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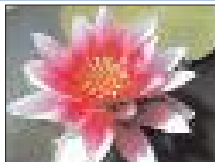
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July: *Named for Julius Caesar born
12 July 100BC by Mark Anthony*



Iúil (July) 2011

Flower: Lily

GARDEN OUTING

The Annual Dalkey Community Council Garden Outing takes place on 27th July, 2011
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SUMMARY OF DCC JUNE MONTHLY MEETING



The DCC June Monthly Meeting took place in the Harold Boys School on 30th May 2011. Susan apologised for the last minute change of venue.

Treasurer: Envelopes are still coming in and Ed encouraged the road reps to return them as soon as possible. Although a lot of householders return the envelope to the road rep a few reps said they felt uncomfortable knocking on doors asking for money.

Correspondence: We received a letter from Councillor John Bailey re parking. We decided it would be advisable to meet John Bailey as a group to discuss our concerns.

Newsletter: Gerard expressed his thanks to Lena and her team for the sorting of the newsletter. We are always grateful to our regular contributors and new material is always very welcome.

Tidy Towns: Litter patrols are continuing, there were 5 bags of rubbish retrieved from Dillon's Park. People are urged to leave the park as they find it.

AOB: The litter bin is still missing from outside the Dart station which is causing a lot of rubbish around car park.



Above: Lady Nadia of Dalkey tours



THE LIVING TUDORS



Leading Actor from the Tudor TV series

Nick Dunning and Lady Nadia

called in to check out

'The Terrible Tudors' at Dalkey Castle recently



*Right:
Lord Henry with Lady Nadia*



Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion in The Church of the Assumption, Dalkey, on

the 14th May. We were blessed that the rain kept away as the children entered the church excitedly but a little nervous. Each child carried out their jobs of singing, miming or reading prayers wonderfully and enjoyed photographs, cake and treats back at the School where they were also presented with their certificates. Many thanks to Father Declan for his support and kindness to the children over the year.



First Holy Communion Day at Castle Park

At the end of May we organised a wonderful Grandparents' Day at School, our third such event which is proving to be a most popular addition to our annual calendar. Over one hundred and thirty grandparents came to join us for a special day at school, and the children were delighted to play hosts for their guests, many of the classrooms were quite crowded for lessons that morning! After morning assembly which was presented by some of the First Class children each class entertained their visitors in their own classrooms, sharing stories of school experiences in years gone by and demonstrations of modern technology and classroom activities. A special lunch was served in the Dining Hall with our visitors tucking in to delicious hot food alongside their grandchildren before they headed home.



5th Class at Carlingford Adventure Centre

Pupils from Fifth Class enjoyed a three day trip to the Carlingford Adventure Centre. An exhausting time was had by all – experiencing all the activities on offer, particular favourites were the pier jumping, laser combat and raft building. All children worked hard as a team during the trip - helping each other to meet the many challenges and new experiences encountered. At the same time, our Sixth Class children were experiencing their long awaited trip to the Donegal Gaeltacht. The annual visit to

Coláiste na Rosann is eagerly anticipated by each group of Sixth Class pupils and this year's trip was just as enjoyable and fun as had been expected.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello Gerard,

Re: PURE (Protecting Uplands and Rural Environments)

Thanks again for this months excellent newsletter. I particularly enjoy articles about birds, plants, environment.

Could you please spread the word about this great initiative. I hate to see litter strewn, and will collect what I can carry. It breaks my heart to see burnt out cars, fridges and dumped rubbish in our Dublin and Wicklow hills. Last Sunday when I was in the hills, I came across dumped rubbish. I emailed PURE (see below) and within a day a truck was dispatched to collect the rubbish. Hopefully they also catch the Perpetrators from evidence they find.

If you can mention this in the newsletter I am sure readers will appreciate it.

Thank you,

Melanie Kovero, Ulverton Road, Dalkey

PURE – Save this number in your mobile phone: 1850 365 121

PURE (Protecting Uplands and Rural Environments) is an environmental project established to combat illegal dumping/fly-tipping that occurs in the Wicklow/Dublin uplands. PURE collects over 30 tonnes of rubbish every month. So, again, when you spot illegal dumping in the mountains call PURE there and then at 1850 365 121 or e-mail info@pureproject.ie. Read more at www.pureproject.ie

E-Mail Response to Melanie Kovero from PURE regarding a report of illegal dumping:

Hi Melanie,

Thank you for the email regarding dumping at the stated location. I have arranged for truck to visit the site today and all material will be removed.

Please do pass on the lo-call-phone number 1850 365 121 to other people to report any incidents of illegal dumping, all reports will be dealt with swiftly.

Best wishes,

Ian Davis – *Project Manager, PURE (Protecting Uplands & Rural Environments)*

Wicklow Mountains National Park, Kilafin, Laragh, Bray, Co. Wicklow, Ireland.

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Dear Editor,

P.O.S.H. CAMPAIGN

As another recent ‘blow-in’ to the lovely village and environs of Dalkey I would like to add my voice to that of your correspondent, Ben Crow, who in your recent Newsletter 409 (Vol.17) pleaded for something to be done to clean up the pavements - or, more succinctly, - the start of a P.O.S.H. campaign.

Unlike Mr. Crow, my reasons are completely different and again, unlike Mr. Crow, I cannot afford to keep buying shoes every time ‘I put my foot in it.’ No, Mr. Editor, my experiences of walking this particular gauntlet has forced me to keep my head down, to select a safe way through the P.O.S.H. minefield, thereby missing the many friendly salutes which this

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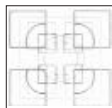
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR *Continued*

friendliest of area bestows on its residents.

Indeed, I have heard it said that I have become odd, unfriendly, snobbish, a misfit or indeed a religioso - all because of my bowed head!

Nothing is further from the truth - though when I think of it, I can recall a recent occasion, being almost knocked through a shop window by a pair of enthusiastic, leashed dogs, whose famous Media Master failed to control them in the same way as he does his audience, - my fault - I failed to see them coming.

Well, maybe I just don't like dogs!

Constructively,

Brendan Flood – Dalkey

Dear Editor,

Re: ORIEL LETT

I wish to commend an artistic and enthusiastic man working in Dalkey, whom I have met and chatted with recently during litter patrols. He is taking some of Dalkey's problems on board and what is more important - taking action.

For instance Dillon's Park goats that are threatened with removal due to their dangerous condition. Oriel Lett has researched restoring the goats with DLRCC and contacted Katy Goodhue who sculpted them several years ago. Consequently Kate plans to come to Dalkey this summer to strip and repair the goats, free of charge, except for expenses. Oriel considers that there should be no trouble raising money if necessary by public collection and/or donations from local organisations.



Another idea is to present a sculpture to Dalkey from a 1ft sq granite block 33 inches high, originally from Dalkey Quarry and salvaged from the coast. He plans to cut 'Delginish' in Ogham script down the length of one corner and sculpt a goat on a smooth side.

What's more he also removes the graffiti in Dillon's Park. I admire and am proud of this civic-minded man and congratulate his efforts.

Yours truly,

June Barnett

Many thanks to Stephen Homan who repaired the damaged goats in Dillon's Park recently.



