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Principal of Loreto Primary School, Catherine Shanahan, speaking at the recent Book Ceremony in the school (see page 7)

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❖ SUMMARY OF DCC JUNE MONTHLY MEETING ❖

The June meeting of Dalkey Community Council took place on Monday 31st May 2010 in the Youth Hall and the reports from the various committees were discussed.

David Buckley from the Dalkey Business Group addressed the members on how the businesses in Dalkey are coming together collectively to stop the decline in trade and help one another to regenerate the town. Many of the businesses have taken a hit as a result of the economic downturn and are working hard to prevent shop closures. Regular meetings are held where ideas and strategies to promote the town and publicise awareness of what each business has to offer are put in place. A new website has been created www.ilovedalkey.com. As there was no further business the meeting concluded.

❖ DALKEY BUSINESS GROUP ❖



PROGRESS REPORT

BUSINESS MEMBERS AS OF 9/6/10

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Dalkey Business Group achieved a great deal last month with the establishment of the 1st Dalkey Book Festival along with David McWilliams and Sian Smyth as organisers and Zurich as a main sponsor. A lot of the events were primarily at Dalkey Heritage Centre, local businesses and Dalkey Library. A lot of events were sponsored by local traders. We would like to thank everyone who came and enjoyed our Dalkey over the weekend 18-20 June. The Dalkey Book festival gained a lot of media coverage for Dalkey Town and local traders. RTE Radio 1, Newstalk 106fm, City Channel and RTE's Nationwide all portrayed Dalkey in a beautiful positive light of how a town has come together to overcome our

meandering economy. Such events as Maeve Binchy at Finnegans sold out straight away, followed closely by Joseph O'Connor and Midnight Poe at Heritage Centre and St. Begnet's Graveyard. Some local shops created such events as Music and the Muse at the Courtyard and The Poetry reading/Irish Time Favourite Wines at On The Grapevine with Bernie Kenny, Katie Donovan and Journalist John Wilson. Pubs, Restaurants and Cafes served up Italia' 90 night at The Club, Ross O'Carroll Kelly at The Queens, John Waters at Idlewilde, Mark Little at Ouzo's, Marita Devlin and Brian Keenan at Country Bake. Speciality shops such as Select Stores pleased with Lorraine and Pamela Fitzmaurice from Blazing Salads Cookbook and RTE's Mary Kingston with cookery demos and had the Prize Giving for the local schools 1 page prose competition on 'Why I Love Dalkey' sponsored by The Exchange Bookshop and Select Stores. On Sunday evening David McWilliams himself chaired a discussion on how 'local communities fight back' in the Town Hall and made us remember why this happened in the first place and how it all came about. The Weekend wrapped up at the Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel thanks to Nicky Logue with The Midsummer's Barbeque where everyone involved congregated in festive mode to chat about who went to what and how was it? And in one word....'Amazing!'



Dalkey Book Festival

On behalf of the DBG we would also like to thank the following organisers: Audrey Brennan, Sarah O'Doherty and Rachel Kinlay for their contribution. We would also like to thank everyone involved with the Dalkey Business Group for their support, contribution and volunteering to make this happen. Please check out DalkeyBookfestival.org to relive the moment and memories!! Next Dalkey Newsletter will contain more info and many photos from the event.

WEBSITE/DESIGN:



We would like to thank the following for their input into our new design/image/logo for the **IloveDalkey.com** website and **iloveDalkey** brand campaign:

Paul Donnelly at Cube Creative and Niall Meehan at Dalkey's Verso Design. These two men have worked endlessly over the last 2 months on creating a new modern concept for our town. **IloveDalkey.com** is now available on the Internet. It is to become the new leading website for Dalkey and to extend Dalkey to the outside world since 90,000 hits on the word 'Dalkey' appear on Google every week. The website has all Dalkey Business Group

business members involved with their own info page and pictures which can be updated frequently. Barry and Margaret Moore of Photogenic have worked tirelessly on the superb pictures for the website. This will also be the place to see what's happening in Dalkey for



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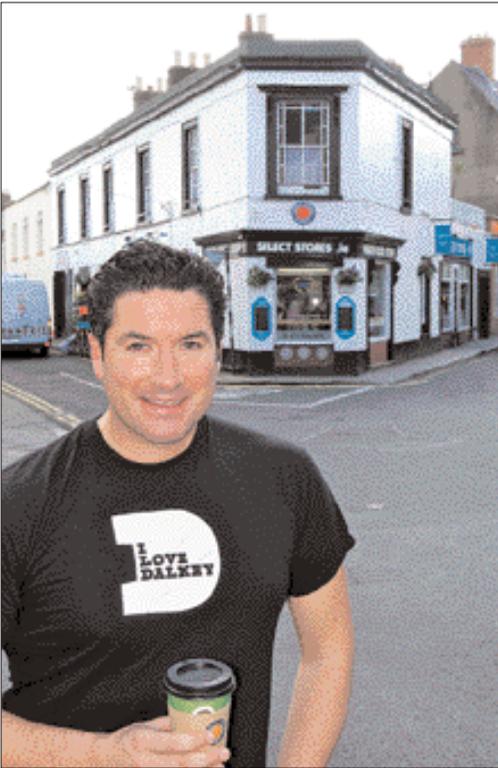
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Oliver McCabe

challenge but Oh! so worth it to get to know everyone and anyone. To see a vision come true and blossom. And may the blossoming effect continue over the summer and into next year and the year after and the year after that. Thank you.

Oliver McCabe – Chairperson DBG



THE SUMMER OF HERITAGE



Wednesday 21st July: An evening Nature Walk in Dillon's Park (opposite Sorrento Park). Join Declan Doogue to explore the native flora and fauna of park and rocky coast. Meet at 6pm at the entrance to the park on Coliemore Road. Bring along a magnifying glass or hand lens if you have one.

Every Tuesday evening in July (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th) at Coliemore Harbour watch the sea birds with members of Birdwatch Ireland from 18.30 to 19.30pm.

