker". Towards the Castle Street end of this road stood Garden Castle, one of the Seven Castles of Dalkey, hundreds of years ago. The local people walked up and down this road every day. They met, they parted, they laughed, they talked but from the window it was done in silence. A sudden shower of rain and they sheltered silently beneath the canopy of the chestnut tree. In summer the road was brightened with their colourful summer gear and dark winter days seemed darker because of dark overcoats, hats and black umbrellas.

In an English textbook at one time, there was a poem about a school bus. The author wrote about the school bus during the holidays, waiting for the return of the children and missing them. I often wondered did that wonderful view from the window wait for my return to enjoy it once again?

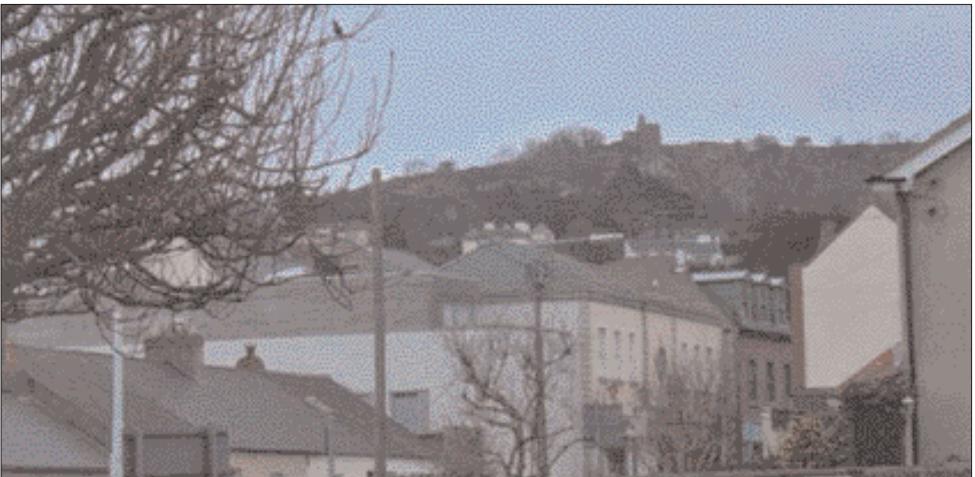
John O' Donoghue wrote in his *Divine Beauty*:

"Is it not possible that a place could have such huge affection for those who dwell there? Perhaps your place loves having you there. It misses you when you are away and, in its secret way, rejoices when you return. Perhaps your favourite place feels proud of you".



Will I qualify as an Easter Bunny?

Seán Ó Gormáin





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“We love April for putting a spirit of youth in everything” - to steal from Shakespeare. This is the month when everything springs to life, bright-eyed, bushy-tailed and brimming with the Joys of Spring.”

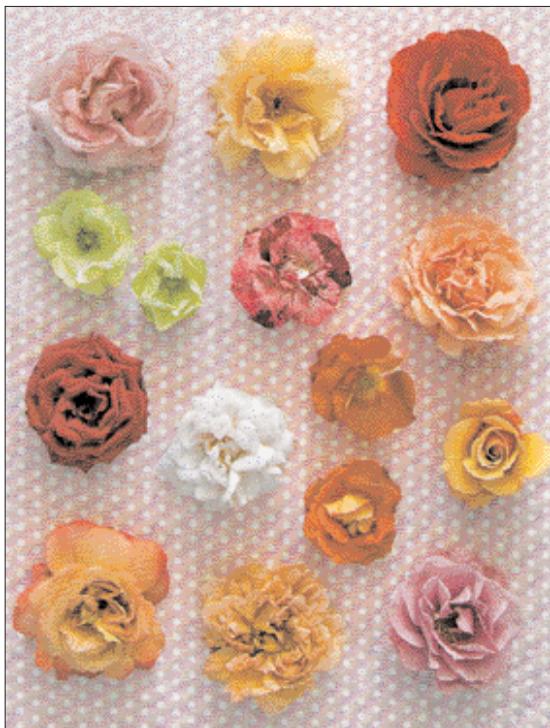
WORDS BY JAMES ALEXANDER SINCLAIR

Most of our gardens here in Dalkey are becoming a delightful symphony of green. If there would only be one colour in the world that I could see - then, it would have to be green. What shades, tints, hints, - ‘40 shades of green’. Personally, I think there are many more!

So, let’s spring into our step! I think it might be fair to say of all our months April is the one when our world changes most dramatically from the first day to the last. A sunny April evening in the garden around 7-8 p.m. is as good as life can get. Aprils can be hot, yet we could have a flurry of snow (hopefully not!), or hailstones the next. I suppose it’s all about change and growth is quite intoxicating. I used to think that May was my favourite month of the year but now, I’m almost sure it’s April and then it holds the promise of May to follow. April is our peak flowering month; many shrubs, especially here in Dalkey, cherry trees, magnolias, rhododendrons, pieris (Forest Flame) and camellias. Everywhere now, our blossoming trees are a cloudy mass of flowers, every shade of pale pink, some deep, some brightly-veined. Cherry trees always remind me of when I was a little child and, on visiting our Granny on Sundays, she always had a circular tin of pale pink & white marshmallows on our arrival, together with red lemonade and, almost always, a ‘two & sixpence’ (for the seven of us) wrapped up in tissue. Then we would get our usual command: “Please take it and don’t tell your mother!”. The amount of Flash Bars and Quenchers I would buy would frighten you.....no more to be said!!

