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Irish Heritage Town

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February: *Latin for “Februa” a ceremonial feast of purification held by the Romans centuries ago every February 15th. The early Saxons renamed February “Sol-Monath” - sun month because of the returning sun after winter.*

Flower: Primrose & Violet



A wet February, a wet Spring



St Valentine’s Day



Sunday, 14th February

Our love is like the misty rain that falls softly - but floods the river – *African Proverb*



SUMMARY OF DCC MEETING DECEMBER 2009



A short meeting of DCC was held on 7th December in OLH followed by the presentation of cheques by the Chairman to several local organisations. A wine reception followed when members of DCC had an opportunity to meet the representatives from the various groups. (See inside)

The January meeting was cancelled due to the inclement weather.



Elaine Feely of Dalkey Community Games receiving a cheques from the Chairman of Dalkey Community Council Ken Dixon (see page 2)

Your Area Representative is

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FUNDING

The Executive Committee of DCC recently investigated the effects that Government cut backs, unemployment and the general turndown in the national economy was having on some of the many diverse organisations in the Dalkey area.

Some of the results were startling and contrary to generally held opinions

Resulting from careful financial control over past years, Dalkey Community Council decided they were in a position to help to mitigate some of the adverse effects of the resulting financial shortages which a number of these organisations are suffering and have decided to offer financial assistance to the following :-

- Loreto Primary School,
- Harold Boys' School,
- St. Patrick's Primary School.
- Dalkey Community Games
- G.A.A. Junior Club, Dalkey United Football Club
- Dalkey-sponsored Missionary Projects in Uganda & Kenya.
- Dalkey Players Drama group, St. Patrick's Drama Group
- Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre
- Dalkey Play Group

Representatives from organisations receiving their cheques from Dalkey Community Council Chairman Ken Dixon



Sharon Neilon from Dalkey Players



Frank Mullen Chairman of Dalkey United AFC



Brendan Lonergan from Dalkey Playgroup



Margaret Dunne Manager of Dalkey Heritage Centre



Nadia Quick from St. Patrick's Dramatic Society



Peadar McAdam from Cuala GAA

❖ DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND FRIENDS ❖

The “Lighting of the Christmas Tree” organised by Community Council and Tidy Towns committee members and others, was once again a successful occasion. Blessed by fine weather and willing volunteers several hundred people enjoyed the evening in and around the church car park.

The proceedings began in the Town Hall with a ‘Free Show’ for children, sourced by Margaret Dunne. Father John McDonagh and Canon Ben Neil blessed the Tree and its lights were switched on, powered from the Ulster Bank. Mary Kingston spectacularly introduced Santa to the children assisted by King Finbarr. The Anthem Choir entertained us. The Living Crib was in Archbold’s Castle with actors from Deilg Inis.

The Queens provided refreshments for the volunteers and Mulled Wine for others. Select Stores joined in with the festivities with Mulled Wine and Smoothies.

Dalkey Business Association funded the Christmas streetlights and floral wreaths for the lampposts. The Dalkey Leo Club (Junior Lions) helped with stewarding and provided elves for Santa.

DLRCC Parks Department, Dun Laoghaire and Killiney Lions Clubs, and Cuala gave help setting up the event and as stewards. There was Garda presence and an ambulance from the Order of Malta.

The event cannot take place without the generosity and goodwill of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Thanks and appreciation is given to all who were involved to make this a most enjoyable and worthwhile community event.

❖ APRICOT CHICKEN BURGERS ❖

CHICKEN BURGERS – Makes 4

- 250g lean minced chicken
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 5 dried apricots, finely chopped
- 1 small carrot, grated
- 1 small courgette, grated
- 30g grated Edam or Gouda cheese
- 1 ½ tbsp natural low fat yogurt or mayonnaise
- 2 tsp snipped fresh chives
- 4 burger buns
- 1 small ripe avocado, stoned, peeled and sliced
- 1 gem lettuce, leaves shredded



Combine yogurt/mayonnaise and chives. Split buns and spread yogurt/mayonnaise mixture and set aside.

To make the burgers, combine minced chicken, egg, apricots, carrot, courgette and cheese in a bowl. Divide the mixture into 4 equal portions and shape each portion into a patty. Cook patties in a non-stick frying pan for 6-7 minutes on each side or until golden brown and cooked.

Lastly place the patties inside the prepared buns and top with avocado and lettuce.

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As you glance at this little gardening article I suppose you simply cannot but be also reflecting on our absolutely glorious winter silhouettes that we, as Dalkey residents, have experienced recently. Those crystalline-like drip or droplets of glistening, gleaming ice and snow, sprawling and ravaging effortlessly and indescribably beautifully all across and around our local surroundings and landscapes. What beauty we have witnessed and all this - together with our neighbours thoughtfulness, kindness, concern and generosity. Naturally, so too does all our sympathy go to all residents of Dalkey who have broken, sprained or twisted their ankles wrists or whatever. We are so sorry for you and wish you, as your Dalkey neighbourly residents the “speediest of recoveries”. Isn’t Nature incredible? I saw clearly for myself about two weeks ago signs of shoots trying their level best to push themselves up through our hard-frosted icy verges and along our pathways. Having mulled over this fact, and just checking what I have written, some gardeners and indeed, some gardening books too, will tell you that the month of February can be one of the coldest months and, of course, the shortest!

So now we are on the brink of another gardening seasonas our Irish, Dalkey Spring arrives in all its finest artistry and splendour. Almost when you are looking the other way, it seems to be arriving. So, dress up in your various layers and get outside and clear away those final remains of last year.