BY HARRY LATHAM

This is part of a series of extracts from the above book by the late Harry Latham. It was published in 1983 based on his walks in previous years, so some of the commentary will not reflect the current situation.

With Special Thanks to Jeremy Chapman

In the 12th and 13th centuries the Norman and English who had established a foothold in Ireland, found they could not negotiate the mouth of the River Liffey because of the dangerous sandbar, the crosswinds and the dangerous currents of the Donnybrook River at the mouth of the River Liffey. They had to find an alternative safe haven anchorage, and the best they could find was the water between Dalkey Island and the mainland. They anchored their ships there and dropped off their cargoes and passengers into little shell-shaped boats, and landed on the coast just half a mile away. Some of the cargoes and passengers were brought by these little row boats to Carnán, the modern name for it being Ringsend. Carnán means the “great mound” or the “great heap” at the entrance to the River Liffey and the Donnybrook River. Many of the passengers and much of the cargo from these sailing ships anchors in St. Begnet’s Sea and were landed here on the coast and brought up to this flat plateau which we now call Dalkey.

Dalkey, in fact, gets its name from the Norwegian , “Dalg-ei” which, in turn, is a Viking translation of the old name of Deilginis, the old Gaelic name meaning “Thorn Island” or “Dagger Island”. The cargoes of fruits, iron spices and so on were stored in these fortified warehouses and transhipped by road to the ancient city of Dublin out of Barnhill Road as it is called today, which is the old Dublin Road.

This particular Castle is very interesting because it houses the old Assembly Rooms of the Dalkey Town Commissioners in the 19th century. It is in pretty poor state at present, but one is hopeful that the space could be used in years to come as a Museum and Library, which would be most befitting.

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JUNE 2011

On Thursday, 2nd June at 8 p.m., the Dalkey Ladies' Club held their A.G.M. for 2010/2011 - so ending a very important 50th Anniversary Year.

Celebrations started last October, on our 50th Anniversary with a special Ecumenical Service and celebratory supper, at which many Past Presidents of the Club attended.

Between September and Christmas we held many nostalgia nights with a 1960s theme - including a talk on the shops in Dalkey in the 1960s - movies for the 1960s and a display of craftwork from the early days of the club, which was originally called the Dalkey Arts and Crafts Club.

We continued with our usual Club programme after Christmas, with talks on a wide variety of subjects, musical evenings and visits to the theatre, and our Annual Dinner in March in Killiney Golf Club. We ended our year in May with an outing to Skerries Mills and a tour of Howth Castle, and then back to Dalkey for dinner.

Our charity this year was the Laura Lynn Hospice Project and we will be presenting them with a cheque at our A.G.M. on June 2nd: a result of raffles, a 'Bring and Buy' sale and an auction.

So, on the 2nd June the Club will close for the summer months opening again in September with a new committee. We wish them all the best and look forward to our 'Thursday Nights' from September onwards.

Maureen Ryan – *President 2010/2011*



Enjoying a rest at Howth Castle



Birthday Girl Carmel Kelly



*Right:
A Day Out
in
Skerries*

*Left:
Skerries
Windmill*





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Small Copper and Ladybird Photo: M. Ryan



Small Copper (wings folded) Photo: M. Ryan

The season started off very well for butterflies with good numbers of the earlier emerging species such as Holly Blues and record numbers of Orange Tips but as I needn't tell you subsequently the weather dis-improved, the heavy showers and strong cold winds being very unfavourable for butterflies on the wing. Last year saw good numbers of Small Coppers as well as our more common butterflies, Peacocks, Red Admirals and Small Tortoiseshell.

Over a month of constant winds delayed us going out to Maidens Rock off Dalkey Island to prepare the rock for the colony of terns which had begun to arrive, having flown up from their wintering grounds in the south Atlantic. The nest boxes we'd left out last season had been secured to the rock by drilling them in and most had survived the winter winds and seas so at least accommodation was in place for any Roseate terns that might arrive. One thing we could do to help the birds was to take over some gravel and little stones which we place in the grooves in the rock where the birds might nest. This helps stop the eggs rolling away and if the birds don't like where we've placed the

stones they'll pick them up in their bills and reposition them. The day we did go out was absolutely perfect for us with a flat calm seas and only fleeting showers in the distance. Gannets sat on the water a few yards offshore and porpoise swam up the Sound as we lifted the inflatable down the ramp at Coliemore. As we approached the rock a few dozen terns took to the air above us shrieking out their displeasure. Although the birds don't like being disturbed we never stay too long in case any eggs laid might get cold or predatory gulls might move in for a snack of scrambled eggs.

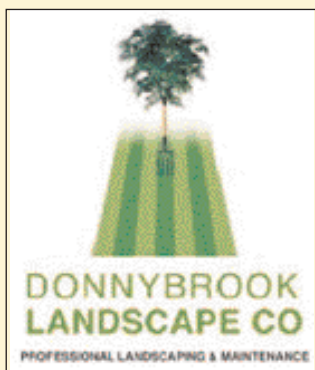
We landed and unloaded the bags of gravel and Stephen Newton, the Birdwatch Ireland seabird specialist went to look for nests. Within minutes he'd found a Roseate Tern egg freshly laid in one of the nestboxes. The bird hadn't wasted any time since it arrived. A Common Tern had laid also and no doubt the rest of the birds would be laying soon. We spread the gravel, weighed down the boxes with cement slabs and rocks we'd brought on previous trips and set off to Lamb Island. Lamb is the northern end of Dalkey Island,



Blackbird singing on Killiney Hill

Photo: M. Ryan

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accessible from the main island at low tide. Every year a number of Arctic terns attempt to nest here and I'd seen terns sitting here but we were still surprised to find five nests with eggs laid. Unfortunately very few of the birds that nest here ever succeed due to disturbance from goats and possibly people. At time of writing there were only a couple of pairs left. The positive side is that if the birds don't succeed here they'll probably move over to Maiden's Rock and nest there. There will be sea watching from Coliemore Harbour on Tuesday evenings in July and hopefully there will be young terns to be seen.

A surprising avian visitor to Dalkey Hill in May was a male Cuckoo calling from the woods above the Vico Road although it didn't hang around for long. They do turn up occasionally on the hills, one called from the eucalyptus wood for a few days some years ago, actually perched on a tree in our neighbours garden for a while.

I'd heard a cuckoo in Wexford in mid April a time they usually arrive and evidently the bird on the hill was on the move hoping to attract a female. Cuckoo numbers have fallen dramatically in the last few decades and nobody is sure why although suspecting they might be having problems in their wintering grounds in Africa or on their migration route. In the UK five adult cuckoos have been trapped and fitted with tiny transmitters so researchers can discover where exactly they spend winter and hopefully find a cause for their decline.

Another summer migrant visitor we saw but didn't seem to hang around was a Spotted Flycatcher. These birds too have been in decline in the last few years possibly affected by cold damp summers which reduce the amount of insects available.

I mentioned last month a Whitethroat was calling from the slope above the Vico and subsequently we were delighted to note there were actually three individual male birds, two on Dalkey hill and one near the obelisk. A gorse fire burned for a couple of days near where we'd seen the first bird although we don't know if it had a nest there.