I see where I generally walk with Precious that our hedges are bright with the new green leaves of Hawthorn which thankfully, will hide the birds’ nests from view. I believe queen wasps in April are almost as harmless as kittens unless deliberately annoyed. They are too tired and too busy to bother about anything but the survival of their species.

This morning I awoke at 6.45 a.m. to the sound of rain dripping off a



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loose gutter (must have it seen to!). By the time I left, little Precious (our King Charles) out, the rain had ceased. I sat outside on our steamer lounge wooden chair and heartedly admired all our newly formed leaves and buds of our Rambling Rose, ‘New Dawn’, shell pink roses, introduced after World War II in order to ‘lift peoples’ hearts’ pearly and spangled with raindrops.

Lately, I have been inspecting our Globe Artichokes, (*Cynara Scolymus*) to see that no lovable ‘evil’ pest has found them in order to devour their tempting delicate juicy shoots. One of our artichokes has performed magnanimously throughout this damp, bitterly cold winter and lives in a sheltered spot at the corner of our little patio/seating area. Presently, its silvery green-toothed leaves are pure architecture/sculpture. It is a plant I simply couldn’t be without. This plant needs plenty of room in order to spread its wondrous superb leaves: - its leaves are jungle-giant size. I always chuck off its snail-eaten leaves; they make the most superb compost and in August it displays the most striking electric blue thistles. I sometimes show ours off at night with the spotlight that happens to be situated above it. Ramble around your



Heart of the Matter – the Globe Artichoke. There are three main varieties of artichokes



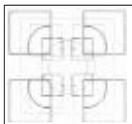
Pineapple Mint

garden on a warm evening after dark and maybe, like me, you will observe many sleepy bumble bees who have decided it is simply far, too far away to fly home to their hive. Incidentally, by September almost every year, all our artichokes get infested with Blackfly especially their tips, so, this summer I intend to try more earnestly to prevent this happening.

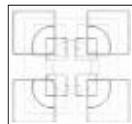
So, our month of April is seed growing frenzy time, captivating gardeners up and down the country. Growing your own salad leaves save a fortune. Sow little and often and it will provide continuous crops and then you can pick just moments before mealtime.

If there are some herbs or vegetables that you just can’t get enough of, it will save you lots of Euros if you sow them from seed.

Mint: it is possibly best to grow it in a container; otherwise it may well run everywhere. Divide and re-pot every autumn for lush growth the following spring. Great with lamb or infused in tea or a Pimm’s. Pineapple Mint too is so special floating on a soft summer’s cool drink; as a garnish on a



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bowl of strawberries, raspberries, red currants, blueberries and cream or crème fraiche or cottage cheese. Other recommendable seeds to grow are: cucumber; melon; sweet and chilli peppers; aubergines; tomatoes; strawberries; basil; parsley; chives; marrow; courgettes; pumpkins; squash; marjoram and dill.

**THE GARDEN CENTRE ENABLE IRELAND,
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This garden centre was set up in 1990 to provide horticultural training for adults with a physical disability and very soon progressed into a fully functional garden centre open to the public.

More information from the Centre's Co-Ordinator, Gráinne Magee on 01-2615928.

JOBS TO DO IN THE GARDEN THIS MONTH
If the Mood Takes You !

You can have a lifetime of Special Moments in your garden this spring and summer. So many of our Dalkey residents (I know it only too well!) have boundless energy and great enthusiasm.

1. Recognisable weed seedlings should be carefully teased out of the ground as weeds always do their level best to survive.
2. Remove dead flower heads from hydrangeas.
3. Allow daffodil leaves to die back naturally before removing them. Resist the temptation of cutting them down or tying them up when flowering is over. Wait, - if you can simply put up with it! - until they are brown and then, do so.

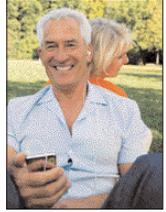
Get out your barbeque and clean it ready for use should the occasion arise which it might from now on as the weather improves.

4. Now is a good time to cut back lavenders, sage and many different sea-side species of Santolinas here in Dalkey. If their bases are woody, just cut back last year's growth.
5. Most ornamental grasses left for winter interest need to be cut back now in order to make space for new growth. You can divide grasses that become too big/large for their space. Some grasses hate being cut down and, likewise, if divided will die: therefore, please check your grass species!
6. Cannas, stored in the greenhouse over winter, can be lifted and re-potted.
7. A friend told me recently that if you stand your pots on kitchen foil when light levels are low your seedlings will benefit from the reflected light.
8. Pop a 'forcing pot' or upturned dustbin over your rhubarb if you haven't done so already in order to bring on your crop.
9. Now that spring is here plants will be putting on plenty of new growth and so will benefit from feeding. Don't be too generous or you may burn their delicate new shoots.
- 10 Trim over winter flowering and spring heathers that have gone out of flower before new growth appears as this will be needed to flower next year.



