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

As expected "freesat" officially launched on the 6th of May. Channel 4 along with its sister channels, E4 and More4 (including BBC & ITV) are now available subscription free via satellite. Eurosport has announced the launch of their HD service, initially available in Scandinavia, and expected to be carried on the Sky HD platform in the second quarter of next year. While going to press ITV confirmed its first ever High Definition broadcast will be its coverage of Portugal versus Turkey on the first day of Euro 2008.

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July: Named for Julius Caesar born 12 July 100BC by Mark Anthony.

Flower: Water Lily

MINUTES DCC MONTHLY MEETING JUNE 2008

The monthly meeting for June 2008 was held in Tuesday 3rd June in Our Lady's Hall. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman. Dr. Susan McDonnell suggested that we should contact the Companies Office to get the necessary form to update the list of Directors. The Treasurer then gave his report. A discussion took place on the signage for Starbucks which will shortly move into Dalkey. A resident of White's Villas wrote to enquire about the parking situation at the Coliemore Apartments at Coliemore Harbour. Ken Dixon raised the matter regarding the development at the Flags and it was reported that the situation appears to have been resolved and matters have been returned to their previous state. Reports from the sub-committees on Planning, Newsletter, Sports, Neighbourhood Watch, and Tidy Towns all followed. There being no further business, the meeting closed.



GARDEN OUTING

THE ANNUAL DALKEY  
COMMUNITY GARDEN OUTING

is taking place on 30th July, 2008

Those interested please contact 285 0280

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## DALKEY CASTLE HERITAGE CENTRE



### Crime and Punishment:

Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre has just installed a re-created medieval combined Stocks and Pillory in the upstairs room of the fortified town house. The original stocks for Dalkey were located at what is now the entrance to the Church of the Assumption.

The new prop is part of the on-going, exciting and memorable programme of Living History Live Performances on seven days per week from May 1st until October 31st.

Live performances run every half hour from 10.00 each weekday and from 11.30 at weekends.

**The Living History** characters include: Magnus Maxwell, the Barber Surgeon who will give a quick shave or beard trim, tooth extraction, blood letting, chilling amputation or worse! The medieval housekeeper prepares a meal of baked hedgehog or dressed swan for the evening's feast with the other six Town Houses in Dalkey. Rupert the Archer can be heard goading the Irish in the Wicklow Hills from the Battlements. Anyone heard speaking Irish (within the Pale) is committed to the Stocks!

The Living History presentation involves professional actors from Deilg Inis in full period costume bringing the history of the late 14th/early 15th Century fortified Town House (Goat Castle in Dalkey) and the wider area to colourful life. Deilg Inis is supported by Pobal as part of their Community Services remit.

**Television:** RTE's Nationwide was in the Art Gallery for the Jim Hennelly Sculpture Exhibition and it will be broadcast during the summer. TG4 re-created a scene from an old postcard of Coliemore Harbour for transmission some Wednesday in July. The programme is called Cartáí Poist.

### Guided Historical Walks in the summer.

Walk and talk...an experienced guide reveals the stories behind Dalkey's streetscape and ancient history. Guided Historical Walks leave from Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on Mondays at 11.00; Wednesdays 14.00 and Fridays at 11.00.

Special Offer of Guided Walk and visit to Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre to include Living History is only €7!

**Guided Literary Walks** to settings in the work of James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Flann O'Brien and Hugh Leonard can also be arranged (minimum number applies)

**Co Co Market** continues on Fridays from 10.00-14.00. Fish from Kilmore Quay and organic meat from the Dominican farm are proving a very popular. Do support your local market!

Contact Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre at 285 8366

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*Master Cheevers, Maiden and young visitor at Dalkey Castle Living History*



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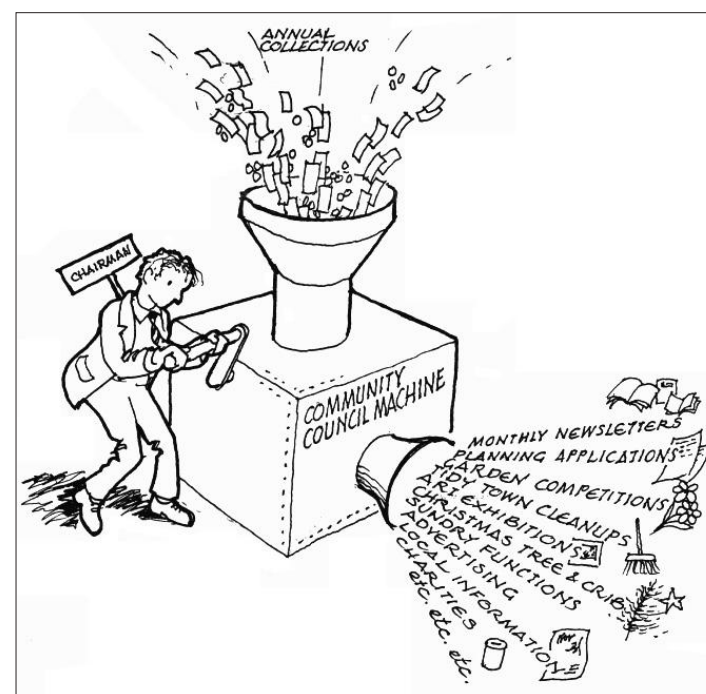
DCC Monthly Meeting	Mon. 30 June
Judging the Garden Competition	Tues 01 July
Sorting August Newsletter	Fri. 25 July
DCC (August) Meeting	Mon. 28 July
DCC Garden Outing -	Weds. 30 July

for further details check the notice board in OLH

### EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Karate sessions - Holidays	from 14th July to 24th August.
Contact Wayne Deegan	086 857 2546

Dalkey Players Drama Group break for the summer & resume Tuesday 2nd September.