Thursday, July 1st and September 2nd at 2pm meeting at the Queen Victoria Fountain, duration approx 60 minutes. Walk along 'The Metals', the historic pathway that links the quarry in Dalkey to the Harbour in Dún Laoghaire. Join historian Rob Goodbody, as he brings you back in time to the construction of the harbour. The tour will take place between Dún Laoghaire and Glasthule.

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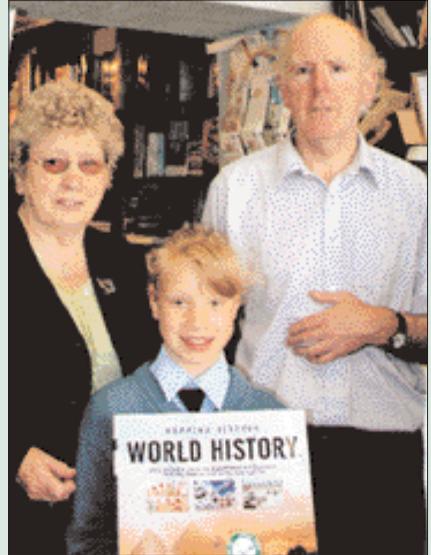
BOOK CEREMONY FOR SPONSORS AT LORETO PRIMARY SCHOOL



Sister Denise Harvey, Chairman of the Board of Management, Loreto Primary School, Dalkey, speaking at the recent Book Ceremony



Mr. Brendan McNestry, Manager, AIB Dalkey, Supporter; Mrs. Máire O'Hara, Deputy Principal, Loreto Primary School; Dr. Susan McDonnell, Supporter and Chairman of Dalkey Community Council with her Granddaughter, Susie at the recent Book Ceremony in Loreto Primary School



Ms. Lena Feely, DCC, Supporter; Mr. Michael Simonds, Exchange Bookshop, Supporter; Ms Alex Perry, Pupil, Loreto Primary School



Gerard Coakley, Editor DCC and Sara Macken, Secretary, Dalkey Business Group



Mrs. Máire O'Hara, Deputy Principal, Loreto Primary School at the Book Ceremony



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'We love July for being The Beginning of the School Holidays - the work is over, the exams sat and all one has to do is wait. Many people's earliest memories of gardens are of Enid Blyton lazy days, blowing raspberries on blades of grass, heat haze on tarmac roads, fat bees, squished sandwiches in treehouses and the feeling that summer will never, ever end.....'

'We also love July, for being the perfect month for the lawnmower to break down, letting you lie back and enjoy the sunshine.....'

WORDS BY: JAMES ALEXANDER-SINCLAIR

Go on, get out there, whether into your own garden, a friend's, a neighbour's, even your local park. Admit it, no matter how 'low' or how 'high' you feel, there are few more inspiring sights than buds about to burst open, flowers, shrubs and trees. Trees, in particular, no matter how old or straggly and gangly they look, aren't they intriguing and some, even hundreds of years old, continue to look flawless, despite their antiquity..... So, make sure, this July, you kick your shoes off, sit down and enjoy the fruits of your labours....., find some secluded spot, a little bench, or seat, whatever – even, a tree stump will do. No need for sophistication or expense. If the mood strikes you, you could put up a cheap arbour and plant some climbers, for shade, colour and fragrance on it. The golden hop, *Humulus lupulus* 'Aureus, one of my 'absolutes', is a quick, lime-green climber -, its colour is almost luminous; and it gives great shade, too. Don't forget sweet peas, the old-fashioned, small-flowered kinds, *lathyrus odoratus*, seem to have the best perfume and tend to be bushier than their more common sorts and better for covering arbours and trellis.

So, generally speaking, our Dalkey gardens are at their peak, they are brimming with bright energy; colour is on a grand scale, this very month. Why not, now and again, take your snack or meal out into your garden? Doesn't it taste so different outside? So, we should all be relishing in this hour. It's really worth cutting off those faded flower heads and dead-heading your roses, too, to encourage further blooms to form, later on in the summer. It really does pay off to make the time to potter about, this month, tidying bedding, pulling up weeds and giving a welcome drink to pots and plants in need. Growing lilies in pots is a great way to inject colour into a border or patio display. You can move your pots around, bringing the best displays to the foreground. There is a group of lilies called, Asiatic hybrids that flower in June and early July. These are very reliable and robust bulbs and are capable of producing large flower heads when grown in rich soil. They are not as finicky as some other lilies can be. On this, note, generally speaking, the larger the container, the easier it is, to look after. This is because a larger volume of compost is less prone to drying out, so plants are less stressed during the growing season. Bamboos make great container specimens and have less possibility to spread, invasively. If, too, you'd like a refreshing and healthy change from chemical air fresheners and other chemical sprays, why not grow some scented leaf pelargoniums around your house and garden? Just to brush your legs against them, gives a 'wow' of a fragrance. As well as citrus scents, there are apple, peppermint, rose, pine, spice, camphor etc.. These plants grow so easily from cuttings, so you can share them around with your friends etc..

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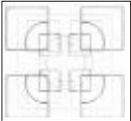
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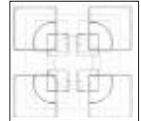
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planet for millions of years - daunting, isn't it? Ferns touched all levels of society and lasted until the Great War. The popularity of the fern saw roads and houses named after it. Think about it, we see ferns on our wallpapers, dinner services, flower pots, glass and materials. Gardeners, especially, become passionate, - if not feverish - in their collections. There are, to-day, literally, hundreds of varieties. You can create your own little fernery, even in a tiny, little space or wherever, just keep in mind they love a cool, shady and damp area. On our very last visit to the Botanical Gardens, in Glasnevin, last month we, The Irish Orchid Society members, were given the privilege of being brought up 80 feet, (by a stairway), right into the maintenance area of the newly-built, 5-year-old Palm house. Their ferns and palm trees etc., are awesome. You should go there and see..... What a treat you have awaiting you.