So let’s look forward to 2010: months of thrilling small changes as our Dalkey buds swell and fatten and shoots lengthen. January through to May is ‘Pure Delight’. To be perfectly honest with you (please don’t gag me!) we’re better off, not really having warm sun as it coaxes early blossoms to life- only for them to be crisped by vicious frost thereafter. Isn’t it fascinating how some plants come into full focus in winter, while others become almost invisible. Thank goodness for Lenten Roses that perform so well in all weathers and what a selection we have to choose from! There are singles, doubles, veined, spotted and so on. Hellebores can suffer from leaf spot (so called ‘Black Death’); so remove affected leaves which will help to show off the flowers. Out of all the hellebores, the Christmas Rose (*Helleborus Niger*) (White Alba) does well in tall pots: it likes a fairly limey soil with plenty of old compost.



Helleborus Niger : Our Christmas Rose

Yesterday evening, I saw my very first 2010 fox prowling about much earlier in the evening than usual. Actually, it was just after 6pm rather than the usual 10pm. I observed him run over the top of a car then over some garden furniture and, finally, race up a high garden wall (maybe in pursuit of some cute little vixen or in search of some food scraps?) A friend of mine said to me, while we were walking my darling Precious (ruby King Charles, now a year and three months old and her Blenheim [brown & white with the lozenge mark on its forehead] and her tri-colour: - brown, black and white). We are all part of one giant elastic web of Life. It set me thinking for a while. On reflection, I gave some thought to our beloved slugs. Well, you may love or detest slugs of all descriptions but, please remember, all our poor little slugs do sterling work in our compost heaps. This winter I am consistently trying to make more of an effort to accommodate nature, e.g. create a more encouraging ‘B & B’ for our birds and with our recent spell of heavy, hard frosts, we have been informed especially by our local radio that we are ever so privileged to be accommodating some very rare and strange bird/species to our very own coastal areas....So yesterday, I took myself

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down to our local Pet Shop. En route, I encountered two very steep Black Ice slopes that I considered very 'dicey' and treacherous; so, down on my "rere end" I went in my long-ocelot fake fur coat (and, yes, only for part of the way, just in case you witnessed a bedraggled and bedazzled person looking very like the cheetah species! NO, that in actual fact was ME! On arrival, Cormac advised me to purchase black sunflower seeds preferably amongst my other bits and pieces. Apparently, it's good for the birds to have to peck through that outer black husk - possibly to sharpen their beaks, etc. So now life is once again so much more exciting. When one looks outside our kitchen window the variety of species there seem to be in their element. We have fat balls, golden sunflower seeds, niger seeds (black), peanuts and that 'square' of fat. Which you can buy now with dried insects in it. Birds just adore this.

There still seems to be a tremendous interest in green flowers. I must admit green and cream are without a shadow of a doubt my favourites. I bought a bunch of roses exactly one month ago. (10 blooms). They were peachy white, tinged with green tips. I put them in a heavy old Oxfam jar, changed the water regularly and periodically cut their stems diagonally. I placed them at our hall door entrance, well secured from our recent Christmassy and New Year's gales and outbursts of wind. Now, I am sure you don't believe me, but the truth is I have only lost one. They are still beautiful and yes, I did buy them here in Dalkey. Their equivalent in price would be a hamburger and chips or two beers! Truthfully, I'd rather deprive myself of either and to witness such beauty as I pass in and out of our hall door daily.

Jobs you might like to do for this month of February

1. Recycle your Christmas Tree. Cut trees can be shredded and used as mulch.
2. Plant and divide overgrown clumps of snowdrops once they have finished flowering; though I know that there are many people who still prefer to divide them in their green growth.
3. Remember seeing that picture of our winter-flowering jasmine (*jasminum nudiflorum*) in last month's issue of the Dalkey Newsletter. Yellow starry flowers? Well now is a good time to prune it.
4. Cut back deciduous ornamental grasses.
5. Remove faded flowers from cyclamens. Pinch them off at the base of the stem, otherwise the stem will rot. Likewise, deadhead pansies and violas as this prolongs further reliable flushes of bloom especially when borders are looking so bare. Please



Winter Pansies

don't ignore your pansies as fading flowers usually form seed pods and these must be picked off to prevent plants setting seed. Remove yellowish leaves too and check for sheltering slugs and snails. I seem to lose my lot each and every late spring with greenfly infestations, so learn from my experience: - spray with your choice: soapy water will do the trick very well. Try and keep your pansies in a sheltered spot, i.e. under a veranda or whatever.

Left: Winter pansies are most successful when they are grown in containers on a sunny balcony or patio where they benefit best from whatever light and warming sun our winter days may produce.

6. Trim all foliage from epimediums: - one of my favourite plants. We grow all ours in terracotta pots.



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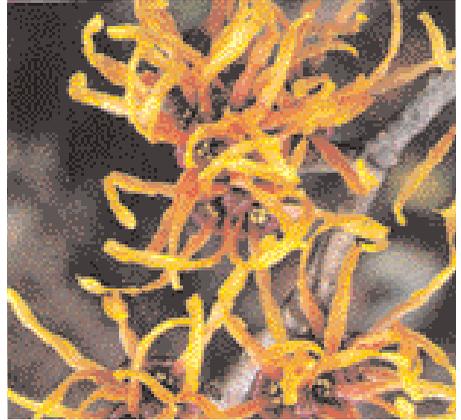
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Shortly we will be welcoming our Forest Flame (pieries), a smallish shrub. It's truly magnificent and brilliant red tips - fading after many weeks of its excellent performance to



Frost adorning the berries of Iris Foetidissima (the Stinking Iris or Gladwyn). Do you know you can have an iris in flower every month of the year?