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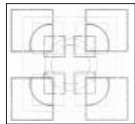
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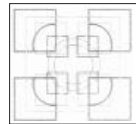
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### OPENING OF COLIEMORE DRAINAGE SCHEME

May 2008



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*Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) India.*

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*St. John Chrysostom (c. 347 - c. 407) Turkey*



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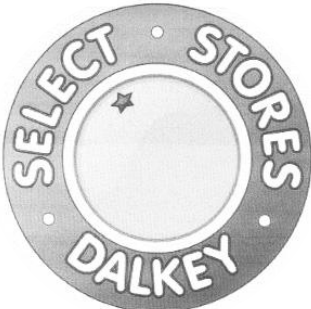
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NATURE CORNER – by Michael Ryan
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As you may know, the BirdWatch Ireland South Dublin Branch's major conservation project off Dalkey Island, the Dalkey Tern Project, had a disastrous year in 2007. A combination of a full moon bringing high tides as a ferocious storm blew from the North East meant the sea washed over Maidens Rock in early June destroying any nests and washing off most of the decoys, nest boxes and gravel we'd taken out a few weeks before. Luckily the birds had been very late beginning nesting so it was probably only eggs, not growing chicks, that were lost but it was what happened afterwards that set us back. Storms had decimated the tern colony in previous years, very sad when it happened but the resilient birds had come back, nested again and some chicks were fledged.



*Overlooking Coliemore Harbour and Dublin Bay*

But what happened after the washoff last June? Nothing. The birds completely deserted Maidens Rock and made no attempt to nest again. Hopefully they went somewhere else to try nesting again, - Rockabill possibly - but for us it was a very disappointing season. For the first time since the project began in 1995 no terns bred in Dalkey. So this year as the weeks of May passed and there wasn't any sign of birds arriving we were getting fairly pessimistic. We had taken out nestboxes and spread gravel around. Then those summer storms came again and the rock got battered by high seas. A lot of the boxes got knocked out of place and we didn't have a opportunity to go out to readjust them. Was this the end of the project, washed away by the storms that were becoming increasingly more common in what should have been midsummer? The only terns around were Sandwich Terns which would soon be heading west to nest. Herring gulls were roosting on Maidens Rock in the evening which was a bad sign; the terns wouldn't nest while they were on the rock. The last few evenings in May came and went and I was fairly certain at this stage we weren't going to have any terns nesting.



*Roseate Tern*

We dropped down on Sunday 1st June and as we got out of the car I thought I could hear terns calling. I had, they were back! Over 30 terns were sitting on Maiden's Rock, many mating, some looking like they were already nesting and, in the middle of them, a glorious Roseate Tern standing outside one of the surviving nestboxes. Not just standing beside it, it was going into it and sitting, evidently planning on laying eggs there. One solitary pair of Arctic terns were trying to nest on Lamb Island

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## MY GARDEN – PHILIPPA THOMAS

Don't our gardens here in Dalkey seem young again; vigorous and fresh with their late spring/summer scent. I have to readily admit that some of our plants in our little garden have to earn their keep. So, I hope to shortly split, divide or even remove the odd one. Friends, charity plant sales, etc., are usually glad to accept a newcomer to their brood. This very summer we can, I guess, create a cool or blazing impact. Isn't it true that some of our shrubs, herbaceous clumps or even annuals, can scream at us or whisper to us. But who cannot resist a beautifully planted, shaped tree in all its glory, decked with a 'drift' (scattering) of all the same bulbs, planted in its shadows at its base. Cyclamens, creeping thymes, prostate Rosemarys and vincas can especially work well. A great way to plant bulbs is to hold them tightly in your fist, then throw them - with a sort of sprawl- and where they land, - plant them! This usually creates a more natural and less contrived appearance. A solitary container can look everything and then, occasionally, it can look nothing. It can act as a focal point and on the other hand, can be crying out loud for company. A large Grecian style urn can look at its best, unplanted - simply standing on its own- can really make a statement. Surely, the tiniest garden or balcony can accommodate a container, hanging basket, trough or whatever. You can trail your plants over the edge and create an instant lively feature. If you cannot 'get your act together' and just want to settle for easy, low maintenance, then why not consider box, pieris, hydrangeas, dwarf Japanese maples, Japanese privet, (not 'hedge' privet). These can all do so very well in containers for some years provided they are watered regularly and given a little feed every month or so in summer. Too much nitrogen can result in a massive amount of foliage and few flowers. Liquid tomato fertilizer is full of potash and encourages flower growth. Osmocote, a granular general fertilizer, seems to be an excellent long-lasting addition to your potting mixture. I, too, have to remind myself that some plants can be killed with kindness. On this note, perhaps sometimes, gardeners can convey the impression of 'knowing it all'. Well, I for one, simply do not! Indeed, quite the contrary - 'the more one learns the less one knows' "No passion so effectively robs the mind of all its powers of acting and reasoning as fear".