On our feeders at home the bullfinches seemed to be constantly feeding and I was wondering could they have had the time to nest. So we were delighted to see a juvenile bullfinch on the tree above the feeders frantically flapping its wings in the way young birds do to tell the parents they want to be fed. The male parent flew up from the feeders and gave it a mouthful of sunflower seeds. The following morning a juvenile was helping itself on the feeders.

It was a shame there was only a small turnout for a walk around Dalkey and Killiney hills led by Biodiversity Officer Mary Toomey and Cathy Duff from the Dublin Naturalist Field



Dolphin in Killiney Bay
Photo: M. Ryan



A cluster of wood pigeons

Photo: M. Ryan

Club. It was great though that half the attendants were children who took a great interest in the wildflowers, plants and trees that the leaders pointed out. Although concentrating on flora one of the highlights was when Mary heard a noise from the gorse bushes and pointed out a Song Thrush smashing open a snail shell on a rock. A few minutes later we were able to see Killiney's pod of three Bottlenose Dolphins swimming in front of cabin cruisers and diving out of the water and we later got very close views of a family of Treecreepers.

M. Ryan



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Such was the attraction of a cruise, organised by a company in Donegal. This company (McGinleys) has mostly done coach tours all over Ireland and some abroad. (I might also add that these were mainly for Active Retirement Associations). The enterprising, young, director, James McGinley, saw the possibilities and attraction of a cruise for older people.

More than half of the 860 passengers on board were from Active Retirement Associations and the rest had heard about it by word of mouth, or advertisements in the paper.

Eighteen people from Dalkey took advantage of the cruise and we arrived at the docks together with 20 other bus loads from all over Ireland – the people from Kerry had been on the road for several hours. The ship was late arriving into Dublin but the entertainment and reception crew were shanghaied onto the buses, to take our documentation so that we could just go straight to our cabins. Most of us were asleep when we left Dublin and awoke at sea the next morning.

As nearly everyone on the boat was Irish, and slightly older, McGinleys had brought a band suited to the age group, as well as a ceili band, a country and western group, a comedian, a singer and - last but not least - a priest. Every morning there was Mass and it had a better attendance than some of the shows at night. On Sunday we even had two Masses.

That took care of the evenings and early mornings! All day long there were activities - craft classes, bridge, pilates, yoga and just plain walks (or gallops - depending on your ability) round the deck, talks about the ports we would be calling at, animal rescue, and a Dublin Family. There was endless dancing: - Ballroom, Ceili and Sequence, in readiness for the evening. The ship came with its own entertainers and most evenings we had a professional show. One night, the crew, drawn from 33 countries - entertained us with dances and songs from their homelands, dressed in their national costumes. The Captain, a bluff, grey-haired Norwegian, played the trumpet for us and, on the last night, sang “The Irish Rover” with gusto.



D.A.R.A. at sea

Photo: Anne Scully



Killiney Hill

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We called at La Corunna, Oporto, Casablanca, Lisbon, Bilbao and the port for Bordeaux - Verdun. At the last stop, as Bordeaux was more than 60 miles away, most of us opted for the shuttle which took us into the little, sleepy, seaside town of Soulac-sur-Mer. It was a lovely, old-fashioned, quiet, holiday resort; the sort of place that would normally have a siesta although I think when we arrived the siesta was a cancelled!

Apart from all that, there were two swimming pools, a library and elegant lounge where you could have tradition afternoon tea; trios playing whilst you waited to go into dinner; and arrival parties and departure parties as we entered or left some of the ports. We were all invited to meet the Captain and the officers after the first full day at sea and suggested attire was formal: - black tie for the men and evening dress for the ladies!

Eating was a huge part of our day - full breakfast, lunch and dinner - and that takes up a lot of time. I ended up feeling as though I was related to the restaurant staff I saw so much of them.

We all had a wonderful time, but don't anyone tell me cruises are relaxing. I came home exhausted! It was suggested to me that I didn't have to do everything but there was so much to do that I was afraid I would miss out. I will certainly go on another cruise, but first I will have to take at least a year to recover.

R. Callaghan



. . . They s-s-sealed m-m-me in d-d-down there! . . .

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*The Winning Team: (l to r)
Conor Thorne,
Thomas Finlay,
Ross Mc Cann
and
Kenzi Kouadri
represented
6th class
HBN School
in the final*



The 6th class boys won the National Final of Xperience Engineering - twenty schools from all over Ireland reached the final and the boys won outright. They did a fantastic job presenting their project to a panel of expert judges. Well Done Boys - The boys want Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Co. to build their project. The current proposal being considered does not have a proper swimming pool. The boys proposal is excellent and would fit in perfectly in Dun Laoghaire. Check out Harold Boys National School Dalkey on the web for more information. Support for this scheme from the Dalkey Community would be most welcome. Mrs Buckley the school principal is extremely proud of the boys achievement.

The Winning Team – Conor Thorne, Thomas Finlay, Ross Mc Cann and Kenzi Kouadri represented 6th class HBN School in the final – the prize is for the whole class.





DALKEY HOUSING - AUGUST 1922

Municipal housing was one of the responsibilities of the Dalkey Urban District Council and in August 1922 submitted an application to the Local Government Department for the construction of an additional 16 houses under the Dalkey Housing Scheme and expected to commence construction once approval was granted.

Bray & South Dublin Herald - Saturday 26th August 1922

1922 AUGUST TENNIS TOURNAMENT

At the end of August it was reported that plans were being finalised for holding a tennis tournament under the auspices of the Dalkey Tennis Club at Clarinda Park. It was anticipated that competitors from Dun Laoghaire, Blackrock, Dalkey and Killiney would take part.

Bray and South Dublin Herald - Saturday 26th August 1922

DANCING IN DALKEY - 1922

Dancing has always been a very popular pastime and in August 1922 Dalkey residents and those from further afield could enjoy dancing in the Town Hall from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday nights with music provided by Bourke's Novelty Band.

DRAMATIC CLASS - AUGUST 1922

Dalkey always has had very strong and active dramatic groups and in August 1922 it was announced that preparations were being made by the Dalkey Dramatic Class to produce a series of dramas during the Autumn. It was hoped that the local community would give the Class their wholehearted supported in their efforts to provide badly needed entertainment.

The Bray & South Dublin Herald - Saturday August 26th 1922.



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Reg. Ref. : D11A/0223

Application Rec'd Date: 11-May-2011

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Jimmy & Sheila Nicholson, Convent Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought to (a) demolish 2 No. existing single storey 'lock-ups'. (b) Erect a storey and a half style lofted 'lock-up' for domestic use together with all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1581/E

Application Rec'd Date: 19-May-2011

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Michael & Frieda McGovern, St Pauls, 8, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposal: The development will consist of the construction of a single detached two level dwelling to the North-East of the existing semi-detached house. The existing vehicular entrance is to be retained with parking provided for two vehicles. The development will provide for South-West facing terraces to the rear as well as a balcony to the North-East together with all necessary site works. **Applic. Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0012

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Jan-2011

Applic. Name, Address & Location: Noel Maloney & Carole Tuite, 24, White's Villas, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is being sought for single storey extension to existing porch (2 sq.m), first floor extension to side and rear containing bedroom and study (17 sq.m). Additional Information: 27-May-2011.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/0060/E

Application Rec'd Date: 30-May-2011

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Fergal Murray, Woodbank, Saval Park, Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Single & two storey detached dwelling, demolish garage and create new vehicle access to rear of Woodbank. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission

Further Information/ Clarification of F.I. Recd.

