

## ❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

December DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon 3 Dec
D/L Borough Historical Society "Collectors/Treasure Night" in Kingston Hotel at 8pm	Weds 5 Dec
Winter Market in Dalkey School Project from 11am-3pm	Sat 8 Dec
Cuala, Hyde Road - sale of non-shed Christmas trees	Sat 8 Dec
St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal	Sat & Sun 8-9 Dec
Lighting Christmas tree Ceremony & Childrens Show in HC at 3.30pm	Sun 9 Dec
Ballybrack & Killiney Historical Society in St. Alphonsus & Columba Hall "Ballybrack/Killiney 100 Years Ago-1907" James Scannell at 8pm	Weds 12 Dec
Dalkey School Project "The Old Mans Hat" in HC at 8pm	
Tickets €15 incl. Glass of Mulled Wine & mince pie.	Sun 16 Dec
January 2008 DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon 7 Jan
Ballybrack & Killiney Historical Society in St. Alphonsus & Columba Hall	
"Dublin in the Days of Horses" by Padraig Laffan at 8pm	Weds 9 Jan
Sorting February Newsletter	Fri. 1 Feb

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

**Karate** sessions for all age groups @ 6-9pm Tue. & Thurs. Contact Wayne Deegan at 086 857 2546

**Dalkey Players Theatre Group** 7.30-10.30pm Tue. & Thurs.

**Co Co Markets** 10am-4pm Fri.

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

The latest "buzz word" in the TV industry comes from SONY in the form of a 6mm thick screen. **OLCD (organic liquid crystal display)** are still in development stage, but are expected to be available in 2011. These screens (according to SONY) offer much brighter pictures with even sharper images, but however they only have a 30,000 hour life expectancy, hopefully that will be improved by the time they are available. Finally I would like to wish all our customers and readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ian Macdonald,  
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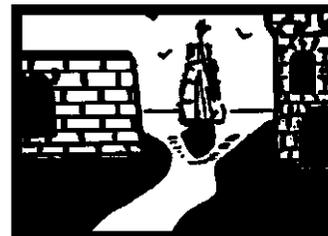
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(Dec/Jan) 2007/2008**

*December:* From 'decem' which meant ten - the tenth month of the old Roman year.

*Flower: Holly & Narcissus*

*January:* From the Roman god Janus who had two faces - to look both backwards into the old year and forwards into the new one at the same time.

*Flower: Carnation & Snowdrop*

**Sunday 9 December**

**Christmas Tree Lighting**

**Crib with real animals**

**Carol Singing**

**Santa's Arrival**

**Castle Street 5 pm**

**Seasonal Greetings**

Complimentary  
Children's  
Christmas Show  
Town Hall at 3.30

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### DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE SHOP:

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## DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING

The DCC November meeting was held on Monday 5th at 8pm in OLH.

**Tidy Towns:** DTT has an ambitious programme planned for next year that will be needed to maintain prestige against keen opposition. All Dalkey businesses are being asked to make an effort to clean outside their premises and the efforts that some make are appreciated. Dog excrement remains a problem. Unattended dogs can and should be reported to the **Dog Warden. Tel. 2806961.** Fine is €30. Dog fouling fine €125.

**NW:** Garda Arthur reported that there were a number of burglaries in the Dalkey area and coming up to Christmas householders should be more vigilant. The unit targeting graffiti in the DLR area has been successful in apprehending offenders.

**AOB:** There are now double yellow lines on both sides of the road at Coliemore Harbour and those using the harbour facilities are finding it difficult to park.

The sewage smell is still very bad outside Benitos and DCC will report it to DLRCC again. As there was no further business the meeting ended.



Guest of Honour & Dalkey resident, Mr. John Waters, opening the Annual Art Exhibition recently.

### Community Council's Annual Art Exhibition



Minister for Education & Science and local T.D., Mary Hanafin speaking with the Chairman of Dalkey Community Council Limited at the Art Exhibition.



Left: Some of the people attending the Annual Art Exhibition

### Tidy Towns Award

Left: Ms. Blathín O'Brien and Ms. June Barnett, Members of Dalkey Tidy Town Committee with Mr. Joe Moore, Divisional Manager, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government at the National Awards Ceremony at the Mansion House in Dublin on 19 November.



## ❖ 41st DUBLIN (St. Patrick's, Dalkey) SCOUT GROUP ❖

**Beavers** – We are very grateful to Marie Fahy and Mairead Hurley for agreeing to take over as Beaver leaders. They have got off to a great start with a treasure hunt on Killiney Hill, a visit to Dun Laoghaire Fire Station and a Halloween Party. The Beavers had a super time at the fire station where they were able to put on helmets, operate hoses, go up in a hoist and ride in a fire engine!

**Cubs** – The Cubs have had a busy start to their season too. As well as their weekly meetings they have joined other Cubs from our Scout County on a hike at Glendalough, followed a tracking trail over Killiney Hill, had a Barbecue on Whiterock Beach and visited the RNLI Lifeboat in Dun Laoghaire.

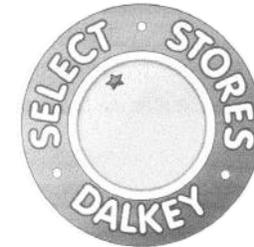
**Sea Scouts** – September saw the end of the boating season with the Sea Scout Regatta in Dun Laoghaire where our canoeists picked up some medals. Later in the month our canoeists had more successes in the Scout Liffey Descent from Lucan to Islandbridge. As the evenings drew in at the start of October, we took our boats out of Bulloch Harbour for winter storage and maintenance. The new Watch Leaders and some of the senior Scouts who will be moving to Ventures enjoyed a weekend on the Shannon cruising from Carrick-on-Shannon to Tarmonbarry and back. Over the Bank Holiday weekend another senior group participated in the Sionnach mountain adventure in the Knockmealdowns, where they survived a very stormy night camping in the mountains. Regular weekly meetings will recommence after the Halloween break. The Sea Scout Swimming Gala at the National Aquatic Centre and a troop hike will feature in the next few weeks' programme.