There is no shrub to touch the Witch Hazel for beauty or for garden value. It flowers on bare branches in one of the harshest periods of the year

salmon pink and buttery yellow leaves. Spot 'Mr Precious' (a little tired after his daily walk!) sitting on our garden table, amongst our smaller terracotta pots. The cheek of him! Then, at the same time, so what, "This is his home!"

So, now after tackling some of these jobs, surely you deserve to sit back in your favourite armchair: get a notebook out or, better still, your diary and start planning and creating your



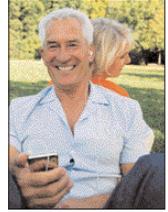
Sparkling Skimmia. The cheerful red berries of skimmia bring brightness to the garden even on the dullest winter's day. There are male and female skimmias

spring and summer garden. A good piece of advice, I think, is to grow plants the way Nature intended them to grow. It's also a good idea to observe what exactly grows well in your neighbour's garden as more than likely you have similar soil. I never seem to cease loving gardens that are like those Russian dolls (Babushkas?) Do you remember as a little child playing with them? Being fascinated by spaces within spaces, each revealing new pleasures. Well, your very own darling garden could become a similar presence.

Finally, if you're thinking of making a colourful display, it's hard to beat hyacinths. They are ideal for a show of colour and have the most sensational fragrance. I believe this year some garden centres are offering a lovely pastel range of colours. Hyacinths are perfect bulbs for planting now in open ground, borders and are superb in tubs and containers. Your key is to make absolutely sure your compost or soil is free draining, so if possible get your hands on some grit and sit your bulbs happily into your mixture.....You will be rewarded with larger blooms and, more likely, your hyacinths will flower for you for several further years.

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ALPINE SOCIETY

Saturday 13th February 2010 12.30p.m. Annual Lunch followed by: Jamie Chambers "Home Thoughts from Abroad - a Kiwi Gardener in Ireland". Royal St George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire.

Thursday, 18th February 2010 8p.m. John Blanchard "Daffodils in the Wild" NBG Glasnevin.

FOXROCK & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday, 23rd February 2010 8.p.m. "Thorny Questions" Q & A Session, Helen Yemm, Garden Writer, The Daily Telegraph.

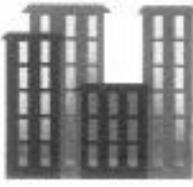
IRISH ORCHID SOCIETY

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MAGIC FOREST



Red Squirrel feeding inside the specially designed feeder cage at Tollymore Forest Park. Note the entrance hole, small enough to stop adult Greys getting in, with the metal plate around it to stop the greys widening it by biting through it. Photograph by Janette Adams

We'd seen an item on the BBC Countryfile programme on TV about Tollymore Forest Park, mixed woodland of over 630 hectares in Co. Down. At one stage their population of Red Squirrels was estimated to be between 5 and 10 individual animals but through a combination of trapping and removing Grey Squirrels and by providing supplementary food for the red squirrels they have increased the red's numbers to over 100 animals.

We went north in November planning a few days around the Mourne Mountains. We went straight to Tollymore to get a few hours there before dusk. You enter the park through a very impressive arched gateway then up a driveway lined by stately cedar trees of great girth and age. The park falls down to a river that cuts through a steep sided ravine with paths either side with fenced viewing areas at some of the most spectacular points. There are a number of bridges crossing the river some with ornate gothic towers at their corners and throughout the park there are buildings, grottos and caves created in very imaginative style by 18th century designer Thomas Wright giving the whole place a magical quality. There's a very old arboretum as well with a great diversity of conifers, exotics and native trees. Oaks from Tollymore were used in the interior furniture of the Titanic.

We met a ranger who'd been driving his van around the forest refilling the squirrel feeders. He told us where we might stake out one of the feeders and possibly see a red. We found a feeder positioned a few feet up a very old sprawling yew tree but it remained untouched while we watched. We returned to the river walk then saw The Hermitage. This is a folly

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type cluster of steps leading down to little stone chambers perched on the edge of the gorge constructed out of the local rock and blending in beautifully and very naturally. Further down we saw one red squirrel on a large oak tree perched on the ravine edge.

We returned to the forest a few days afterwards on a lovely autumnal morning and set off on a different route. We'd walked a few miles and realized the track we were on seemed to be going out of the forest so turned around and crossed the river. A very cheerful lady who we'd met earlier, greeted us again as she passed us with her dog. We reckoned she knew where she was going so followed her up a rising path into the woods, past a house and garden surrounded by trees but then she stopped and came back down the path. We asked her for directions and she told us this track led out to a road. She was advising us which path was most scenic to walk along when, perhaps noticing our binoculars, she commented there were red squirrels in the forest. We told her that was one reason we were there and she then told us she was involved in the Squirrel Action Group. The house we'd just passed was in fact hers and she asked us did we want to come in to her garden where we might see some red squirrels feeding. I couldn't believe our luck but kept in mind that this was real life, not TV, and there was no guarantee we'd actually see any squirrels. I needn't have worried. My companion almost instantly saw a red which disappeared on our approach but then more red squirrels started appearing, making their way down through the trees and hopping from fence post to fence post towards the food, a mixture of maize, hazel nuts and peanuts. The squirrel group had developed a wire cage which had an entry hole wide enough that reds could get through but the bigger adult greys couldn't. The greys had been eating through the metal plate surrounding the hole to widen it on earlier models of the cages so the group had developed a galvanised plate for the cage which had proven resilient to the greys efforts. Janette, the house owner, told us that sometimes when she's refilling the feeders (always wearing surgical gloves to prevent infection) she would turn around to find a young red squirrel sitting on the ground behind her waiting trustingly for its food. While we were there five individual red squirrels came in to the garden although apparently this was quite a low number since there was still lots of natural food around and in the past she'd had up to 18 red squirrels at one time. She also leaves out cuttlefish bones, like you'd see in bird cages which are to provide calcium for the squirrels' diet.