Edmund Burke

For me, gardening is more about the spontaneity. The sense of freedom, *THE SENSE OF FEELING ONES WAY*.

I am so looking forward once again, to welcoming all our generously and beautifully planted street lamp baskets, both on Castle Street in Dalkey and by our DART station. (Usually they are planted with cascading begonias) I wonder will they be similarly planted this coming summer?

I met a resident of Dalkey yesterday in the church car park. During our conversation one thing led to another and she related to me her story about one morning, many years ago, she woke up to find a drake resting in her garden. She realised that it was, perhaps, a newly-hatched fledgling and possibly had been dropped in her garden by a passing seagull or the like. It had a badly injured wing, etc. so she brought him indoors to a spare room, put him in a shoebox with some straw and gave him the necessary tender loving care. This drake soon became stronger and so this lady put him outdoors in her garden. Over the following years, at one stage or another, due to an accident he lost half his beak which was duly nursed by the vet. but could not be replaced or re-attached. Subsequently, his special 'owner' used a suitable container that he could feed out of. This very drake slept in her garden shed with

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### *Nature Corner – continued*

valiantly dive bombing the goats which had fled to that outcrop to escape the day-trippers. On Bank Holiday Monday the pair of Roseates was in the box and the rest of the rock was buzzing with activity, Common Terns and a few Arctic Terns were courting, males presenting sand eels to the females. Others were mating and some sitting, presumably on eggs. We went over to straighten up the boxes and sure enough in the nest box was a pair of Roseate Tern eggs. At time of writing the bird was still sitting in the box so we can only hope the weather will be kind to them this year.

Sadly, any prolonged spell of dry sunny weather always brings the threat of a gorse fire breaking out on the hills or in Dalkey Quarry. It was at the back of my mind during the lovely spell of weather over the June Bank Holiday. There's a tiny possibility that gorse fires start accidentally but the vast majority are mindless acts of vandalism with sometimes multiple fires being started on the same day. Sometimes a plume of smoke on Howth Head will prompt a copycat outbreak on Dalkey hill or the slopes above White Rock. Apart from the waste of water and the time involved by the Fire Brigade trying to control them, these fires can be devastating to wildlife, especially in spring and early summer. Apart from incinerating young birds in their nests thousands of insects and butterfly and moth pupae are destroyed. The gorse itself is almost indestructible and will recover but often trees are permanently damaged. During the winter a fire was started in the Eucalyptus grove between Torca and Knocknacree Road which kept burning over the next five days dying down then flaring up as years of dried gorse spines which had heaped at the base of the bushes caught alight. The fire brigade came up almost every day but couldn't dampen the fire enough and eventually it burnt to the edge of the path destroying a number of conifers. The Bank Holiday weekend passed ok but a few weeks later I heard the Fire Brigade one night and the following day found a large area of gorse on the slopes above the Vico Road had been devastated by fire and was still smouldering and burning in places. Thankfully Jim Ellis of DLR Parks Department got some of the parks staff to go up and fight the fire which was breaking out again whipped up by the wind and its spread was contained but what a depressing sight it will present for months to come. The following morning on some unburnt gorse just below the path a pair of Linnets was perched. The male linnet has a lovely song which is performed to proclaim his nesting territory but this time it was the female calling. It would be pure supposition to think they might have lost a nest in the fire but undoubtedly there were many other perplexed birds wondering where their young had gone.

### *Penguins? I don't think so.*

Birdwatch Ireland often get reports of sightings of penguins, birds which are only found in the Southern Hemisphere with the nearest colony being in South Africa. Invariably these sightings turn out to be a member of the Auk family, usually Guillemots which with their white underside, dark head and back, long pointed beak and upright stance when perched do resemble penguins. Unlike penguins they can fly, with a very rapid wingbeat as they fly low over the surface of the sea, but it's underwater that they're really impressive. They are among the best divers in the world, plunging deep into the sea to catch



*Black Guillemot  
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### ❖ THE DALKEY ISLAND COLLISION OF JANUARY 1862 ❖

Last January Niall Foley, a journalist with the Dun Laoghaire Express newspaper, sent me a copy of that paper which has an article about the day a ship crashed into Dalkey Island which I relate here for anyone who may not see this particular item.

In January 1862 the Waterford Steamship Company steamer *The Adonis*, under the command of a Capt. Silly (I kid you not) with a crew of 24, was en route from Belfast for London with 600 tons of cargo, nine steerage passengers and one stewardess. The ship travelled down the Irish Sea and passed Kingstown, as Dun Laoghaire was then called, at 2a.m. in the morning on 4 January 1862. Shortly afterwards Captain Silly left the bridge to examine his compasses as these seem not to have operating properly. Suddenly the rocks off Dalkey Island came into view and the forward lookout seeing them, called for "helm to hard starboard" but the vessel struck the rocks with a tremendous crash which shook it from stem to stern.

