

❖ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ❖

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| DCC Monthly Meeting | Mon. 2 July |
| Judging the Garden Competition | Weds 4 July |
| Garden Outing – meet Cuala car park, Hyde Road @9.45am | Weds. 18 July |
| Sorting August Newsletter | Fri. 27 July |
| DCC (August) Meeting | Mon. 30 July |
| Events through the month: | FRESH FOOD MARKET Fridays: 10.00am-4.00pm |

Nature Corner July Date Saturday 7th July 2007
 Trip to Ireland's Eye: Numbers limited to 30 so early booking essential. Details & bookings from Aileen Prole 288-9565 (7pm-9pm only). Meet at the base of the East Pier in Howth at 10.30am. Bring boat fare (Adults €10, children €5), suitable clothing and a pack lunch. Duration 4-5 hours. See East Coast Sites Ireland's Eye
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July: *Named for Julius Caesar born 12 July 100BC by Mark Anthony.*
Flower: Water Lily

DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL LTD.
ANNUAL GARDEN OUTING

This years outing is taking place on Wednesday 18th July and is visiting Listoke Gardens and Beaulieu Gardens Drogheda. The price is €25 and this includes the coach, entry fee to the gardens & morning tea/coffee (lunch not included). This is payable in advance - numbers limited as the coach is a 40 seat one. Meet at Cuala Centre car park Hyde Road at 9.45am sharp and returning to Dalkey approximately 6.30pm
 Those interested please contact Colette at 2850280 or 087 297 1831 or Maura at 2801732
 The organiser will be in Our Lady's hall on Monday 9th July from 2.15-3.15pm to take bookings & payments. It is advisable to book early by phone.
 The outing is open to all residents of Dalkey.



Daddy says these pretty yellow flowers are everywhere, so why can't we have them in our garden?

DCC JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

The June monthly meeting was held on the 28th May at 8pm in OLH.
Correspondence: Residents from different areas have contacted DCC in relation to traffic issues. These ranged from the difficulties being experienced by the residents of Knocknacree Park due to the all day parking of cars by DART users to the traffic problems on Leslie Avenue and the need for improved road markings and proper signage at Ardbrugh/Torca/Knocknacree Road. It was decided, as there was so many problems that these should be considered and a meeting sought with the Traffic Dept. of DLRCC.
AOB: DCC will pursue the Parks about the deplorable state of Sorrento Park. The implementation of the pedestrian crossing for Dalkey has begun but its completion will be this summer according to DLRCC. As there was no further business the meeting ended.

❖ PARKING IN DALKEY TOWN ❖

Dalkey Community Council Limited would kindly ask people who come into the town in the evening to give consideration to the parking rights of residents of the streets on which they park – many of whom do not have driveways in which to park their cars. It is also important to note that it is against the law to park, fully or partially, on any pedestrian pavement.

❖ **D.A.R.A. GARDEN VISIT – Millstreet, Co. Cork** ❖

I recently returned from the D.A.R.A. Garden Club outing to Macroom, Co. Cork. 24 of us went by train to Cork City. A bus picked us up and brought us to Millstreet Country Park. This was an eye-opener. We had soup and sandwiches on arrival at the Visitors Centre. We then went by jeep to view the 500 acres. We were stunned at its hugeness. It was bought in 1973 for £2,500 by a very special person - an entrepreneur, Jeremiah Sheehan. The entire lower park area was swamped in water and shallow peat. This took twelve years to reclaim as land in order to produce pasture for the large herd of red deer that graces the Park today. Lakes, a Waterfall, Hill Walks and Stone Bridges have been erected. The lakes are full of brown trout and salmon. We saw ducks flying and sheep and rabbits and we discussed what we would have for dinner that evening. Venison, lamb, trout or duck? The jeep brought us to view the Five Trails bound by the Mahera mountains, all planted with trees and hedges. All through it was raining and very cold but our Guide was so enthralled with his job. His commentary distracted us from the climatic conditions. We would have climbed every inch with him! There was a Music Garden, Bee Garden, Sensory Garden with beautiful perfumes from all the plants and flowers. There were playgrounds for children and picnic areas. They hold conferences at the Interpretative Centre where there is an audio and visual theatre. A wonderful place to visit but you would need a car.

We then left and drove to our hotel in Macroom. A friendly and comfortable hotel with beautiful food. The next morning it was still raining. We then visited Anne's Grove Gardens. This is an 18th Century estate and became the property of the first Earl of Annesley after his marriage to Mary Grove. His descendants have lived there ever since. The present owner met us at the front of the house and took us on a tour of the garden. In spite of the rain it was simply amazing. The dramatic colours of a multitude of rhododendrons, magnolias and azaleas all blooming, huge specimens with yellows and reds, orange flowers, pale pinks and white. Such a blaze of colour and so many. We walked and walked oahed and aawhed. Another colour. It was just out of this world. All these trees were raised by Mr. Annesley from seed collected in Tibet and Nepal. We were disappointed that we didn't get to see the house but we were filled with reminiscences of "Lady Chatterley". The next garden - our third - was Ballyvolane House. It was as if we kept the best wine to the last. Whew! What an experience. It is one of the Hidden Ireland Houses built in 1728. We arrived and were welcomed by the owner, Mr. Justin Green. There were two huge log fires burning, one in the drawing room, the other in the dining room. The large dining room table was set with delicious sandwiches, home made Lemon Drizzle Cake and whipped cream, Earl Grey tea and coffee poured from silver pots into beautiful china cups. Such a host was Justin Green, very friendly and talked about his mother who he inherited the house from. His wife and their baby girl (only two weeks old!). They also have two little boys. His huge cat with a white beard was seventeen years old. After our tea we headed for the garden. This, to me, was the very best: a carpet of Bluebells. Justin explained that it takes 80 years to form a carpet of bluebells. It took my breath away. It really looked not blue. His azaleas, magnolias and rhododendrons were only 5-6 feet tall compared with the Anne's Grove collection which were 30-40 feet high. Justin Green had been to Anne's Grove Garden and had great respect for it. We walked through the garden to the back of the house where a mauve wisteria covered the back wall.

A Laburnum Walk, croquet on the lawn, Doves or Love Birds in a cage, a Walled Vegetable Garden. The vegetables are used for the house guests. Also a notice warning us to keep the gate closed as rabbits might enter. Beetroots, scallions, lettuces, potatoes, cabbages, I could go on and on.