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0187

Application Rec'd Date: 30-May-2011

Applicant Name, Address & Location: R. & E. Saunders. 4 Beacon Hill, Nerano Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought for (a) Conversion of first floor bedroom to bathroom including all associated drainage works, (b) alterations to ground floor window ope to rear to accommodate new double doors, (c) new hardwood deck to rear, (d) overhauling and refurbishment of windows throughout and (e) all associated site works. (A protected structure). **Applic. Type:** Permission. **Further Info./ Clarification of F.I. Recd**

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0191

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Jun-2011

Applicant Name, Address & Location: Jimmy & Sheila Nicholson, Convent Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Planning permission is sought to (a) demolish 2 No. existing single storey 'lock ups'. (b) Erect a storey and a half style lofted 'lock up' for domestic use together with all associated site works. The property to which this application relates is located between No.29 & No.30 Convent Road, Dalkey. **Further Information/ Clarification of F.I. Recd.**

PLANNING DECISIONS Wks 19- 22 9/5/2011 to 3/6/2011

Reg. Ref.: D11B/0111 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 13-May-2011
Applic. Name & Location: Conor & Aine O'Hanlon, Dolphin Cottage, 28, Coliemore Rd, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the placement of two new rooflights on the front (south west) facing roof surface of their residence.

Reg. Ref.: D11A/0159 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 20-May-2011
Applic. Name, Address & Location: J. & C. Rooney, Prince Patrick, Knocknacree Rd, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for the following works: 1. Demolition of existing two-bedroom, single-storey cottage 2. Construction of new two-bedroom, single storey cottage. 3. Demolition of existing two-storey rear extension to main house. 4. Construction of new two-storey rear extension to main house. 5. Widening of existing vehicular entrance to main house, providing pedestrian entrance to main house, and reducing width of existing vehicular entrance to cottage to pedestrian entrance width. 6. Demolition of existing garden sheds and construction of new garden sheds. 7. Remodelling of rear garden in terraces and other site works. 8. Internal and external renovations to main house, including new opes.

Reg. Ref.: D11A/0223 **Decision:** Declare Applic. Invalid **Date:** 19-May-2011
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Jimmy & Sheila Nicholson, Site at Convent Rd, Dalkey.
Proposal: Planning permission is sought to (a) demolish 2 No. existing single storey 'lock-ups'. (b) Erect a storey and a half style lofted 'lock-up' for domestic use together with all associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D11A/0169 **Decision:** Grant & Refuse Permission **Date:** 2-Jun-2011
Applicant Name, Address & Location: Derek Richardson, Wavecrest, Vico Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Planning permission is sought for the construction of new retaining wall from entrance pier to adjoining boundary wall south of Wavecrest and a single storey first floor extension over existing kitchen comprising of 32m2 with 3 rooflights.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY An Bord Pleanala Wks 19-22 9/5/2011 to 3/6/2011

Reg Ref: D11A/0085 **Registration Date:** 24-Feb-2011
Location: 27, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
Development: Permission is sought for the mounting of 3 No. panel antennas and 1 No. link dish, to be placed behind existing front facade of the building at roof level for the purpose of mobile telecommunications with associated telecommunications equipment located in the rear yard. The development will form part of Vodafone Ireland Ltd's existing GSM and 3G Broadband telecommunications network.

Council Decision: Grant Permission. Appeal Lodged: 13-May-2011
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. Type of Appeal: 3rd Party Appeal/
Reg Ref: D11B/0058. **Reg. Date:** 23-Feb-2011 **Location:** 97 & 98, Coliemore Rd., Dalkey.
Development: Planning permission is sought for alterations and first floor extensions including replacing the roofs to the front of Nos. 97 & 98, increasing the roof pitches and ridge heights and incorporating roof windows. First floor extensions to Nos. 97 & 98, behind new front roofs with roof windows and a mansard type roof to No.97. Modifications and relocation of windows and entrance to No. 97 and lowering of existing front window sill. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 12-May-2011. Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Refusal of Permission. Type of Appeal: 1st Party Appeal.

APPEAL DECISIONS of An Bord Pleanala Wks 19-22 3/5/'11 to 3/6/'11

None for Dalkey during these dates

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DONNYBROOK AND PHOENIX PARK (VIA STEPHEN'S GREEN)		NELSON'S PILLAR AND CLONSKEA (VIA TERRY'S STREET)	
KINGSBRIDGE AND HATCH STREET (VIA DOUGLAS PARK & WESTLAND ROW)		NELSON'S PILLAR & SANDYMOUNT (VIA KINGSEND)	
PARK GATE AND BALLYBOUGH		NELSON'S PILLAR & DOLLYMOUNT	
INCHICORE AND WESTLAND ROW		COLLEGE GREEN & WHITEHALL (VIA CAPE ST. & DRUMCONDRA)	
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NELSON'S PILLAR & PALMERSTON PARK			

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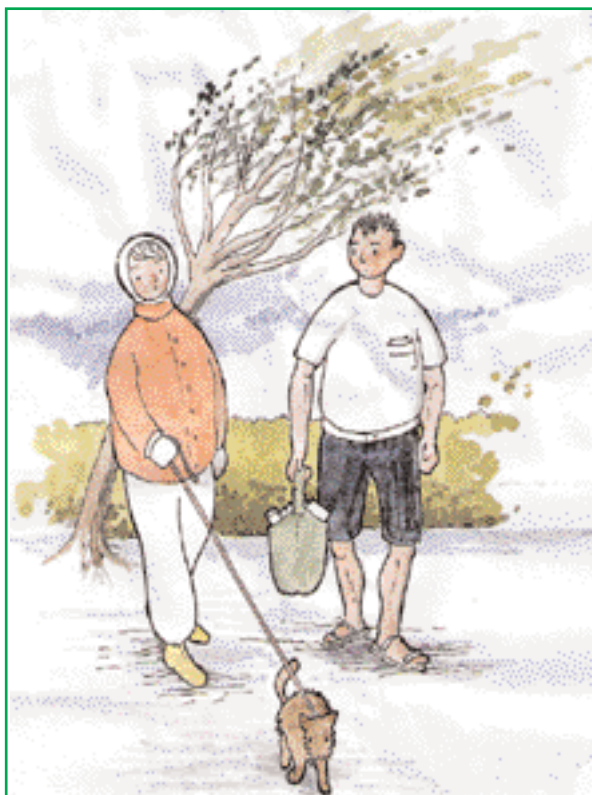


Writing on Dalkey in 1770 Peter Wilson said of Dalkey town after describing the castle “*The rest of the town consists of the very small remains of an old church, and a number of cabins, mostly inhabited by fishermen*”. Elsewhere he wrote “*there are about twenty cabins, for the most part occupied by poor labouring people, and serving indiscriminately for themselves, their cattle and their swine*”.

Wilson also described two contemporary houses in Dalkey - Dalkey House and Dalkey Lodge. He said that Dalkey House lay opposite the church and graveyard while Dalkey Lodge was “*a neat house belonging to a citizen*”.