Male Fern

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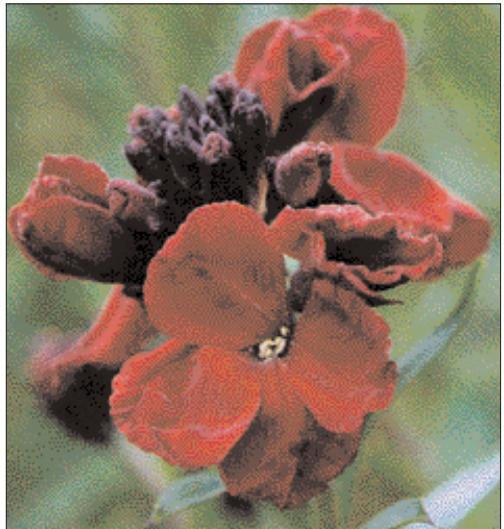
11. **Wall Flowers:** It's really worthwhile growing your own from seed as some gardening centres have scrawny, mixed colours. By growing your own seed, you can select exactly which variety you want and, best of all, it's just so easy! Sow seeds, outdoors in May or June either in pots or in rows of fine soil. Pot on seedlings, feed and by autumn you'll have lovely stocky plants that will flower fabulously to following spring. Their scent is ravishing and always reminds me of those 'May Altars' that we were encouraged to make at school. I used to steal out to our garden, at dusk, find an old tree trunk - cut down by our gardener - for several of my childhood years I used to spend hours decorating these tree trunks with candytuft, (Iberis), white and blue bells and various species of our magnificently scented wall flowers.

Finally, we may all be feeling the pinch at present but you needn't miss out on new plants. For long-term value for money, remember that cheapest isn't necessarily best. For best long-term value choose hardy trees, shrubs, roses, climbers, bulbs and perennials - since they live for years but remember to select those that suit your soil. Bedding plants need to be replaced: maybe better to go for flowers which will self-seed sufficiently to produce their own replacements. Alchemilla Mollis (Ladies' Mantle), annual poppies, Cerinthe (usually magenta, purplish cerise). I saw my first green species in a garden last summer on Hyde Road that was open for charity. It was, literally, and utterly spectacular. The lady there gave me several cuttings but, regrettably, they didn't take; so I have learned from this that one must grow it from seed! Crikey! I will never ever forget that plant. Very very well done to that plant lady: -definitely a true gardener/plantswoman. Cultivated foxgloves, Forget-Me-Nots, pansies, aquilegias (Grannys' Bonnets), are all good at self-seeding and generally you'll buy more for less at plant stalls, village fetes, car boot sales, (You could even be so lucky to pick up a rarity, raised by another passionate gardener), gardening shows too generally have a big sell off at closing time on the last day. This is a great opportunity for visitors to get unusual specimens cheaply from top nurseries.



Wall flower 'Jenny Brook'

This is a particularly attractive wall flower, Erysimum, 'Jenny Brook'; it flowers freely and continually from early to late summer and gives a riot of colour over a long period



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❖ GARDEN TALKS IN APRIL 2010 ❖

NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS GLASNEVIN DUBLIN 9

Wednesday 14th April

Lecture – *'The Changing Flora of Ireland's Bogs and Eskers'* Dr. John Feehan. 3.p.m
Education & Visitor Centre

Sunday 17th April

Workshop – *'Grow your own Organic Vegetables'* 11.a.m Education & Visitor Centre

Saturday 24th April

Workshop – *'Wild Food - Exploring Ireland's Generous Nature'* – Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson
10 a.m. - 12.p.m Education & Visitor Centre

❖ PLANTS FOR EVERY MONTH OF THE YEAR ❖

A KEEN GARDENER'S CHOICE

January	Hamamelis Molis (Witch Hazel)
February	Daphne Jacqueline Postille
March	Rosemarinus Mrs McConnell - prostrate dark blue always put gravel under the belly
April	Mahonia Apollo - lovely autumn tints
May	Rosa Canary Bird
June	Rosa Mulligania - white Rambler, heavily scented
July	Pestemons
August	Rudbeckia and Abutilon
September	Cercidiphyllum - smells like toffee in September - heart-shaped leaves
October	Myrtus Ugni - can prune to one meter- strawberry smell to Berries
November	Coronilla Citrona
December	Mahonia Charity and Iris Unguicularis Stylosa. This has blue pencil-like flowers - bring indoors and they open!





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SCHOOLS: The Living History Programme for schools will run until the end of April, supported by the DLR Heritage Officer. The April programme is tailored to suit the first three years of the Junior Cert programme. Medieval Society, fortified Town Houses/Castles, early Christian Churches, work, art, craft, tools, dress and imaginative reconstructions -all of which are part of the Living History programme in Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre -are on the syllabus for the Junior Cert history course. So while fun will be the order of the day learning will take place!

SUMMER PROGRAMME: On May 1st the full summer programme will be rolled out. This year the Tudors are coming to Dalkey! More details in the next issue. While the Centre is still closed on Tuesdays due to cutbacks, the opening hours on the other six days are being extended. The Centre will be open until 6.00pm with the last tour at 5.15pm.