**Ventures** – We look forward to a new group of senior Scouts moving into Ventures this month. Stephen Flood will be taking over as Venture Leader, and we will have more news of their plans in future issues. Most of the previous Ventures are now becoming leaders with the other sections. It is great to see them putting their skills and experience back into the Scout Group.

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## MY GARDEN

By Philippa Thomas

Isn't it obvious now that our cherished gardens want their winter rests, their quiet time, their sleep - for a while. They, too, need to rejuvenate themselves in order to rev up, once again, for next spring. It seems as if our flora is telling us it wants to come to the end of its cycle and then, get ready for a whole new one, - all over again.

Containers can come into their own at this time of year and sometimes, a simple turning around, re-locating, tilting, moving forwards or into the background, is all you need to do and it can make all the difference to your collection. Some of what we call "weeds", seed heads, even weary-looking flowers (petrol station flowers; 'diesel' flowers!) can look wonderful when placed singly or in groups of twos and threes, in little bud vases, or odd small glasses, even old mustard jars, or old interesting empty perfume bottles, old glass salt & pepper cellars- placed on a windowsill, desk, shop front, wherever suits your mood. It will cost you nothing only a little bit of your time, thought - your very own creativity & artistry. These little displays allow you to isolate your garden flowers or beautiful foliage and elevate them to a new level indoors. Even as they wither, they can take on interesting dimensions and look really quite stunning.

No doubt you have noticed the abundance of Hydrangeas in our local Dalkey garden this past late summer and autumn. They seemed to never look as good. Obviously, they were in their element with that deluge of incessant rain that we all witnessed in mid-summer. The Hydrangea is a superb maritime plant. 'Hydra' means water in Greek, so if your beloved Hydrangeas are growing in large pots, be sure to keep them well watered and feeding them once or twice a year will help them enormously too. Remember, your plant is totally dependent on you for water. Rainfall is never enough even in winter. Imagine, there are over 80 species of Hydrangea (hortensia group). My absolute favourite, without question or doubt, is Hydrangea Arborescena, Annabelle. It has enormous green to creamy delicate mopheads that flower in a loose habit during the months of July-October (125 cm); Obviously, deciduous and pruning is not recommended with this variety. I paid €13.50 for our one. Our Annabella is growing in a large terracotta pot - terracotta rather than plastic keeps its roots cool. It is only two years old and this past autumn produced at least eighteen glorious mopheads.

I must admit I felt rather low and sad last week-end, seeing both our garden centres close. They were the essence of convenience and pleasure for us Dalkey folk over the years. Just take a stroll down there, look around, compare forms and shapes and habits of plants and then, once in a blue moon, splash out and buy a little bit of life, a little bit of hope, a little bit of love. The feeling is completely different to that of splurging out on a jumper, jacket or favourite CD. Alas. This is a good time of year to divide many of our herbaceous clumps such as Hostas, Agapanthus, etc. You can increase your stock, donate some to plant sales and, at the end of the day, you are doing this, giving your old plants new life. Leave late flowering plants such as Asters, Crocosmias, Ornamental Grasses, etc. until next spring.

Finally, do you remember me telling you about our two, infamous sad and sickly-looking Portuguese Standard Laurels, which we acquired when they were in decline this time last year. One of them, in particular, had dried yellow curled-up, scrunchy leaves on it. Well, you should see them now. They have truly come into their own. If I were to get a measuring tape and put it around their trunks, I would find it hard to justify their miraculous and incredible growth and general sturdiness. I guess their girths have swelled out at least 2-3 inches: if only I had taken a photograph of them 'then' and 'now'. Talk about Liquid Art - I think you know what I mean. Quiet surreal! And you may well ask, 'what is the remedy?' Well, the answer is nothing much really. Just simply a little bit of T.L.C. Our two Portuguese Laurel trees are growing in a very large winter tub (those black containers that you acquire when you buy mature trees in your local garden centre). I think the secret is that these

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

According to Dalkey Community Council's report in the local newsletter for July, completion of the long-awaited pedestrian crossing for Dalkey (presumably on Castle Street) was delayed further. But what about the junction of Castle Park and Barnhill Road? It's apparent that a crossing for pedestrians is not being erected there, despite promises from councillors during the election campaign.

The new roundabout layout at the Castlepark junction includes a small island. That may provide a limited refuge for walkers who scurry across the busy road to avoid the relentless traffic. The stopgap for a proper crossing, however, is a dangerous trap for walkers. A false impression of safety could be given because drivers usually don't stop. It's difficult to get information from Dun Laoghaire Council but my recent phone call to their offices elicited a vague response: The annual quota for erecting pedestrian crossings has been filled, and walkers should be alright on the new layout. People who use the busy junction would disagree with such a complacent attitude by officials. Since the election, councillors are reluctant to reply to queries.

Meanwhile, motorists continue to park illegally on pavements, including the widened footpath near Barnhill Stores. Do the authorities or anyone else care about walkers, including parents wheeling buggies ?

**TONY QUINN – Dalkey**

*19, Cunningham Drive, Dalkey.*

October 2007

Upon reading your article in the September issue on George Bernard Shaw, I was reminded of my early days, during World War Two, spent in Hertfordshire, in the U.K. In common with many women at that time, my late mother, a good short-hand typist and avid reader, became secretary to a Mr. Langdon Davies (I think that is the right spelling) who managed the book department in our local store.