At the west end of the town was a house owned by a Mr. O’Brien which Wilson said of “*To this house commodious offices are annexed, with flower garden before and kitchen garden behind, at the upper end of which a rustic hermitage is erected, and a small shrubbery planted in the modern taste*”. It was from this house that Wilson wrote his description of Dalkey from where he noted the views writing that they were “*nothing comparable to the rising sun, which, viewed through the opening between the castles, beggars all description*”.

JAMES SCANNELL



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❖ DALKEY TIDY TOWNS – JUNE 2011 REPORT TO DCC ❖

Six bags of rubbish were collected by our team of volunteers at Dillon's Park on 5th May. The litter was mainly from our young teenagers and fishermen enjoying the good weather! Once more we remind all those taking advantage of this lovely coastal park to leave it as they would wish to find it. Following our main Spring Clean day in April we are pleased to record that Dalkey Sea Scout Cubs, residents of The Rise and Hillside tidied areas at a later date.

Our entries for both the National and local Competitions are in the lap of the gods. In preparation for judging we had another Action Day on 28th May. The achievements, thanks to our committee and volunteers were:-

Begnet's Graveyard had a Slate sign - designed, financed and fixed onto the gatepost by DTT committee members. Flowerbeds were weeded at Archbold's Castle and Ormeau Drive and four beds were prepared for a school planting project at the Council/Eurospar carpark. One volunteer removed graffiti, several volunteers Litter Patrolled central Dalkey and one volunteer removed graffiti.

Additional special notes: DTT volunteer and horticultural adviser **Sheena Vernon has won a Silver Gilt Medal at BLOOM**

'The Lyric FM Garden, Where Life Sounds Better, designed by Sheena Vernon.

Volunteer Martin Quinn painted and planted the tubs beside the seat in front of the advertising hoarding (Webster's Corner) on Castle Street. Instantly noticeable.

More volunteers and committee members are always welcome - why not think about it? The greater our numbers the more we can spread the load.

SUMMER SEASON LITTER PATROLS ARE NOW 3 TIMES EACH WEEK

Every Tuesday & Saturday meeting 10.30 at Writers Corner.
Every Thursday meeting 11am at Dillon's Park, Coliemore Road.



Green Home Tip - Be conscious of the amount of water you are using. Almost 9 litres of water are used from a running tap every minute.



Thank you, June Barnett, DTT.

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Painting at Kilbegnet



Slate sign erected at Begnet's Graveyard by DTT committee members

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Tuesday July 12th at 8 p.m.

James Scannell will speak to the Genealogical Society of Ireland on ‘*Dublin Firefighters and the April 1941 Blitz*’ in Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire - all welcome. Contribution €3.

A BOOK TO READ

“IRISH TRACTION IN COLOUR” BY DEREK HUNTRISS

Published by Ian Allen Publishing

The 1950s and the early 1960s were traumatic years for the Irish railway system in the Republic and Northern Ireland as the transition from steam to diesel took place, the narrow gauge system ended, and unrenumerative railways lines were closed and services curtailed. Ian Allen as the publisher of this excellent book means that the reader is assured of extremely high quality images, which is a feature of all their publications and one from which they are known for. For this super photo book Derek Huntriss has compiled a fascinating selection of images drawn from the collections of many of the leading British railway photographers at that time who were drawn to Ireland during these years providing the reader with a glimpse of Irish railway history that now only exists in image form.

With all images captioned and dated, this book is really an excellent photo album of the Irish railway system for the period it covers, complimenting the other Irish titles published Ian Allen and is a ‘must’ for any railway enthusiast, railway / local historian and modeller.

Two local striking images are one on the back cover from 1959 showing an A Class diesel locomotive departing from Killiney Station in 1959 showing the station name sign in the background displaying the legend ‘Killiney & Ballybrack’ while another 1959 image inside the book shows a diesel railcar set departing this station.

For ease of reference this excellent book has been divided into chapters such as the Northern Counties Committee, the Narrow Gauge System, the Sligo, Leitrim and Northern Counties, the Great Northern, the Midland Great Western, Greater Southern and Western, Dublin and South Eastern and the Cork, Bandon and South Coast, thus bringing the reader on a tour of the country and showing a wide diversity of rolling stock and their liveries daily use when these images were taken.

All the images used in this book are in colour which makes it possible see fine details which would not show up in black and white images.

All in all, this is a super book recording in colour the transition from steam to diesel from the 1950’s when steam traction began to be phased out in favour of diesel locomotives with this excellent book showing the great variety of diesel locomotives and railcars in use at that time, to the mid 1960’s when steam no longer operated on the Irish main line.

James Scannell

ACROSS

1. A type of beer
6. Richly adorn
10. "Oh, my!"
14. Mountain crest
15. Wings
16. Blowgun missile
17. An ultramicroscopic infectious agent
18. A radar echo
19. Eardrum
20. The right to enter
22. King of the jungle
23. Give rise to
24. An official endorser
26. Dealt
30. Commercials
31. Payable
32. 57 in Roman numerals
33. Ascend
35. Desire
39. Rower
41. Embarrassed
43. Athenian philosopher
44. Therefore
46. Bell sound
47. Outrage
49. Poetic time of day
50. Swirl
51. An instinctive reaction
54. Fortitude
56. Cain's brother
57. Liberate
63. Bit
64. Bit of dust
65. Small drum
66. A disreputable woman

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| 67. Lays | 12. Pergola | 51. Increase |
| 68. Andean animal | 13. Expressionless | 52. Hemorrhagic fever |
| 69. Lack of difficulty | 21. Crown | 53. An unborn baby |
| 70. Earl Grey and orange pekoe | 25. Ow! | 55. What a book is called |
| 71. SSSS | 26. Swill | 58. Pout |
| | 27. Elliptical | 59. Buddies |
| | 28. Former Italian currency | 60. Fabrics made from goat hair |
| | 29. A purified liquid produced by condensation | 61. Hefty volume |
| | 34. Keenness | 62. Historical periods |
| | 36. In the centre of | |
| | 37. Sell | |
| | 38. Irritable | |
| | 40. "Encore!" | |
| | 42. Relating to audible sound | |
| | 45. Boat races | |
| | 48. Nontaxable | |

DOWN

1. Magma
2. Dry
3. Bacterium
4. Decorative case
5. Relaxes
6. Tweed
7. Sickness
8. Secular
9. Rely
10. Mixed with impurities
11. Female demon

**Solution to
Crossword No. 10
is on page 35**



A recent AA Home Insurance Survey found that people are quite careless about their holiday plans.

DON'T BROADCAST YOUR TRAVEL PLANS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Bliss, it's only a few days until the start of your well-earned holiday. If you're planning a holiday at home or abroad no doubt you're counting down the days. Without wanting to rain on anyone's parade, we'd like to remind you not to broadcast your travel plans on a social media site and to double check your home is secure before you set off. This is the prime season for burglars so it's important to take all available measures to keep your home and its belongings safe.