As water flooded into the forward compartments, the crew escaped with difficulty with an elderly female being saved by a man who grabbed her and held on to her by her hair until others came to their assistance. While this happening the vessel was drifting in the sea and not knowing for how long it would remain afloat, Captain Silly ordered the three lifeboats to be launched and was himself the last to leave it. Two of the lifeboats were ordered to row for shore while the lifeboat he was in continued to row after the sinking vessel and only gave up when it slipped beneath the waves around 7a.m. east of Bray Head.

Captain Silly's lifeboat landed at Greystones at 11 a.m. and was received by the Greystones Coastguard Station. The other two lifeboats had landed at Bray and Killiney where the stationmaster at this station "provided this large, and at such short notice, unexpected party with tea and refreshments within his reach."

Some local boats out to sea in the hope of dragging the sunken steamer to shore in hope of claiming salvage but their efforts were to no avail as it had gone down in deep water seven miles out to sea.

One can only imagine what today's media would have made of this incident given the unfortunate name of the captain.

James Scannell

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*Nature Corner – continued*

fish and crustaceans. Some 90 metres (300 feet) below Britain's North Sea, operators of a remote video camera were astonished to see a guillemot casually swimming around at a depth and pressure which would force humans to wear a reinforced suit. The previously known record for this bird was around two-thirds of this depth

Auks are a family of seabirds which include Guillemots, Razorbills, Puffins and the Black Guillemot, a bird which can be regularly seen at Colimore Harbour. A very smart bird in its breeding plumage, black apart from a big white patch on the wing with very visible red legs. Early morning or when there aren't too many people around you can see these birds perched on the pier at Colimore or on the rocks below the harbour wall at low tide and they can often be seen swimming or flying across Dalkey Sound. While across the water on Dalkey Island in early spring we saw a bird I'd have thought very unlikely to be there - a male Pheasant!

The BirdWatch South Dublin Branch had a coach trip to Offaly in June visiting Clonmacnoise, Shannonbridge and Lough Boora Parklands. The latter was formerly Boora Bog and when all the workable peat had been extracted a group of ex Bord na Mona employees and some other local people got together to see how the area could be utilised both for the benefit of wildlife and as a leisure area. With lots of water and undisturbed areas it has attracted lots of birds in the winter and many breeding birds in the summer. A lovely place to visit with walks and a sculpture park which includes a wonderful replica of one of the narrow gauge trains that used carry the peat. We went to a bird viewing hide and one of the BirdWatch Ireland field workers came to tell us about the conservation work being done there. He explained the number of bird normally to be seen was down and the likely reason was flying over us. There was a Model Airplane 'airdrome' very close to the hide and these very impressive models were being sent airborne sounding like flying dentists drills. The birds were used to these planes but apparently a recent addition could have been causing the problem. One of - if not the first - jet powered model aircraft in Ireland was being flown from the grass airstrip. Shaped like a Delta wing bomber and sounding like the real thing it was very spectacular in the air but evidently causing concern to some of the wildfowl who were keeping their heads down.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

*Dear Editor,*

I refer to the letter from Dalkey Resident, May 2008 issue.

I would like to remind Dalkey Resident that Dalkey is NOT a village, and has not been one for some 200 years or so. In fact, the First Town Clerk of Dalkey, Henry Gonne, lived in Dalkey Town in 1866. It was administered by Town Commissioners and had its own Town hall.

Villages do NOT have Town Halls or Town Commissioners.

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**R. Mooney,**  
**Dalkey Town, Co. Dublin**

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In 1937 steam traction was still the main motive force on the Irish railway network and as a consequence it was necessary at times for tree branches and other undergrowth to be cut back at regular intervals to avoid the risk of lineside fires caused by sparks from steam locomotive chimneys.

Regular DART users will be aware that there is considerable greenery on both sides of Dalkey Tunnel and on Wednesday 31 March 1937, permanent way employee George Hull, from St. Cronan's Road, Bray, was engaged in cutting down tree branches on the high ground in the vicinity of Dalkey Tunnel. In the course of this work, a number of cut branches became entangled in his clothes and they dragged him down before he could free himself from them. He struck the ground with considerable force and was rendered unconscious by the impact and rushed to St. Columcille's Hospital in Loughlinstown where he was treated for head injuries and slight concussion and detained as an in-patient.

**James Scannell**

## WHAT IS DUN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN?

Many years ago the Boomtown Rats wrote a song called 'How do you Spell Dún Laoghaire?' Anyone from that area would recognise the often-asked question. Since 1994 another question, covering a wider area, is 'What is Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown?'