Blathnaid MacGinty

❖ **DALKEY TIDY TOWNS** ❖

Dalkey Tidy Towns is now in full swing for the summer. Litter Patrols to which everyone is welcome are on: **Tuesdays** at 10.30am from Select Stores, **Thursdays** at 11am from Dillon's Park. **Saturdays** from the Church car park at 10.30am.

In addition one committee member is leading a group of 5 who are working independently over the weekends covering Dalkey's problem areas. All four of these patrols would welcome more volunteers!

The entry for the National Competition for 2007 has been submitted and we also involve Dalkey in all sections of the DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition. Prize money awarded to Dalkey Tidy Towns is used for local projects and the main one this year is at Coliemore Harbour to commemorate Dr. John de Courcy Ireland.

Other notes of interest are:

The newly planted tree beside the Masonic Hall on Castle Street;

The transformation of the steps leading from Ulverton Road to Bulloch Harbour by landscaping and diligence thanks to Dolores Smyth and her team;

The planting scheme by children from Castle Park School beside Archbold's Castle; 15 areas of Dalkey have residents carrying out regular checks for litter. Would you like to do similar for your area? Visit DTT website at www.dalkeytidytowns.com for details of our aims and achievements.

On the downside Dalkey seems constantly in roadwork, building development, traffic congestion and detour mayhem, that unfortunately gives a poor impression of this beautiful town. By having more active volunteers visibly on show in yellow identity vests we can show determination and dedication through difficult times to our population, visitors and adjudicators.

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LETTER FROM BRAZIL



Letter from Brazil (1982-2007)

*Rua Gabriel Ferreira 1832N,
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Greetings to all in Dalkey from Teresina, Piaui, Brazil. In July I will be twenty-five years working here. So much has changed in that time and still there are so many new challenges to face. When I arrived in 1982 Brazil was a country that had so much to contribute but was still under a military dictatorship. The church had played a key role resisting the military, fighting for the rights of the people, calling for free elections, and standing by those who fought to keep their home and land. With free elections in 1984 after twenty years of military rule the country wanted to play its part on the world stage. This leap from the military to democracy would not be easy. Corruption and inflation had a firm grip on the economy. Over 90% of the population were living in poverty. The church had one priest to 40,000 people. Over many years the country had continued to borrow and now had a huge debt. Most of this borrowed money was linked to corruption and where projects like roads were due to be built there was nothing to show for it. So for the next ten years growth was very slow as debts had to be repaid. Many promises were made and few kept. The new elected government tried by controlling imports and keep people at work in Brazil, for example producing computers in Brazil. They had neither the skill nor the technology.

The change came about 1998 when Brazil realized it was the 5th biggest country with vast resources and a population of 140m. It could play a role on the world stage and more importantly reorganizing Latin America. Education became a priority and now it was time to invest in huge programs that would bring work for the people and a future. The church grew rapidly and today there are over 400 bishops and 9870 parishes in Brazil. These programs of health care, education, work are advancing slowly as the population continues to grow by 2m every year. A lot of progress has been made but there are still huge problems to be faced in the area of violence, drugs, work practices, and a fair system of justice for all. Brazil is now becoming one of the world's top tourist destinations. It has thousands of miles of beautiful beaches and resorts and places to see like Rio de Janeiro and the Falls of Iguazu as examples. The Amazon is opening its doors to the Eco-tourist.

Every year the church organizes a Lenten campaign to highlight problems that need to be faced by the government with the people. This year it was called "Fraternity and the Amazon." It made people aware of the huge natural resources Brazil has like forests, rivers, plants and animals, and how we need to play our part to protect them. 30% of the world's rain falls in the Amazon, here there are more plants and animals there than in any other part of the world. The Amazon is nearly 49% of Brazil. We became aware of the need to protect the Indians of the Amazon, their cultures, their languages, their homelands. The government needs to act more swiftly against those who destroy the trees who today are recognized as the "lungs of the world". Progress is being made, Brazil is beginning to play an important part on the world stage. This month Pope Benedict arrived in Brazil to canonise Brazil's first born Saint called Frei Santana Galvão. There was huge television coverage and he also opened the 5th Latin American Conference of Bishops in Aparecida near São Paulo which continues to the end of May. This Conference will present a Report that will offer guidelines to not only the future of the Church in Latin America but guidelines to Bishops all over the world.

I have a lot to be thankful from being here in Brazil. Brazilians are a warm and very friendly people. They do not like to say no. When you come here in the beginning you are never sure if you can adapt to the different culture, the Portuguese language, customs, food etc. I realized that

the more you become involved with the people the more Brazil becomes your home. Brazil has become my home away from the home I loved in Dalkey. Over the years I have worked in the States of Tocantins, Ceará and Piauí and today I look after the parish of St. Joseph the Worker in Teresina. This is a Sanctuary church. There is a huge devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and we have 12 sessions of the Novena every Tuesday beginning with a live television broadcast at 5.50am. The parish has six churches and 35,000 people. The average temperature during the year which might 7sh and there was wonderful celebrations with a procession and final open air Mass in the square beside the church.

I am very grateful to the people of Dalkey for their support and encouragement to me during these years. I look forward to a trip to Ireland every two or three years to meet my brothers, relatives and friends. I'm planning a trip to Ireland in September. Please remember to say a little prayer for this Mission in Brazil.

God bless,

Um abraço do Brasil,

Fr. Alan Glynn C.Ss.R.

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❖ MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ... ❖

Dear Sir,

On a recent China assignment, I tuned into the BBC TV World News - a worldwide service. The first topic on screen was an interview with the new Managing Director of Google in Ireland! The opening question to the poor unfortunate Google man was "why have you chosen a Broadband backwater like Ireland in which to locate your new European HQ?" How about that for a PR exercise!

My initial reaction was to send a complaint directly to the BBC. However, on mature reflection, that conclusion of the BBC global satellite broadcast was not far removed from the real sorry facts.

Don't be fooled by our Politicians on Broadband. We are now years behind much of the developed world. Blanket Broadband cover for Ireland - about the same area as Lake Michigan - appears to be beyond our decision makers. Expensive piecemeal attempts have delivered a disaster - patchy coverage and ridiculously high costs. You and I have been prevented from cutting our communication bills and cannot download many critical updates or software which we need to be competitive internationally. We are now regarded as backward at a time when our Politicians are pretending that we are well on our way to being leaders in the communication field. This really is an annoying joke. It must also be quite an embarrassment for the IDA.