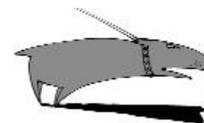
He was a very aristocratic-looking gentleman, often to be seen in the company of George Bernard Shaw in the store.

At that time, Shaw lived in one of the 'Ayots' in Hertfordshire, either 'St. Lawrence' or 'St. Peter', I cannot be sure (St. Lawrence - Ed.). In those days of rationing I doubt if he had a car, so it is possible that the trusty bicycle, in common with most of us, was his mode of transport since these villages were some distance from the said bookshop.

In those days my older brother and I 'enjoyed' a rather strict Jesuit education in various 'make do' locations around the district, but our very able headmaster with the help of his teachers, managed to stage a couple of plays every year, most of them, as far as I can recall, from the pen of GBS.

Looking back I have no doubt that his reverence came under the spell of that old seachai.

Yours sincerely,  
**BRIAN DORAN**



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*My Garden continued*

standards are both sitting in very large, deep bases which I keep topped up with fresh water and, occasionally, add a touch of general fertilizer. (There are plenty of drainage holes at the bottom of each tub and, of course, broken terracotta bits, provide the necessary and so important drainage.) At this stage, we have sawn off all their old, dead branches and fresh burgundy twiglets have replaced them. It is just do wonderful to witness the sap and general life growing back into these two weary, almost dead-looking trees. Incidentally, they are both situated almost directly outside our kitchen window and we have suspended a few bird feeders here and there on their branches. So, now as I wash up and generally clean, I feel that I can almost join in on the morning gossip, the general chit-chat and little tea parties that seem to take place. We have spotted in the last while blackbirds, green finches, starlings, wrens, warblers and even, I think, a Dunnock! We are using various types of bird seed but the most popular feed appears to be 'The Wild Bird Robin Seed', which includes dried insects (available in out local pet shop in Dalkey).

"Place birdfeeders near deep foliage in order to give protection from weather and predators."



## DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE



*Yet another win!*

The Heritage Centre won 'Best Sustainable Tourism' award for its Guided Walks and Living History at the recent Enviroco Awards organised by the Healthy County Forum. The Forum is comprised of representatives from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber of Commerce, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co. VEC, HSE and the Gardaí.



*Pictured at the Awards ceremony:*

*An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Denis*

*O'Callaghan;*

*Margaret Dunne, Manager Dalkey*

*Castle & Heritage Centre;*

*Brian Crawford, President of DLR*

*Chamber and*

*Nora Cummins, Chair of the Healthy*

*County Forum.*

*Congratulations again to the Heritage*

*Centre!*

### CHRISTMAS AT THE CASTLE:

**Christmas Living History:** A Special Christmas Show will run every half hour from Tuesday Nov 27th - Fri Dec 21st from 10.00 on weekdays and 11.30 on Saturdays & Sundays. Last tour at 4.00pm. Many of the medieval Christmas traditions will be worked into the presentation of the Living History. Did you know, for example, that men who wanted to be irresistible to women during the Christmas period wore a sprig of holly? Gentlemen take note! Other traditions that go back to medieval times include will include the hanging of objects on the tree, eating 'umble' pie, the making of the plum pudding and mince pies. St Francis of Assisi used the crib to explain the nativity to those who couldn't read. The naming of Boxing Day has medieval origins. So go along and enjoy! Living History is provided by Deilg Inis Living History Theatre Company.

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was happening around. No sign of her moving so we were able to get the telescope focused on her dramatic profile of hooked beak and wide alert yellow eye. We watched and waited and I wondered if a small bird came to the feeders should I scare the hawk away or let nature take its course. Sparrowhawks usually hunt by coming in low and fast maybe soaring over a hedge or through a gap in the trees taking birds unaware, the hawk's long tail acting like a rudder to help it make fast turns in an instant. But this one's strategy seemed to be sit and wait. As the hawk sat there solitary birds would approach the feeders but evidently seeing the hawk they'd take off in a hurry. We watched and waited and so did the hawk. Over an hour had passed since we first saw it and its strategy of waiting for food to come to it didn't seem to be working. Then suddenly with a quick wing beat it was gone from its perch and over the neighbour's wall. Within seconds the coal tits were back so, figuring they'd waited long enough, we refilled the sunflower seed feeders so they wouldn't be going to bed on an empty stomach.

Small birds can't carry much spare fat and burn it up keeping warm at night so they need to feed late in the evening and that's why the tiny Long tailed tits are often the last birds on the feeders and the even tinier Goldcrest whose high pitched call (often compared to the sound of an old sewing machine) can often be heard moving through the undergrowth as darkness falls.



## ASPECTS OF BULLOCK / BLOYKE HISTORY



Regular readers of the Evening Herald will be familiar with Frank Hopkins's twice weekly column on Dublin history and characters and a selection of this material has now been published as 'Hidden Dublin - Deadbeats, Dossers and Decent Skins', by the Mercier Press, price €20. This book is an excellent collection of material covering the scandalous and fantastic lives of infamous criminals and other leading Dublin personalities as well as describing how many Dublin places derived their names and is one book that I have enjoyed greatly from cover to cover and hard to put down once I began reading it.

In his chapter about Bullock or 'Bloyke', Hopkins says that in pre-Norman times it had its own identity, belonged to the monks of St. Mary's Abbey in Dublin who also controlled the harbour fishing rights but ran foul of local fisherman in 1346 who instigated an action against the abbot of Bloyke alleging that he was stealing their fish. When the action was heard, the courts ruled that the abbot was within his rights and ruled that the monks were entitled to one fish from every catch landed at Bullock in addition to an annual tax of 600 fish from every herring boat operating out of that harbour. Obviously the monks had exercised these rights prior to the case and took a portion of catches landed which the fishermen looked upon as theft.