10% OF PEOPLE BROADCAST TRAVEL PLANS ON SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

One area we recently learned that some of us are really slipping up on when it comes to our home security is by letting our travel plans slip on social media sites. As many as 10% of the respondents of our last poll admitted to disclosing their travel plans via a social media site. A further 8% said someone else within their household had naively broadcast to the world that the family home was about to be unoccupied for a spell.

Our poll also highlighted a widespread culture of carelessness among younger social media users. 42.6% of 17 to 24 year olds who participated in our poll admitted to indiscriminately broadcasting their travel plans and we fear this may be even higher among younger teens. Following this, 25.9% of 25 to 35 year olds said they were guilty of the same.

Our findings also suggest that women are more likely to share their whereabouts on social network sites than men. 13.9% of women compared with 7.1% of men surveyed confessed to publishing such information.

"We are encouraging people to be careful," says John Farrell, Commercial Director of AA Insurance. "We do sensible things like cancelling milk deliveries and asking a neighbour to keep an eye on the house while we are away. But at the same time many people are casually telling the world that no-one will be at home for the next week or fortnight, which is a bit like putting out a virtual welcome mat on the internet. It's not just the homeowners, and you also need to remind the kids to be a bit more sensible."

"We particularly urge Smart phone users to consider the security risks when "checking-in" to location-based social media services such as 'Foursquare' and the newly launched 'Facebook Places,'" says Farrell. "While you might enjoy sharing your location with friends and picking up handy geo-specific information, you could also be tipping burglars off that you're not home. Even more importantly, users should never list their home as a location when checked into any of these services."

As our complacent culture of sharing everything and anything via social networks persists, we predict here at AA Home Insurance that social media usage could influence home insurance premiums industry-wide in the not too distant future. "When sourcing a home insurance quote, homeowners could find themselves being asked whether they're active on social networking sites as well as whether or not they have security locks and an approved intruder alarm installed." Says Farrell. "Homeowners whose properties are burgled having let their holiday plans slip online may even see a knock-on effect on their subsequent home insurance premiums."

“Social media is fast becoming a major research tool for burglars and an ill thought out tweet could end up costing you thousands.” warns Farrell. “Last September, police in the American state of New Hampshire arrested a burglary ring who had targeted over fifty homes having learnt they were unoccupied through Facebook. In some of these cases, it was children or teens who had unwittingly advertised this information so it’s especially important to educate children of the risks.”

At AA Home Insurance, we offer the following additional security advice for social media users:

- Review your security setting, to restrict access to your personal profile information.
- Use private DM or inbox facilities to communicate private or potentially sensitive messages.
- Never post your mobile number or home address on social media sites.
- Remove wall postings from friends that may allude to your travel plans.
- Remember that when you join a social media group, thousands of people could potentially have access to your profile unless you adjust your security settings.
- Don’t boast about the expensive new flat screen TV you’ve just bought online.

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HOME SECURITY ADVICE – DOORS

Most intruders entering your property will either enter through a door or a window. It is not uncommon for people to leave doors and windows open, unlocked or not properly secured. Most external domestic doors come in one of the following variety of designs and strengths: -

- Solid Hardwood
- Hardwood incorporating glass panelling
- Aluminium
- uPVC
- Sliding or Patio doors
- French doors

The strength and security of any door is primarily governed by the quality of the material used in its construction and the standard of the locks and fittings used.

Whether an intruder will gain access to your home through your external doors may depend on: -

- The strength of the construction material,
- The quality of the locks,
- Proper fitting and installation

We can reduce their attraction as an entry point for the burglar by trying to minimize these risk features.

HARDWOOD DOORS

Hardwood doors should be a minimum of 44mm in thickness and capable of supporting both rim and mortice locks and hung on at least three 100 mm hinges. Glass panelling, where fitted, should be laminated to at least 6.4mm thickness. The frame of the door should be securely bolted to the wall at no less than 600 mm intervals around the frame.

UPVC AND ALUMINIUM DOORS

These types of doors are generally unsuitable to retro-fit with security devices and may, where this is done, compromise any installation warranty. In these circumstances, you should always consult with the fabricator or installer as appropriate. Most are commonly fitted with a multi-point locking system and generally offer a high degree of security protection.

DOOR SECURITY FEATURES

The front access door to any home should be fitted, where possible and appropriate, with the following additional security features: -

Door Viewer, which should be wide-angled, that will allow the occupant to identify callers before the door is opened.

Door Chain or Limiter which allows the occupant to restrict the complete opening of the door until desired.



Hinge Bolts which will strengthen the door against forced entry.

Letter Tray/Restrictor

Door Security & Standards

It is recommended that all external entry/exit doors are designed to withstand forced intrusion to an acceptable level e.g. the current British security standard for doors PAS 24-1 'Doors of Enhanced Security' or equivalent. These will have been subjected to specific security test conditions.

Currently, most doors fitted to houses will not conform to this standard. The ideal domestic security door will incorporate most or all of the following security features:-

- 5 lever mortice deadlock lock to BS 3621 - top and bottom
- Rim-latch lock with dead lock facility
- Hinge bolts to reinforce the hinge side of the door
- Door chain and wide angle viewer

There are a wide variety of locks and locking devices available on the market today. It should be remembered, however, that fitting a quality security lock to an inherently weak door, or fitting a poor lock to a quality door will not in any way improve your security.

Domestic locks are generally rim-latch, mortice (deadlock or sashlock), or may have a multi-locking bolt mechanism. All should comply with an appropriate security standard e.g. BS 3621 or equivalent. This will ensure that the locks will have been security tested to withstand forced hacking, drilling or sawing for a defined period.

All security devices should be fitted with strong screws or bolts. Deadlocks, when fitted and used, will also deny burglars removing property from your home via the doors.

Glass panels on or around doors are particularly vulnerable and should be avoided where possible. Alternatively, they should be replaced with laminated glass to a minimum of 6.4 mm thickness.

LETTERBOXES

When letterboxes are fitted to a door they should be at least 400 mm or 16 inches from any locking mechanism. A letterbox cage will also help prevent a thief from accessing the locks manually.

PATIO DOORS

Patio doors are generally either sliding or double-leaf "French Doors" - sometimes known as "French Windows".

The most common security weakness with sliding patio doors is to be found in their fitting along the running rails. In some instances, it is possible to lift the door completely out of the running rail, Approved anti-lift devices should be fitted.

Security bars fitted internally, which will prevent the doors being parted even if the locking mechanism is forced, are also strongly recommended.

'Shoot Bolts' or 'Sliding Bolts', whichever is appropriate, may also be fitted to reinforce security in both Patio and French doors. A reputable locksmith will advise accordingly.

INTERNAL DOORS

Most internal domestic doors are hollow core and fitted with two-lever mortice locks.

COURTESY COMMUNITY GARDAÍ, DALKEY STATION

DALKEY BUSINESS GROUP UPDATE



What a great month June was! Did you enjoy the Dalkey Book Festival?? We certainly hope so and look forward to it again next year.

THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge and say a big “THANK YOU” to the festival directors Sian Smyth & David McWilliams and to all the people that volunteered their time and working so hard to help Dalkey put on a great “show” again this year. We would also would like to thank our local Businesses in the Dalkey Business Group who helped create a wonderful atmosphere in providing the “Dalkey” experience and most importantly like to thank YOU for supporting Dalkey Businesses, whether you bought tickets to an event to hear one of the wonderful speakers, bought some merchandise (“Dalkey” T-shirts & “iLoveDalkey” Bags - still available in local stores or online at www.ilovedalkey.com) or shopped locally during the midsummer’s weekend, we very much appreciate it.