And now to the real world. I happen to live off Knocknacree Road on the south side of Dalkey. We get Broadband service - apart from a very costly and unreliable satellite alternative. Nobody can find a way to solve the problem of getting a signal over a small granite hill! Hundreds of neighbours are also locked into the Dark Ages and yet we are almost within view of O'Connell Street's Spire. Every time we hear yet another Politician boast of our Broadband progress, I get serious heart palpitations!

Ponder this. Singapore now boasts a total country-wide WIRELESS Broadband service covering its beaches, its Jungle and even Singaporean homes. The Shetland Islands already have blanket coverage. Manchester announced that 2.2. million citizens will shortly be within its FREE WI-FI area, becoming the biggest hot-spot in Europe. That word FREE is not a mistake. Citywide WI-FI programmes are also under way in Birmingham and London. They already operate at speed levels four times ours - and at a far lower cost. Our Lord Mayor, Vincent Jackson, envisages a free metropolitan WI-FI service at some stage for Dublin. If he moves to south Dalkey, he may have to leave his laptop in Dawson Street. This really is a joke - but an embarrassing one in terms of developing essential services.

Des Burke-Kennedy,

Mount Salus, Knocknacree Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

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I am a resident who has to use Convent Road twice each day which is not a pleasant experience. The fouling by dogs on the one narrow footpath is disgusting and very dangerous as the road is so narrow. Also, it is necessary to walk out onto the road to avoid dogs' fouling. The litter and dirty street must be the worst in Dalkey, the odd time it is half swept and what is actually swept up is left in a pile until it blows away again. Surely there must be some local political representative who will take notice and find out why the Council is not doing their job and find out how many litter fines were issued in Dalkey in the last 12 months. Also, we need to find out how many dog owners were fined like illegal parking this is the only way to get results.

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A TRIBUTE TO MR. REUBENS

We were married on a Friday 13th many moons ago! So, on a respective Friday 13th almost eleven years ago, my Welsh husband, Nigel, for our anniversary surprised me by blindfolding me one evening and led me down to my bedroom where, on my bed lay a tiny little ruby 'blob', of life. He became our Mr. Reubens. He was a Ruby Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. We lost him, regrettably, last month. Hence, I simply didn't have the heart or frame of mind to write my usual gardening piece. So please forgive me, I apologise!

Now it seems only right and appropriate to dedicate this little article to my unforgettable, irreplaceable 'Treasure', Mr. Reubens, who was undoubtedly and totally our little 'trooper'. He gave us his all, his everything and unconditionally; so it is simply impossible for me to do his little nature justice: my list would be endless and my gratitude - insurmountable.

I remember when we first got this little creature, Mr. Reubs, a lady said to me, "How can you possibly have a beautiful garden with a dog like that running about?" Well actually quite the contrary it was He who made our garden. Basically, he marked his territory as all dogs do and after that he seemed to have an inbuilt respect and ability to amble through our various plants and pots without disturbing them.



I was brought up with dogs, generally two at a time. But, this time, it's all so strange, that I feel such an enormous emptiness, sense of loss. Now, I can truly relate and appreciate how other doggy owners must feel when they lose their beloved pet. I wonder, have you ever really loved a dog?? No, I don't mean 'liked'; I mean truly 'Loved' a dog? Because when you really love you tolerate and enjoy all doggy experiences, rarely with limitations. Well, this little guy was my soul-mate, my Everything. As a little puppy he did all the usual things; buried our watches, ate their leather straps, swallowed my precious stud earrings, not once but several times! But, with time, he became my listener, my healer, my trooper. Of course, he could be a pain at times and quite defiant. He despised our Dyson (vacuum cleaner) and used to bark incessantly at it when I used it. My hair spray was another 'no-no' as was my chatting on the telephone! When I would brush my hair or put on some lipstick, he would make a bee-line for the hall door only to poise himself, up-rightly and elegantly, ready to shower a warm welcome on whoever might be there.

Mr. Reubens was my shadow wherever I was, he was beside me. No matter how I looked or what I wore I was special and loved totally by him. I still see him choosing my very best silk blouse to lie on, rather than a flumpy synthetic fleece or the likes. I can still hear the pitter-patter of his little feet as he swaggered his way down to my bedroom on our wooden floor early in the mornings; - all heart and eager to greet me.

Mr. Reubens gave us his whole heart, unconditionally. He entered into our lives, our problems, our successes, our failures, our happy and sad times. When we would come through our hall door it seemed like he flung his whole little body at us to greet us. Almost as if he had wings in his chest. I remember once my husband had to be quite cross with him, so he tapped him firmly on the nose, etc. Reuben's dignity, alas, was deeply hurt and for two whole days after that, he totally ignored my husband!

Last year, I had quite a serious finger accident. Subsequently, I had to have my finger dressed every second or third day for approximately seven months. I was ever so lucky as a friend of ours, Sara, who is a nurse came to our house and bathed it and dressed it meticulously. Mr. Reubs always had to be present for our little ceremony. He sat there religiously, upright in his bed in the kitchen as if he was counselling the whole affair. On the final day, when the bandage was removed permanently he licked

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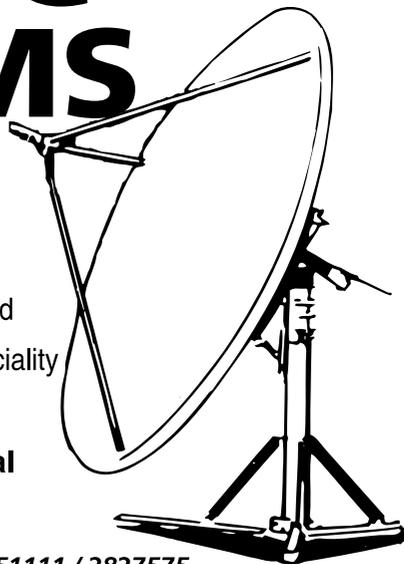
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❖ NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – SUMMER CRIME TIPS ❖

As the summer is here householders are reminded to exercise care while enjoying the good weather. Here are a few simple tips to deter the opportunist thief and safeguard your personal property:

- No articles should be left on view in vehicles. It is preferable to place items in the boot at the beginning of the journey.
- Children's toys, bikes, etc should be removed from the garden and put away after play.
- All gardening equipment, tools and ladders should not be left lying around. These should be removed and secured in the garage or garden shed. Where possible sheds should be kept locked.
- Remember while enjoying the sunshine uninvited guests maybe enjoying themselves to the contents of your home! So take care to lock doors or have open doors in sight.
- Don't be careless with you belongings, as no one wants the inconvenience or bad experience suffered at the hands of culprits who seize upon an easy chance to commit a crime.