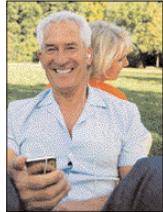


Osteospermum, 'Whirle-ig' Astra Purple Spoon, displays eye catching daisy like flowers, throughout the summer and thrives in the sun. Can be over wintered in a frost-free place

‘MIGHT DO’ JOBS AND TIPS, THAT TAKE 3 - 5 MINUTES.

1. Remember, there's nothing like fresh herbs to liven up a summer dish, so give them pride of place in a large pot and keep them in a sunny spot near the kitchen door. Don't forget, you can dry them, too, for use, next winter. Pick healthy herbs at their peak and hang them in a warm, airy room to dry, naturally. Leaves can then, be removed, crushed and stored in jars and ice-cube trays. They can be great for casseroles and sauces, straight from the freezer as required.
2. Bindweed, couch grass and other perennial weeds can quickly spread through established flowerbeds, now. Be vigilant, dig or tease out any you spot, immediately.
3. Glazed terracotta pots are less prone to drying out than those that have been left natural and unglazed.
4. It can be so difficult to keep greenfly under control. We have a few rare plants and I notice their tips/shoots can, sometimes be infested with these little mites. So, why not make use of their natural enemies? Ladybirds and lacewings are ruthless pest killers. A small wildlife area will attract such insects into your garden.
5. If you get the chance to get some zoo dung at a garden centre, the likes of elephants' and rhinos', go for it! This can be just the stuff to supercharge some of your plants.
6. Trim your lavender to make your own highly scented potpourri. Pick lavender flowers, just as they open, when they contain high levels of fragrant oils-, otherwise, leave the flowers for the bees to enjoy and trim immediately after flowering, in order to shape them.
7. Stone or sharp gravel chippings don't appeal to slugs or snails, so you can protect your hostas, in this natural way, especially, when they're growing in pots.
8. Finally, July can be one of the hottest months, so don't forget to re-pot house plants that

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have become house-bound in recent years, or ones that dry out easily or topple over at a touch. In return, how they will reward you!
Again, thoroughly enjoy this beautiful month, even your own familiar back garden seems to look different at this time of year. At night if there's a full moon, this can be a perfect time to go on your nocturnal adventure. You'll see your garden in a whole new way. – Look and listen. Woodlice, millipedes and slugs are all active at night as well as visiting moths, night scented plants etc.

❖ **GARDEN EVENTS – JUNE 2010** ❖

Sunday 18th July – HELEN DILLON'S GARDEN, RANELAGH, DUBLIN 6.

(2-5 pm Entry Euro €5 - open every afternoon in July
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Fantastic to hear that at least eleven pairs of Great Spotted Woodpeckers have nested in County Wicklow this year. For a bird that was a very rare visitor just a few years ago they've done spectacularly well as a new breeding bird for Ireland and at that rate hopefully you might have them coming to our garden feeders in a few years.

Dalkey's resident ravens successfully nested and fledged two chicks which, at the time of writing, were looking very healthy, flying around constantly squawking to each other. Squawking isn't a very apt description of the call of these highly intelligent birds, whose deep resonant croaks sound more like speech than any other birds and they can even be taught to speak. Charles Dickens kept a number of pet ravens and he was very taken with their intelligence, wrote very amusingly of their antics and was very upset when they passed away, usually due to some self-inflicted misadventure.

We saw one of the young ravens during the Killiney Hill Birdwalk on Biodiversity Day. Further along the Vico Road we would see a little specialist summer visitor, the Whitethroat, marking out his territory by singing from the top of trees and bushes below the wall.

The walk had begun on a beautiful sunny morning at the car park from where we saw a Mistle Thrush feeding on the open grass, then made our way past singing Blackcaps, Chiffchaffs, Wrens and Chaffinch. The dog had been brought along for her squirrel sighting abilities and sure enough she tore into the undergrowth where she began barking under a tree, alerting us to the two Red Squirrels moving around its top branches.

Later a Peregrine was sighted gliding across the sky and a few of us later saw a pair of Sparrowhawks, both perched on the same tree. After the walk a few of us went to Tom's coffee shop at the Victoria Gate entrance and got our best view of a bird the whole morning, while sitting down tucking into the pastries. A Goldcrest, Ireland's smallest bird, appeared on a bush a few yards away from us and as it foraged for insects it gave great views of the vivid crown on its tiny head. Coffee, Croissants and Goldcrest, - a very nice combination.

I'd almost given up hope on any Terns coming back to Maidens Rock off Dalkey Island to nest after last year when no birds nested so it was a great relief to have Common, Arctic and at least one pair of Roseate terns, arrive in May and begin to nest on Maiden's Rock while a number of Arctic Terns nested on Lamb Island, the western part of Dalkey Island which is separated from the main island at high tide. Unfortunately the Arctics on Lamb didn't nest

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Monkey Puzzle (Araucaria)

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inside the fence but around it on rocks where they are vulnerable to disturbance from goats and people but we'll hope for the best for them. Birdwatch Ireland will be having Start Viewing Evenings at Colimore Harbour from 6.30 to 7.30 every Tuesday evening in July where we'll have telescopes set up to view the varied birds and wildlife visible from there. Black Guillemots, Razorbills and Ravens are all seen regularly as well as Gray Seals,

Rabbits. Everybody is welcome and hopefully we'll have some young terns to view as well. I've mentioned before a butterfly which can be seen around the granite rocks of Dalkey and Killiney hills in late summer. The Grayling, although not spectacular looking, has a fascinating method of protecting itself from predation. When it lands on a granite rock it raises its wings to reveal underwings with a grey mottled pattern, closely resembling the surface of the rock, a very subtle demonstration of nature's camouflage. But then this butterfly goes a stage further.