The county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown was established in 1994 when County Dublin and the borough of Dún Laoghaire were disbanded. The borough of Dún Laoghaire had consisted of the geographical area of the township of Kingstown and the townships of Kingstown (later Dún Laoghaire), Blackrock, Dalkey, Killiney and Ballybrack. The Kingstown Township was established in 1834 under the Kingstown Improvement Act - prompted by the construction of the railway and the consequent growth of the town. Both the Blackrock Township and Dalkey Township were established in 1863 and the Killiney and Ballybrack Township was established in 1866. All of these administrative areas were amalgamated in 1930 into Dún Laoghaire Corporation. The geographic area of Dún Laoghaire Corporation extended from Booterstown to Killiney and inland from Dún Laoghaire to Baker's Corner.

The other part of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is made up of part of old County Dublin. The western boundary of the county runs along the west of Rathfarnham Golf Club and Marlay Park and continues into the uplands to include Tirbradden and Glendoo Mountain as well as Glencullen and continuing on down to the sea near to the north of Bray town.

This whole geographic area was once part of the Barony of Rathdown which stretched as far as Greystones. In 1609 the Rathdown Barony was divided into two by the establishment of the county boundary between Dublin and Wicklow. Thus the Rathdown of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is half of the original barony of Rathdown.

**Tim Carey – Heritage Officer**  
*Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council*

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### For the Filling:

675g (1 lb 8 oz) raspberries

25g (1 oz) caster sugar

Juice and grated rind of one lemon

2 tbsp powdered gelatine -

soaked in 3 tbsp water

2 egg whites

150 ml (5 fl oz) double cream

150 ml (5 fl oz) crème fraiche

### For the Decoration:

1-2 egg whites

450g (1 lb) mixed summer fruits

Caster sugar - for coating

**Making the base:** Pre-heat the oven to 190°C (375°F) or gas mark 5.

Grease and flour a 23cm (9in) loose bottom cake tin. Bring a pan of water to the boil. Then remove from the heat.

Place the eggs and sugar in a bowl over the hot water; whisk until the mixture is thick and creamy and forms a lasting trail on the surface when you lift the whisk. Remove from the heat and continue whisking until cold.

Gently fold in the flour using a metal spoon (do not over-mix). Pour into the tin and bake for about 15-20 minutes until golden. Turn out on to a wire rack to cool.

Slice cake in half horizontally and leave one half back in the clean tin - cut side up.

**Making the filling:** Place 450g (1 lb) fruit in a pan with half of the sugar, lemon juice and rind. Cook for 5-7 minutes until the sugar is dissolved and the fruit is soft.

Spoon two tablespoons of the juice over the sponge. Add the gelatine to the pan. Stir until dissolved, and then press the fruit through a sieve over a bowl.

Top up the juice to 600 ml (20 fl oz) with water if necessary. Set the bowl over iced water and leave to stand; stir occasionally to check if it is setting (this should take about 15 minutes).

Meanwhile, put remaining sugar in a pan with three tablespoons of water and dissolve over a low heat. Wash down the sides of the pan with a clean brush dipped in water and bring the syrup to the boil. Cook without stirring, until it reaches 50°C (119°F) on a sugar thermometer or until a drop of syrup forms a soft ball in cold water. Then remove from the heat.

Whisk the egg whites until stiff. Then pour in the sugar syrup in a steady stream, whisking all the time, until cold, thick and glossy.

Lightly whip the cream and fold into the crème fraiche, then roughly chop the reserved fruit. When the fruit mixture is just setting; fold in the cream, meringue and fruit. Pour over the sponge and chill until set.

Hold a hot damp cloth around the tin for a few seconds; release the cake on to a serving plate. Lightly whip the egg white; dip the fruit in the egg white, then in the sugar to coat.

Arrange on the mousse and serve.

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## TRANSPORT IN A BYGONE AGE



This photograph shows James Waldron (1862-1914), first Principal of Harold Boys' School, Dalkey. Sitting in the trap is his son and it is estimated that the photograph dates from 1912 or 1913 and so his son's name would be Harold, born in 1908.

The pony and trap is a great reminder of a bygone age with sparkling harness and the old carbide lamp used for night-time travelling. The photograph was given to me by James Waldron's grandson at the school's Centenary in 2002.

Sean O'Gormain

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## ❖ MESSAGE FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE ❖

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency?

### *Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.*

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE'.

*For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.*

## DALKEY SCOUTS AT BALL IN GARDA CLUB – APRIL 2008



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### **Visit to Galway – 2008**

We arrived in Galway and went straight to Brigit's Garden "Gairdín Bhríde", my sort of garden, a gentle glorious place. We had lunch of soup, sandwiches and magnificent scones. All homemade of course. We then had a leisurely walk through the gardens. Each garden is a journey through the cycle of the year. Each garden is representing one of the Celtic Festivals; Samhain, Imbolc, Bealtine and Lughnasa.