Enjoy a safe summer!

NW Rep.

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

Our Beavers and Cubs have completed their spring programmes and reconvene in September. The Cubs had several canoeing sessions at Bulloch Harbour, followed by a weekend camp at the Scouting Ireland campsite, Larch Hill near Rockbrook. This included a fun activity day for all the Cub Packs in our area.

The Sea Scouts are now busy with activities on the water around Bulloch too. They also enjoyed a weekend camp in Powerscourt, in preparation for their main Summer Camp by Lough Oughter in Co. Cavan. As usual they will bring our fleet of boats and canoes to enjoy to the full the network of safe lakes along the upper stretch of the River Erne. The site is also adjacent to Killykeen Forest Park. During the camp, on 1st August, they will join with Scouts all over the world in celebrating the centenary of Baden-Powell's first experimental Scout camp on Brownsea Island, Poole Harbour, Dorset in 1907.

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that very finger and never did it again. - quite extraordinary. I remember another occasion, I was upset over something and as I sat crying on our leather couch, he jumped up and licked away my tears. Yes, all true.

In his latter months, when obviously Reubs wasn't so fit, he seemed to have such an acceptance of his condition but still had his unique spirit and mighty heart.

Not long ago, my husband came home with a magnificent large log which he had found up on Killiney Hill. It looked almost like a piece of sculpture so we found the perfect spot for it in our garden. Needless to say, Mr. Reubens welcomed and christened it by cocking his leg on it here and there. Now, he is resting under it and it certainly seems quite comforting to have him there. The very next day after burying him I was so happy to see and hear several different types of birds chirping their hearts out with delight around his special log. So, on observing this, I decided to go to our local pet shop in Dalkey and buy some balls of fat filled with birdseed simply to try and distract myself. Now we seem to have a symphony- a harmony of finches, blackbirds, thrushes, wrens, robins and blue tits. It's simply wonderful to watch them. Then, two or three days after all this three clumps of Welsh Poppies peeped their sunshine golden yellow faces through the soil, just to the right of his little grave. I haven't seen poppies self-seed in this spot in twenty years.

Occasionally, I bump into someone who invariably asks me: "Where is his lordship?" The very odd person says 'You must get another dog, as soon as possible'. I appreciate that they mean so very well. But surely, something so precious, so special and so loyal deserves in one's heart a little bit of space, time, respect, reflection. It's almost like at times we feel compelled to replace - to hide our emotions. So, as a final thought: I feel I must write, if you are lonely, sad, depressed or simply 'happy', whatever state of mind you find yourself in. A dog can discipline your day, your life. He can help you to diffuse situations. He will be the first to welcome and the foremost to defend you. How can one compare worldly goods with the heart, the 'being' of a real live pet?

*You were a dog to the World
But to me you were my World*

My Mum, as a little girl cut out the following and hung it on her bedroom wall:

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| <p>"High up in the Courts of Heaven today, A little dog angel waits. With other angels he will not play But sits alone at the gates. "For I know my master will come!" says he, "And when he comes he will call for me"</p> | <p>And his master, far on earth below, As he sits in his easy chair, forgets sometime And whistles low, for the dog that is not there And the little dog-angel cocks his ears And dreams that his Master's call he hears, etc."</p> |
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Norah M. Holland 1870

Another friend of mine, Jane, kindly wrote this most beautiful excerpt for me from 'Silver Lining' by Wilhelmina Stitch, 1928.

"This doggie was young when I was young;
we understood each other, forgave;
We understood each other's ways, together we spent such happy days.
Later, t'was he who understood each change of temper and of mood.
He lived to give and I to take; he changed his ways just for my sake.
If rest I wished then so did he,
he gave me love and sympathy; he liked my silence, liked my talk;
was ever glad to race or walk; to wait for me,
to sit quite still, happy and proud to do may will.
Now that he's travelled on alone, there's nought to do but set the stone,
then try to reach my journey's end as nobly as this canine friend.
Oh, little pal of adult days, I ought to have such decent ways,
You did your best to teach me pet, and Mr. Reubens, dear, I shan't forget".

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GLIMPSES OF OLD DALKEY

The monks of Carrickbrennan (Monkstown) had an extensive fishery at Bullock where they had constructed a small harbour and levied a toll of fish on every incoming boat. They also erected the Castle to protect their little fishing port and its fisher folk. They built well as the Castle as it stands today is little altered from what can be seen in prints of several centuries ago. On the outer angle of two of its walls on the tramroad side can be seen, twenty feet up, a sculptured head that has resisted the weathering of centuries. It is known locally as the "Dane's Head".

In the Castle grounds is a well, covered over on top but still accessible by a latticed gate and steps in front. This used to be open to the local people, by a now built-up gate in the face of the Castle wall on Harbour Road.

Harbour Road - from the turn left at the Castle off the tramlines, past Bullock Harbour, and thence to Convent Road in Dalkey - used to be called Church Road and, later, Ballast Office Road. On the left lies the picturesque little harbour with its quays of native granite blocks, while the same granite in towering lordly masses of rock still resists the angry seas that beat on its northern face. These rocks with the caverns between are reputed to have given the port its name of Bullock (from builg - a bellows) due to the puff and boom of the waves entering and leaving the rocky underhangs of the cliff. This boom could formerly be heard far off in rough weather, but the action of the sea and the quarrying away of enormous quantities of rock has figured, among others, in the Bull Lighthouse, the base of Butt Bridge and the Thames Embankment in London. On the further quay is a row of quaint cottages known as "Pilot Cottages" - they formerly housed the many famed pilots that Bullock produced. Passing the harbour we find at the end of the Castle wall some modern houses; it was on their site that the convivial tavern of John Golden flourished and opened its doors with a welcome to sailor, smuggler, fisherman, quarryman and stranger. Just behind these houses is a series of steps leading up to Ulverton Road, known as the "Castle Steps", at the top of them is Castle Terrace. On the site of No.1 stood the same tower you see in background prints of Bullock Castle. This tower was known locally as the "Garret" and was demolished by a Matthew Casey; he took it down in one night to avoid opposition or argument. He encountered a massive wall-foundation at the base, of which traces can be found opposite, in the end cottage of "Pilot Cottages" - one may safely assume that this was the ancient Wall of Bullock, enclosing as it would all the essentials of the old town of Bullock, namely; the Castle, the land entrances to the harbour, the fishermen's cottages, and the look-out Tower.