We couldn't have wished for a more fortuitous meeting and when we left to wander back through the trees, spectacular in their autumn colours the forest seemed to have become even more magical. I'd forgotten my camera which is probably as well since I'd have spent hours trying, and probably failing, to capture the natural beauty of the place but there's a website <http://www.niphotos.com/tollymoreforest/h399f1182/slideshow> that has some wonderful photos of the forest.

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Tuesday February 9th at 8 p.m. – Stuart Rosenblatt will speak on *‘From Immigration to Integration of the Jewish Community in Ireland’* to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin – all welcome – contribution €3.

Wednesday February 10th at 8 p.m. – Pdraig Laffan will present his lecture *‘Telephone and Radio Communications History - and My Part in it’* 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 February 11th at 8 p.m. – Shane O’Toole, Architectural Critic, will chair *‘Shopping Centres: From Stillorgan to Dundrum’* for the Kilmacud-Stillorgan History Society meeting in The Function Room, Glenalbyn, Stillorgan, Co.Dublin - visitors €3.

At 8.30 p.m. James Scannell will present his lecture *‘Ireland’s First Railway - The Dublin & Kingstown’* to the Enniskerry History Society in the A.O.H. Hall, Church, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow - all welcome - admission €3.

Thursday February 18th at 8 p.m. – Archaeologist, local historian, and author, Chris Corlett will present his lecture *‘The Vernacular Architecture of Co. Wicklow’* 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

‘Aspects of the War of Independence and Civil War in County Wicklow 1913 - 1923’; compiled by Henry Cairns & Owen Gallagher, published by the Old Bray Society, price €8. Co. Wicklow was part of the Dublin Area of the I.R.B. and this publication provides the reader with military history of County Wicklow from 1913 when the Irish Volunteers were founded, the Easter Rising, post-Rising events, the War of Independence concluding with the Civil War. While many of these events have been covered separately in a number of individual publications, the compilers have brought all this information together in one volume to create a military history of Co. Wicklow covering the decade of 1913 - 1923. This book is an essential acquisition for those interested in this period of Irish History and copies of this latest Old Bray Society publication can be obtained Monday to Saturday from the Town Hall Bookshop, 23 Florence Road, Bray.



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Reg. Ref.: D09A/0807

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Nov-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr. Raymond Gannon, Topcliff, Ardrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for (1) subdivision of existing 1442sq.m site into two parts. (2) Erection of a new part two storey, part three storey dwelling with a total floor area of 190sq.m on the sub-divided site area of 460sq.m. (3) Construction of new shared vehicular entrance and closure of the existing entrance. (4) Modifications to the existing boundary wall on Ardrugh Road to improve sight lines including the erection of new stone boundary wall and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0813

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Nov-2009

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.: D09B/0461

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Nov-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr F. Nowlan, Tradewinds, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the removal of existing pre-fabricated garage and the construction of a new garage located in the south-east of the site. The proposed garage will have a pitched slated roof, rendered wall finish with horizontal opaque windows on the west elevation all to accommodate two car spaces.

Reg. Ref.: D09B/0462

Application Rec'd Date: 12-Nov-2009

Applic. Name, Address & Location: Nicholas & Orla Fahy, 3, The Paddocks, Ulverton Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: An extension of split level dwelling. The proposed works will involve the extension of the first floor to accommodate additional bedroom space and a lean-to bicycle shelter to the side of the dwelling. The proposed works will be completed in conjunction with works already in progress as granted under planning application D06B/0325.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0831

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Nov-'09

Applic. Name, Address & Location: John Flynn & Fidelma Kirby, Valentia, Saval Pk Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: 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.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0834

Application Rec'd Date: 20-Nov-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd., Mackeys Garden Centre, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin and part of no.1 Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of modifications to previously approved plans (reg. reg. D06A/1808 and PL06D.224130) being the omission of the following items; the lead-clad lanterns, the slated roof and the powder coated aluminium of block A.

Reg. Ref.: D09B/0470

Application Rec'd Date: 18-Nov-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr. John Waters, 2 Desmond Cottages, Ardrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of the demolition of existing rear ground floor extension and dormer and construction of new ground floor extension and enlarged dormer. Installation of roof-light to front.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0849

Application Rec'd Date: 27-Nov-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd., Mackeys Garden Centre Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin & part of No.1 Castle Close, Sandycove. **Proposal:** Permission for development which will consist of modifications to previously approved plans (Reg.Ref.D06A/1808 & PL 06D.224130), being the reduction in the numbers of apartments from 51 no as approved to 48 no. by the omission of 2 no. 1 bed apartments at 1st floor level in Blocks A & B (the adjacent 2 bed apartments increase in size), & omission of 1 no. 2 bed apartment at 1st floor level Block B (the adjacent 3 bed apartments increase in size). Also proposed is the redistribution of floor area in Blocks A & B such that 6 no small 2 bed apartments become 6 no large 1 bed apartments and the surplus area 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 & 12 no. 1 bed apartments.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0880

Application Rec'd Date: 11-Dec-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Michael Smyth, Parkville, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: permission is sought for minor alterations to previously approved permission ref. no. D09A/0511. Alterations include provision of a roof light to rear roof and provision of a single dormer window in replacement of two dormer windows.