It folds its wings together and starts to gradually lean over until it is almost flat on the rock. This is to cover up any shadow it might cast as it is perched and as you watch it lean over it virtually disappears into the surface of the rock. The rocks on the east side of the obelisk are a good place to see them on a sunny day.

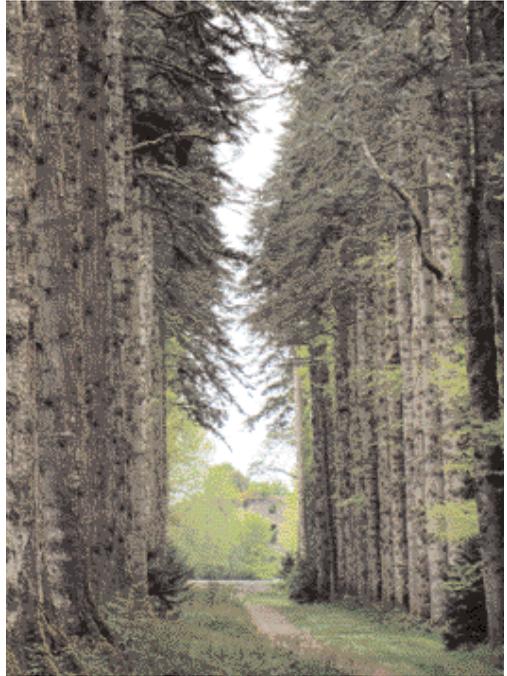
One of the Killiney park horticulturists, Michael Kingston, does surveys of butterflies on the hill and has recorded Peacock, Speckled Wood, Large White and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies over a selected area on the hill.

In May we spent a wonderful day at Woodstock Gardens at Inistiogue in south Kilkenny. This garden was established in the mid nineteenth century but the house was burnt down during the Troubles and subsequently the gardens became overgrown and a lot of the planting disappeared. A very ambitious restoration project was begun in 1999, consulting old records from previous head gardeners and examining old planting plans.

If you have an interest in trees it's a wonderful place. Redwoods planted over 150 years ago have achieved heights of 40 metres and there are some spectacular specimens of broadleaf, conifer and rare exotic trees there as well as adjoining native woodlands.

In the early years of the garden two avenues of trees were planted, one lined with Monkey Puzzle (Araucaria), trees while the other parallel avenue was planted with Noble Fir trees. The individual trees in each avenue were planted at 7 metre intervals, 31 pairs of Araucarias stretching nearly a quarter of a mile. Some of the trees had died and the two avenues had disappeared into a wilderness of undergrowth, only known to be there from old records. It was only through aerial photography that their original position was found. Some of the

dead trees in the avenues were removed and replacements planted. Between three tons and four tons of deadwood and ivy was removed from some individual trees. It's well known that Treecreepers, a lovely little bird that moves up the trunks of trees catching insects with its very thin curved bill, often roost in the soft bark of giant redwood trees and the very first redwood we encountered in the gardens, a stately Wellingtonia, actually had Treecreepers nesting under its bark. Later my companion spotted a red squirrel in another giant redwood. One of the loveliest trees there, the very exotic looking Gordon's Pine had a Song Thrush singing from its branches. We saw Mistle Thrush building a nest in the fork of a tree. It was lovely to see native animals making use of these wonderful old trees.



Noble Fir

Photo: Michael Ryan

A cartoon illustration of three men in Roman attire. The man on the left is wearing a white tunic and a purple sash, and is pointing upwards with his right hand. The man in the middle is also wearing a white tunic and a purple sash, and is looking towards the man on the left. The man on the right is wearing a Roman military helmet and armor, and is holding a spear. They are standing in front of a stone wall with a column on the right. The background is a light blue sky with some clouds.

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Reg. Ref.: D10A/0253 **Application Rec'd Date:** 13-May-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Sue Ryder Foundation Ire (Ltd.), Carraig-na-Greine, Off Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Permission for retention of 8 existing sheltered housing units. The buildings are located within the curtilage of Carraig-na-Greine, A Protected Structure. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0263 **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-May-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Noel Meaney, Rockfort House, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the erection of a 5m wide x 5m long x 2.5m (at its highest point) permanent tented roof structure to form a carport to be constructed behind the front boundary wall. This is a protected structure. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0265 **Application Rec'd Date:** 19-May-2010

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

Proposal: Planning permission for development which will consist of 5 no. apartments with no occupancy limitations in lieu of the previously approved and constructed 5 no. senior citizen residential units (Reg. Refs. D08A/0480 & PL 06D.230903 AND D09A/0775 & PL 06D.235920).

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0267 **Application Rec'd Date:** 20-May-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Kathy Wray & David O'Keefe, 4, The Rise, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought to demolish rear extension (5.0 sq. m), garage, 23.0 sq. m) and construction of a new single storey extension (53.5sq.m) to the side of existing house and attic conversion (46.6sq.m). To provide for a family room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, utility, living room and canopy over new entrance at ground floor level; two additional bedrooms and bathroom at attic level, including modifications to elevations and all associated site development works. To include for 9 no. velux windows, roof light over kitchen and increasing the driveway entrance to 3.5 metres. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0905 **Application Rec'd Date:** 21-Dec-2009

Applicant Name & Location: Marie Conlon, Ardrugh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: The development will comprise of the construction of 3 no. detached dwelling houses consisting of House A, to be located on the southern portion of the site nearest Ardrugh Road, comprising a 6 bedroom, three storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 523 sq.m., House B, located in the centre of the subject site, comprising a 5 bedroom, three - storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 374 sq.m; House C, located on the northern portion of the site, comprising a 5 bedroom, three-storey, detached dwelling house with gross floor area 374 sq.m. The houses are set within the contours of the site with only House A visible from street level at Ardrugh Road. Each house has a north-facing terrace/balcony at ground floor level. Each house is served by 2 no. car parking spaces and connected via an internal driveway to a shared vehicular and pedestrian entrance to be created from Ardrugh Road. The proposed development includes all site development works, services, landscaping and boundary treatments. The development is on a 0.21655 hectare site. **Additional Information:** 26-May-2010.