GIFT VOUCHER FOR EASTER: If you are wondering about choosing a gift, remember that you can buy a €20 Gift Voucher at the Heritage Centre Shop which can be used by the lucky recipient for Living History Tours or in the Shop.

Art Exhibitions begin again in the Gallery in April. An exhibition of new work by painter Pádraig McCaul and ceramic artist Gráinne Watts entitled 'Coast' opens on April 13th and runs until Sunday 18th. "The coast is that point where land and sea meet. It is this point that continues to draw Delgany-based artists Pádraig McCaul and Gráinne Watts. While both work in different mediums they each take directly from the elements that make up the coast. Gráinne takes hers from the sea, Pádraig from the land, and both from that place where water meets the sand and rocks of the land's edge. This is their meeting place". 'Coast' will be open from 11.00-16.30 daily. Admission is free.

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Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre is part funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co. CRAGA (Pobal) & FÁS



Barnaby and Harold School

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Weeks 6-9 8/2/'10 to 5/3/'10

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0636

Application Rec'd Date: 27-Aug-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr Timothy & Mrs Sinead Bouchier-Hayes, 33, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for an extension to the front and side of house comprising two storeys plus basement; the demolition of existing one-storey extension, a detached shed and 9.5m of the existing boundary wall to the side; construction of a new rendered blockwork boundary wall; the installation of 5sq.m solar panels on the roof of the existing house; widening of the existing gateway and replacement of the existing 3.13 metre wide entrance gate off Castlepark Road by 4.315 metre wide new gate.

Application Type: Permission. **Add. Info:** 12-Feb-2010.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0077

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Feb-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Marie Ballyguile Ltd., Centra, 11, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for retention is sought for the demolition of a single-storey store at rear and the temporary installation for 3 years of single storey temporary premises as extension to existing retail shop at rear. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref. D10B/0056

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Feb-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Jo Ann Connolly, 43, Dalkey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for the provision of a single storey window bay extension to the front elevation, along with minor alterations to the existing single storey garage window positioning and associated parapet copings.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0780

Application Rec'd Date: 29-Oct-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Jennie & Andrew Power, Site at Ardeevin Terrace, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for construction of partially sub-terranean three bedroom two-storey-below-road-level detached house, with study, living, dining and kitchen, associated vehicular and pedestrian access, private car parking for 2 cars and ancillary site works. (Site model to scale submitted with application). **Applic. Type:** Permission. **Additional Information Rec'd** (New Adds): 18-Feb-2010.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0080

Application Rec'd Date: 15-Feb-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Stephen O'Dea, 21, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for change of use from office to residential (original) use at first floor (92sq.m) and ground floor (10sq.m).

Reg. Ref.: D10B/0076

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Feb-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Colm & Rita Moore, 46, Dalkey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for a ground floor extension to existing two-storey semi-detached dwelling. This extension is a single storey entrance porch to front of dwelling, with hipped roof and all finishes to match existing.

Reg. Ref.: D10B/0077

Application Rec'd Date: 18-Feb-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Jackie & Maurice Cooney, Drayton, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a single storey extension with verandah to the rear and to the side and the addition of a roof light to the side of the garden-level Studio and the replacement of the single-storey garden-level bay-window to the front to a new design creating extra floor space of 1 sq. meter.

Reg. Ref.: D10B/0078

Application Rec'd Date: 18-Feb-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr. Bernard O'Hare, 17, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a 46 sq.m single storey extension to rear and alteration to existing ground floor window to front.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/008

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Feb-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Anthony Cosgrave, Thalassa, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the provision of double entrance gates and railings enclosure fixed over existing boundary walls to existing car parking space.