Reg. Ref.: D09B/0504

Application Rec'd Date: 9-Dec-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Bernard Doyle, Ardeevin House, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for extension to the rear of the existing detached two - storey dwelling, at first floor level over the existing lounge, consisting of a bedroom and en-suite bathroom, with one main window opening to the rear elevation, two high level window openings to the side elevation and a flat roof with parapet, all in render finish to match the existing.

Reg. Ref.: D09B/0508

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Dec-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Anna and Niall Breslin, 7, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Permission is sought for the construction of a part single and part 2 storey extension to the side & to the rear.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0885

Application Rec'd Date: 14-Dec-2009

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/0521

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Dec-2009

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

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).

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0770

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Oct-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Don & Julis Godson, Island View, Nerano Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development to consist of changes to approved design Reg. Ref. D08A/1414 to include increase in width of approved extension by 760mm, changes to approved internal layout. This application includes the addition of a new bedroom extension to rear of approved extension at first floor level. The total additional floor area over and above approved design will be 71.5 sq.m. All to existing two storey detached dwelling. **Add. Info:** 23-Dec-2009.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0771

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Oct-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd., Mackey's Garden Centre, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, & No.1 Castlepark Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin(r)

Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of modifications to previously approved plans (Reg. Ref. D06A/1808 and PL 06D.224130) being omission of the single storey gym building and basement swimming pool, a revised basement level layout to include 6 No. additional enclosed garages and additional landscape open space at ground level. **Add. Info.**

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0905

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Dec-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Marie Conlon, Ardbrugh 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 Ardbrugh 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 Ardbrugh 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 Ardbrugh Road. The proposed development includes all site development works, services, landscaping and boundary treatments. The development is on a 0.21655 hectare site.

D09A/0919

Application Rec'd Date: 22-Dec-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd., Mackey's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove 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

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Dec-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr. Gerry Murphy, Mr. Neil Rafferty, Mr. Michael Howard & Mr. Adrian Lynch, 1, 2, 3, and 4 Victoria Terrace, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin (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

Application Rec'd Date: 23-Dec-2009

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

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.: D09B/0529

Application Rec'd Date: 21-Dec-2009

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. roof lights to rear. Works also include alterations to front facade.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0001

Application Rec'd Date: 04-Jan-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.

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Reg. Ref.: D09A/0684

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 9-Nov-2009

Applic. Name & Location: Desmond & Mary Kavanagh, Mount Alverno, Nerano Rd & Sorrento Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for alterations and amendments to previously approved plans for demolition of house and construction of new replacement two-storey dwelling, Reg. Ref. No. D04A/0597 (An Bord Pleanála Ref. PL06D.209177) as modified by Register Reference Numbers D06A/0027 (An Bord Pleanála Ref. PL06D.217012) and D07A/0114 (An Bord Pleanála Ref. PL06D.222926). The proposed alterations will include revisions to boundary treatment at western boundary, to include revised 1.3 m high lime-pointed stone wall to be located within curtilage of Mount Alverno, omission of section of approved wall backing onto existing boundary wall with adjoining property, amended location of approved vehicular entrance, revised vehicular gates

and piers, addition of flush wall mounted lighting, omission of approved pedestrian entrance, and reinstatement of original pedestrian gate all onto private shared driveway onto Sorrento Road and revisions to approved vehicular gate and piers accessing Nerano Road, and all associated site works. The total site area is approximately 0.36 hectares.

Reg. Ref. D09A/0688

Decision: Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 10-11-'09

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Desmond & Mary Kavanagh. Mount Alverno, Nerano Road & Sorrento Road, Dalkey. **Proposal:** Retention permission for development which consists of retention of alterations and amendments to previously approved plans for demolition of house and construction of new replacement two-storey dwelling, Reg. Ref. No.D04A/0597 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.209177) as modified by Ref. Ref. No. D06A/0027 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.217012) and D07A/0114 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.222926). The alterations proposed to be retained include amendments to fenestration of opes on all four elevations, new leaded canopy over entrance lobby with new hardwood entrance to lobby, five retractable awnings at first floor level (two awnings in south-west elevation and three in south-east elevation), new roof-lights and amended chimney positions on flat roof, sedum roof covering on flat roof, internal revisions to layouts, minor amendments to first floor paths to rock outcrops to north-west and south-east of house, and non-material changes to building height and positioning (relative to distance to site boundary), with an increase in floor area of 22sq.m (approx) from the permitted 633sq.m (approx) to 655sq.m (approx) and all associated site works. The total site area is approximately 0.36 hectares. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref. D09B/0461

Decision: Withdraw Application

Date: 13-Nov-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Mr F. Nowlan, Tradewinds, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the removal of existing pre-fabricated garage and the construction of a new garage located in the south-east of the site. The proposed garage will have a pitched slated roof, rendered wall finish with horizontal opaque windows on the west elevation all to accommodate two car spaces.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0275

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 19-Nov-2009

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

Proposal: Permission sought for relocation of existing side conservatory to rear of existing house and changes to the approved development (Reg. ref. D07A/1152, Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.226816) consisting of: An increase in floor area at basement level and first floor level to the front of 31.7sq.m (total proposed new house area 230.7sq.m.) elevation changes and a revised lower roof profile and ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0585

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 17-Nov-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: R. & G. Barnes, Moreana, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission sought for development comprising (a) demolition of existing house, (b) construction of 2 no. new two storey over part basement dwellings, with terraces to front at first floor level (c) recessing and widening of existing vehicular entrance at south east corner of site and (d) all associated works.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0716

Decision: Request Add. Info.