Casey was left with a considerable surplus of stone after the excavation, which he ingeniously disposed of by selling it to visiting ships as ballast.

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

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NATURE CORNER – by Michael Ryan

BAD START FOR DALKEY SEABIRDS



Our Dalkey Tern project was looking bleak at the beginning of June with the rock deserted when most years at this time we'd normally have over 50 pairs of Common Arctic or Roseate Terns nesting.

Hopefully this is just a temporary setback due to unseasonal weather but we have to keep in mind that all over the north sea and in many seabird colonies in the UK they've had some disastrous years recently with no young birds breeding in many cases. Without doubt this is due to a dwindling food supply of the small fish, mostly sand eels which form the mainstay of their diet. These fish are being swept up by industrial fishing fleets many to be used as ground down feed for farm animals. We don't know if this is a factor with the Dalkey Terns but the Little Tern colony in Kilcoole in Wicklow had unprecedented behaviour too when many Little Terns began to nest then totally deserted the colony. Some of them did return but it's hard to know at this stage how the colony will get on.

It also seems likely some Common Terns in Dalkey birds had settled in late May but high seas and a North Easterly storm seems likely to have washed them off since an expedition over to the rock found some broken tern eggshells indicating attempts had been made to nest.

Since our earlier success in getting over ten pairs of the very rare Roseate tern to nest on Maiden's Rock numbers of nesting Roseates had dropped to single figures. Although the Roseate terns that did nest generally succeeded in raising young we were always hoping numbers would increase again. To try and encourage the birds to nest we sent off to the US for some decoy terns, lifesize plastic replicas which had been used with good results in colonies in the US which we've placed on or near nestboxes we'd taken out earlier. These have been placed on Maiden's Rock among the boxes and gravel we take out for the birds.



At time of writing (early June) we'd had a couple of pairs of Common Terns return attempting to nest and I'm hoping they'll soon be joined by many more otherwise the only terns there this year might be the four plastic decoy ones. We've been running the Dalkey Tern Project for 12 years and terns had nested there for many years before so a total absence of nesting birds might be a sad indication of man's disruption of nature either through climate change or overfishing.

KILLINEY'S OTHER INHABITANTS

Recently two biologists from UCD came out to Killiney Hill to check out the area further to helping the Parks department in trying to protect our Red Squirrels from the threat of encroaching Grey Squirrels. One of them Billy Clark, is a noted wildlife photographer and had brought a SLR camera with telephoto lens with the hope of getting photos of a Red. We did see one but it raced up a tree and flinging himself from branch to branch and any chance of taking its photo quickly disappeared into the leaf canopy.



Further on though, beside a fallen tree, we came across a much smaller but equally charming mammal, a Wood Mouse. Also known as Field Mouse and Long-tailed field

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NATURE'S CURES!

German chamomile *Matricaria recutita* with its aromatic slightly bitter taste will be familiar to herbal tea drinkers! It has long been a favourite of garden herbs and has been grown and used medicinally for many centuries.

Matricaria is a botanic synonym for Wild chamomile and is derived from *Matrix cara*, Latin for beloved mother. *Matrix* refers also to the source and womb and is also the ground substance which holds and moulds precious things. This lends itself to the profound nurturing quality of chamomile giving it a place in the treatment of almost any complaint. In fact it uses are many and varied to the extent that the old herbals agree that 'it is but lost time and labour to describe it'. Much of its medicinal virtues lie within the essential oil which incidentally is a deep blue deriving its colour from chamuzalene, a constituent of chamomile, upon distillation.

Chamomile grows throughout Europe and other temperate zones and may be found on arable land and waste places with a sandy or loamy soil. The flower-heads are greenish-yellow and conical and the rays turn downwards soon after flowering. It actually looks much like a daisy! For garden cultivation the seeds are sown in spring or autumn.

Most of us familiar with chamomile may associate it with its calming and relaxing effect. It is used to treat insomnia and anxiety and may be also used for tension headaches and migraine. Chamomile contains spiroether which is a strong antispasmodic which eases muscle and period pain.

It is an excellent herb for digestive disorders including irritable bowel syndrome, nausea and vomiting, morning sickness and flatulence. As it contains plant chemicals, known as bitters (which can be identified in the taste somewhat!), chamomile may also be used to increase appetite and improve digestion in general as the bitter taste stimulates and increases the flow of digestive juices much like an aperitif.

Chamomile epitomises all that is safe and gently effective in medicine and for this reason is excellent for treating children. It may be used for irritability and restlessness in children especially if associated with troubled digestion such as colic or allergies and it also promotes sleep.

Externally chamomile is an invaluable remedy for any wound healing. It may be applied to sore, itchy skin or eczema to great effect. Use as a poultice, cream or simply bath the area with the tea.

The teabags or flower-heads once steeped in boiling water and allowed to cool slightly may be applied to sore and tired eyes. Conjunctivitis also responds well to this approach.

If a serious condition is suspected consult your doctor or a qualified medical herbalist.

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bedroom apartments; combined total area 2375.6 sq.m. (b) commercial / retail space of 149.4 sq.m. (c) basement car park with 29 no. car spaces and bicycle parking area 1,235.5 sq.m. including vehicle ramp (d) garden store refuse store and bicycle parking at courtyard level (e) external works including vehicle access, hard and soft landscaping works new foul water and surface water drainage systems and associated site works. (f) existing tramlines with the yard are Protected Structure, and it is proposed to temporarily lift and reinstate the tramlines. (g) existing gate piers, iron gates and cobble stones in the yard (which are deemed to be proposed structures) will be retained and reinstated. (h) Existing boundary walls will be retained on all sides, and strengthened where required. **Applicant:** J. & P. Monaghan & R. Sheils.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/0932 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission New Determination Date Due:, Decision Confirmed By ABP 16-May-2007, 17-May-2007. **Appeal Decided:** 17-May-2007. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission. **Location:** Saval Lodge, 33, Saval Park Gardens, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. **Proposed Development:** Sub-division of existing house into 2 dormer style single family houses with associated extensions and alterations and site works including second vehicular access. **Applicant:** S. O'Donoghue.