PLANNING DECISIONS WEEKS 6-9 - 8/2/10 to 5/3/2010

- Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0813 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 16-Feb-2010
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Thomas Murphy & Avril Moore, 37, Hillside, Dalkey.
Proposal: Planning permission is sought for: 1, A single storey extension to rear of dwelling; 2, Extension at first floor level over existing garage to side of dwelling; 3, Construction of new porch and bay window to front of dwelling; 4. Existing roadside entrance gates to be widened; 5. Interior alterations and renovations to existing dwelling, together with all associated site works.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0885 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 16-Feb-2010
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd., 1, Castle Close, Sandycove.
Proposal: Permission sought for modifications to the landscape and site layout of the previously approved 6 no. senior citizen residential apartments (Reg. Ref. D08A/0480 and PL 06D.230903). These changes include the provision of a services room (16 sq.m), resident stores and a bin store within a single storey structure separating the car parking to the front of the property and the private residents' garden to the back. The no. of car parking places will increase from 6 to 7.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09B/0529 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 19-Feb-2010
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Ben & Sally-Anne Gaffikin, 16, Barnhill Avenue, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a single storey extension to rear of house, area 23m2 and an extension to the side of house at first floor level area 26m2. Also the conversion of attic space to habitable room and the construction of a dormer window and fitting of 2 no. rooflights to rear. Works also include alterations to front facade.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0905 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 22-Feb-2010
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Marie Conlon, Ardrugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: The development will comprise of the construction of 3 no. detached dwelling houses consisting of House A, to be located on the southern portion of the site nearest Ardrugh Road, comprising a 6 bedroom, three storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 523 sq.m.; House B, located in the centre of the subject site, comprising a 5 bedroom, three - storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 374 sq.m; House C, located on the northern portion of the site, comprising a 5 bedroom, three-storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 374 sq.m. The houses are set within the contours of the site with only House A visible from street level at Ardrugh Road. Each house has a north-facing terrace/balcony at ground floor level. Each house is served by 2 no. car parking spaces and connected via an internal driveway to a shared vehicular and pedestrian entrance to be created from Ardrugh Road. The proposed development includes all site development works, services, landscaping and boundary treatments. The development is on a 0.21655 hectare site.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0919 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 23-Feb-2010
Applic. Name, Address & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd. Mackeys Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, and part of No.1 Castle Close, Sandycove.
Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of modifications to previously approved plans (Reg.Ref:D06A/1808 and PL06D.224130), being the reduction in the number of apartments from 51 no. as approved to 48 no. by the omission of 2 no. 1 bed apartments at first floor level in Blocks A and B (the adjacent 2 bed apartment increase in size), and the omission of 1 no. 2 bed apartment at third floor level Block B (the adjacent 3 bed apartments increase in size). Also proposed is the redistributions of floor area in Blocks A and B such that 6 no. small 2 bed apartments become 6 no. large 1 bed apartments (52sq.m each) and the surplus floor area will be allocated to adjacent 2 bed apartments, to provide a proposed revised apartment mix in total of 8 no. 3 bed apartments, 28 no. 2 bed apartments and 12 no 1 bed apartments. Also proposed are modifications to elevations of both Blocks A and B by the repositioning of windows to reflect new internal layout changes and the extending of balconies to increase private open space allocation within the development with revisions to landscape design including the children's play area, basement car park ventilation and a new location for the ESB substation.
- Reg. Ref.:** D09A/0926 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 25-Feb-2010
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr. Gerry Murphy, Mr. Neil Rafferty, Mr. Michael Howard & Mr. Adrian Lynch

Location: 1, 2, 3, and 4 Victoria Terrace, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey (incl. works to Dalkey Avenue)

Proposal: Permission for development of 4 no. on-street car parking spaces on a 0.2369 ha site approximately. The development will consist of; the demolition of the front (western) boundary walls of all 4 no. dwellings, the demolition of the party walls between Nos. 1 and 2 Victoria Terrace, Nos. 2 and 3 Victoria Terrace and Nos. 3 and 4 Victoria Terrace; the lowering of part of the northern boundary wall of No.1 Victoria Terrace (the wall will be lowered from 1.98 metres to 1.05 metres along 2.2 metres of its length for visibility reasons); the development of 4 No. on-street parallel car parking spaces in lieu of part of the front gardens; and the development of 3 No. speed ramps on Dalkey Avenue. The proposed development will also consist of; associated waste areas; hard and soft landscaping works; reconstruction of the footpath; boundary treatments; and all other associated site development and excavation works above and below ground.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0927

Decision: Refuse Permission

Date: 22-Feb-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Pascal Byrne, 6, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of; (a) demolition of existing extension to front, side and rear of existing structure on site which currently contains 3 No. residential units. (b) alterations to the exterior and interior of the existing structure and construction of a two storey extension to the rear to provide 2 no. duplex apartments in the existing structure and the construction of a rear 2 storey extension to the existing structure providing 2 no. 1 bedroom apartments. (4 no. apartments in total). (c) the widening of the existing access gateway to provide access to rear, 4 no. parking spaces, gates, boundary walls and fences, hard and soft landscaping, terraces, connection to public drainage and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0001

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 25-Feb-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr. R Lambkin, Johnville, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission for a new vehicular entrance, splayed granite stone walls and gates on Cunningham Road to serve the existing house.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0088

Decision: Declare Application Invalid

Date: 26-Feb-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Anthony Cosgrave, Thalassa, Torca Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the provision of double entrance gates and railings enclosure fixed over existing boundary walls to existing car parking space.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0636

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 5-Mar-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr Timothy & Mrs Sinead Bouchier-Hayes, 33, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for an extension to the front and side of house comprising two storeys plus basement; the demolition of existing one-storey extension, a detached shed and 9.5m of the existing boundary wall to the side; construction of a new rendered block work boundary wall; the installation of 5sq.m solar panels on the roof of the existing house; widening of the existing gateway and replacement of the existing 3.13 metre wide entrance gate off Castlepark Road by 4.315 metre wide new gate.

Reg. Ref.: D10B/0013

Decision: Request Add. Info.

Date: 3-Mar-2010

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Nicola Dunleavy, 10, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for a first floor extension to the rear and side, conversion of garage to habitable room and a detached single storey shed to the rear (floor area 35m2).

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANALA WEEKS 6-9 8/2[']10 TO 5/3[']10

Reg Ref: D09A/0831

Date: 20-Nov-'09

Location: Valentia, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Development: Permission for sundry modifications to approved development as permitted by planning reference No. D06A/0153 consisting of the alteration of the front elevation by the omission of the inclined glazed roof at second floor level and the use of part of the intervening area between the recessed second floor and the roof parapet as a balcony. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 9-Feb-'10.

Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party.