Date: 19-Nov-2009

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

Proposal: Planning permission for development on this site which will consist of the removal of the existing entry porch and the construction of a new single storey, split level addition and associated site works to the north east side of the existing dwelling. Comprising a new entrance hall, living room with ridge line skylights, new roof slate finish to match existing dwelling. Alterations to the existing windows on the north west elevation, addition of new roof lights to the north east side of the existing roof. External off-street parking to be provided in new parking bay off Nerano Road with access gate in existing wall and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0741

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 2-Dec-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Peter Bastable, Laragh Mews, Ullardmor, Off Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for alteration of the existing house and the addition of a 2 two-storey pitched roof element of accommodation with a feature window on the north-east of the site, with a glazed entrance hall and circulation space in the existing courtyard area and the addition of a single storey orangery on the south-west of the site. A new wall and vehicular entrance is proposed on the south-east side of the site associated site works.

Decision: Declare Applic. Invalid.

Date: 7-Dec-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd., Mackeys Garden Centre Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin & part of No.1 Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of modifications to previously approved plans

(Reg.Ref.D06A/1808 and PL 06D.224130), being the reduction in the numbers 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 apartments increase in size), and omission of 1 no. 2 bed apartment at first floor level Block B (the adjacent 3 bed apartments increase in size). Also proposed is the redistribution of floor area in Blocks A and B such that 6 no small 2 bed apartments become 6 no large 1 bed apartments and the surplus area 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.

Reg. Ref.: D09B/0415

Decision: Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 8-Dec-2009

Applic. Name, Address & Location: Nihele Jabeur, Grange Court, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey

Proposal: Retention permission is sought for alterations to the roof shape, rooflights & rear elevation of the single storey extension to the side & rear, changes to the front elevation including a flat roof over the now retained existing single storey bay window and the infilling of proposed recessed porch to the rear of the existing house resulting in an overall increase in floor area of 8.3m². Planning permission is also sought for a single storey flat roofed carport to the front of the house behind the garage doors. **Applic. Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0771

Decision: Request Add. Info.

Date: 15-Dec-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd., Mackeys Garden Centre, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, & No.1 Castlepark Close, Sandycove, Co.Dublin(r)

Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of modifications to previously approved plans (Reg. Ref. D06A/1808 and PL 06D.224130) being omission of the single storey gym building and basement swimming pool, a revised basement level layout to include 6 No. additional enclosed garages and additional landscape open space at ground level.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0780

Decision: Request Add. Info

Date: 17-Dec-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Jennie & Andrew Power, Site at Ardeevin Tce., 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).

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0775

Decision: Grant Permission for Retention **Date:** 22-Dec-2009

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd. 1, Castle Close, Sandycove.

Proposal: Retention permission for development which will consist of; retention and completion of modifications to approved plans (Reg. Reg. D08A/0480 and PL 06D.230903) being the omission of a substation, amendments to the window locations to the north and south elevations; the omission of metal cladding and its replacement with brickwork to lower parapet level with glazing and powder coated metal cladding at the second floor level on the east side of building; the addition of 2 No. windows on the west elevation and a reduction in the number of units from 6 to 5 by converting 2 No. 1 bed units at second floor level to a 2 bed unit, and all associated development works. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0813

Decision: Request Add. Info.

Date: 8-Jan-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.: D09B/0521

Decision: Declare Applic. Invalid

Date: 6-Jan-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).

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Reg Ref: D09A/0585 **Date:** 7-Aug-2009 **Location:** Moreana, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Development: Planning permission sought for development comprising (a) demolition of existing house, (b) construction of 2 no. new 2 storey over part basement dwellings, with terraces to front at 1st floor level (c) recessing and widening of existing vehicular entrance at south east corner of site and (d) all associated works.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 4-Dec-'09. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D09A/0682 **Date:** 11-Sep-'09. **Location:** Waterside, Queenstown Castle, 34 Coliemore Rd, Dalkey.
Development: Permission sought for development on this site; 'Waterside', Queenstown Castle, 34 Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin having shared access through Queenstown Castle (a protected structure). The development will consist of: partial demolition of existing partially constructed dwelling house and structures on site. (b) Construction of a new split level 2 storey detached dwelling house (189sq.m) with basement accommodation (54sq.m) to the rear accessed internally via access stairs and externally from the foreshore jetty. The dwelling will comprise of 3 bedrooms with associated bathrooms, living accommodation, stores, external terraces, roof terrace, railings, stairs, boundary walls, entrance court and canopy and all hard and soft landscaping. (243sq.m total floor area). (c) Alterations to the fenestration of the 'as built' boathouse (25sq.m) on the foreshore and completion of boathouse and slipway (previously approved under PI Ref D06A/0739 & An Bord Pleanala Ref PL 06D.219006). **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 1-Dec-2009