Reg. Ref.: D10B/0252 **Application Rec'd Date:** 28-May-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Ann Hegarty, Little Wing, Ardrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for demolition of existing lean-to plant room and erection of a single storey extension to side of existing dwelling consisting of larger ensuite bathroom and boiler house and all site ancillary works.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0300 **Application Rec'd Date:** 3-Jun-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Mr Joe Byrne, 14, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission to construct a 2 storey extension to side and rear, new porch to front, new driveway and interior alterations to existing house.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0308

Application Rec'd Date: 4-Jun-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Mrs Iris O'Malley, The White House, 21, Dalkey Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of a two storey four bedroom house (226sq.m) and the construction of a two storey plus attic level five bedroom detached dwelling (365sq.m) and 2 no. two storey four bedroom detached dwellings (300sq.m each), roof mounted solar collectors on each dwelling, modifications to the existing vehicular access, the provision of 2 no. new vehicular accesses (each 4.0 metres wide) at the metals, landscaping and ancillary site development works.

Reg. Ref.: D10B/0258

Application Rec'd Date: 01-Jun-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs Neill Keogh, 24, Corrig Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development which will consist of proposed conservatory extension to rear of dwelling.

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Reg. Ref.: D10B/0124

Decision: Grant Permission for Retention

Date: 10-May-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. M. Healy, 2, Saval Park Gardens, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for retention of alterations to previously approved dormer window to east roof pitch (Reg. Ref.D09B/0159) and retention of rear garden boundary wall at patio to north of constructed single storey extension. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D10B/0210

Decision: Declare Application Invalid

Date: 13-May-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. and Mrs. Neill Keogh, 24, Corrig Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a proposed conservatory extension to rear of dwelling.

Reg. Ref.: D10B/0160

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 20-May-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Patrick and Julie-Anne Hogan., Denville, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a single storey extension to the utility room at side of house, area 3m². Alteration to front facade with the removal of 2 no. existing roof lights from front roof and the fitting of 2 no. new roof lights there. Alteration to rear roof with the removal of 2 no. existing roof lights and the fitting of 2 no. new roof lights. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D10A/0212

Decision: Grant Permission

Date: 3-Jun-2010

Applicant Name & Location: Ms. M. McClatchie, 44, Carysfort Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission sought for renewal of lapsed planning permission D04A/0973 to: Demolition existing 17sq.m garage and construct a new 74sq.m 2 storey 2 bedroom dwelling and ancillary site works to side of existing dwelling, including rooflights to front and dormer window to front and rear of new dwelling. Construct dormer windows to rear and rooflights to front roofs of existing dwelling.

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Reg Ref: D09A/0919

Registration Date: 22-Dec-2009

Location: Macekys Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, Harry Byrnes Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove and part of No.1 Castle Close, Sandycove, Co. Dublin.

Development: Permission for development which will consist of modifications to previously approved plans (Reg.Ref:D06A/1808 and PL06D.224130), being the reduction in the number of apartments from 51 no. as approved to 48 no. by the omission of 2 no. 1 bed apartments at first floor level in Blocks A and B (the adjacent 2 bed apartment increase in size), and the omission of 1 no. 2 bed apartment at third floor level Block B (the adjacent 3 bed apartments increase in size). Also proposed is the redistributions of floor area in Blocks A and B such that 6 no. small 2 bed apartments become 6 no. large 1 bed apartments (52sq.m each) and the surplus floor area will be allocated to adjacent 2 bed apartments, to provide a proposed revised apartment mix in total of 8 no. 3 bed apartments, 28 no. 2 bed apartments and 12 no 1 bed apartments. Also proposed are modifications to elevations of both Blocks A and B by the repositioning of windows to reflect new internal layout

changes and the extending of balconies to increase private open space allocation within the development with revisions to landscape design including the children's play area, basement car park ventilation and a new location for the ESB substation.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 27-May-2010. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D10A/0130 **Registration Date:** 9-Mar-2010

Location: The 3 Garages, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Development: Planning permission is sought for the partial yet extensive demolition of the existing two storey structure, commonly known as the '3 Garages', and the replacement of this to provide a change of use to a new two storey studio dwelling in the same location.

Council Decision: Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 25-May-2010. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala Wks. 19-22 4/5/'10 to 4/6/'10

Reg. Ref. D09A/0682 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 5-May-'10

Council's Decision: Grant Permission

Location: Waterside, Queenstown Castle, 34 Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

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

Applicant: Tom Kavanagh

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0585 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Appeal Decided:** 13-May-2010

Council's Decision: Grant Permission. **Location:** Moreana, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

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

Reg. Ref.: D09A/0741 **Appeal Decision:** Refuse Permission **Appeal Decided:** 11-May-2010

Council's Decision: Grant Permission

Location: Laragh Mews, Ullardmor, Off Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

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

Applicant: Peter Bastable.

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David Hanna

Despite the summertime bustle, there's a sense of something lacking on the streets of Dalkey since the passing in late April at the age of 62 of the much-loved figure of David Hanna.

Whether on his various missions connected with the church (collector and member of the local St Vincent de Paul conference), or just walking the streets and doing his shopping, buying his lottery tickets and having his cup of coffee in various haunts, David was well known throughout the town and leafy roads of Dalkey.

In all his comings and goings, meetings and general busyness, David brought a special spark - an irrepressible eagerness to be involved, a certain steely determination, a vulnerability and lovability.

Born in Cork, David's family moved to Dublin in January 1960 and settled in Saval Park Gardens. After his father's death in 1995, David moved to St Margaret's Close (off Castle Park Road) where he became the Road Representative.

One of the reasons why many who did not have a personal connection with David are likely to have known him to see is that he never travelled by car (except when getting a lift from one of his many loyal friends). Until affected by his illness, he was a keen cyclist and indeed especially liked to take part in sponsored cycles where his speciality was amassing more names than anyone else on his sponsorship cards.