This seasonal cycle mirrors the cycle of life from conception to old age and death. These are wildlife gardens designed to reflect the West of Ireland landscape and managed to biodiversity. The rain started and we headed back to the hotel. The next morning we headed to Ross Castle, a 120 acre estate situated on the shores of Ross Lake, set amongst 30 acres of lawn, orchards and meadows and 90 acres of lake. Superbly and lovingly restored by Mr and Mrs George McLoughlin, Irish Americans. All the properties including staff quarters and stables have been beautifully restored and tastefully furnished. They would advertise in the local papers, e.g. 'Wanted, Stone, Slates, Windows, Doors and Fireplaces.' They have a traditional walled garden, summer house and even a private chapel with stained glass windows brought from America. The stained glass windows were made by the Irish poor from our Famine times. Mass has been celebrated there on many occasions. There is an indoor swimming pool, a tennis court, pool table and two boats for fishing. Accommodation can be rented. Cottages and apartments for two to thirty people. Everything supplied but, of course, self-catering!

Our guide and hostess, Mrs McEvelly, originally a 'concert pianist'. Her personality oozing with energy and friendliness, she implanted to us all her family background, Such artistic dynamism. When I remarked to her that she had two landscapes by a certain painter, her immediate answer was "They were Big!". Everything had to be big. Rug wall hangings, fireplaces and huge mirrors. They even had a small library which had real books.

The next garden was Cashel House Hotel. These gardens are a delight and full of exotic and exquisite flowering shrubs including rhododendrons, azaelias, and camillias. When someone commented that there were no slugs, we were informed that our hostess, Mrs McEvelly, "usually brings two ducks and two hens when she is weeding and they gobble up all the slugs." She can't give them the freedom of the garden because the fox is ready to pounce and demolish them. Her lupins were beautiful and she had a garden of herbs and vegetables all for the hotel. I might add here that it never stopped raining the whole time. Of course, we got soaked but it didn't matter as we had a good hotel with great food. It was all so very interesting.

**Blathnaid MacGinty**

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### DALKEY TIDY TOWNS REPORT TO DCC – June 2008

All five Dalkey Schools are having a major impact on Dalkey.

**Loreto Junior** launched a Green School Committee on 26 May. The pupils assembled in the playground where winners were announced of an Environmental Painting Competition. Ciaran Cuffe from the Green Party presented prizes, donated by Select Stores. Kate Hynes from DLRCC Environmental Dept gave rulers and biros to everyone. Additionally litter patrol are to take place on Convent Road.

**Loreto Seniors** made an outstanding contribution to the National Spring Clean when the entire 4th Year gave one day to collecting litter in Dalkey.

**Harold Boys School** has two garden projects in progress and a litter patrol.

**Castlepark School** are celebrating the International Year of the Potato.

**St. Patrick's School** has plans for composting, a planting scheme and an undertaking to litter patrol Harbour Road.

*Thank you to teachers, parents and pupils.*

DTT committee is entering Dalkey in the **DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition** that has several categories covering areas and housing developments of all sizes with prizes for estate management and presentation. A similar competition is available to businesses, concerning waste prevention and energy management, etc.

DLRCC officially opened the new Coliemore Drainage Scheme at the harbour on 23 May. Dillon's Park will be restored, following use by the contractors over the last two years.

Please join us in keeping Dalkey tidy. **Judging is in progress.**

**Tuesdays** - meeting 10.30 at Select Stores.

**Thursdays** - meeting at 11.00 at Dillon's Park on Coliemore Road.

**Saturdays** - meeting 10.30 at the Church Car Park.

**Thank you, June Barnett, Secretary, DTT.**

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**Proposal:** Extend and restore existing semi-detached dwelling (a protected structure), extending at 2 storeys with split level to the rear providing a total of 3 bedrooms and north-facing terrace together with internal reconfiguration to existing structure including new walls, stairs, blocking up a western gable window and associated site works.

**Reg. Ref.** D08B/0256 **Decision:** Grant Permission & Refuse Permission **Date:** 30-May-2008

**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Tracey Carr, Sylliz, 29, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

**Proposal:** Modifications to previously approved D06B/0861 consisting of new west facing roof level gable window and new side lit bay window on south elevation. Also proposed ground floor extension to east side.

### APPEALS NOTIFIED by An Bord Pleanana Wks. 20-23 12/5/08 - 6/6/08

**Reg Ref:** D08A/0043

**Registration Date:** 21-Jan-2008

**Location:** Castlepark School, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin.

**Development:** Permission is sought for the retention and completion of modifications to the redevelopment of Castlepark School as was granted planning permission under planning ref. D05A/0762. Decision ref. PL06D.215520. The alterations comprise: a) An increase in length of the swimming pool from 19 metres to 25 metres involving an increase in floor area of 78 square metres; b) An increase in floor area of the pool plant area of 45.5 square metres, most of which is below ground; c) relocation of air handling unit from the swimming pool roof to lower ground level adjacent to swimming pool plant room which will be 5 metre long x 1.5 metre deep x 2 metre high; and d) associated changes to site works; all at Castlepark School, which is a protected structure. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission for Retention. Appeal Lodged: 15-May-2008. Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. Type of Appeal: 3rd Party Appeal.