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Finally, we would like to thank you again for your continued custom and urge you to think “Dalkey” and support your local businesses by shopping here first. Together we can make Dalkey the place you want to live & shop in.

Many thanks,

Jason McChesney

Chairman, Dalkey Business Group (2011)

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SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD NO. 10 (page 30)

ACROSS – 1. Lager; 6. Gild; 10. Alas; 14. Arete; 15. Alae; 16. Dart; 17. Virus; 18. Blip; 19. Umbo; 20. Admittance; 22. Lion; 23. Sire; 24. Notary; 26. Sold; 30. Ads; 31. Due; 32. LVII; 33. Rise; 35. Crave; 39. Oarsman; 41. Ashamed; 43. Plato; 44. Ergo; 46. Ting; 47. Ire; 49. Een; 50. Eddy; 51. Reflex; 54. Grit; 56. Abel; 57. Emancipate; 63. Iota; 64. Mote; 65. Tabor; 66. Slut; 67. Puts; 68. Llama; 69. Ease; 70. Teas; 71. Esses.

DOWN – 1. Lava; 2. Arid; 3. Germ; 4. Etui; 5. Rests; 6. Gabardine; 7. Illness; 8. Laic; 9. Depend; 10. Adulterate; 11. Lamia; 12. Arbor; 13. Stony; 21. Tiara; 25. Ouch; 26. Slop; 27. Oval; 28. Lira; 29. Distillate; 34. Eagerness; 36. Amid; 37. Vend; 38. Edgy; 40. More; 42. Sonic; 45. Regatta; 48. Exempt; 51. Raise; 52. Ebola; 53. Fetus; 55. Title; 58. Moue; 59. Pals; 60. Abas; 61. Tome; 62. Eras.



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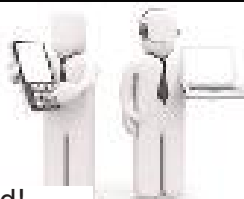
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MARITIME DALKEY



Dr. John de Courcy

In this new series about Dalkey's rich maritime past and present-day activity, it is appropriate to pay homage to the late Dr. John de Courcy Ireland (1911-2006). The maritime historian and author who resided in the town with his wife Betty for many years.

Dr. Ireland was widely regarded as the 'father' figure of Irish maritime affairs, as a campaigner for life-saving at sea and for his long-term leading role in the Dun Laoghaire RNLI lifeboat station. In addition his eminent work on other nations' maritime histories was acknowledged through honours accorded by several European governments and in Argentina.

In 2008 a memorial plaque and a binocular-scope, fittingly overlooking Dalkey Sound, was unveiled at Coliemore Harbour.

For three centuries (14th-16th) Dalkey played a critical role as the port for Dublin. Cargo was taken to and fro to sailing galleons in the sound using 'lighters' or barge-like craft. The cargo included wine from France which was then stored temporarily in the town's tower castles before reaching Dublin.

It was not until the 17th century that Dalkey faded from the trading scene as Dublin port was constructed. Nowadays the activity in Dalkey Sound is exemplified by leisure-craft, yachts, fishing trawlers and the seasonal passenger ferry boat to the island.

In addition larger vessels albeit non-commercial cargo ships still transit the sound, though mostly these vessels are those of the Irish Naval Service. Such transits are quite frequent in the summer, on one such occasion the navy's LE Niamh (P52) an offshore patrol vessel (OPV) made a mid-morning transit on the May 17th. The 1,500 tonnes ship had overnighted at anchor off Scotsman's Bay.

What was notably different about this passage through the sound was that the 79-metre long OPV was deployed to provide patrol duties to the east of The Muglins in advance of the aircraft carrying Queen Elizabeth II on her historic first visit to Ireland.

The royal jet aircraft could be seen in a

cloud-break as it took a flight-path over the island and above Dalkey, marking the first time that the aircraft flew above Irish soil. Additional security was provided initially by a Garda reconnaissance helicopter and a light-aircraft that circled the skies over Killiney Bay.

The visit of Queen Elizabeth II was in complete contrast to the last visit of a reigning British monarch when King George V and Queen Mary arrived by sea on the royal yacht to (Kingstown) Dun Laoghaire, a century ago in July 1911. Since then there have been



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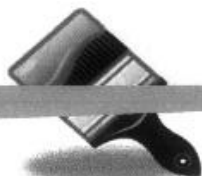


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numerous royal visits, mostly private and particularly taking place over the last two decades. The Duke of Kent has made several calls to the Dun Laoghaire RNLI lifeboat station.

In April of this year Pat and Cathy Kenny named the station's new inshore lifeboat RNLB Realt na Mara in April. Two months previously Prince William and Catherine Middleton named another inshore lifeboat RNLB Hereford Endeavour at the RNLI lifeboat station at Treadhhur Bay on Anglesea. The event was apt as the prince has a close working relationship with the RNLI in his capacity as a search and rescue (SAR) helicopter pilot based in RAF Valley, Anglesea.

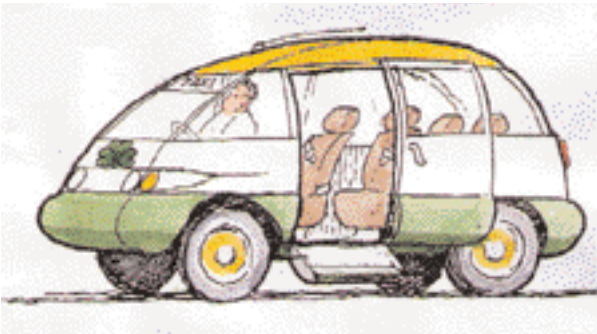
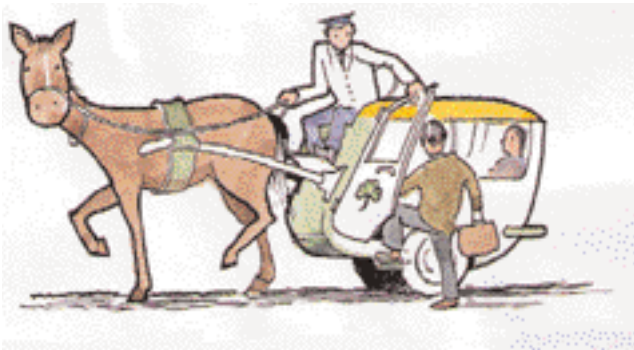
Since the royal wedding, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have returned to north Wales where the prince resumed conducting several SAR missions. In recent years there has been an increasing co-operation of SAR missions between the Irish Coastguard and the RAF. Perhaps the royal couple could consider making a quick dash over the Irish Sea by helicopter! Or indeed the short-sea passage by the HSS fast-ferry between Holyhead and Dun Laoghaire, a mere 60 nautical miles.