Otherwise, David walked everywhere, nearly always dressed in his best suit and tie. If you ever needed convincing of how walking the compact town of Dalkey and its environs is conducive to good community, David's pattern of life was a good example. He had a way of making himself known to all and sundry, to high life and low life in Dalkey. And he would winkle out little nuggets of information about those with whom he came in contact.

David was intimately involved in the life of Dalkey. You might say that through his church activities he gave almost all of his free time to the community of Dalkey, but in turn Dalkey was good to David, treating him with respect and affection.

His love of Dalkey had a happy outcome during the otherwise sombre time of his stays in hospital. David was not shy in asking questions of doctors and nurses and, in particular, was keenly alert to any chance of a Dalkey connection. This bore fruit in him receiving an exceptional level of tender care in the Blackrock Clinic during his last weeks.

David cut back very little on his comings and goings around Dalkey during the year of his illness, which he bore with great cheerfulness and fortitude. You might have arranged to meet him in his house but were just as likely to find him up chatting with somebody on the bench in the main street. Latterly he became fond of taking his lunch in Finnegan's where he was always received with great courtesy and humour.

We, his family, miss David, but we are comforted in no small way by the independence and quality of life he enjoyed as part of a caring Dalkey community.

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JUNE 2010 REPORT TO DALKEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We have entered the National Competition with a 53 page document, a comprehensive and, we hope, an impressive entry. More towns enter every year so gaining points and winning prizes is hard earned. We have also entered the DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition. We ask residents to be mindful of our efforts by helping keep our lovely town in good order. Everyone must have noticed the outstanding efforts of the business community - most buildings have been cleaned and painted. Please show your appreciation by shopping locally.

A delay in emptying litter bins was reported to Road Cleansing Dept. in May. Overflowing debris was widespread. We were informed that this is unusual and found to have been caused by sick leave and holidays of personnel. What a welcome that would have been for the judges!

The Mini sweeper has been requested to cover Sorrento Drive and Tubbermore Road. Overhanging shrubbery, obscuring the handrail on the steps from Railway Road to St. Patrick's Square was photographed and reported to the DLRCC for attention, at the request of residents. So far this year 22 incidents requiring attention have been reported to DLRCC, observed by DTT committee members or by members of the public.

The Dalkey office of Carmona, St. John of God are most appreciative that we welcome their service users for litter patrols and watering of plants.

Litter patrols May June July & August are 3 times weekly. **Thursdays** at Dillon's Park at 11am. **Tuesdays** and **Saturdays** meeting at St. Patrick's Avenue at 10.30.

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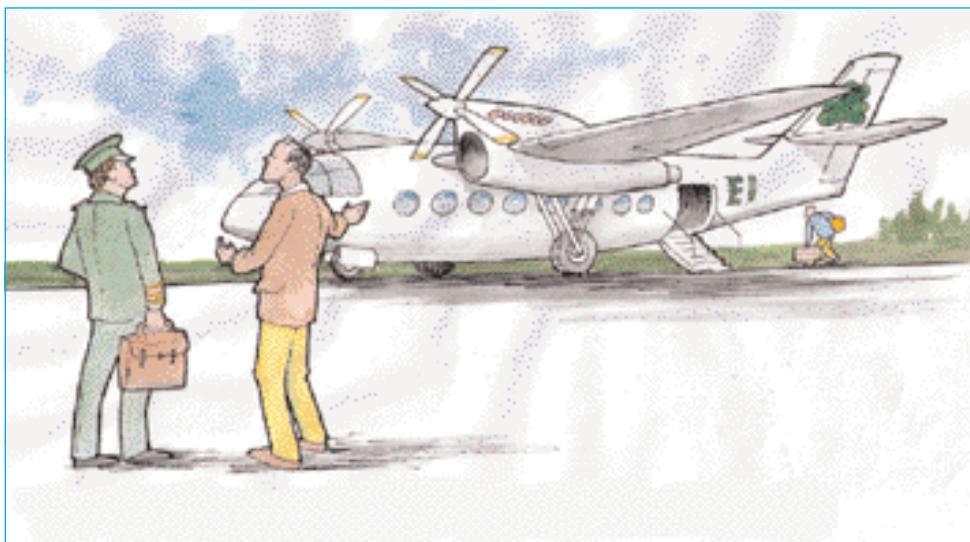
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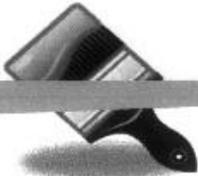
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**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
Communications Office
PRESS RELEASE 4pm, 12th May 2010**

**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to
Withdraw from Provision of Household Waste Service in July 2010**

At a briefing of Elected Members today Mr. Frank Austin, the Council's Director of Water and Waste Services, advised Councillors that Council management will cease to provide a household waste service from July 2010. The 'grey' bin service is provided by direct labour and the 'green' bin service by contract.

Mr. Austin explained that *"Despite a major rationalisation in early 2009 the waste service continues to incur unsustainable losses which, if not addressed, will undermine the Council's capacity to deliver other important services."*

Mr. Austin also confirmed that there will be no compulsory redundancies of Council staff arising out of the decision to exit the market. The 25 staff members currently employed in providing the 'grey' bin service will be redeployed to other Council services. This will result in an improvement in other services - primarily Street Cleansing, Parks and Water Services.

The decision to cease the service has been made in response to the following developments:

- the continuing loss of customers and market share by the Council to its competitors. The Council currently has about 18,500 customers down from 64,000 in 2006,
- the continuing loss/net cost of maintaining the service, estimated at 3.5m in 2010,
- the requirement to charge VAT on the Council's waste service from 1 July 2010, the requirement to roll out a brown bin service to households during the year and the need to update the Council's computer systems to accommodate these requirements, all of which combined will add just under 1m to costs in 2010,
- the unfavourable outcome of a recent High Court case which supported unrestricted competition in the waste market in Dublin and
- the fact the landfill facility used by the Dublin local authorities at Kill Co. Kildare will cease accepting waste later this year. As a consequence the Council is likely to face higher landfill disposal costs in 2011.