**Reg Ref:** D08A/0270

**Registration Date:** 6-Mar-2008

**Location:** Ardeevin Terrace, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

**Development:** Construction of three bedroom two-storey over semi-basement detached house, associated vehicular access, car parking and ancillary site works. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 26-May-2008. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

### APPEAL DECISIONS - An Bord Pleanala. Wks. 20-23 12/5/08 - 6/6/08

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0992

**Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Date:** 7-May-2008

**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Location:** Linden Lodge, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

**Proposed Development:** Permission is sought for the development of this site. The development will consist of demolition of Linden Lodge, a detached part single, part two-storey 4 bedroom house and the construction of 4 no. detached 5 bedroom 2 storey plus attic level houses (houses no.'s 1,2, and 3 fronting onto Castlepark Road and house no. 4 fronting onto Wolverton Glen) with vehicular access to house no.1 and no. 3 via existing vehicular access onto Castlepark Road, vehicular access to house no.2 via new vehicular access onto Castlepark Road, vehicular access to house no. 4 via new vehicular access onto Wolverton Glen with associated on and off site development works.

**Applicant:** Martin Whelan.

**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1091

**Decision:** Refuse Permission

**Date:** 7-May-2008

**Council's Decision:** Refuse Permission.

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

#### Proposed Development

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

## GLIMPSES OF OLD DALKEY

At the bottom of Dalkey Avenue we find "Kent Terrace" on Barnhill Road; marked on a tablet on the last house is the date 1839 - 103 years ago. The hall doors with iron in the old-time fashion and the windows and roofs look equally archaic. The terrace was built by Mr. Porter, of one of the three families who still own most of Dalkey- the Porter, the Proby and the Carysfort estates.

This brings us to Castle Street, the hub of Dalkey 1,000 years ago and still the commercial centre of modern Dalkey. There are still two castles standing - "Goat's Castle" (Town Hall) and "Archbold's Castle" opposite. I place four others - from printed matter in several books, maps of 1790 and local tradition - as follows: (1) "Dongan's Castle" opposite Kent Terrace, (2) "Wolverton Castle" behind the hoarding at Webster's Corner of Ulverton Road; (3) "House Castle" at the rere of the present Murtagh's grocery shop; (4) "Black Castle" between St. Patrick's Road and Maxwell's (the chemists). As regards the seventh Castle, some local tradition says there was one on the site of Findlater's (Eurospar) stores, but as even the name has not survived, nor have I ever seen it mentioned even in references of 200 years ago, I prefer to conclude that the seventh Castle is "Bullock Castle". Since antiquarians such as Wakeman agree that Bullock and Dalkey Castles are similar in design and of the twelfth century, it is easy to see how Normans and Danes would lump Bullock and Dalkey ports together as one entity and speak of the "Port of the Seven Castles".

The ruined church of St. Begnet, beside the "Goat's Castle", is claimed to date from the seventh century, though antiquarians agree that parts of its structure show the additions of later centuries. The architectural beauties and peculiarities of this ancient church, as well as the Castles are outside my scope; but let us stroll around the old graveyard and see what of interest it holds for us. On the northern side of the church we find an old tombstone bearing the inscription:-

"Sacred to the Memory of the Soldiers belonging to His Majesty's 18th Regiment of Foot, and a few belonging to other Corps, who, actuated by a desire of more extensive service nobly volunteered from the South Mayo and different Regiments of the .....(undecipherable) of the Line, and who were unfortunately shipwrecked on the coast in the Prince of Wales Packet, and perished on the Night of 10th November 1807. This tribute to their memory has been erected on their tomb by order of General the Earl of Harrington Commander of the Forces in Ireland."

It was the foundering of the Prince of Wales and also of the transport Rochdale with the loss of 380 lives, which led to a public petition being presented to the Duke of Richmond, then Lord Lieutenant, for a safe harbourage to be built on the coast between Dublin and Dalkey. Eventually this resulted in the Act of 1815 for "the erection of an asylum harbour and place of refuge at Dunleary." This was commenced in 1816, and the granite used came from Dalkey quarries; 600 men were employed, whose lodging, etc, led to the sudden growth of Dunleary, called Kingstown in 1821 when George IV departed from the new East Pier. It also led to the rise of Dalkey as a building and residential district, through the quarrying, the "Gold Rush" of Eddy Scott, the Dalkey Tramway, the Atmospheric Railway, the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway, and the Horse and Electric Trams. So one might reflect while gazing on this 133 year old carving that thus began modern Dalkey as we know it today.

Extracted from 'GLIMPSES OF OLD DALKEY' by F.M. O'FLANAGAN 1942.

(Courtesy of Colette Doody)