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

Reg Ref: D09A/0684 **Date:** 15-Sep-2009 **Location:** Mount Alverno, Nerano Road & Sorrento Road, Dalkey.
Development: Permission is sought for alterations and amendments to previously approved plans for demolition of house and construction of new replacement two-storey dwelling, Reg. Ref. No. D04A/0597 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.209177) as modified by Register Reference Numbers D06A/0027 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.217012) and D07A/0114 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PLO6D.222926). The proposed alterations will include revisions to boundary treatment at western boundary, to include revised 1.3 m high lime-pointed stone wall to be located within curtilage of Mount Alverno, omission of section of approved wall backing onto existing boundary wall with adjoining property, amended location of approved vehicular entrance, revised vehicular gates and piers, addition of flush wall mounted lighting, omission of approved pedestrian entrance, and reinstatement of original pedestrian gate all onto private shared driveway onto Sorrento Road and revisions to approved vehicular gate and piers accessing Nerano Road, and all associated site works. The total site area is approximately 0.36 hectares. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 7-Dec-'09. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party

Reg Ref: D09A/0688 **Date:** 16-Sep-2009 **Location:** Mount Alverno, Nerano Road & Sorrento Road, Dalkey.
Development: Retention permission for development which consists of retention of alterations and amendments to previously approved plans for demolition of house and construction of new replacement two-storey dwelling, Reg. Ref. No. D04A/0597 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.209177) as modified by Ref. Ref. No. D06A/0027 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.217012) and D07A/0114 (An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL06D.222926). The alterations proposed to be retained include amendments to fenestration of opes on all four elevations, new leaded canopy over entrance lobby with new hardwood entrance to lobby, five retractable awnings at first floor level (two awnings in south-west elevation and three in south-east elevation), new roof lights and amended chimney positions on flat roof, sedum roof covering on flat roof, internal revisions to layouts, minor amendments to first floor paths to rock outcrops to north-west and south-east of house, and non-material changes to building height and positioning (relative to distance to site boundary), with an increase in floor area of 22sq.m (approx) from the permitted 633sq.m (approx) to 655sq.m (approx) and all associated site works. The total site area is approximately 0.36 hectares. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention. **Appeal Lodged:** 7-Dec-'09.

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

Reg Ref: D09A/0741 **Date:** 9-Oct-'09 **Location:** Laragh Mews, Ullardmor, Off Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.
Development: Permission is sought for alteration of the existing house and the addition of a 2 two-storey pitched roof element of accommodation with a feature window on the north-east of the site, with a glazed entrance hall and circulation space in the existing courtyard area and the addition of a single storey orangery on the south-west of the site. A new wall and vehicular entrance is proposed on the south-east side of the site associated site works. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 5-Jan-'10. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party

Reg Ref: D09B/0415 **Date:** 15-Oct-2009 **Location:** Grange Court, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Development: Retention permission is sought for alterations to the roof shape, roof-lights and rear elevation of the single storey extension to the side and rear, changes to the front elevation including a flat roof over the now retained existing single storey bay window and the infilling of proposed recessed porch to the rear of the existing house resulting in an overall increase in floor area of 8.3m². Planning permission is also sought for a single storey flat roofed carport to the front of the house behind the garage doors. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention. **Appeal Lodged:** 5-Jan-'10 **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party

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Reg. Ref. D08A/1392 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 18-Nov-2009. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission. **Location:** 66, Ulverton Road, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** Demolition of existing garage to side gable of 66 Ulverton Road, construction of new five bedroom, three storey split level detached dwelling with balcony to rear; existing vehicle entrance extended to accommodate 2 no. car parking spaces. To include all hard and soft landscaping and associated site works. **Applicant:** Dominic Galvin.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0072. **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission. **Appeal Decided:** 3-Dec-'09. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission. **Location:** 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** The demolition of the single storey garage and two storey house and the construction of two, two-storey, 4 bedroom, semi-detached houses House 1: 193sq.m, House 2: 182s.qm, the widening of the existing access to 3.5m and new 3.5m wide access, both with entrance gates and piers, new boundary walls to both sides and between front and rear gardens of proposed houses, and all associated works. **Applicant:** Suzanne & Vincent Finnegan

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0303. **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Decided:** 1-Dec-'09. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention. **Location:** Waterside, Queenstown Castle, 34, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, (Having Shared Access Through Queenstown Castle). **Proposed Development:** Retention permission sought for development which will consist of; 'As built' partially constructed split level 2 storey detached dwelling house with basement accommodation to rear accessed from foreshore jetty. The dwelling will comprise of 4 bedrooms with associated bathrooms and living accommodation, stores, external terraces, railings, stairs and boundary walls (238.3 sqm total floor area). A protected structure. **Applicant:** Tom Kavanagh.

Reg. Ref.: D08B/0635. **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission & Refuse Permission. **Appeal Decided:** 21 Dec-'09 **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission & Refuse Permission. **Location:** Villa Maria, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey. **Proposed Development:** Amendments to the currently permitted dwelling (Ref. D05B/0379 and D07B/0552) comprising the incorporation of an external store at ground floor level into the main dwelling as a utility room; the addition of a high level window in the dining room at the south elevation; the alteration of the second floor study rear window and the addition of an external escape stairs from the second floor study to the rear garden level. **Applicant:** Oliver and Josephine Tierney.