The monks built a substantial castle at Bullock - Bullock Castle - to protect their vast fishing interests as they were on the borders of the Pale and one of the first recorded attacks on it can be traced back as early as 1312. In 1542 following the dissolution of the monasteries 3 years earlier, Bullock was leased to a number of loyalist families including the Talbots and later the Fagans but in 1611 when under the ownership of John Fagan although the settlement had grown substantially the castle itself was described as being in poor condition.

Dalton in his History of the County of Dublin said that Bullock contained along with the castle and a tumbledown tower "thirty dwelling houses, 10 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture and furze, with the fishing and haven to the main sea." This was written in the 1830s through in the 1980s one writer described Bullock as "a complete walled town in miniature."

**James Scannell**

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*Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre – continued*

**Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Dalkey:** as usual there will be a Christmas Show in Dalkey Town Hall at 3.30pm for all those expecting Santa Claus to arrive later in the evening on December 16th. Admission is free and by ticket only. Tickets can be collected in advance from the Heritage Centre. So book early to avoid disappointment.

**Special Art Exhibition in aid of Blackrock Hospice:** Valda Sterne and her inspired artists are holding an exhibition of paintings entitled 'Harmony' in aid of Blackrock Hospice, organised by Bridget Aylmer. There will be one large painting containing 30 canvases on the subject of poppies in a field. It will be corporate sponsored and the entire proceeds for this large painting and the painting itself will go to Blackrock Hospice. There will also be 30 paintings in the exhibition painted by the artists themselves for sale at reasonable prices. The idea for the exhibition emanated from the Rolf Harris Show where he does a similar project in Trafalgar Square in London.

**Karate** continues in the Dalkey Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays: Juniors from 6.00pm; Seniors from 7.00pm. Wayne Deegan can be contacted at 086 857 2546 to book for the next session.

**DLR Co Co Markets** continue to thrive in Dalkey Town Hall. There are two new products, an organic meat stall and a knitwear operator from Donegal proving very popular. Market is on every Friday from 10.00-3.00pm.

**Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre Shop:** Remember to take a look in the Centre's Gift Shop if you are buying small gifts, knitwear or jewellery. A warm welcome awaits you! Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre gratefully acknowledges the grant aid and support of Culture, Community Development & Amenities & the Senior Community Office of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.



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Dalkey hills. Seed that falls near a parent tree has little chance of succeeding if it sprouts, growing in the shade of its parent and trying to compete with it for nutrients so it's in the seeds best interest to fall farther away. Many trees such as Sycamore and Elm have small seed which are dispersed by the wind but acorns are too heavy to be wind borne so rely on other means of dispersal. One way the acorns are helped spread is by the most colourful of the crow family, a bird that is a sometime visitor to Killiney hill, the Jay. The Jay has a great appetite for acorns but also, being a forward thinker, it sometimes buries the acorns to be recovered later when food isn't so abundant. These acorns sometimes remain uncollected by the Jay, who may have moved on or suffered some mild amnesia, subsequently these buried acorns may sprout producing a new oak tree away from the shading branches of the parent tree and extending the woodland. One morning in early autumn we were watching a red squirrel in an oak tree on Dalkey hill while in the background we could hear a Jay's none too melodic but very distinctive call. Then it very thoughtfully flew into the tree right in front of us giving a nice view before moving on. With its beautiful brown body, dazzling blue plumage on its wings and distinctive white flash on its rump it's one of our most colourful woodland birds. In Britain Jays are much commoner, often seen on bird feeders in gardens but here they keep a much lower profile and are much more nervous around people.



Incidentally acorns aren't a major food source for red squirrels who usually find them toxic though they can take them when fully ripe so it may have been an indication of shortage of food for the reds. Unfortunately acorns are a major food source for Grey squirrels who originated in the US where there are over two hundred different species of native oaks. After seeing my first grey squirrel on Killiney hill in November of last year one morning recently I saw six in different locations around the woods. A grey plague that's sweeping the land might seem a very melodramatic term but preliminary findings from a nationwide squirrel survey indicate that red squirrels have become extinct in counties Meath, Westmeath, Carlow and Kilkenny as a direct result of the spread of the grey.

### **Gardening - Is it for the birds?**



Feeding birds with peanuts and sunflower seeds is a great way to help them survive the winter and even summers like our last one when insects to feed their young would have been in short supply. But you can also make your garden attractive for them to nest and roost in while providing lots of natural food by planting certain flowers, shrubs and hedging. On Tuesday 8th January there is a talk and slide show at 8.00pm at the Kingston Hotel where you can learn how to make your garden more beneficial to birds and other wildlife. The talk is free and everybody is welcome, you don't have to be a member of Birdwatch Ireland-but-the hotel is hosting a three day conference and we've been moved from our usual spacious room to a smaller one so if you want to be guaranteed a place make sure you get there early. **Feeding on the feeders** - If you don't have any Coal Tits coming to your feeders don't worry, they're probably in my garden. Hard to know how many birds are making use of the feeders but I have two feeders which have to be refilled with sunflower seeds at least twice a day with a constant stream of coal tits zipping in and out. They're using nearly a kilo of sunflower seeds a day. Coal tits always take the food away rather than eating it at the feeders and sometimes may store it but usually eat it in cover. One recent Sunday I refilled the sunflower feeders and sure enough both were empty within a couple of hours. I'd meant to fill them to cater for their last feed before dark but got delayed. Coming in to the house from the garden my companion looked down towards the apple tree the feeders hang from then grabbed the binoculars. Perched in the tree, partly concealed by the branches, a female Sparrowhawk was perched, motionless apart from occasionally tilting her head to see what