APPEAL DECISIONS OF AN BORD PLEANALA

None this month for Dalkey



TWO LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The Village Gate,
Dalkey Avenue,
Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir,

RE: DIRTY DOG OWNERS IN DALKEY

This is a letter I did not want to write. Unfortunately, it has become a necessity.

There are dirty dog owners in Dalkey. They walk their dogs and, when in others' view, pick up the dog's faeces and then await their opportunity to throw the bag away - into someone else's garden, green bin, etc. The owners of these "dumps" are then forced to deal with the dog owner's waste. I know, because I have been a victim.

These irresponsible people have been seen from windows by some residents and we hope to pursue this avenue, with a view to taking these cases further. Any help from other concerned readers would be appreciated, with a view to stopping this obnoxious conduct.

Sylvia Briggs

RE.: PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN DALKEY

There are no benefits to introducing a one-way system on St. Patrick's Road. A one-way system only increases the speed and volume of traffic. How can that provide a safer area for the Harold Boys' School?

Ticketless Stop and Drop can be accommodated in the car park at the back of the Supermarket. To create three Stop and Drop spaces at the junction of St. Patrick's Road & Castle Street will involve twelve cars an hour moving in and out of these spaces. Cars trying to turn into St. Patrick's Road may have problems and so we now have a logjam in Castle Street. Who is going to be policing all these activities?

People who travel beyond the town as stated do so because of larger variety and choice and most important it's cheaper!

Since Convent Road became one-way at times the speed of cars is frightening. Try turning left out of Carysfort Road where there is a blind spot because of on-street parking: it's a Creep and Peep job because of speeding traffic.

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❖ DALKEY TIDY TOWNS REPORT – MARCH 2010 ❖

The Binocular-scope at Coliemore Harbour is back in situ following repairs. It was found to have been defaced by graffiti which has been cleaned!

We have reported several incidents of dumping - at Kerins Lane, Vico Road, Dillon's Park, and a continuous problem with refuse control on the lane between Head and the Grapevine. Also an excessive amount of cigarette butts in the vicinity of the parking ticket machine on Eurospar carpark. Dalkey's Litter Warden is Dave Moran contact number 0868527437.

1826 litter offence fines were issued last year the in DLRCC area, an increase of 341 from the previous year.

We were asked to report graffiti incidents to DLRCC who were investigating a recent increase with this problem. Young offenders have been identified.

Following our reporting of Dalkey's serious problem with dog fouling the Dog Warden visited Dalkey. He spoke to all dog owners that he met checking that they were aware of their responsibilities. He also traced a stray dog to its owner and gave a warning. We can expect further visits.

Litter Patrols **Tuesday 6 April meeting beside the AIB at 10.30**
Thursday 8 April at Dillon's and Sorento Parks meeting at 11am
Saturday 17 April meeting beside the AIB at 10.30

Thank you. – **June Barnett, DTT**



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NORTHERN LIGHTS



Bullfinch

I wrote last month about scientific proof that spring is beginning earlier than it did even ten years ago. Of course nature does what it wants and this year we've had the coldest winter and the latest frosts we've had in years with every sign of spring later than usual.

It did result in some beautiful days with cloudless skies and spectacular sunsets. Our local Birdwatch branch had organized a coach trip north to the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) hide at Belfast in mid March while this spell of weather was still with us. The RSPB building sits beside a man made lagoon in the middle of the industrial estate within Belfast Harbour complex. To access the hide you drive past the two huge Harland and Woolf cranes, past large storage tanks with planes roaring off from the nearby Belfast City Airport on your right. The hide, barely visible from the road, is concealed within a dense planting of native trees and shrubs full of chattering birds.

When you enter the building you're struck by the vista before you and the temperature of the room. Most birdwatching hides are very basic huts situated by reed beds or open water with wooden benches and open slit windows.

Keeping you concealed you can get close to the birds and

wildlife but since most watching would be done in the winter you'd want to be well dressed for the cold.

No such problem in the Belfast Hide. Wall mounted heaters, carpets and very comfortable seating. Clear glass windows, tinted on the outside so the birds can't see you, runs the width of the room looking out over a tidal lagoon with hundreds of active birds. A flock of Black tailed Godwits fed a few feet away just outside the window while hanging seed feeders attracted Goldfinch, Redpoll and Blackbirds. At least ten male Reed Buntings fed on the ground alongside Linnets and Chaffinches. Big flocks of Curlew, Knot, Lapwing and Dunlin milled around with lots of ducks, Teal, Widgeon, Shelduck swimming in front of them while in the background big container ships were being loaded up or sailing past down the channel. Suddenly everything was in the air as a Peregrine swooped in and darted around after flocks of waders though without catching anything. Later from the hide we had spectacular views of snipe feeding at the edge of a reedbed, the closest to them we could ever hope to get. A lovely place to spend a few hours but you'd get spoiled by its comfort.