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mouse this little chap is a different species from our other species of mouse the House Mouse and is much more attractive with a warm brown coat (not grey like the house mouse) and big black eyes. The mouse was moving along beside the fallen tree and wasn't too bothered by the presence of four adults and one restrained dog.

Billy tried to take a photo but was too close initially and had to change lens on his camera. I'd noticed a couple of dog walkers had stopped to watch the proceedings but next time I looked around there was a small crowd gathered, fascinated by the 'celebrity' mouse. Somebody was wondering was it a tame mouse since at this stage it was virtually posing for the photos with the camera's lens a couple of feet away from its nose. The mouse decided at this stage it was in danger of over exposure and disappeared into the undergrowth to resume its normal life 'out of the spotlight'.

The last time I'd seen a Wood Mouse so close it was feeding on a bird's nut feeder hanging off a tree in my garden. It was so engrossed in eating peanuts that I was able to walk up beside it and touch its dangling tail at which it instantly raced off up a branch..

❖ **THE DALKEY LIFEBOAT** ❖

Although we are an island nation, and despite having a Naval Service and Coast Guard Service, we are still dependent on a voluntary organisation to carry out deep sea rescue up to 50 miles out to sea in the form of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution whose Dun Laoghaire lifeboat station is the nearest to Dalkey.

In 1800 the Corporation for Preserving and Improving the Port of Dublin, later the Dublin Port and Docks Board, currently the Dublin Port Authority, began placing lifeboats around Dublin Bay with a boat delivered to Sandycove in 1803 being moved to Bullock prior to 1808.

Built by John Clements, another of his boats stationed at the Pigeon House in 1816, was later moved to Bullock, possibly as a replacement for the earlier boat. Inspected in 1818 it was reported as being in good order.

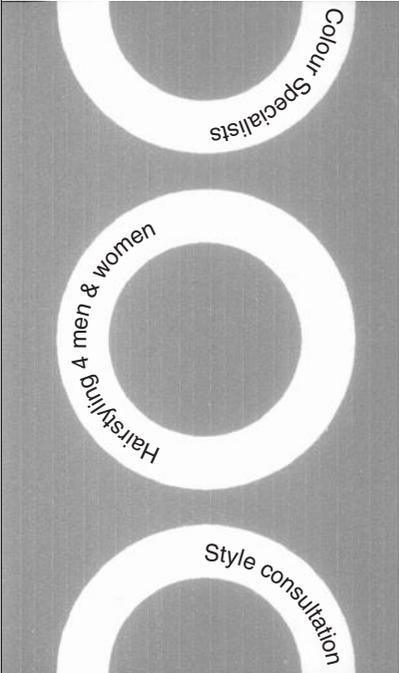
On 12 February 1808, the Bullock lifeboat rescued 16 passengers and crew from the Dublin bound brig Olympus which was dismasted during a violent storm off Dalkey. In March 1810 the Bullock lifeboat stood by a ship which became temporarily aground on the Dublin bar and in April 1812 rescued the brig Anne which got into difficulties near the Poolbeg Lighthouse platform. Again in March 1820 this lifeboat went to the rescue of the Robert going down in Dublin Bay during a severe gale.

In 1823 the lifeboat based at Bullock and one based at Old Dunleary were transferred to the original No 1 Dun Laoghaire Station which closed in 1911. In 1826 the R.N.L.I. established its first lifeboat station in Ireland at Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

In 1861 negotiations between what is now the Dublin Port Authority and the R.N.L.I. resulted in the latter taking over the former's lifeboat stations at Howth, Poolbeg and Dun Laoghaire and from 1862 the R.N.L.I. took over the operation of the lifeboat service around the Irish coast which is still does today.

James Scannell

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Reg. Ref.: D07B/0257 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 17-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Paul & Sue McDowell, Shelsbury, 64, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission is sought for a two storey (basement & ground floor) extension to side of existing house.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0265 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 17-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Simon & Collette Filgas, 49, Dalkey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal:

Permission sought for first floor extension to side, elevation alterations to front including extension to front and conversion of attic with rear dormer and velux windows to front at roof level.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0324 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 24-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Colin Edwards, 1, Gosworth Park, Dalkey, Co Dublin.
Proposal: Permission sought for widening of existing entrance and driveway from 2.7m to 4.7m.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0441 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 25-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Vera and Maurice Cunningham, 119, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: Widen the existing vehicle entry gate by 600 mm.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0279 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 23-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Peter Lavelle, Sorrento, Nerano Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Proposal: 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. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0301 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 25-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Brian Gardiner, 2, The Paddocks, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin.
Proposal: Permission is sought for a 4.7sqm porch to front, 39.8sqm first floor extension, conversion of existing garage to habitable room, provision of an additional car-parking space in the front garden, realignment of existing pedestrian entrance pathway and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0323 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 1-Jun-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Eibhlin Loughman & Cormac O'Tighearnaigh, 56, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Two storey extension to the side at first floor level making the existing single storey side accommodation into a two storey structure and the conversion of the attic to habitable accommodation.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0331 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 1-Jun-2007
Applicant Name & Location: J & D Flynn, 9, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission is sought for a) Removal of portion of the existing balcony to the side and, b) The provision of screens around the remaining balcony to the side/ rear and to the existing side terrace, all at first floor level.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0377 **Decision:** Declare Invalid (Site Notice) **Decision Date:** 28-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Martin Deasy, 18, Hyde Park, Dalkey, Co Dublin.
Proposal: Permission is sought for conversion of attic to dormer en-suite bedroom with first floor extension to side to provide bedroom, bathroom and new en-suite to existing bedroom.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0327 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 6-Jun-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Shane O'Mara, 30, Mapas Avenue, Dalkey, Co Dublin.
Proposal: Permission is sought for a two storey extension to side incorporating garage conversion with new single storey porch and bay window to the front and single storey extension to the rear.

APPEAL DECISIONS OF AN BORD PLEANALA FOR WEEKS 19-23, 30/4/2007 to 2/6/07

Reg. Ref.: D06A/0060 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 3-May-2007
Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** Woodbank, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposed Development: Single & two storey detached dwelling, demolish garage and create new vehicle access to rear of Woodbank. **Applicant:** Eileen & Torlach O Connor.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/0910 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 11-May-2007
Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** Old Tramyard, 15, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposed Development: For demolition of existing ware-houses (former tram sheds) and associated buildings and site works, and the construction of a development of total area 2,525 sq.m. consisting of 23 apartments and a commercial / retail space in three 3-storey blocks arranged around an open courtyard, all over basement car park on a site of 0.23 HA (0.57 acres). The development consists of (a) 4 no. 1 bedroom apartments and 19 no. 2-

storey residence containing three bedrooms and associated living quarters with three small external courtyards at ground level and two off-street parking spaces. The existing boundary wall to Dalkey Avenue is to be retained and extended in an identical rendered finish around the Summerfield Close edge of the site, and to incorporate new timber gates to the existing vehicle access.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0515

Application Rec'd Date: 08-Jun-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Ms Geraldine O'Driscoll, 48, Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission sought for the retention of an exit door in the west facing wall of ground floor bedroom, which has replaced a window at this location. Application Type: Permission for Retention.