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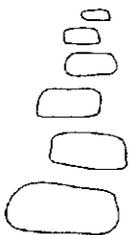
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Christmas is a barbeque,  
a cherry orchard drooping  
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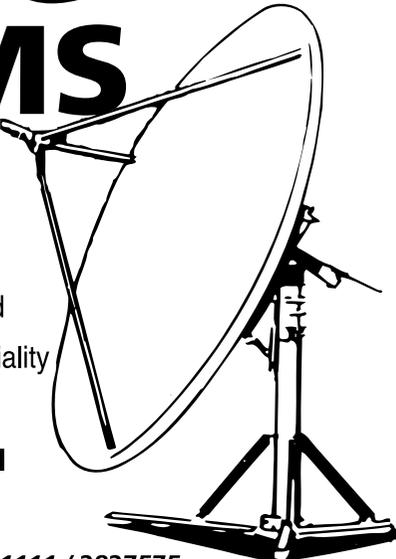
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❖ **NATURE CORNER - Michael Ryan** ❖

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**Birds at Bay** – There's a small parking bay off the coast road at Scotsman's Bay where you can look out towards Howth over the waters of the bay framed by Joyce's Tower on your right and Dun Laoghaire Pier on your left. A lovely view at the best of times but it also has its place in Ireland's natural history.



In front of you as you gaze out the rocks, which are exposed as the tide drops, has become a very special location, often being the resting place for a bird that was almost unheard of in Ireland fifteen years ago. Viewing from this spot has become one of the most reliable spots to see the Mediterranean Gull.

Most of the world population of these birds breeds around the Black Sea but they have been gradually expanding their range to the extent that they are now breeding in small numbers in Ireland and many spend the winter in Dun Laoghaire.

Some people who would normally be well disposed towards birds can be a bit indifferent to gulls with their raucous calls, dubious feeding habits and their seemingly malevolent expression. The larger species of gull such as Herring Gulls and Greater Black backed Gulls (incidentally the biggest gull in the world) can look quite intimidating and indeed to see their cold baleful glare they certainly don't look too endearing. You may have seen film of the Greater Black Backed snatching unfortunate Puffins in mid air prior to devouring them and a few years ago we saw one swoop down and take a Guillemot chick that was swimming off Ireland's Eye.

But many species of gulls are much gentler in appearance and feeding habits and some of them can be very handsome indeed. The Mediterranean Gull certainly falls into this category especially when in full breeding plumage with black hood, white eye ring and deep red bill and legs. But most of the time when it is seen it is in its less dramatic winter plumage when its black hood fades to a small smudge on its cheek and it is less easy to differentiate from our most common gull the Black headed Gull. The Black headed Gull is small and also has a black smudge on its cheek in winter which turns into a dark brown (not black as its name suggests) hood in breeding plumage. Both birds have red bills and legs but the Med. Gull has a much bigger bill and deeper red legs. But the easiest way to tell the Med. Gull is by the absence of any black on its wing tips which is especially noticeable when perched or floating on the sea.

**The colourful crow and the acorn** – Although I've been told this autumn was a poor seed year for many trees there certainly seemed to be an abundance of acorns on Killiney and

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## ❖ “THE GOOSE IS GETTING FAT!” ❖

Christmas. What is it all about? As adults, do we look forward to it, or dread it? Is it a sparkly winter wonderland bringing blessings to all, or a debt-laden, stressed-out orgy, benefiting only commerce, that we'd secretly do without? The question is, where does it come from, and is it really necessary?



“Well, it's a Christian celebration in honour of the arrival of God's son on earth to save mankind from its misery.” Correct? - Wrong! Check the Bible. You'll find no mention of Christmas anywhere. “Surely we should commemorate Christ's birthday?” Based on recorded events at the time, research indicates he was born sometime in October, between 6 and 2 BCE. Does the Bible request us to observe his birthday? Far from it. Jesus asked his followers to commemorate only one thing. Shortly before his death, when sharing bread and wine at the last Supper (Luke 22:19), he said “Keep doing this in remembrance of me.” Therefore, true Christians should not celebrate his birth, but honour the sacrifice of his life.

Why then, do people mark the occasion of Christmas? Today, it is what has always been done. “It's something for the children.” Some say, “It's because we are Christian.” However, it is not a Christian practice, but derives from pagan origins.

From earliest times, December 25th was the birthday of certain Babylonian and Persian gods. In colder climates it was an attempt to brighten the darkest part of the year with rites to encourage the return of spring. Holly, a symbol of eternal life, decorated early Christian churches in imitation of more ancient beliefs. The Christmas tree or “tree of Odin,” deriving from pre-Christian Norse or German mythology also became part of the festivities. In Roman times, this was a period of riotous misbehaviour with “the world turned upside down.” In the 2nd and 3rd centuries the early Church created Christmas as a substitute for this “Saturnalia”, to encourage pagans to turn to Christianity.

So, is it right or acceptable for a Christian to celebrate Christmas, when the Bible does not require it, and Jesus himself requested something else? Is there a need for anyone to involve themselves in the circus of stress, debt and overindulgence, the whole purpose of which is the fill the coffers of commerce? The choice, of course, is yours.