The Council remains committed to the Dublin Region Waste Management Strategy and will honour its commitments in relation to existing and proposed regional waste infrastructure.

The Council has invited tenders with a view to appointing a contractor who will offer a 'grey' and a 'green' bin service together with a new 'brown' bin service to all existing Council customers at a competitive price. The contractor will also be required to honour the Council's existing Waiver Scheme. The Council is advising its customers that they do not need to make any alternative arrangements for a waste service and to continue to leave out their bins as per usual.

Customers who currently have arrears are also advised that the Council will continue to pursue all outstanding balances.

Speaking after the briefing of Elected Members, Owen P Keegan, County Manager, addressed the following statement to the Council's customers

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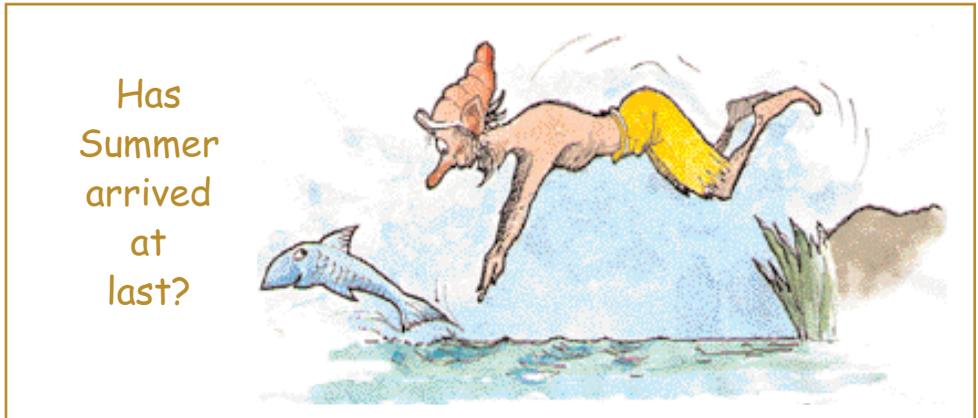
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recent years. I know many of you will be disappointed by the decision to cease to provide a service from July. I want to assure you that there will be no compulsory redundancies of Council staff as a result of the decision. I hope you will also accept my assurance that we have no real choice in the matter, if other important Council services are to be maintained.

I will be writing to you as soon as possible giving details of the proposed new service to be provided from July 2010. In the meantime you do not need to make any alternative arrangements for a waste service and you should continue to leave your bins out as per usual.

ENDS.

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❖ A BOOK TO READ ❖

‘THE STORY OF HOPE AND INSPIRATION’ by Veronica O’Leary,

published by Bray Cancer Support Centre.

This is the remarkable story of how the Bray Cancer Support Centre came to be established and currently is at the forefront in providing much needed psychological support and practical help to thousands of people each year in County Wicklow and South Dublin through its Drop-In Centre on Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow, in partnership with the H.S.E.

In 1976 Veronica O’Leary was diagnosed with malignant melanoma when she was aged 21 and made a successful recovery only to suffer a recurrence six years later and be told that she had only 3 months to live, did not die as expected, was offered surgery and made a full recovery. In February 1990 Veronica O’Leary knew what she wanted to do as she did not want anyone to go through what she had gone through and using her own experience of the previous 14 years as a template, determined that no-one would suffer the pain and isolation that she had suffered resulting in the formation of the Bray Cancer Support Centre.

This fascinating and remarkable book, which also includes contributions from users and staff members, is a testimony to the vision that Veronica O’Leary identified at a time when there was little or no emotional or psychological support available and the high use of the Bray Centre Support Centre is a vindication of what Veronica (and her husband) sought to achieve back in 1990.



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SEQUENCE DANCING



Way back in 1960 I joined an Olde Tyme Dance class. It was run by Michael Fitzpatrick, every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. in a lovely hall inside the Unitarian Church on St. Stephen's Green. He started it for ladies who wanted to dance but whose husbands wouldn't take them dancing. I went with my neighbour, Nell Quinlan. We looked at "Come Dancing" on the BBC every Tuesday night, so we knew how to dance the Barn Dance, Valeta, Boston Two Step, Military Two Step and the Gay Gordons.

From the time we started dancing with Fitz (as he was known), we loved it and then we started learning The Mayfair Quickstep, Royal Empress Tango, Crinoline Gavotte and many more. The differences between modern dancing, Quicksteps, Tangos, Waltzes, etc. you use all the floor - you see it on Strictly Come Dancing - with Olde Thyme Dancing or Sequence Dancing as it is now known, you dance with you partner in a circle. So if you lose your step, just look at the couple in front of you.

Classical Sequence Dancing

We eventually made it to competitive work. Nell danced with her husband Gerry and danced a beautiful "Moonlight Saunter" to win the cup. I was in 'friendly competitions'. You entered with one partner and ended up with another - interesting! The Gresham Hotel was one venue. We all had Neill Kearns and his orchestra, Stuck Tempo. The 'Wedgewood Blue Gavotte' was one of my favourites, It was a professional and amateur competition; nervous at the start of the dance, I looked at my partner Joe and discovered he was pointing his toe at the sky instead of the floor, and realised we would not make the second round, so I relaxed and enjoyed the experience of a lovely band terrific floor and, of course, the glamorous Ballroom Dress, pink with Mother of Pearl sequence sewn on by me! Dara used to dress up in it afterwards.

Butlin's Holiday Camp on the first week of June, modern Latin American and Olde Thyme Dancing for the weekend, Friday to Monday at 6 p.m. when we got the train back to Dalkey. It cost about £5 each and everything after that was free. Bingo, Swimming, Dance Class. Happy memories; all that ended in 1964.