PLANNING DECISIONS - WEEKS 19-23 8/5/'07 to 8/6/2007

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1926 **Decision:** Refuse Permission **Decision Date:** 9-May-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mr Aidan Ringrose, The White House, Knock-na-cree Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought for a single carport with vehicular access and new pedestrian access and associated site works. A protected structure. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0257 **Decision:** Withdraw Application **Decision Date:** 11-May-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mark Gavin & Susan Lynch, 23, Whites Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought for demolition of existing 9sqm single storey rear extension; construction of a 52sqm two storey extension to the rear and side, consisting of 35sqm at ground floor level and 17sqm at first floor level; construction of a 3.9sqm private courtyard at first floor level; elevation changes to the north elevation, new vehicular access off Whites Villas, all on a site of 176sqm. Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0520 **Decision:** Declare Applic. Invalid **Decision Date:** 10-May-'07

Applicant Name & Location: Barry Devlin, Summerfield Cottage, Summerfield Close, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing cottage, and the construction of a new two storey residence containing three bedrooms, and associated living quarters, with three small external courtyards at ground level and two off-street parking spaces. The existing boundary wall to Dalkey Avenue is to be retained and extended in an identical rendered finish around the Summerfield Close edge of the site, and to incorporate new timber gates to the existing vehicle access. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0225 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Decision Date:** 8-May-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Corinne Giacometti, 7, Saval Park Crescent, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought for a first floor extension at side of main location. Application Type: Permission

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0228 **Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention **Decision Date:** 8-May-2007

Applicant Name & Location: N & L McKenna, 8, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission sought for retention of development in accordance with submitted drawings consisting of a) single storey windowless extension at entrance level on east elevation, b) 2.7m high screening/ privacy wall to rear at entrance/ first floor level, on eastern side, c) double doors to rear, at entrance/ first floor level, for roof access for maintenance purposes, and d) projecting stairwell enclosure, with window to rear, at first floor level to rear of main location. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0236 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 10-May-2007

Applicant Name & Location: John Keating, 36, Carysfort Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission sought to construct a porch incorporating toilet at main location.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0242 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 14-May-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Dermot & Victoria Clarke, 14, Craiglands, Dalkey, Co Dublin.

Proposal: Permission sought for provision of dormer window in pitched roof, to first floor bedroom to the front elevation of existing house. **Application Type:** Permission

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0252 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Decision Date:** 14-May-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Michael & Susan Loughnane, 42, Convent Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission sought to add bay window to front and extend rear of house. The development consists of 1) enlargement of existing ground floor window and addition of bay window to front, 2) demolition of existing single storey return and construction of two story extension to rear, 3) two new roof lights to rear of existing pitched roof.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0253 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Decision Date:** 16-May-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Alan & Tara Murphy, 4, Sorrento Lawn, Dalkey, Co Dublin.

Proposal: Permission sought for the erection of a two story rear conservatory and a single storey extension, with balcony over, to the front elevation, with an adjusted driveway.

FLORA WOMEN'S MINI MARATHON

Forty thousand participants took part in this the 25th year of the Flora Women's Mini Marathon.

Ten women from Dalkey from the DARA Hill Walking and Aerobics took part in this year's mini marathon. Full of anticipation and excitement we joined the forty thousand mná na hÉireann at Stephen's Green. The race started in Fitzwilliam Square at 3pm. We were body to body at the beginning. Such an experience!



Our bodies raising steam! I could see it up front. It was like smoke, all warm bodies with damp clothes. Everybody was laughing and joking. When we eventually crawled to the start we were then able to set our own pace. It was all go-go-go. We now had a little time to gossip with the other walkers, but if we relaxed too long we would have to run to catch up with our group. We were wearing yellow t-shirts with blue writing for our support of the women of Rombo, Kenya.* Women in rural Kenya are on the lowest rung of the social ladder. It was fascinating to see all these women walking or running to support their favourite charity. All wearing different coloured t-shirts to advertise own their charities. It was quite frightening. The enormity hits you all these generous and happy people hoping to help so many sick people in Ireland. One wonders what the government is doing. Mental and emotional problems, depression and cancer seem to be our greatest need. Crumlin and St. Luke's Hospital come second and autism and education for special needs children third. A dozen or so men dressed up as women with huge breasts and high heels, nuns with lipstick and big slits up the skirts of their habits. They were a scream. It would be a pity to ban them. There were various stops with bands and of course we joined in the singing. It only took us approximately two hours and we were presented with a fine medal. We paid €15 entrance fee. I suppose to cover the cost of the medal and entrance fee. I rang Flora and asked what they did with the 600,000 collected. They said it was used up in administration and the organization of the event. All in all it was a happy day!

Blathnaid MacGinty

* An Irish woman, Elaine Bannon, established the Women of Rombo project to assist the women of this remote community. Elaine lives and works in Kenya and set up this project to provide a sense of pride and much needed income to the Maasai women. Her objective is to assist the Maasai women with creating sustainable businesses.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – WEEKS 19-23 8/5/07 to 8/6/07