**Michael Salter**



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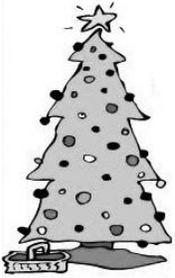
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window to the rear of house at the lower ground level to create a door entrance onto existing external courtyard, the removal of wall to underside of access balcony to garden to connect both courtyards, the removal of a non-original flat roof single storey structure to construct a single storey extension with an area of 12.5 sqm to the rear of the house with access onto the courtyard, the replacement of an existing conservatory also situated at the lower ground level between the main house and the coach house with a partially glazed double height extension with internal mezzanine floor with an area of 54 sqm, and the proposed separation of the coach house to provide an independent dwelling with shared vehicular entrance to front of house onto Cunningham Road as currently existing. A protected structure.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0552 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 24-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Oliver & Josephine Tierney, Villa Maria, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development consisting of an addition to the currently permitted domestic extension (Reg Ref D05B/0379) of a study at second floor level, with associated alterations to the front and rear elevations, and the raising of the second floor parapets and party wall to match the level of the adjoining property.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0778 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 24-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Olivia Catesby, 5, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Demolition of the existing roof of the house to be replaced with a 31m2 flat roof extension to the first floor, including 1 no. roof light. (b) addition of 64m2 single storey extension comprising of 2 no. bedrooms 1 no. ensuite and 1 no. bathroom including 3 no. roof lights. (c) erection of a 2.75m timber screen to the front boundary. (d) Alterations to the existing windows to the front. (e) internal alterations and associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1268 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 30-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Paul Ingless, 57, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Creation of a new vehicular access and associated site works to the front of the existing dwelling.

**Ref.:** D07A/1275 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 31-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Joe O'Shea, Roslyn, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Demolition of the existing front boundary wall and vehicle and pedestrian access gates and piers. The provision of a new front wall to a height to match the existing at 1.4m generally to include a steel rail and mechanised hardwood timber vehicle access gateway with an opening width of 7m and a proposed gate height of 1.9m. The existing side boundary walls to either side of the front garden are to be raised to match the front wall height at 1.4m max. (subject to sloping site conditions).

### APPEALS NOTIFIED By An Bord Pleanala Wks 41-44 8/10/'07 to 2/11/'07

**Reg Ref:** D07A/1091 **Registration Date:** 31-Jul-2007

**Location:** Site on Meany Ave. to the rear of Milroy Cottage (A Protected Structure), Rockfort Ave., Dalkey.

**Development:** Permission is sought for the construction of 1 no. new 2 storey mews with a flat roof, roof light and concealed water tank, and with a single storey section to the rear with the provision of one parking space at this main location. A protected structure. **Council Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION.

**Appeal Lodged:** 22-Oct-2007. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission.

**Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

### APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala - Wks 41-44. 1/10/'07 - 26/10/'07

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0279 **Appeal Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Decision Confirmed By ABP**

22-Oct-2007. **Appeal Decided:** 22-Oct-2007. **Council's Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION

**Location:** Sorrento, Nerano Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposed Development:** Permission sought for minor internal alterations to existing 2 storey dwelling: inclusion of east facing external ground floor lobby to internal hallway: construction of mansard roof on existing flat roof to create study/ studio and bedroom accommodation of 120sqm on new second floor, with dormer windows to south east, southwest and northwest elevations and glazed sliding doors accessing 20sqm roof terrace to northeast, chimney stacks height to be increased. **Applicant:** Peter Lavelle.



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**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0794 **Decision:** DECLARE INVALID (Site Notice) **Date:** 10-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Ian & Fiona Robertson, Juverna, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.  
**Proposal:** Raising walls and roof of rear first floor bedroom to create attic store room. Alteration of existing stairway to roof garden for entrance to proposed store room.

**Reg. Ref.:** D00A/0744/E1 **Decision:** Grant Extension of Duration of Perm. **Date:** 16-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Helen Stephenson, Martello Tower, Bartra, Harbour Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** For further Extension of Duration of Permission for Refurbishment of existing Martello Tower, a protected structure, at Bartra, Harbour Road, Dalkey for residential use with new external access staircase and minor site works. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1221 **Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION **Date:** 19-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Jennie & Andrew Power, Ardeevin Terrace, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Construction of four bedroom two-storey over semi-basement detached house, associated vehicular access, car parking and ancillary site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1225 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION FOR RETENTION **Date:** 18-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** John Smiley, 35, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** (a) retention permission for the widening of the existing vehicular/pedestrian entrance gate, (b) retention permission for a single storey internal access link between the existing garage and breakfast room along with (c) planning permission for a single storey side extension incorporating a lobby and shower room along with all ancillary/associated site development works. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1383 **Decision:** DECLARE APPLICATION INVALID **Date:** 18-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Amanda & Donal Coyle, 3, Marley House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.  
**Proposal:** Permission for retention and completion of development to previously approved scheme Reg. Ref. D06A/1690. The proposed works for retention and completion are generally in response to Condition 3 of Reg. Ref. D06A/1690 imposed by Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown County Council, which required alterations to the design of the house. The proposed development is in accordance with the intentions of condition 3, however minor modifications are now proposed to be retained and completed to the previously permitted scheme, to provide a change of (two - storey detached) house type to incorporate internal reconfiguration of rooms and minor alterations to all elevations including new windows and 1 no. north-facing dormer window and terrace at roof level. Provision of landscaping, boundary treatments, engineering works and all associated site development works, all on a site measuring 0.06 ha.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0758 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 15-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Caroline McDonnell, 'Ashley', 8, Ulverton Close, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
**Proposal:** Demolition of 2 storey rear extension, terrace and steps. The Construction of a new 2 storey extension extending at ground and basement levels to rear, area 28m<sup>2</sup>, with covered balcony. Interior remodelling to include conversion of attic to bedroom and fitting of velux roof lights to main roof and refurbishment of basement (garden) level. Alterations to front facade to include replacement of windows, new render finish and the construction of a new pitched roof to porch area. **Applic. Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1007 **Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION **Date:** 26-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Barnhill Limited Partnership, Carn, 31, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.  
**Proposal:** For demolition of existing two storey dwelling and attached single storey apartment and to construct two semi-detached two storey three bedroom dwellings with off street car parking for 4 vehicles at front and additional vehicular entrance off Barnhill Road and all associated site works at dwelling currently known as Carn beside 31 Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1244 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 25-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Tom & Marie Healy, 9, Barnhill Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.  
**Proposal:** (a) The construction of a single storey extension to the rear (b) The construction of a first floor extension to the South side, with new layout to 4 No. bedrooms (c) The addition of a utility room to front ground floor in lieu of existing carport (d) Addition of bay window to front ground floor (e) Replacement of all windows along with modifications to entrance (f) Modifications to entrance gate.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1259 **Decision:** REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION **Date:** 26-Oct-2007  
**Applicant Name & Location:** Paddy Byrne, Santa Maria, Cunningham Road, Dalkey. (A Protected Structure)  
**Proposal:** Minor conversion works to the interior and exterior of 'Santa Maria', the dropping of cill at