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED Wks. 20-23 12/5/08 - 6/6/08****Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1602**Application Rec'd Date:** 20-Nov-2007**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Sean MacNaBheatha, 7, Castle Close, Sandycove.**Proposal:** The development consists of demolition of the existing single storey side extension, front conservatory, front and side boundary walls and construction of an extension and alterations to the existing house, new garden shed, new vehicular entrance and driveway to the front, new front and side boundary walls, entrance piers and ancillary site works. The extension to the side is two storey with a pitched roof with areas of single storey construction to the front, side and rear. Also proposed are roof lights and solar panels to the front and external insulation to the rear and side of the existing house.**Applic. Type:** Permission. Add. Info. Clarification of A.I. Recd. Clarification of A.I.: 25-Mar-'08, 13-May-2008**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0359**Application Rec'd Date:** 13-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Tim & Jackie McDonnell, 70, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a single and two storey extension to the rear and side of the existing house, comprising sitting room to ground floor and bedroom to first floor and for minor elevation and interior modifications.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0362**Application Rec'd Date:** 14-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** R Burke, Bartra Rock, Coach House, Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Single storey extension to the rear of the house (on the entrance facade) and all associated site works.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0377**Application Rec'd Date:** 20-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Hillarie Geary, 11, Castle Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** The demolition of the single storey extension to the rear of existing terraced house. The construction of a new part 2 storey, part single storey flat roof extension with roof lights, to the rear and to comprise of a new kitchen, dining and family area at ground floor level and study at the first floor level. Proposed alterations to the existing return to include new windows to the side elevation at the first and second floor. Ancillary site works.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0381**Application Rec'd Date:** 21-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Gary Rogers & Sarah Murphy, Braeside, 8, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Demolition of existing single storey garage to side and conservatory to rear and construction of new two storey extension to side, single storey extension to rear and attic conversion including new dormer windows and solar panels to rear and velux roof windows to front with associated siteworks. The application also includes modifications to existing single storey porch to front of house.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0391**Application Rec'd Date:** 23-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Maria and Declan Lyons, 104, Coliemore Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Alterations and single storey living room/ utility extension to rear of existing 3-storey semi-detached dormer family dwelling.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0406**Application Rec'd Date:** 29-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** John & Mary O'Shaughnessey, Gosworth House, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin**Proposal:** Demolition of existing conservatory to the rear, construction of a 18.3 sq.m flat roofed extension to the side and a 25.2 sq.m single storey flat roofed extension to the rear and provision of an additional side window at first floor level to serve a new ensuite bathroom.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1439**Application Rec'd Date:** 11-Oct-2007**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Iseult Hannon & Ronan Greany, 2, Mapas Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Reversion from existing use as Doctor's Surgery to Domestic Residence, construction of a two-storey extension to side and one-storey extension to rear at first-floor level, demolition of

existing one-storey garage structure, various internal alterations and all associated site works. Add. Info: 3-Jun-2008

**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0376**Application Rec'd Date:** 03-Apr-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Siobhan Smith, 3, Saval Park, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Construction of a two storey dwelling house on a fully serviced site including ancillary works. Add. Info/ Clarification of A.I. Recd. Add. Info: 6-Jun-2008.**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0655**Application Rec'd Date:** 6-Jun-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** C. McMahon & G. Charlton, Yonder, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** Demolition of existing 2 storey dormer style dwelling and the provision of 1 no. two storey over part basement level detached house with vehicular access to Ulverton Road, together with all associated site works. The development site forms part of the overall holding known as 'Yonder'.**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0667**Application Rec'd Date:** 4-Jun-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Aisling Woolfson, Ulverton House, 50, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** The addition of a dormer window at high level to the north side of the existing rear side return and ancillary site works. The house is in a conservation area.**Reg. Ref.:** D08B/0420**Application Rec'd Date:** 04-Jun-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Caroline McDonnell, 8 'Ashley', Ulverton Close, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for minor amendments and additions to extension and refurbishment works for which a permission was granted, Final Grant Order No. P/5344/07, currently under construction, by Caroline McDonnell. Works include fitting of additional windows to side and rear elevations, amendment to sizes of rooflights on main roof and changing the glazing proposed for balustrade to rear balcony from opaque glass to clear.**PLANNING APPLICATIONS - WEEKS 20-23 12/5/08 to 6/6/08****Reg. Ref.:** D07A/1702**Decision:** Grant Permission**Date:** 14-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** P.J. Gallagher, Old Rock, Ardbrough Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Demolition of existing single & two storey 4 bedroom detached dwelling and the construction of a replacement two storey 5 bedroom detached dwelling with 2 no. balconies to the north elevation at first floor level and the widening and minor relocation of the existing vehicular access in an easterly direction (circa 1 m).**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0315**Decision:** Request Add. Info.**Date:** 12-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** S O'Donoghue, 44, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** The demolition of existing single storey house, the construction of two new semi-detached 2 storey dwellings, and, provision of new entrance gate in existing front boundary wall.**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0509**Decision:** Declare Applic. Invalid**Date:** 16-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Starbucks Limited, 31, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** New signage to ground and first floor existing shop front. Works to include the provision of 2 No. illuminated external signs of various size and design, together with 1 No. external sign all to be mounted on existing shop front.**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0376**Decision:** Request Add. Info.**Date:** 27-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Siobhan Smith, 3, Saval Park, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Construction of a two storey dwelling house on a fully serviced site including ancillary works.**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0382**Decision:** Grant Permission**Date:** 29-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Mr. G. Kelly, The Coach House, Victoria Road, Dalkey.**Proposal:** New entrance gates and piers providing rear access to existing coach house and courtyard.**Reg. Ref.:** D08A/0387**Decision:** Request Add. Info.**Date:** 28-May-2008**Applicant Name, Address & Location:** Prof. & Mrs. M. Gilchrist, 1, Seafeld Terrace, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.