The Queen's Flight Over Dalkey - May 2011

(Words and Photos by) Jehan Ashmore, Dalkey

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BIODIVERSITY EVENTS – JULY DLRCoCo Summer of Heritage Events



Sea bird watching will take place at Coliemore Harbour every Tuesday evening in July (5th, 12th, 19th and 26th) to learn about the birds using Dalkey Island and the surrounding waters. Leader: Members of South Dublin Birdwatch Ireland. 18.30 - 19.30pm. No booking required.

Exploring the Ecology of Killiney Beach - Saturday 2nd July from 02:30pm - 04:30pm
Meet in the main car park off Station Road for a field trip to explore the plants and insects living on the shingle and coastal cliffs. Bring along a magnifying glass or hand lens and a clear plastic bag. Leader: Members of the Dublin Naturalists' Field Club. No booking required.

Beach Sculptures - Sunday 3rd July from 11:00am - 1:00pm

Meet in the main car park off Station Road for a family fun event making interesting animal sculptures along the beach using natural materials found along the shoreline. Leader: Andrew Fleming (Mouse), "Owls" The Children's Nature Club. Booking Required: Contact Andrew on 087 3299936 or info@owls.ie

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A Dalkey Person's Experience Part 1

DOLLO ADO EXPERIENCE

I arrived in Addis and had to wait for a week to go to the UNHCR camp for Dollo Ado. I am working there as a Public Health Officer.

There are 2 large camps with 40,000 refugees from Somalia, it also borders Kenya, with Mandara being only 35kms away.

My time in Addis was awful. I was very surprised that despite being considered the capital of Africa it is in very poor shape, commercially and structurally. There was some ob benefit to most African capitals by having a Colonial regime, except Addis only had the Italians for 5 years, so hence no buildings or roads or structure. There was a go slow on cement production as they had a monopoly and it was shut down by the government, (Maggie Thatcher style) for a year until they lowered their prices. The famous Haille Hotel now opened in Awassa, took him 3 years to complete due to these types of problems. Now seeing as he is their Hero, you would think anything would have been done for special runners, but no this Government takes no prisoners.

Apparently, Col Ghadaffi has proposed a few times to have the African Union moved from Addis as it brings so much wealth and business prospects to Addis.

But I was convinced that it was the constant diesel fumes that left me dopey all day and not the beer. I have never watched so much football on TV in my life; or been somewhere that so many people can tell you about Ireland and see constant pics or headlines next to Korea and war attacks. One person asked did I work with refugees in Ireland. I wondered if I would be like Tom Hanks in Terminal!

It was amusing to watch from the balcony as the Blue and white Lada's (local taxi) and also the blue and white Toyotas (local minibus) navigated each other as they drove at speed in any direction. I don't think that the Minis in the Italian job would have had a chance.

The poor are really poor and they beg and sleep where they are, i.e. usually in the raised grass mid section of main roads. A lot of them are farmers, who try to supplement their income or send their children to do so. Ethiopia has the largest livestock of all Africa.

So I headed off on my journey to camp. It began with an asphalt road for 160kms down to Awassa. This journey had Imagination on speed, singing what sounded like Pass the Duchies, oh yes at mega decibels.

We stayed in Awassa, which is really lovely. There was a big festival on to celebrate its founding and the Guy who now lives in USA returned for that, so everywhere was buzzing, with fireworks and parties. I would def. skip Addis and spend time in Awassa, green, cool and friendly. Otherwise when visiting Ethiopia go north of Addis.

Day 2, began early but as we were in a convoy with a minibus, we would speed ahead and then have to wait for it at out chi stop.

Did I mention that the road soon became dirt off road track?

They have been working on it for the past five years but no one can yet see any difference.

At one of these chi stops more cds were purchased and the variety of loud music grew, but it was loud so that the mini bus could also try to hear it through the codan!! Going too slow (another words more DSA) meant another overnight in a less said the better hotel.

Another early start and I felt that all of my body had a 12hour constant workout on a Power

Plate machine, including my jaws as I realised I was clenching my teeth so often.

At last we arrived at one of the villages, which have grown out of the camps. There are three in total one for each camp and the village of Dollo Ado itself, where the national staff lives and we buy all our needs. The local water trucks tender was successful here. It is hard to know who is a refugee and who live part time in the camps and in these towns, business is thriving. Met up with a group going into the camps for world AIDS day. It was a perfect opportunity for me to join them and meet some of the many IPs.

Then to the other camp for another similar celebration. Despite the assumed poverty, there were amplifiers and sound machine and speakers to kick off the festival. No one was without clothes or shoes and many had livestock of goats, donkey and carts and hens. It's amazing the wonder how this livestock, which was no where in sight at the border crossing or in the transit minibus have materialised at the camps.

So back to base, one camp is an hour's drive and the other slightly more, yes back on the dirt track. Camp is absol fab. I could not believe such luxury, I was not expecting that at all.

Eventually got my sea legs back after a sleep in my A/C container, Yes A/C on tap.

Debriefed by the 2 remaining international staff as the other is on leave.

It's a very slow programme as the largest controlling IP is ARRA, which is the Ethiopian government NGO, so lots of massaging of egos is a must.

I have been to both camps and the usual meetings and I have so much that I can see needs to be done, but now I have to take a large step back and wait. I fear that there will not be enough plaster to seal my mouth for long.

I am spending my time reviewing sops that were agreed by heads in Addis but are not implemented on the ground, also preparing some teaching material and review of reports that appear to be just a bunch of numbers that have no relevance to actual workload or diseases. I am then trying to imagine how I get a meeting to propose changes and education, but I have to go around the houses to quietly suggest that so they may propose things. Any of you who have worked in Africa beforehand know this only too well, but with the unique situation of the IP being the Government it's very tentative.

The evenings are spent watching more foot ball on our flat screen TV or some quiz show, but it often goes back to each person venting their frustration, so the security guard then must go and get a refreshing beer.

I am also wondering about how to avoid this road track, on my break to go to Addis and book the flight that comes once a week . The HOO is Albanian and he has done the road trip twice in 1 day, I know it will def not be for me.

Did I tell you that the temp. Is about 34-42 degrees, with more breezes at the camps, but once there is a/c and warm showers and flushing toilets, what is there to complain about?

Well maybe if I had really read into the TOR's I would have noted poor communication. Oh there are many laptops and notebooks, but unless you get up at 2 am to get a poor wireless signal that is for the whole district, the only other option is to go to Save the Children (USA) to link in with their Kenyan telecommunication. My Vodafone did not work in Ethiopia so a new sim was bought and then I had to get another sim for the Somalia network. Everyone has a mobile and most have some electricity so generators are plentiful. So that's all from sunny and very hot Dollo Ado, have a white Christmas from a Muslim Village 1,000 Km from Addis.

Lu Kellett



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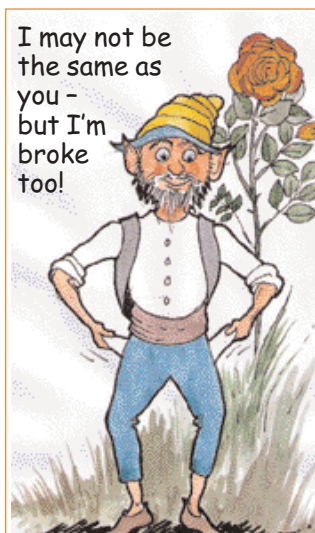
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