❖ **GLIMPSES OF OLD DALKEY Continued/** ❖

At Sorrento Cottage a gate begins the Vico Road - in Winter as in Summer one of the most delightful and refreshing spots in Ireland - some fond residents would claim "in the world"! The second house on the right is "Violet Hill" - the residence of Mr. Charles Levey, and, before him, his father, R.M. Levey, so prominently known for his connection with the old Theatre Royal and musical life of Dublin some half-century ago. In the front wall of the garden may still be seen the iron hinge socket on which hung the gate that used to close Vico Road to the public some 80 years ago. At "Sunnyside" and "St. Germain's", where the road meets the Vico Fields, a high wall crossed the road, barring further progress; this wall the Dalkey folk referred to as "The End of the World" - an apt enough name, for it was the end of their world at the time - unless they climbed it, which I believe they often did! On the other side of this wall was a private road belonging to Warrens of Killiney Castle; it was known as the "Green Road" and was closed at its other end by a gate in the handsome archway which still spans the road between "Ayesha Castle" and Killiney Village. This road was 9 feet lower than the Vico Road, and in 1887 the wall was taken down and the two levels of the roads were joined by means of a ramp, which is the reason of the steep slope at "Sunnyside" today. Next to "St. Germain's" - between it and "San Elmo" - is a precipitous rocky passage leading up between walls to the much higher level of Torca. This passage-way is locally known as the "Cats Ladder" - and after you have arrived, safe but out of breath, at the top, you will agree that a cat might easily find it an easier climb that you did! This "Cats Ladder" was not built as such, but when Mr. Hayes - whose name is on the tablet in the Harbour Road Church - built "San Elmo", the hillside inland of the road was known as the "Green Bank" and gave access to any point to Vico from Torca. Hayes left a piece of the hillside still open as a right-of-way, so that the "Cats Ladder" was not made, it just happened! The outstanding square tower of Torca, inside the grounds of "San Elmo" often referred to as the "Water Tower", was not built for any such purpose; Hayes built it as a View Tower and a place for his daughter to take the sun and air.

Torca itself is a delightful spot, with views of Dublin, Howth, the Bay, Killiney and Bray. It used to be called the "Big Doctor's Hill" (after Dr. MacDonnell who owned it) and Sorrento Park was known as "Little Doctor's Hill". Maybe a purist would say "Big" and "Little" should come after the word "Doctor" and not before! George Bernard Shaw was reared there on Torca in "Torca Cottage" and here is what he says in a letter to Mr. Lennox Robinson written about 1930; you will note that it bears out remarks about the Green Bank being unbuilt on, and though he refers to a pump at the Water Tower (the "Provost's Tower" he calls it) he admits it only presumably contained a pump:-

"I think the shortest way to find the seaside home of my boyhood is to ask the postman where Torca Cottage is. Dalkey faces Dublin and Howth one way, and Bray Head and the Sugar Loaf the other. The back garden half-way up the hill from the sea to the little castle (the Telegraph) on the top of the hill north of Killiney Hill. It and the group of houses (in my time three) to which it belonged were the highest in Dalkey. To the left of the spectator facing them at a little distance which may now be filled up with new buildings, was a conspicuous house called Mount Henry. The nearest landmark at that elevation is the Provost's Pump, a square castellated tower, presumably containing a pump. In my time the heath in front of the cottage and the hill down to the road and the railway was unfenced and unbuilt on; what it is now I do not know. From the railway station you followed the line to the second bridge, turned right, toiled up the steep road past Khyber Pass and other romantically named places, turned to the left at the top, and walked panting on the welcome level, until you were stopped at Mount Henry after passing the three of which Torca Cottage was the third."

**G.C.**

*Extracted from Glimpses of Old Dalkey by F.M. O'FLANAGAN, 1942. (Courtesy of Colette Doody)*

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - Wks 41-44 8/10/07 to 2/11/07

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1152

**Application Rec'd Date:** 10-Aug-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** P & J O'Loughlin, 57, Mapas Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of existing single storey conservatory and existing detached garage to side and sub-division of existing site to provide for new two storey detached three bedroom dwelling over part basement storage space (total floor area 199sqm) with new vehicular access to side boundary and pedestrian access to front boundary and ancillary works to the side of this main location.