On our way to Belfast we'd stopped at Dundalk Harbour where we met a local birdwatcher who led the coach into a housing estate from where we walked up to a small laneway. Naturally enough a group of people with telescopes and binoculars (one of our group had a camera with an enormous lens which looked like a Taliban rocket launcher) wandering



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through an estate on a Sunday morning attracted a degree of curiosity from some residents, wondering what we were looking for. After 15 or 20 minutes some of our group were beginning to wonder what we doing there as well. We'd nearly given up when the object of our attention appeared in the bare tree in front of us leaning against a branch which cast a shadow over it but it was still obviously a single Waxwing. These spectacularly exotic looking birds, with their plume, black eye band and yellow tipped tail and wing feathers come from Scandinavia in winter and often descend in big flocks to feed on berried bushes, rowan and other trees. Their name derives from the small flash of red on their wing which resembles the melted wax used to seal official documents in bygone days.

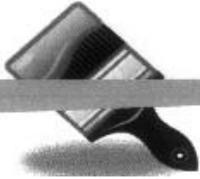


Bullfinch feeding

Oddly enough, despite the cold winter there hadn't been many reports of waxwings this winter and this bird had been here by itself for many weeks, eating apples in a back garden before returning to a few specific trees.

Our last destination for the day was at Oxford Island at the southern end of Lough Neagh and as we did our final trek back to the coach the sun was slipping behind a ridge. The cloudless sky turned a deep red and as we headed south we looked west from the coach at a spectacular landscape, every tree on the skyline in spectacular silhouette against the deepening orange glow of the sunset. There was still light in the west an hour after the sun had set then as we rounded a bend the snow covered Mourne mountain range appeared before us. A lovely end to a lovely day.

We got a disturbing call from Parks Supervisor Jim Ellis in mid February. He'd just come across a man trapping wild birds in Loughlinstown Park. The guy had already trapped two male Bullfinches and a Goldfinch. Jim had phoned the Gardaí and was ringing us to find out the legal status regarding trapping wild birds. We were able to confirm that it is an arrestable offence and we tried to get in touch with a NPWS ranger. Our South County Dublin ranger was on leave but I got through to Niall Harmey who is wildlife ranger for the Fingal district. Niall was in Ballymun but was very concerned to hear about the incident. He rang back a few minutes later to say he'd got permission from his superiors to leave his district and was on his way. Meanwhile the Gardaí had arrived at the park but unfortunately the offender had cleared off with the birds.



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There is a legitimate trade in caged birds which are born and bred in captivity but sadly there are still people who take birds illegally from the wild. These birds are sold or traded at markets and would be kept in cages for the rest of their lives. Goldfinches and Linnets are trapped for their song whereas birds like bullfinches are taken for their colourful plumage. Niall Harmey told me that a lot of the bullfinches caught this way, either in traps, nets or getting stuck in bird lime which is applied to branches or perches, can suffer extreme stress, which can cause them to have a stroke and die. Another sad aspect is when you see Bullfinches they are nearly always in pairs so taking single birds separates them from their mates who they would normally pair with for life. It was very sad for the birds but heartening to see so many people who did their best to try and save them.

A happier story for me and another bullfinch when we saw one at our sunflower feeder. I'd never seen one at feeders before although there had been a few reported sightings of bullfinches taking seed but it was a first for our garden. He's been back regularly quite aggressively guarding his sunflower feeder against chaffinches. They're always delightful little birds to see and I hope he'll be a regular visitor.

A MISTY NIGHT

The door burst open, leaves swirled
Around the passage. Distant
Screams could be heard as the misty
Night grew darker and colder.

I woke up. I heard windows
Opening and closing. My name
Being called.
“Jess, Jess”. I got out of bed. The
Voice got louder and louder as I
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House. Suddenly, I looked and saw
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The United Nations celebrates Earth Day each year on the March equinox, which often falls on 20 March. This is a tradition which was founded by peace activist John McConnell in 1969. The United Nations first celebrated Earth Day on the March equinox in 1971. This was also the first time ever that the United Nations celebrated Earth Day. The Earth Day on the March equinox was also in 1970.

Gaylord Nelson, a United States Senator from Wisconsin, called for an environmental teach-in called Earth Day to be held on April 22, 1970. Over 20 million people participated that year, and Earth Day is now observed annually on April 22 by national governments in 175 countries and by more than 500 million people. Senator Nelson selected Denis Hayes, a Harvard University graduate student, as the national coordinator of activities. Hayes said he wanted Earth Day to 'bypass the traditional political process.'

There are many ways you can get involved. Consider switching to renewable energy sources. Change a habit. Help launch a community garden or allotment. Recycle more. Use the opportunity to log onto www.change.ie to find your carbon number and ways you can reduce it.

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AN TAISCE NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN

**The entire month of APRIL
will be National Spring Clean Month! ...**

An Taisce would like to thank all the groups and individuals around the country for making last year's campaign the most successful to date.

Over 505,000 volunteers took part in some 5058 events nationwide in 2009. An estimated 1,596 tonnes of litter was collected and 35% of the total amount of waste collected was recycled.

Taking part in the National Spring Clean is very straight forward. Organise a clean up of your local area, which can take place any time during the month of April, and register your event online, by phone, fax or post.

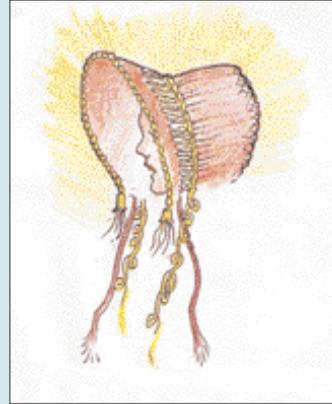
Registration for National Spring Clean 2010 is now open.