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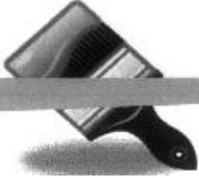
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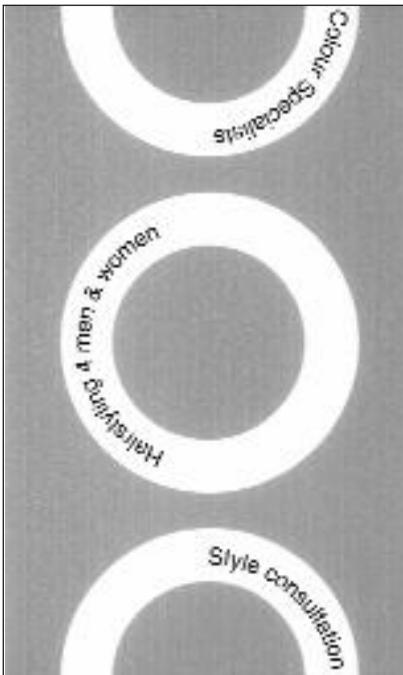
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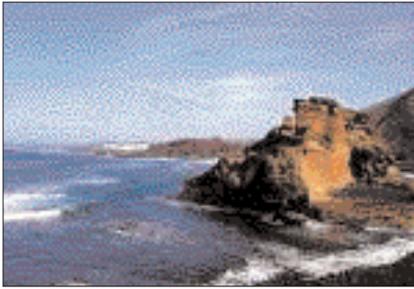
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Lanzarote Seascape

It is a very beautiful island. Millions of palm trees, blue skies and cactus trees, orchids, camellia lilies and palonia roses of all colours, even paloni trees. All the buildings are white or cream and of the same height so that they don't get in the way of the scenery. Endless walks on the beach. We had two days of rain but it didn't matter because we went shopping; everything is so cheap and we toured some of the volcanoes. They were bubbling beneath your feet on top of Fire Mountain. We saw volcanic geysers shoot flames high in the sky. Very noisy and quite terrifying. And of course, the camel rides. The most amazing trip was to the home of Cesar Manrique, a Lanzarote artist and designer. It was he who campaigned to preserve the look of the island - especially the height of buildings. His home was built around a cave of lava bubbles. A lake of albino crabs that are virtually extinct thrive in this beautiful lake. The best part of my holiday was, of course, the people. I stayed in an apartment and my two friends stayed in the hotel approximately one hundred yards down



Cactus Valley



Hot geyser gushing

Travelling is such an education even just going to Lanzarote. It is a favourite destination for a huge number of Irish people in these recessionary times; there were more middle aged people - obviously pensioners. I booked with Sunway but when I got to Lanzarote it was First Choice Sunworld, J.W.T and Falcon Holidays. I flew with Thomson Airlines and on the island I went on blue Thomson Tour buses. These were all very professional and organised. The staff were not afraid of apologising when problems arose.

the road. We were able to use the two dining rooms alternately. We just got a pass from the Reception in the hotel: acres and acres of food, a Buffet Carvery all artistically produced and delicious steaks and chops, fish individually cooked for us each evening. After about the third day, I felt 'what about the homeless or the Third World? We had musical entertainment every night. My apartment looked onto the beach. I never slept in the bedroom. I lay on



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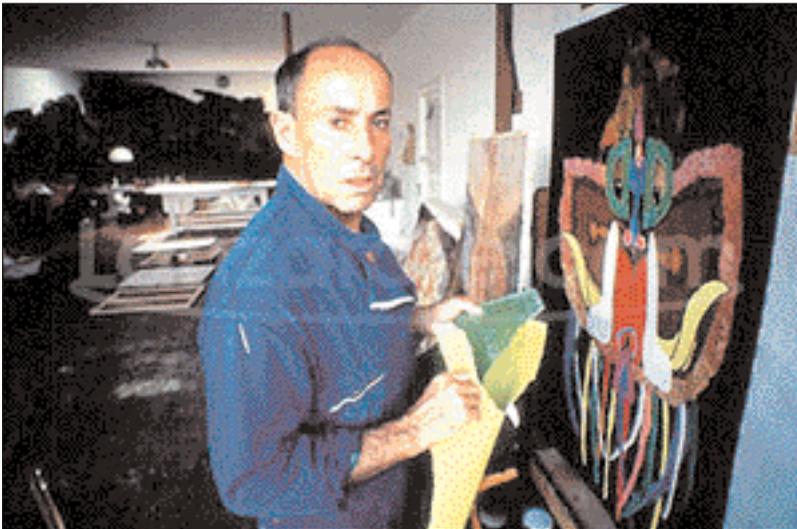
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the huge couch which looked on my balcony. I could hear the waves and the swish of the palm trees. The moon over the sea and the lovely warm weather. On Christmas Day we took a taxi to Mass in the local Spanish white-washed church. It was packed with people. An intelligent Spanish priest said the Mass half in Spanish and half in English. We sang Adeste Fidelis in Latin. After Mass we sat at the harbour for Christmas drinks for a couple



Volcano Park

of hours. Once again we met some marvellous Irish people. We were delayed at the airport going home for four and half hours. To pass the time we organised Carols and Christmas songs. It started with only about six of us and, suddenly, we had about thirty people; all Irish around us. It was such fun. Eventually, we were called to board for our plane home. Only then were we told the reason for the delay was an unofficial Air Controllers strike. There was no food on the plane only a carton of tea at 2.50. We were advised to buy a sandwich before boarding the plane so if you didn't book your meal online when booking your holiday there would be no food when you travelled. I slept the whole way. This was my first Christmas away from home. It was really great; I didn't put up any decorations and I had no Christmas at home. My daughter-in-law kept me a leg of turkey and some plum pudding, so I have it all!



Cesar Manrique

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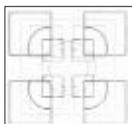


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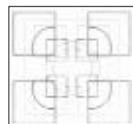
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Collating of March Newsletter	Fri. 26 Feb
Cuppa for Kitui - Our Ladies Hall 10am to 1pm	Sun 28 Feb
March DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon. 01 Mar

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