**Application Type:** Permission. **Add. Info.:** 11-Oct-2007.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1432

**Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Tuskar Property Holdings Ltd., 57, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** A new boundary wall to a site at No. 57 Castlepark Road, Dalkey (Planning Reg. Ref. D04A/0464 as revised by Reg. Ref. D06A/0319). The new boundary wall is to be 900mm high, increasing to 1100mm high to rear of site and faced with granite with granite capping and hedging behind.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1439 **Application Rec'd Date:** 11-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Iseult Hannon and Ronan Greany, 2, Mapas Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Reversion from existing use as Doctor's Surgery to Domestic Residence, construction of a two-storey extension to side and one-storey extension to rear at first-floor level, demolition of existing one-storey garage structure, various internal alterations and all associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1462

**Application Rec'd Date:** 18-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Mr. Vincent Finnegan, 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** Demolition of single storey garage and the construction of a two storey over garden level 4 bedroom detached house comprising three levels of accommodation (177.5 sq.m) the widening of the existing access to 3.5 m, new entrance gates and new boundary walls to both sides at the proposed house, new 3.5 m wide access at the existing house and all associated works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1464

**Application Rec'd Date:** 18-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Mr. & Mrs. Joe Brennan, 5, Southwinds, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Single storey domestic extension to the side entrance canopy; widened and raised vehicular entrance gates and piers; alterations and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0870

**Application Rec'd Date:** 16-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Aviv Quinn, 49, Saint Begnets Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Proposal:** 1) Demolition of existing single storey shed, boiler house and lean-to kitchen extension to rear, 2) Construction of new two storey pitched roof extension to side and rear with roof lights to western slope and installation of solar panels to eastern slope at rear, 3) Installation of solar panels to front and new roof lights to rear slope of existing roof, 4) Formation of new window opening at ground floor to side of existing building, 5) Consequential internal alterations and, 6) Associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1046

**Application Rec'd Date:** 25-Jul-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** M Byrne, 7, The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin.

**Proposal:** Permission is sought to demolish an existing domestic single garage to the side of the existing two storey dwelling house, to construct a new two storey dwelling house to the side garden and minor alterations to the existing front driveway to accommodate a new shared entrance. **Add. Info:** 22-Oct-2007.

**Ref.:** D07A/148

**Application Rec'd Date:** 24-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Fergal Murray & Darina Heavey, Woodbank, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Replacement of existing house at 'Woodbank' with a detached dwelling house. This includes the demolition of the existing structure and construction of a two storey dwelling house with attic living space and includes driveways, landscaping and ancillary works.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1499

**Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Amanda & Donal Coyle, 3, Marley House, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

**Proposal:** Retention and completion of development to previously approved scheme Reg. Ref. D06A/1690. The proposed works for retention and completion are generally in response to Condition 3 of Reg. Ref. D06A/1690 imposed by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, which required alterations to the design of the house. The proposed development is in accordance with the intentions of condition 3,

however minor modifications are now proposed to be retained and completed to the previously permitted scheme, to provide a change of (two-storey detached) house type to incorporate internal reconfiguration of rooms and minor alterations to all elevations including new windows and 1 no. balcony over entrance to North / West facing elevation. Provision of all associated site development works. All on a site measuring 0.06 ha.

**Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0896

**Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Ian & Fiona Robertson, Juverna, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Raising walls and roof of rear first floor bedroom to create attic store room. Alteration of existing stairway to roof garden for entrance to proposed store room.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1505

**Application Rec'd Date:** 30-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** M Wright, D Kelly & J Kelly, 31, Castle Street, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Retention of works to 31 Castle Street, Dalkey (a protected structure) including 1. provision of basement 42.5m.sq incl. patrons toilets and ancillary staff facilities, 2. retention of existing roof to 31 Castle Street facing laneway, 3. omission of 1 no. double door to laneway at Ground Floor level, 4. retention of hip and parapet to main roof to southern boundary at First Floor level, 5. retention of as built external wall at first floor to south elevation to provide 3m separation from first floor to southern boundary, 6. retention of 3 no. velux roof lights to first floor roof, 7. retention of kitchen 29.5m.sq to First Floor and minor internal alterations to approved plans Ref D03A/1163 and An Bord Pleanala decision PL 06D.207051. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1507

**Application Rec'd Date:** 31-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Monzio Ltd., 36,37,38, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

**Proposal:** Mixed use development on lands at 36, 37, 38 Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. Nos. 36 & 37 Castle Street are currently occupied by Eurospar and No. 38 Castle Street is occupied by Gemma's Newsagents at ground floor levels, with ancillary office and storage accommodation above. The development will consist of the demolition of an existing lower and upper ground floor rear extension at Nos. 36 & 37 Castle Street and the excavation of the existing rear car park of numbers 36 & 37 Castle Street for the installation of a basement extension to the existing Eurospar. It is also proposed to extend the existing Eurospar over the ground floor area of storey over basement rear extension which will include a ground floor retail unit. Also proposed are 2 no. office units at first floor level and 4 no. duplex apartments at first, second and third floor levels consisting of 2 no. 2 bed units and 2 no. 3 bed units. The proposed development further consists of a reconfiguration of the existing car parking arrangements to the rear of nos. 36, 37 & 38 Castle Street including the erection of a single storey service building containing delivery lift and fire escape and all associated site and landscaping works. Revised signage is proposed for the front elevation of the existing buildings at nos. 36, 37 & 38 Castle Street, no other changes to this elevation are proposed. The development is located within the Dalkey Architectural Conservation Area and contains a protected structure. **Application Type:** Permission.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1524

**Application Rec'd Date:** 02-Nov-2007

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Declan O'Donovan, White Cottage, Nerano Road, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Comprising amendments to previously approved Planning Permission (Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Register Reference Number D05A/0323). The proposed alterations to the building comprising i) demolition of existing single storey extension (38 sq.m) to the south-east corner of the dwelling and construction of a two storey (77 sq.m) extension, to provide additional habitable accommodation ii) construction of a 30 sq.m single storey conservatory to the north-east side of existing dwelling iii) an increase in ridge height of 300 mm to previously approved extension (fronting Nerano Road).

## PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEKS 41-44 8/10/2007 to 2/11/2007

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0091

**Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION

**Date:** 10-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name:** Foghlu Ltd. **Location:** In Bar, 115-116, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

**Proposal:** Retention of retractable awning at street level to left hand side of front elevation.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0751

**Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION

**Date:** 12-Oct-2007

**Applicant Name & Location:** Joe & Ann McGouran, Wynyard, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

**Proposal:** Detached single storey store to front of dwelling house