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0324 **Application Rec'd Date:** 09-Mar-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Colin Edwards, 1, Gosworth Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission sought for widening of existing entrance and driveway from 2.7m to 4.7m.
Application Type: Permission. **Additional Information:** 9-May-2007.
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0630 **Application Rec'd Date:** 11-May-2007
Applicant Name: Vodafone, O2, Meteor & Hutchinson 3G
Location: Dalkey Garda Station, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission is sought to erect a 30m high replacement telecommunications support structure carrying antennae and dishes together with associated equipment cabins to form part of the Gardai's telecommunications system and for their own use at the main location which is A Protected Structure in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2004-2010. The existing 30m high structure will be removed following the erection of the replacement structure. (A Protected Structure). **Application Type:** Permission
Reg. Ref.: D07B/0412 **Application Rec'd Date:** 08-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Colin Gordon, 5, Saval Park Crescent, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal:
Sunroom extension at ground floor to rear; extension to ground floor utility area at Northwest side gable; removal of bedroom window; attic level extensions to front, and north-west side gable; removal of rooflights at rear attic level and construction of new rooflights; miscellaneous alterations.
Reg. Ref.: D07B/0418 **Application Rec'd Date:** 11-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Tara Peterman, 35, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission is sought for a single storey flat roof extension with rooflights providing an extra bedroom and en-suite to the side. **Application Type:** Permission
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0653 **Application Rec'd Date:** 14-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Marguerite & Aiden O'Leary, Ard Aluinn, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for revisions to planning grant order P/2445/07 & D06A/1979 by increasing the floor area of: a) the single storey extension to rear, and b) the two storey extension to the east side and rear, and c) the extended and converted roof space to habitable room including different dormer windows to rear.
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0663 **Application Rec'd Date:** 15-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Patrick & Grainne O'Carroll, Little Chantri, 21, Killiney Rd., Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of a single storey extension to rear of converted garage with gable windows and roof light each side, and a canopy over the front door.
Reg. Ref.: D07B/0225 **Application Rec'd Date:** 14-Mar-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Corinne Giacometti, 7, Saval Park Crescent, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Proposal: Permission sought for a first floor extension at side of main location. **Add. Info:** 17-May-2007
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0035 **Application Rec'd Date:** 10-Jan-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Mr C Mahon & S Charlton, Yonder, Ulverton Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission sought for demolition of existing 2 storey dormer style dwelling and the provision of 2no. detached part 2 storey/ part 3 storey houses with separate vehicular access to Ulverton Road, together with all associated site works. **Application Type:** Permission. **Add. Info:** 23-May-2007.
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0687 **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Mr Sidney Taylor, Queenstown Castle (A Protected Structure), Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission is sought for works to apartment no.s 1 and 4. Demolition of existing single storey conservatory at rear of building (seaside), replace with a new two storey conservatory to match existing adjoining conservatory to apartment no.s 2 and 3, re-position rear exit steps, and miscellaneous minor interior upgrading works. A protected structure.
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0701 **Application Rec'd Date:** 23-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: I. & M. Mangan, 22, Dalkey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Permission is sought for extension to existing garden shed to rear to provide utility room with new roof structure attached to rear of existing dwelling, new frosted glass window serving ensuite bathroom to rear and relocation of gate piers to site entrance to provide 3.6m wide vehicular entrance.
Reg. Ref.: D07B/0473 **Application Rec'd Date:** 24-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Martin Pontany, 1, The Rise, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: (a) Convert existing garage to playroom, (b) new front porch (c) alterations to front elevation (d) internal alterations (e) alterations to rear roof. **Application Type:** Permission.
Reg. Ref.: D06A/1808 **Application Rec'd Date:** 08-Dec-2006

Applicant Name & Location: Otranto Properties Ltd., Mackeys Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Demolition of a single storey dwelling (196 sq.m) and the construction of 56 no. apartments (total gross residential floor area 5,040 sq.m) in two no. four storey buildings comprising 18 no. one beds (61 sq.m to 71 sq.m), 32 no. two beds (82 sq.m to 91 sq.m) and 6 no. three beds (97 to 135 sq.m), a single storey health facilities building (402 sq.m) including a gym, wc's and a janitor's office, a basement level, 16 metres long swimming pool with changing areas, shower and a wc, an ESB-station, plant room, recycling bin store, and storage at basement level, underground car parking for 86 cars and 70 no. bicycle spaces with access from Castlepark Road via electronic gates, surface level (residents only) bottle bank, new boundaries, landscaping and ancillary site development works including an underground attenuation tank all on a 0.58 hectares site. The existing non-residential buildings on the site will be demolished as exempted development. Development on this site: Mackey's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, and Harry Byrne's, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, and part of no. 1 Castle Court, Sandycove. Co. Dublin. **Additional Information:** Clarification of A.I.: 28-Mar-2007, 28-May-2007
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0715 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Oliver Kavanagh, 2, Rocklands, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: For a new detached two storey residential dwelling located to the rear of existing detached house consisting at ground floor 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms disabled WC with living dining and kitchen areas to first floor including site boundary treatment, car parking for two vehicles with new vehicular entrance and gate to Harbour Road and all associated site works including diverting existing public sewer.
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0716 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Board of Management of Loreto Primary, At rear of Loreto Secondary School, Loreto Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: For the construction of a single storey prefabricated temporary structure for use as classroom including all ancillary site works to the rear. **Application Type:** Permission.
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0720 **Application Rec'd Date:** 29-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Niall Keogh, 1, Ardrugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: The demolition of the existing dwelling on the site and the construction of 3 no. two storey dwellings, 1 no. 3 bed detached house (No.1A) & 2 No. 3 bed semi-detached houses (No. 1B & 1C) and for all boundary walls, fences and gates, hard and soft landscaping, all site services above and below ground and for 1 no. new vehicular entrance from Ardrugh Road to House No. 1B. **Application Type:** Permission.
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0722 **Application Rec'd Date:** 29-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: John & Elizabeth Simington, Forthill, Nerano Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: For the reconstruction of walls demolished for which permission had not been granted and for alterations and extensions to the house as it existed prior to the unauthorised development, including single storey extensions to front and rear an extension to the front at first floor level, the construction of a lift from street level at the front, the creation of an enclosed garage within the existing car parking bay with a roof garden over and an amended entrance elevation at street level, as previously permitted under Register Reference D06A/1432.
Reg. Ref.: D07B/0252 **Application Rec'd Date:** 22-Mar-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Michael & Susan Loughnane, 42, Convent Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin.
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Reg. Ref.: D07B/0484 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-May-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Mr. William Hogg, 3, Gosworth Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Proposal: Storm porch and roof over at the front. **Application Type:** Permission.
Reg. Ref.: D06B/0927 **Application Rec'd Date:** 17-Oct-2006
Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Terry MacDonagh, Shamrock Cottage, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Proposal: Retention permission sought for a fence erected to the west of the property Shamrock Cottage, for a period of 3 years. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention. **Add. Info.:** 06-Jun-'07
Reg. Ref.: D07A/0752 **Application Rec'd Date:** 05-Jun-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Barry Devlin, Summerfield House, Summerfield Close, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing cottage, and the construction of a new two