Once you have registered you will receive a FREE clean-up kit from An Taisce.

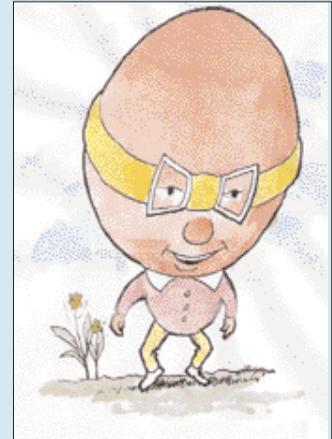
For more information check out www.nationalspringclean.org the online resource for everybody interested and involved in the National Spring Clean - Ireland's premier anti-litter programme.

See Dalkey Tidy Towns and Dalkey Community Council Notice Boards for further information

**You can contact DLRCC on 01 205 4817
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Wednesday April 7th at 8 p.m. – John Lennon will present his lecture ‘*St. Naithi’s Church, Dundrum*’ to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Thursday April 8th at 8 p.m. – Micheál Ó Siochrú will present his lecture ‘*God’s Executioner - Oliver Cromwell*’ to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan History Society meeting in The Function Room, Glenalbyn, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin - visitors €3.

At 8.30 p.m. – Tom Moran will present his lecture ‘*The Irish Emigrant*’ to the Enniskerry History Society in the A.O.H. Hall, Church, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow - all welcome - admission €3.

Monday April 12th at 8 p.m. James Scannell will present his lecture ‘*The Trouble with Trams and Buses*’ to the Dundrum and District Historical Society in Dom Marmion House, Sandyford Road car park, Dundrum. Co. Dublin.

Tuesday April 13th at 8 p.m. Adam Byrne will speak on ‘*Dun Laoghaire Public Library as a resource for the genealogist*’ to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin - all welcome - contribution €3.

Wednesday April 14th at 8 p.m. – Pat Sweeney will present his lecture ‘*The Three Irish Navies*’ to the Ballybrack and Killiney Historical Society in the Parochial Hall, SS Alphonsus and Columba Church, Church Avenue (off Killiney Hill Road), Ballybrack, Co. Dublin. All welcome - visitors €3.

Thursday April 15th at 8 p.m. – Turtle Bunbury will present his lecture ‘*A Tour Around the Worlds in 1847 – A Wicklow Perspective*’ to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Bray Chamber of Commerce House, 10 Prince of Wales Tce., Quinsboro Road, Bray. All welcome - admission €4.

A BOOK TO READ

“*Iarnród Éireann - 20 Years of Progress*” compiled by Tom Ferris,
published by Ian Allen Publishing Ltd.

In 1987 Iarnród Éireann was established a separate trading company with responsibility for the DART, Outer Suburban and Intercity services and this excellent photobook features the variety of diesel and electric locomotives and rolling stock used by the company over the past 20 years, most of which pass or have passed through Dalkey Station at some stage and if you did not see them during the day, its likely that they passed through at night.

There is a very wide range of locomotives featured in this book, taken all around the country and some classes of locomotives featured in it are no longer in use as they have passed their useful / economic working life and after withdrawal have been scrapped though some individual locomotives may have been preserved by preservation societies.

Coming from the presses of Ian Allen Ltd, the images are to the very high standard that this publishing house maintains in all its publication and is famed for. All the images are noted and dated and this a book that the general reader, railway enthusiast and railway historian will really enjoy.

J. Scannell

**SITE WANTED – Sandycove/Dalkey/Killiney with or without PP.
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❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

Sonrise on Killiney Hill	Sun 4 Apr
DCC Public Meeting @ 8pm in Town Hall Heritage Centre	Tues. 6 Apr
All residents of Dalkey welcome	
Annual Booterstown Nature Reserve Clean up meet DART car park @ 2pm (tea afterwards)	Sun. 25 Apr
Sorting May Newsletter	Fri. 30 Apr

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

VINYASA FLOW YOGA classes are proving very popular and will continue at Dalkey Castle & heritage centre on Mondays and Thursdays 6.15pm-7.30pm & 7.45pm-9.00pm. Open to all levels and you can avail of a drop-in rate to sample the system. Contact Gina Dowling gina_dowling@hotmail.com Mobile 087-2020689.

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

DALKEY PLAYERS THEATRE GROUP - The Carry Hall Killiney from 7.30-10.30pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

Contact Caroline Hickey 086-8092850 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

THE IRISH VINTAGE RADIO AND SOUND SOCIETY meets monthly in Dalkey.

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In late February Sky announced the roll out of its latest SKY+HD receivers. Unlike the previous models which have a 320GB hard drive (only 160GB was allocated for recording), the new receivers have a massive 1TB hard drive, which can store as much as 740 hours of standard definition recordings, or 240 hours of high definition recordings. The new units should be available by the time you are reading this article, and are currently available direct from Sky. According to industry sources the new receivers will cost app €350 (plus an installation fee). Alternatively if you already have a Sky+HD receiver, the original unit can be upgraded to 1TB, and all your old recordings can be saved and transferred to the new hard drive.

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