Since we started the Sequence Dance for D.A.R.A. on Monday afternoon in the Youth Club from 4-6p.m., I have been asked many times "what is Sequence Dancing and would I like it?" Well, you have to do it first and then you will know. We have a very small, friendly group of ladies who come every Monday and we have fun, laughter and exercise. We also do a form of Line Dance based on a Cha Cha, Rumba, Waltz, Quickstep, Jive, Electric Swing and George Bush. They are great fun to do and you can dance these dances on your own if you are at a wedding or dance, you will surprise a lot of people!

The class is taught by Olive Gill I.P.T.O.D.S. U.K.A. (United Kingdom Alliance of Dancing). She loves teaching and has great patience. I met Olive way back in 1960 before she turned professional and we have been friends ever since. The cost is 5 per class for ten weeks which works out at 50 for the term. We start in September and finish the beginning of December and our second term starts in January until the week before Easter - again 10 weeks duration.

We would like to have at least 10 ladies (or gents if they want to come) but the more the merrier! Olive and I ran a Sequence Dancing Class in St. Laurence's Hall (behind 'Hicks') from 1984 every Monday night until 31st August 2009 when we closed. We only had 6

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members left and three of them got ill. So that was it. We couldn't really use the hall during January to March as the hall was too cold and last winter - and especially this winter, it was out of the question! It was hard to close it down but it had to be done. We lost Maime Dunne two weeks before Christmas. R.I.P.

So now you know if you would like to try Sequence Dancing do come along and give it a go. You will get plenty of help and have a good laugh. The music is from the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s; lovely tuneful dance music that makes you want to move. The Sequence is dance steps from the verse of the song at the end of the chorus and is repeated three or four times before the song ends. A lovely Rhumba to Boyzone's 'No Matter What'. Jedward couldn't sing the song but we can and do so. "The Balmoral Blues" to Stevie Wonder's "I Just Called to say I Love You". A very special dance.

One final thing: you have to be a member of D.A.R.A. to join the club.

Bernie Duggan

❖ THE 1905 LITTLE BRAY FLOODING DISASTER FUND ❖

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE 1905 LITTLE BRAY FLOODING DISASTER FUND

On 25 August 1905 the Little Bray area of Bray, Co Wicklow, was totally devastated by massive flooding following 36 hours of continuous rain when a dam, formed by debris flowing down the River Dargle near Enniskerry, collapsed and sent a wall of water into that part of Bray, destroying hundreds of homes and resulting in a mass evacuation of the most of the population through the rising flood waters until it subsided 24 hours later when the population was to return to their devastated homes to recover what ever they could. Damage ran into 'thousands of pounds' and immediately after this major calamity a disaster fund was opened and for the next 6/8 weeks people donated money or held fund raising events for it.

On Saturday 16 September 1905 the Playgoers' Amateur Dramatic Society held a fund-raising concert in Dalkey Town Hall which was excellently supported by both Dalkey people and those living further afield.

The play presented was a 3-set one, 'My Friend the Prince', by Justin Huntley McCarthy, directed by Miss Mary O'Hea, who was described as "an instructor and exponent of the dramatist's art that has few equals" while the performance itself was described "as one of a very high character with the artists acquitting themselves in a manner that at times made one forget that they were amateurs."

During the intervals between the acts while the sets were being changed, the Dalkey Instrumental Society played musical selections.

Proceeds from the night, which was considered an outstanding artistic success in addition to being a great financial one too, were donated to the Bray Disaster Fund, which eventually reached nearly £5,000 after which it was distributed to qualifying applicants by the Fund's Administration Committee.

On 25 August 1986 the Little Bray Area was again devastated by severe flooding as the result of Hurricane Charlie.

James Scannell

❖ ACTIVE SCHOOL FLAG AWARDED TO CASTLEPARK ❖



GAA star David Treacy recently presented Castle Park School with Dublin's first Active School Flag. The Active School Flag scheme is a non-competitive initiative which aims to encourage schools to improve the provision of physical activity in their school. Schools must register for the Active School Flag and submit a review document and action plan regarding P.E. and sport provision in their school. If they meet the standard required and Active School Accreditor will be assigned to visit the school and review the action plan in place. The Active School Flag aims to promote the importance of enjoyment and play, a balance between competitive and non-competitive activities and the development of skills and understanding.

Caste Park School, Dalkey, is the first school in Dublin to be awarded the prestigious Active School Flag in recognition of the steps the school has taken to promote physical activity and sports. Further information on the Active School Flag initiative is available on www.activeschoolflag.ie.

Local families may also avail of the new sports facilities at the School, including the 25m swimming pool, sports hall and astroturf pitch, further information on swimming lessons, camps, rental opportunities can be found on www.castleparkschool.ie.

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Sorting August Newsletter	Fri. 30 July
DCC Garden Outing – for further details check the notice board in OLH	
DCC (August) Monthly Meeting	Tues. 3 Aug

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Vinyasa Flow Yoga classes will resume at Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre in September. Early booking advisable. Contact Gina Dowling gina_dowling@hotmail.com
Mob: 087 202 0689

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

Dalkey Players Theatre Group - New season begins early September but enquiries welcome. Contact Caroline Hickey 086-8092850 or check www.dalkeyplayers.ie for details.

The Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested please call 086-8391839

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Across the water in the UK analogue television transmitters are switching off on a daily basis. It all started in Wales, which is now fully covered by the new UK digital service. The last region to switch off the old analogue service will be Ulster, and that's due to happen by the last quarter of 2012 (at the latest). RTE however are still "testing" their new digital service with transmitters located in Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Dundalk. It is still unclear when the new RTE digital service will be launched fully, and furthermore it's also unclear what format will be used, meaning that some decoders, although new out of the box may or may not be compatible with the new digital service. Despite repeated calls and emails to RTE, I am also unclear as to exactly what their plans are!

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